

# **NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HISTORY**

## **Directory I**

### **People**



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## AUTHOR'S NOTES

This encyclopedia of local history began in 1999 as a series of four directories, modest in size and scope. After years of additions, printed directories became too lengthy and expensive for retail outlets to stock or for individuals to buy. They are still available digitally, however. The four-volume set is titled *Northwest Ottawa County Encyclopedia of History*. Directory I is an alphabetical listing of people. Directory II contains the history of various buildings and sites by address, followed by Directory III, a chronological listing of businesses and industries, and finally, Directory IV, an alphabetical listing of historical topics.

Digital editions are updated each year and shared the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, Loutit District Library, and Spring Lake District Library for use in their local history departments. The Spring Lake and Grand Haven libraries now post digital copies of the directories on their websites making them available to individuals or organizations wishing to research some aspect of local history or genealogy.

My research on the African American population that settled in the Grand Haven area has been inserted into the directories but can be found also in my book *Slaves Soldiers Citizens*. Although some persons with Indian ancestry are included in the *People Directory*, many more biographical sketches of the Native Americans who once walked this land called West Michigan are included in *Footprints*, available at libraries in Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Holland, and Muskegon.

References at the end of an entry cite the source for some of the information, and bracketed notes after a name, date, or address are my additions, showing alternate spellings or data. *Tribune* refers to the *Grand Haven Tribune*, and *Chronicle* is a reference to the *Muskegon Chronicle*. Entries that do not cite sources typically were derived from information generally available to everyone. A bibliography at the end of the *Directory IV* lists most of my major resources.

Throughout the years, many individuals and organizations helped improve the encyclopedia with corrections and new information. I am especially grateful to my wife Jane. Not only has she inspired me to continue working on the directories, she also is a perceptive editor of my work.

One of the wonders of the digital age is the opportunity to edit, add text, delete text, and, one hopes, constantly improve the product. I do that on an almost daily basis, which allows me to distribute revised electronic copies annually. Corrections are welcome.

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## PEOPLE

An alphabetical listing

### **Abel [Abba] Abbinga [Abenga] [1879-1963]**

Before going into commercial fishing, Abel Abbinga worked for Kilbourn Company in Grand Haven. After the timber business declined, forcing Kilbourn to stop production, Abel in the early 1900s became associated with commercial fisherman Peter Fase. They owned and operated the tugs *Alice*, *Dutch*, *Neptune*, and *Sport*. After Captain Fase died in 1926, Captain Abbinga started his own fishing business. His average daily catch of trout in the 1920s was 600 pounds. The son of Henry and Henrietta Abbinga of Grand Haven, Abel was born on February 18, 1879, died on December 30, 1963, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He resided with his parents at 8 Clinton Street most of his life.

### **Henry Abbinga [Abenga] I [1846-1918]**

Henry Abbinga, a native of The Netherlands, was born in February 1846. He married Hendrickje "Henrietta" Stap while still in their native country. Prior to immigrating to the United States sometime after 1889, the Abbingas had several children, including Abel [Abba] Abbinga, who was born on February 18, 1879 and went into commercial fishing in Grand Haven; Dora Abbinga, born in 1880; Ettie Abbinga, born in June 1882; Teman [Timothy] Abbinga, who lived from March 1, 1885 to 1931 and also worked as a fisherman with Peter Fase; Nellie Abbinga, born in January 1887; Elsie Abbinga, born on November 9, 1888; and Henry Abbinga, born on March 24, 1890. Another child, Annie [Anna], was born locally in February 1892. Dora married Henry Fase of Grand Haven, and Elsie married John Hammond [1883-1958] in Grand Haven on May 3, 1905, died on February 17, 1959, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nellie "Nellie," the wife of Henry Abbinga II, lived from October 25, 1898 to April 17, 1917. In Grand Haven the Abbingas lived at 8 Clinton Street. Henry, who worked as a freight handler, died on January 13, 1918. Henrietta, a native of The Netherlands, lived from October 10, 1850 [1849] to November 27, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members.

### **Charles John Abbott [1854-1932]**

Born in London, Canada, on June 25, 1854, Charles Abbott came to Michigan when he was 13. A lumberman by trade, he went to work for White, Friant, & Company Sawmill in 1877 and was foreman by 1882. He married Lillie F. Crane of Greenville in Montcalm County on September 22, 1880. Lillie was born in Michigan on June 6, 1857 and died on June 15, 1886 in Greenville. They had two daughters: Marjory Ethel Abbott, who was born in Montcalm County and lived from 1882 to 1982, and Elizabeth Grace Abbott, who was born in Ipswich, South Dakota, and lived from 1884 to 1965. The year after Lillie's death, Charles married Ida Wright, a native of Wisconsin, who lived from October 22, 1856 to April 27, 1928. He married Annie Laurie Webb in Traverse City on September 28, 1904. She was born in 1873 and died in 1956. They had a daughter, Barbara Anne, who lived from 1905 to 1988. Charles died in Traverse City on November 20, 1932.

### **George A. Abbott [1851-1921]**

Prior to George Abbott's marriage, he was in the banking business in Grand Haven, probably with Ferry & Son and its successor, First National, where he was cashier in 1880. On December 24, 1874, he married Ella Adele Conklin, born in 1856 in Auburn, New York, a daughter of Benson Conklin and sister of Mrs. A. E. Bosusch of Detroit and Kate Conklin, a nurse at Harper Hospital, also in Detroit. One of George's and Ella's daughtersgrono, Florence [Frolenie] Abbott, was born in Grand Haven in 1876 and married Lyman Gates Mason II [1900-1965] of Muskegon. A second daughter, Anne Louise Abbott, was born on December 18, 1881, also in Grand Haven. She married George Alexander Hume [1880-1944] of Muskegon and died on July 28, 1957. Around 1884 the Abbotts moved from Grand Haven to Muskegon,



where George became vice president of Hackley Bank. Ella died on January 28, 1906 at Harper Hospital and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon. On January 4, 1908, George married Elizabeth Robinson in Chicago. A native of Jersey City, New Jersey, she lived from October 1, 1869 to February 20, 1945. She was a teacher in Muskegon Public Schools. George was born in New York in April 1851, passed away in Muskegon on October 3, 1921, and also was buried at Evergreen, as was Irene. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 1906.]

### **Nondus “Sammy” Abel [1912-2003]**

See Earle E. Hill.

### **Harry Achterhof [1874-1952]**

The son of Jacob and Trientje Katt, Harry was born in Ferrysburg on October 31, 1874. He married Gezina “Sena” Wiegerink in Allegan County on October 20, 1898. Harry and Sena eventually moved to Holland, where their son Jacob Achterhof was born on March 25, 1901. They had six other children, all born in Holland. Harry passed away on December 18, 1952. Sena died on November 6, 1963. Both were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

### **Jacob WillemszAchterhof [1845-1921]**

Jacob Achterhof and his brother Pieter left their homeland in Groningen, The Netherlands and immigrated to the United States in 1867. Jacob was born on May 24, 1845, and Pieter was born on January 10 four years later. Jacob married Trientje “Katie” Katt in Grand Haven on December 28, 1872. Katie, the daughter of Heere Jans and Jantje Berends Katt, was born in Groningen on August 23, 1852. The Achterofs had a house at 312 Beech Street in Ferrysburg and at the same time owned a farm in Fillmore Township, Allegan County. When they were in Ferrysburg, Jacob worked as a lumberjack. In the spring of 1883, they moved to the farm permanently. They had eleven children, including three who were born in Ferrysburg: Harry Achterhof, born on October 31, 1874; Janna Achterof born on September 15, 1876; and Nellie Achterof, born on January 22, 1878. Jacob died on December 24, 1921, and Katie passed away on March 4 the next year. Both were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. Jacob’s brother settled in Olive Township and died on February 17, 1909 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

### **Jacob Achterhof I [1901-1983]**

Born on March 25, 1901 in Holland, Ottawa County, Jacob was the son of Harry and Gezina “Sena” Wiegerink Achterhof and the grandson of Jacob and Trientje Achterhof. Jacob the grandson moved to Grand Haven in 1923 and was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company. He also owned Achterhof Variety Stores in Ferrysburg and North Muskegon until 1970, when his son Dick took over the business. He was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven.

Jacob married Henrietta Bus on March 16, 1921 in Holland. She was born on June 5, 1902 in The Netherlands and died in Grand Haven on October 30, 1994. Their children included Harold J. Achterhof, who was born on February 15, 1922 and died in Grand Haven on May 11, 1997; Kathryn [Kitty] Achterhof, who was born on June 12, 1924 and married Wesley Van Oordt of Spring Lake; Jesena [Gezina] Achterhof, who was born on May 21, 1926 and married Henry Prys of Grand Haven; Joan [Jean] Harriet Achterhof, who was born on February 6, 1929 and died at the age of five; Kenneth P. Achterhof, born on October 16, 1932; Alvin Achterhof, who was born on November 29, 1934 and moved to North Muskegon; and Jacob Achterhof II, born on October 18, 1937 and his twin, Harriet Achterhof; who died at birth. The Achterhofs resided in Spring Lake and later relocated to 1028 Arlington in Grand Haven. Jacob died of “cachia” [cachexia] on December 30, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1983 and family history dated November 1982.]

### **Elmer E. Ackley [1862-1923]**

Born in Coopersville on June 1, 1862, Elmer was the son of Hezekiah and Eleanor Ackley. His sister Elizabeth married Sherman Dickinson of Grand Haven. Elmer was a barber in Grand Rapids at Madison Square for more than 25 years. Sometime after 1910 he and his wife Bertha moved to Grand Haven and resided at 129 Elliott. They had several children, including Leona Mae Ackley, born in May 1889; Fern B. Ackley, born in January 1896; and Edith Ackley, who married Edwin W. Thompson of Grand Haven. Elmer died at his home at 720 Fulton Street on February 18, 1923. Bertha., a Michigan native, lived from June 1868 [1869] to 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1923.]

#### **William Wellington Ackley [1842–1911]**

Born in Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga County, Ohio on August 4, 1842 William Ackley served as private in the Civil War with the 14<sup>th</sup> Independent Battery Ohio Light Artillery from September 10, 1861 to August 9, 1865. He was the son of Uriah W. and Alice Sophia Ackley of Ohio. William arrived in Grand Haven in 1876 and was hired in 1881 as saw filer at Boyden & Akeley's Mill. He died at his home in Geauga Lake, Ohio on January 26, 1911 from "pleuropneumonia" and was buried at Restland Cemetery in Bainbridge, Ohio. He married Diana [Diane] Jones, who applied for a widow's Civil War pension on February 24, 1911. Born in Ohio in March 1851, she died from "Bright's disease" [a kidney ailment] at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Daniel. McLean of Cleveland, Ohio, on October 17, 1921. Alice Ackley McLean was born about 1872. William and Diana were buried at Bainbridge, Ohio, where they had settled around 1896. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 1911.]

#### **Zenana "Zena" Ackley [1883-1982]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 18, 1883, Zena Ackley was the daughter of Geroge and Emma Neggis [Negus] Ackley. George and Emma were married on February 7, 1882 in Morenci, Lenawee County. George Lucious Ackley was born on December 22, 1855 in Volney, New York and died on August 17, 1926 in Altmar, New York. Zena and her mother, listed as widowed, by 1900 were living in Zena's aunt's house in Adrian, Lenawee County. Zena was a student at Adrian College. Ten years later daughter and mother were residing at 101 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, where Zena taught music at the high school. By 1930 they had moved to 425½ Lafayette Street. Zena spent the academic year 1937-38 studying at the University of Michigan. By the time of the 1940 Federal Census, the pair had moved again, this time to 520 Franklin Street [also cited as 518 Franklin], in a two-unit apartment owned by Agnes Louise Koster, also a teacher. Zena and Emma remained in this home for a lengthy period. Emma, who was born on November 15, 1862, died on November 10, 1959. Zena died on March 1, 1982. She and her mother were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Charles H. Adams [1855-1942]**

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut in July 1855, Charles Adams came to Grand Haven as a young man. He was one of the founders of American Brass Novelty Company, which started in 1896 in the Forrest Brothers Grist Mill building on Second Street. His associates were Samuel Ardis, Rev. James A. Kennedy, James Hallas, and Andrew Thomson I. Charles was employed by American Brass for about five years and then returned to his former job as a salesman.

On July 2, 1885, Charles married Anna "Annie" Thomson in Grand Haven. Born in Scotland in December 1863 [1861], Anna was the daughter of Andrew and Charlotte Thomson I, early Grand Haven residents, and the sister of Andrew II and Isabel Thomson of Grand Haven. Anna was a teacher in the Grand Haven public schools. The Adams's' children were Isabel [Isabella] Adams, who was born in June 1888 and married John D. Bakker [Baker] of Grand Haven; Isabel's twin, Charlotte Adams, who married Lorimer Dunlevy of Milwaukee; Helen A. Adams, born in January 1894; Frances B. Adams, born in January 1897; and Louise B. Adams, born on October 2, 1899. Helen, Frances, and Louise all moved to Chicago. Louise, who married a Mr. Blair, died on August 1, 1928. The Adams family resided at 533 Lafayette Street. Anna died in Chicago on January 15, 1922. Charles died on April 11, 1942 in Chicago at the home of a daughter,

Helen Anderson. Both he and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 15, 1922 and April 11, 1942.]

### **Eli Abner Adams [1841-1862]**

Eli, the son of Ephraim and Caroline Allen Adams of Robinson Township, was born in Milan, Ohio on July 16, 1841. He enlisted as private in Company A of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry on June 20, 1861 and died of disease in Washington, D.C. on December 12, 1862. He was buried at the Military Asylum Hospital in Washington. On June 9, 1880 his mother applied for a survivor's Civil War pension.

### **Ephraim Buckley Adams II [1811-1899]**

Ephraim, the son of Ephraim and Martha Mason Adams, was born on November 13, 1811 in New York State. The younger Ephraim on October 4, 1840 in Sandusky, Ohio married Caroline [Carolyn] Allen, who was born in the same state and lived from July 22, 1821 to July 7, 1901. In the 1870s the couple moved from Huron County, Ohio to Robinson Township. Ephraim and Caroline had eight children, all born in Ohio: Eli A. Adams, born about 1842; Angeline Adams, born about 1844; Hiram W Adams., born about 1848; John G. Adams, born about 1850; Mary G. Adams, born about 1853; Ephraim Adams III, born in 1855; Martha E. Adams, born about 1857; and Ezra W. Adams, who was born in April 1860 and died on August 6, 1891 in a sawmill accident. Ephraim II died on August 22 [20], 1899 in Robinson Township.

### **Hiram Mason Adams [1848-1937]**

Hiram Adams was born in Ohio on February 8, 1848, the son of Ephraim and Caroline Allen Adams. On February 17, 1864 Hiram enlisted as private in Company C of the Ohio 123<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. He was mustered out on June 12, 1865. Hiram came to Spring Lake from Clyde, Ohio in 1867. In 1870 he began work for Cutler & Savidge, where in 1878 he became foreman of the yard at Mill #9. Hiram married Emma Caroline Gibbs, who was born in Ohio around 1850. Among their children were Ella L. Adams, who was born about 1870, and married Gustav Diedrich in Robinson Township on December 26, 1891, and May S Adams., born about 1874. Also living with the family in Spring Lake was Emma's sister, Ellen Gibbs. Ellen, who was born in Ohio about 1856, became a music teacher. By 1910 Hiram and Emma were residing in Home, Newaygo County. At that time, they had two more daughters: Marguerite E., born in Spring Lake on September 11, 1889, and Frances T., born about 1892. Marguerite married John W. Bidwell in Home on March 6, 1915. Frances married John L. Hodges in Muskegon on November 11, 1918. Emma died on December 11, 1932, and Hiram passed away on January 12, 1937. Both were buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Joseph Adams [@1794- ?]**

Joseph Adams, born in Maryland about 1794, was residing in 1860 in Spring Lake, where he worked as a barber. The census enumerator classified Joseph and the other members of his family as Mulattoes. Joseph's wife at the time, Sophia, was born in Pennsylvania about 1824. Their children were Helen Adams, born in Delhi, New York about 1848; Frank Adams, born in New York about 1850; Isabella Adams, born in New York about 1852; and Walter Adams, born in Canada about 1858. None of the family members appeared in subsequent censuses for Ottawa County. Joseph was previously had married Ann Trott on November 11, 1818 in Baltimore County Maryland. She was born in 1797.

### **Joseph Warren Adams [1834-1912]**

Joseph Adams and Ann Dutton were married in Stowe, Vermont on May 8, 1861. They moved to Ottawa County between 1870 and 1880. In 1900 Joseph and Ann were living in Polkton Township, where he worked as a farmer, but by 1908 he and Ann were living at 410 Howard Street in Grand Haven. At that time, he was employed by the Challenge Refrigerator Company. Around 1909 the couple moved to 219 South Fourth. Joseph at that time worked as a carpenter. In the 1910 Federal Census, he was classified as a "garment maker" in a Grand Haven factory. He was born in Brookfield, Vermont on March [May] 21,

1834. Ann, six years younger, also was born in Vermont. Joseph passed away in Red Oak, Iowa on May 28, 1912. Ann died the next year and was buried near her husband at Evergreen Cemetery in Red Oak.

### **Corneil [Cornelius] N. Addison I [1821-1893]**

Corneil Addison and his wife moved from New York State to Fremont, Newaygo County, and then to Grand Haven. The 1893 *Compendium* listed him as a “shoemaker” in Grand Haven. Corneil was born in The Netherlands on March 13, 1821 and died in Grand Haven on May 5, 1893. He married Christina Johanna Fischer in The Netherlands on January 2, 1850. Christina, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from September 12, 1831 [1832] to July 27, 1910. She died in Grand Haven. Among their children were Sophia, who was born on September 15, 1854 in The Netherlands and married Robert [Raymond] Misner in Fremont; Corneil II, who was born in New York on November 1, 1860; Elizabeth “Lissie,” born in New York in June 1863; Fredrick Joseph, born in Fremont in April 1866; and Christian, who was born in Fremont on May 20, 1870, married Lillie Post [1874-1955] in Muskegon on December 21, 1899, died on September 13, 1935, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Corneil and Christina were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Corneil “Cornelius” N. Addison II [1860-1933]**

Born November 1, 1860 near Syracuse, New York, Cornelius was the son of Corneil and Christina Addison. The family moved to Fremont, Newaygo County when Cornelius was a boy. When he was 20, Cornelius worked as a clerk in a Fremont store. He later was employed in the sawmills of Muskegon and then in a grocery store in the same city. In 1887 he started a grocery store in Fruitport that burned down in 1889. He then came to Grand Haven in 1890 and joined John M. Cook as owners and managers of a grocery store located at 123 North Third. Cornelius sold his half interest to his partner in 1892 and opened a dry goods store at the southeast corner of Washington and Second Streets [Akeley Building, 200 Washington], specializing in “bazaar goods,” toys, fancy goods, crockery, and dry goods. The store was known as Addison’s Bazaar. In 1893 he was awarded a patent for his invention of an improved broom holder.

On June 14 [18], 1890 in Grand Haven, Cornelius married Alice Hoffman, who was born in The Netherlands in May 1867 and died in Los Angeles on October 23, 1934. They had seven children, all born locally: Cornelius J., who was born on May 23, 1891; John H., who was born on October 11, 1893 and served in the U.S. Navy during WWI; Margaret, who was born about 1897; Howard, who was born on July 11, 1899, worked as bookkeeper at the Addison store, and later moved to Boston; Christina [Cristene] E., who was born in 1902, became a teacher, and married Russell Ray, and Lewis E., who was born in 1908 and died in Mt. Vernon, Ohio on February 16, 1927. A second daughter, Alice J., was born on September 12, 1905 and also became a teacher. She married Paul S. Matheson, who was born in Canada about 1905. They moved to Los Angeles, where Alice later married Elmore Andre of Los Angeles, who lived from August 14, 1908 to September 6, 1984. The Addison family lived at 413 Lafayette in Grand Haven and later built a Dutch Colonial home at 602 Pennoyer Avenue. Before 1930 they moved to Los Angeles. Cornelius died on June 16, 1933 in Los Angeles and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, mother, father, and other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1933.]

### **Cornelius John Addison [1891-1956]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 23, 1891, Cornelius Addison served as first lieutenant with the Medical Corps in England during WWI and later practiced medicine in Grand Haven. On May 25, 1916 in Ann Arbor, he married Caroline Anna Coon, who was born in Grand Rapids on March 20, 1890. He received his medical degree the same year from the University of Michigan. In 1918 Cornelius and Caroline were living in Marquette, where Addison was working as a physician. Two years later the family was residing in Clinton, Lenawee County, where Addison had opened a medical office. They had at least six children, all born in Michigan: Cornelius Philip, born about 1918; Martha Jane, born about 1920; David Russell, born about 1922; Joseph John, born about 1924; Mary Patricia, born about 1926; and Margaret E., born on

November 17, 1927 in Grand Haven. The family resided in Cornelius's childhood home at 413 Lafayette. Cornelius served with the U.S. Army as a medical doctor with the rank of major. He was stationed in Europe. His wife and youngest child returned to Michigan from Italy in 1947. Cornelius's parents were Cornelius and Alice Hoffman Addison of Grand Haven. Caroline died in Orange County, California on January 14, 1985. Cornelius passed away on December 14, 1956.

### **Frederick Joseph Addison I [1866-1926]**

Fred Addison, who was born in Fremont, Newaygo County on April 28, 1866, married Klazina "Sena" Ver Murlen. The daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Ver Murlen, Sena was born in Grand Haven on November 30, 1869. She and Fred were married in 1889 in Grand Haven. As early as 1893 the Addisons resided in Muskegon, where Fred worked in a factory. By 1908 he and Sena were living at 334 Columbus and Fred was in the printing trade. They had two children: Christina Johanna, who was born on July 10, 1891, died on August 31, 1931, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Fred J. II, born in Muskegon on August 15, 1893. Sena died November 27, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fred, the son of Cornelius and Alice Hoffman Addison of Grand Haven, passed away in 1926.

### **Frederick Joseph Addison II [1893-1957]**

The son of Fred and Sena Ver Murlen Addison, Fred II was born in Muskegon on August 15, 1893 [1894]. On July 9, 1916 in Grand Haven, he married Nellie Ruster. The daughter of Marinis and Jacoba Dewellos Ruster, she was born in Grand Haven on October 7, 1891. They had a son, Robert, who was born on May 7, 1918 and passed away in Kalamazoo on March 20, 1995. Another son, David, was born on February 6, 1926 and died in Kalamazoo on December 7, 2001. By 1917 Fred and his wife had moved to Grand Haven. In Grand Haven, Fred was partner in a furniture business. The Addisons then resided at 230 Clinton Street. By 1930 the family had moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Fred worked for a plumbing company. Nellie passed away in St. Joseph, Berrien County on March 1, 1982. Fred died on August 14, 1957. He and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Allan C. Adsit [Allen Adzit] [1837-1912]**

Born in Rutland, New York on February 20, 1837, Allan was the son of Stephen and Polly Smiley Allen. Allan attended Fairfield Seminary and studied law at Watertown, New York. In 1859 he was admitted to the New York bar. After teaching for a short time, he began to practice law in Adams, New York. On September 9, 1861 in Albany, New York, Allan enlisted as private in Company B of the 44<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. Nineteen days later he transferred to Company G. He was promoted to sergeant on December 29, 1862 and to first lieutenant on February 27, 1863. Allan was discharged on August 6 the same year.

A year after the war ended, Allan came to Ottawa County as a grocer and dry goods merchant. He was supervisor of Spring Lake from 1867 to 1873, representative in the State Legislature between 1871 and 1872, and prosecuting attorney for Ottawa County from 1874 to 1877, when he moved to Grand Rapids and became Kent Circuit court judge from 1891 to 1900. When the Village of Spring Lake was incorporated in 1869, he was elected trustee and in April two years later he was elected the third president of the Village. The next year, he became one of the first directors of the new Spring Lake Salt Company, along with Aloys Bilz, Hunter Savidge, and others.

Allan's first wife was Mary Hubble, whom he married in Spring Lake on October 19, 1871. Mary was born about August 25, 1848, died on November 4, 1872, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had a daughter May who died on September 27, 1872, not quite two months old and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Allan moved to Grand Rapids in 1877, where on February 24, 1886 he married Sarah Kirkpatrick [Kilpatrick]. On May 22, 1899 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died of "neuralgia of the heart" on January 3, 1912 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery in Kent County. Sarah applied for a widow's Civil War pension the following February 3. She lived from 1853 to 1920 and also was buried at Valley City. [*Tribune* obituary, January 3, 1912.]

### **Henry Ahrens [1843-1935]**

German-born Henry Ahrens, who lived from February 1843 to 1935, married Augusta Matilda [Mary/Maria/Bruns] Krause. Like her husband she was born in Hanover, Germany and lived from May 1848 to 1924. Their children, all born in the Grand Haven area, were Charles, who died at birth on March 29, 1874; Ida, who lived from 1875 to 1902; Louisa Dorthea, who was born on March 5, 1876, married August Van Tol, and died September 17, 1958; Henry Theodore, who was born on April 1, 1878, worked at Story & Clark, and died in July 1962; and John, who was born in April 1881, died in 1959, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. The Ahrens's 120-acre farm was in Section 20 of Crockery Township. Henry, Augusta, and Ida also were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Edward [Edmund] "Eddie" Doud Aiken [1886-1972]**

Born on the 123-acre family farm on Potawatomie Bayou on March 26, 1886, Edward was the son of George and Amelia Doud Aiken. Eddie, a steeplejack, painter, window washer, and bellboy at the Cutler House Hotel, also helped out on the family farm, especially after his father's death in 1921, and he made a few trips on the *Naomi* steamship between Grand Haven and Milwaukee. He helped build the 151-foot chimney for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in 1925. On November 23, 1923, he married Myrtle Stone. She was born Myrtle Lewis in Gosper County, Nebraska on November 27, 1889, died in Hart on January 23, 1989, and was buried at Eagles Cemetery in New Era, Oceana County. Myrtle was married several times, both before and after her marriage to Eddie. Although no record of their divorce was found, in 1930 he was living in Holland, working as a house painter, and listed as divorced. Eddie passed away at Glenwood Christian Nursing Home in Marne on March 30, 1972 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 30, 1972.]

### **George W. Aiken [1846-1916]**

Born in Rumney, New Hampshire on July 27, 1846, George Aiken sailed from 1866 to 1870 in the South Pacific Ocean on the whaling vessel, *Sappho*, commanded by Captain James Handy and owned by a Mr. Seabury. From 1870 to 1874 working as a cook on the bark *Chicago Board of Trade*, in charge of Captain Fountain and owned by Charles Bradley, he sailed the Great Lakes between Buffalo and Chicago. He settled in the Grand Haven area in 1870 and by 1874 owned a 123-acre homestead on the banks of Grand River a little southeast of Grand Haven [Section 35, then considered part of Spring Lake Township]. Twenty-five acres of the land were devoted to gardening and fruit orchards. In the late 1880s he purchased land from the estate of Townsend Gidley that included a trotting park [driving park/trotting oval] in Section 35. The Aikens named their farm Everlows. By 1897 the trotting park was gone.

On March 18, 1866 in Lebanon, New Hampshire, George married Orpha Janette [last name unknown]. They were divorced in New Hampshire on January 12, 1871. The next year George married Amelia [Emilie] Doud of Port Byron, New York. She was born on December 17, 1845. They had two children: Jessie, who was born March 17, 1874 and married Charles Bridger in Grand Haven on September 1, 1904, and Edward [Edmund] "Eddie" Doud Aiken, who was born on March 26, 1886. George was a member of the Unitarian Church and the Masons, and he was a Republican in politics. He committed suicide on November 30, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Amelia managed the 123-acre family farm after her husband's death. Eddie helped out until his mother's death on November 25, 1921 and the farm was sold. She also was interred at Lake Forest. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 281-282; *Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1921; and Lake Forest Cemetery Records.]

### **Dewitt Ainsworth [1842-1911]**

Born July 17, 1842 in New York State, Dewitt was the son of Dr. Henry Ainsworth. Dewitt had a brother, Walter, who lived from 1850 to 1931, and two sisters, Delia, who married Charles C. Reed of Stillwater, Minnesota and Mary Campbell of Bellingham, Washington. On August 17, 1864 Dewitt enlisted as private in Company L of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Heavy Artillery and was mustered out on June 26, 1865. He came to

Grand Haven from Rome, Wisconsin in 1871 and was an employee of Wait Manufacturing Company. Dewitt moved to Spring Lake and joined the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill in 1877 as foreman of the planing mill.

On October 31, 1869 Dewitt married Frances A. Force, who was born in Rome, Wisconsin on May 8, 1842, died on October 5, 1927, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided on Park Street in Spring Lake. Dewitt died on May 4, 1911 at his home and also was buried at Lake Forest. Frances applied for a widow's Civil War pension on May 27, 1911. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 4, 1911 and October 5, 1927.]

### **Healy Cady Akeley [1836-1912]**

Healy was born in Stowe, Vermont on March 16, 1836, the son of George and Eluta [Electa] Coffin Akeley. His father was a lineal descendant of Hannah Dustin, made famous for her escape from captivity by the Indians in 1698. Healy was instructed in the ancient languages and mathematics at the Academy at Barre, Vermont and studied law with the firm of Dillingham & Durant in Waterbury, Connecticut. He continued his studies at a Poughkeepsie, New York law school. After practicing law in Greensborough, Vermont, in 1858 Healy moved to Grand Haven where he helped develop the lumber and shipping industries. He was one of the major stockholders of the Grand Haven Lumber Company, and he served as justice of the peace and circuit court commissioner for two years. In 1862 he founded the newspaper *Grand Haven Union*, a voice of the Republican Party, which was edited by Lemoyne M. S. Smith from 1862 until 1872.

Healy enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry on October 23, 1863. He served primarily in Mississippi and was promoted to first lieutenant and adjutant on November 30, 1864 and to captain the following July 31. He was discharged on August 17, 1865. After the war, Healy bought for \$13,000 a considerable amount of land outside the original Grand Haven village limits for building sites. From 1866 to 1880 he was customs collector for the United States Government. In 1872 he shared a law office with a Mr. Stewart. The next year Healy was named a director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven.

In 1871 Healy erected a large two-story frame building at 200-202 Washington, which became known as the Akeley Block. The new structure housed several retail establishments over the years, including Slayton's Dry Goods, Watson's Dry Goods, Addison's, Addison-Baltz, and Steketee's, and now is home to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. In 1872 Healy entered into partnership with Charles Boyden and formed the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill, for a time the world's largest. He and Captain Thomas Kirby owned the Kirby & Akeley Shipbuilding Company. Their steam barges, including the *H. C. Akeley* built in 1881, transported goods to every corner of the Great Lakes. He was also a silent partner in the firm of Harris Brothers, merchants in Grand Haven. Healy was a civic leader, and from 1882 to 1884 served as mayor of Grand Haven. In 1882 he contributed \$20,000 to provide the Unitarian Church with its first permanent building on Washington, between Third and Fourth Streets. When the lumber trade along the Grand River began to decline in the late 1880s, Healy and his family left Grand Haven for Minneapolis, where he started the Akeley Lumber Company in partnership with Charles H. Hackley and Thomas Hume of Muskegon.

In June 1859, Healy married Anna Murray, who died on April 23, 1868. On August 10, 1869, he married Henrietta "Hettie" [Hattie] E. Smith in Grand Haven. She was born in April 1835 in Ohio. They had two daughters, Alice Blanche Akeley, who lived from April 26, 1873 to May 7, 1884 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and Florence Akeley, who was born on November 3, 1878, married James Park Quirk, and died in Los Angeles on September 10, 1956.

In 1871, Dr. Stephen Munroe graded the ridge at the junction of Washington and Fifth Streets, put a wall around the property, constructed a barn, and then sold the property to the Akeleys, who built a "beautiful residence." In 1887, after the Akeleys had moved to Minneapolis, the philanthropist gave \$5,000 in cash and their mansion and land on Washington Street, then valued at \$47,000, to be used as the main building

of the Akeley School for Girls. The home was named Blanche Hall, in memory of Akeley's daughter. On September 12, 1888, Akeley Institute opened with 11 boarding pupils. Rev. James W. and Mrs. Wilkinson [Abbie] were in charge. The school flourished for years before closing in 1926. Healey was a Mason, and in politics he was a Republican.

On August 11, 1905 Healey applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. On October 27, 1911, he married Clara Rood Staples Royce in Long Beach, California. She was born in Minnesota on January 1, 1872. Healey passed away on June 30, 1912. Hettie, who died on February 6, 1907, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Healey, Blanche, and Hettie. Clara died on November 1, 1947 in Los Angeles. Healey and Thomas Akeley were brothers. [*Guide to the Hume-Hackley Papers*; *Tribune* obituary, December 4, 1899; and *Tribune* article, "Early Reminiscences," February 12, 1899.]

### **Thomas J. Akeley [1834-1899]**

On September 23, 1873 in Olive, Thomas Akeley married Martha Welton Keller. In 1880 he owned a "Commission Store" in Grand Haven. The Akeleys resided in the 100 block of Washington with their son, Charles Sumner Akeley, who was born on March 6, 1876 in Holland. Thomas, the son of George and Eluta [Electa] Coffin Akeley, was born in Stowe, Vermont in June 1834. Martha, a native of Williams County, Ohio, was born on March 4, 1850. Thomas died on November 30, 1899 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery in Kent County. In 1900 Charles and his widowed mother were residents of Grand Rapids. Charles, a teamster, died on April 9, 1930 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. On September 26, 1906 Martha married Prentice Hills in Grand Rapids. Prentice, a native of Canada, was two years older than Martha. He died on September 7, 1909 in Grand Rapids. Shortly after Prentice's death, Martha married Charles Walworth [1850-1927]. She passed away in Jackson, Michigan on July 23, 1920 and was buried at Oakhill. Thomas and Healey Akeley were brothers.

### **Clark Barton Albee [1811-1874]**

Born in Highgate, Vermont on July 10, 1811, Clark was the son of Elkanah A. and Susan Potter Albee. In 1835 Clark took a position with David Carver of Chicago. The two men came to Grand Haven from Chicago in 1836, Clark working as an agent in Carver's forwarding and commission business. After Carver left the area in 1838, Clark opened a general store at One North Harbor [Lot 10]. He lost a winter's stock of stores for his general store because the schooner *Pocahontas* lost its propeller when it struck a sand bar at the mouth of Grand River. Later he ran a boot and shoe store at approximately 122 Franklin [Lot 139], midway between First and Second Streets on the south side of Franklin. He also owned a warehouse built by John F. Stearns on the northwest corner of Washington and Water [Harbor]. The structure later was called "The Stegeman" after its new owner, Albert Stegeman, who bought Albee's commission business in August 1863. Albee's slogan was "sell for small profits and get quick returns." Clark was elected county commissioner in 1842. He donated land on the west side of Third Street between Fulton and Elliott [Lot 254] for construction of the original First Reformed Church from waste lumber. Clark took an active interest in civic affairs from the start, being elected Register of Deeds in 1838. He was originally a Whig, then a Republican. In 1846 he was awarded construction of the county jail, to be erected at the southeast corner of Washington and Fourth Streets at a cost of \$100. In 1850 he was commissioner to the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company which laid out a plank road between Grand Haven and Holland. About two years later Clark bought the Washington House [12 Washington] from Henry Middlemist. In 1854 he took over Sheldon's tannery and started his own tannery on the corner of Harbor and Washington Streets. His ship, the schooner *Vermont*, was destroyed in a wreck off Little Pigeon Creek on December 9, 1855, while returning from Chicago with a load of oats, wheat, and lumber camp supplies. The schooner also was used to transport hides for the tannery. Captain Albee was in command of the vessel at the time it went down. All 18 crew members were rescued through the efforts of Richard Connell. [*Shipping in the Port of Grand Haven, 1820-1840*, pages 9-10.] Clark needed the straw for 150 vats he was installing at the tannery. The tannery burned down in 1865 at a loss of \$20,000. It was rebuilt on the Grand River in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township three years later.



During the Civil War Clark was draft commissioner, allowing him to help heads-of-family secure substitutes when they were drafted into the military. In 1863 he became moderator of the new Grand Haven Union High School and in 1867 he was school commissioner for the Second Ward. He owned the scow *Crook* and later, with Captain Noyes, built the schooner *Vermont*.

On June 1, 1840 Clark married Caroline Lucretia Hathaway in Grandville. The daughter of Nehemiah and Lucretia Hathaway, Caroline was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts on March 10, 1822. The couple had two sons, both born in Grand Haven: Harry Clark Albee, born on July 9, 1841, and James Elkanah Albee, born February 28, 1848. The Albees also had a daughter, Caroline Amanda Albee, who was born in Grand Haven on April 7, 1846 and married James Oscar McClellan on October 31, 1868 in Grand Haven. Daughter Caroline died in Washington, D.C. on March 30, 1935. Following the death of Clark's wife Caroline on August 1, 1850, he married Samantha Taylor on November 23, 1851. Samantha, who was born in Vermont about 1833, died in 1857. Their daughter, Mary Samantha ["Minnie"], born in Grand Haven in 1853, married James P. Brayton in 1871 and died in Florida in 1880. After the death of his second wife, Clark married Tryphena Ransom Farnham in Grand Rapids in 1858. She was born on June 1, 1828 and died in Chicago at the home of her daughter, Louisa [Louise] Amelia, on April 14, 1900. Louisa was the wife of Andrew Lytle Cummings, whom she married in Chicago on June 15, 1882. The Albees were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where Clark was one of the first trustees. Clark died on January 30, 1874 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Albee Street in Grand Haven memorialized his name. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 1, 1897 and April 16, 1900 article in the *Tribune*, "The Family Album."]

#### **Harry Clark Albee [1841-1921]**

Harry, the son of Clark B. and Caroline Hathaway Albee, was born in Grand Haven on July 9, 1841. On July 26, 1862, a year after the start of the Civil War, Captain Harry Albee recruited men in Grand Haven for Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. Called the "Ottawa Wild Cats," Albee's Regiment was united with a company of sharpshooters. Captain Albee was wounded at the Battle of Stone River, near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on December 31, 1862, and was discharged for disability on December 20, 1863. He returned to Grand Haven three weeks later, one week after the Wild Cats left for duty. He applied for an invalid's pension on September 16, 1876. By 1910 Harry had moved to Portland, Oregon. There his wife, Nellie A. Russell, applied for a widow's Civil War pension on March 10, 1921, not long after Harry's death. He was buried at Riverview Cemetery in Portland. Nellie was born in Connecticut about 1848. They had at least one child, Harry Russell, who was born in Illinois about 1868.

#### **James Elkanah Albee [1848-1897]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 28, 1848, the son of Clark and Caroline Hathaway Albee, James was alderman on the City Council for several terms representing the Fourth Ward [Beech Tree District]. He was a member of Grand Haven Lodge No. 139. James moved to Detroit, where he took a job as railway mail clerk. He graduated from the University of Michigan College of Medicine and had a medical practice in Detroit for about six years. On August 4, 1867 James married Lucy Duncan of Grand Haven. The sister of Benjamin D. Safford's second wife, Mary Belle Duncan, Lucy was born on March 11, 1849. By 1880 James was a postal clerk in Detroit, where he and Lucy lived with his uncle, Charles W. Hathaway. The Albees resided at 488 Third Avenue in Detroit. James died on August 31, 1897 after collapsing on the street in Saginaw. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Lucy married Charles S. Hathaway in Grand Haven on April 21, 1906. [*Tribune* obituary, September 1, 1897.]

#### **Frederick Albers [1856-1948]**

Frederick was born in Grand Haven on April 21, 1856, the son of Johannes and Lydia Maria Michmirhuizen Albers. In 1880, 24-year-old Frederick owned a grocery store in downtown Grand Haven. Later in that decade and for the next 60 years he worked as a painter and decorator with his two brothers, Johannes Albers II and Henry Albers. In addition to the painting business, Frederick was president of the

Grand Haven Basket Company in 1914. Frederick was a member of the First Reformed Church for 68 years and teacher of the Star Adult Bible class for 38 years.

On October 26, 1886 in Grand Haven, Frederick married Adrianna “Anna” Van Tol. Born in Michigan in January 1863 [1860], Anna was the daughter of Adriannus and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. In the 1900 census and in the 1908 and 1914 *City Directories*, Anna was listed as “Jennie.” Frederick and Anna had five children, all born in Grand Haven: John Maurice, who was born on August 4, 1887, moved to Madison, Wisconsin, became a member of the State Planning Board of Wisconsin, and died in Madison on June 7, 1960; Frances J., who was born in June 1889 and died in 1911; Marie A., who was born on July 21, 1891 and married William Fritz of Grand Haven; Bentley Adrian, who was born on June 22, 1895 and served with the 120th Artillery in France during WWI; and Julia, born in 1902. Bentley, who married Elizabeth Nemire, died in 1967. Elizabeth lived from March 2, 1900 to June 8, 1988.

Frederick built a house at 115 South Third Street in Grand Haven, across from his father’s home, and was living in it by 1900. After his death, the house passed on to his daughter. Frederick died on October 8, 1948 at his home on Third Street, then also occupied by his daughter Julia and her husband, John Joldersman. Frederick was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 25, 1936, October 9, 1948, and June 9, 1988.]

### **Henry Albers [1865-1932]**

Henry, the son of Johannes and Lydia Maria Michmirhuizen Albers, was born in Grand Haven on November 3, 1865. After the death of his father, and in partnership with his brothers, Fred and Johannes II, Henry continued in the family painting business until he went out on his own about 1927. Many of the largest public and commercial buildings and some of the finest homes in the city were decorated by the Albers brothers. Among them were the 1894 courthouse, several public school buildings, the First Reformed Church, the Bell Telephone building on Washington, the Hunter Robbins home on Spring Lake, and the Nathaniel Robbins home on Fifth Street in Grand Haven. Henry was a member of the First Reformed Church and Grand Haven Bible class.

On October 25, 1892 in Grand Rapids, Henry married Dora Maria [Marie] Vis, who was born on November 17, 1866. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Eliza Vander Velde Vis of Grand Rapids. The Alberses’ children included Harold J., who was born in August 1895, served as scieutenant in Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry in France during WWI and moved to Cleveland after the war; Adelaide Dorothy, who was born January 28, 1896 and married Abram James Fisher; Londrie E., who was born about November 1898; James M., who was born about 1905 and moved to Detroit; Dora M., who was born about 1914; and Mrs. E. M. Alexander. Henry lived at 114 South Third Street for the last 35 years of his life. He died in Grand Haven in January 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dora died on December 15 four years later and was buried next to him. [*Tribune* Obituary, January 31, 1932.]

### **Johannes Marinus Albers I [1821-1902]**

Born in The Netherlands on May 7, 1821, Johannes Albers came to Grand Haven in December 1855 and was one of Grand Haven’s first house painters. He also operated a paint store next to the family home on Third Street in the early years, and later moved the business into a large garage in the back of the property. Three sons joined him and were noted for quality decorating work.

On May 1, 1850 Johannes married Lydia Maria [Maria Alyda] Michmerhuizen, who was born in The Netherlands on September 22, 1823. They had six children: Johannes Marinus II, who was born in The Netherlands in 1851; Frederick, who was born in 1856; Sena, who was born on September 4, 1860 and died on October 28, 1910; Mary, who was born in 1863; and Henry, who was born in 1866. All the children except Johannes II were born in Michigan. The Albers’s first home was on the north side of Clinton, two houses west of Third Street, and in 1880 they built a larger home at 114 South Third. The family business was next door at 116 South Third Street. The family attended the First Reformed Church.

Lydia Maria died on March 6, 1901, and Johannes died at home on April 18, 1902. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 7, 1901, April 18, 1902, and October 29, 1910.]

### **Johannes Marinus [Morris] Albers II [1851-1929]**

Born in The Netherlands in July 1851 [1850], Johannes was the son of Johannes and Lydia Maria Michmirhuizen Albers. The younger Johannes came to Grand Haven in December 1855 with his parents, and in 1867 he went into the house painting business with his father. The 1908 *City Directory* listed brothers Fred, Henry, and Johannes Albers as “painters and paper hangers.” Their office and residences were on South Third. Johannes built a fine home at 202 South Seventh. He died on June 28, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Mary Kampt, who was born in The Netherlands and lived from August 10, 1850 to January 6, 1933 and was buried near her husband. In 1880 Mary’s brother, Harm, resided with her and her husband in Grand Haven. Harm, who worked in the shingle mill, was born in The Netherlands about 1853.

### **Maybelle Alderman [1913-1990]**

Maybelle Bayliff Johns Alderman was president-secretary of the Dama Tool & Gauge Company when it moved from Warren, Macomb County, to Grand Haven in 1964. It was located at that time at 1634 Marion. Maybelle was born in Columbia City, Indiana on September 17, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on January 23, 1990. She married Dale Alderman on October 28, 1949. He was born on May 18, 1901 and died on August 29, 1965. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Maybelle’s first marriage was to Carlton Johns on April 15, 1935.

### **Pete Alexander [1868-1909]**

Late on the night of December 11, 1901, Pete Alexander was found beside the Pere Marquette railroad tracks near the Ferrysburg depot. Although he could not recall how he was injured, the *Tribune* reported that it appeared he had been run over by a train and was “terribly maimed.” Doctors Edward Hofma and John Reynolds of Grand Haven amputated Pete’s left arm above the elbow. The victim gave his name as Alexander Pete. He told authorities he was a Potawatomi, about 55 years old, owned a 20-acre farm near Hart, Oceana County, and had a wife and adopted son.

Peter was listed as 42 years old in the 1900 Federal Census for Elbridge, Oceana County, but his death certificate gives January 7, 1866 as his birth date and Muskegon as his birth place. A full-blooded Potawatomi, he married Mary Ann Kuhali in Keywaydin, Antrim County on December 29, 1889. She was a full-blooded 15-year-old Odawa with the birth name Mekahdawasinqua. [The 1900 Federal Census cites her age as 80.] Peter was a farmer. Neither Peter nor Mary was found in the Indian annuity rolls. She died in 1915. Peter died of tuberculosis on December 8, 1909. He was buried at St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery in Elbridge.

### **Mary Kay Bloss Alguire [1943-2021]**

Mary Kay Bloss married Thomas F. Alguire in East Lansing on April 9, 1967. She was born in Marlette, Sanilac County, in February 1943. She earned a Master Degree in Special Education for the Blind at Michigan State University. She and Thomas met on the MSU campus, where he was studying medicine. Mary Kay worked for the Illinois Institute for the Visually Impaired in Chicago while Thomas completed his studies at MSU. Upon receiving his medical degree, Thomas served with the United States Air Force. He and Mary Kay moved to Grand Haven in 1976. Mary Kay continued to teach for nearly 20 years at such places as the Michigan School for the Blind and Grand Haven Area Public Schools. She and Thomas were members of the First United Methodist Church of the Dunes. They had two daughters: Amy Alguire, who married John Ackerman, and Kathryn Alguire, who received an M.D. degree and married Brad Springer. Mary Kay died at home on June 14, 2021. She and Thomas resided at 819 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven.

### **Agnes Bodine Lowe [Low] Allen [1788-1868]**

Born on March 30, 1788 in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, Agnes was the daughter of Cornelius and Catherine McKinney Lowe. On September 7, 1808 in Smithville, Canada, Agnes married Captain Hannibal Montresor Allen of the U.S. Army. Hannibal, born in Burlington, Vermont on November 24, 1787, was the eldest son of Revolutionary War hero Colonel Ethan Allen. It was Colonel Allen, leader of the Green Mountain Boys, who demanded that the British surrender Fort Ticonderoga “in the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress.” Agnes’s sister Catherine married Benjamin Hopkins. Agnes and Catherine and her family arrived in Eastmanville in 1837. At the time of the Federal Census of 1850, Agnes was living with Rev. William Comfort and his family. William’s wife Cornelia was Hannibal’s and Catherine’s daughter. Ten years later, Agnes, listed as a “Domestic,” resided in Eastmanville with Hannibal and Catherine. She resided with them in Eastmanville until her death. Agnes owned 100 acres close to the site of the County Poor Farm [Infirmery], which opened in 1866. She was credited with being the first person named in the tax roll of 1846 for Eastmanville. Hannibal Allen died of Yellow Fever at Fort Nelson, Virginia, on April 18, 1813. His burial site remains unknown. Agnes Allen died on November 8, 1868 and was buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 9, 1899.]

### **Charles Allen [1830-1893]**

Charles Allen married Catherine Donahue. They were early residents of Spring Lake, where they settled in 1850. Their home at 110 West Savidge later became the site of Braak’s Bakery. In 1853 they built a house at 341 South Lake and raised fruit on the adjoining land. At the same time Allen built the house across the street at 344 South Lake. The Allens were members of the Roman Catholic Church and held services at their home until a place of worship was erected in 1866. Charles was a partner in the bond business with Hunter Savidge, and he was Spring Lake Township treasurer at one time. He was born in Wexford, Ireland in 1830 and died on February 28, 1893. Catherine died on March 12, 1868 at the age of 40. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Charles Mathew Allen I [1859-1940]**

Charles Allen was born in Spring Lake on March 29, 1859. On July 2, 1894 in Grand Haven, he married Mary A. Diendorf, who came from Trier, Germany, where she was born on December 21, 1873. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Mary, born in July 1895; John C., born in April 1896; Catherine P., born in September 1898; Margaret, born in February 1900; Charles II, born on January 19, 1903; Martin J., born about 1909; Martha A. and Dennis P., both born about 1913; Geraldine, who was born on May 3, 1915 and passed away on October 2, 2000; and James Pershing, who lived from September 13, 1918 to May 5, 1997 and practiced medicine. Charles owned a fruit farm in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township. Originally 20 acres in size, the farm by 1912 was reduced to five acres. Charles died on September 6, 1940 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary passed away on October 7, 1958 and was buried near her husband.

### **Charles Mathew Allen II [1903-1995]**

Charles was born on January 19, 1903 in Spring Lake Township to Charles and Mary Diendorf Allen. all of whom preceded Charles II in death. Charles retired on May 31, 1967 after 31 years with the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power. He was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. On December 6, 1934 in Grand Haven, Allen married Ruth Edna Bosse, who was born in 1907 and died in May 1948. On October 6, 1949 Charles married Mina Verlan Hudson, who was born on May 4, 1907. Charles died on June 15, 1995 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mina died on October 13, 1998 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* article, June 8, 1967 and obituary, June 16, 1995.]

### **John Allen [1796-1851]**

John Allen spent all or most of his adult life in Ann Arbor, a village he co-founded in 1834 with Elisha Rumsey. John was the village’s first president, sheriff, coroner, and postmaster from 1824, the date of the town’s founding, to 1830, and he was state senator from 1845 to 1848. One theory is that Ann Arbor was named for John’s wife, Ann Isabella Barry McCue, whom he married on June 7, 1821. She formerly had

been married to William McCue, who died in 1817. John purchased thousands of acres in West Michigan, including some in Ottawa County, for the timber. He partnered with Henry Morgan, another speculator who invested his money in land in and around Grand Haven. John appeared in the 1827, 1830, 1834, and 1835 censuses for Ann Arbor. He was born in Virginia about July 1796. Ann was born January 22, 1797 in Staunton, Virginia and died in Augusta, Virginia on January 27, 1875. John died on March 11, 1851.

### **Benjamin Allison I [1831-1895]**

A native of England, Benjamin Allison became a saloon keeper in Spring Lake, including one located at 226 West Savidge. Charles Begin purchased the saloon. Benjamin was born in 1831, and married Margaret Lewis, who was born in Ohio around 1832. Benjamin also was Village Marshal. Benjamin died on December 25, 1895 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife [no dates]. Their son Frank lived from June 1, 1869 to April 10, 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Another son, Benjamin II, was born in June 1868. The Allison's had a daughter Ida, who was born in Grand Rapids about 1852 and on March 25, 1872 married Robert Clydesdale of Spring Lake.

### **David G. Alston [1826-1919]**

Born in Glasgow, Scotland in October 1826 [1823], David Alston came to the United States in 1841 and arrived in Spring Lake 28 years later. On December 20, 1853 he married Margaret [Marguerite], who was born March 16, 1831, the daughter of Daniel and Margaret Campbell of Scotland. The Alstons had five children: James, who was born in Illinois on September 18, 1854 and died in 1902; Daniel, who also was a native of Illinois and lived from November 1, 1855 to June 6, 1902; Margaret [Marguerite], born in Wisconsin in May 20, 1859; Christina, who lived from June 10, 1869 to December 3, 1893; and a daughter who died in 1863. The family had a 40-acre fruit farm on Spring Lake in Section 10, extending to both sides of West Spring Lake Road [approximately 17700 West Spring Lake Road]. Margaret passed away on May 17, 1904 and David died in 1919. The family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 22, 1904.]

### **William Alt [1914-2003]**

William Alt founded CoroTech, Inc. in Grand Haven in 1974, after retiring from the Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon. He was born in Chicago on January 16, 1914 to Hugo and Anna Alt. In 1936 William graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering. He married Edith Mae Howell on June 10, 1939 in Chicago. Edith lived from January 26, 1912 to March 2, 1999. While serving as lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during WWII, William taught aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and later he was stationed at Seattle, Washington.

As an employee of Brunswick, William and his wife moved to Spring Lake in 1951. Seven years later the Alts and their two daughters, Sandra [Mercurio] and Susan [Jonas], moved to New Jersey, where they stayed for two years before William was transferred back to West Michigan. Their home was at 17863 Oakwood in Spring Lake, built on land that William had bought in 1935 from Edwin and Nora Booth, who just that year had purchased the property, known as Arbutus Banks. William retired from CoroTech in 1993. He was a member of the American Legion, trustee of the Spring Lake Schools Foundation, president of the Spring Lake Rotary Club, and president of Spring Lake Country Club. He received the Paul Harris Award from Rotary. He also helped start the STRIVE mentoring program at Spring Lake High School and coached Odyssey of the Mind teams. He was a member and elder for the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. In 2001 he was recognized as an outstanding senior volunteer at the "Night of 100 Stars." William died on November 8, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, November 10, 2003.]

### **Walter C. Ames [1878-1960]**

By the mid-1920s, Walter Ames owned Home Café at 208 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. He was born in Kent County on September 1, 1878 and married Magdalene "Lena" Dreher on September 10, 1901

in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Rapids in August 1883, died on July 19, 1939, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1910 Walter worked as a lineman for Grand Rapids telephone company and ten years later he was listed in the Federal Census as a "Laundryman" living in Spring Lake. Walter married Pauline Schneider in Grand Rapids on October 31, 1940. She previously had been married to Adolph Schneider [1870-1919]. Pauline lived from 1879 to February 13, 1954 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids with Adolph. Walter passed away in Spring Lake on August 6, 1960 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and Lena had one daughter, Dorothy Ames, who lived from 1903 to 1990.

#### **Jacob Ammeraal [1871-1952]**

On June 1, 1905, in Grand Haven, Jacob Ammeraal married Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo, who had divorced John Quincy Deremo on August 11, 1904. The Ammeraals owned a 70-acre fruit farm in Section 35 of northern Grand Haven Township. A residential street in that Section, running parallel to the Grand River, was given the family name. Prior to moving to the township, Jacob owned a grocery store on Jackson Street for six years. Isabella, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, lived from July 6, 1858 to October 18, 1931. After her death, Jacob remarried. His second wife, Anna, died on November 7, 1945. Jacob was born in The Netherlands on October 6, 1871 and died in Grand Haven Township on November 2, 1952. He and Isabella were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 19, 1931 and November 3, 1952.]

#### **Andrew Anderson [1845-1916]**

Andrew Anderson owned a 59-acre farm in Section 10 of Crockery Township by 1893. Born in September 1845 in Denmark, he died on April 20, 1916 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Apparently he never married.

#### **Andrew Anderson [1851-1934]**

Andrew Anderson and his wife, Mary Nelson, were both born in Sweden in 1851, he in September and she in November. They met on the ship coming to America in 1883. They lived in a house located on the southwest corner of Exchange and Buchanan Streets [105 West Exchange] in Spring Lake, which was torn down in 1968, and the lot later became the site of Barber School. The Andersons raised five children, all born in Michigan: Hannah, born in 1884; Nels [Nelson] August who lived from August 29, 1885 to 1958; Amanda Marie, born in December 1887; Minnie born in 1890; and William, born on May 21, 1893. Andrew, who worked on the railroad, died on February 13, 1934, and Mary died a month later on March 11. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **August Anderson [@1849- ?]**

August Anderson was listed in the 1891 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as principal of the Ferrysburg school. Born in Sweden in about 1849, he immigrated to the United States in 1881 and married 30-year-old Sigrid Anderson in Milwaukee on July 10, 1897. In 1900 August was living alone on a farm in Crockery Township. Ten years later, he was still on the farm. Living with him were two sons, Alexander S. Anderson, born about 1893, and Clarence L. Anderson, born about 1902. Sigrid was not living in the home. She and August were divorced in Ottawa County on August 31, 1911. No trace of any of them was found after that date.

#### **Benjamin Anderson [1862-1934]**

Benjamin Anderson, who was born in Sweden in December 1862, came to the United States in 1880 and became a shipping clerk at Challenge Refrigerator in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Ida, lived at the corner of Madison and Elliott. Their son Arthur Walter Anderson was born on May 20, 1890 and worked at Johnston Bros. Their other children were George, born in August 1892; Oscar, born in February 1895; and Edith, born in October 1897. The children were all born locally. Ida, also a native of Sweden, lived from March 1871 to 1927. She arrived in the United States in 1886. Benjamin died in 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. The family resided on Third Street around 1900.

### **Carl Eric Anderson [1883-1960]**

Born in Sweden on February 4, 1883, Carl was the son of Elba Jacobson and C. P. Anderson, a landscape gardener. Carl attended a trade school for nine years in Sweden, specializing in mechanical engineering. In 1909 he came to the United States and settled in Chicago, where in 1911 he became superintendent of the Acorn Brass Works and then served as superintendent of the Reliance Die & Stamping Company. He later was employed as a mechanical engineer by the Western Cartridge Company at Alton Illinois, after which he became a consulting engineer for the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company of Staten Island, New York. During World War I he developed the gas masks which were used by the soldiers and also created improvements for making cartridges. On February 22, 1935, in partnership with Baltzar Bolling, he established the Anderson-Bolling Manufacturer Company to manufacture automobile parts and electrical appliances.

Carl was a Republican and a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Rotary Club, Citizens Historical Association, and the Presbyterian Church. He was also interested in art, especially copperware and charcoal drawings. In 1917 he married Gertrude Bowling of Sweden, daughter of Captain Lars Bowling. Carl died in 1960, and Gertrude passed away the next year. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Andersons had no children. [Citizens Historical Association, Indianapolis, September 27, 1941.]

### **Chester “Chet” Anderson [1916-1995] and Betty Jane Johnson Anderson [1918-2019]**

Born in Chicago, Illinois on January 3, 1916 to Oscar H. and Evelyn Berggren Anderson I, Chester graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and served as an officer in the Army’s 922<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery during WWII. Chet and Bob Cernoch formed the Anderson-Cernoch Construction Company in 1952, working as carpenters and building contractors. Anderson helped remodel the 1870 Grand Trunk Depot into the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Anderson served 18 years on the Grand Haven Zoning Board and was a member of the American Legion.

Chet married Betty Jane Johnson on February 22, 1947 in Lake Odessa, Ionia County. They became members of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and were named Historians of the Year in 1994. Their children included Marcia of New Jersey; Abigail of Grand Haven; Bruce of Milwaukee; Randall of Lake Odessa; and David, who died in 1975. They lived at 421 Clinton Street. Chet died on December 12, 1995. Betty, who was born in Lake Odessa on November 21, 1918, passed away in Grand Haven on August 15, 2019. She was a long-time active member of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. The house on Clinton went to new owners after Betty’s death. *Tribune* obituaries, December 13, 1995 and August 30, 2019.]

### **John Anderson [1850-1905]**

John Anderson, a ship’s carpenter, was born in Norway on May 5, 1850. He came to the United States in 1870. John and his wife, Carrie, lived at 218 Water Street [South Harbor]. Carrie was born in Ohio in February 1859. They had an adopted son, Robert Anderson, who was born in Michigan in January 1889. John died on May 15, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Carrie passed away on February 17, 1909 and was buried near her husband.

### **Joseph Anderson [1802-1882]**

The First Congregational Church was organized in Grand Haven in 1858. A year later, on May 31, its first place of worship was dedicated at 134 Washington, and in the afternoon of that day Rev. Joseph Anderson was installed as pastor. Rev. Anderson, who was born in Scotland, also served members of the Spring Lake Congregational Church. In addition he, among others, filled in at the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church during the period between Rev. Ferry’s retirement in April 1857 and the arrival of a full-time replacement on October 18, 1859. Joseph replaced Rev. Lucas in 1854 to lead the Presbyterian Church in Spring Lake during its early years. On April 1, 1862 Joseph was given a leave of absence to allow him to be Chaplain to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry, then in Virginia under the leadership of General George

McClellan. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry had been organized in Grand Rapids shortly after the Civil War began. Joseph resigned his chaplain's post on March 28, 1863 and entered the U.S. Volunteer Hospital Chaplain Corps. He was mustered out on August 4, 1865. By 1870 he had relocated to South Haven, where he died of "disease of the brain and paralysis" at his home there on April 2, 1882 and was buried at Lakeview Cemetery in South Haven. Joseph's wife, Lucy P. applied for a widow's Civil War pension on August 16, 1884. She was born in Vermont in 1820 and died in South Haven in 1894. Joseph was born in Scotland in 1802.

#### **Leo Godfrey Anderson [1906-1977]**

Born in Muskegon on May 16, 1906, Leo Anderson married Minnie Groth, who was three years younger than her husband. Her parents were William G. [1875-1964] and Mary Hartman Groth [1883-1938]. In 1940 Leo and Minnie lived in Spring Lake Township. With them were two children: Jean, born about 1935, and Leonard "Len," born about 1938. The Federal Census of 1940 noted that Leo worked in a "steel factory." For the remainder of the 1940s and into the 1950s, Leo was manager at the Sam Garvin plant, 402 South Harbor Drive. A few years later he became a tool and die maker at Automatic Spring Products at 803 Taylor Avenue in Grand Haven. He and Minnie resided at 113 South First Street in Grand Haven. Leo passed away on May 27, 1977, and Minnie died in 1982. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son Len, who was born in Grand Haven on May 29, 1937, married Wanda Gringhuis of Grand Haven. Len, who owned an investment firm, and Wanda, an artist, remained in the Tri-Cities area. [Personal correspondence with the family.]

#### **Mary Elizabeth Swanson Anderson [1877-1958]**

See Mary Elizabeth Swanson.

#### **Nels [Nelson] August Anderson [1885-1958]**

Nels Anderson was born in Spring Lake in August 29, 1885 and died in 1958. He was one of five children of Andrew and Mary Anderson. Nels worked as a ship carpenter for Barrett Boat Works for about 40 years. On October 21, 1905, he married Nellie Vander Vere in Spring Lake. The daughter of Henry and Jantje "Jane" Wierenga Vander Vere, she lived from 1886 to July 31, 1935 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Nels was employed at Barrett Boat Works. The family resided at 305 Liberty, where they raised three sons: Clyde Andrew, Harold Henry, and Norman William. Norman's daughter, Norma Anderson Koopman, resided in the Grand Haven area.

#### **Oscar Henning Anderson I [1884-1959]**

Oscar Anderson was born in Sweden on February 23, 1884. He married Evelyn F. Berggren on June 24, 1911. She also was a native of Sweden, where she was born on April 7, 1886. Their children were Oscar II, born in Illinois on July 20, 1914; Chester, born in Chicago on January 3, 1916, and Stuart, born in Michigan about 1921. The Andersons lived at 943 Lake Avenue in the 1920 and into the 1940s. Oscar was a polisher at one of the local factories, and he also had worked in Chicago. He died on July 5, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Evelyn passed away on March 7, 1974 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Oscar Henning Anderson II [1914-1992] and Katherine [1911-1993]**

Oscar was born July 20, 1914, in Michigan, the son of Oscar H. and Evelyn Berggren Anderson I. Oscar's wife, Katherine, was born in Evanston, Illinois on November 12, 1911. Oscar and Katherine lived in Grand Haven from 1931 to 1965, when they moved to Virginia. She worked at Reichardt's until 1952, when she opened Anderson's Store for Children at 224 Washington, later the location of Grand Haven Jewelry. After closing the store in 1965 she worked for Leggett Department Store in Lynchburg, Virginia. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, the Red Cross, and Community Chest [United Way], and she was a Grand Haven Public School volunteer. Their children included Kristen A., who married Danny Fox of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Katherine died in Lynchburg on January 24, 1993 and



Oscar died November 24, 1992. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 18, 1993]

**Oscar R. Anderson [1901-1984]**

Oscar Anderson was born on April 6, 1901 and died on April 13, 1984. He was employed as a sheet metal worker at Bastian Blessing. Oscar married Elnora Hehl on July 1, 1939. He served during WWII with the 389<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group and was promoted to second lieutenant in 1945. Their children were Lawrence of Grand Rapids and Blaise and Eugene, both of Nunica. Elnora lived from October 13, 1908 to January 16, 1990.

**Theodor Anderson [1873-1941]**

See Mary Elizabeth Swanson.

**Thomas F. Anderson [1846-1922]**

A resident of Grand Haven, Thomas Anderson enlisted as private in Company D of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry on September 10, 1861. He was promoted to sergeant on January 5, 1864 and to sergeant major on April 1 the same year. He then was promoted to first lieutenant of Company M on the last day of December 1864 and to captain on July 1, 1865. He was mustered out on August 17, 1865. Thomas was born on January 19, 1846. On December 22, 1898, while living in Illinois, he applied for a Civil War pension. He passed away in Danville, Illinois on March 13, 1922.

**William Andrew Anderson [1893-1966]**

William, the son of Andrew and Mary Nelson Anderson, was born on May 21, 1893 and served in the military during WWI. Prior to his military service, William was a woodworker at Challenge Refrigerator. He married Alice De Young of Grand Haven in 1923 and died in 1966. Their home was on Summit Street in Spring Lake. A son, William L., was born in March 1925, and remained a resident of Spring Lake. The elder William was a house painter. He died December 5, 1966 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Pierre [Peter] Charles André [Andree] [1817-1908]**

Pierre André owned a warehouse at the “Lower Diggings,” now known as Government Pond. It was close to the warehouse that fur trader Louis Campau had Nathan Throop build for him. By 1844, Pierre’s structure had tumbled into the river, according to a government map of that year [Lillie, pp. 151-152 and 203.] On October 29, 1839, Pierre and his wife Clarissa purchased from William Kanouse his pre-emption title to about 70 acres in the Fort Village area, on or near Battle Point. The Andrés, in turn, on October 15, 1846 for the sum of \$300 transferred 59 acres to the “Fort Village Band of Ottawas.” The Andrés were residents of Detroit and Saginaw. Pierre was born on October 15, 1817 in Detroit and died in Saginaw on November 2, 1908. Clarissa Alina Stark André, a native of New York State, lived from May 15, 1825 to April 30, 1896. She also was buried at Oakwood. They had three children.

**John Andreasen [1931-2021]**

In 1980, John Andreasen was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, a disease he weathered until his death on January 9, 2021 at Grand Pines Assisted Living Center. He was born January 2, 1931 in Grand Rapids to John and Olga Croshaw Andreasen. He graduated in 1949 from South High School in Grand Rapids. After John finished his studies at Western Michigan College [Western Michigan University] he married Rose Marie Lewis on June 19, 1954. They met in 1951 while attending Grand Rapids Junior College [now Grand Rapids Community College]. A month after the wedding, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for two years and during that time attended Army Finance School. John returned to Grand Rapids and began his teaching career at Alexander Hamilton Elementary School and earned his Master Degree in Education Administration from Michigan State University. Starting in 1953 he served as Superintendent of Schools for four years at Hopkins Public Schools in Hopkins, Allegan County. Four years later, he moved his family to Grand Haven, where he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of

Business for the Grand Haven Public Schools. He retired 25 years later. During retirement, John served on the North Ottawa Council on Aging and the Association of Retired School Personnel. He served on several boards and chaired the Building Committee for St. Patrick's first Family Center on Fulton Street. He was a Eucharistic Minister, member of the Parish Council and an usher. John and Rose had four children: Jon Andreasen of Ada; Karen Andreasen of Massachusetts; Mary Andreasen who married Brent Lane of Homewood, Illinois; and Eric Andreasen of New York City. Rose, who was born in 1932, died in Grand Haven on November 20, 2023.

### **Edward Harry Andres [1864–1944]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1864, Edward was the son of Ernest and Ida Schultz Andres. In Grand Haven he and his brother, William L. managed the New Cutler House when it opened in 1891 after the big fire two years earlier destroyed the original hotel, the Cutler House. After his father's death in 1882, Edward assumed management of the Andres House, located at the southeast corner of Franklin and Water [Harbor], which he leased in 1891 to Joseph Rue. Edward was one of the incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. The next year 1887 he was chosen second lieutenant of the "Grand Haven Guards." As its captain in 1898 he led Company F of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry to Tampa, where the group remained during the short Spanish-American War. He was mustered out on October 31, 1898. He was a graduate of the Fort Leavenworth Officer's School. By 1910 he was residing in Sheridan County, Wyoming. Edward also served in World War I as a lieutenant colonel in the quartermaster's division at Waco, Texas. After the war he was assigned to Fort Jay on Governor's Island, New York, where he lived with his wife and son. He retired to a ranch near Tucson, Arizona, where he was residing in 1930 with his wife Lydiam and their son, Edward II, who was born about 1911 in Wyoming. Edward died on February 19, 1944 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Lydiann was born in Michigan around 1878 and died on March 3, 1944 and was buried near her husband.

### **Ernest Andres I [Andrees, Andreis, Andrews] [1832–1882]**

Born in Germany on October 6, 1832, Ernest Andres and his wife in 1856 moved from Port Huron to Grand Haven, where he was listed in the 1856 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as manager of the Grand River House, a hotel in Grand Haven. The next year Clark B. Albee hired him as a clerk. In 1858 Andres opened the first bakery in Grand Haven, a restaurant, and a hotel, called the Milwaukee House, on the west side of the river [Muir], at the time the terminus for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad. Muir was considered part of Ferrysburg. The Milwaukee House and the nearby Western Hotel burned down in June 1861. Andres later ran the Washington House in Grand Haven, and in 1863 built a new hotel, which he also named the Milwaukee House, on the northeast corner of Franklin and Harbor Streets.

By 1864 Ernest owned acreage in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, south of Potawatomi Bayou. In 1867 he bought additional acreage from Robert W. Duncan and about that time built a gristmill, which he operated for a while, and then converted it to a shingle mill. Located on the Grand River and adjacent to Potawatomi Bayou, the mill was destroyed by fire in 1874. That year he also built the Andres House, later called the River View Hotel, at 100 South Water Street [Harbor Drive]. He was alderman on the Grand Haven City Council in 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880, and a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

In 1854 in Buffalo, New York, Ernest married Ida Schultz, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on October 24, 1836. Their children were William Louis Andres, who was born in Michigan on September 3, 1859; Edward Andres, who was born in Michigan on October 1, 1864, and made his career in the United States Army, where he achieved the rank of captain; Ida Andres, who was born in 1867 and married Archie Campbell of Grand Haven; and Ernest II Andres, who died on August 11, 1877 at the age of six months. Ernest the father died on October 7, 1882 and was buried at Lake Forest on October 9. His wife died of the "grippe" on February 18, 1913, at the home of her daughter at 225 Franklin Street, which was the family homestead and where she had lived for 17 years. She also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1913.]

### **Tony Andres [Andrews] [@1899- ?]**

Tony Andres operated the New York Shoe Shine Parlor, first relocated at 24 Washington and, after 1927, at 9 Washington. He lived at The Frances, a boarding house owned by Frances and Josh Lehman at 112 Franklin. A native of Greece, he was born about 1899.

### **William Louis Andres [1859-1936]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 3, 1859, William was the son of Ernest and Ida Schultz Andres. In Grand Haven he and his brother, Edward, managed the New Cutler House when it opened in 1891 after the Great Fire two years earlier destroyed the original hotel, the Cutler House. He married Sadie Ostell in Coopersville on January 5, 1882. On August 1, 1888 William married Florence, the daughter of Henry and Hannah Trotter Buswell, in Grand Haven. She was born about 1862 in Ohio. The couple moved to Mt. Pleasant. On June 29, 1905 William married Frances "Fannie" Martin Shultz Worden [Warden] in Winnebago, Illinois. Born in Illinois in January 1862, she previously had been married to Theodore G. Worden [Warden]. In 1910, William and Fanny were living on Sullivans Island in South Carolina, where, according to the Federal Census, was serving with the U.S. Lifesaving Service. Also in 1910 William was listed in the Federal Census as being employed by the U.S. Lifesaving Service in Grand Haven. She died in Charleston, South Carolina, but no dates were cited. He passed away in Eastmanville on July 19, 1936. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Daniel Wines Andrews [1857-1929]**

Born in Milford, Oakland County in February 1857, Daniel Andrews married Anna, daughter of William and Anna Evarts Angel of Grand Haven. Anna was born in Eastmanville on April 8, 1860. Daniel was an insurance agent who worked out of his home at 532 Lafayette, formerly Anna's family home. Anna was one of the founders of the Christian Science movement in Grand Haven. Daniel and Anna had at least four children: Louise, who was born on February 4, 1884; Helen, who was born about 1891 and married Stanley B. Oakes of Grand Haven; William A. born about 1892; George, who was born about 1893 and served as lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during WWI and Winifred. Louise in 1916 built "Windy Dune," one of the early North Shore cottages. Daniel died on January 17, 1929 and Anna died on August 26 the next year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Just prior to her death, Anna and Louise were living in St. Louis, Missouri, where Louise was a teacher at a private school. She died on September 16, 1972 in San Mateo, California.

### **Elijah [Eleazur] C. Angel [Angell] [1849-1905]**

The son of George A. and Mary Ann Eatiner Angel, Elijah was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on May 13, 1849. On December 21, 1863 he enlisted as private in Company I of the 128<sup>th</sup> Ohio Veteran Infantry, where his name was entered as Eleazur Anger. He represented himself as being 18 years old. He was mustered out on July 13, 1865 and came to Ottawa County that year to work in the lumbering business, eventually becoming the head sawyer and filer at Olive Center Mills in 1882. In 1870 he was living in Grand Haven with his mother Mary, born about 1866, and Elijah's four siblings: Luella Angel, born about 1852; Sarah Angel, born about 1853; George Angel, born about 1861; and Edgar Angel, born about 1866.

Elijah was married three times. On July 8, 1874, he married Mary Church in Whitehall. She was born about 1854 in New Hampshire. On September 27, 1876 he married Lydia Aarmintha "Minnie" Pocock, who was born in Fulton County, Ohio on March 18, 1856. She died on March 30, 1897 and was buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Luther, Lake County. On May 9, 1899, Elijah married Jenny Bromley in Manistee. She was born on September 22, 1865 in Canada. Elijah died on October 5, 1905 in Detroit. Jenny applied for a widow's Civil War pension on September 14, 1912. She died in Wayne County on April 3, 1944.

### **George Evarts Angel [Angell] [1864-1952]**

George E, the son of William and Anna Evarts Angel, was born locally on April 23, 1864. He moved to Prince Rupert in British Columbia but returned to Grand Haven. On January 19, 1891 in Grand Haven, he married Clara B. Benton [Burton] Mower. She was the widow of Grand Haven resident Samuel C. Mower, who died on April 10, 1885. Clara was born in Illinois in July 1849. By 1900 George and Clara were residing in Detroit, where he operated a confectionary. Living with them was Samuel W. Mower from Clara's son from her earlier marriage. Ten years later Clara was listed as widowed and still living in Detroit, and in the 1940 census George Los Angeles and shown as being a widower. He died on May 22, 1952 in Los Angeles.

### **William Nelson Angel [Angell] [1825-1911]**

Born in Moores, New York, on December 16, 1825, William was a descendant of Thomas Angel, who was born in England in 1618 and came to America in 1625 with Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island. William's grandfather, Asa Angel, was born in Rhode Island, and his father was born in Champlain, New York in 1800. William's mother was Mary Keyes, a native of Vermont. William was third in a family that consisted of four sons and two daughters. Starting at the age of ten he and his father spent eight years on a dairy farm in Portage, Ohio. He studied for part of a year at Twinsburg Seminary, and in 1844 [1843] joined his family in Tallmadge Township, Ottawa County, where he chopped wood and cleared forest. When he was about 20, he contracted sciatic rheumatism, which resulted in dislocation of a hip. From 1848 to 1854 he was Register of Deeds for Muskegon County. In 1851, with John and James Barnes as partners, he was editor of Grand Haven's first newspaper, the *Grand River Times*.

At the expiration of his period of public service, William resumed farming operations for two years in Tallmadge Township. However, because of his lameness, he found it necessary to select a less active vocation and accordingly entered Bryant and Stratton's Business College, where he spent the winter of 1856-57. Upon finishing his commercial studies, he accepted a position as bookkeeper in a country store at Eastmanville. Later he came to Grand Haven and worked as bookkeeper for a merchant and vessel owner. By 1864 he was in the drug and grocery business under the name of Angel & North, and for a time had an extensive dry goods business called Angel & Beaudry. In December 1869, the store burned to the ground, and since there was no insurance, it proved a total loss to the owners. They did, however, pay seventy cents on every dollar of their indebtedness.

In the spring of 1870 William was elected recorder and police justice, holding these positions for two years. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1871, forming a partnership with Lurentus B. Soule, of Ionia and at different times with other prominent lawyers. In 1887 he was elected to the office of City Recorder and was reelected in 1889, 1892, and 1893. He had his own law office by 1892. With Charles Soule he owned the land on the North Shore and sold part of it to the U.S. government on January 22, 1922 as the new site for the Life Saving Station. At one time an Episcopalian, William later converted to Christian Science. He spoke at the laying of the cornerstone for the courthouse, built in 1893 near the corner of Fifth and Washington Streets in Grand Haven.

In 1853 William married Anna [Ann] Marie Evarts [Evarts]. The daughter of Shadrick [Shadrock] [1802-1892] and Eunice [1797-1879] Evarts, she was born in Niagara County, New York on July 19, 1831 and died on March 14, 1903. Anna and her parents moved to Grand Rapids when she was young. Anna is recorded as the first teacher at Georgetown township's first school, organized in September 1845 in Section 8, even though she was only 14 years old. [Memorials of the Grand River Vallet, p.499.]

William and Anna had seven sons and one daughter, including a child who died in infancy, and another, Charles Hudson, who was born in Grand Haven in 1870 and died on January 9, 1893. Among the members of the family living in 1893, all born in Michigan, were Anna, who was born about 1860 and married Daniel Andrews of Grand Haven; George E., who was born about 1864 and settled in Prince Rupert, British Columbia; and Harry A., who was born about 1868 and later resided in Indianapolis. The Angels resided at 532 Lafayette, also the home of their daughter Anna, her husband, Daniel Andrews, and their family. William died at his home in Grand Haven on December 24, 1911. He and Anna were buried at

Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 553-554; *Tribune* obituary December 27, 1911; and *Tribune* article by Charles E. Soule, December 26, 1911.]

### **Donald James Angus [1887-1966]**

Donald was the son of John and May Sibly Angus, who became residents of Grand Haven. Donald was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin in June 17, 1887 and died in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October 1966. He was a self-taught engineer-inventor and electrician. Donald didn't finish high school, but he did attend engineering classes at the University of Wisconsin and Michigan State University. He became expert on electrical measuring and recording devices and was granted 47 patents. In 1910 Donald resided with his parents at 1226 Washington Street and worked as an electrician. Ten years later he and his parents had moved to 526 Lafayette. At that time, Donald was a consulting engineer. Donald joined John W. Esterline in 1910 to form the Esterline-Angus engineering firm and became its president. In 1939 he purchased a home at 302 North Buchanan in Spring Lake, which remained in the family into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Annis Water Resources Institute of Grand Valley State University operates a research vessel, the 45-foot *D. J. Angus* that Donald donated in 1965. The vessel, berthed in Muskegon, is equipped for sampling chemical, biological, and physical parameters and houses on-board laboratories for analyses of the samples. Francis Angus was Donald's brother.

### **Francis Clark Angus [1889-1971]**

Francis, the son of John and May Sibly Angus of Grand Haven, was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin on February 18, 1889 and died on September 22, 1971. From 1907 to 1915 he worked at Challenge Machinery. From 1915 to 1917 he was co-owner of Franklin Press with Henry Arkema II. He held a variety of positions until 1921, when he became a manufacturer of electrical instruments. On January 1, 1932 Francis married Margaret W., the daughter of Charles and Margaret Belle Cotton. Margaret, who was born in Grand Rapids on December 26, 1899, died on May 20, 1993 in Spring Lake. Margaret taught school in Grand Rapids prior to her marriage and in Grand Haven during the 1930s. The Anguses resided at 710 Lake Avenue with their two sons, John, who was born on February 22, 1934, and Charles, who was born on November 3, 1935. In the 1950s, Francis and Margaret moved to 220 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. The Anguses also owned some acreage on Spring Lake in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. Donald James Angus [1877-1966], Francis's brother, in 1939 bought a house at 302 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. When Donald died in 1966, the house went to Francis, who in turn passed it on to his son Charles. Francis and Margaret were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Donald Angus was Francis's brother.

### **John James Angus [1859-1932]**

Born in Wisconsin on August 7, 1859, John Angus became a resident of Grand Haven sometime after 1905. He married May Benton Sibley in Waldo, Wisconsin on January 15, 1883. In the early 1900s the couple lived at 1226 Washington with their two sons, Donald, born in Plymouth, Wisconsin on June 17, 1887, and Francis, born in the same town on February 18, 1889. By 1917, the family was residing at 526 Lafayette. They also owned a cottage in Highland Park. John died on October 31, 1932. May, also from the Badger state, lived from May 12, 1863 to December 13, 1939. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Jane Kerr Anketell [Ankatell, Anktell] [1860-1938]**

Jane Anketell in 1900 was assistant principal and house mother at the Akeley Institute for Girls. By 1910 she was unemployed and living with her parents in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She was born in New York State in 1860, died on December 20, 1938, and was buried at Saint Lukes Cemetery in Springbrook, Wisconsin.

### **Edward G. Applegate [1909-1994]**

Edward G. Applegate was born in Illinois on June 15, 1909 and died on May 13, 1994. He and his wife, Beverly, lived at 202 South Eighth Street in Grand Haven. On October 27, 1942 in Kalamazoo, Edward enlisted as private in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After the war, he became a design engineer at Bastian Blessing. Beverly lived from January 11, 1921 to October 10, 1999. She died in Grand Haven. They had a son Terrence L.

#### **Frank F. Archer [1845-1903]**

Frank Archer, who was born about 1845 in Ohio, became a resident of Lamont, where he lived with his mother, Maria A. Archer. Maria was born on May 18, 1819 in New York and died in Tallmadge Township on January 10, 1885. In 1878 Frank received a five-year license to operate a ferry across the Grand River, but two years later the license was passed to Bradford Velsey. Frank died in Los Angeles, California on October 28, 1903.

#### **Mark B. Ardis [1872-1952]**

Vice president of the American Brass Novelty Company, a position he assumed in 1904, Mark Ardis also was associated with the Wiltshire Glove Company in Grand Haven. He was born in Ireland on March 16, 1872. Samuel Ardis was his uncle. On June 5, 1899, Mark married Alta Mae Gilbert in Reed City, Osceola County. They lived at 502 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Alta was president of the first Parent Teachers Club, organized in Grand Haven in 1909. She was born in Burlington, Calhoun County on January 23, 1876, died in East Lansing in April 1957, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery on May 1. Mark died on December 7, 1952 in Los Angeles and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Ardises had one daughter, Margaret, who was born in Lake City on May 1, 1901. Samuel Boyd Ardis was his uncle.

#### **Samuel Boyd Ardis [1855-1950]**

In 1902, Samuel Ardis, as company president and with help from the Grand Haven Board of Trade, reorganized the American Brass Novelty Company, which he had assisted in forming seven years earlier, the year he and his wife arrived in Grand Haven. First situated in a three-story frame building at 13 South Second Street, about 1903 the company was moved to a new building on Harbor Drive. In 1950 the business took the name Michigan Brass. Samuel also was associated with the Wiltshire Glove Company, formed in 1905 and situated near the southwest corner of Washington and Second Streets in Grand Haven.

Samuel was born in Ireland on March 10, 1855 [January 1856/1857] and had his first retail job there at the age of 13. Ten years later he came to Michigan, settling first in Ewart and then in Lake City, Missaukee County. On March 28, 1884 in Lake City, he married Maymie Thompson, who was born in Ireland in May 1861. They lived at 318 Washington in Grand Haven. The Ardises had a son, Everton, who was born in Grand Haven in July 1888 and settled in Detroit; a daughter, Dorothy E., who was born on December 19, 1899 and died five years later; and another daughter, Amy, who lived just nine years. Ardis also had banking and business interests in Ann Arbor and Lake City, California. Maymie died in Cadillac on January 5, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Samuel then married Jeanette "Nettie" Cherry in Grand Haven on February 4, 1913. She was the daughter of James and Mathilda Julia Johnson Cherry of Grand Haven and resided in the family home at 520 Clinton until her marriage.

About the time of his marriage to Nettie, Samuel bought 160 acres in Robinson Township. Around 1920 the Ardises moved to California. Nettie, who was born in 1867, died in San Diego, California on May 24, 1935 but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She taught first grade in the Grand Haven School System for almost 30 years. She also taught a Sunday School class for older girls at the First Presbyterian Church for more than 35 years.

After Nettie's death, Samuel married Susan Miller. Susan was born in 1886 and passed away in Orange County, California on February 10, 1967. Samuel died in Los Angeles on December 18, 1950 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Mark Ardis was his nephew. [*Tribune* obituaries January 6, 1911 and May 24, 1935, and *Industrial Hi-Lites*, April 1954.]

### **John “Andrew” Jan [Andrew John] Arentsen [Arentson] [1831-1913]**

Andrew Arentsen, a native of The Netherlands, was born on October 10, 1832. He married Barbara Hoffman in Kenosha, Wisconsin on August 29, 1852. On April 7, 1861, days before the start of the Civil War, he enlisted as private in Company G of the First Wisconsin Infantry. He was mustered out in August the same year. Andrew and his family continued to live for a while in Wisconsin, and then came to Ferrysburg in 1864. By late 1867 he owned a store in Ferrysburg near the railroad depot that carried groceries and other provisions. In 1873 he was operating a billiard hall, located inside or close to the Rideout House at 201 West Savidge in Spring Lake. In the 1880 Federal Census Andrew was listed as a hotel keeper, probably at the Rideout House. He married Barbara Hoffman. In an 1883 list of Civil War Pensioners, Andrew was listed as a resident of Spring Lake. He was receiving \$6.00 a month because of a wound he incurred during the war to his left thigh. By 1907 Barbara was living in Benton Harbor. Andrew’s and Barbara’s daughter Lena married Charles Begin of Spring Lake. Barbara managed the Central House, probably in the early 1900s. She was born in Germany on March 7, 1825, passed away on October 7, 1918, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Among their children were Emma, born on September 25, 1855 in Wisconsin, and John, born about 1861, also in Wisconsin. Andrew died in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on December 25, 1913.

### **Gerald C. Arkema [1911-1977]**

Gerald, the son of Gerrit and Sena Arkema, was born July 7, 1911 in Spring Lake and died on May 6, 1977. He started Citizens Realty Company in 1930 and operated it from his home at 422 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, where he resided with his wife Jean. He also lived in Spring Lake Township, later at 14417 Lakeshore Drive in Grad Haven Township, and finally in Muskegon. Gerald owned large parcels of land, including nearly 300 acres in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township, which he sold around 1960 to W. Bruce Matthews as the site for Grand Haven Golf Club. Jean, who was born on October 25, 1912, died in Muskegon on April 28, 1974. She and Gerald were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Gerrit Arkema [1875-1952]**

Gerrit, the son of Henry and Grace Arkema I, was born on May 4, 1875. He became proprietor of the Franklin Press at 401 Fulton in the early 1900s. He married Etta Byl on September 20, 1900 in Grand Haven. They lived at 519 Fulton. Etta, who lived all her life in Grand Haven, was born on December 29, 1880 and died on November 19, 1959. Their sons were Herbert, who lived from 1901 to 1908; Leonard, born about 1906; Gerald C., born on July 11, 1907; Fitzgerald, born about 1912; and Kenneth J., born about 1916. They also a daughter, Dorothy M., who was born about 1912 and may have been Fitz’s twin. Gerrit died on September 19, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 28, 1957, and marriage announcement, March 23, 1906.]

### **Gerrit John Arkema [1900-1971]**

Gerrit Arkema was born in Grand Haven on September 2, 1900 and died there on May 21, 1971. He was the son of John and Sena Holman Arkema and the grandson of Henry Arkema I. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. At the time of his death, he resided in the family home at 517 Madison.

### **Hendrick “Henry” Arkema I [1842-1921]**

Born at Uithuizen, The Netherlands in May 1842, Henry Arkema came to Grand Haven in 1867. He was engaged in the flour and feed business until he retired, but he had an interest in the printing business, too. On June 24, 1867 in Grand Haven, he married Grace [Geeske/Gieski] Kampenga. Also a native of The Netherlands, Grace lived from October 12, 1838 [1839] to June 3, 1924. Their children, all of Grand Haven, included John, born in 1868; Dena, who was born in December 1871 and married William Vaxter of Grand Haven; Gerrit I [Gerret], who was born on May 4, 1875 and married Etta Byl in 1900; and Henry II, born in April 1877. The elder Arkema died at the family home and place of business, 517 Fulton Street

in Grand Haven, on March 13, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 14, 1921 and April 24, 1930.]

### **Henry Arkema II [1877-1942]**

The son of Henry and Grace Arkema, Henry II resided at 523 Pennoyer with his wife Della. The daughter of John and Kate Hoeksema of Grand Haven, Della was born in Michigan on September 9, 1882 and passed away in Grand Haven on June 7, 1962. Henry was born in Grand Haven on April 19, 1877 and died on January 11, 1942. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry and Della were married in Grand Haven on September 8, 1910. He started at the *Grand Haven Tribune* in the early 1900s and was hired as fulltime pressman in 1918. In 1912 he opened his own print shop, Franklin Printing, at 517 Fulton, which he operated for 30 years.

### **Henry J. Arkema [1895-1977]**

Henry J., the son of John and Sena Holman Arkema was born in Chicago on September 19, 1895 and died on May 14, 1977. He and his wife Leatha lived at 949 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Leatha was born on June 24, 1895 and died on February 11, 1976. She was a Grand Haven resident all her life. In 1918 Henry was a tacker at Eagle Ottawa. Henry and Leatha were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Henry Arkema [1868–1955]**

Born in Grand Haven on December 7, 1867 [1868], the son of Henry and Grace Arkema, John was first employed by the Boyden Shingle Mill and later worked for Story & Clark, Eagle Ottawa, and other factories, as well as the City of Grand Haven. On December 17, 1888, he married Gezina “Sena” Holman, who was born on March 15, 1868 in Groningen, The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1881. The wedding took place at the groom’s home, 517 Fulton, where he had lived for many years. John and Sena resided at 517 Madison. Among their children were Henry, born in Chicago on September 19, 1895, and Gerrit John, born in Grand Haven on September 2, 1900. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. John died on September 19, 1950, and Sena passed away about June 21, 1955. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Kenneth J. Arkema I [1915-2003]**

Kenneth was born on September 4, 1915 to Garrit [Garret] and Etta Byl Arkema. He married Ruth Bomers on April 9, 1941 in Holland, Michigan. Ruth, the daughter of Dewey and Reka Kolenbrander Bomers of Holland, was born on August 6, 1920. Kenneth earned a bronze star while serving with the Army during WWII. In Grand Haven, he was Public Relations manager for Gardner-Denver. Kenneth also was an amateur musician. The Arkemas, who resided at 1230 Slayton, were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Their children were Kenneth II and Karen, who married Vern Peters. Kenneth died on September 11, 2003 in Muskegon. Ruth passed away in Grand Haven on November 3, 2004. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 13, 2003 and November 4, 2004.]

### **Henry T. Armstead [1822-1896]**

Born in Schroon, New York on October 17, 1822, Henry Armstead moved to Ohio and then became involved in lumbering operations at Wyman, Montcalm County, and relocated to Grand Haven in 1870. While still in Schroon he married Jane A. Wyman in 1858. She was born in New York on March 25, 1822 and died on December 10, 1900. Their children included James P. of Grand Haven, and C. O. and Wyman P. of Aitkin, Minnesota. Wyman was born on December 7, 1863 in Ohio. Henry died at his son’s home, located on the corner of Fifth and Clinton Streets [120 South Fifth], on July 19, 1896. Henry and Jane were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 20, 1896 and December 10, 1900.]

### **James P. Armstead [1855-1918]**

James P. Armstead, the son Henry T. and Jane Wyman Armstead, was born near Cleveland, Ohio in May 1855. James came to Grand Haven with his family in 1870. He attended high school in Grand Haven and



spent one year at Grand Rapids Commercial College. He worked three years for the Crystal City Glass Works in Detroit. He returned to Grand Haven in 1877 as head clerk at the Cutler House. James was named secretary and treasurer of Dake Engine Company when it was organized in 1887, and he became secretary and general manager at a later re-organization of the company. In 1907 he was secretary for the Grand Haven Board of Trade. James was a charter member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, founded in 1897.

On November 3, 1880 James married Carrie, daughter of Ebenezer and Caroline Barnes and a niece of Dwight Cutler. Carrie, who was born on December 22, 1856, died on January 5, 1882 in Grand Rapids, leaving one child, who was born on December 29, 1881 and died on September 8 the next year. Carrie was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. On December 3, 1901 James married Myrtle "Myrtie" Moody. The daughter of George and Mary Blackney Moody, she was born in Montague on January 4, 1868. They made their home at 120 South Fifth, formerly the home of Myrtie and her parents. James died in June 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Myrtie passed away on June 6, 1952 and was buried near her husband. [*Dake, The First One Hundred Years, 1887-1987.*]

### **George Armstrong [1845- ?]**

In 1867 George Armstrong was arrested at White River for burning down a sawmill at Nortonville in April that year. A George Armstrong living in White River in 1880 was born in Michigan around 1845, and another George Armstrong, also living in White River, was born in Canada in 1833 and married Lydia Armstrong, an Ottawa Indian.

### **Charles Lee Arnold [1903-1991]**

Born April 12, 1903 in Waupaca, Wisconsin to Leonard and Mary Arnold, Lee earned his teaching certificate from the State Normal and Industrial College in Ellendale, North Dakota, and a bachelor degree from Western Michigan University in 1938. He came to Grand Haven from Ellendale in 1928 to teach general shop and to work with the junior high athletic program. He taught industrial arts for several years and worked later in the Vocational Department of Grand Haven Public Schools. Lee retired in 1968. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Masons, and Grand Haven Historical Society. Lee in 1932 became County Agricultural Agent. He went before the Board of Supervisors and asked for funds to develop a soil stabilization plan within the county. He was granted \$75.

Lee married Helen Dunphy, who taught kindergarten in Grand Haven from 1954 to 1962. She was born on September 19, 1903 and died on March 30, 1993. The Lee family resided at 912 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven, and later moved to 18047 North Beach Drive in Spring Lake. Their children included two sons, both dentists: Charles Arnold, who had a practice in Grand Rapids, and William Arnold of Kent County. Lee died on March 20, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Helen. William Dunphy Arnold, who was born on September 18, 1939, married Sandra Johnson of Grand Rapids on May 3, 1968. He served as a dentist in the U.S. Navy and later maintained offices in Rockford and Grand Rapids. William died on June 23, 2001. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 21, 1991 and January 18, 2002.]

### **William H. Ash [1842-1924]**

William Ash, an African American, was living in Grand Haven when he enlisted as private in the Michigan 1<sup>st</sup> Colored Infantry on January 28, 1865, toward the end of the Civil War. He was a barber and would do general labor as well. William was mustered out on September 30, 1865. Born in Virginia in October 1842, he died on July 19, 1924 in Grand Traverse County.

### **Albert Bartlett Ashley I [1838-1916]**

A native of Massachusetts, where he was born on September 9, 1838, Albert Ashley enlisted in Freetown, Bristol County, Massachusetts and was mustered into the United States Navy on May 9, 1861 as an Ordinary Seaman. He served on the *USS Ohio* and the *USS Mississippi*. He was discharged from his unit on June 23 the next year, and then became a member of Company A of the Massachusetts 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry the

following September 23. He left that detachment on June 26, 1863 and was mustered into Company B, Massachusetts 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, which he left on March 12, 1865. He next was commissioned into the Connecticut 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry and left the military for good on April 25, 1866.

On October 30, 1865 Albert married Jeanette [Janette] Wilhelmina Miller, who was born on June 20, 1839 in Edgartown, Massachusetts. In 1870 the couple was living in Vigo, Indiana with their daughter Jennie W. Ashley, who was born in August 1867 in South Carolina. By 1880 they were residing in Kewanee, Illinois, where Albert was superintendent of a coal mining company. The two of them started spending summers in Spring Lake, and in 1892 they built a 30-room hotel, called Ashley Heights, on the west shore of the lake, at the east end of Van Wagoner Road [in Section 10, approximately 17800 West Spring Lake Road]. Ashley Heights, Massachusetts was near Albert's hometown of Freetown and probably had family connections. The couple operated Ashley Heights until 1904, when they sold the property to Edward and Anna Selbmann. The Selbmanns renamed it Lott Hannah Resort. Albert and Jeanette now spent their summers in a home they built in Lovell Park, just north of the resort, which burned down in 1918. Their principal residence remained in Macon, Illinois, where they were living in 1910. The Spring Lake property reverted to the Ashleys in 1907 when the Selbmanns defaulted on the mortgage. Called "Captain," Albert was active in the Masons and attained the position of deputy grand master of the Illinois Chapter in 1909. He was also active in the Masons locally. Albert died in Chicago on November 2, 1916, while en route to Florida for the winter. Jeanette applied for a widow's Civil War pension about two weeks after his death. She died eight years later. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Ashleys also had a son Albert Ashley II, who was born around 1873 in Illinois.

### **John Atwell [1829-1906]**

The first person to be admitted to the newly established Ottawa County Poor Farm was John Atwell. The county purchased acreage for the farm in Section 4 of Polkton Township in February 1866, and John became a resident there on the following March 21. Like many of his peers, John, a Civil War veteran, had a difficult time adjusting to post-war life. He had volunteered for Company F of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry in February 1864, while living in Dryden, Lapeer County. His regiment followed General Sherman on his March to the Sea. John, a private, was badly wounded at the Battle of Peach Tree Creek in Georgia and was hospitalized. After being discharged on June 21, 1865, "he was too ill to return home," his obituary said.

John's first wife, Theresa Tuttle, died in November 1867. They were married in Lapeer on November 12, 1854. On May 10, 1868 in Lapeer County, John married Prudence Hatherly. Prudence lived from July 4, 1848 to August 9, 1918.

By the time of the Federal Census of 1870, John was back home in Lapeer County. He applied for an invalid's pension on April 20, 1878, and Prudence made application for a widow's pension on April 27, 1907. John was born in Erie County, New York on October 20, 1829. He passed away in Cass City, Tuscola County on August 3, 1906 and was buried with his wife at Silverwood Cemetery in Lapeer County. [*Cass City Chronicle*, August 17, 1906.]

### **George Gerhardt Austgen [1903-1982]**

307 Pine Street was the address for Auto Radiator & Welding Service and Industrial Welders & Fabricators, owned by George Austgen. The firm specialized in commercial welding, steel sales, fabricating, contract rigging, and winch truck service. Austgen sold his business to Lee Robert Johnson, who owned Great Lakes Welding at 100 North Jackson Street in Spring Lake.

George was born in St. John, Indiana on April 23, 1903. For a time he also managed the landing field in Ferrysburg that opened in June 1929. The 1930 census listed him as an aviator, living in Paris Township, Kent County. In 1935 he and his family were residing in Indiana, but five years later they were in Grand Rapids, where George was working as a crane operator for a company that manufactured tanks. In 1949 he started his Ferrysburg business. When the welding department closed in the early 1960s, George opened

Austgen Import Service. His sons Michael and George II worked with him. The younger George resided at 535 Pine Street. Import Service was out of business within a few years.

On January 24, 1934 George married Martha Elizabeth Lund in Valparaiso, Indiana. She was born in Sweden on May 22, 1909, died on November 9, 1993, and also was buried at Nunica Cemetery. They had four children: Michael Austgen, who was born about 1903; George Russell Austgen, who was born about 1933; Joyce Austgen, who was born about 1942; and Mary Austgen, who was born about 1945. The family residence was at 18316 144<sup>th</sup> Street in Crockery Township. He died on July 28, 1982 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Edward John Avery [1876-1912]**

The son of James Colby and Mary Catherine Murray Avery, Edward was born in Grand Haven in December 1876. He became a partner with his father in a jewelry business located at 128 Washington, which he operated until he died in May 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He resided in the family home at 426 Franklin.

### **Edward Jones [Jonas Edward] Avery [1816-1901]**

Born in Groton, Connecticut on May 4, 1816, Edward Avery was engaged in cabinet making while living in the east. On August 8, 1837, in Sherburne, New York, Edward married Eleanor [Honor] Jane Murray, who was born at New Berlin, New York on December 17, 1819 and died in Grand Haven on June 9, 1893. The couple left New York and moved to Grand Haven in the spring of 1845. Edward was listed in the *Business Directory* of the 1864 *Map of the Counties of Ottawa & Muskegon* as a house carpenter and undertaker. The Averys had two children, James Colby and Ellen Cornelia. Both children were born in New York, James on December 1, 1842 and Ellen a year earlier, on August 2. Ellen married Robert Leggat of Grand Haven. In the 1880 census the two Leggat children were listed as living in Grand Haven with their grandparents, Edward and Eleanor. The Averys apparently had a second daughter, Margaret, who appears in the 1860 census, residing with Henry and Rachel Griffin and her brother, James C. Avery.

In their early years in Grand Haven, Edward and Eleanor resided on the corner of Second and Columbus Streets, but by 1880 they were at 426 Franklin Street, in a house occupied by their son James and his family after Eleanor's death. Edward lived with his son until his death on September 4, 1901 and was buried with Eleanor at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Evening Tribune* obituary, June 2, 1893 and *Tribune* obituary September 5, 1901.]

### **James Colby Avery [1842-1903]**

Born in Sherburne, New York on December 1, 1842 [1843], the son of Edward Jones and Eleanor Jane Murray Avery, James came to Grand Haven with his parents when he was four years old. In 1860 he was living with Henry and Rachel Griffin, working as an apprentice at Henry's drugstore in downtown Grand Haven. A jeweler and watchmaker by trade, James owned a jewelry store at 128 Washington in partnership with his son, Edward John Avery, who was a jeweler and optician. James later became associated with A. L. Holmes in installing water supply systems in the west. They installed the first water supply for the City of Denver and did similar work at other places in Colorado. By 1884 he was in the wholesale and retail tobacco trade and a producer of cigars with George E. Hubbard, a Grand Haven hardware merchant.

On May 12 1869 in Grand Haven, James married Mary Catherine Murray, who was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, in May 1850 [1851] and died on August 31, 1911. They lived on Lafayette Street in 1880. After the death of his mother in 1893, James moved into the family home at 426 Franklin, where he and Mary resided with Edward Avery. After her husband's death, Mary remained at the Franklin Street house. James and Mary had two children, both of whom remained in Grand Haven: Eleanor C. Avery, who was born in July 1870 [1872] and on February 4, 1900 in Grand Haven married Augustus Eugene Scott, and Edward John Avery, who was born in December 1876. James died from complications of asthma on

January 12, 1903. Family members were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 16, 1903 and August 31, 1911.]

**Riley “Pete” Avery [1933-1999]**

Pete was born on February 19, 1933 in Grand Haven, the son of Riley C. and Lois Hubbell Avery. He was an employee of Michigan Plastics for 30 years, retiring in 1988. During the Korean War Pete served in the U.S. Army, and upon his return to the area he joined the Conklin Post of the American Legion. He had two sons, Ken Schmitt of Fruitport and Dirk Schmitt of Grand Haven. Pete died on December 13, 1999.

**Henry Baar [Barr] [1862-1951]**

Henry Baar was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. A druggist, he owned a pharmacy at 216 Washington and evidently had a second outlet, called “East End Drug Store,” at an unspecified address. He carried “Drugs, Books & Patent Meds.” Henry, born on April 15, 1862 in Grand Haven, was the son of Simon and Helena Yonker Baar. On February 23, 1886 in Grand Haven, he married Isabelle Johnston, the daughter of John Watt and Ann Baud Johnston of Ferrysburg. Isabelle was born on August 27, 1862 and died in Los Angeles on June 24, 1947. The Baars lived at 515 Clinton in the early 1900s. In 1907 Henry sold his drug business at 216 Washington to Van I. Witt but continued to work as a pharmacist. Around 1911 Henry and Isabelle moved to Los Angeles, California, where he was employed as a pharmacist. In 1940 they still lived in Los Angeles, but Henry at that time was retired. The Baars’ daughter, Marguerite, was born in Michigan on September 11, 1888. On February 26, 1916 she married Harry Miles in Los Angeles. Marguerite died in Orange County, California on April 2, 1981. Henry passed away in Los Angeles on May 17, 1951. Henry and Jacob Baar were brothers.

**Jacob Henry Baar [Barr] [1859-1949]**

Jacob was born in Grand Haven on May 16, 1859 [1858] to Simon and Helena Yonker Baar. The third of their four children, Jacob grew up in Grand Haven. He was a clerk in George W. Miller’s hardware store for five years, and he was in the employ of George E. Hubbard, Grand Haven hardware dealer, until 1880, when he was elected to the office of Registrar of Deeds of Ottawa County for four years. After leaving the office Jacob embarked in the real estate business. In 1892 he advertised the availability of “Real Estate and Loans” from his office at 136 Washington, and added, “Desirable Property in farms and wild lands for sale or exchange.” Jacob was a member of the Reformed Church, for three terms was director in his school district, and he was staunchly Democratic. He was mayor of Grand Haven from 1898 to 1899 and postmaster from 1894 to 1898.

In September 1878 Jacob married Hattie, daughter of Abraham [Abram] and Sarah Slaghuis of Grand Haven. Hattie lived from October 12, 1857 to January 21, 1939. The Baars had four children, all born in Grand Haven, including Helena [Helen/Ella]; also born in 1879; Gertrude [Gertruda] Evans, who was born in Grand Haven on November 19, 1881, and married Clarence Garlick in Grand Haven on April 14, 1904; Seymour, who was born on April 19, 1883; and Katherine “Kitty,” who was born on August 3, 1885. The Baar home on Third Street in Grand Haven had a large lawn with huge maple trees and choice shrubbery.

In the 1900 census, Hattie and her children were still in Grand Haven, but Jacob was in Birmingham, Alabama, working as a traveling salesman. Later that year the family relocated to Chicago, where Jacob was appointed American Consul to The Netherlands. He was responsible for The Netherlands exhibit at the World’s Fair [Century of Progress] in Chicago in 1932. He was employed by the Davis Scale Company in Chicago. Residing with the Baars were their daughters Gertrude and Katherine, and Gertrude’s husband. Jacob and Henry Baar were brothers.

Jacob and Hattie died in Chicago on April 22, 1949. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 290-291, *Tribune* obituary, April 1949, and “Guide To The Hume-Hackley Papers.”]

**Simon Baar [Barr] [1830-1901]**

Born on March 1, 1830 [1829] in Groningen, The Netherlands, Simon Baar in 1851 married Helena "Lena" Yonker while they were still living in their native country. Lena, also a native of The Netherlands, was born on March 12, 1829. She died on October 15, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1855 they immigrated to the United States. They first settled in Chicago but moved from there to Kalamazoo and in 1857 came to Grand Haven, where they continued to reside. Simon was classified as "gardener" in the 1880 census. They had five children, including a daughter Altje "Alice," who was born in The Netherlands in 1852 and married Folgert Van Zanten of Grand Haven; Johanna "Anna" [Joan], who was born in Illinois in 1854, married Cornelius Glerum, and moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin; Jacob, born in Grand Haven on May 16, 1859; Henry, who was born in Grand Haven in 1853 and died in 1862; and a second Henry, born in 1862 in Grand Haven. Living with the family in 1870 was Jacob's widowed mother, Johanna, who was born in The Netherlands around 1798. Simon died on June 27, 1901 in Grand Haven and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 288, and *Tribune* obituary, June 27, 1901.]

### **Edward Mandus Baas [1911-2003]**

In May 1943 Ed Baas left his hometown of Grand Rapids and moved with his family to Grand Haven as owner and proprietor of the well-established Big Store at 100 North Third. Ed married Margaret Ruth Dornbos in Grand Rapids on October 9, 1936. Their son Gary joined Ed at the Big Store in 1964 and in 1970 changed the business name to Baas' Store for Men. Ed retired in 1979. He and Margaret were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church, where he was Deacon and Sunday School teacher. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Spring Lake Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce; he served on the United Way Fund Board and was its fund drive chairman; he served on the Grand Haven Christian School Board; and he was a director of Security First Bank [Fifth Third]. Ed died in Zeeland on May 19, 2003. Margaret lived from June 25, 1913 to February 24, 1992. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Gary L. Baas, who was born on June 27, 1938 and died on March 16, 2020, Sarah Baas, and David W. Baas. Ed and Margaret resided at 18141 Holcomb Hills Road in Grand Haven Township.

### **Albert H. Babcock [1877-1912]**

Born in February 1877, Albert Babcock owned a boat repair shop called Babcock's Landing on Spring Lake near the foot of North Jackson Street. He also built boats, sold electrical supplies for boats and automobiles, and marine fuel. He also was a watch maker, jeweler, and optician in Spring Lake. In 1899 he married Celestine Marie L'Huillier, who was born in Paris, France on November 16, 1878. In 1900 the couple resided in Chester Township but soon after moved to 405 North Jackson Street [approximate number]. They had two children: Madeline, who lived from 1901 to 1989, and Louis, who lived from 1907 to 1976. Albert died on August 29, 1912 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On November 2, 1914, Celestine married George Rankans [1876-1920] in Detroit. They resided in the house on North Lake Street with Celestine's two children. Celestine passed away in Eugene, Oregon on December 12, 1962 under the name Barnhill.

### **Cecil Taylor Babcock [1881-1932]**

Cecil Babcock owned a store and gas station near the corner of Lakeside Drive and West Spring Lake Road. He and his family resided in an adjacent house. The store was razed in July 1943. Cecil was born in Ferrysburg on December 17, 1881. On February 15, 1922, he married Minnie Elizabeth Lindberg in Spring Lake. She was born in Crockery Township and lived from 1886 to 1965. Cecil passed away on February 5, 1932. By 1940, Minnie was residing in Crockery Township with her brother, Godfrey Lindberg [1881-1957], and his family. Minnie's two children lived in the same house. Ten years Minnie and her children were residing in Muskegon. Cecil and Elizabeth were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two children: Eugene Frederick Babcock, who was born on September 13, 1923, and Virginia Mabel Babcock, who was born in Spring Lake on October 15, 1924, married Donald Charles Dewitt [1928-1985], died on

July 10, 2011, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Cecil and Isaac Babcock of Spring Lake were brothers.

### **Charles Babcock [1882-1960]**

Charles Babcock raised stock and sold farm implements. His 42-acre farm was located in Section 12 of Olive Township. Charles, the son of George and Barbara Walder Babcock, was born on June 16, 1882 and died on September 12, 1960. His wife, Margaret, the daughter of Alfred and Mary Wolder [Walter] Wabbel, was born on January 27, 1883 and died on January 4, 1959. Three of their sons died as infants. Both Babcocks were buried at West Olive Cemetery with other family members.

### **Earl Hamilton Babcock [1886-1966]**

Earl Babcock was born on December 30, 1886 in Britton, Lenawee County. He was the son of Laban Alphonso Babcock [1853-1911], who was born near Sylvania, Ohio, and Addie M. Underwood. Earl's father was a cooper by trade. Earl's grandfather, Henry Babcock, who was born in New York and died in Ohio, also was a cooper. About 1880 the Babcocks moved to Britton, where Laban operated a stave mill and general store. Laban and Addie also had a daughter Myrtle. Myrtle married Warren D. Byrum, a farmer in Leslie. After Laban died in 1911, Addie married Silas S. Main [1867-1954]. She lived from 1867 to 1958.

Earl graduated from Britton High School and from Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in 1922 and a Master of Arts in 1929 from the University of Michigan. In 1939 he was given an honorary Master of Education from Michigan State Normal College. He also attended Columbia University Graduate School. He taught for two years in rural schools. From 1909 to 1912 he was principal of Fremont High School, from 1912 to 1915 he was superintendent of Newaygo Schools, and between 1915 and 1923 he was superintendent of Fremont Schools. In 1923 he became superintendent of Grand Haven Public Schools, a post he held until his retirement in 1951. He was president of the Michigan Education Association in 1938; chairman of the Special Michigan Education Association in 1925; chairman of the 4<sup>th</sup> District in 1928; Michigan Education Association director at-large from 1929 to 1932; chairman of the Journal Planning Commission in 1933-34; and president of the Michigan Education Association Department of City superintendents in 1934-35. Earl was independent in politics and a member of the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite Consistory, National Education Association, American Association of School Administrators, Kappa Phi Alpha, Rotary Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Lane Duck Hunt Club, Ottawa County Chapter of Citizens Historical Association, the Grand Haven Stag Club, and the Presbyterian Church.

On July 24, 1912, Earl married Hazel O. Exelby of Britton. She was the daughter of Walter L. Exelby, a farmer, and Jennie Gibson Exelby. The Babcocks had two children. The first was Earl Paul Babcock, born on May 19, 1913. Their other child was Richard Exelby Babcock, who was born August 15, 1916 and studied at the University of Michigan and became a metallurgical engineer. The Babcocks lived at 409 Clinton Street and later at 315 Woodlawn. Earl the father died on December 22, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hazel was born on October 6, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on February 15, 1984. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Citizens Historical Association Manuscript.*]

### **Earl Paul Babcock [1913-1982]**

Earl, born in Fremont, Newaygo County on May 19, 1913, was the son of Earl and Hazel Exelby Babcock. He was employed as purchasing agent by the Challenge Machinery Company. He married Helen Carol Clark, who was born on December 27, 1912 and died on October 15, 1989 in Grand Haven. They had one child, Barbara Ann Babcock, who lived from 1941 to 2004. The Babcocks resided at 414 Duncan Court. Early died on October 4, 1982. He and Helen were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Eugene Frederick Babcock [1923-1985]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 13, 1923, Gene was the son of Cecil and Minnie Lindberg Babcock. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, attended Hope College, and graduated from Western Michigan University. Gene was part of a group that in 1962 led a drive to incorporate the Village of Ferrysburg as a Fifth Class City. A vote in April the next year approved the petition. He served three terms on the Ferrysburg City Council and was unanimously elected by other council members as the town's first mayor, an office he held for seven years [1963-1970]. He was employed at Challenge Machinery Company for 32 years as an industrial engineer and personnel supervisor; served as volunteer fireman for 20 years; belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church; was a member of the Ferrysburg Planning Commission; and joined the Supervisors Club, Industrial Engineers Society, Masons, Eastern Star, American Legion, Boy Scouts, Red Cross Board, and the Republican Party. Gene married Margaret Belle Clark in Muskegon on July 22, 1950. Margaret, the daughter of Fred L. and Ethel Jupp Clark, was born in Flint on March 19, 1923. The Babcocks had five sons: Gerald of Mackinac Island; James of Ann Arbor; John of Fremont, California; Mark of Bay City; and Robert. The family resided at 16789 Lakeview Avenue in Ferrysburg. Gene died in Grand Haven on May 23, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret passed away on July 6, 2008 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 24, 1985.]

### **Harriet Cecilia Babcock [1860-1943]**

Harriet Babcock was a long-time teacher in the Grand Haven schools. The daughter of Joseph and Harriet Babcock, Harriet was born in Ontario, Canada on April 14, 1861. She and her parents moved to Grand Haven in 1881, and soon afterward Harriet started teaching. In 1900 Harriet lived with her 78-year-old mother at 329 South Third Street, and ten years later the mother and daughter were residing at 107 South Fourth Street. Harriet the mother died on November 14, 1912. Harriet retired from teaching in 1919 and was among the first teachers in Michigan to receive a pension. Hers amounted to \$300 per month. She was working as a maid in the mid-1930s. Harriet died in Eastmanville on May 14, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of her death, she was living with the Edgar Slater family at 223 Madison Street. Ten years earlier she was lodging with Lawrence Breitels and his family at 331 Elliott Street.

### **Isaac [Isaak] Gesner Babcock [1883-1959]**

The son of Frederick and Cecelia [Celia] Babcock, Isaak was born in Spring Lake on September 30, 1883. An employee of Johnston Bros., where he worked as a boilermaker, Isaak married Florence Kerr, who was born in Ontario, Canada in June 1876. Florence had previously been married to William Sheldon Babcock [1874-1903], Isaak's brother. Florence and William had a daughter, Cecilia Babcock, who was born in Spring Lake on May 4, 1903 and died in Grand Haven on December 18, 1990 under the name Kerney. William and Isaac were brothers. Florence and Isaac resided at 108 East Savidge in the early 1900s. In 1925 they moved to 114 East Savidge. Florence passed away on January 9, 1953, and Ike died on September 10, 1959. Both were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Isaac and Cecil Babcock of Ferrysburg were brothers.

### **Joseph J. Bachunas [1893-1969]**

Joseph Bachunas was born in Lithuania on May 24, 1893 and arrived in the United States when he was five years old. He married Maria [Marion] Kalvoit in Chicago on May 24, 1917. She was born in Lithuania about 1890. The couple settled in Sodus, Berrien County. Joseph bought the Spring Lake resort Prospect Point in 1941. He also operated the Macatawa Hotel near Holland and Tabor Farm near Benton Harbor. In 1953 he sold Prospect Point to Weldon Brummels of Grand Rapids. Joseph died in Berrien County on January 24, 1969.

### **Donald Badcon [1918-2001]**

Donald was born in Ludington on August 19, 1918, the son of Harry J. and Margaret McKenzie Badcon, who moved to Grand Haven in 1919. On August 3, 1956 in Grand Haven, Donald married Winifred, the daughter of John E. and Ella Osterburg Mieras. Donald received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the

University of Michigan in 1940 and served with the Army in Europe during WWII. From 1953 to 1983 he was Sports editor for the *Grand Haven Tribune*, at first covering Grand Haven High School, but eventually adding Spring Lake and Fruitport, as well as girls' sports Don headed a successful effort to organize the Tri-Cities Kids' Baseball League in 1954. He also was a charter member of the YMCA, assisted in bringing that organization to Grand Haven, and served on its first Board of Directors, organized in 1963. In 1985, Don became a charter board member of the Muskegon Area Sports Hall-of-Fame. He and Winifred resided at 404 Leggat. After retiring from the *Tribune*, the Badcons moved to Freedom Village in Holland. In 1985 Don became a charter board member of the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame. He died on March 24, 2001. Nine years after his death, Don was named a Hall of Honor Inductee by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, in recognition of his extensive sports coverage for 30 years and beyond. One of his awards included the statement, "[Don] loved to see the kids progress and get the credit they deserved." [*Tribune* obituary, March 26, 2001.]

### **Harry John Badcon [1885-1937]**

Harry Badcon was chief engineer of the Municipal Power Plant [Grand Haven Board of Power and Light] from 1919 to 1930 and superintendent of the Board of Public Works from 1930 until his death on March 25, 1937. He served in similar positions in Gaylord and Ludington before moving to Grand Haven. Harry was born in Gaylord, Otsego, County on May 22, 1885. On May 12, 1912 he married Margaret McKenzie in Otsego. Margaret was born in North Dakota in 1885. They had two children: Donald, who was born in Ludington on August 19, 1918, and Betty, who was born in New Jersey about 1925. The family resided at 612 Wallace and 404 Leggat Streets in Grand Haven. Margaret passed away in 1958 and was buried with Harry at Fariview Cemetery in Gaylord.

### **Edmund Root Badger [1812-1871]**

Edmund Badger, attorney for the Port Sheldon Land Company, was appointed Port Sheldon's first postmaster on February 13, 1838. He was succeeded by John Fisk Stearns on February 22, 1841. From 1837 to 1841 he also was proprietor of the Marshall House in Philadelphia. On August 10, 1841 Edmund purchased 80 acres in Section 3 of Olive Township. He was elected judge of probate in 1837 at the first meeting of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. Edmund married Mary Davis, who lived from 1829 to 1908. By 1850 Edmund had returned to Philadelphia, where he opened a law office. Born in Pennsylvania on March 7, 1812, he died in his birthtown on November 28, 1871 and was buried at Philadelphia National Cemetery. He carried the honorary title colonel, although he served in the U.S. Army as private. Mary passed away in Philadelphia on December 4, 1908.

### **William F. Bading [1850-1916]**

About January 1, 1907, William Bading opened a machine repair shop at 628 Washington, where he also resided. Previously he was employed by the Challenge Machinery Company and the American Brass Novelty Company. He also had worked in Chicago, where he was foreman in a bicycle manufacturing plant, and he had formed a partnership to open the Harmony Company in Chicago for the production of guitars, mandolins, drums, and other musical instruments. Also in 1907 William became proprietor of the Riverview House at 10 Franklin. His wife Louise was born in Germany in February 1841 and died on August 27, 1901. They came to the United States in 1877. Their children were Lucy, born in Austria in April 1873; Eva, born in Michigan in March 1892; and Florence, born in Illinois in November 1894. On November 1, 1902 in Grand Haven, William married Fredrika [Frederika] Dronian Stittgen, who was born in Germany about 1860 and died about May 5, 1904. William, born in Austria in November 1850, died on December 15, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Louise and Fredrika.

### **Henry C. Baehre [Bahre] [1837-1871]**

Henry Baehre was born in Germany about June 16 [July 16], 1837 and died on January 26, 1871. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After Henry's death, his wife, Mary [Anna], opened a boarding house at their home, located at 709 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Mary was born in New York on September 6,



1843 and died in Grand Haven on January 31, 1933. She was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. Interred with them was a son, Roland A., who lived from 1867 to January 9, 1891. They also had two daughters, Julia E., born in September 1866 [1865], and Ida, born in Grand Haven in 1868.

### **Harry Baggott [1891-1955]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 19, 1891, Harry was the son of Samuel and Elida Baggott of Grand Haven. After the death of his parents when he was quite young, Harry was adopted by Samuel and Mary Kimball of Grand Haven. Harry was a gas company employee for 33 years, retiring on December 20, 1954. He was a WWI veteran, serving with the Polar Bear unit in Russia and in Calumet on mine strike duty. Harry was past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sgt. Alvin Jonker Post. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church and the Masons. On Sept 27, 1922 Harry married Clara Bouwman. Their children included Glenn, who was in the Army, and Norman, who was killed in a motorcycle accident near Holland in 1949. Harry died at his home at 523 Butler Street in Grand Haven on March 21, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clara was born on May 30, 1897 and died in Grand Haven on February 3, 1991. Harry and Clara were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 1955.]

### **Samuel Baggott [Baggett, Baggatt] [1862-1896]**

Samuel Baggott, born in England on August 23, 1862, was listed as a “railroader” in the 1893 *Compendium*. His wife, Elida, lived from March 7, 1855 to December 28, 1896, and Samuel died on December 21, 1896. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Carrie, who was born on March 1, 1885, died on September 23 two years later, and was buried at Lake Forest with her parents. Another daughter, Laone, was born about 1893. They also had two sons, William David born on November 1, 1889, and Harry Joseph, born on November 19, 1891.

### **Charles Bahr [1856-1936]**

Charles and Adeline “Lena” Bahr were married in Germany just prior to immigrating to the United States in 1881. Lena was born in Germany about 1862. Their children were William, born in September 1884, and Catherine, born in 1888. The family resided at 620 North Fifth Street. Charles was listed in the 1900 census as a farmer and in 1920 as a gardener. Lena died about February 26, 1922, and Charles on December 7, 1936. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Catherine married Frederick Fink.

### **Isaac Edward Bailey [@1829-1921]**

Isaac Edward Bailey’s obituary noted that he resided in Grand Haven. According to the article, which appeared in the *Grand Rapids Press* around December 26, 1921, the date of Isaac’s death, he “broke away from his owner’s plantation in Essex County, Virginia, the state in which he was born, and in 1852, when he was about 23 years old, Isaac made his way by the ‘underground railway’ to Canada.” He enlisted in Company A of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Colored Infantry in Grand Rapids on January 30, 1865. A resident of Ionia at the time of enlistment, he was listed as 36 years old, and his occupation was given as ostler [variant of hostler], someone who looks after guests’ horses at an inn. [Isaac’s death certificate cited July 4, 1816 as his date of birth, which would have made him 49 at the time of his enlistment.] Isaac was discharged on September 30, 1865. He filed for an invalid’s pension on November 4, 1890, and on May 11, 1891, while living in Detroit, he applied again. On May 24, 1867 he married Clarissa Ann Bardley in Grand Haven, with Reverend John B. Fisk of the Congregational Church officiating. Clarissa filed for a widow’s pension shortly after her husband’s death. Also African American, she was born in Marion, Pennsylvania in 1848 [cited elsewhere as July 4, 1850] and moved with her family first to London, Canada, and then to Grand Haven. Although the name Bardley does not appear in the censuses for Grand Haven, the name Barley does. Included in the Barley household in the 1870 census was Clara [a name also used by Clarissa], born in Pennsylvania about 1847. Other family members in the census were Isaac Barley, born in Virginia about 1826, Marid, born about 1866 in Michigan, and Isaac II, born about February 1870, also in Michigan. There was no explanation for the family using Clarissa’s maiden name instead of Isaac’s. In the 1880

census Isaac was living in Grand Rapids, working as a laborer. He was shown as 65 years old and married, but his wife was not with him. In 1910 he and Clara were still in Grand Rapids. Isaac, spelled Isac in the census, was listed as 94 years old and still working as a laborer. He then disappeared from view until his death notice in 1921. In a letter dated June 2, 1929, Clarissa referred to her sister, Celess who married a Bennett. A Celeste Bourdley married Virgil Bennett of Grand Haven [see above], and she must be the sister Clarissa refers to. Clarissa in 1930 was still living in Grand Rapids, where she shared a house with her granddaughter's family. Also living in the house was Clarissa's daughter, Minnie Harris, who was born in Michigan about 1865. Minnie married Jerome Harris in Grand Rapids on October 4, 1888. Minnie's presumed birth year matches that of Marid, who appeared in the 1870 census. Isaac the father was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, but his headstone does not indicate the date of death.

#### **William Thomas Bailey I [1845-1914]**

William Bailey owned a sawmill at the north end of today's Beechtree Street in Grand Haven. Positioned on the bank of Grand River, the mill was still in business as late as 1880. By 1895 William had relocated to Duluth, Minnesota. He was born in Baileboro, Canada on September 22, 1845. On June 25, 1873 in Allendale, he married Rebecca Roberts. She was the daughter of Richard and Rebecca Roberts of Allendale. The Baileys had two children: Richard Roberts, who lived from 1875 to 1962, and William Thomas II, who was born in 1877 and died in 1950. Rebecca was born in Allendale on June 16, 1850 and died in Duluth, Minnesota on August 22, 1935. William passed away in Olmstead, Minnesota on March 31, 1914 of prostate cancer and kidney failure.

#### **Warner Green Baird [1885-1984]**

Born in Chicago on March 25, 1885 Warner was the son of Wyllys Baird who in 1883 married Olivia, daughter of Oliver Bourne Green. Warner was the grandson of Lyman Baird, who owned and managed the Baird & Bradley real estate office located at 90 La Salle Street in Chicago, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1871, but rebuilt afterwards. As a mortgage bank, the firm obtained funds from investors in the East and helped rebuild Chicago after the fire. Warner first came to Spring Lake when he was a college student. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University in 1908. After 1965 his residence was in Geneva, Illinois and he summered at his home at Orchard Point Estates on the west shore of Spring Lake [18720 West Spring Lake Road], the former Ferndale Resort. He was associated with his grandfather's real estate firm for 67 years. Warner was president from 1928 to 1963 and chairman of the Board until his death. In 1975 he was designated Realtor Emeritus by the National Association of Realtors.

On January 14, 1913 in Evanston, Illinois, Warner married Julia L. Dole, a graduate of Smith College. She was born in Illinois on March 3, 1887. The couple had four children, all born in Illinois: John Wyllys Baird, who was born about 1916 and succeeded his father as president of Baird & Bradley; Katherine, who was born about 1917 and married Herbert Hansen of Vero Beach, Florida and Cazenovia, New York; Warner G. Baird II, who was born July 4, 1918, became vice president and treasurer, and died in August 1981; and Olive, who was born about 1924 and married Neil McKay of Geneva, Illinois. In 1974 Warner gave Spring Lake \$100,000 to finance a library and the Warner Baird Library in Spring Lake was named for him. Warner died on February 8, 1984 and was buried in Geneva, Illinois. Julia passed away the following August 15. [*Tribune* obituary, February 9, 1984, and *Tribune* articles, "Family gives \$100,000 to SL Twp.," December 10, 1976, and "WB family in Great Chicago fire," April 3, 1978.]

#### **William B. Baird [1812-1886]**

William Baird, born in Scotland in 1812, married Ann Jane [Jean] Smith on September 10, 1845. She was born in Scotland about 1833. They immigrated to the United States after their marriage and eventually settled in Grand Haven. On August 26, 1861, William enlisted as private in Company L of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged for disability on October 9 the next year and applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on September 5, 1883. In 1870 William managed the Michigan Exchange, a hotel and saloon in Muir, an unincorporated community at the base of Dewey Hill. Muir lost its importance when the

railroad moved its depot to the Grand Haven side of the Grand River in 1870. By the time of the 1880 Federal Census William was listed as a sailor. Among the Bairds' children were John, born around 1853 in Scotland; Hercules, born in 1854, also in Scotland; Janet born on December 20, 1855 in Scotland; and William, born about 1865 in Detroit. In Grand Haven, the family resided on Fulton Street. William passed away on July 22, 1886 in Detroit and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery. Ann died on March 17 nine years later and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum in Chicago. Hercules passed away in Chicago on January 10, 1913 and was buried at Forest Home Cemetery.

#### **Geraldine I. vanden Berg Bakale [1921-2003] and Paul J. Bakale [1919-2004]**

Geraldine, the daughter of Theodore and Edith M. Dreese vanden Berg of Ferrysburg, was born on July 24, 1921. She married Paul J. Bakale on October 18, 1941. Paul was born on March 10, 1919 and raised in Robinson Township. His parents were Ivan and Luba C. Bakale. Paul became field supervisor for Sta-Rand Enterprises. Geraldine and Paul resided at 15241 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Their children were Linda, who first married Wallace Schroeder of Grand Haven and, after Wallace's death, Ray Mieras; Larry; and Roger. Geraldine attended the Second Reformed Church. She passed away in Muskegon on January 31, 2003, and Paul died in Grand Haven on May 24, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, February 1, 2003.]

#### **Baker**

See also Bakker.

#### **Alfred S. Baker [1846-1926]**

Alfred Baker was a farmer in Section 12 of Olive Township in the 1890s. He was born in Indiana in June 1846. On March 5, 1864 he enlisted as private in Company F of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Infantry and mustered out on July 21 the next year. He married Rebecca A. Bowers about 1870. She was born in Indiana on January 17, 1852. Their children were Georgia Alberta, who was born on August 8, 1875 in Indiana and died in Grand Haven as Alberta Miles, a widow, on November 13, 1930; Carrie, born about 1877 in Olive Township; and Emily, born on September 2, 1891 in Olive Township. By 1910 the family was residing at 107 Madison in Grand Haven, where Alfred and Rebecca were still living in 1920. Alfred became post commander of Weatherwax Post, No. 75 of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic]. From 1924 to 1925 he was in a Soldiers' Home in Danville, Illinois, with serious medical problems. He died on July 31, 1926 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On September 2, 1926, Rebecca applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She resided at 426 Sixth Street in Grand Haven. She passed away on March 28, 1928.

#### **Austin S. Baker [1861-1930]**

Born in Massachusetts on August 17, 1861, Austin Baker came to Grand Haven in 1908 and owned and operated an ice cream parlor on Washington just off Seventh Street and a candy store on the corner of Seventh and Fulton Streets in Grand Haven [105 North Seventh], where they also resided, although later they moved to 607 Sheldon. For nine years prior to his death, he was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company. Baker was a member of the Maccabees and Odd Fellows. His wife's name was Isabelle. They had two children, Shirley and Clarence. Clarence was born on April 19, 1899 and moved to Muskegon. Austin died at his home at 1000 Pennoyer Avenue on December 11, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Isabelle, who was born in Pennsylvania on August 1, 1871, passed away on February 16, 1951 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1930.]

#### **Bernard William Baker I [1899-1983]**

Bernard Baker was born On August 31, 1899 in Cressey, Barry County. He owned Baker Plaza on Getty Street in Muskegon, and also was a sculptor and ceramist who exhibited at Grand Valley State Colleges and at the Grand Haven Community Center. He was a member of Lakeland Painters. In addition, Bernard was active in conservation causes and a member of the Michigan Audubon Society. He donated a 491-acre "wildlife oasis" [Bernard W. Baker Sanctuary] in Convis Township, Calhoun County. He first married

Hazel Smith on June 14, 1924 in Kalamazoo. She was born in Cressey on December 24, 1901 and passed away in Lansing on September 28, 1970. On January 14, 1943 in Grand Rapids, he married Emilie Stepanek, who was born about the same year as her husband. His children were David J. of Berkeley, California, Don of Grand Rapids, and Bernard W. II of Lansing. Bernard died on February 2, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, February 2, 1983.]

#### **Charles Baker [1920-1991]**

Born in Chicago on July 1, 1920, Charles was the son of John and Isabel Bakker [Baker] and brother of John Douglas Baker of Spring Lake. He earned a bachelor degree at Harvard College. In WWII he served in the U.S. Navy, mainly assigned to patrols on the North Sea, and was promoted to lieutenant. After the war, Charles became an agent in New York City for Angela Lansbury, Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Eva Marie Saint, and Robert Preston. He died in New York City on March 15, 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, March 19, 1991.]

#### **Derek Baker et al**

See Bakker.

#### **Edwin P. Baker [1829-1915]**

Born in 1829 in New York State, Edwin Baker moved to Grand Haven from Ypsilanti in June 1880. He bought the photography studio of Joseph T. Wixon, located over the post office at the southeast corner of Washington and First Streets [100 Washington]. Later he moved his studio to the Cutler Building on the southeast corner of Washington and Third Streets.

By 1863 Edwin was married, living in Ypsilanti, and working as an artist. Seven years later he was a daguerreotypist, still living in Ypsilanti. About 1853 he married Maria Marshall, who was born in New York in March 1833. They had two daughters, Eva S., born about 1857, and Flora, born about April 1870. Edwin was living in Grand Haven by the time of the 1880 Federal Census, rooming with Joseph Wixon and his family. Maria had not yet joined him. In 1900 Edwin and Maria were living in Plymouth, Wayne County, with a granddaughter, Nellie, and Nellie's husband, Chauncy Rauch [Ranch]. Nellie was born about 1876. Edwin continued to work as a photographer. Maria died in 1908. Two years later Edwin was retired and still living with his daughter and her family. Edwin passed away in 1915 and was buried with Maria at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

#### **Florence Hake Baker [1912-2010] and Royal John Baker [1902-1967]**

Watercolor artist Florence Hake was born on April 29, 1912. On October 29, 1935, she married Royal Baker in Grand Rapids. He was born on June 10, 1902 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and died in Milwaukee on February 20, 1967. They had two children, Janice Louise Baker, who lived from 1947 to 2008, and Paul Kimball Baker, who lived from 1944 to 1995. Florence passed away on January 21, 2010. She and Royal were buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Not long after Royal's death, Florence bought a summer home on Five Mile Hill in Grand Haven [3 Memory Lane] and eventually made it her permanent residence. When the cottage was sold after her death, three of her paintings had been left behind. The new owners in 2015 donated them to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Florence died in Naples, Florida on January 21, 2020. She and Royal were buried at Mount Cavalry Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **George Baker [1844-1925]**

George Baker, a day laborer, and his wife Anjes "Anna" immigrated to the United States from The Netherlands in 1869 when they were in their mid-twenties. George was born on August 11, 1845, and Anna was born on December 22, 1844. A daughter Jennie was born in May 1878 and a son, Tony George, was born on November 28, 1883. The family lived in Spring Lake. Around 1920 Tony owned a store on Savidge Street and resided on Liberty Street with his widowed father and sister. George died about November 13, 1925, Anna about October 14, 1908, Tony around February 16, 1945, and Jennie about February 24, 1961. All four were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Jan “John” [James] Baker [Bakker] [1834-1914]**

John Baker was born in The Netherlands in March 1834. He came to Grand Haven in 1871 and was a commercial fisherman, one of the early industries in- Grand Haven. His wife, Marie [Maria], was born September 14, 1835 [1834]. Their children included William, born in 1862; Tony, born in 1863; Jacob, who was born in 1864, remained in the area as a businessman and later as a grocer in Grand Rapids, and died in May 1923; Johannes, born in 1865; Cornelius, born in December 1866 [1865]; J. Anna, born in January 1867 [1868]; Henry, born in January 1868 [1869]; Adrianna, born in 1869; Johanna, born in 1870; Frank, born on January 17, 1874; Amelia, born on June 10, 1875; Gertrude, who was born on April 16, 1878 and became city clerk for the City of Grand Haven; and Jennie, who was born in 1873, married John Klaassen and moved to Grand Rapids. All the children except the last three were born in The Netherlands. The Bakers resided at 731 Columbus. John died on November 12, 1914. Marie died March 13, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members. [*Tribune* article, January 4, 1900, “Jacob Baker Loses Business to Fire” and *Tribune* obituary, November 14, 1914.]

### **John Dickinson “Dick” Baker [1947-2022]**

Dick, the son of Douglas and Katharine Hall Baker, was born in Grand Haven on June 16, 1947. He was in Spring Lake High School’s first graduating class and the first Laker to be inducted into the school’s sports hall of fame. Hed married Cindy Casey on August 28, 1971 in Spring Lake and continued his education at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Upon his return to Grand Haven, Dick worked in the family business, D. Baker & Son Lumber Company and became president of the company. He and Cindy had four daughters: Melissa Baker, who married Jim Boosamra of Grand Rapids; Alison Baker, who married Mike Anderson of Spring Lake; Nada Baker, who married Ryan Edson of Grand Haven; and Sarah Baker, who married Doug Edgar of Grand Haven. Dick passed away in Grand Haven on January 24., 2022. [*Chronicle* obituary, January 26, 2022.]

### **John Douglas “Doug” Baker [Bakker] II [1918-2008]**

Born on July 1, 1918 in Newark, New Jersey, Doug was the son of John and Isabel Adams Bakker [Baker]. In 1941 he graduated from Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio at which time he worked for the Currier Lumber Company in Detroit and wrote for the magazine *Wood Construction and Building Materials*. In 1943 he graduated from Harvard Business School. In 1946, following four years serving in the U.S. Navy as supply officer on the ship *Otus* during WWII, he joined the family business, D. Baker & Sons, and purchased his brother Charles’s shares in the company. In 1949 he purchased the remaining shares in the company from his aunts, Della Steininger and Harriet Prins, and by January 1, 1950, he was the sole owner of the business.

Doug was a clarinetist and saxophonist who played with the West Shore Symphony Orchestra [West Michigan Symphony]. Doug was instrumental in ushering in the Big Band Era in the Grand Haven area. He was first chair clarinet in Grand Haven High School’s band and orchestra and went on to play saxophone in Don Waarner's band. He became an investor and later vice president of the Bilmar Resort on Treasure Island, Florida, owned by his friend Russ Baltz, and played Dixieland music there on Sunday afternoons.

He married Katherine Hall, also a student at Antioch, on August 31, 1941. They had four children: Rachel Ann Baker, born on May 2, 1944; John Dickinson Baker, who was born on June 16, 1947; Bruce Winship Baker, born on June 28, 1949; and Virginia Baker, born on April 8, 1952. Doug passed away on August 2, 2008. [*Tribune* articles, “DB Becomes Owner of Lumber Yard” March 11, 1950, and “Baker and Baltz families are close,” June 21, 1989.]

### **Robert R. Baker [1853- ?]**

The 90-room Pines Resort was located on the west shore of Spring Lake between Stahl’s Bayou and Cornelius [Jerusalem] Bayou, in an area called Belle Point [Section 2 of Spring Lake Township]. The main

house was built by Frank R. Baker of Chicago in 1895 as a summer home. Shortly after completion, Robert opened the property as a resort. Not long after that, ownership was transferred to Charles and Elizabeth Baker, who subsequently sold it to Agnes Smallman.. Agnes, who also ran the Sheldon Magnetic Mineral Springs Resort in Grand Haven, was the first manager of the Pines. Robert was born in Ohio in December 1853. In 1880, he was single and working in Grant, Newaygo County.

### **Tony J. Baker [1862–1953]**

Tony was born in The Netherlands on November 23, 1862 and came to Grand Haven with his parents, John and Marie Baker, in 1871. Tony and his brother William opened a grocery store on Fulton Street about 1895. In 1904 they erected a new structure at 109-111 Seventh Street to house a dry goods and grocery store called the People's Mercantile Company, which included Edward Moll's Shoe Store. Tony was president and in charge of the dry goods.

On November 20, 1901 Tony married Klausina "Sena" Boer in Chicago. They lived at 109 North Seventh. Sena was the daughter of Jan and Lammigye [Lammechien] Jans Van Dam Boer and the sister of John Boer of Grand Haven. She was born in Drenthe, Ottawa County on November 20, 1867, died on March 25, 1963, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Tony passed away on February 12, 1953 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **William Chapman Baker II [1809-1901]**

Born on April 27, 1809 in Natchez, Mississippi, William Baker was at one time the oldest living graduate of Princeton, having been one of four to divide second honors at Princeton in 1825. For a time he was engaged in the cotton trade down south and later was associated with his father, William Chapman Baker I, who was a wealthy silk merchant from New York. Their home for many years was in Morristown, New Jersey, where William I. During the Civil War he provided an entire New Jersey regiment with rubber blankets. He established a seminary for young women and was instrumental in giving Morristown its first gas illumination system through his personal efforts and funds.

On June 23, 1842 in Detroit, William II married Kate, the daughter of Robert and Emma Elizabeth Sullivan Stuart. Kate was born in Michilimackinac on July 21, 1820. They had six children, none born in Michigan: Mary Stuart, who was born in New Orleans on April 14, 1843, married William Newton Ladue in Morristown, New Jersey on September 19, 1867, and passed away in Mount Vernon, New York on May 2, 1936; Elizabeth Emma, who was born in New Orleans on November 9, 1845, married her first cousin and stepbrother, Robert Stuart Turner, and died in Mount Vernon, New York on July 21, 1923; Sarah Morris, who was born in Chicago on November 24, 1847 and died in Morristown four years later; Eliza Wardell, who was born Skaneateles, New York on August 8, 1849 and died in Minneapolis on July 26, 1928; Looe, who was born in Morristown, New Jersey on July 29, 1851, married Elizabeth Saunders, resided in Chatham County, Georgia with his wife and children, and died near Savannah, Georgia on April 26, 1911; and Kate Stuart, who was born in Morristown on April 26, 1853 and died in Minneapolis on February 21, 1878.

Kate died in Morristown, New Jersey on October 4, 1853. William then married his sister-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Stuart Turner, on April 18, 1856 in Detroit. The widow of Dr. George Franklin Turner, Mary was born in New York City on June 27, 1814. Robert Stuart Turner, who married Elizabeth Emma Baker, was her son. Mary passed away in Minneapolis on June 4, 1878. She and William had one son, William C. III, who was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on January 15, 1858.

In 1872 William II and Mary moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they resided with William III and his family. On June 4, 1878, Mary died in Minneapolis. By 1880 William III, Frederika, Robert S., and the Looe born in 1851 were living in Spring Lake Village. By the late 1800s William II owned a 45-acre fruit farm located on Spring Lake at Point Stuart, just east of today's Spring Lake Yacht Club [Sections 10 and 15 of Spring Lake Township]. In the winters, he joined the Howletts at their home in Grand Rapids, and in the summers the Howletts took up residence at Point Stuart. William was one of the original incorporators

of the Highland Park Association in 1886. Through his father, William became personally acquainted with General Lafayette of France and visited and was entertained by the Marquis on his trips abroad. Also, while in New York City, William became acquainted with Cornelius Vanderbilt, who built a railroad empire. Another acquaintance was Samuel Morse, inventor of the Morse code, whom he met while aboard the ship *Sully* on its way back to New York from Europe. William was a member of the Episcopal Church in Spring Lake and the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids. He died on February 2, 1901 in Grand Rapids. Baker family members interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery were Robert Stuart Baker, who died on April 8, 1915, and his wife Lulu D., who was born on January 4, 1881 and died on August 17, 1958. [*Tribune* obituary, February 4, 1901.]

### **William Chapman Baker III [1858-1887]**

The son of William C. and Mary Elizabeth Stuart Turner Baker, William III was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on January 15, 1858. He married Frederika Matilda Schneider in Minneapolis on November 17, 1877. Frederika was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 11, 1861. William and Frederika had two sons: Robert, who was born in Michigan on November 17, 1879, and Looe, who was born in Detroit on February 10, 1884, married Margaret Klassy, practiced medicine in Minneapolis, died in Orange County on July 16, 1954, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William died in Spring Lake on August 26, 1887. After his death, Frederika married Nelson Howlett of Grand Haven.

### **William J. Baker [1862-1933]**

Born in The Netherlands in November 1862 [1861], William came to Grand Haven with his parents, John and Marie Baker, in 1871. William and his brother Tony opened a grocery store on Fulton Street about 1895. Then in 1904 they erected a new structure at 109-111 Seventh Street and opened a dry goods and grocery store called the People's Mercantile Company, which also included Edward Moll's Shoe Store. William was secretary and vice president and was in charge of the grocery department.

William was alderman from 1899 to 1901 and served on the Grand Haven City Council during the formation of the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, & Muskegon Interurban. He was a member of a well-known quartet, which sang in the Second Reformed Church for 36 years. In 1893 he married Clara Van Hoef in Grand Haven. Clara, who was born in Michigan in April 1862, had a sister Dirkje "Delia," who married Jurrien Ball, and a brother Andrew, who was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. One of the Baker's children, Marion, who was born about 1902, became a teacher in local schools. The family lived at 128 Elliott and later at 515 Clinton Street. Clara died in 1910. William died on March 17, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, March 18, 1933.]

### **William T. Baker I [1867-1931]**

Born February 28, 1867 in The Netherlands, the son of Teunis Baker, William came with his family to Grand Haven when he was three and later worked in a sawmill. In his youth he moved to Muskegon, where for many years he was connected with the W. D. Hardy & Company Department Store. He returned to Grand Haven in 1901 to manage Beaudry & Company, then located at 224 Washington. An avid sports enthusiast, he sponsored a baseball team called the Beaudry Boys. About 1920 he sold his interest in Beaudry's and organized his own store, Baker & Baker, selling floor coverings and draperies.

In 1891 William married Derkje "Dora" Vogel, who was born Zeeland, Ottawa County on February 9, 1868. Their children were Thomas Frederick Baker, who was born in Muskegon on November 17, 1891, relocated to Englewood, New Jersey, and died in Grand Haven on June 10, 1955; Barbara Adrian "Ada" Baker, who was born in Muskegon in July 1893, married Clarence N. Vyn, originally from Grand Haven and later became a dentist in Detroit, and died in Broward, Florida in April 1967; Adrienne "Bess" Baker, who was born on December 31, 1894, married Charles Robinson [1896-1946], and died in Grand Haven on January 20, 1987; and William T. Baker II, who was born in Muskegon on February 28, 1897. William and Dora resided at 107 South Seventh Street. Dora died on April 24, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William I died January 16, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest with other family members. His

granddaughter said he was a “fine Christian man and a great trickster.” [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1931.]

### **William T. Baker II [1897-1969]**

William T. Baker II was born in Muskegon on February 28, 1897. His parents were William and Dora Vogel Baker of Grand Haven. He served with the U.S. Army during WWI. William II married Helen Van Oorde in Grand Haven on October 25, 1923. Helen was born in Spring Lake on December 29, 1901. They had two sons: Thomas John Baker [1901-1993] and William T. Baker III [1931-2007]. William passed away in March 1969. Helen died in Grand Haven on January 10, 1993.

### **Derk [Dirk] W. Bakker [Baker] [1842-1925]**

Derk, the son of William [Willem] J. and Etje [Ettje] Bakker, was born in The Netherlands in January 1842 [1844]. The family immigrated to the United States in 1846, settled for a while in Saugatuck, and then moved on to Holland. In the censuses of 1850 and 1870 Derk was living with his parents, who operated a farm in Sections 14 and 15 in Olive Township. By the early 1900s the family spelled its name “Baker.”

By 1870 Derk was employed at a sawmill. The next year, with his brother Jeltze, he began the Derk Bakker Sawmill at the foot of Third Street, just south of the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill. It had a capacity of 40,000 board feet a day. By 1893 the business name was Bakker & Son, although it was listed as D. Baker in an advertisement in the 1908 *Directory*. After the mill burned down in 1894, Derk rebuilt and started to supply lumber to local builders. About 1910, he and his son John purchased eight lots from Charles and Lizzie Shupe on Pennoyer Street, whose land had been used for raising berries. On that site the Bakkers built D. Bakker & Son Lumber Company at 722 Pennoyer. When Derk’s son John died in 1920, he resumed control of his lumber business. He hired Martin Boon as manager. Boon, an employee of the lumber company for more than 50 years, worked with another Bakker son, Doug, and later with Doug’s sons, Dick and Bruce. Derk was on the Board of Directors of Peoples Savings Bank of Grand Haven in 1920.

Derk married Sjietsje [Tjetske] “Sarah” [“Jessica”] Vanderkooi on December 9, 1871. She passed away on July 1, 1885 at the age of 33 years and six months and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Derk next married Sena [Lina] Lamann [Lamen] in Grand Haven on April 22, 1886. She was born in Germany on March 12, 1860 and came to America when she was 18. After living in Holland and Fremont, she came to Grand Haven. Derk and Sena had three children: John Douglas, born on March 15, 1887; Della [Dora] who was born in November 1891, married George Steininger, and moved to Brooklyn, New York; and Harriet [Henrietta], who was born in May 1897, married Henry Prins, and moved to Lyon County, Iowa. Derk also had a son, William D. by his earlier marriage to Sjietsje. William was born on October 8, 1874. The Derk Bakker family resided at 208 Franklin Street. Derk died on July 2, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sena died on August 7, 1941 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* articles, August 18, 1920, “Expressions of Sympathy,” and “DB Becomes Owner of Lumber Yard.”]

### **Gerald “Jerry” Bakker [1933-2022]**

On June 8, 1957, Gerald Bakker married Barbara Verbridge in Kalamazoo. Jerry was born in Cicero, Illinois on May 16, 1933. He received his bachelor degree from Calvin College and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and he took post-doctoral classes at the University of Kansas. He started teaching chemistry at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where he remained for 36 years, retiring in 1995. At Earlham, he was promoted to Associate Academic Dean and Acting Provost. Around 1983, Jerry and Barbara bought a cottage at 12785 Wilderness Trail, in a second-home development along the Lake Michigan shoreline about four miles south of Grand Haven known as the Wilderness. Prior to that, they owned a residence at 306 Orchard Street in Grand Haven that they used as a vacation home. They sold the property and converted their Wilderness cottage to a year-round retirement home. They sold that property in 2017 and moved to a condominium on Grosebeck. The



Bakkers had two children: Anne Bakker, who married Tom Davelaar and moved to Holland, and Mark Bakker of Grand Haven. Jerry died in Holland on November 7, 2022. Barbara was born on September 30, 1935.

### **Jeltze [Jeltz, Jellje, Jeltje] W. Bakker [1839-1872]**

An older brother of Derk Bakker, Jeltze helped start his brother's lumberyard, Derk Bakker [Baker] & Son. He and his wife Antje had two children. Born in The Netherlands in 1839, Jeltze died of smallpox on August 28, 1872 along with Antje and the two children. They were buried in the pest house cemetery near Sheldon Road and Taylor Street. Their bodies were discovered at an excavation site when North Ottawa Community Hospital expanded in 1969. [*Tribune* article, October 11, 1969, "Tragedy Recalled by Bakers."]

### **John Douglas Bakker [Baker] I [1887-1920]**

Born March 15, 1887, the son of Derk and Sena Lamann Bakker, John was associated with his father as the junior member of the lumber firm of Derk Bakker & Son. On February 14, 1917 in Chicago, he married Isabel G., daughter of Charles Adams of Grand Haven. She was born on June 1, 1888. Their children included John Douglas II, born on July 1, 1918, and Charles, born about 1919. John I died of meningitis on March 15, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martin Boon, who had been with the company since March 1 that year, took over as general manager. Isabel was a teacher in the Grand Haven Schools. In 1930 she was residing at 209 North Fifth Street with her two sons and her aunt, Isabel Thomson. Charles became an agent for Broadway theater productions in New York City. Doug remained with the family lumber business in Grand Haven. On July 1, 1939, Isabel married Charles Harry Dickinson [1883-1957] in Grand Haven. She died in Grand Haven on November 30, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 1921 and *Tribune* article, March 11, 1950, "Doug B. Becomes Owner of Lumber Yard."]

### **John Douglas Bakker II [1918-2007]**

See John Douglas Baker II.

### **William D. Bakker [Baker] [1874-1952]**

William, the son of Derk and Sena Bakker, was born on October 8, 1874. In the early 1900s he worked at the family lumber yard. On October 25, 1895 in Chicago, he married Mattie [Matie] Farnham, the daughter of Byron and Bodelia Hunt Farnham. Mattie was born in Grand Haven on July 12, 1873. William and Mattie lived at 222 Franklin. By 1910 William and Mattie were residing in Battle Creek, where he continued to work in the lumber business. They had six children: Mary Williene, who lived from 1896 to 1980; Donald W., who lived from 1898 to 1992; James Byron, who lived from 1900 to 1954; Catherine A., born in 1902; Helen Hunt, who lived from 1906 to 1990; and Robert F., also born in 1906. William died in Battle Creek on September 28, 1952. Mattie died on April 21, 1953 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery with William.

### **Willem [William] J. Bakker [1800-1876]**

William J. Bakker and his family immigrated to the United States in 1846 and spent four years in Saugatuck. In 1850 William and his wife, Etje, purchased from Abram Pike 80 acres in Section 15 of Olive Township [now Port Sheldon Township], and additional acreage in Section 14. The Bakkers farmed the land, and for eight years they lived in the 29 rooms of the defunct Ottawa House Hotel in Port Sheldon, on the north side of Pigeon Lake. A meeting was held at the Bakker house on April 6, 1857 to organize Olive Township. William was born in The Netherlands on April 3, 1800 and died on August 25, 1876. Etje, who was born on March 27, 1807 in The Netherlands, died on May 15, 1880 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least six children, all born in The Netherlands, including Detje, who was born on February 27, 1829; Jeltz, who was born in 1839; and Derk, who was born in January 1842. Detje

was first married to Piebe J. Klaver and, after Piebe's death in 1861, to Enne E. Kraai. Detje passed away on May 28, 1901 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 29, 1901.]

### **Donna Marian Gillespie Balavitch [1929-1989] and Peter Paul Balavitch [1925-2001]**

Donna Gillespie on July 31, 1948 married Peter Balavitch in Detroit. They settled in Muskegon, where Peter was a driver for the M. Roth & Sons Company, a producer of celery. Peter was born on May 26, 1925 in Weare, Oceana County. Donna was born in Ludington on July 3, 1929. After their move to Muskegon in 1951, she became known as a watercolor artist and won numerous local and state awards for her paintings. She was a member of the Muskegon Fine Arts organization, the Michigan Watercolor Society, the Gallery Upstairs [later Gallery Uptown], and was president of Lakeland Painters [now Lakeland Artists] for at least one term. Donna received a patent for her handpainted ceramic tile design. At some point, the Balavitches moved to Fruitport. They had six children: Justin Balavitch, born on September 19, 1949, and Gary Balavitch, both of whom remained in Fruitport; Suzanne Green Balavitch, who was born about 1950 and married Greg Miller of Muskegon; Paul Balavitch, who was born about 1952 and moved to California; Linda Balavitch Rivers, born about 1955, of California; and Lee Ann Balavitch, who was born in February 1956 and married Jeff Frame of Fruitport. Lee Ann followed her mother's footsteps and became an artist of note. Peter passed away in Muskegon on May 1, 2001, and Donna died in Fruitport on November 29, 1989. Both were buried at Fruitport Cemetery.

### **Melvin Baldwin [1922-1994]**

Melvin, the son of Arthur J. Baldwin of Staples, Minnesota, was one of two hands to survive the sinking of the Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* in June 1943. He was a boatswain's mate at the time. Mel was born on October 21, 1922 and died on August 3, 1994.

### **Phineas Orlando Baldwin I [1817-1882]**

Born in Vermont on February 15, 1817, Dr. Phineas Baldwin opened a medical office in Spring Lake in 1863. He helped organize Spring Lake Baptist Church on December 7, 1867, and he served on the Spring Lake School Board. He advertised himself as a "Botanic Physician," one who cured with natural products. He claimed to cure "every description of chronic and private diseases quicker and cheaper than any other physician. (No poisonous medicines used.) Five hundred kinds of Botanic Medicines constantly on hand wholesale and retail. Consultation free." On July 18, 1871 Phineas received patent #117034 for an "Improvement in Cultivators." His wife Lucy was born in New York about 1809. A son, Edwin, was born in New York about 1845, another son, John, was born in the same state about 1850, a daughter, Martha, was born in Pennsylvania about 1841, and another daughter, Idella, was born in Wisconsin around 1860. A third son, Phineas Orlando Baldwin II, was born in New York about 1838. The older Phineas died in Spring Lake on July 18, 1882.

### **Phineas Orlando Baldwin II [1838-@1890]**

The son of Dr. Phineas and Lucy Baldwin, the younger Phineas was born in Arkwright, New York on May 26, 1838. On September 16, 1861, Phineas II enlisted as private with Company E of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He was mustered out on April 25, 1862. Phineas married Laura Brown in Kalamazoo on November 17, 1863, although his military draft registration earlier that year noted that he was married and living in Spring Lake, where he worked as a blacksmith. On June 12, 1865, Phineas applied for an invalid's Civil War pension.

Laura was born in Pennsylvania about 1844. [Her name also appeared as Lucy and Louisa.] Phineas and Laura were residing in Spring Lake in 1870, but ten years later, they were in Hamilton, Van Buren County. With them were three children: Louis, who was born and died in Reed City on November 22, 1934; Edgar, who was born on July 30, 1873 in Kent County and died in Grand Traverse County on May 2, 1945; and Myrtle, who was born on October 4, 1878 and died on November 4, 1942 in Toledo, Ohio.

Another daughter, Daisy, was born in 1881. On April 1, 1894 in Elbridge Township, Oceana County, Laura married 58-year-old William Green.

Phineas married Marion [Marian] Eloise "Ellie" Mondeau Strong in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on May 3, 1888. Born in Vermont in 1854, she had been married previously. Marion applied for a widow's pension on July 14, 1890 in Illinois, indicating that Phineas had died recently. She passed away in 1838. On August 23, 1890, an unnamed minor applied for a Civil War pension. On May 17, 1917, Laura Guilfoyle applied for a pension as the remarried widow of Phineas Baldwin. It isn't clear if one or both of the widows were successful in their application. On June 10, 1931 Marion applied again for a widow's Civil War pension. At this time her married name was Roberts.

### **Hendrick "Henry" Balgooyen [Van Balgooyen, Van Balgoozen] [1823-1893]**

Henry Balgooyen was born in The Netherlands in 1823. He helped organize Olive Township in 1857 and was one of its first officers. On December 1, 1860, he took title to 130 acres in Section 28 of Olive Township, along the Lake Michigan shoreline. By 1864 he also owned about 80 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. In 1863 Henry became the first district director of the Rosy Mound School. In 1880 he was listed as a railroad worker. His wife, Julia, was born about 1831 in The Netherlands and died on December 27, 1893. Their daughter, Annie, was born on December 13, 1873 and married James Misner of Grand Haven. The Balgooyens had at least four other children, including Albert. Albert, who was born about 1870 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889, went on to become a Methodist clergyman in Augusta, Washtenaw County. At some point many family members dropped the "Van" and were listed as "Balgooyen." Henry died on January 22, 1893.

### **John William Balgooyen [1862–1934]**

Born in The Netherlands on February 5, 1862, John Balgooyen for many years was foreman at the Silas Kilbourn barrel factory in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s John began the manufacture of concrete building blocks at the corner of First and Clinton Streets in Grand Haven. His father, William Balgooyen, was born in The Netherlands on January 3, 1814.

About 1884 John married Fredrika, born in Kalamazoo on July 13, 1865, the daughter of Gerrit Vanden Beldt. The Balgooyens' children included Susan W., who was born on May 29, 1886 and married Ralph L. Farnham of Grand Haven; Marion E., who was born in December 1888, married Solon Winter, and moved to Grand Rapids; Janet [Jeanette] A., who was born in July 1890 and married George Vander Weide of Zeeland; William John, who was born January 25, 1894, married Edna Thelma Fors [January 30, 1907-February 5, 1953], attended the U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Training School in Cleveland during WWI, and moved to Muskegon Heights after the war, where he died on February 16, 1958; Gerald [Jerrold] C., who was born on February 25, 1896, moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, died on December 16, 1935, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Ethelyn, who was born in December 1897; Gertrude M., who was born in December 1899 and married Ernest R. Fett of Grand Haven; and Edwin F., who was born January 28, 1905, married Hazel E. Bottema [1905-1994], and moved to Spring Lake. Fredrika died at her home at 16 South Sixth Street on January 6, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died at home on June 18, 1934 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 6, 1930, June 18, 1934, and January 4, 1994.]

### **William Balgooyen [1814-1892]**

William Balgooyen was born January 3, 1814 in The Netherlands, settled in Grand Haven in 1877, and died on January 29, 1892. He worked in the sawmills. A daughter, Elizabeth, was born in The Netherlands in May 1855 and married Martin Van Doorne of Grand Haven. William's other children, all born in The Netherlands, were Peter, born about 1853; Henrietta, born about 1859; and John, born on February 5, 1862. The family resided on Madison Street. William's wife died before 1880. Living with the family in 1880 was William's unmarried brother Alexander, born in The Netherlands about 1822. Alexander was a dock worker.

### **Cornelis “Neal” Ball [1881-1957]**

After starting in the minor leagues with the Toledo Mudhens in 1901, Neal Ball between 1907 and 1913 played baseball with the New York Highlanders [forerunner of the Yankees], the Cleveland Naps [now Cleveland Guardians], and the Boston Red Sox. A right-handed hitter, Neal is best remembered for completing the first unassisted triple play in the American League. That occurred on July 19, 1909, when he was playing shortstop for the Naps. Playing against Boston in the opening game of a doubleheader, he nabbed a liner hit by Amby McDonnell, doubled Heinie Wagner off second, and tagged Jake Stahl coming to first base to end the second inning. In the home half of that inning, Ball hit an inside-the-park four-bagger, one of a total of four home runs in his 496-game career. He maintained a .251 batting average during his major league career. Neal returned to the minor leagues in 1914, and he also was manager from time to time until his full retirement from the game in 1922. Neal stood five feet seven inches and weighed 145 pounds. In 1940 he was living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, still listed as a ball player. The glove he used is on permanent display in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

The son of Cornelius and Minnie Ball, Neal was born in Grand Haven on April 22, 1881. By 1900 the family had moved to Kalamazoo; Neal was listed in the Federal Census that year as a professional ball player. On September 1, 1903 in Grand Haven, he married Maud Smith. She was born on April 29, 1883 in Michigan, died on July 7, 1935, and was buried as “Maud Clark, Wife of Neal Ball,” at Lakeview Cemetery in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Her mother had married George Clark and moved to Bridgeport. On April 21, 1945 Neal married Estelle “Este” Beardslee in Bridgeport. She lived from December 25, 1894 to July 6, 1970. Neal died in Bridgeport on October 15, 1957. He and Este were buried at Mountain Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bridgeport. [*Hartford Courant*, Hartford, Connecticut, obituary, October 16, 1957.]

### **Cornelius Ball [1849-1899]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1849, Cornelius Ball settled in Grand Haven and became a commercial fisherman. He married Wilhelmina “Minnie” Mieras, who was born on June 26, 1851, also in The Netherlands. Cornelius and Minnie had several children, all born in Michigan, including Willemina, born about 1872; Adrianna S., born about 1874; Cornelia, born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1876; Jacob, who lived from 1878 to 1971; and William, who was born on January 6, 1884 in Grand Haven and died on November 12, 1930. Cornelis “Neal” Ball, born on April 22, 1881, was another son. In 1880 Adriana Glerum, a widow, was residing with them. Listed as mother-in-law, Adriana was born in The Netherlands about 1817. The Ball family resided at 116 Howard in Grand Haven, but relocated to Kalamazoo, where Cornelius died on March 9, 1899 and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo. Minnie passed away on August 2, 1934 and was buried at Riverside, as were Jacob and William.

### **Gerrit Ball [1861-1929]**

On April 17, 1878 brothers Gerrit and Jurien Ball opened a store at 201-203 Washington Street. For many years the building was known as “The Ball Block.” Initially the brothers worked together and offered groceries and dry goods. Later Gerrit concentrated on groceries, located on the east side of the building, and Jurrien operated the dry goods store on the other side. Gerrit in the 1920s moved his City Grocery to 208 Washington. On August 23, 1888 in Grand Rapids, Gerrit married Dora Belle Robinson. The daughter of Benjamin “Frank” and Addie Griswold Robinson, Dora was born in Robinson Township in 1868. Gerrit and Dora resided at 100 Franklin Street. In 1920, Dora’s mother, Addie Robinson, was living with the Balls. Gerrit died on May 15, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dora continued to live at 100 Franklin after her husband’s death. She passed away on March 10, 1956.

### **John R. Ball [Bol] [1818-1871]**

Born on April 17, 1818, John Ball in 1849 immigrated from Groningen, The Netherlands to Holland, Michigan with his wife, Angie [Anje] “Anne” Winter and at least two children. Two years later the family moved to Grand Haven. John and Angie were married on July 31, 1845 in Groningen. In Grand Haven

John became proprietor of a grocery store. He was active in founding the First Reformed Church in 1851. Fifteen families braved hardships in their attempt to worship. With two 25-foot canoes bought from the Indians, they picked up logs that were thrown into the river as waste and built their first church on Third Street, a feat that earned it the name "Slab Church." Rev. Seine Bolks was their pastor. Angie Ball remained a member of the First Reformed Church until her death at the age of 93.

John and Angie had six children: Rijpke [Riepke], who lived from September 14, 1845 to February 9, 1877, married Mary [Maria] Kooiman; Jurrien Jans, who was born in Grand Haven on July 11, 1852; Jan "John," who was born on August 13, 1855 and died in Grand Haven on December 11, 1943; Peter, who was born on December 18, 1858 and went into the concrete block business; Gerrit, who was born on July 5, 1861; and Rena, who was born January 7, 1863 and married William Balgooyen in 1883. William died before 1900, and Rena and her daughter, Ella H., who was born in February 1884, resided with Angie. Gerrit joined his brother Jurrien in a downtown business, and eventually owned and operated a grocery store at 201-203 Washington. The Balls made their home at 320 Clinton Street. John died on May 21, 1871, Angie was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 9, 1822 and died in Grand Haven on January 26, 1917. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* article, November 2, 1984, "Ball came from The Netherlands in 1849."]

### **John Ball [1843-1922]**

John Ball was born in England on June 28, 1843. He joined the U.S. Army in Grand Haven on August 6, 1862 and was assigned to Company D of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He married Jane Merris, who was born in The Netherlands on May 6, 1845. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Minnie; born about 1868; Lucy, born on July 8, 1871; Anna, born on November 14, 1873; James, born about 1876; and Cornelius, born on July 6, 1879. James was a fisherman. The family resided on Fulton Street. John died in Grand Rapids on January 25, 1922. Jane passed away on February 13, 1894. She and John were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **Jurrien [Jurrien, Jurrin] Jans Ball [1852-1941]**

Jurrien was born on November 7, 1852 in Grand Haven, the son of John and Angie Winter Ball. When Jurrien was 12 he quit school to make fishnets. Later he went to work making wagons and then he was employed at Challenge Refrigerator Company, where he made \$2.25 a day, a substantial sum for a 22-year-old in those days. Jurrien began business in Grand Haven in 1875 as partner with Jurrien [Jerry] and Arie [Orie] Woltman [Waltman] at their store, called Woltman, Ball & Company, built in 1872 at 201-203 Washington Street [Howlett Block]. It was a grocery and dry goods outlet. Their first customer was Grand Haven pharmacist Jacob Vander Veen, who bought a gallon of vinegar for 30 cents on April 17, 1875. On November 1, 1877 the business failed, but Jurrien appealed to his creditors to let him carry on. He and a brother bought out the Woltmans and operated the dry goods and grocery business as the J. Ball Store. Later Jurrien confined himself entirely to dry goods and his brother Gerrit took over the grocery outlet. He retired from business in 1940. He claimed to have three distinctions: at one time he was the oldest native son, the oldest baptized member of the First Reformed Church, and the oldest merchant in the city.

On January 23, 1879 in Grand Haven, Jurrien married Dirkje "Delia" Van Hoef, who had come to Grand Haven when she was two years old. She had one sister, Clara, who married William Baker, and a brother, Andrew. Jurrien and Delia had two daughters: Anna Ball, who was born in February 1881, became a music teacher, and died in October 1959, and Kitty [Cornelia, Clauzine] Ball, who was born in December 1884. Kitty worked as a clerk in the family store and resided in the family home at 215 South Fourth until she fell in 1976 and moved to a nursing home. There she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 8, 1984. Kitty died two years later, on January 11, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Delia was born in The Netherlands in April 1854 and died on February 3, 1918. Jurrien passed away on December 24, 1941 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 1941, two *Tribune* articles, August 1, 1934 and November 2, 1984, "Ball came from The Netherlands in 1849," and a *Chronicle* article, "Jurrin Ball In Business for Fifty-seven Years," about April 17, 1932.]

**Kitty Ball [1881-1984]**

Kitty [Cornelia, Clauzine], the daughter of Jurrien and Delia Van Hoef Ball, was born on December 8, 1884. She worked as a clerk in the family store and resided in the family home at 215 South Fourth until she fell in 1976 and moved to a local nursing home. There she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 8, 1984. Kitty died two years later, on January 11, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Neal Ball [1881-1957]**

See Cornelis "Neal" Ball.

**Peter Ball [Boll, Bol] [1858-1944]**

Peter Ball's first job was in a local sawmill. By 1908 he was manufacturing concrete blocks in a plant at 312 South Fourth Street and later across the street at 321 South Fourth. An ad noted that he was a manufacturer "of cement products of all kinds; cement blocks, bricks, etc." He resided at 310 Clinton in 1915 and at 323 Lafayette ten years later and into the 1940s. Peter, the son of John R. and Angie Winter Ball, was born on December 18, 1858, died on June 26, 1944, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Melkon Arakel Baloyan [1878-1971]**

A native of Turkey, Melkon Baloyan was born in Istanbul on December 3, 1878. He was approximately 29 when he married a woman with the last name Minasian. In the mid-1920s Melkon operated a shop at 28 Washington where he sold "Oriental Goods.". Melkon died in Grand Rapids on March 7, 1971.

**Mary Helen Connolly Baltz [1922-1999] and Russell Louis Baltz [1922-1993]**

Mary Helen Connolly, was born in Ishpeming, Marquette County on October 12, 1922. On May 9, 1942, she married Russell Baltz. Russell in Alma, Gratiot County. Russ, born on February 23, 1922, was the son of William D. and Ethel Baltz. William in 1928 became part owner of the department store at 200 Washington, subsequently known as Addison-Baltz. Russell graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1939. The two of them in the 1940s managed the "Barn," a roller-skating and dance pavilion at 215 Harbor. Later they ran Hyland Gardens and the Bil-Mar Restaurant, near Highland Park. In 1957 the couple moved to Florida, where they bought and operated the Bilmar Resort on Treasure Island. Mary Helen was a graduate of Alma College and was a certified registered medical assistant. She also belonged to the Spring Lake Country Club. For a while the Baltz family lived at 522 River Street in Spring Lake. She and Russell had two children, Bill and Margot. By combining those two names the Baltzes arrived at "Bil-Mar" as the name for their enterprises, including the lakefront restaurant in Grand Haven with that name. Russell died in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 3, 1993. Mary Helen passed away in Gulfport, Florida, on September 24, 1999.

**William Dominique Baltz [1889-1959]**

A native of Attica, Kansas, where he was born on January 22, 1889 [1890], William Baltz came to Grand Haven in 1925 and three years later became part owner of Addison & Company in Grand Haven, a retail outlet. Prior to that he managed the F. N. Arbaugh Department Store in Lansing. The Addison Company, located at 200 Washington, subsequently became known as Addison-Baltz. On July 3, 1916 he married Ethel Cassidy in Lansing. Ethel was born in Michigan on June 30, 1895, died in Grand Haven on December 31, 1962, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Baltzes' children were Stanley, born about 1918 in Michigan, and Russell, born on February 23, 1922, also in Michigan. Around 1930 the family resided at 532 Lafayette. Later William and Ethel moved to 522 East River in Spring Lake. Around 1950 William sold the department store business, but not the real estate, to Paul F. Oltman. William passed away on July 20, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Ethel.

**Kenneth Bandstra [1929-1989]**

A native of Chicago, where he was born on January 12, 1929, Kenneth Bandstra married Pearl Lucille Hanstra in his hometown on September 10, 1954. Pearl was born in the same city on March 26, 1931. The

Bandstras had one daughter, Tamara, and four sons: Steve, Jeff, Terry, and Randy. Tamara's first husband, Paul Jay Laninga, died in a snowmobile accident near Traverse City on February 1, 1995 at the age of 27. She subsequently married Tom Elhart. Kenneth died in Ann Arbor on January 12, 1989 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In the late 1960s Pearl purchased a home at 1015 Oak Lane in Grand Haven and renovated the interior. Pearl, who died in Grand Haven on May 15, 2012, was at different time secretary to three physicians in Grand Haven, administrator at Northcrest Living Center in North Muskegon from 1985 to 1988, and school secretary at Grand Haven Christian School from 1988 to 1993. She was an active member of the Second Christian Reformed Church, including several mission assignments overseas. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Thomas Bannister [Banister] [1828-1902]**

Thomas Bannister [Banister] married Adelia [Adalia] Meeks in Ottawa County on February 19, 1865. He was born in New Brunswick, Canada on October 6, 1828 and died in Canada in 1902. Adelia, also from New Brunswick, was born in 1835. In 1860 Thomas was working on John Davison's farm living in Crockery Township. By 1890 the couple had returned to New Brunswick.

#### **Aaron Allen Barber [1827-1899]**

Aaron Barber owned a 160-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township. His two-story brick farmhouse, built about 1880, faced west and later was numbered 11250 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue. On December 27, 1877 in Grand Haven, Aaron married Sophia Maria Schultz [Schulz]. Born in Germany, she had been married previously and had two children, a daughter, Levine Schultz, born in Michigan about 1866, and a son, Fredrick Schultz, born in Michigan about 1868. Aaron was a native of Ohio, where he was born in 1827, and Sophia came from Mecklenberg, Germany, where she was born about 1830. They moved to Polkton Township, where Aaron died on August 4, 1899. He married his first wife, Elizabeth, in Branch County on August 5, 1867.

#### **Jabez Barber [@1810–1856]**

Born around 1810 in England, Jabez Barber arrived in Spring Lake subsequent to the 1837 rebellion in Canada. In 1841 he and fellow Canadian Richard Mason hired John Newcomb to construct a sawmill at Mill Point [Spring Lake]. He opened a boarding house, which was managed by Henry Middlemist, and in association with Amos Norton, Jabez built a sawmill about four miles up the Grand River from Grand Haven. The Nortonville sawmill burned down in 1854. The mill was rebuilt in 1856 at Mill Point, with the help of Richard Mason. This mill was destroyed by fire in 1859.

On March 6, 1843, Jabez married Frances Baley in Ottawa County. Frances was born in England about 1827. By 1850 the Barbers lived in Chicago, where Jabez built schooners to carry his company's milled lumber from Spring Lake. Jabez, Frances, and their two daughters, Ann and Mary, drowned when sailing from Liverpool, England to New York on the steamer *Pacific* in January 1856. The husband of Jabez Barber's sister Elizabeth was Charles Y. Bell. Following the shipwreck, he ran the business and named it W. H. Bell & Company for his son, William H. Bell.

#### **Don M. Barbier [1907-1993]**

Born on February 13, 1907, Don Barbier started as an apprentice mortician in Detroit at the Henry J. Stahl Funeral Home in 1926 and was licensed as a funeral director in 1928. In 1931 he became a partner in the Robinson-Barbier Funeral Home in Lansing and in 1947 bought the Ringold Funeral Home in Spring Lake. He sold to Kammeraad Funeral Home on December 1, 1966. Don achieved the distinction of reaching 50 years of continuous licensing as a Michigan funeral director in 1978. He worked at Oldberg Mfg. Company for six years and in 1975 joined Medallion Instruments, Inc. of Spring Lake as a janitor and became sub-assembler. He spent 30 years as a volunteer for the Spring Lake Fire Department, served on the Village Council, and was a member of Spring Lake Baptist Church, Eagles, and Rotary Club. He married Edith M. Schofield. They had a son, David, who had four daughters. Don and Edith lived at 213

East River in Spring Lake. Don died on his birthday in 1993. Edith was born on May 31, 1907 and died in Spring Lake on January 14, 1999. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, “Licensed mortician for 50 years,” May 16, 1978, and “Retirement Job Keeps SL man Young,” February 12, 1987.]

**Karl [Charles] Barbrick [1846-1935]**

Karl Barbrick and his wife Christina farmed 63 acres in Sections 26 and 35 of Crockery Township. He was born on June 24, 1846 and died on December 16, 1935, and Christina lived from June 17, 1857 to March 6, 1921. Both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. One son, Gustav, who was born on November 20, 1891, married Catherine, widow of William Fritchen I. Karl and Christina arrived in the United States in 1892.

**Daniel Alfred Barden [1914-1986]**

Barden Boating Center was located in Ferrysburg near the junction of U.S. 31 and M-104. By the mid-1950s, owner Dan Barden had moved his marina to 15685 Cleveland Street in Spring Lake. A few years later the business was closed and the Bardens had moved away. Dan was born in Muskegon on January 3, 1914 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1933. In 1940 he was service manager at Bauman’s Marina on Alden Street in Spring Lake. Barden married Janice Hammergren in Spring Lake on November 27, 1937. They lived at 845 East Savidge in Spring Lake. A graduate of Grand Haven High School in 1935, Janice was born in Chicago on September 4, 1917 and died in Martin, Florida on March 27, 2009. Dan passed away in Martin on August 28, 1986.

**Jack V. Barendse [1922-1987]**

Jack Barendse was sales representative for Grand Haven Gasket Company. About 1980 he left that job to open Ac-Cent-Us at 700 Fulton for the production of flags, pennants, and banners. Jack and his wife, Katherine Marie Roozen, resided at 15045 154<sup>th</sup> Street in Grand Haven Township. He was born on May 12, 1922 and passed away in Ann Arbor on October 10, 1987. Born in Milwaukee, Katherine lived from October 20, 1923 to October 1, 2002.

**Eunice Keskey Bareham [1925-2002]**

Eunice Evelyn Keskey was born to Finnish parents in Wakefield, Gogebic County on May 23, 1925. During WWII she worked for General Eisenhower at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. After the war Eunice attended Nursing School at the University of Michigan, where she **also** worked as record clerk at the university hospital. It was there she met her husband, Robert Nelson Bareham. They were married in Wakefield on September 3, 1949. The couple resided at 530 Grand View in Spring Lake. Eunice served as county commissioner from 1972 to 1978 and was treasurer of Ottawa County from 1979 to 1992, the first woman to serve in that capacity. In 1976 she was a delegate to the Republican Convention. Eunice was a member of the Mackinaw Bridge Authority, Spring Lake School Board, Spring Lake Education Foundation, the Community Health Board, and the state and national County Treasurer’s Associations. She attended St. John’s Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. The Barehams had four children: Robert of Spring Lake, who lived from March 14, 1951 to April 12, 2008; his twin brother Bruce of Grand Haven, who died on July 17, 2013; Philip of Lansing; and Elizabeth of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Robert lived from October 31, 1922 to January 15, 1971, Eunice died at Elizabeth’s home in Oshawa on April 11, 2002. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Adora Barlow [Barlou] [1825-1912]**

Adora Barlow was born in Prussia in January 1825. Her husband, Henry Barlow, also a native of Prussia, was born about 1824 and died between 1871 and 1879. After his death, Adora took in laundry. By the early 1890s she was proprietor of The Madison House, located at 301 Madison [approximate number], close to the Chicago & West Michigan Depot [Pere Marquette Station]. Rates were \$1.00 a day or \$4.00 a week. The Barlows had six children, including Lina [Lena] Sophia, who was born in Prussia on July 8, 1856, died in Grand Haven on January 8, 1878, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Lurissa, who



was born in June 1862 in Michigan and married Adelbert Van Wormer of Grand Haven. Adora died in Grand Haven on February 27, 1912.

#### **Elisha Swift Barlow [1848-1906]**

Elisha Barlow was born in Massachusetts on May 18, 1848. On December 5, 1869, he married Sarah Fletcher, the daughter of James and Jane Fletcher of Olive Township. She was born in Canada in March 1850 and immigrated to the United States when she was one year old. Although primarily a farmer, Elisha had an interest in the Fletcher and Barlow Sawmill in Olive Center. James Fletcher was his father-in-law. Sarah died in 1901, and Elisha passed away on February 8, 1906. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery. They had at least six children.

#### **John W. Barnard [1823-1876]**

On June 15, 1857, John Barnard became the first postmaster in Robinson Township and was the township's first supervisor. Born on September 7, 1821 in Adams, New York, John by 1850 was settled in Crockery Township, but by 1860 he owned a farm and land in Sections 22, 23, and 24 of Robinson Township. He also was known as a lumberman. He married Jane E. Allen, who was born in Michigan in 1834. John and Jane had four children, all natives of Michigan: Hepsy [Hopey] J., born in 1853; Charles H., born in 1858; Frederick, born in 1859; and Melinda, born in 1867. John passed away in Van Buren County on October 10, 1876.

#### **Cornelius Barnes [1830-1891]**

Born in Waterbury, Vermont on February 17, 1830, Cornelius was the son of Jacob and Nancy Winslow Barnes and the brother of Ebenezer, James, and John Barnes. The family moved to Grand Rapids in 1838. On November 26, 1857, in Grand Rapids, Cornelius married Catherine "Kate" Miller, who was 22 at the time. They moved from Plainfield Township, Kent County, to Grand Haven before 1860, the year Cornelius was enumerated in the census for Ottawa County. Their children, all natives of Michigan, were Monroe, born about 1863; Egbert W., born around 1865; Mary, born about 1868; Mabel, born about 1875; and another daughter, born about 1879. From 1872 to 1882 Cornelius was bookkeeper for Boyden & Akeley's Shingle Mill. In 1882 he became bookkeeper for lumberman Stephen C. Hall in Muskegon. Cornelius died in Minneapolis on September 8, 1891.

#### **Ebenezer Winslow Barnes [1819-1890]**

Ebenezer was born in Pomfret, Vermont on July 10, 1812 and arrived in Grand Rapids with his parents, Jacob and Nancy Winslow Ebenezer, in 1838. Cornelius, James, and John were his brothers. Ebenezer in 1842 was appointed Kent County's Register of Deeds to fill a vacancy, and he also filled the post of County treasurer. On August 19, 1852 in Vermont, he married Caroline Fidelia Slayton, the sister of Nathaniel Slayton of Grand Haven. Caroline was born in Vermont on August 2, 1826. The couple moved to Grand Haven in 1853. When Rev. William Ferry gave up his position as Grand Haven postmaster, Ebenezer took over and held the position from May 30, 1853 to April 9, 1861. Ebenezer owned a farm in Section 10 of Olive Township. He returned to Grand Rapids in 1865, where he died on November 20, 1890. Caroline subsequently relocated to Emporia, Kansas. Four of the couple's five children were born in Grand Haven. One of them, Carrie, married James P. Armstead of Grand Haven. Carrie was born on December 22, 1856. The Barneses' other children were Hattie, born about 1854; Nancy, born about 1860; and Edward, born about 1864. Caroline, the mother, died on December 22, 1899. She was buried near her husband and other family members at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Jacob Barnes [Barns] [1799-1841]**

Although Jacob Barnes never resided in Ottawa County, four of his children were early settlers here: Ebenezer, born in 1819; James and John, twins, born in 1823; and Cornelius, born in 1830. Jacob was born in 1799 in Washington County, Vermont, and died in Grand Rapids on May 14, 1840. His wife, Nancy Winslow, lived from 1801 to April 30, 1844. They moved to Grand Rapids before 1837. Jacob was

Register of Deeds for Kent County from 1837 to 1838. Both Jacob and Nancy were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

**James Barnes [Barns] [1823-1899]**

Born in Stowe, Vermont on April 10, 1823, the son of Jacob and Nancy Winslow Barnes, James moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven in 1845 [1846]. In 1851, with his twin brother John and William M. Angel, Barnes helped edit and publish *The Grand River Times*, the first newspaper in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties. The newspaper office was located in the upstairs rooms of Henry Griffin's drug store on the northwest corner of First and Washington. Leaning towards the views of the Democratic Party, the first issue came out on July 2, 1851. James and John acquired sole ownership of the paper, which they sold to Galen Eastman in 1857. The new owner moved it to Eastmanville, trusting that the village would become the County seat. When that expectation failed, publication ceased the same year and Barnes repurchased the paper, returned it to Grand Haven, and changed its name to the *Grand Haven News*, publishing the first issue on December 22, 1858. In 1862 James became a trustee of the new Grand Haven Union High School. Also known as a carpenter, in 1866 he constructed a building at 121 Washington Street as a site for a furniture store. He continued to work there until his death in 1899. James supervised the building of Grand Haven's second jail, located on the southeast corner of Washington and Fourth Streets. With John W. Cook he built Senator Ferry's large residence on the northeast corner of First and Columbus Streets, one of the local schoolhouses, and other structures.

James married Pamela Ranney in 1850. She was born in New York about 1832. On May 24, 1865, four years after Pamela died, James married Ellen M. Moss of Eastmanville and Grand Rapids. Ellen, the daughter of Chester [1804-1965] and Phoebe Moss [1806-1857], was born in Youngstown, New York on February 28, 1840. The newlyweds immediately moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven. They resided at 226 Franklin and had several children: Bessie [Jessie], who was born in November 1866 and married George Simpson of Detroit; Nellie, who was born on October 30, 1874, married William Stobie Marks of Grand Rapids, and died in April 1962; and Frederick T. Barnes, who was born in November 1879 and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Ellen died on March 12, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband, who died in Grand Haven on January 17, 1899. [*Tribune* obituary, March 13, 1912.]

**James B. Barnes [1857-1909]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 13, 1923, Gene was the son of Cecil and Minnie Lindberg Babcock. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, attended Hope College, and graduated from Western Michigan University. Gene was part of a group that in 1962 led a drive to incorporate the Village of Ferrysburg as a Fifth Class City. A vote in April the next year approved the petition. He served three terms on the Ferrysburg City Council and was unanimously elected by other council members as the town's first mayor, an office he held for seven years [1963-1970]. He was employed at Challenge Machinery Company for 32 years as an industrial engineer and personnel supervisor; served as volunteer fireman for 20 years; belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church; was a member of the Ferrysburg Planning Commission; and joined the Supervisors Club, Industrial Engineers Society, Masons, Eastern Star, American Legion, Boy Scouts, Red Cross Board, and the Republican Party. Gene married Margaret Belle Clark in Muskegon on July 22, 1950. Margaret, the daughter of Fred L. and Ethel Jupp Clark, was born in Flint on March 19, 1923. The Babcocks had five sons: Gerald of Mackinac Island; James of Ann Arbor; John of Fremont, California; Mark of Bay City; and Robert. The family resided at 16789 Lakeview Avenue in Ferrysburg. Gene died in Grand Haven on May 23, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret passed away on July 6, 2008 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 24, 1985.]

**John W. Barnes [Barns] I [1823-1892]**

Born in Stowe, Vermont on April 10, 1823, the son of Jacob and Nancy Winslow Barnes, John moved to Grand Rapids in 1838 [1836]. In 1845, John came to Grand Haven with his twin brother James. In 1851, John, James, and William M. Angel, published the first newspaper in Ottawa or Muskegon Counties, *The*

*Grand River Times*. Leaning toward the Democratic Party, the first issue came out on July 2, 1851. John and James Barnes acquired sole ownership, and published the paper until December 1856, when they sold it to Galen Eastman, who moved it to Eastmanville. From December 29, 1859 to April 1860, John, with the help of Reuben Fosha, was proprietor of the *Grand Haven News*. In 1860, James became second partner and in 1865, John became sole owner, publishing it until July 17, 1876 when he became engaged in the furniture business with his brother. The office was destroyed twice by fire, once in 1859 and again in 1866. It was leased for one year to De Long and Mills, then in 1867 it was sold to J. H. Mitchell, and soon afterward it was consolidated with the *News Journal* of Grand Haven. John was city alderman from 1876 to 1879.

In 1856 John married Ruth [Lucy] C. Brough [Breau] of Ohaze, New York. She was born February 6, 1836 and died February 6, 1899. The Barneses had three sons and three daughters, all born in Michigan: James B., born in 1857; Orpha M., who was born about 1861 and married a Mr. Quayle of Santa Barbara, California; John II, who was born in 1862; Jennie, who was born about 1865 and married Dwight A. Lane of Grand Haven; Bertha, who was born on November 7, 1866, married William Donaldson [1866-1950], and moved to Des Moines, Iowa and Washington, D.C., where she died on March 31, 1938; and Jerry [Jedediah] H., who was born about 1869 and moved to Los Angeles. John I died January 18, 1892 from influenza. He had suffered a severe stroke with resulting paralysis years earlier. John and Ruth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 18 1892 and February 7, 1899.]

#### **John Winslow Barnes II [1862-1935]**

The son of John and Ruth Brough Barnes, John II was born in Grand Haven in 1862. From 1883 to 1890 he worked for Kilbourn Company of Grand Haven, and he then became partner with M. L. Green and John Bryce of the Bryce, Barnes & Green Mfg. Company, located at the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets. The company made interior wood products for residences. In the 1893 *Compendium* John was listed as a machinist. On November 19, 1884 in Grand Haven, John married Lillie May Stone, who was born in Ohio about 1865. She was the daughter of George W. and Mehitable Stone of Grand Haven. The Barnes's children, both born in Grand Haven, were Florence, born on October 18, 1885, and Kenneth George, born in Grand Haven on February 8, 1893. Not long after Kenneth's birth, the family moved to Los Angeles, California, where Lillie died in 1927. John passed away in Los Angeles on December 27, 1935.

#### **William Groom Barnes [Barns] [1858-1931]**

William G. Barns started publishing the *Coopersville Observer* in November 1880. It was considered independent in its political slant. Although William was a resident of Coopersville at the time, he married Ella [Ellen] Margaretta Powell in Ionia County on September 4, 1889. The son of Joseph [1830-1892] and Jennie "Jane" Collins [1838-1917] Barnes, William was born in Ionia County on March 23, 1858 and died in Tarpon Springs, Florida on November 14, 1931. He was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery Middleville, Barry County. Ella was born on May 16, 1857, passed away on December 25, 1943, and also was buried at Mount Hope. William and Ella had a daughter, Minnie Barnes, who lived from 1891 to 1930. William first married Mary Stevens in Grand Rapids on June 16, 1880. She was born in Lenawee County in 1861.

#### **Alexander Barnett [1840-1910]**

Born in Arbroth, Scotland in August 1840 Alexander Barnett immigrated to Detroit in 1862 and moved on to Grand Haven ten years later. He was a ship's carpenter by trade and served his apprenticeship on the River Clyde. During the Civil War, Alexander, John Neil, and John W. Callister were among the expert ship carpenters engaged by the government to build and rebuild the ships for the U.S. Navy at Newport News and Norfolk. Later Alexander was engaged with Thomas Kirby in shipbuilding at the Kirby yards in Grand Haven. He was a Mason and member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1867 Alexander married Katherine [Catherine] Duff Patterson, who was born in Scotland in May 1840. They had four children, all born in Michigan: William James, born about 1867; Cora Ann Flemley, born in October 1875; Alexander Ford, born in July 1887; and Scott Anderson, who died young. The three

surviving children later settled in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Alexander died at his home at 620 Clinton Street on November 10, 1910. His wife lived from 1840 to 1926. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son Scott, who died on February 14, 1879 at the age of nine. [*Tribune* obituary, November 10, 1910 and November 12, 1910.]

### **Delmar Dalace Barnett [1900-1993]**

Delmar and Gladys Barnett owned and operated Barnett's Housekeeping Cottages at 17838 North Shore Drive from the mid-1950s to the mid-1970s. They lived nearby at 17990 North Shore Drive. The motel offered heated swimming pool, a variety of lawn games, such as badminton and horseshoes, kitchenttes, and "TV . . . IN EVERY UNIT." Overnight prices ranged from \$6.00 to \$10.00, and weekly rates from \$46.00 to \$75.00. In 1976 Albert and Winona Dreese were managers, and three years later the Barnetts hired William Jenerou as manager. In 1984 it was renamed Barnett's Motel. Gladys passed away on December 29, 1991. Delmar died on July 27, 1993.

Delmar Barnett, a native of South Dakota, married Gladys Hippler in Holland on December 1, 1923. She was born in Sparta, Wisconsin on December 7, 1906, and Delmar was born on May 30 six years earlier. Their daughter Mary Barnett was born in Michigan in 1926. A second daughter, Kathryn Sarah Barnett, was born in Michigan about 1927 and married Robert William Cash in Coopersville on May 22, 1946. By 1930 the family was living in Crockery Township, where Delmar worked in a furniture store as a sawyer. At the time of the 1940 Federal Census, they were living at 723 Beechtree Street in Grand Haven. Delmar was then proprietor of a trucking business. Two sons had been added to the family, both born locally: Duane Barnett, born about 1933, and Jerrold Barnett, born about 1936.

### **James Melanthon Barnett [Barnette] [1832-1908]**

In 1873 James Barnett joined Edward P. Ferry and others from Grand Haven to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah, a group that speculated in the silver mining business. By 1880 he was back in Grand Rapids as a lumber merchant. James was born in New York on September 8, 1832. On December 5, 1865 in Grand Rapids, he married Lucy Foote, who was born in the same state in 1839. James died on September 19, 1908 in Grand Rapids.

### **Robert P. Barney [1867-1936]**

Robert Barney was a Spring Lake barber. His shop, located at approximately 224 West Savidge, was destroyed in the extensive fire of March 18, 1889. He reopened and continued his barber business for at least two more decades. Robert married Clara "Carrie" Lape in Evansville, Indiana on November 24, 1893. She was born on March 15, 1870. They had two daughters, Irene [Irine], born in July 1895, and Inez M., born in January 1897. The family lived at 103 East Exchange. In the early 1900s Robert played cornet with the Spring Lake orchestra. Born in Indiana, he lived from December 1867 to 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Carrie passed away on June 15, 1951 and was buried near her husband.

### **Cornelius Barns, Ebenezer Barns, James Barns, John Barns, and William Barns.**

See Barnes.

### **Charles Henry Barnum [1845- ?]**

Born in Cass County in November 1845, Charles Barnum was located in Spring Lake by 1875. He married Mina "Minnie" Bigelow in Berlin [Marne] on August 11, 1873. She was born in Berlin on April 2, 1857. At the time of the marriage, Charles was a resident of Ferrysburg. Their daughter Edna was born in Spring Lake on May 9, 1874, and a son George was born in Spring Lake on November 11, 1875. By 1879 the family had moved to Montcalm County, where another daughter was born late that year. Charles was employed as "Shingle Engineer." They were divorced sometime after 1880. Minnie died in Fort Worth, Texas on April 28, 1939 under the name Atkinson.

### **George Abram Barnum [1875-1947]**

George Abram Barnum was born in Spring Lake on November 11, 1875. His parents were Charles and Minnie Barnum. George Abram Barnum died in Texas on June 1, 1947. There also was a George Barnum who owned a photographer's studio in Grand Haven in the late 1880s. His studio was in the Cutler House on Washington Street. George Abram Barnum was born too late to be the photographer.

#### **Joseph Needham Corey Barnum [1832-1920]**

Joseph C. Barnum enlisted as private in Company A of the 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry on September 6, 1862. He was mustered out on January 1, 1865 and transferred the same day to Company F of the 38<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. He was mustered out permanently on August 15 that year. He applied for a handicapped pension in 1879. Joseph was a resident of Spring Lake in 1890. That year he also was resident of the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee. Ten years later he was in a home for disabled soldiers in Milwaukee. By 1915 he was living in a soldiers' home in Marshall, Iowa. Born in 1832 in New York, he died in Iowa in 1920.

#### **Lewis [Louis] S. Barnum [1833- ?]**

In the 1870s Lewis Barnum sold to Walter Sinclair the boarding house on the northeast corner of Exchange and Division Streets in Spring Lake [Lot 4, Block 14, Bryant's Addition]. Lewis was born in Danbury, Connecticut in 1833 and was listed in the 1870 Federal Census as a hotel keeper in Spring Lake. His wife Frances, also from Connecticut, was born in March 1836. Their son Harry Brigham Barnum was born in Connecticut in 1863 and died on May 23, 1930, and a daughter Betsy Barnum was born in Michigan about 1870. By 1900 the Barnums were living in Florida. Frances died in 1908 and was buried at Union Cemetery in Stratford, Connecticut.

#### **Robert Milton Barrett [1889-1950]**

Robert Milton Barrett, who lived from December 23, 1889 to March 22, 1950, married Sadie Lex Matthews in Spring Lake on September 6, 1923. Sadie was born in 1884. Robert, the son of William and Catherine Patterson Barrett, worked in the family boat business in Spring Lake and, with his sister, Ruby, took over ownership and management of Barrett Boat Works after their mother's death in late 1943. Robert died in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on March 22, 1950 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Ruby I. Barrett [1880-1960]**

The daughter of William and Catherine Patterson Barrett of Spring Lake, Ruby was born on February 1, 1880. In 1901 she attended the School of Music at the University of Michigan, but her health failed, and she returned to Spring Lake to rest. She resumed working with her father in the boat yard office. In 1943 she and her brother Robert became owners of the Barrett Boat Works when her mother died and willed it to her. Ruby ran the business following her brother's death in 1950. She was organist at the First Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. Ruby died on January 7, 1960 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. She lived at 206 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. [*Tribune* articles, "Spring Lake Woman Keeps Dream Alive," May 17, 1953, "Spring Lake's 'Miss Ruby' Keeping Alive The Boat-Building Dreams of her Father," September 26, 1953, and "Spring Lake Woman Devotes over 50 Years to Boats," 1955.]

#### **William M. Barrett [1854-1917]**

Born in Toledo, Ohio in March 1854 [1856], William Barrett by 1879 was living and working in Spring Lake. His father, Milton Barrett, was born in Sevilla, Ohio in September 1828. On January 11, 1850 Milton married Ruby Doolittle in Maumee, Ohio. They had six children, including William. Milton died in Toledo on August 17, 1862, and Ruby passed away in March 1874. Both were buried at Forest Cemetery in Toledo.

William went to work for the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill as a "tallier" [one who keeps a tally], but he was more interested in shipbuilding. The Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company was organized in 1887; eight years later, William was named vice president and manager. "Clinker" referred to rowboats in which external planks were attached so that the edge of one overlapped the edge of the next one, like clapboard

on a house. These boats were sold all over the world. Another local ship builder, Hiram C. Pearson, went out of business in 1872, and Clinker Boat Company subsequently assumed control of his patents. Later William's firm became known as the Spring Lake Boat Company. William also had the time and expertise in the early 1900s to manufacture three automobiles.

William married Catherine [Katherine] Patterson in Grand Haven on February 19, 1879. The daughter of Scott and Catherine Patterson of Spring Lake, Catherine was born in Canada [Scotland] on December 11, 1856 and came to the United States when she was four. William's and Catherine's children, both born locally, were Ruby I., who was born on February 1, 1880, and Robert Milton, who was born on December 23, 1889. He died in Eau Clair, Wisconsin. William died in May 1917 and was given the largest Masonic funeral ever held in Spring Lake. After her husband's death, Catherine continued running the business until the time of her death on December 24, 1943. It was then taken over by Ruby, while her brother Robert, a marine mechanic, worked mostly in the yard. After Robert's death, Ruby managed the business. William was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, where Catherine, Ruby, and Robert also were buried. [Tribune article, "Spring Lake Woman Devotes over 50 Years to Boats," 1955.]

### **R. M. Barrow [? - ?]**

In 1873 Dr. Barrow joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the so-called "Michigan Bunch" in Utah, a group that speculated in the silver mining business.

### **Thomas Barry [1845-1895]**

Born in 1845 and a resident of Hamburg, Livingston County, Thomas Barry on December 30, 1861 enlisted as private in Company D of the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on August 24, 1865 and then moved to Ottawa County. He and his wife, Mary, lived on a 40-acre farm in Section 12 of Olive Township. On July 22 following her husband's death on October 19, 1895, Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Later she moved to Grand Haven Township, where she maintained a 35-acre farm. Mary lived from 1868 to 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

### **Barend Preston Bartels [1861-1953]**

Berend Bartels owned a 60-acre farm in Section 16 of Olive Township. His wife Lena the daughter of Lucas and Lena Brink Busscher, lived from June 8, 1866 to October 11, 1941. She was born in Germany. Berend was born in The Netherlands in June 1861 and immigrated to the United States in 1882. He died in 1953 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery with his wife and other family members. Their children, all born locally, included Herman B., born on June 25, 1889; Suna, born in July 1891; Lefert, born in June 1892; Johanna, born in December 1898; and Elizabeth, born in November 1899.

### **Herman B. Bartels [1889-1967]**

Herman was born on June 25, 1889, the son of Berend and Lena Busscher Bartels. Herman owned a 40-acre farm in Section 33 of Olive Township, where he raised livestock. His wife, Johanna, was the daughter of Peter and Susan De Barnes De Haan. Johanna was born on November 25, 1888 and died on July 29, 1956. She was buried at Olive Township Cemetery with her husband. He passed away in Holland in April 1967.

### **James Carroll Bartels [1923-2016]**

Born in Muskegon Heights on February 11, 1923, Jim Bartell married Erma Ruth Johannes in Grand Haven on June 18, 1948. The son of Levi and Nettie Workman Bartels, Jim served with the Army from 1944 to 1946. He owned and operated Kinkema Bartels Funeral Home in Grand Haven until it merged with Van Zantwick Funeral Home on January 1, 1978. The combined business became known as Van Zantwick, Bartells, and Kammeraad Funeral Home. Jim and Erma had two sons: Bradley and Scott, both of Grand Haven, and a daughter, Kim, who married Jason Rykse of Dover, Ohio. Jim was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the local American Legion, and the Rotary Club of Grand Haven. Jim died in Grand Haven on February 26, 2016 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Jan “John” Bartels [1866-1939]**

The son of Hermanus Bartels, John was born in The Netherlands on January 7, 1866. On October 28, 1892 in Olive Township, he married Klaage “Clara” Troost, also a native of The Netherlands. She lived from November 1873 to 1974. John immigrated to the United States in 1882 and Clara the following year. They owned a 60-acre farm in Section 17 of Olive Township. Their children, all born locally, were Herman John Bartels, who was born in October 1893 and killed in action on August 30, 1918 while serving with the U.S. Army in France during WWI; Klaas Bartels, born in February 1896; and Johannes Bartels, born in May 1898. John died on November 25, 1939. He and his wife were buried at Olive Township Cemetery with other family members.

### **Arza Bartholomew I [1806-1871]**

The son of Ebenezer and Charlotte Pratt Bartholomew, Arza moved with his parents, wife, and children to Crockery Township in 1846. He married Isabel Mumy of New York, who was born on February 28, 1810, died on June 12, 1851, and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. He next married Eliza Hunter, who lived from 1817 to February 18, 1876. By 1864 he and Eliza owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24, supplemented by another 40 acres in Section 25. Among Arza’s and Isabel’s children were Arza II, who was born in New York about 1842; Amanda, who was born on April 24, 1838 and married John S. Castle of Crockery; William H., who was born about 1842; Lucinda, who was born in January 1844 and first married Almond Landon and then Orange Jubb, both of Crockery Township; Wheeler H., who was born on May 5, 1846, resided in Montcalm County and later in Muskegon County, and died on October 27, 1933; and George Newton, who was born on June 10, 1848 and died on August 4, 1932. Arza I was born on August 1, 1806 and died in Ottawa County on April 28, 1871. Isabel, Eliza, and Arza were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

### **Arza Bartholomew II [1842-1863]**

Born about 1842, Arza was the son of Arza and Isabel Bartholomew. On August 14, 1861, young Arza enlisted in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry as corporal. Around January 1, 1863, he was wounded in a battle near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, died of an unspecified disease in the hospital on May 8 that year, and was buried at nearby Stone River National Cemetery. The G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] organization in Nunica, founded in 1891, was named Arza Bartholomew Post #136. Arza was buried at Stones River National Cemetery in Murfreesboro.

### **Ebenezer Bartholomew [1782-1864]**

A native of New York State and a veteran of the War of 1812, where he served as Fifer, Ebenezer Bartholomew settled in Sections 24 and 25 of Crockery Township in 1846. He owned 80 acres in each section. On July 19, 1805 he married Charlotte Pratt in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. Ebenezer was born on December 27, 1782 and died in Crockery Township in 1864. Charlotte, who was born about February 25, 1782, died on September 18, 1850. Both Bartholomews were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with other members of their family, including their children, Arza I, who was born in 1806, and Daniel, who lived from 1822 to 1848.

### **William H. Bartholomew [1842-1865]**

A resident of Crockery Township, William Bartholomew on August 4, 1862 enlisted in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry as private. He was promoted to sergeant before he returned home on furlough, where he died of wounds on March 1, 1865. He was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with other Bartholomews, including his parents, Arza and Isabel Mumy Bartholomew. William was born in 1842.

### **Alson [Alanson] R. Bartlett [1827-1902]**

A Methodist-Episcopal preacher in charge of the Grand River circuit, Rev. Alson R. Bartlett was aware of the inadequate condition of the Ottawa Indians living at Battle Point in Crockery Township, about five miles upriver from Grand Haven. Several families of Indians, who made Battle Point their home around

1855, wished to live harmoniously with their White neighbors. That year, Rev. Bartlett established a school that enrolled 20 or more Indian pupils. Martha Maxfield of Eastmanville was the teacher.

In 1850 Rev. Bartlett was included in the census for Lansing, unmarried and working as a “sawyer” in a lumber mill, but by 1870 he was residing in Lapeer County with his wife and their three children, working as a Methodist minister. In 1880 Alson, still working as a member of the clergy, was residing in Birmingham, Oakland County with his wife and children.

Rev. Bartlett was born in Essex County, New York in February 1827. He married Catherine M. Stevenson, who was born in England in May the same year and immigrated to the United States when she was about four years old. Their three known children, all born in Michigan, were Lillie J., [Lelia] who was born about 1858 and died in Marquette, Marquette County on February 17, 1924, and twins Effie and Kate, born in January 1860. Effie died in Highland Park, Wayne County, on April 6, 1937, and Kate, under the name Kitty Thompson, died in Evanston, Illinois on September 12, 1938. By 1870 the Bartlett family was residing in Lapeer County. In 1900 Alson, Catherine, and Effie were living in Detroit. Alson passed away in Detroit on February 21, 1902 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.

### **Charles L. Bastian [1861-1936]**

While on a hunting trip in Wisconsin, Charles L. Bastian’s sight suddenly failed him as he was walking across a field. Within a short time, he was totally blind. Because of this handicap, the brass foundry at which he worked in Chicago terminated his services. Bastian was not a man to have idle time on his hands, and almost immediately he made plans to start his own business, persuading a co-worker, Lewis Greene Blessing, and several other young associates to join him. Together in 1908 Charles and Lewis formed the Bastian-Blessing Company in Chicago, and from the very start they were highly successful. Two years later they moved the company to Grand Haven. Charles obtained some 54 patents on inventions for his company after losing his sight. Bastian, who was born in Germany in November 1861, came to the United States in 1880. On February 18, 1888 he married Meta Schroeder. There is no evidence Charles ever resided in the Grand Haven area. He died in Winnetka, Illinois on December 3, 1936.

### **James Batchellor [Batcheller, Batchelor] [1881-1921]**

Born in Grand Haven in 1881, James Batchellor was employed by the Grand Haven Gas Company. He served in the army during WWI and while in the army was said to have suffered a stroke of paralysis which impaired his health. He invented a musical instrument, which he planned to use in a vaudeville skit, and at one time he reportedly was connected with the stage. He drowned in Spring Lake while swimming off a dock in Fruitport on July 11, 1921. [*Tribune* obituary, July 11, 1921.]

### **Webster Batchellor [Batcheller, Batchelor, Batchells] [1834-1904]**

Webster was born in South Adams, Massachusetts on November 21, 1834, the son of Daniel and Martha Jennison Batchellor. He moved to Chicago where in 1866 he and a man named Slaght started a business. They bought the Hopkins & Ferry Sawmill in Ferrysburg in 1871, adding George Shippey as a third partner, giving it the name Batchellor, Slaght, and Shippey Sawmill. [No details were found regarding Slaght.] Webster’s older sister Sarah Dorah Batchellor married George Shippey in 1848. They lived in Ferrysburg. In 1881, the partners sold the mill to Grand Haven Lumber Company. It was located approximately where the north end of the U.S. 31 bridge later rested. Webster was one of the original shareholders of the Dake Engine Company when it was formed in 1887. His sister Sarah married George Shippey of Ferrysburg. Webster died in Lane Hospital in San Francisco, California on June 2, 1904 and was buried at Glen Falls Cemetery, Glen Falls, New York. His death certificate listed his occupation as “Capitalist.” [*Tribune* obituary, June 3, 1904.]

### **James O. Bates [1837-1922]**

Born in New York on November 25, 1837, James Bates by 1870 was one of Spring Lake’s physicians. He married Hattie M. Hixon in Eaton County on July 29, 1861. She was born in New York about 1843. Their



children, all born in Michigan, were Willie E., born about 1862; Jessie A., who was born in Hubbardston, Ionia County about 1867 and married Benjamin N. Savidge in Spring Lake on October 6, 1886; and Arthur D., born about 1868. In 1871 James was appointed Consulting Physician for the Magnetic and Sulphur Springs Company of Fruitport. For a while he was a partner with Charles Begin as owner of a brick company that in 1889 was sold to Fred Bertschy. James died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1922.

#### **Joseph Bates [1849-1938]**

Joseph Bates married Eliza [Elizabeth] Wells in Ottawa, Canada on July 2, 1877. The couple immigrated to the United States the next year. Joseph was born in Canada on October 3, 1849, and Eliza, also a native of Canada, was a year younger. A son, Walter, was born in June 1877 in Canada.

Joseph and Eliza had another son, Thomas, who was born in Spring Lake on June 20, 1888, and died in Muskegon on April 30, 1951. A daughter Effie was born in Spring Lake on February 16, 1879, married Francis Asia Wilson [b. 1881] in Grand Haven on June 15, 1904, and moved to Onaway, Presque Isle County. A second daughter, Anna, was born about 1892, married Joseph W. Peters in Wexford County on April 22, 1913, and died in Wexford County in March 1987. The Bates family lived on Summit Street in Spring Lake.

#### **Walter J. Bates [1876-1903]**

On August 10, 1903, Walter Bates “received a crushing blow on the back of the head” while working in the engine room of the steamer *Georgia*. Bates was second engineer. The boat, part of the Goodrich Transportation Line, had just left Milwaukee and was on her way to Mackinac Island. Walter was a licensed boiler inspector and lived in Spring Lake. The son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wells Bates, he was born in June 1876 in Canada. [*The Inter-Ocean*, October 10, 1903.]

#### **Guy Deroy Baugh [1891-1972]**

Guy Baugh, a sergeant with the Michigan State Police, was stationed at the Ferrysburg post at [approximately] 50 Pine Street. He was born in Middlebury, Indiana on July 5, 1891 and married Lillian Rae Stoughton in Boomingdale, Van Buren County on December 3, 1924. They lived on Third Street in Ferrysburg. At the start of World War II, Guy was still with the State Police but had moved to Jackson. He died in Bay City on February 7, 1972. Born in Bloomindale on June 11, 1907, Lillie passed away February 22, 2001. She and Guy were buried at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Hillsdale. They had at least two children: Geraldine Lillie Baugh [1925-2014] and Harold Guy Baugh [1927-1995].

#### **Edward [Edwin] Baughn [1852-1934]**

Coming to Grand Haven from St. Johns, Clinton County in 1865, Edward Baughn was a lumber inspector [scaler]. He married Henrietta “Nettie” Rud [Reed/Read] in Coopersville on October 6, 1877 and remained in the area into the 1880s. Their surviving children were Francis, who was born in Michigan in 1878 and died in 1949; Bertha, born two years later; George, born in Grand Haven on January 29, 1881; George, born in Grand Haven on January 29, 1882; Edna, who was born in Muskegon on May 3, 1887 and died in 1982; and Lillie, who lived from 1889 to 1931. In Grand Haven, the family resided at 300 Franklin. Edward was born in Michigan about 1852 and died in Shawano, Wisconsin on May 20, 1934. Henrietta was born in Ohio about 1858 and passed away in 1895. George and Gilbert Baughn were Edward’s brothers.

#### **George W. Baughn [1844-1880]**

George Baughn was born in St. Johns, Clinton County, on May 9, 1844 and was included in the 1860 census for Bingham, Clinton County. His wife, Susan Eaton, was born in England around 1856. They were married in Ottawa County on January 25, 1873. George served as private with Company M of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He stayed with his unit from the time of his enlistment in St. Johns on June 22, 1863 until he received a disability discharge on June 15, 1864. After George died of kidney disease in Grand Haven on February 5, 1880, Susan managed a rooming house on the corner of

Franklin and Fourth Streets. She was a member of the Grand Haven First Presbyterian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. Susan passed away on Grand Haven on February 26, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Susan's brother William Eaton [Heaton] lived in Muskegon. Edward and Gilbert Baughn were George's brothers.

#### **Gilbert Lafayette Baughn [1859-1934]**

By 1880 Gilbert Baughn was employed at a Grand Haven sawmill. Like his brother George, Gilbert was included in the 1860 census for Bingham, Clinton County. Edward Baughn of Grand Haven was another brother. On September 1, 1886 he married Celia De Witt in Grand Rapids. Celia was born in Ferrysburg on September 8, 1863. Gilbert and Celia had at least one surviving child, Julia [Lulu], born in Spring Lake on July 8, 1885. Julia was married in Muskegon on June 29, 1905 to George W. Pegg. Gilbert and Celia in 1897 were residing in Muskegon, where Russel Gilbert Baughn was born on December 7, 1899. Gilbert was born in St. John's, Clinton County in 1860. Gilbert passed away in 1934, and Celia died in Detroit on July 14, 1937.

#### **William Chandler Baum [1931-2007] and Nancy L. Baum [1933-2011]**

Bill was born on November 3, 1931 in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County. He obtained his doctorate in political theory from the University of Iowa, then taught for 50 years, starting at Creighton University and South East Missouri State College, and ending at Grand Valley State University, where he was on the faculty for 40 years. His studies focused on the Holocaust, the United States Constitution, and George Orwell. His wife Nancy founded Ballet Arts in Grand Haven in 1965 and was named Dance Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Dance Council in 1999. Beginning in 1974 and over several decades, she frequently taught classes as adjunct professor at Grand Valley and other area colleges. William and Nancy established two endowments at Grand Valley: the Nancy H. Baum Endowment in Dance, to support master classes and lectures for Grand Valley dance students, and the William C. Baum Endowment Fund, established in 1998, which sponsored speakers on issues in American law one year and piano recitals the next. He and Nancy lived at 112 Mason Street in Spring Lake and at 17070 Timberdunes Drive in Grand Haven Township. They had a son, Jefferson W. Baum, and a daughter, Kathryn M. Baum, who married Mark Hill of Grand Haven. Jefferson also taught dance at Grand Valley for a brief time. Nancy lived from September 14, 1933 to February 28, 2011. She and William were married about 1959.

#### **Edward John Bauman [1886-1963]**

Michigan native Edward Bauman was a motorboat dealer as early as 1926. He previously had been in the restaurant business in Grand Rapids. In Spring Lake, his place of business was at the north end of Alden Street [227 Alden]. From about 1957 to 1960 he also had a marina at 600 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. Ed retired in May 1945. He resided near his marina, at 401 Lakeview Court, with his mother Carrie [1862-1946]. Edward's father, John Bauman, lived from 1860 to 1923. Edward was born on February 17, 1886 in Grand Rapids, married Belle Jennings in Grand Haven on May 15, 1890, passed away at his home in Spring Lake on May 2, 1963, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Belle was born in Grand Rapids on May 6, 1887 and died in her birth town on January 20, 1925. She was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, May 2, 1963.]

#### **Charles Bavry [Barry] [1872-1927]**

Charles Bavry served as lighthouse keeper at Grand Haven from 1922 to 1926 and died in 1927. His wife Mabel was born in Michigan about 1888. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Viola C. Bavry, who was born on October 7, 1903 and died in California on September 7, 1988; Louis W. Bavry, born on October 2, 1904; Myrtle [Marion] L. Bavry, who was born on September 6, 1905 and died in California on May 2, 1990; Marian C. Bavry, born about 1906; and Charles Harold Bavry, who was born on July 17, 1907 and died in Florida in 1952. Charles the father was born in Wisconsin in 1872.

#### **Edwin Baxter [1831-1910]**

Born in 1831, Edwin Baxter served as lieutenant with Company C of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers during the Civil War. He was discharged on February 16, 1864. On April 29, 1860, he married Carrie Keyes in Grand Rapids. She died on December 3, 1866 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. They had two children, Minnie [1864-1950] and Frank. On May 23, 1868, Edwin married Ellen Louis Scagel in Quebec. She was born in Canada on June 26, 1846. Edwin and Ellen had a son, Edwin Childs Baxter, who was born in Grand Haven August 12, 1878 and died in Cleveland, Ohio on April 11, 1962. He was judge of superior court in Grand Rapids before moving to Grand Haven prior to 1880. In Grand Haven he opened a law office and served in Ottawa County as circuit court commissioner. He and his wife Ellen relocated to California shortly after the 1880 Federal Census. Ellen died on February 28, 1895. Edwin was born in Moretown, Vermont on March 9, 1831, died on September 7, 1910 in Los Angeles, and was buried at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, as was Ellen.

### **Jacob Bayer [? - ?]**

See Jacob Boyer.

### **William Henry Beach [1851-1933]**

Born on April 4, 1851 in Mount Morris, New York, William Beach was a director of the Grand Haven State Bank from 1904 to December 1930. On April 15, 1878 in East Saginaw, he married Myrtle Sawyer. William died of arteriosclerosis on March 23, 1933 in Holland and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Myrtle lived from April 3, 1851 to June 16, 1927 and also was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio. William and Myrtle had two children: Chester Leland Beach [1882-1970] and Myrtle K. Beach [1883-1974].

### **Christopher Davies [Davis] Beale [1834-1904]**

Christopher Beale was born in Cohasset, Massachusetts on October 12, 1834 [1835]. In 1860 he married Helen Mary Amerman, who was born in New York State on March 2, 1838. In 1880 the couple resided in Evanston, Illinois, where Christopher was a coat salesman, possibly associated with the Marshall Field Department Store in Chicago. In 1895 he purchased from Marshall Field a lodge and land on Spring Lake, not far from Hammond's Bayou [approximately 15820 Connelly Avenue]. He opened a resort and named it Prospect Point Manor. In 1900 he was still living with his family in Chicago and working as an agent [salesman] of "cotton spools." Most of the family moved from Chicago to Spring Lake after 1900, where Helen, the mother, became manager of Prospect Manor. Later, ownership passed to her son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Agnes Beale. The Beales had seven children, including Warren Augustus Beale, who was born in Brooklyn, New York in December 1859 and settled in Spring Lake; Roland Rutherford Beale, who was born in New York on March 30, 1866, married Augusta Hall in Ottawa County, died on October 8, 1899, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Lulu Beale, born in New York about 1870; Evelyn M. Beale, born in New York in July 1871; Helen L. Beale, born in New York in September 1872; William I. A. Beale, who was born in New York in August 1875, became a minister, died in Spring Lake in 1910, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and Louis M. Beale, born in Illinois in January 1880. Augusta Hall Beale, Roland's wife, died on March 26, 1906 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Christopher died in Chicago on June 27, 1904 but was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After Christopher's death, his and Helen's son Warren took over ownership and management of the Manor. Helen, who died in Spring Lake in 1918, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Christopher.

### **Warren Augustus Beale [1859-1929]**

Warren, born in Brooklyn, New York in December 1859, was the son of Christopher and Helen Amerman Beale. The family had moved to the Chicago area by 1880. Warren relocated to Spring Lake after his father's death in 1904 and in 1918, following his mother's death, took over ownership and management of Prospect Point Resort [Section 11 of Spring Lake Township, approximately 15820 Connelly]. He married Agnes Bridgett Linehan in Grand Haven on October 11, 1918. After Warren's death in 1929, Agnes

continued management of the property. She was born in Kalamazoo on October 1, 1869 and died in her birthtown on July 5, 1961. She and Warren were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **George W. Beamer [1908-1983]**

After retiring as a tool and die maker, George W. Beamer started Falcon Corporation at 510 Elm Street in Ferrysburg in 1962 for the manufacture of tools. He was chairman of the board and his wife, Evelyn R., was president-secretary-treasurer. Their son John was vice president. The Beamers resided at 19447 North Shore Road and later at 313 Terrill Street in Grand Haven. George was born on August 11, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on May 5, 1983. Evelyn lived from February 1, 1911 to January 1990.

### **Hiram Bean [1802-1877]**

In 1856 Hiram Bean managed the Railroad House, a hotel next to the railway depot at the foot of Dewey Hill. [The railway to the Grand Haven terminal was completed in 1858.] On March 10, 1856, he bought acreage in Sections 19 and 30 of Robinson Township. Four years later he was listed in the federal census as a surveyor, although he continued to run the hotel. Hiram was born in Vermont in 1802, and his wife, Caroline Maria Munson, was born in the same state ten years later. They had two daughters, both born in Vermont: Stella, born in Vermont on June 27, 1833, and Edna, born in Chicago on October 16, 1835. In early 1863 Stella appeared in two of the "Tableaux" staged by Mary Ann Hubbard "in behalf of disabled & gallant Soldiers of the Rebellion War." By 1870 the Bean family had moved to Chicago. Hiram died on January 12, 1877 and was buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. Maria passed away the next year on June 12. Stella in 1881 married William Woodbury [1835-1903]. She died in Chicago on March 28, 1908 and was buried at Rosehill. Edna married Francis Workman in 1869. She died in Chicago on January 29, 1918.

### **Paul Raymond Beardsley [1869-1947]**

Paul Beardsley founded Sealed Power in Muskegon for the manufacture of piston rings. He married Grace Reynolds in Muskegon on October 16, 1895. He and Grace owned a summer home in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 17701 Fruitport Road]. They called their estate Beardsley Point. The Beardsleys' year-round residence was in Muskegon. He was born in Chicago on November 3, 1869 and died in Muskegon on May 31, 1947. Grace, a native of Michigan, was born in December 1873 [1872] and passed away on March 9, 1962. Both were buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **James Henry Beaton I [1911-1989]**

Born in Chisholm, Minnesota on August 18, 1911, James Beaton married Eleanor Elizabeth Sproul in Grand Rapids on January 15, 1938. She was born on April 5, 1912. They had at least six children: James Henry Beaton II, who lived from April 15, 1940 to March 25, 1994, and Michael Edward Beaton, who was born in 1942 and died in a car accident on July 29, 1964. Other Beaton children were Elizabeth, Mary Alice, William Wilson, and Robert Bruce, known as Doc Beaton. Mary married Mr Luna and moved to Dallas, Texas.

James and Eleanor owned a cottage in Highland Park named Wind Hurst. Located at 105 Poplar Ridge, the cottage was still in the family until their heirs sold it in 2016. James I was an obstetrician and gynecologist at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. He died in Palm Desert, California on November 28, 1989. Eleanor passed away in Grand Haven on June 21, 2005. She and James were buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **Frank X. Beaubien [Beaubin, Beaubine] [1863-1940]**

Frank Beaubien was born in Michigan on January 27, 1863. Frank's parents were Antoine and Julia Akey Beaubien. Frank married Reba [Rica/Rebecca] Gottschalk in Detroit on January 15, 1889. She was born in Michigan on June 24, 1863. As early as 1911 Frank and Reba maintained a fruit farm on 40 acres in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 18500 West Spring Lake Road]. By 1918 they had opened a summer resort named Peaceful Retreat. A daughter, Mercia [Merca], was born on August 1, 1891

in Detroit. She died on April 17, 1944 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. A son, Frank Marvin Beaubien, was born in Detroit on January 16, 1896 and died on December 23, 1953. Frank died in Chicago on April 12, 1940 and Recca passed away on August 1, 1924. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was their son Frank.

**Nazarie [Nasaire] I. Beaudry [1841-1915]**

Born in Canada in 1841, Nazarie Beaudry in 1866 opened a small mercantile establishment near the docks, under the name of Church & Beaudry. As the business grew, it became known as one of Grand Haven's leading dry goods stores. Later the retail establishment was moved farther east to 224 Washington under the name Beaudry & Safford, with Benjamin Delop Safford as his partner from 1871 to 1879. About 1908 Nazarie moved his store next door to the corner of Washington and Third Streets [232-234 Washington] and it became known as Beaudry & Company, which specialized in "gentlemen's furnishings, carpetings, wall paper, etc."

Mary, Nazarie's wife, was born in New York [Ireland] about September 1841, died on January 2, 1906, and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. The couple resided at 219 South Second Street in a house that later was converted to a nursing home. One of their daughters, Louise, born in Grand Haven on March 22, 1868, married Dr. Ernest C. Lee of Detroit on October 31, 1894. She died of pneumonia in Detroit on September 7, 1901 leaving her husband and a son. Another daughter, Mabel, was born about 1871. The third, Marie, was born in 1876, married Lucien [Lucian] Upham of Grand Haven on June 14, 1922 and died in 1936. Nazarie married Marie Elizabeth Root in Grand Haven on April 18, 1907. Marie was born about 1869. He died on May 6, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Marie later was interred. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 9, 1901, January 5, 1906, and May 6, 1915.]

**James Beaustead [1816-1877]**

See James Benstead.

**William Beaustead [1812-1880]**

See William Benstead.

**Thomas St. Gemme de Beauvais [Beauvois] [1846-1931]**

Captain Thomas Beauvais replaced Captain John De Young as keeper of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station in 1885. He served until July 19, 1888, when Captain John Lysaght took over. Thomas was born in Quebec, Canada on April 17, 1846. On September 9, 1867 in Muskegon, he married Mary Patnode [Patenade/Patenaude/Patneau], who was born in Canada about 1854 and died in Grand Haven on December 19, 1887 of typhoid. They had at least two sons, William, who was born in Muskegon on March 1, 1877, and Gilbert S., who was born in 1885 in Muskegon and married Christine Jensen in Menominee, Menimnee County on February 12, 1913, where Thomas and Mary had resided since at least 1910. The couple also had a daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in Michigan about 1888. Thomas passed away on October 4, 1931.

**John Anson Beaver [1916-1977]**

In 1969, John Beaver purchased from Joe Nejem the business and building at 14 Washington Street. John continued operating his predecessor's Wholesale Tobacco and Candy Company. John, who was born in Huntington, Indiana on January 5, 1916, died on August 12, 1977. He married Helen E. Stille, who lived from July 5, 1916 to February 1987. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John and Helen had at least one child, James. The family resided at 1132 Colfax Street.

**H. B. Beck [? - ?]**

Beck was appointed a director of Dake Engine Company when it was organized in 1887.

**Edwin [Edward, Edwards] Milton Beckwith [1823-1902]**

A ship's carpenter, Edwin Beckwith, who arrived in the Grand Haven area around 1960, built boats. Among the vessels he constructed were *Miranda*, a 40-ton tug built for Heber Squier in 1865 [later renamed *Lewis Wallace*]; *J.G. Campbell*, a 34-ton propeller, built for Thomas W. Kirby in 1868; and *J. Stephens*, a 60-ton tug, built for the Stephens family in 1868. He also was credited with building several ships in Holland, Michigan: in 1862, the 105-ton schooner *Beloit* for a Mr. Hitchcock; in 1865, the 180-ton schooner *William Smith* for Ryerson & Hills; and two years later, *The Josies*, a 120-ton schooner. Edwin was born in New York in 1823 and died about August 28, 1894. He married Helen Bowman, who was born in Germany in 1829, died on October 3, 1872, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Harriet Amelia Beckwith [1848-1926]; Eugenie Beckwith [1850-1925]; Franklin York Beckwith [1859-1923]; Ella [Ellen] Beckwith [1859-1924]; Evangeline Beckwith [1861-1940]; Clara Belle Beckwith [1863-1938]; and Frederick Beckwith [1866-1943]. Evangeline, Clara, and Frederick were born in Grand Haven, the others in Wisconsin, the last three in Michigan. Edwin was born in Arcadia, New York in 1823 and passed away in Winona County, Minnesota on August 25, 1894. He was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Winona.

#### **Elizabeth M. Beckwith [1847-1901]**

See Jesse Morris Cross.

#### **Hiram Beckwith [1809-1899]**

Hiram Beckwith, a Universalist minister, was born in New Hampshire in 1809 and died on April 30, 1899. He married Hannah Moore. By 1866 they were settled in Spring Lake, where Rev. Hiram eventually retired and raised fruit. Among their children were Elizabeth M., who was born in Shelby, New York on November 25, 1847 and married Jesse Morris Cross of Grand Haven; Ruth M., who was born about 1850 in New Hampshire and first married John B. Hancock of Spring Lake and then Thomas A. Parish of Ferrysburg; and Lucy, who was born in Wisconsin about 1852. The Beckwiths also had a son, Andrew, who was born about 1854 in Wisconsin and moved to Seattle, Washington, where Elizabeth later relocated. Hannah lived from 1815 to December 21, 1902. The Beckwiths were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Frederick T. Bectel [Becktel, Bechtel] [1837-1890]**

Born in 1837 in Germany, Fred Bectel by the age of 19 owned a butcher shop in Grand Haven. His wife Josephine, also from Germany, was born the same year as he. Frederick died in Grand Rapids on May 31, 1890 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

#### **Carol Cook Bedient [1957-2014]**

Born in Albion, Calhoun County on April 6, 1957 to Paul and Alice Cook, Carol graduated from Albion College followed by a master degree from Michigan State University. She married Paul Bedient on August 30, 1980 in Albion. The couple moved to Grand Haven in 1989. Carol joined the staff of Hospice of North Ottawa when it started in 1991. Nine years later she became program co-coordinator and later director of grants for the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. At various times she attended the Methodist Church of the Dunes and Christ Community Church. She and Paul had four children: Samantha, who married Ryan McCollum of Grand Rapids; Jessica, who married Dustin Crist of Grand Haven; Kendra, who married Jordan Nyhof of Grand Rapids; and a son, Kyle, who remained in Grand Haven. Carol died in Grand Haven on April 26, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, April 29, 2014.]

#### **Albert [Elbert] Beekman [1823-1909]**

Albert, the son of Reijer and Aartje Van Den Hoek Beekman, was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on January 2, 1823. Albert married Aartje "Alice" Van Den Hoek in Gelderland on October 15, 1869 and they immigrated to the United States two years later with two of their children. Alice, also a native of Gelderland, was born on January 27, 1850. The Beekmans owned a 140-acre farm in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Among their children were Sena [Stijntje], who was born on October 1, 1870 and

married John Pellegrom of Grand Haven Township; Reijer, born on November 11, 1870; Albert, born on June 7, 1873; William, born on April 4, 1882; Della [Dirkey], who was born on September 5, 1884 and married Frederick J. Kieft II of Grand Haven; and Ganzen, born in November 1886. The younger children were all born locally. Albert died at home in Grand Haven Township on February 13, 1909, and Alice died, also at home, the following year.

#### **Albert [Elbert] E. Beekman [1873-1962]**

Albert was the son of Albert and Aartje Van Den Hoek Beekman. He was born in Grand Haven on June 7, 1873, died in the local hospital on June 7, 1962, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was a carpenter by trade. On June 1, 1897, at a home on Seventh Street, Albert married Martje [Martha/Myrtle], daughter of Adam and Cornelia Kieft. She was born September 14, 1878, passed away on August 4, 1975, and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Beekmans raised their family at 834 [836] Slayton, but by the mid-1950s were living at 823 Slayton. The Beekmans' daughter, Gertrude, was born on April 28, 1901 in Grand Haven and died at Shore Haven Nursing Home in June 1994. Her husband, Martin Carl Olsen, was a native of Michigan City, Indiana and lived from June 22, 1902 to July 6, 1990. Another daughter, Agnes, was born May 3., 1904 and died in Grand Haven on January 31, 1995. Agnes married John Gunard of Grand Haven on April 30, 1927. Gunard lived from October 1, 1902 to February 18, 1981. The Beekmans' other son, Marvin Edwin, was born in Grand Haven on May 9, 1909.

#### **Elbert William Beekman [1897-1978]**

The son of Reijer and Elsie Hoeksema Beekman, Elbert was born in Grand Haven on March 14, 1897 and died in East Lansing in December 1978. He was a resident of Lansing as early as 1918, where he was employed as a bookkeeper. His wife, Anna, was born in Illinois on May 7, 1900 and died in Muskegon on February 3, 1988. Their children were Alfred, who was born on May 13, 1921 and died in Muskegon on March 18, 2000; Stuart, who was born on August 28, 1922 and died at Twin Lakes on November 29, 1998; and Doris M., who was born about 1825.

#### **Marvin Edwin Beekman [1909-1985]**

The son of Albert and Martje Kieft Beekman, Marvin was born in Grand Haven on May 9, 1909. He married Pauline Belle Westwood of Flint, who lived from January 14, 1910 to August 19, 1996. Marvin died November 6, 1985 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Pauline also died in Lansing.

#### **Reijer [Reyer] Beekman [1870-1952]**

The son of Albert and Aartje Van Den Hoek Beekman, Reijer was born in The Netherlands on November 11, 1870 and died in Grand Haven on May 7, 1952. In 1895 or 1896 he married Elsie Hoeksema in Ottawa County. Elsie, the daughter of John and Kate Hoeksema of Grand Haven, was born in The Netherlands on January 30, 1878. Elbert W., one of their children, was born on March 24, 1897 and another was Catherine, who was born on May 28, 1900 and married Ralph Sheffield. Both Elbert and Catherine were born in Grand Haven. Reijer worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. The Beekmans, who resided at 915 Fulton, were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Elsie died in Grand Rapids on May 28, 1975.

#### **William Beekman [1882-1964]**

William, the son of Albert and Aartje "Alice" Van Den Hoek Beekman, was born in Grand Haven on April 24, 1882. He married Margaret Pellegrom on October 21, 1909. She was born in Michigan on February 19, 1890 and died in Grand Haven on February 9, 1976. The Beekmans owned a 30-acre farm in Section 33 [North] of Grand Haven Township [originally Spring Lake Township]. William died in Grand Haven on December 29, 1964. Their children, both born in Grand Haven Township, were Robert, who lived from September 12, 1913 to February 5, 1992, and Harold, who lived from October 16, 1915 to November 1958. Margaret and William were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Loren Beerman [1851-1908]**

On February 21, 1873, Loren Beerman married Mary Burbank in Spring Lake. The daughter of Isaac and Medora McMahon Burbank, she lived from 1856 to April 29, 1906. Loren was born in Ontario on March 1851. By 1867 he was living in Ferrysburg, working in a sawmill. Ten years later he and his family relocated to Muskegon, where he worked as a wagonmaker. He sold that business and opened a store selling musical instruments. He could play the trombone, piano, and euphium and helped organize the Muskegon City Band. He passed away on September 30, 1908 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon with Mary.

#### **Ernest Henry Beernink [1894-1970]**

Ernest Beernink was born in Muskegon on July 2, 1894. In 1917 he resided in Coopersville, but by 1940 he had moved to Grand Haven and opened a physician's office at 222½ Washington. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1921. Ernest married Gladys Dunbrook on October 24, 1922. She was born in Grand Rapids on June 14, 1898. The couple resided at 502 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. They had three daughters: Betty, born about 1924; Beverly, born about 1928; and Mary, born about 1932. Their son John was born in December 1929. Ernest died on January 3, 1970 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gladys passed away on March 11, 1976 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Orville Franklin Beers [1895-1958]**

During WWI, Orville Beers served with the U.S. Army Supply Train with the rank of colonel. On July 22, 1920, he married Emma Sorenson in Atlantic, Iowa. By 1928 Orville had opened Beers Motor Company at 12-14 Franklin Street. In April 1933 Beers Motor merged with the Studebaker dealership, located at 9-11 South Second Street and owned by James W. Oakes. The combined operation offered Dodge, Plymouth, Packard, and Rockne automobiles, as well as Studebakers. Orville and Emma resided first at 1129 Pennoyer and later at 1515 Sheldon Road. Orville died in Florida on December 5, 1958 and was buried at Exira Cemetery in Exira, Iowa. Emma lived from January 23, 1897 to July 17, 1968 and was buried at the same cemetery.

#### **Charles Begin I [1857-1907]**

In 1889 Charles Begin sold his interest in a Spring Lake brick-making business to Fred J. Bertschy, who reopened it under the name Bertschy Brick & Tile Company. Charles became superintendent of the company. At another time he had a saloon on the southeast corner of Division and Savidge Streets in Spring Lake [226 West Savidge]. Charles married Lena Arentsen [Auisston/Arnstein/Arentson], in Ottawa County in 1889. Lena was born in Wisconsin on December 18, 1859 and died on July 15, 1931. The Begins' son, born in 1894, died on October 8, 1899. They also had a daughter, Florence P., born in February 1890, and a son, Charles H. II, born in December 1897. Charles I was born in Canada on February 2, 1857 and died on October 28, 1907. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Charles [Carl] Behm [1862-1942]**

Charles, the son of Friedrich Johannes and Dorothea Maria Behm, was born in Prussia on November 29, 1862 and immigrated to the United States in 1868. The Behms settled in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, where they lived in a log cabin. Charles and his brother Ferdinand [Fred] owned adjoining farms in Section 26, about a half mile east of U.S. 31 along what is now M-45. In 1897 Charles's 40 acres was on the east and Ferdinand's 40 acres on the west of the dividing line. The farms extended as far south as Winans. Charles also was road commissioner.

On December 4, 1887 in Grand Haven, Charles married Minna "Minnie" Groth, who was born in Germany on June 26, 1867, immigrated to the United States in 1880, died on June 11, 1906, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were William, born in May 1888; Herman, born on February 28, 1893; Emil, born about 1895; Ida, born in September 1896; Otto Henry, born May 18, 1899 and Ewalt [Ewald], born on May 13, 1900. Ewalt worked with the



maintenance department at the Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon. Charles died about December 2, 1942 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

#### **Charles William Behm [1870-1908]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 16, 1870, the son of Captain Frederick and Wilhelmine “Minnie” Behm, Charles graduated in 1892 from the University of Michigan Medical School. He joined the Chicago Health Department as disinfectant chief. He married and lived at 409 Laurence Avenue in Chicago. Charles died of cancer of the liver on May 16, 1908, leaving his wife Jennie and several brothers. He was buried at Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum in Chicago. [*Tribune* obituary, May 18, 1908.]

#### **Dorothy Klemke Behm [1908-1999] and Henry Behm [1904-1969]**

Dorothy was born on February 26, 1908 to George and Augusta Anna Post Klemke. She married Henry Behm on June 4, 1927. He was born on July 10, 1904 and died in June 1969. Dorothy Behm was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church and was active with the Ladies Aid and Quilters Group. Their four sons included Richard and Kenneth of Grand Haven; Edwin of Arizona; and Edmond of California. Richard was born on July 3, 1930 and died in Grand Haven on October 15, 2015. He married Corinne Stevenson in Monroe, Monroe County in 1951. After Corinne’s death in 1998, Dick married Marguerite Seigert on November 17, 2010. [*Tribune* obituary, 19, 2015.]

In 1930 Henry was a polisher at Grand Haven Brass Foundry.

#### **Edward Louis Behm [1876-1964]**

In 1908 Edward Behm made his living as a sailor. By 1918 he was foreman at the Panhard Motor Company at 1301 Fulton, and by the mid-1920s he owned a Hudson-Essex auto dealership and repair service at 1453 Pennoyer. On June 29, 1899 in Grand Haven, he married Matilda Retzlaff. They resided at 1302 Columbus. Edward was born in Grand Haven on September 7, 1876. Mathilda was born in August 1877, passed away about May 27, 1965, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 526 Pennoyer. Edward passed away in Grand Haven in July 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Ernest Behm [1909-1987]**

Ernest, the son of Henry and Henrietta Behm, was born on October 31, 1909. Before moving north, he worked for Anderson-Bolling for a number of years. His wife, Myrtle Schnitz, was born November 16, 1895 and died in Presque Isle on June 9, 1978. Ernest passed away while living in Presque Isle on April 14, 1987.

#### **Ernest John Behm [1884-1969]**

Ernest was another of several Behms who owned farms in Grand Haven Township. His was a 35-acre farm in Section 15 that had been in the family. Ernest was born in Grand Haven Township on May 12, 1884. He married Maria [Marie] Rosin in Grand Haven on May 5, 1909. They had three children: Frank W., who was born on May 16, 1910 and died on December 8, 1990; Dorothy, who was born on April 28, 1916, married Frank Karwoski [1915-1999], and died on May 17, 2003; and Franklin Louis, who was born on September 24, 1919 and died on May 23, 2007. Ernest passed away on February 2, 1969 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Maria lived from 1887 to 1973.

#### **Ferdinand “Fred” W. Behm [Boehme] [1854-1940]**

Born in Prussia on February 20, 1854, the son of Friedrich Johannes and Dorothea Maria Behm, Fred settled in Grand Haven Township with his parents in 1868 and was raised in a log cabin. He and his brother Charles owned adjoining farms in Section 26, about a half-mile east of U.S. 31 along M-45, as well as other acreage in the township. In 1897 Charles’s 40-acre farm was on the east and Ferdinand’s 40 acres was on the west of the dividing line. The farms extended as far south as Winans. Their family was among those that started Immanuel Lutheran Church in West Olive, which was moved to M-45, east of the farms, in the mid-1950s when U.S. 31 was improved. Fred was a Deacon of the church. His first wife, Bertha

Emilie Louise Wauk, was born on February 22, 1850 and died in childbirth on October 9, 1897. They had at least three sons: Henry, born on September 1, 1875; Ernest, who was born on May 13, 1884; and Robert, who was born on September 13, 1894 and died on December 8, 1950. By 1900 Fred's wife was Amelia [Emelie], who was born in Germany on January 27, 1862, immigrated to the United States in 1897, and passed away on June 5, 1939. Fred passed away on November 22, 1940 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery, as were Bertha and Amelia. [*Tribune* obituary, November 7 and 15, 1921.]

**Frederick "Fred" C. W. [Karl Frederick] Behm [1844-1916]**

Frederick Behm, who became a ship carpenter in Grand Haven, was born in Stettin, Prussia on June 22, 1844, the son of William and Karoline Hartman Behm. His wife, Wilhelminh "Minnie," was born in the same country in February 1842. The Behms had four children, all born locally: Charles W., born on May 16, 1870; John W., born in 1871; Louis W., born in 1873; Lena, born on September 4, 1874; and Willi, who was born on April 20, 1877 and died of diphtheria on December 23, 1879. They also had an adopted child, Ella, born in Michigan in August 1897. The family resided at 216 Madison. In 1886 Captain Behm launched a two-masted schooner, named *Lena Behm* for his daughter. The 59-foot craft carried lumber, fruit, and other products to various Lake Michigan ports. Captain Behm sold the vessel when he retired in 1899. In 1900 he was classified as a lumber dealer and a few years later he was working as a carpenter. Lena passed away on November 11, 1899. Frederick died on April 26, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, daughter, and other family members. Minnie died in 1917.

**Frederick W. Behm [1867-1957]**

A native of Michigan, Frederick Behm was born on July 22, 1867. His wife, Hedwig "Hattie," was born in Germany in August 1877 and came to the United States in 1885. The Behms owned a farm in Grand Haven Township. Their children, all born locally, included Fransciska "Francis," born in July 1897, Margaretha "Greta," born in July 1898, and Florence, born about 1903. Fred died on July 3, 1957 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**Friedrich Johannes "John" Behm [1812-1888]**

Friedrich Johannes Behm was born in Prussia on April 18, 1812 and died in Grand Haven Township on April 21, 1888. His wife, Dorothea "Dora" Maria, also a native of Prussia, lived from December 3, 1819 to April 28, 1895. All their children were born in Prussia: Wilhelmina "Mina," born on February 2, 1842; Johan Fredeick, who was born and died in Prussia; Maria, born on May 5, 1846; Wilhelm, born on November 18, 1848; Caroline "Lena", who was born on May 17, 1851 and married Henry Luss of Grand Haven; Ferdinand, born on February 20, 1854; Johan "John" C., born in July 1856; Mathilde, born on January 22, 1859; and Carl "Charles," born on November 29, 1862. The family settled on 160 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township in 1868. Friedrich and Dorothea were buried in Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**Johan Frederick Wilhelm "William" Behm [1817-1879]**

Born in Stettin, Germany on May 17, 1817 William Behm immigrated to Ottawa County and by 1864 owned approximately 200 acres in Section 21 of Grand Haven Township and an additional 100 acres or so in Section 15. While still in Germany, he married Karoline [Caroline] Wilhelmine Augusta Hartman, who was born in Stettin, Germany in January 1816 [1821]. The Behms had six children, all born in Stettin: Karl Frederick, who was born on June 22, 1844 and settled in Grand Haven Township; Albertina, who was born about 1845, married a Mr. Kuehne in Berlin, and died in Chicago about 1876; Ludwig, who was born about 1846 and resided in Grand Haven; Auguste Wilhelmine Dorothee, who was born on June 17, 1850, married Friedrich Kramer of Grand Haven, died on November 10, 1941, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Amelia [Emelie], who was born in Prussia about 1852 and married Charles Hass of Grand Haven on June 5, 1873; and Louise Augusta Dortha, who was born September 1, 1855 and married Wilhelm "William" Ernst Heinrich Zoerner of Grand Haven. Johan passed away on December 24, 1879 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Karoline died on March 23, 1892.

### **Johan “John” Behm [Beam] [1819-1907]**

Born in 1819 in Prussia [Germany], John Behm was one of the first 23 members of the German Immanuel Church and one of its original elders when the church was organized in 1870 in Grand Haven Township. John and his wife, Minnie, were married in June 1842 in Prussia. She was born about 1823 and died on July 1, 1907. They settled first in Niagara County, New York in 1848. By 1864 the Behms owned a 95-acre farm in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township, at the northeast and northwest corners of Buchanan and Lakeshore Drive. Their children were Johannes, who lived from 1852 to 1917 and whose 50-acre farm was directly across the street from his parents; Ferdinand [Fred], who lived from 1854 to 1910; Helena, who was born in 1864 and married Andrew Van Hoef of Grand Haven; William, who was born about 1865 and moved to Los Angeles, California; Annie, who was born about 1866 and married Henry Steffens of Agnew; John C., who married Hazel Hurinel on November 13, 1914; and Charles and Henry Behm, who moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. The Village of Agnew originally was named Johnsville in honor of Johan Behm. He died at his home on May 1, 1907 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Minnie. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 11, 1907 and July 1, 1907.]

### **Johannes “John” Behm [1850-1917]**

Johannes Behm was born in New York in April 1850. He married Wilhelmina Emilie Augusta Ehrke, also known as Minna or Minnie. She was born in Germany in October 1854, came to the United States in 1868 and died in 1919. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Albert, born on April 24, 1875; Henry, born on September 1, 1877; Bertha, who was born in 1880 and died on January 13, 1899; Anna, born in July 1882; Louis, born in February 1885; and John, born on May 12, 1887. John, Minna, and Bertha were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

### **Johannes “John” C. Behm [1856-1938]**

John Behm was born in Germany on July 21, 1856 and came to the United States in 1868. His wife, Mathilda, was born in Michigan in September 1858, passed away in 1919, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their daughter Emma was born in September 1882, and Clara, who became a telephone operator, was born on September 20, 1890. The Behms also had a son, Ferdinand “Fred,” who was born on March 15, 1880, became a teamster, and on October 30, 1912 in Coopersville married Cleora Olive Ives Walling, the widow of Amos Walling. Another son, Walter, was born in July 1884.

In 1900 the Behms owned a farm in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township. According to the 1908 *Directory*, Matilda and her daughter Emma ran a millinery shop at 103-105 Washington Street, and John had a draying business and sold windmills and pumps. His business and residence were both located at 202 North Seventh Street. By 1910 the couple was residing in Grand Rapids. John died in Grand Haven on December 16, 1938.

### **Ludwig Behm [1845-1905]**

The son of William and Karoline Hartman Behm, Ludwig was born Stettin, Germany in October 1845 and immigrated to America in 1871. He married Albertine Louise Marie [Mena/Mary] Hartmann, worked as a ship’s carpenter in Grand Haven, and died in St. Louis, Missouri on January 12, 1905.

### **Richard H. Behm [1930-2015]**

In the mid-1940s, when he only 16 years old, Dick Behm started a long career with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, working as cabin boy on the hopper dredge *General Mead*. He retired 38 years later as captain of another Corps of Engineers’ vessel, *Peter Conover Hains*. The son of Henry and Dorothy Klemke Behm, Dick was born in Grand Haven on July 3, 1930. He married Corrine Stevenson in Monroe, Monroe County on October 27, 1952. She was born in Monroe on May 15, 1929 and died in Grand Haven on January 10, 1998. After her death, he married Marguerite Selgert on November 17, 2010. Dick received his Pilot’s License after serving as an infantryman with the Third Division during the Korean conflict.

After retirement from the Corps of Engineers, he chaired the Harbor Board for 12 years, and he worked on the continuing restoration of Pere Marquette engine #1223 on display at the Coal Tipple. He was a member of the American Legion Post #28 in Grand Haven. [*Chronicle* obituary, October 19, 2015.]

#### **Wilhelm C. Behm [1848-1884]**

The son of Friedrich Johannes “John” and Dorthea Maria Behm, Wilhelm was born in Germany on November 18, 1848. He married Maria Theresa Thielmann in Grand Haven on December 28, 1873. They owned a 20-acre farm in Section 24 of Grand Haven Township. After his death, Maria married Frederick Henning of Grand Haven. Wilhelm died on November 12, 1884 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Born in Germany, Maria lived from April 30, 1852 to November 3, 1947. She and Wilhelm had five children.

#### **William Ludwig Behm [1863-1940]**

William and Alvirne [Alvine] Behm owned a 180-acre farm in Section 21 of Grand Haven Township. William was born in Michigan in July 1863. Alvirne was the daughter of Wilhelm and Emily Friese. Wilhelm Friese was born in May 1837 and came to Grand Haven Township in 1899. Emilie, a native of Germany, was born in June 1838. William and Alvirne were married in Milwaukee on May 5, 1897. Alvirne had been married before, and had a son, Willi, born in Germany in April 1894. The family of four was residing in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township in 1900. By 1908 they had moved to California. Alvirne was born in Leipzig, Germany on February 23, 1871 and died in Anaheim, California on February 25, 1958. William, a native of Wheatfield, New York, lived from July 2, 1862 to October 16, 1940.

#### **John “Jack” Paul Beihl [1893-1964]**

Jack Beihl was born in Grand Haven on January 4, 1893. His father William was born in West Virginia [then part of Virginia] in 1861 and died on February 19, 1928. His mother, Mary Ann Bishop Beihl, was born in England in 1867 and died on December 11, 1941. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Beihls moved to Grand Haven from Wheeling, West Virginia, during the 1880s or early 1890s and early in the next decade made their home at 1202 Franklin, where they remained a number of years. William worked at Story & Clark. Jack had three sisters and four brothers. As a coronet player, he was a member of the Grand Haven Concert Band in its early days, as well as the Jackie Band and the Elk’s Band. In his teens Jack became a member of the Wallace M. Ewing Zouave Band for a year, and he gave Henry Kooiman lessons on the saxophone. He earned enough money from his musical talents to cover his tuition fees at Ferris Institute [Ferris State University], where he graduated in 1917 as a pharmacist. He worked for the Van I. Witt Pharmacy in downtown Grand Haven [216 Washington]. About 1922 Jack became a partner with John Boyink and bought Raymond Presley’s Square Drug Store on the northwest corner of Seventh and Fulton Streets [635 Fulton]. Two years later, he bought out Boyink and became the sole owner of the store but lost it during the Depression. After the loss, Jack worked as pharmacist at Mulder’s Drug Store [136 Washington] and Voss’s at 635 Fulton. In 1928 Jack was elected alderman under Mayor Herbert H. Hillman. He served again in 1929.

On March 11, 1919, Jack married Ruth Mae Workman of Spring Lake and they moved into a home on Lake Avenue before building a house at 515 South Seventh Street as early as the 1920s, where they remained into the 1960s. One of their children, Kathleen, was born about 1921 and died in 1997. Jack died on July 4, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth was born on May 11, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on October 25, 1974.

#### **Harvey Bekins [1934-2016]**

Born on June 30, 1934 in West Olive, Harvey was the son of Joseph and Jennie Kuyers Bekins. Harvey started his own business, Bekins’ Appliance, after working for 27 years as an appliance repairman for Cook’s Appliance Store. He married Barbara Purcell on March 27, 1954. The daughter of Robert and Ruth Start Purcell, she was born in Sault Ste. Marie on August 15, 1935. Harvey’s and Barbara’s children were

Cheryl, who married Terry Alman; Cindy Kleinhessel; Karen, who married Mike Sterenberg; Kelley, who married David Reenders; and Scott. Some years prior to Harvey's death, Scott assumed management of the family store and expanded it. The store was located at 735 Washington Street in Grand Haven. Harvey died in Grand Haven on April 7, 2016. He was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Grand Haven Township. Barbara passed away on March 4, 2021 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, April 11, 2016.]

### **Charles Hobart "Hoby" Bell [1905-1985]**

The brother of Helen Bell, with whom he shared a home at 18168 Terrace Road in Spring Lake, and son of Jacob and Martha Bell, C. Hobart Bell was born on July 23, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on April 28, 1985. He owned and operated Hoby Bell's Sport Shop, first located in the mid-1930s at 118 Washington Street, then at 126 Washington in the 1940s, and finally at 220 North Beacon by 1971. He and Joseph Zeimet I were partners when the Sport Shop was established about 1935. Before he opened the shop on Washington, Hoby was a trimmer at Grand Haven Awning and Auto Trim, located at 409 North Seventh Street. At that time, he and his sister lived with their mother, Martha, at 1411 Washington Street.

### **Charles Y. Bell [1808-1870]**

Charles Bell married Eliza Barber, the sister of Jabez Barber. Eliza was born in England about 1807. After Jabez lost his life in the wreck of the *Pacific* while returning from England in 1854, Charles took up residence in Spring Lake and ran the sawmill. His wife had inherited the Barber property. Charles was born in 1808 and died on October 26, 1870. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son Charles eventually took over the mill, which became known as the W. H. Bell Company. Also working at the mill were two other sons, Edward, born in Canada about 1847, and Frederick, also born in Canada, in 1845. Frederick died on September 18, 1870. Henry, a bookkeeper, was another member of the Bell family employed at the mill in 1870. He was born in Canada about 1833.

### **Edwin George Bell I [1837-1915]**

Born in Canada [Clinton County, New York] on April 1, 1837, Edwin Bell came to Grand Haven from Menasha, Wisconsin in July 1878 as bookkeeper for the Wait Manufacturing Company. When the Wait Company was reorganized in 1881, Edwin was named president and general manager. On September 3, 1862 he married Louisa Buttrick [Buttrich] in Appleton, Wisconsin. She was born in New York and lived from 1844 to 1941. Edwin died on August 4, 1915 in Iowa City, Iowa. and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was his wife. They had two children born in Wisconsin: Mattie A., who lived from 1867 to 1935, and Clara C., born in 1869 and married Hubert "Bert" Mansfield of Grand Haven. A son, Edwin G. II, was born in Grand Haven in 1886 and died shortly after birth.

Living with the Bells in Grand Haven in 1880 was Louisa's sister, Flora Buttrick. Flora was born in Menasha, Wisconsin on September 10, 1861. She married Chester W. Richard in Grand Haven on September 23, 1885. Flora died in Coopersville on April 20, 1932.

### **Helen M. Bell [1898-1968]**

Born October 5, 1898 in Salem, Massachusetts, Helen was the sister of C. Hobart Bell of Spring Lake. As a child she moved to Holland with her parents, Jacob and Martha Bell, and graduated from Holland High School and Hope College. Helen did graduate work at Northwestern University and received her master degree from the University of Wisconsin. She taught at Hope College for five years and then came to Grand Haven, where she taught American history at the high school until her retirement in 1964 after 42 years teaching. She was one of the organizers of the League of Women Voters in the 1940s. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Helen died at her home, which she shared with her brother, at 18168 Terrace, Spring Lake, on October 10, 1968 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 11, 1968.]

### **John Bell [1844-1893]**

John Bell was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as “engineer.” He was born in New York about July 2, 1844, died on January 2, 1893, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 4, 1870 in Lisbon, Ottawa County, he married Helen Braisted [Brasted], who was born “at sea” about 1852. They resided at 214 Columbus. John and Helen had a daughter Jennie Bell, who was born locally about July 1879, and a son, William James Bell, who was born locally on October 7, 1873 and married Jennie Cunning in Grand Haven on December 30, 1892. Jennie was born about 1875. They were divorced by 1900. William was a Grand Haven fireman.

#### **William H. Bell [1840-1913]**

William Bell joined the firm of Barber & Mason in Spring Lake in 1864 as an engineer. The son of Charles Y. and Eliza Barber Bell, William was born in Canada and lived from February 1840 to June 12, 1913. Eventually the mill took William’s name and was called W. H. Bell Company. By 1876 William owned more than 85 acres in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township. In 1900 he continued to work as a lumberman. William was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Salvador [Salvatore] Belsito [1870- ?]**

Salvador Belsito and his wife Rose arrived in the United States in 1893, a year after their marriage in Italy. Salvador was born in February 1870, and Rose was born in April 1872. In 1896 they came to Grand Haven, where Salvador opened a fruit market at 126 Washington. He missed his native land and sold the business to Charlie Spadore in 1907, allowing him and his family to return to Italy. The Belsitos had two children: Tillizena, who was born in Italy about 1893, and Nellie, who was born in June 1900 in Grand Haven.

#### **Albert Earl Bement [1879-1957]**

Born in Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, on May 10, 1879 [1878], Albert Bement owned a 40-acre farm in Section 30 of Allendale Township. His parents were Harley C. and Marinda Parker Bement, who were married in Ottawa County on June 14, 1857. On March 30, 1905, in Ottawa Station, Albert married Fern Headly, who lived from 1883 to October 1, 1969 and was buried at Allendale Cemetery with her husband, who passed away in 1957. The Bements had six children. Clemens Bement was Albert’s brother.

#### **Clemens Clinton Bement I [1867-1955]**

Around 1900 Clemens Bement and Henry Spear owned the Spear & Bement Company, “Manufacturers of Fish, Syrup and Pickle Packages, Flour, Fruit, and all kinds of slack barrels.” The company was located in Grand Haven. Clemens was a cooper by trade. The son of Harley C. and Marinda Parker Bement, he was born in Georgetown Township on May 29, 1867. He married Lutie [Leutie] I. Robinson on September 15, 1892 in Robinson Township. Lutie, the daughter of Ira and Marian Juilene Robinson, was born locally on July 19, 1870. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Sherman, born in July 1892; Herold, born in August 1895; and Clemens II, who was born on August 16, 1899 and died in February 1985. The family resided on Washington Street. By 1930 the Bements were residing in Bay City, Saginaw County, where Clemens passed away on November 16, 1955. Lutie died on December 31, 1964 in Gladwin, Gladwin County. Albert Bement was Clemens’s brother.

#### **Harley Bement I [1795-1882]**

On January 19, 1863 Harley Bement I enlisted in Grand Rapids as private with Company F of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He was mustered out a few months later, on May 12, 1863 because of severe “illness,” probably a reference to the loss of his left hand. He received \$8.00 a month for his service and wound. In 1834 [1818] he married Eliza Wood Briggs, who was born about 1800. Eliza died in June 1856 in a house fire in Croton, Newaygo County. On February 27, 1857 in Ottawa County, he married Annie “Anna” Parker. She was born in New York about 1818. Harley was born in Lenox, Massachusetts about 1795 and served with the Sixth New York Infantry in the War of 1812. A compilation of veterans of that war listed Harley as serving in Dox’s and Perry’s Company of the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the

United States Army. Harley and Eliza had at least one son, Harley II, who was born in Steuben County, New York on January 3, 1835. The young Harley also served during the Civil War. Harley and Eliza had nine other children. The 1850 census cited Harley I as owning an 80-acre farm in Section 5 of Georgetown Township. The family was located there by 1845. Harley died on March 1 [3], 1882 in Allendale, probably at the home of Harley II. On July 22 his widow applied for a widow's pension.

#### **Harley Bement II [1835-1916]**

Harley C. and Marinda Parker Bement were married in Georgetown Township on June 14, 1857. Marinda was his stepmother's sister. Among their children were Clemens Clinton, born in Georgetown Township on May 29, 1867, and Albert Earl, born in Georgetown Township on May 10, 1879. On May 13, 1861 in Grand Rapids, Harley enlisted as corporal and joined Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry about a month later. He received a disability discharge on November 11, 1862 in New York City. According to an 1890 Civil War census of veterans in Ottawa County, Harley's left hand had been shot off in the war, deeming him "crippled, useless." Harley settled in Georgetown Township after the war and moved to Allendale Township about 1881. In Allendale, he was a justice of the peace for 20 years. The son of Harley and Eliza Briggs Bement I, Harley II was born in Steuben County, New York on January 3, 1835 and died on November 5, 1916. He was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Marinda, who was born about June 1835 in Indiana, passed away in 1915.

#### **George Benedict [? - ?]**

George Benedict was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 4, 1888. His father leased a building on the corner of Fulton and Ferry Streets [1003 Fulton], formerly the Maurer Glove Factory, to manufacture baseballs. Organized as a branch of a Brooklyn, New York company, the local business sold baseballs to a number of minor league teams. [*Tribune* article, "GH Sources New Industry," February 2, 1909.]

#### **George J. Benedict [1888-1955]**

George Benedict was born in Crystal Valley, Oceana County on August 4, 1888. He married Ora F. Wellman in Grand Rapids on June 29, 1912. George worked for Challenge Machinery, Story & Clark, Rest Haven Home in Spring Lake, and in other places. He belonged to Grand Haven Gospel Church and started its first Sunday School. The Benedicts had two sons, Homer, born in 1915, and Theodore, who was born about 1919 and remained in Grand Haven. They also had two daughters, Frances, born in 1913, and Theodora, Theodore's twin sister, born in 1919. Frances married John Van Dyke of Grand Haven, and Theodora married Bert Smith and moved to Grand Rapids. George died in Grand Haven on April 29, 1955. Ora lived from August 21, 1887 to April 29, 1967. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [

#### **Homer W. Benedict [1914-1976]**

With Lester Kammeraad as his partner, Homer Benedict started Grand Haven Screw Products in 1947. Benedict was born in Grand Haven on July 29, 1914 and died there on January 2, 1976. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Benedict's wife was Christine Dense, whom he married on July 13, 1933. They resided at 519 Terrill in Grand Haven. After Homer's death his son, Robert P. Benedict, became president of the company. Robert's wife Sheryl was vice president. Richard and Sheryl resided at 14879 Cross Lane in Spring Lake Township. Christine passed away on December 12, 2001 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Frank Benes [1922-1998]**

Frank Benes married Margaret J., daughter of John and Janet Van Tol Verseput of Grand Haven. Margaret lived from April 23, 1920 to November 22, 1994. Frank, who worked for Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg, was born on August 12, 1922 and died on September 7, 1998. The Beneses resided at 15705 Robbins Road. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Whitman Stoddard Benham [1826-1880]**

Born on February 9, 1826 in Byron, New York, the third son of James and Lucy Mead Benham II, Whitman first taught for a while and then became interested in newspaper publishing. The Benhams left New York and moved to Peru, Indiana, where Whitman was editor of the *Republican*. From there he became editor and owner of the Bedford, Indiana *Independent*, and the Newton, Iowa *Free Press*, before moving to Grand Haven. In June 1877 Whitman bought the *Grand Haven Herald* from Crinis H. Dubois and published it until his death. Guy Weber bought the business from Benham's estate.

Whitman married Sarah Louise Bates on February 9, 1856. Sarah was born in New York in 1832. They had six children, two of whom survived: George Bates, who was born in Indiana in 1860 and died in 1910, and Grace, who was born in Newton, Iowa on March 11, 1869 and, like her brother, died in 1910. Bates was listed as printer in the 1880 census. Whitman and Sarah died in the wreck of the *Alpena*, which was lost in Lake Michigan on October 15, 1880.

#### **Peter "Perry" Henry Benjamin [1861-1917]**

The Wiltshire Glove Company had a factory near the southwest corner of Washington and Second Streets in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s Perry Benjamin was secretary of the company. Perry was born in Zeeland on October 28, 1861. On December 27, 1888, in Hamilton, Allegan County, he married May E. Harvey. May, the daughter of John Delia Harvey, was born in Kalamazoo County in 1867. May died in Allegan County on January 22, 1897 and was buried at Zeeland Cemetery. On October 31, 1901, in Grand Haven, Perry married Margaret Ellen Young, who was born in Grand Haven in 1871. She was the daughter of William and Ellen Young and sister of Williamena Young. The Benjamins lived at 308 South Fifth Street. After Perry's death, Margaret and her sister Williamena lived in their parents' home at 406 Lake Avenue. The Benjamins attended the Presbyterian Church. Their daughter, Lois Catherine, was born on December 12, 1909 and died on August 7, 1929. She was buried near her grandparents, William and Ellen Young, at Lake Forest Cemetery. Perry died on May 4, 1917 in Florida and was buried at Zeeland Cemetery. Margaret passed away on December 29, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Alfred Bennett [Bennet] [1803-1881]**

Alfred and Louisa Bennett, apparently the first permanent Black settlers in the Grand Haven area, were living in Spring Lake Township by 1845. They and their descendants remained in the Spring Lake and Grand Haven area for decades. Alfred Bennett was born in Virginia [New York] on August 12, 1803. He married Louisa [Louise] McWilliams, a native of New York, who was born about 1806. The Bennetts appear in the 1850 census for Spring Lake. The next year, on October 4, 1851, the Bennetts purchased from Henry Pennoyer and William Kanouse land just east of Five Mile Hill, the location of today's Grand Haven YMCA [Section 29 of Grand Haven Township]. Not long after paying \$100 for the parcel, they purchased additional abutting land. Their combined holdings of 24 acres were known as Bennett's Hollow long before it became Mulligan's Hollow, as it is called today. On October 25, 1856, the Bennetts purchased a parcel of land in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township from Leonard Thompson, their son-in-law. The Bennetts moved their homestead to the Hollow, and they were there at the time of the 1860 census. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Leonard Thompson, lived next door to the Bennetts. The Bennett family was not found in the 1870 enumeration, and by the time of the 1880 census they were residing on Third Street in Grand Haven. John Mulligan purchased the Hollow in the 1870s. The Bennetts' children, all born in New York, were George, born in July 1826; Edward, born about 1831; John E., who was born about 1834 and in 1860 worked as a cook at the Rice Hotel in downtown Grand Haven; Mary J., born on May 30, 1839; Virgil, born about 1841; Rutson [Rudson] M., born about 1844; and Helen, who was born in July 1845 and married Albert Hicks of Grand Haven. Living with Alfred and Louisa in 1880 was their eight-year-old grandson Ivan Bennett. Alfred died in Grand Haven on January 16, 1881. His was one of the bodies moved when the original cemetery was converted to Central Park and Lake Forest became the city's burying ground. [On July 19, 1883 the Grand Haven City Council passed a number of resolutions requiring removal of the bodies, considering the action a "public necessity to safeguard the health



of the community.” Most of the dead were relocated to the more remote Lake Forest Cemetery]. Louisa, who passed away on March 17, 1885, also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Dennis H. Bennett [1861-1940]**

Dennis Bennett partnered with Jesse Woodbury of Allendale Township to start a planing mill. Dennis was born in May 1861 in Michigan. On January 15, 1890 in Allendale, he married Emma Jenkins. She was born in May 1873 in Michigan. They had at least three children: Flossie, born about 1892; Fidelia, born about 1893, and Nellie, born about 1896. Dennis and Emma were married in 1889. By 1930 they had moved to Gaines in Kent County. Dennis died in 1940 and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Emma had passed away in 1936 and also was buried at Allendale.

#### **Dick Bennett [@1831- ?]**

In 1870 Dick Bennett worked as a laborer residing in Grand Haven. He was born about 1831 in New York. With him in Grand Haven was his wife Ann, who was born in Ohio about 1834. Their children were Ruth, who was born about 1852 and became a dressmaker; Mary, also born about 1852 and also a dressmaker; John, born in New York about 1858; Henry, born in Indiana about 1862; William, born about 1864; Susan, born about 1867; and Phebe, born about 1869. Ruth and Mary were born in Ohio, William, Susan, and Phebe were born in Michigan. Another member of the Bennett household in 1870 was Mary Witter, also a dressmaker, born in Ohio about 1851.

#### **George E. Bennett I [1826-1902]**

Alfred and Louisa Bennett’s oldest child, George, married Bridget [Britton], a White woman, who was born in Ireland about 1823. George’s and Britton’s children, listed as Mulattoes in the 1860 census, were Sarah L., born in Michigan about 1856, George E. II, born in Wisconsin about 1858, and Charles, born in Michigan about 1866. George I, born in New York in July 1826, worked as a laborer in Grand Haven, but by the time of the 1880 census he and his family had moved to Walker, Kent County, where he was employed as an expressman [freight handler]. In 1900 he was a widower and retired and still residing in Walker. He died in Grand Rapids on October 19, 1902. The Bennett family was Black.

#### **Orlie Lewis Bennett [1930-1996]**

The son of Harry E. [1894-1984] and Carrie Elizabeth Lawton [1899-1969] Bennett, Orlie was born in Allendale on May 31, 1930 and graduated from Coopersville High School in 1948. On June 2, 1955 he married Carol Jean Memler in Woodstock Township, Lenawee County. Orlie served as first lieutenant with the United States Army from 1957 to 1959. He next worked as a sound technician in Lansing. He also was an amateur marine historian who wrote several articles on shipyards and shipwrecks in the Grand Haven area. Carol, who was born in 1935 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, died in 1986 and was buried at Deepdale Memorial Park in Eaton County. After her death, Orlie married Marie Marsha Sedlon, a widow who was born in Lansing in 1932. He died in Lansing on December 18, 1996 and also was buried at Deepdale. Marie passed away in 2013 and was buried at the same cemetery.

#### **Rutson [Rudson, Rutsen] Bennett [1844-1917]**

On March 12, 1863 in Detroit, Rutson Bennett enlisted as private in Company E of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Colored Infantry. The regiment left Detroit on March 28, 1864 and was first attached to the Ninth Army in Annapolis, Maryland, but around the middle of the next month it was sent to Hilton Head, South Carolina, and eventually on to other assignments in the southeast United States. The troops of the 102<sup>nd</sup> participated in a number of battles, mostly in South Carolina. Rutson, the son of Alfred and Louisa Bennett of Grand Haven, was promoted to corporal on January 1, 1864. He and the rest of the regiment were mustered out in Charleston, South Carolina on September 30, 1865 and released with pay in Detroit two and a half weeks later.

Rutson’s wife, Ellen [Ella], was born in Missouri about 1847. They had three sons, including Irwin [Edwin], who was born in Grand Haven on June 7, 1872 and died in Grand Haven on September 7, 1872.

Another of their sons, Eugene, was born locally about 1874. A third son, Frederick, died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1877 at the age of one year. In the 1870s Rutson worked as a barber at a shop on Washington Street in downtown Grand Haven. He and Ellen were still in Grand Haven as late as December 24, 1877, the day they lost their three-month old infant boy, Frederick, who was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By 1880 Rutson and Ellen were residing in Savannah, Georgia, where both worked as hairdressers. Ellen passed away in Savannah on October 30, 1900. In 1910 Rutson was a widower living alone in Oakland, Alameda County, California. In the Alameda Voter Registration for 1912, Rutson was noted as being a Socialist and still working as a hairdresser. His brother Virgil's obituary of November 6, 1915 listed Rutson as a resident of California, and he was listed in the *Oakland City Directory* of 1916 as being a barber. Soon after that, he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he died on December 7, 1917. His occupation was listed as barber. Rutson was born in New York State on May 15, 1844.

### **Selet Bennett [? - ?]**

Selet Bennett appeared as the name of the father in two death records for Ottawa County but did not show up in any other records. His son Bertel was born in Michigan on January 20, 1874 and died on April 8, 1891. Selet's daughter Daisy died on May 23, a month and a half after her brother. She was nine years old. The cause of their deaths was not given. Their mother's name was Elizabeth. Selet and the family was Black.

### **Thomas Bert Bennett [1889-1933]**

Thomas Bennett, known generally by his middle name Bert, perfected the gasoline pump and founded the Bennett Pump Corporation in Muskegon that produced them. In 1917 he owned an automobile dealership in Muskegon, but he was listed as a building contractor in the 1920 Federal Census and as a bank president ten years later. Bert was born in Muskegon on December 5, 1889. He died in Spring Lake on March 28, 1933 and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon. On June 15, 1915, he married Alice Koelbel in Muskegon. Later known as Elsa, was born in 1889 and died in Spring Lake on May 22, 1978. She, too, was buried at St. Mary's. They had six children.

### **Virgil C. Bennett [@1841-1915]**

Virgil, the son of Alfred and Louisa Bennett, in 1880 was working as a tugboat engineer in Grand Haven. He married Celeste Bourdley in Ottawa County on January 27, 1866. She was born in Pennsylvania [Canada] in 1847. As early as 1871 and into the 1880s Celeste owned and operated a laundry at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets, where she, Virgil, and their ten children also resided. The children, all born locally, included Robert C., born about 1866; Nan, born on December 29, 1868; Mary, born about 1869; Cecilia, born in October 1869; Ira W., who was born about 1871 and moved to Cleveland; Virgil Alfred, born on March 10, 1873; Harry M., born on December 18, 1874; Clara L, born on June 6, 1876; Joseph Almer, who was born on January 19, 1878 and died on May 15, 1879, and Alva [Alovy], who was born on March 3, 1879 and died on February 2 two years later. Both Joseph and Alva were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Living next door to Virgil and his family on Third Street were his parents, Alfred and Louisa Bennett. In 1860 Virgil was working as a laborer, as were his father and his brother, Edward. Virgil left town for a number of years, not returning until 1912 or so. None of Virgil's children appears in subsequent censuses for Ottawa County. He passed away at the home of Ulysses Fordham in Ferrysburg on November 6, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Celeste passed away in 1934 and also was buried at Lake Forest, where her name was listed as May Bennett. On various occasions Virgil's wife's name appears as Celeste, Celestia, Silly, and May. The various names must refer to the same woman, since presumably Virgil had one wife. It was an African American family. [*Tribune* obituary, November 6, 1915.]

### **Ward [Warren] William Bennett [1879-1959]**

Lieutenant Commander Ward Bennett was Coast Guard District Commander in Grand Haven from 1933 until 1939, when the headquarters were moved. Before that he was a crewman. He was born in Glen Haven, Leelanau County on June 21, 1879 and married Jessica M. Hanchew [Hanshew] in Charlevoix on

February 15, 1907. She was born in Indiana in 1887. They had a son, Kentnor Ward., who was born about 1911 and died around December 10, 1938. The family was residing at 17 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven in 1930. Ward died on May 28, 1959 and was buried with his son at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 28, 1959.]

#### **Carroll Bennink [1937-2024]**

Carroll Bennink retired after teaching for 34 years in the Grand Haven Public Schools. He was born in Coopersville on November 17, 1937. After graduating from Hope College, he earned a master degree in education from Michigan State University. He taught briefly in Standale and Fremont before joining the Grand Haven school system. In 2012 Carroll was inducted into the Grand Haven High School Hall of Fame. He married Dorothy Welch in Northville, Wayne County, on June 4, 1960. They were members of the Second Reformed Church and later the Presbyterian Church, where Carroll served as elder and deacon. He was a longtime member of the Coast Guard Festival Committee, the Tri-Cities Kiwanis Club, and the Garden Club. The Benninks had three sons: Brian, Dave, and Jim. Carroll passed away in Grand Rapids on January 13, 2024.

#### **James Benstead [Beaustead] [1816-1877]**

The Bensteads were early settlers in the Spring Lake area. James was born in England on January 25, 1816 and died on June 27, 1877. His wife, Mary, was born in England on May 26, 1814 and died on June 18, 1883. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Ella was born in Michigan in 1858. In 1870 James was a teamster. William Benstead was James's brother.

#### **William Benstead [Beaustead] [1812-1880]**

The Bensteads were early settlers in the Spring Lake area. William was born in England on June 19, 1812. His wife, Mary Ann, was born in England on November 30, 1814 and died on June 18, 1906. William was a teamster in 1870. He died on June 21, 1880. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James and William Benstead were brothers.

#### **Isaac Wilbur [Wren] Berd [1842-1912]**

Born into slavery in South Springs, Virginia and sold "on the block" three times, Isaac Berd eventually found his way to Grand Haven. On January 28, 1870 in Grand Haven, he married Anna Smith. The family appeared in the 1880 Federal Census as residents in a house on Second Street in Grand Haven. Isaac was a cook on a boat and Anna was a dressmaker. Living with them was a daughter, 8 years old, and a sister-in-law Alexandra Savina, who worked with Anna as a dressmaker. Each member of the household was listed as Black. By the late 1880s, the Berds were residing in Muskegon.

Isaac held a variety of jobs in Grand Haven, Montague, and Muskegon. Among his other jobs, he was chef at the Rice House in Grand Haven. During the Civil War, he went to the front with his "master," a man named Christian, who was an officer in the Confederate Army. When Christian died of measles, Isaac escaped and joined the federal forces.

Isaac died in Muskegon on July 27, 1912. [*Tribune* article, "Born in Slavery—Won Success," July 31, 1912.]

#### **Carl Ferdinand Berg [1906-1976]**

Carl was born in Grand Haven on March 31, 1906, the son of Ferdinand and Mary Schroeder Berg. Carl married Margaret Julia Wachter, who was born on January 6, 1909 and died on April 9, 1992. The Bergs around 1930 resided at 211 Fulton. Carl, who was an auto mechanic, owned the Grand Haven Pontiac dealership at 9-11 Washington. The building was destroyed by fire on January 18, 1940, but Carl rebuilt and continued operating his business until he sold it to Donald Rosso of Grand Haven about 1958. Carl died on August 19, 1976.

#### **Edward F. Berg [1884-1965]**

Edward, the son of Frederich and Wilhelmina Berg, was born in Grand Haven on January 2, 1884. He married Martha Klugas in Grand Rapids on August 19, 1922. She was the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Lueke Klugas of Grand Haven. In the mid-1920s Edward was a metal worker at Bastian Blessing. At that time, he and Martha resided at 1025 Sheldon Road. Edward died on July 4, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martha lived from December 7, 1883 to December 15, 1974 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Ferdinand [Fred] Berg [1873-1961]**

Ferdinand, the son of William F. and Mary Berg, lived from June 22, 1873 to June 5, 1961, and his wife Mary from August 22, 1886 to February 5, 1973. They owned a 110-acre farm in Grand Haven and Robinson Townships.

#### **Frederich Berg [1844-1933]**

Frederich [Ferdinand] Berg by 1876 owned an 80-acre farm in Section 13 of Grand Haven Township. The farm by 1912 had expanded to 220 acres, plus additional acreage in Robinson Township. Frederick was born in Prussia in April 1844 [1845] and died in 1933. His wife, Wilhelmina [Wilhelmine] "Mina," lived from May 1845 to 1914. Both were born in Prussia and immigrated to the United States in 1872. A son, Herman, who was born on March 22, 1888, took title to the property. Their other children were Elizabeth, who was born in Prussia about 1871 and died in Ottawa County on November 27, 1881; Carl, born in Prussia about 1872; Mathilde, who was born about 1874 and died on July 10, 1893; Martha Maria Helene [Mary], who was born on April 26, 1876 and married Henry Saul II of Grand Haven Township; Richart [Richard], who was born on April 3, 1878 and married May Stearns in Grand Haven on October 8, 1905; Wilhelm [William Frederich], born on February 24, 1880; Frederich II, born in November 1882; Edward, born on January 4, 1884; and Herman, born in March 1888. Elizabeth and Carl were born in Prussia, while the other children were born locally. Frederich and Wilhelmina were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

#### **Frederick William Berg [1849-1931]**

Frederick William [William Ferdinand/Frederich] Berg was born on March 22, 1849 in Ziemkendorf, Germany and died on July 6, 1931. In 1874 he married Mary Priem, also a native of Germany, who lived from December 7, 1849 to May 29, 1935. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William served in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870-71. With his wife and oldest son, William immigrated to the United States in 1883 and settled on a farm in Robinson Township. About 1919 William and Mary moved to 310 North Third in Grand Haven. Among their children were Ferdinand Berg, born in Germany in June 1873; Carl Ferdinand [Charles Fred] Berg, who was born on September 12, 1880; Elizabeth Louise "Lizzie" Berg, who was born on April 10, 1884, married Albert Graska [1879-1950] of Grand Haven, died on December 3, 1946, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; August Berg, born in May 1887; Frederick William Berg II, born on April 3, 1891; William Berg, born on August 19, 1893; Matilda Berg, born in March 1896; and Bertha Berg, who married a Mr. Van Weelden. [*Tribune* article, "Death Claims William Berg," July 6, 1931.]

#### **Wilfred [Wilfrid] "Wally" Theodore Berg [1908-2002]**

Wally Berg is well known for his murals at Hackley Library and the Muskegon Museum Center, but he painted and sketched scenes of Grand Haven and West Michigan, as well. While holding various jobs with Muskegon businesses, he took evening classes in sketching at Hackley Manual Training School. His teacher, Frank Almy, was director of the Muskegon Museum of Art from 1930 to 1956. In recognition of Wally's talent, Almy in 1934 recommended that the Works Progress Administration hire him to paint mural for the Children's Department at Hackley Library. He completed one mural in 1934 and the second one 55 years later. Those murals remain in the Children's Department. He also was a watercolor artist and illustrator. Wally was born in Muskegon on May 17, 1908 and died on September 3, 2002. He labeled himself a "self-employed artist."

### **William Ferdinand Berg [1849-1931]**

See Frederick William Berg.

### **Anton Julis Berger [1872-1928]**

Anton Berger was born in Norway on September 16, 1872. On June 16, 1896, he married Edna [Ada] Andersen in Chicago. She was born in Chicago on July 25, 1874, died in her hometown on March 12, 1921, and was buried at Mount Olive Cemetery. At the time of his death on November 29, 1928, Anton was manager of Construction Materials in Ferrysburg but lived in Grand Haven at 518 Franklin Street. Their daughter, Audrey Evelyn Berger, lived from August 2, 1903 to January 7, 1994. They also had a son, Newell Berger, who lived from 1899 to 1946. Anton and Edna were buried at Mount Olive Cemetery in Chicago.

### **Albert C. Bertch I [1868-1929]**

In February 1926, Albert C. and Eda [Edna] Widman Bertch purchased from Robert Ferris 13 acres and a home that were part of a resort known as The Willows. The property was located in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township [18635 Fruitport Road]. Albert was a meat dealer from Grand Rapids. He was born on March 25, 1868 in Erie County, New York. Eda was born on February 19, 1872 in Bay City and died on May 18, 1967 in Grand Rapids. They were married in Bay City on October 27, 1896. A son, John Widman, was born in Maine on May 14, 1900. Another son, Albert C. II, was born in Michigan in 1907. Albert passed away on May 1, 1929. He and Eda were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **Frederick J. Bertschy [1868-1932]**

In September 1889, Fred Bertschy purchased from Dr. James O. Bates of Muskegon and Charles Begin of Spring Lake the machinery and land of a brickyard located on Spring Lake in Muskegon County, just north of Stahl's Bayou. He named the business Fred J. Bertschy & Company, and later, when C. J. Bertschy of Milwaukee joined the firm in 1891 as president, it became the Bertschy Brick and Tile Company. Fred J. was secretary/treasurer and Begin was named superintendent. Three years later C. J. sold his interest to Adolph L. Kern of Milwaukee, who then became chief executive officer. By 1880 Bertschy owned a men's clothing store in Spring Lake, which he advertised as the "New Agency for the Star Laundry of Grand Haven," in addition to carrying "Gents' Furnishings & Shoes." He then bought Sam Fall's grocery store at the southwest corner of Jackson and Savidge [200 West Savidge]. In 1915 he sold that business to William Spencer and John Singerland, who opened the S & S Grocery Store. Fred was postmaster of Spring Lake from June 15, 1911 to April 16, 1917, when his wife, Helen J., was appointed to the post and held it until September 13 of the next year.

It was 1878 when Fred, who was born in Wisconsin on March 12, 1868, came to Spring Lake from Milwaukee with his mother after his father died at a young 36. On July 28, 1903 he married Helen "Nellie" V. Shoemaker in Ottawa County. The daughter of pioneer settler Michael Shoemaker, Nellie was born in February 1870 in Spring Lake. The Bertschys' daughter, Esther J., born about 1907, was Spring Lake Township treasurer for 11 years. Her husband was Jack T. Ahern, born about 1904. The Bertschy family resided at 305 East Savidge and was still living there in 1930. Fred's mother, Johanna H. Bertschy, was born about 1820 and died on June 12, 1905. His father's name was Jacob. Fred died in Spring Lake in 1932 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 1905.]

### **Emil Wilhelm Bethke [1872-1959]**

Born on January 11, 1872 in Potrymowo, Posen, Prussia [Germany], Emil was the son of J. Frederick and Otilie Fritz Bethke. He immigrated to America with his parents in 1873. On August 30, 1902 in Milwaukee, he married Katharina [Katherine] "Kate" Gross. A native of Galicia, Austria, Kate lived from December 5, 1883 to June 28, 1975. The family homestead was an 80-acre farm in Section 17 of Robinson Township [12134 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. Kate's parents, George and Magdalena [Amelia] Huhlman Gross had an adjacent 40-acre farm.

Emil's and Kate's children all born locally, were Emilie, who was born on August 5, 1903 and on June 20, 1923 in Robinson Township married Julius M. Ott [1900-1977]; George F., who was born on April 14, 1905 married Margaret Crouse [1910-1998] in 1929, and died on August 11, 1972; Charlotte "Lottie" Otilie, was born on August 29, 1906, married Anthony Ploughman [1900-1986] in 1926, and died on August 28, 1993; Carl John, who was born on December 21, 1908, married Jeanette Wiegerink [1913-1988] in 1937, and died on September 29, 1981; Edward Emil., who was born on March 18, 1911, married Dorothea Schillo [born on December 17, 1918] in 1937, and died on July 8, 1988; Wilhelmina "Minnie" Katharina, who was born on August 19, 1912; married Stewart "Bob" Johnson in 1932, and died on December 29, 2006; and Arnold Adolph, who was born on March 1, 1919, married Garnetta Spegel [1924-2009] in 1946. In their later years, Emile and Kate built a small retirement home on the corner of their farm property at 13467 Buchanan. Emile died on January 11, 1959 and was buried with Kate in Robinson Township Cemetery.

### **Frederick George Bethke [1877-1965]**

Frederick, the son of J. Frederick and Otilie [Otilie] Fritz Bethke, was born in Peru, Indiana on October 3, 1877. He married Alma Dransfeldt on May 25, 1907 in Robinson Township. Alma, the daughter of Andrew and Christina Handevdt Dransfeldt, was born on August 7, 1888 in Dwight, Illinois. Four children were born on the family's 120-acre farm in Section 17 of Robinson Township: Harold A., who was born on March 8, 1908, married Frances Edna "Betty" Alberda [July 13, 1912 to March 26, 1997] in 1933, and died on April 23, 1996; Stanley B., who was born on June 6, 1912, married Edna Engle [1913-1996] in 1934, and died on July 9, 1989; Irma, who was born on January 31, 1914, married William Melvin [1916-1989] in 1935, and died on August 9, 1994; and Kenneth, who was born on March 21, 1920. The four children played on a Robinson Township baseball team called the Rinky Dinks. They played many of their games on fields at Battle Point in Crockery Township and the Driving Park in Grand Haven Township. About 1925 the family moved to 1126 Slayton Street and Frederick was employed at Bastian-Blessing. Frederick died on February 15, 1965 and Alma passed away on October 3, 1978. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Personal correspondence from Marjorie Viveen, February 3, 2008 and from Ruth Horton on January 7, 2010.]

### **Johann Friedrich [Frederick] "Fred" Bethke [1837-1918]**

Frederick Bethke was born on February 6, 1837 [1835/1836] in Bierzgin, Posen, Prussia [Germany]. Prior to immigrating to the United States aboard the *G. L. Rhein* in 1873, he married Otilie Wilhelmine Heriette Fritz on December 30, 1866 in Schwarzenau, Posen. She was the daughter of Johann and Katie Seeman Fritz and lived from April 25, 1845 to January 20, 1912. At the time of their arrival in American, the Bethkes had three children, all born in Germany: Rinhold, who was born on October 26, 1867; Emma [Lena] who was born on June 23, 1870, married Captain William Rosie of Grand Haven; and Emil Wilhelm, who was born on January 11, 1872. They spent one year in Grand Haven before settling in Peru, Indiana for the next eight years, and returned to Ottawa County permanently in 1882. Frederick purchased a 240-acre farm and raised livestock on the southeast corner of Section 17 in Robinson Township. On December 30, 1866 married Otilie Wilhelmine HenrietteFritz about 1866 in Prussia. A native of Germany and daughter of Johann and Katie Seeman Fritz, she lived from April 1845 to 1912. Their other five children were: Frederick George, born in Indiana on October 3, 1877; Mina "Minnie" Anna, who was born in Peru, Indiana on February 21, 1880, married Alfred E. Kramer [1875-1950] in 1901, and died on December 19, 1940; Natalie "Nettie," who was born on October 7, 1882 in Grand Haven, married Frederick Klatt [1877-1961] in 1901, resided in Grand Haven, and died on January 5, 1973; John Wilhelm, born in Grand Haven on January 4, 1888; and Rosalie "Rosa/Rose" Sara Adolphine, who was born on October 13, 1891 in Grand Haven, married Fred Sinnhuber [born on April 14, 1892 in Pennsylvania and died in 1958] in 1916 in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Gross Pointe, Wayne County and died on June 9, 1975. Rinold, Emil, Frederick, and John. remained for the most part on farms near their parents in Section 17 of Robinson Township. Frederick J. died on May 3, 1918 and was buried at Robinson Cemetery with his wife and other family members.

### **John Wilhelm Bethke [1888-1984]**

Born in Robinson Township on January 4, 1888, the son of Frederick and Otilie Fritz Bethke, John was a carpenter and tree farmer. Between 1938 and 1949 the family planted 10,000 red and scotch pine and spruce trees to stabilize the soil and generate return from pulpwood and Christmas tree sales. His 100-acre farm at 136<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln in Section 17, which had been homesteaded by his father, was certified in 1942. He was one of the founders of the Soil Conservation Service and Christmas Tree Growers Association. On August 9, 1913 he married Celia Emma Rapp, who was born on March 1, 1894 in Bloomingdale, Illinois, the daughter of Henry and Ida Raap. Their children included: Robert Herman, who was born on April 18, 1916; Warren C., who was born on April 14, 1923, married Norma M. Warber [1928-2006] in 1949, and died on September 30, 2004; and Lucille A., who was born on June 13, 1927, married Walter Tejchma [born on June 25, 1920] in 1948, and died on May 1, 2007. John died in Robinson Township on August 14, 1984, and Celia passed away on May 3, 1994. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. [Tribune article, "Robinson Couple Owns 100 Acre Tree Farm," June 23, 1976.]

### **Kenneth Bethke [1920-1999]**

Kenneth was born in Grand Haven on March 21, 1920, the son of Frederick G. and Anna Dransfeldt Bethke. He married Marian F. "Jane" Spiegel on July 17 1942 while serving with the Army during WWII. She was born on September 7, 1920 and died in Grand Haven on October 16, 1984. Kenneth served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and was a member of the local American Legion post. He was employed by Botbyl's Garage in Grand Haven. Kenneth and Jane had a daughter, Roxanne, who married Rich Thibault of Hudsonville. Kenneth died on March 4, 1999.

### **Rinold [Reinold] Bethke [1867-1941]**

Rinold Bethke was born in Wygoda, Posen, Prussia [Germany] in October 1867, the son of Frederick J. and Otilie Fritz Bethke. At age six, Rinhold moved to the United States with his parents, lived in Peru, Indiana for eight years, and settled permanently in Robinson Township in 1882. On October 11, 1894 in Grand Haven, Rinold married Fredarika Schroeder, who was born on September 16, 1868 in Rittermannshagen, Mecklenberg, Germany. She was the daughter of Johann and Sophie Roggelin Schroeder. Fredarika was employed as a laundry woman at the Cutler House in downtown Grand Haven. In 1895 the Bethkes built their home on an 80-acre farm in Section 17 of Robinson Township [13160 Lincoln Street]. They cleared the land and operated a general farm where they lived the rest of their lives. Their children were: John Emil, who was born on August 3, 1896, remained single, worked the family farm, and died on July 24, 1971; Frederick R., who was born on January 15, 1898, remained single, and died on November 12, 1923; Rinold F., who was born on October 1, 1901, in 1936 married Marian J. Slaughter [1905-1967], the daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Solms Slaughter of Grand Haven, and died on May 25, 1981; and Herbert H., who was born on September 7, 1906, married Leah alderman White [1904-2003] in 1936, and died on January 18, 1998. Rinold the father died on October 19, 1941, and Fredarika passed away on July 19, 1927. Both Bethkes were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with their sons John, Frederick, Herbert, and Herbert's wife, Leah.

### **Robert Herman Bethke I [1916-1986]**

Badly wounded in the leg while serving in Europe with the U.S. Army during WWII, Robert Bethke returned home to face two years of reconstructive surgery. Despite all efforts, his leg was never again normal. The son of John and Celia Raap Bethke, Robert was born in Grand Haven on April 18, 1916. On April 18, 1941 he married Ella Mary Van Burgel in Benton Harbor. Ella was born on May 26, 1919. The day after the wedding, Robert began his service with the Army. After the war, he became ill after brief stint as a house painter. Not long afterward, Robert met U.S. Representative Gerald R. Ford. Their chat resulted in Robert being hired as a mail carrier, a position he held for 30 years. Making his regular postal deliveries on June 18, 1957, Robert opened a mailbox and discovered a newborn boy stuffed inside. The week-old infant survived and became known around the world as the "Mailbox Baby."

Robert and Ella had three children: Robert II, Bonnie, and Bruce, who was born on September 26, 1953. Robert I died in Grand Haven on July 23, 1986. Ella passed away on September 3, 2000 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. She was 81 years old. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Theodore [Theodor] Bethke [1874-1945]**

Theodore, the son of William F. and Henrietta Klukas Bethke, was born in Toledo, Ohio, on December 3, 1875. His parents purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 24 of Grand Haven Township in 1883. Around 1898 Theodore married Augusta Johanna Yeske, who was born on January 18, 1870 in Germany. By 1921 Theodore and Augusta had owned 80 acres in Section 25, across the street from his parents 80 acres. The couple's surviving children were Ella M., who was born on April 7, 1899, married Fred C. Holtz in 1921 in Grand Haven, and died in Kalamazoo on September 22, 1958; Emma Augusta Maria, who was born on May 28, 1900, married Joseph W. Wessels [1901-1957] in 1923, and died in Kalamazoo on July 3, 1964; Maria Hulda Lillian, who was born on January 7, 1905, married Russell Van Stratt [1906-1967] in 1929, and died on November 13, 1962 in Muskegon; and Walter Paul, who was born on September 6, 1909, married Dorothy Berry in 1938 and Helen Easterling in 1958; and died in Grand Haven on March 3, 1966.

#### **Claude Beukema [1887-1969]**

The son of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema, Claude was born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1887. In 1912 he married Rose Buwalda in Holland. Six years later Claude purchased Gerritt Bottje's hardware store at 203 Washington, where he had been an employee since 1906. He renamed the store Beukema Hardware. He sold the business in 1930 and worked for Bastian Blessing as a sheet metal worker. Claude and Rose were members of the First Christian Reformed Church. They resided at 220 Sherman, and had two daughters, both born in Grand Haven: Janet, who was born on November 18, 1912, and Ruth, who was born on August 20, 1914 and died on June 4, 2004. Claude died on January 1, 1969 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rose was born in Grand Haven in May 1891 and was a teacher before marrying Claude. Her parents were Charles and Susie Buwalda. Rose died on February 13, 1978 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, June 3, 2004.]

#### **Cornell Dean "Corky" Beukema [1920-2016]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1920, Corky was the son of Fred and Cornelia "Cora" Van Koevering Beukema. Corky married Phyllis Boss in Lansing on March 29, 1945. She was born in Centerville on December 1, 1923. After Corky received his degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University, he served with the Army during WWII. At the war's end, he worked for the Michigan Highway Department of Engineering in Lansing for more than 34 years, first in its office of bridge design and then in the road design office. After retirement on April 1, 1980, he and Phyllis moved to a home on the north side of the Grand River channel [20056 North Shore Road. The roadside park on U.S. 31 near M-45 was named in his honor. Corky was an active of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers. He had a strong interest in dancing, which he taught for more than 33 years. He and Phyllis had four daughters: Marsha Rosenburg of Calumet, Houghton County; Kristi Beukema of Spring Lake; Jan Beukema of Grand Haven; and Leslie, who married Dennis Sotola, also of Calumet. Corky died on December 11, 2016 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Phyllis received a Master Degree in Education from Michigan State University. After graduation, she was appointed Instructor of Adult Enrichment classes for Lansing Public Schools, followed by teaching positions at Lansing and Muskegon Community Colleges. Phyllis died in Grand Haven on April 29, 2018. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 13, 2016 and May 23, 2018.]

#### **Frederick Beukema [Buikema] [1882-1961]**

Fred Beukema was born in Grand Haven on May 22, 1882, the son of Hendrik and Jantje "Jennie" Niewold Beukema. He was a painter by trade. On July 27, 1916 Fred married Cornelia "Cora" Van Koevering [Van Coevering] of Grand Haven. Cora was born on June 19, 1889. Shortly after their marriage the Beukemas moved to 714 Pennoyer, where they lived for the next six years. It was there two of their three children were born: Christian, who was born on July 20, 1917, died in Florida on May 14, 1999 and



was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and Jean, on February 28, 1919. Their third child, Cornell "Corky," was born at Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital in Grand Haven on May 5, 1920. The family attended the Second Christian Reformed Church. Although Fred and Cora lived in such places as Miami, Orlando, Grand Rapids, and Phoenix, they maintained their church affiliation in Grand Haven. Fred died in Grand Haven on August 12, 1961. Cora passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on February 14, 1970. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [privately printed manuscript "These Are Mine," 1988, by Cornell Beukema.]

### **Hendrik "Henry" Beukema [Buikema] [1841-1909]**

Hendrik Beukema was born in The Netherlands on May 7, 1841. Although he and Jantje "Jennie" Neibold knew each other in The Netherlands, they evidently came to America separately and were married in Holland, Michigan about 1869. At that time Hendrik was working for the railroad, laying track south of Holland. Jennie was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, in June 1846 [1845]. After the couple moved to Grand Haven around 1879, Henry worked in a local sawmill, and then found employment loading and unloading boats. The Beukemas had ten children, six born in Holland and four in Grand Haven. The children were Pieter "Peter," who lived from 1870 to 1934; twins John and Hilbrand [Hillebrand], born on March 29, 1872, although Hilbrand lived only a month; Hilbrand "Hilbert," born on February 1, 1874; Fanny, who was born on May 28, 1876, married John Martin Japinga of Grand Haven, and settled in Holland; Jacob, born on February 7, 1879; Frederick, born on May 22, 1882; on May 11, 1884 another set of twins was born: Jantje "Jennie" and Henry; and Klaas "Claude," born on June 17, 1887. The family paid \$100 for a home at 109 Elliott, which was moved in 1922 to 106 Clinton. Henry died in June 1909, and Jennie passed away on April 8, 1934. At the time of her death, she was living at 121 North Second Street with her daughter Jennie, who was not married. Henry, Jennie, Peter, and Peter's wife Reka [Rika], were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [privately printed manuscript "These Are Mine," 1988, by Cornell Beukema.]

### **Henry Beukema [1884-1961]**

Henry Beukema was born in Grand Haven on May 11, 1884. His parents were Hendrik and Jantje Neibold Beukema, who lived at 109 Elliott. Henry studied accounting at Davenport College in Grand Rapids, and in 1914 was bookkeeper at the Dake Engine Company. By 1920 he was doing the same job at the Thieleman Ford dealership at 12-16 North Third Street. Henry married Etta Eysman in Grand Haven on September 19, 1912. They resided at 627 Fulton before moving to Zeeland sometime around 1930. He retired from his job in Zeeland, returned to Grand Haven, and opened a feed store on North Seventh Street. He and Etta were members of the First Christian Reformed Church. Etta, who was born in Grand Haven on December 6, 1888 and died on February 2, 1961, and Henry passed away the following December 16. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They left two daughters, both born in Grand Haven: Jennie Harriet, who was born on June 28, 1915 and married Jay Rop of Muskegon, and Anje Lois, who was born on March 25, 1922, married John A. De Kruyter and eventually moved to Decatur, Georgia.

### **Henry John Beukema [1915-2005]**

Henry was born in Grand Haven on February 21, 1915 to Hilbrand and Johanna Fisher Beukema. His childhood home was at 127 Fulton Street. Henry graduated from Grand Haven High School, Muskegon College of Business and Technology, Western Michigan University, and the University of Michigan, where he earned a master degree. He taught industrial education courses at Algonac, St. Clair County, and Grand Haven. He retired in 1977 from Western Michigan University where he taught engineering graphics for 35 years. In addition to his academic career, Henry worked in various engineering capacities with the Army Corps of Engineers, Camfield Company, Ingersol Division of Borg-Warner in Kalamazoo, Hapman Conveyor Corp., and Prab, Inc. With Dr. J. W. Giachino he authored more than a dozen high school and college textbooks in engineering graphics and welding technology. He also was a consultant to the Department of Defense in the preparation of instructional materials for the Armed Forces Institute. Henry was a member of Rotary, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and Epsilon Pi Tau. He served on the Board of

Directors of the Kalamazoo Engineering Society and the Michigan Industrial and Technology Society. He married Helen Rhoads in 1943. Helen, the daughter of Benjamin and Eva Emmons Rhoads, was born on December 15, 1919 and died in Waterford, Wayne County on February 14, 2006. At the age of two, following the death of her mother, Helen was adopted by Hugh and Rose Acker Wilt. The Beukemas' daughter Susan married John Trudeau of Waterford. They also had a son John, whose wife's name was Patricia. Henry died on November 23, 2005. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 26, 2005 and February 20, 2006.]

#### **Hilbrand [Hilbert] Beukema [1874-1951]**

The son of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema, Hilbrand was born in Holland, Michigan on February 1, 1874 and was given the same name as a brother born earlier, who lived only a month. Hilbrand moved to Grand Haven with his parents about 1879. On March 17, 1914 Hilbrand married Johanna, the daughter of Henry Fisher of Grand Haven Township. Not long after the wedding they built a home at 111 North First Street for \$1600. That house was moved to the southeast corner of Leggat and Howard Streets [102 Howard] in 1922, when Story & Clark expanded. The family moved again, this time to 127 Fulton Street. Hilbrand became a tinsmith, and worked for Augie Hartel, first at 30 Washington and later in the 100 block of North Third Street. Hilbrand died of skin cancer on May 25, 1951, and Johanna, who was born on September 25, 1884, died on June 1, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, both born locally, were Henry John, born on February 21, 1915, and Mary Jane, who was born on April 30, 1919, married Anthony John Kovak [Kovacich], and died on February 13, 2007. The family attended the First Christian Reformed Church. [*Tribune* obituary, February 16, 2007.]

#### **Jacob Beukema [1879-1959]**

Jacob was the first child of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema to be born in Grand Haven. The date was February 7, 1879. Jake married Lillian Shields Web from Petoskey in 1921. He did general labor until taking a job with Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg. Jake retired in 1949 from that company and died in New York City on December 15, 1959. Lillian died in 1952. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Jan "John" Beukema [1872-1931]**

John and his twin brother, Hilbrand, were born in Holland, Michigan on March 29, 1872, the sons of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema. Hilbrand died when a little more than a month old, and John moved to Grand Haven with his parents about 1879, where he later worked for the Challenge Refrigerator Company, and later Bastian Blessing. In 1919 he married Cornelia "Cora" Boon of Holland. John died of a heart attack on December 1, 1931. Their home was at 1022 Washington, and they attended the First Reformed Church. John was a sergeant with the Michigan National Guard. Cora was born about 1877, passed away around 1953, and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Klaas Beukema [1887-1969]**

See Claude Beukema.

#### **Lambertus Beukema [? - ?]**

See Lambertus Boersma.

#### **Pieter "Peter" Beukema [1870-1934]**

Peter was born in Holland, Michigan on January 5, 1870, the eldest son of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema. His parents moved to Grand Haven, and Peter followed about 1900, moving into a house at 207 Elliott, just a block east of his parents' home at 109 Elliott. Accompanying him were his wife, Reka [Rika] Alderink of Holland, whom he had married on August 25, 1896, and their first child, Henry Peter Beukema, who was born on May 13, 1897 and on December 23, 1936 married Marian Vanderkolk of Ferrysburg. Marian was the daughter of Roelf "Ralph" and Mina Vanderkolk. Peter worked as a wood finisher at Story & Clark, a job he held for 35 years. He died on May 20, 1934. Reka, a native of The

Netherlands, lived from July 2, 1876 to July 30, 1936. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **Emily “Emma” Jane Bidgood [1858-1941]**

When Loretta Lemke had her kitchen at 608 Clinton Street remodeled in 1986, workers found stuck between the wall studs a collection of themes, miscellaneous writings, and arithmetic worksheets, most of it the work of Emily “Emma” Bidgood. Emma was born in Detroit on December 15, 1858. Her family moved to Grand Haven prior to 1870 and lived on Washington Street. Her mother, Sarah Bidgood, passed away on September 19, 1872, and her father, John, died on February 3, 1879. Immediately after the death of her father, Emma moved in with Joseph Kirkland and his wife Elizabeth, Emma’s older sister. Since at least 1880, the Kirklands had resided at 608 Clinton, the home later occupied by Mrs. Lemke. Around 1890 Emma married Elmer Bryce, son of John J. and Helen Bryce of Grand Haven. Elmer was a machinist. They were divorced by 1900. Emma and Elmer had at least two children, an unnamed daughter who died shortly after birth in 1891, and a son, Lawrence, born in Grand Haven on May 21, 1892. After her divorce Emma worked as a telephone operator before being employed as a clerk at National Bank of Grand Haven [Grand Haven State Bank/Fifth Third]. She retired as bookkeeper at the bank in the early 1920s. Emma was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman’s Club, and she attended the Christian Science Church. In 1930, four years after Joseph’s death, Elizabeth and Emma were again living together in the house on Clinton. Emily signed all her papers “Emma.” She passed away on December 8, 1941, while living with her son Lawrence and his wife Maurine in Long Beach, California. [*Tribune* obituary, December 9, 1941.]

#### **John Bidgood [1822-1879]**

John Bidgood was born in England in 1822. His wife Eliza Sarah, also from England, was born in 1824. Among their children were Elizabeth A., who was born in August 1856 and married Joseph Kirkland of Grand Haven; Walter J., who was born on December 3, 1858, died on November 23, 1910, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Emily “Emma” Jane, who was born in Michigan in December 1861, and married Elmer Bryce, son of John J. and Helen Bryce of Grand Haven; and Frederick, who was born about 1863 in Michigan. John died on February 3, 1879, and Sarah passed away on September 19, 1872. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After the death of their parents, Walter, Emily, and Frederick moved in with Joseph and Elizabeth Kirkland, who as early as 1880 resided at 608 Clinton. In 1930, four years after Joseph’s death, Elizabeth and Emily were still living together in the house on Clinton. Emily worked as a telephone operator and bank clerk in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. The Bidgoods moved from Detroit to Grand Haven in 1868. The family was in Detroit as early as 1852. John was a ship’s carpenter.

#### **Charles Louis “Carl” Bierman [1875-1931]**

The son of Henry and Sophia Smith Bierman, Carl was born on March 9, 1875. On October 4, 1899, he married Bertha, the daughter of Henry and Rebekka “Mary” Bredehoft Saul. They had five surviving children: Clarence Bierman [1900-1952]; Sophia Bierman who was born on December 6, 1903 in Grand Haven and married Andrew Hiefte; Laura Bierman [1908-1998]; Grace Bierman [1910-1998]; and Ray Franklin Bierman [1916-2003]. Carl died on April 21, 1931, and Bertha passed away on April 27, 1951.

#### **Hendryk [Henry] Bierman I [Beerman] [1833-1902]**

German-born Henry [Hendryk] Bierman immigrated to Grand Haven Township and on April 8, 1863 purchased 60 acres in Section 9 from George P. Mulder. Nine years later, Henry took title to a one-acre parcel abutting the southwest corner of his acreage, property that had been designated for a township school but was never used for that purpose. Henry added another 40 acres to his farm, north and east of his 61 acres. The Biermans built a house on the property, later designated as 17217 Lincoln Street. Henry married Sophia Smith [Schmidt], who also was born in Germany and lived from August 31, 1845 to October 12, 1923. The Bierman children, all born in Michigan, were Augusta, who was born in 1867 and married Henry Roth of Muskegon, Ludwig, born in 1869; Bertha, who was born in 1870 and married

Frank Rymer of Grand Haven; Elisabeth, born in 1874; Carl [Charles Louis], born on March 9, 1875, and Henry II, born on July 21, 1877. Henry I was born in Mecklenberg, Germany on December 4, 1833 and died on January 23, 1902. He and Sophia were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with other family members. After Sophia's death in 1923, the Lincoln Street property passed to Henry [Heinrich] and Johanna Stille Bierman II. When Henry II died on August 2, 1937, the 61 acres went to his widow, a daughter, Emma Burkhart [1906-1991] and three sons, Walter, Fred, and Henry Louis Bierman III, who was born on November 22, 1911. Henry III married Evelyn Relstoff in Grand Haven on November 30, 1940. He passed away on August 18, 2006 and was buried at St. Paul's Memorial Garden. Evelyn lived from August 29, 1915 to June 1, 1986 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Henry and Evelyn sold the Lincoln Street property to Burke and Marjorie Ewing in February 1946.

### **Henry Grove Bigelow [1841-1936]**

Born in Paxton, Massachusetts on October 22, 1841, Henry Bigelow on July 12, 1861 enlisted as private in Company D of the 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. He was promoted to full sergeant on December 23 that year and to lieutenant on October 28 the next year. He was mustered out on March 15, 1863, the same day he was commissioned as an officer. He was mustered out of the service again on August 28, 1863. After the war he came to Grand Haven, where he married Amanda Hopkins on October 24, 1869. The daughter of Moses and Lamira Hopkins of Grand Haven, Amanda was born in Ohio in 1843. She died in Grand Haven on July 27, 1870. On October 16, 1872 in Livonia, Henry married Clarissa Tibbets. The 1877 gazetteer and business directory listed Henry as a partner with a Mr Stone in a lumbering manufacturing business. At the time of the 1880 Federal Census for Grand Haven, he was listed as clerk and secretary for "Mb Co." By 1900 he was working as a bookkeeper in Muskegon, where he lived with his wife, listed by census taker as "Eva." Henry died in Muskegon on November 16, 1936 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery. Clarissa, a native of Michigan, lived from June 19, 1844 to December 11, 1916 and was buried at the same cemetery.

### **William Francis Biggar [1836-1907]**

Born in Canada on July 10, 1836, William Biggar came to Michigan in 1881 and to Grand Haven in 1891. A civil engineer by trade, William surveyed the lines of the Chicago and Grand Trunk and the Michigan Air Line railways. He married Ada Mary Clarke on September 29, 1885 in Jackson. After moving to Grand Haven, Ada became the proprietor of the White Laundry, located at 100 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. Working with her at the laundry were her two children, Eleanor and Ivan F. Ivan was born in Michigan on December 17, 1887, married Akke Postma in Holland on April 18, 1914, and died in Mason, Ingham County in August 1968. Eleanor Lucy was born in Ohio on June 17, 1890, married Karl Friedrich "Fred" Kuehn [1881-1956], and moved to Milwaukee, where she died on March 4, 1968; she and Fred were buried at Wauwatosa Cemetery in Milwaukee County. Another son, Herbert Biggar, listed in the 1908 *City Directory* as a news agent, lived at the same address. He was born in Canada in April 1884. The family resided at 17 First Street. The laundry remained in operation until at least 1910. William Biggar died on August 20, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ada was born in Canada in February 1858 [1857], died in Milwaukee on August 20, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 1940.]

### **Jamies [James] Bignell [1856-1941]**

Jamies, the son of Thomas and Mary Bignell, was born in Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County, on December 12, 1856. As a youngster, he lived on the family farm in Muskegon County before moving to Grand Haven Township about 1872. Jamies married Harriette "Hattie" [Kitty] Clark in Grand Haven on January 1, 1881, with the groom's father officiating. Hattie was born to Charles and Abigail Wall Clark of Robinson Township on June 4, 1858.

By 1897 Jamies and Hattie owned 190 acres in Sections 11 and 14 that were once held by Jamies' father. Bignell School, near the southwest corner of Ferris and 152<sup>nd</sup> Streets, was named for this family and

Hattie, its first teacher, was there from 1879 to 1883. The land on which the school sat originally may have belonged to the Bignell family. Jamies and Hattie bought 170 acres between Potawatomie and Millhouse Bayous in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, land once owned by Robert and Martha Duncan. Their holdings totaled about 375 acres. Jamies and Hattie were living at 825 Washington Street, Grand Haven, by the time of the 1910 Federal Census. Jamies was working for himself as a cabinet maker and also as a "Dealer in Real Estate." He was listed as a real estate agent in the 1912 *Atlas of Ottawa Countys* and as the sole owner of Potawatomie Lake Resort, a subdivision dating to at least 1897 that was intended to attract buyers interested in hunting, fishing, and bathing [swimming]. [Potawatomie was then called a lake.] The lots ranged from 66-feet by 200-feet on Millhouse to 100-feet by 200-feet on Potawatomie. Prices varied from \$75 a lot to \$350 for five-acre parcels. Jamies and Peter Northouse, a real estate agent, claimed the five and ten acre lots would make "fine poultry and fruit farms." A 1915 plat map showed Bignell and Peter as co-owners of acreage between Potawatomie and Millhouse Bayous. Riverfront property continued to attract buyers. In 1920 Jamies was listed solely as a real estat agent, and ten years later he was retired. By then the Bignell name had disappeared from the Potawatomie Lake Resort plat. He and Hattie continued to reside at 825 Washington.

Jamies was a member of the Methodist Church and donated to the organization two parcels of land located in Grand Haven Township. The land was used as picnic grounds. Jamies and his wife both taught Sunday school and supported the work of the WCTU [Women's Christian Temperance Union]. Jamies also gave land to the First Reformed Church, which erected a chapel. The Bignells' children were: Gayla, who was born in May 1882, married a Mr. Lange, resided at 905 Washington after living in Grand Rapids for a while, and died in 1972; Thomas, born in October 1885; Garnet, who was born in March 1888, married Gerrit Rose and moved to Detroit; and Dora Bignell, who was born on November 22, 1890 and died on January 28, 1991. Dora remained in the Grand Haven area. Jamies died on December 24, 1941 at his home, 825 Washington and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hattie passed away on May 6, 1955, just a few weeks short of 97, and was interred at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 1941.]

### **Thomas H. Bignell [1820-1900]**

Thomas Bignell was born in New York on June 26, 1820, and moved to Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County, then to Muskegon, and finally to Grand Haven Township about 1872. As early as 1876 there was an O. Bignell who owned 20 acres in Section 2 of Grand Haven Township. About the same time Thomas Bignell, a farmer and a minister, held title to three different parcels in Section 11, totaling 230 acres. In 1897 Thomas and his wife, Mary purchased a 20-acre site once owned by a M. Munger, which adjoined their son Jamies's property in Section 11. The Bignells also had a daughter, Ann Jeanette Pearson, who married George L. Pearson and moved to San Jose, California; another daughter, Arlette, who was born in Michigan about 1850; and a son, John W., who was born in Michigan about 1856. Mary was born in England about 1819. The Reverend died at the age of 80 on November 9, 1900, and Mary died nine years later, on January 8, at the age of 90. Thomas was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Aloys Bilz [1841-1934]**

Born on July 2, 1841 at Dipplesgreen, Bohemia, Aloys was one of 10 children of Joseph and Margaret Haberkorn Bilz. The three eldest immigrated to America and in 1849 the father, mother, and seven remaining children came to the United States. The mother died in the fall of 1866 and the father in the following spring. Aloys attended private school in Buffalo and St. Vincent's College in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and at the age of 13 learned the trade of tinner in New Hamburg, Ontario. In 1853 he settled in Detroit. Eight years later he enlisted in the only regiment of lancers organized in the State, but the regiment was disbanded, so his service was restricted to recruiting. He next moved to New Baltimore in Macomb County.

In 1866 Aloys came to Spring Lake and started a tin shop and hardware and furniture business with \$500. He had intended to open his business in Grand Rapids but decided there would be less competition in Spring Lake. He soon became interested in real estate and handled large amounts of land. Within five

years he had increased his worth from the initial \$500 to \$20,000. In 1871 a disastrous fire destroyed his hardware business, destroying all his assets and leaving him \$10,000 in debt. He was saved by Hunter Savidge, who loaned him \$10,000 to restart his business. In the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* he was noted as an “express agent” for Ferrysburg.

The year before, in 1870, Aloys formed the Spring Lake Salt Company with Hunter Savidge, Allan C. Adsit, and Robert A. Haire. They bored for salt on the Hopkins Mill site, and at a depth of 200 feet struck water, which turned out to be magnetic. He and the others immediately made plans to build the \$70,000, 74-room, four-story Spring Lake House on the site and take advantage of the Magnetic Mineral Springs. The building was destroyed by fire on June 16, 1916.

In 1867 Aloys drew up the first charter for Spring Lake, when the name was changed from Mill Point, and he served 10 years as president of the village. With his other businesses he combined the local agency of the American Express Company, and in the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* he was listed as “express agent” for Ferrysburg. He was supervisor of Spring Lake in 1877-78, County Register in 1878, and as a member of the Board of Education helped advance local education. As an insurance agent he represented Phoenix of Hartford, Continental of New York, and the Fireman’s Fund of San Francisco. For two years Aloys published the *Spring Lake Republican*, a newspaper representing the Republican point of view. Kedzie & Kedzie purchased the newspaper in 1881 and merged it with the *Grand Haven Herald*. He was one of the organizers of the Spring Lake State Bank in 1913 and served as president for a number of years. He was for 26 years a trustee of the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake. Aloys became one of the outstanding civic and political leaders during the growth of the village. For a number of years he was proprietor of the *Forest City Press* at Forest City, South Dakota.

On August 17, 1864 Aloys married Mary Alice Thompson in Detroit. She was born on May 9, 1839 in St. Clair, St. Clair County, the daughter of Rev. Oren C. Thompson. The Bilzes had eight children, all born locally: Fannie G., who lived from 1867 to 1933 and married John Slingerland of Spring Lake; Margaret J., who was born about 1868 and became a nationally known worker in the Women’s Christian Temperance Union [WCTU]; Suzan, born in 1871; Bessie E., who was born about 1872 and married Harry B. Albertus of Los Angeles; Charles, who was born early in 1873 and lived about two weeks; Mamie E., who lived from 1874 to 1930 and married Arthur E. Van Emon of Portland, Oregon; Alice B., who was born in 1877 and married Harlan Stigand Emlaw on June 26, 1901 in Grand Haven; and William Aloys, born on May 15, 1880. Mary Alice passed away on March 25, 1914, and Aloys died on November 28, 1934. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were Mamie, Fannie, and William. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 513-514, *Tribune* obituaries, *Tribune* wedding announcement, June 9, 1904, and article in the *Grand Rapids Pres*, November 28, 1934, “Spring Lake Loses Aloys Bilz at 93.”]

### **William Preston Bilz [1905-1983]**

Born on August 5, 1905 in Spring Lake, Preston was the son of William and Mildred Bilz. He graduated from Western Michigan College [WMU] and was a teacher in the public schools of Decatur, Van Buren County. In 1930 he took over management of Bilz Plumbing and Heating Company in Spring Lake from his father. He was a trustee on the Spring Lake Village Council from 1949 to 1953 and again in 1963. He was a member of the Spring Lake Lodge, De Witt Clinton Consistory of Grand Rapids, Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids, Knight of the York Cross of Honor, Boy Scouts of America for 50 years, from whom he received the honorary rank of Eagle Scout in 1924, Silver Beaver in 1942, and scout master key in 1938, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, and the National and Michigan Association of Master Plumbers. He supervised the installation of the plumbing for the Grand Haven Musical Fountain.

On August 31, 1938 Preston married M. Isabel Smith, who taught school in Spring Lake Public Schools for 15 years and was a grade school librarian for 10 years. She retired in 1976. She was a member of the choir at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years. She also belonged to Eastern Star, White

Shrine of Jerusalem, and Greater Muskegon Court of Order of the Amaranth. She served as Corresponding secretary when the Tri-Cities Historical Society was organized in 1959. In addition, she was president of Tri-Cities Garden Club and worked with the Spring Lake Historic Commission. Isabel was born on May 30, 1913, the daughter of Robert A. and Laura Smith. Isabel and Preston had two children, Doris Ann, who married Donald R. McLeod of Portland, Wisconsin, and later moved to Alpena, Alpena County, and Richard Gordon Bilz, who died in 1964. The Bilzes lived in the family home at 107 South Division in Spring Lake. Preston died on April 6, 1983. Isabel passed away on September 14, 2001 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* articles, August 27, 1945, "Scouting District Salutes Preston Bilz," May 8, 1963, "Home Greenhouse Relaxation," January 14, 1977, and *Tribune* obituaries, April 6, 1983 and September 15, 2001.]

#### **William Aloys Bilz [1880-1940]**

The son of Aloys and Mary Bilz, William lived from May 15, 1880 to 1940 and was buried Spring Lake Cemetery with his parents. He founded Bilz Plumbing and Heating Company in Spring Lake. On June 9, 1904, he married Mildred, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bidgood Kirkland. Mildred was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1880. William Preston Bilz was their son.

#### **Charles B. Binns [1859-1916]**

Charles Binns raised livestock on his 100-acre farm in Section 7 of Olive Township. Charles, who was born in Michigan and arrived in the area in 1900, lived from March 3, 1859 to December 13, 1916. On December 6, 1880 in Westmoreland, Kansas, he married Cornelia Bell Row. She was born in Kansas in October 1863. Charles, the son of Thomas and Mary Leslie Binns, was buried at West Olive Cemetery. Among the Binnses' children, both born locally, were Row, born in December 1890, and Fern, born in September 1892.

#### **Isaac W. Bird [Berd] [1839-1912]**

On January 28, 1870, Isaac Bird married Anna Elizabeth Smith in Grand Haven. He was born in 1839 in Munroe, Virginia. Isaac was a cook in a Grand Haven hotel in the year of his marriage. Anna, a dressmaker, was born in Ohio in 1832. She and Isaac were African American. They had a daughter Eva, born about 1872. The family in 1880 lived on Second Street. By 1897 the family had moved to Muskegon. On May 21, 1898, Isaac was appointed postmaster of Wabaningo, a resort community on Lake Michigan, not far from Muskegon. He died there on July 27, 1912. Anna passed away on December 3, 1916 in Norton, Muskegon County. Eva died on January 8, 1917. The three were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

#### **Leonard "Red" Bird [1936-2010]**

Born in San Diego, California on June 3, 1936, Red was the son of George and Florence Crockett Bird. In 1957 he was one of 900 marines ordered to witness the detonation of a nuclear weapon at Yucca Flats, New Mexico. Exposure to extreme levels of radiation caused the bone cancer that took his life on October 22, 2010. He joined the Marines when he was 18 years old and recorded his experiences in a book titled *Folding Paper Cranes, an Atomic Memoir*. Red taught English at Concordia College in Morehead, Minnesota and at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, where he was on the faculty for 31 years. He published two other books: *River of Lost Souls* and *The Scorned Ally*. He and his wife, Jane, resided at 1910 Grand Street in Grand Haven. They had two children: David and Maria, who married Clint Thorne. [*Tribune* obituary, October 25, 2010.]

#### **Gary Joe Bisacky [1942-2015]**

The son of Joseph and Edna Farmer Bisacky, Gary was born in Grand Haven on July 17, 1942. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1960 and married Ruth Ann Boyink on October 3, 1964. Gary owned and operated Joe's Auto Parts in Spring Lake for more than 50 years, and he and Ruth also were proprietors of Depot Antiques, across the road from the auto parts business. He was a member of

Christ Community Church in Spring Lake. He and Ruth had three sons: Aaron, Zachary, and Caleb, all of Spring Lake. He died on April 3, 2015 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 7, 2015.]

### **Susan Allene Wismer Bissell [1947-2021]**

Born in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin on February 11, 1947, Susan grew up in the Big Rapids area. In her youth, Susan was a dancer and performed with the Grand Rapids Civic Ballet. She married William Bissell at the Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island on September 17, 1995. She and Bill resided at 2024 Jane Street in Grand Haven. She served with numerous non-profit organizations, such as One Hundred Women Who Care and Camp Bluebird Cancer Retreat. At different times, Susan was president of the West Shore Symphony and the Grand Rapids Ballet. By a previous marriage, Susan had a daughter Alison, who married Matthew Woodward. Susan passed away on April 21, 2021 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **George Louis “Bud” Bitting I [1876-1949] and Leila Soule Bitting [1881-1931]**

George Louis Bitting was born in Chicago on May 24, 1876 and married Leila Ruth Soule on June 21, 1913 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Charles and Lucinda Hall Soule, she was born in Grand Haven on September 13, 1881. George’s and Leila’s children were George L. Bitting II, who was born in Chicago on May 6, 1914 and died in Jefferson, Kentucky on December 27, 1975; Soule Tyron Bitting, born in Grand Rapids on January 7, 1916; and James Thomson Bitting, who was born on April 5, 1917 in Buffalo, New York and died on January 15, 1997 in Carmel, Indiana. By 1921, the Bittings were living in Cleveland, Ohio, where George worked as a sales manager for Timken Roller Bearing. In 1930, George was unemployed. He and his family were still living in Cleveland but spent summers with George’s sister-in-law, Julia Soule, at 527 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Leila suffered a heart attack and died while preparing for church on her anniversary, June 21, 1931. In 1940 George was selling automobile parts and living in Evanston, Illinois with his sister, Lillie Bitting [1893-1943]. George, who passed away in Chicago on October 2, 1949, never fully recovered from Leila’s premature death. The couple were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Leila’s sisters, Mary and Julia Soule, shared the family home at 527 Lafayette with the Bittings, and when Leila died as a young mother, they helped raise the children. See Soule Bitting’s and Julia Soule’s entries for more detail.

### **Soule Tryon “Bill” Bitting [1916-1976]**

Bill Bitting was the son of George and Leila Ruth Bitting. In 1930 Bill and his mother were living in Cleveland but spending summers with his mother’s sister, Julia Soule, at 527 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Leila died the next year. The grandson of Judge Charles Edward Soule, Bill was born in Chicago on January 7, 1916 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934. Bill and his friend Monty Welch for several years ran a swimming school at Spring Lake Yacht club. To graduate, students had to swim from the Yacht Club to Jack Reichardt’s home at the foot of Buchanan Street. In October 1938 he swam from Fruitport to the foot of Washington Street, an estimated distance of ten or eleven miles. It took him five hours and nine minutes. He received his bachelor degree from Northwestern University, where he was a member of the water polo team.

Bill served with the United States Navy during WWII with the rank of lieutenant and during the Korean War. He was awarded the Navy Cross with this citation: “For extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession as pilot of a torpedo-bomber based on the Carrier, U.S.S. Savo Island, during her action against enemy forces at Leyte Island, Philippine Islands, on 25 October 1944. Lieutenant Bitting led his torpedo division through intense anti-aircraft fire, to register two torpedo hits on an enemy cruiser. His perfect timing and execution caused much damage to the enemy, thereby preventing serious harm to his own forces.” Bill’s last duty was at the Naval Air Station in Glenview, Illinois. While there, he was able to take his family to the Lake Michigan cottage called Grand Manor for the entire summer; he commuted there on



weekends. He retired in 1964 after 25 years of service with the rank of commander. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

On September 9, 1942 Bill married Margaret “Peggy” Lighter in Wollaston, Massachusetts, where he was training at nearby Squantum Field. She was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia on May 5, 1919 to Charles and Jane Winter Lighter. After graduating from Kingwood School at the age of 16, Peggy attended Northwestern University, majoring in psychology. When Julia died in 1945, Bill and his brothers inherited her North Shore cottages Windy Dune and Grand Manor [20050 and 20053 North Shore Drive], but eventually Bill became sole owner. He died on September 27, 1976 at Great Lakes Naval Hospital and was buried at St. James the Less Episcopal Church Memorial Garden in Northfield, Illinois. Following his death, the cottage, called Grand Manor [originally named Chateau de Julia], passed to Peggy. Their children were Linda Jane Bitting, who was born on May 13, 1946 in Evanston, Illinois, married, had two children, was divorced before marrying Fred Strevy [1949-2024] at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Grand Haven on December 13, 1983, and died in Muskegon on May 20, 2018; Soule Tryon “Ty” Bitting. Who was born on July 25, 1949 in Evanston, and died on May 6, 2012 in Greece; and Julia Winter Bitting, who was born on May 18, 1959 in Alameda, California, married, had three children, was divorced, and married Robert Fullerton on November 13, 2001 at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Grand Haven.

Peggy married Frederick William Hutchinson at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids on October 22, 1977. He was born in Detroit in 1917, died in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on July 20, 1999, and was interred at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Rapids. Peggy passed away on May 1, 2008 in Grand Haven and was interred at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Grand Haven.

#### **William Wiley Blackaby [1885-1951]**

William Blackaby was born on December 24, 1885 in Indiana and married Clementine Whitenack on August 2, 1909 in his home state. She was born on July 14, 1888 in Indiana. A daughter Marjorie Blackaby was born in Indiana on November 17, 1910 and died in Ridgeville, Indiana on September 28, 1921. The Blackabys moved to Grand Haven between 1925 and 1930. William continued to be a self-employed barber with a shop at 22 South Beechtree Street. He died in Grand Haven on November 24, 1951. Clementine passed away the next year. They were buried at Reitenour Cemetery in Winchester, Indiana.

#### **Edwin D. Blair [1829-1909]**

From 1874 to 1882, Edwin Blair was “Searcher of Records” for Ottawa County, and at about the same time he owned an Abstracts and Real Estate Office in Grand Haven. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as oil inspector. Edwin was born in Lebanon, New York in June 1829, and arrived in Grand Haven in 1865. He married Virginia L. Scott in Grand Haven on August 17, 1867. She was born in Grand Haven around 1848 and in 1860 was living with the Henry Chubb family. Edwin and Virginia had four surviving children, all born in Michigan: Grace, born on March 12, 1867; Edwin, born in 1870; Ada, born on March 23, 1875, and Virginia, born in 1879. By 1916 Virginia was living in Minneapolis with her daughter Virginia. Edwin the father died on July 20, 1909.

#### **Benona Angell Blakeney [1859-1941]**

Born in Lamont on October 7, 1859, Benona Blakeney was Ottawa County treasurer from 1892 to 1893 and a traveling salesman in the early 1900s. On March 13, 1884 in Lamont, he married Mabel, the daughter of Walter Lynn. Benona and Mabel lived at 454 Sheldon Terrace [454 Pennoyer] with their two children, Kittie [Katie] Lynn Blakeney and Lucy Matilda Blakeney. Kittie was born in Blunt, South Dakota in June 1885, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904, where she later taught mathematics and German, and died in 1947. Lucy was born in May 1887, also in South Dakota, married Ralph H. Murphy [1887-1972] and died in 1972. Kitty and her husband, Ralph Gordon Wilson [1880-1957], eventually occupied the family home at 454 Sheldon Terrace. Benona served on the Grand Haven

School Board in the early 1900s. Benona passed away on May 16, 1941. He and Mabel were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Chauncey Milan Blakeslee [1863-1928]**

Born in Grand Rapids [Kalamazoo] on February 13, 1863, Chauncey was the son of William and Mary Wood Blakeslee. He worked with his father in Grand Rapids in the contracting business, where they built many structures, including part of the Michigan Soldiers' Home. By 1893 he and his wife were living in Spring Lake, but in 1904 he went to Mexico to help with masonry work there. He returned to Spring Lake and in 1914 laid the first half-mile of concrete road in the area, one half mile east from the Village limits. Chauncey was responsible for many miles of paved road after that. Chauncey and his brother-in-law, James Spencer, built in Grand Haven the Armory, the Grand Theater, and the Presbyterian Church that preceded the current structure at the corner of Franklin and Fifth Streets. They also were hired to build the Spring Lake County Club, where Chauncey was an officer when the clubhouse was dedicated on May 31, 1926. In partnership with William Connelly and Samuel Falls, Chauncey developed Long View Resort, situated between Petty's [Hammond's] Bayou and Spring Lake. He was one of the organizers of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, promoted and helped organize the Spring Lake Motor Boat Club and served on the township board.

On March 30, 1886 in Grand Rapids, Chauncey married Mary Wood Spencer, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Manley Spencer of Spring Lake. Mary was born in Ontario on August 10, 1867. In 1893 he and Mary built a cottage on Spring Lake and lived in it for two years. They then built a new home, large enough to take in summer boarders. They added to the home and improved it over the years until they were able to accommodate as many as fifty guests. The resort became known as Arbutus Banks Hotel, which they operated until 1914, when they sold the property to Earl J. and Clarice Blanche Davis of Grand Rapids. They also owned the Oval Inn on Harbor Drive, which in 1926 they sold to Frank and Florence Reghel. Chauncey died on March 24, 1928 in Spring Lake and Mary passed away on September 21, 1944 in Grand Haven. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **William Wallace Blakeslee I [1832-1891]**

William Blakeslee was settled in Grand Rapids by the time of the 1870 census. He was born in Ohio on June 20, 1832 and married Mary Ann Wood, who was born in England on May 8, 1837. William became a building contractor in the Grand Rapids area. He and his son Chauncey worked together and constructed such buildings as part of the Michigan Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids. The Blakeslees later moved to Spring Lake. In addition to Chauncey, the Blakeslees had two more sons: Charles Sherman, who lived from July 31, 1857 to 1910, and William W. II, who was born in Michigan in March 1859. Their seven daughters were Verona, born in 1861; Mary, born in 1866; Fanny S., who was born in Grand Rapids on October 13, 1869 and married Joseph Edward Clark; Martha and her twin Marcia, who were born in Grand Rapids in August 1872 [Marcia married George Doddington of Grand Haven]; Lenora, born in 1874; and Cassie, born in 1877. William I died on November 11, 1891 and Mary passed away on August 2, 1904. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **William Wallace Blakeslee II [1859-1933]**

William, born in Kalamazoo in March 1859, was the son of William and Mary Wood Blakeslee of Grand Rapids and Spring Lake. William II entered the contracting business as a mason, although in the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as a railroad agent. He married Sarah Margaret [Maggie/Marguerite] McIlraith in Grand Rapids on January 1, 1884. She was born in Perth, Ontario on September 21, 1863. Their three sons were: Laurel S., who was born on May 28, 1886 and died in Los Angeles, California, on June 12, 1966; Stanley, who was born in Grand Rapids on October 30, 1888 and died in Merced, California in May 1964; and Earle James, who was born in Spring Lake on February 18, 1893 and died in Los Angeles on September 25, 1964. The family moved to Spring Lake from Grand Rapids. William died on March 22,

1933, when he was residing in Los Angeles, California. Maggie passed away in Los Angeles on August 6, 1948.

### **Lewis Green Blessing [1873-1964]**

Lewis Blessing, an expert in sales and finance, was vice president of the Bastian-Blessing Company in Grand Haven [301 North Hopkins] by 1930 and eventually ran the company until his retirement in 1961. On August 31, 1896, in Chicago, he married Grace Elizabeth Williams. Lewis, a native of Illinois, was born on March 28, 1873 and died in Wilmette, Illinois in December 1964. Apparently he never resided in Grand Haven.

### **Michael James Blodgett [Calogerakis, Kalogerakis] [1931-2015]**

Born on August 29, 1931, Michael Blodgett was the son of Michael [1903-1983] and Ertha Jones [1909-1984] Calogerakis. Michael and Ertha were divorced on December 24, 1936 in Grand Haven after nine years of marriage. Their son Michael married Lucille Jean Wildie on December 4, 1954 in Traverse City under the name Michael J. Blodgett. She was born on October 25, 1935 in Michigan and died on September 12, 2020. Her husband passed away on June 5, 2015 in Fremont, Newaygo County. They had three children. The older Mike operated Coney Island Restaurant at 207 North Seventh Street from about 1945 to 1949. It was followed by Mike's Coffee Shop.

### **Henry Bloecker [Blocker] [1845-1910]**

Born in Schleswig, Germany, on September 6, 1845, Henry was the son of Mark Bloecker, a German soldier. Henry was educated in Germany and learned the trade of machinist, following that profession as a journeyman, and he traveled to many of the principal cities of Germany and France. In 1867 he came to Grand Haven and worked at the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg. In 1879, in partnership with John Bryce, he formed Bryce & Bloecker to manufacture general marine engines and all kinds of machinery for tugs, steamers, and any vessel using steam. The plant, located at the corner of First and Fulton Streets, suffered a serious fire in 1881 and the company sustained heavy loss. It was reorganized and in 1883 the name changed to Bloecker & Company, and still later to Henry Bloecker & Company. The firm had excellent shipping facilities, and during the busy season it employed thirty to forty men.

A Democrat in politics, Henry served in 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884 as alderman of the First Ward and was elected mayor of Grand Haven in 1893. He was U.S. inspector of boilers from 1894 to 1895, president of the National Dotare Association and German Workingmen's Society, a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Maccabees, and one of the leading citizens of Grand Haven. In 1893 he was a member of the Building Committee that oversaw the design and construction of the County Courthouse, erected the next year

In 1868, Henry married Mary, the daughter of Herman Glazat. Mary, who lived from December 21, 1850 to December 6, 1913, was a native of Prussia and moved to Grand Haven after her father arrived in 1855. The Bloeckers had eight sons and one daughter, all born in Michigan: Hugo, who was born in 1869; Edward, who was born about 1871; Paul, who was born in 1873 and died on October 20, 1935; Fred [Ferdinand] Emil, who was born on March 19, 1875, moved to Marion, Indiana, and died on December 9, 1927; Robert M., who was born in 1878 and became chief engineer of the car ferry *City of Grand Haven* and died on May 8, 1965; Emma M., who was born February 28, 1882 and died on July 10, 1965; Ernest, who was born in December 1886 and moved to Detroit; and Henry F., who was born on June 8, 1888, worked as a machinist at Dake, and died on May 10, 1957. The family resided at 112 Franklin, where Henry died on February 16, 1910. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 273-274, and *Tribune* obituary, February 16, 1910.]

### **Willard "Bill" Bernard Bloemendal [1901-1995]**

Willard Bloemendal opened his medical practice in Grand Haven on June 8, 1928. He was born in Chicago on May 28, 1901. His parents moved to Holland, Michigan, where Bloemendal attended Hope College. Bill subsequently graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and then received his medical degree from Rush College in Chicago. He was Ottawa County Coroner from 1934 to 1942, served on the Grand Haven School Board, and was a director of Security First Bank and Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. He was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, and he sang as tenor at the inaugural performance of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra [West Michigan Symphony] in Muskegon on November 28, 1939. His office was first at 304½ Washington Street, next at 224½ Washington, and sometime after 1940 he moved his office to 300 Franklin.

Bill married Ethel Margaret Leenhouts on September 17, 1929. In 1944 he and Ethel sold a house on Fourth Street to the Methodist Church for \$2,000 to make room for the church to expand. In the late 1920s Bill resided at 312 Franklin, and in the early 1930s he and Ethel lived at 219 Franklin Street and later at 400 Grant Street, but in 1939 they and a daughter moved into a house they built at 411 Woodlawn Avenue. They remained at this location until 1978, when they moved into an apartment at 704 South Beacon Boulevard; from there they moved to another apartment, this one at 515 South De Spelder. The daughter, Mary Margaret, was born about 1936. Ethel, who was born on March 2, 1902, died in Grand Haven on September 9, 1987. When Bill died on March 20, 1995, he was residing in Grand Rapids. He and Ethel were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

#### **Walter Kirkland “Kirk” Bloeser [1922-2014]**

In 1950, when local photographer Bill Mosher relocated his studio to 104 Washington Street, Kirk Bloeser was one of his employees. Later that year Kirk took over the business, renamed it Kirk’s Camera Shop, and moved across the street to 105 Washington. Kirk, who was born in Chicago on August 12, 1922, served with the Army during WWII. On October 17, 1947 Kirk married Marian Andros in Grand Haven. Born in Grand Haven, on June 15, 1923, Marian was the only child of Nicholas and Margaret Andros. She owned a hat shop at 104 Washington Street in downtown Grand Haven. Kirk and Marian lived at 89 Poplar Ridge in Highland Park. Kirk and Marian had four children: John, who moved to Kalamazoo with his wife Pamela; Barbara, who married Ted Skendrovic of Spring Lake; Janet, who married Stephen Gullis and moved to Rockford, Kent County; and Marianne, who married Dennis Systma and relocated to Loveland, Colorado. Kirk died on March 10, 2014. Kirk’s mother, Miriam Elizaebth Bloeser, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven, was born in Chicago on October 22, 1882, married Walter Alfred Bloeser in Chicago on July 7, 1915. They were divorced on July 3, 1943. Miriam died in February 1969 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marian died on October 19, 2019.

#### **Edward John Blotney [1913-1978]**

When B & B Metal Products Company was organized in Spring Lake in 1955, Edward Blotney was vice president and Hubert Burnside, president. He resided at 403 Ohio in Grand Haven. Edward was born on March 16, 1913 and died in Palm Beach, Florida on June 13, 1978.

#### **Harvey B. Blunt [Blount] [1840-1917]**

After the Civil War, an increasing number of African Americans made their home in Northwest Ottawa County. These early settlers tended to stay longer than their predecessors, although there still were many who showed up only briefly. One of the more permanent ones was Harvey B. Blunt [Blount]. Harvey was born into slavery in Kentucky [Georgia] in May 1840. He was settled in Grand Haven by 1870 with his wife, Anna. She was born in Georgia [Tennessee] about 1841 [1830], died on March 30, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harvey was working as a laborer in 1870 and as a janitor in 1880. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* again as a laborer. He is said to have worked for the Ferry family, descendants of Rev. William Ferry who, with Rix Robinson, founded the City of Grand Haven. Living with Harvey and Anna in 1870 was Hannah Blunt, who was born in Virginia in 1814. Although the census enumerator listed her as a Blunt when she passed away about January 12, 1880, she was buried at Lake

Forest Cemetery with the name Hannah Cox. It's likely that Hannah was Anna's mother. Also in the household in 1870 was Gordon [Gorton] Miller, born in Georgia about 1822, and unemployed at the time of the census. In the 1900 census Harvey was listed as building janitor, and reportedly was custodian for several businesses on Washington Street. By 1910 he was retired and living alone at 512 Adams Street. [*Tribune* obituary, March 30, 1899.]

In late summer 1912 city health officer Dr. Arthur Turner and city marshal John Welch went to Harvey's house at the request of neighbors, who had complained "of the filth and stench" associated with his home. "All of the dirt and accumulation was burned and the entire place rooted and dug out," the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported. There also had been rumors of a Blunt fortune hidden there. During their inspection, the authorities found one quarter, an ornament made from a gold dollar, more than 600 yards of unused bolts of cloth, but no treasure. The article did not mention whether Harvey was home at the time of the inspection. On August 12, 1913 Harvey became a self-sufficient inmate at the County Poor Farm in Eastmanville. On July 16 two years later, he was transferred to the State Hospital in Kalamazoo, diagnosed as insane and ill. He died there on February 11, 1917 and was returned to Grand Haven to be buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. There is no record that the Blunts had children. [*Tribune* article "No Fabulous Fortune Found," August 20, 1912, and *Tribune* obituaries, March 30, 1899 and February 12, 1917.]

### **Garrett "Garry" Boelens [1893-1958]**

Garry, the son of Klaas and Tryntje "Katie" Klouw Boelens, was born in Spring Lake on June 18, 1893. On September 8, 1920 in Spring Lake, he married Florence I. Cross, the daughter of Ira and Minnie Cross. Florence was born in Spring Lake on April 25, 1901. Garry, an electrician, died on January 30, 1958. Florence passed away in Spring Lake on October 29, 1994, and Garry had died in 1958; both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The family resided at 237 Lake Avenue in Spring Lake. They had at least two sons: Herbert E., who lived from December 19, 1922, and Gordon H., who was born about 1927. Herb married Doris Balgooyen on June 25, 1949 in Grand Haven, after serving in the Army during WW II. Herb died in Grand Haven on January 8, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, January 10, 2014.]

### **Klaas [Klaus] Boelens [1865-1931]**

Klaas Boelens and David M. Cline operated a road building business named Cline & Boelens Contracting Company. On July 3, 1890 in Spring Lake, Klaas married Tryntje "Katie" Klouw of Spring Lake. They had at least five sons: Herman, who was born on March 27, 1892 and died on June 10, 1918 while serving with the U.S. Army in Europe; Garrett "Garry" K., born June 18, 1893; John K., born about 1897; Barney, who lived from May 27, 1900 to March 11, 1957; and Henry, who lived from March 3, 1907 to December 30, 1998. In 1920 the family resided on Lake Avenue in Spring Lake, and Klaas worked as a highway contractor. Tryntje lived from 1866 to 1931 and Klaas from 1865 to 1931. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were other members of the family.

### **Helen Elizabeth Boer [1904-2002] and Catherine Boer Fisher [1901-1999]**

Pair-A-Dice, named Ben-Hur at the time of its building in 1906, was later owned by Skip and Meg De Wall. Long-time owner Helen Boer became acquainted with a cottage called Pair-A-Dice during summer visits to Highland Park with her parents, Rufus and Minnie Wagner Boer of Grand Rapids. Through the years her admiration for the quaint charm of the cottage led to a strong desire to own it. Never giving up her dream, she made an offer on the cottage when the opportunity arose in 1934 and made her dream a reality. Pair-A-Dice was given the address 99 Poplar Ridge Trail. Helen, a teacher in the Grand Rapids school system, wrote *Highland Park Yesterday and Today* in 1983, preserving the history and memories of the place she adored. Next door to Pair-A-Dice is Ceil Laplage, French for "heaven at the beach." This cottage once was owned by Walter and Catherine Boer Fisher. Catherine and Helen Boer were sisters. Helen was born in Grand Rapids on September 4, 1904, died on March 9, 2002, and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids with her parents. Catherine, who taught in the Grand Rapids schools after her

husband's death, lived from October 28, 1901 to October 19, 1999. She, too, was buried at Oakhill, where Walter [1900-1936] was interred.

### **Henry John "Bub" Boer [1885–1973]**

Henry, the son of John J. Boer, in January 1907 went into partnership with James W. Oakes to form the Grand Haven Realty Company. He next opened an insurance office in his father's building at 119 Washington. Later, working with his father, he operated the family furniture and undertaking store under the name of John J. Boer & Son at the same address. Bub, who was born on November 24 [27], 1885, died in February 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his death, he resided at 215 South Barry in Greenville. His wife Hannah was born in Michigan about 1884. They had a daughter, Mary Esther Boer, who was born in Grand Haven on September 9, 1919. She was married twice, first to John Henry McCluney III and later to Lawrence Meyering. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 1942.]

### **John J. Boer [1857-1942]**

John was born in Drenthe, Ottawa County on March 10, 1857. He was one of nine children, including Jennie, who was born about 1858 and married John Henry Rysdorp of Grand Haven; Egberdena, who was born in September 1866 and married Peter Klaver of Grand Haven; Sena, who was born in 1868 and married Tony Baker, also of Grand Haven; John L. who moved to Lansing; and Rufus, who moved to Grand Rapids. John's father, John, died before he was 10, so young John came to Grand Haven and worked as an errand boy for Henry Brouwer, who operated a grocery store near the corner of First and Washington Streets. John's mother, Lammigye [Lammechien] "Lucy" Van Dam, was born in Drenthe Province, The Netherlands, on April 14, 1837. Lucy's parents were Jan, born August 23, 1801 in Groningen Province, the son of Roelof and Engerdina Van Dam, and Geesje "Gertje" Jans, born May 14, 1801 in Drenthe, The Netherlands, the daughter of Jan Meinders. Gertje died on October 7, 1875.

John Boer drove a horse-drawn bus for Henry Sprick, worked for George W. Miller in a hardware store, and was an employee at "Little Joe, Clothier King of the World" [101 Washington]. He left his job clerking in the clothing store and went to Grand Rapids and then to Muskegon where he worked for the John Riordan Dry Goods Company for more than six years. In 1877 John Boer opened a grocery store with his future father-in-law, Henry Bolt, near the corner of Seventh and Washington Streets, operating under the name Boer & Bolt. In 1888 he opened a grocery store in the Snook building at Eighth and Washington Streets [800 Washington]. The grocery store was called the Beehive. About 1897 John sold out his share of the grocery business and became a traveling salesman as part of the "Knights of the Grip." After three months he bought a furniture business from James Barnes and named it Boer & Boer. His store, located at 119-121 Washington Street in Grand Haven, carried a complete line of dry goods, groceries, provisions, and general merchandise, and also offered sewing machines and pianos. About 1930 his son Henry joined the business, which became known as "John J. Boer & Son." He was also well established as the leading mortician in the area.

On December 21, 1880 John married Jennie, who was born June 13, 1857, the daughter of Hendrick "Henry" Jan and Cornelia Elfers Bolt. The Boers had four children: Lucy, born in May 1883; Henry John "Bub," who was born on November 27, 1885 and went into business with his father; Cornelia B., who was born on February 26, 1892; and Cathryn Ruth, who was born on February 27, 1897 and married Elmore J. Hoek of Grand Haven. Cornelia married Wayland Bickford in 1927. The Bickfords lived in New Orleans until Wayland's death in 1932. Cornelia next married Cornot R. Wagener; they resided in Spring Lake. John Boer was a member of the Grand Haven Elks. He and his family lived at 1028 Washington Street for many years. John died on November 4, 1942, and Jennie died August 8, 1937. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 1942, and *Tribune* articles, "Golden Wedding Anniversary," Jan 3, 1931, and other articles on March 10, 1932, August 1 1934, and June 23, 1938.]

### **Lambertus Boerma [Boersma] [1839-1889]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born in 1839, Lambertus Boerrma came to Spring Lake in 1868. He was a civil engineer, and in 1877 he joined the Sisson & Lilley Sawmill. He married Renske Annema [Irene/Irena Anema] in Spring Lake on December 25, 1883. She was born in The Netherlands about 1838. For unknown reasons, Lambertus Boerma also was known as or was confused with Lambertus Beukema. He passed away in Grand Rapids on July 8, 1889.

#### **Chester Warren Boersema [1931-2003]**

In 1972 Chester Boersema founded Non-Ferrous Cast Alloys 18750 Trimble Court in Spring Lake Township. In 1998 the company moved to Norton Shores. Chet was born on October 31, 1931, the son of Cornelius and Grace Werkema Boersema of Grand Rapids. He married Vivienne Elaine Schreiber in Borculo on November 9, 1951. She was born on September 10, 1931 in Grand Haven. They resided at 15931 Robbins Road and had four children: Kristen Miner, Anita Anderson, and Dale and David Boersema. The family attended Christ Community Church. Chet was a member of Spring Lake Country Club and American Foundryman's Society. He died in Grand Haven on December 15, 2003. Vivienne passed away on June 11, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, December 17, 2003.]

#### **Henry [1925-2018] Boersma and Louise Theodora "Loekie" Betty Bosma [1926-2022] Boersma**

Henry Boersma was born in Moline, Allegan County on June 25, 1925. On June 3, 1948, he married Louise "Loekie" Bosma in Grand Rapids. She was born in The Netherlands on August 2, 1926. Both were interested in preserving local history, especially in Tallmadge and Wright Townships. Their compilation of obituaries and other records was put into book form, and they restored Elmwood and other cemeteries. Henry passed away on January 25, 2018 and was buried at Washington Park Memorial Garden in Moline. Loekie died on November 18, 2022.

#### **Richard Boersma [1881-1939]**

The son of Fred Boersma, Richard was born in The Netherlands on June 27, 1881 and came to Grand Haven in 1906. He was a commercial fisherman before opening a dry goods business on Seventh Street. He married Jacoba "Nellie" Joldersma, who was born in Grand Haven on August 11, 1872 and died on June 8, 1951. Richard died on December 3, 1939. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Antone [Toney, Anthony] Boet [Boot] [1847-1917]**

On February 27, 1864, while in Flint, Antone Boet enlisted as private in Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was listed in the roster as Anthony Boot. He was mustered out on July 30, 1865. On July 3, 1868 in Grand Haven, he married Pauline [Paulina/Paulena] Moll. They lived at 1203 Washington in Grand Haven. Antone, a carpenter, lived from May 1847 to 1917. Pauline, the daughter of Arie and Adriana Moll of Grand Haven, was born in February 1851 and died in 1932. Both were natives of The Netherlands. Pauline was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their daughter Minnie, born in 1871, married Albert J. Bolt of Grand Haven. Pauline lived with the Bolts after her husband's death.

#### **Rudolf [Rudolph] Gustave Boettcher II [1907-1983]**

Born on December 31, 1907 in Grand Haven to Rudolf G. and Elizabeth Arch Boettcher, the young Rudolf was a life-long resident of the community. His father lived from 1875 to 1933 and his mother from 1878 to 1960. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rudolf II was employed as an engineer at Structural Concepts. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Muskegon Heights Eagles, and Muskegon Moose Club. On August 23, 1930, Rudolf married Beulah Inez Holmes in Grand Haven. She was born on May 5, 1912. Their children included Janice Raby of Holland; Jacqueline, who married Terry McGowen of Interlochen; Joyce, who married Paul Rich of Spring Lake; Donna, who married Edwin Boeve of Grand Haven; and Colleen, who married Ronald Jones of West Olive. The Boettcher family lived at 1704 Pennoyer Street. Rudolf and Beulah were separated by 1960, when he was married to Lorraine Augusta Larreau Nelson Draeger. She lived from August 25, 1918 to May 28, 1995 and was buried at Lake Forest.

[. Rudolph died December 29, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Beulah passed away on February 18, 1993 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1983.]

### **Edgar Gene Boevé [1929-2019] and Ervina Van Dyke Boevé [1924-2006]**

Edgar Boevé joined the Calvin College faculty in 1958 and served as the first chair of the Art Department for 14 years. His wife Ervina was a professor in the Theater Department at Calvin for 37 years. Edgar was born in Marshalltown, Iowa on September 27, 1929 and was a graduate of the Franklin School of Arts in New York City, Calvin College, and the University of Michigan. He and Ervina were married in 1955. She was born on December 24, 1924 in Holland. Edgar in 1966 wrote a book titled *Children's Art and the Christian Teacher*. He also was the author of a variety of devotional books. After retiring from teaching in 1991, they lived at 9468 Whispering Sands Drive in Sheldon Dunes. He created some of his enduring paintings while living there. Ervina died on July 1, 2006, and Edgar passed away on March 6, 2019.

### **Frederick Bol [1893-1968]**

Born on March 2, 1893 in Grand Haven, Fred Bol was employed by Variety Woodwork on Davis Street in Grand Haven. He married Hattie Bouwman on December 7, 1911. Hattie was born in Michigan in 1896. Their children were Harriet, born about 1913; Cornelia, born about 1915; William, born on December 1, 1916; and John, who lived from October 21, 1919 to March 31, 2005. The Frederick Bol family lived on Wallace Street. Fred died in Grand Haven on April 24, 1968. His parents were Peter and Henrietta Martens Postema Bol. [*Tribune* obituary, March 31, 2005.]

### **Hilbrand Bol [1890-1959]**

Hilbrand was born March 4 [14], 1890 in Grand Haven. His parents were Peter and Henrietta Martens Postema Bol. In the 1920 census Hilbrand was listed as a manufacturer of cigars and in the mid-1920s he was agent for the *Grand Rapids Press*, using 516 Washington as his place of business and his residence. He also bought and operated Jobber's Outlet, a grocery store, at 104 North Seventh.

On July 30, 1913, Hilbrand married Margaret [Grietje], the daughter of John and Anna Huizenga Vander Zwaag of Spring Lake. Hilbrand passed away on January 16, 1959. Margaret was born on June 17, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on November 22, 1983. Peter, born in Grand Haven on April 17, 1914, was one of their children. A daughter, Annetta [Annette] Helen, was born on August 1, 1915, married Louis Haven Baker, and died on February 13, 1983. Other children were John R., born about 1919; Jane S., born about 1922; and Viola, born about 1928. Martin Bol, born on August 4, 1882, was Hilbrand's brother. A nephew, Peter Bol, was mayor of Grand Haven in 1980 and 1981.

### **Martin Bol [1882-1957]**

Martin Bol's barbershop was at 216 North Seventh in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He and his wife, Katie, lived at the same address. Later they moved to Holland. Martin, the son of Peter and Henrietta Bol, was born in Grand Haven on August 4, 1882, and Katie was born in The Netherlands around 1881. They were married in Grand Rapids on May 16, 1906. Their children, all born locally, were Peter, who was born about 1909 and became a chaplain with the U. S. Navy; John, born about 1911; Andrew, born about 1913; and Jacob, born about 1916. The family was located in Holland, Michigan by 1930. Hilbrand Bol was Martin's brother. Martin passed away in 1957.

### **Peter Hilbrand Bol [Boll] [1914-1986]**

The son of Hilbrand and Margaret Vander Zwaag Bol, Peter was born on April 17, 1914 and died on January 18, 1986 in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Josephine, were married on April 16, 1935 in Grand Rapids. She lived from November 5, 1915 to June 1990. They resided at 503 Ohio in Grand Haven. The Bols had at least four children, all born in Grand Haven: Annette Helen, who was born August 1, 1915, married Louis Baker on July 27, 1938, and died in Grand Haven on February 13, 1982; John Robert, born on March 29, 1919; James Edward, born on May 10, 1921 and died in Grand Haven on August 7, 2002; and Viola Ruth, who was born on July 27, 1927. Viola was married three times, first to Ray Hornstra, who



died in Grand Haven on October 21, 1982, then to Nolan F. Galdeen, who died in Grand Haven on July 18, 1990, and finally to Joe Heir. Peter was a meat cutter at Charley's Market in Holland.

#### **Peter [Pieter] Jans Bol [Ball] [1855-1937]**

Peter Bol married Henrietta [Hendriktje] Martens Postema in Groningen, The Netherlands, on October 26, 1878. They both were born in that country, Peter on July 18, 1855, and Henrietta on June 23, 1851. They settled first in Spring Lake, where they were members of the Christian Reformed Church from 1881 to 1884, and they then moved to a small farm at 941 Pennoyer in Grand Haven [apparently Lot 8, Block 22, Munroe & Harris Addition]. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Martin, born on August 4, 1882; John, who was born in September 1885, worked at Challenge Refrigerator, and died in Grand Haven on October 22, 1918; Hilge, who was born on January 15, 1888 and died on November 25 that year in Grand Haven Township; Hilbrand, born on March 4 [14], 1890; Frederick, born March 2, 1893; Robert [Rip], who was born in April 1895, and died on June 27, 1969; and Pieterka [Nellie], who was born on May 12, 1880 and moved to Grand Rapids. Peter I died in Grand Rapids on October 31, 1937, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Henrietta died on October 15, 1920 in Grand Haven.

#### **William H. Bol I [1916-2006]**

The son of Fred and Hattie Bouwman Bol, William was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1916. William who married Sena Muilenberg on September 29, 1950 in Holland, Michigan, retired from Challenge Machinery in 1980 after 30 years of employment there. He also served with the Army during WWII. He was a member of Second Christian Reformed Church, where he served as deacon, and he volunteered for the Christian School in Grand Haven. He and Sena had two daughters, Barbara Bol of Byron Center; Joan, who married Richard Loeper and resided in Spring Lake; and a son, William H. Bol II, who passed away in 1955. The elder Bill died in Grand Haven on December 7, 2006. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 8, 2006.]

#### **Seine Bolks [1814-1894]**

Rev. Seine Bolks in 1848 founded the town of Overisel [Overijsel] in Allegan County. He had studied with Albertus C. Van Raalte in Europe and joined Van Raalte's group in Holland, Michigan in 1847. In 1865 Seine was installed as minister of the First Reformed Church of Zeeland. Prior to that, he was named the first pastor of Grand Haven's First Reformed Church. Seine was born April 13, 1814 in Overijsel, The Netherlands, died on June 16, 1894, and was buried at Orange City, Iowa.

#### **Peter Boll [Ball] [1858-1944]**

See Peter Ball.

#### **Emmett Elijah Bolles [1832-1895]**

On March 27, 1861, E. E. Bolles and his partner William Willard, purchased the Pail Factory in Ferrysburg from Benjamin Eames. Two years later, on April 26, William and his brother, George Emerson Willard [1839-1923], bought out Bolles's interest and changed the name of the company to Willard & Brother. The new owners continued to manufacture wooden pails and tubs until the plant burned down in 1872. The partners also operated a grocery store in Ferrysburg. Emmett was born in Winchester, New Hampshire on May 28, 1832. In October 1859 he married Caroline L. Williams in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. She was born on September 16, 1839 in Westfield, Massachusetts. Their daughter Cora Lorinda Bolles was born in Two Rivers on December 30, 1860. Another daughter, Grace Louisa Bolles, was born in Ferrysburg on September 22, 1862. By 1867 the Bolles family was in De Pere, Wisconsin, where Carrie died on July 28, 1867. Emmett then married Alice Fitch Shepard in Menasha, Wisconsin on December 22, 1869. They had two sons. Alice lived from 1839-1929. Emmett passed away on July 29, 1895 in De Pere, Wisconsin.

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business to William and his brother, George Emerson Willard. The new owners changed the name of the company to "Willard and Bro. Pail, Tub &c. Manfrs."

Emmett was born in Winchester, New Hampshire on May 28, 1832. In October 1859 he married Caroline L. Williams in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. She was born on September 16, 1839 in Westfield, Massachusetts. Their daughter Cora Lorinda Bolles was born in Two Rivers on December 30, 1860. Another daughter, Grace Louisa Bolles, was born in Ferrysburg on September 22, 1862. By 1867 the Bolles family was in De Pere, Wisconsin, where Carrie died on July 28, 1867. Emmett then married Alice Fitch Shepard in Menasha, Wisconsin on December 22, 1869. They had two sons. Alice lived from 1839-1929. Emmett passed away on July 29, 1895 in De Pere, Wisconsin.

### **Baltzar E. Bolling [1890-1969]**

Born in Gothenburg, Sweden, on December 20, 1890, Baltzar was the son of Lars Johan, a sea captain who lived from 1845 to 1931, and Selma Emanuella Gronquist Bolling, who died in 1892. Lars owned his own sea-going boat at 17. He became a teacher and later engaged in the plumbing business. Baltzar came to the United States at age 16, settling in Chicago. There he studied mechanical engineering at the Armour Institute of Technology and took courses in factory management and business administration at Northwestern University. He later studied commercial law at Marquette University in Milwaukee. In 1907 he started work for the Chicago Flexible Shaft Company as toolmaker. In 1911 he became a draftsman for the Adams and West Lake Company in Chicago. From 1913 to 1917 he was chief engineer of the J. K. Stewart Manufacturing Company, later becoming superintendent of the Alemite Die Casting and Manufacturing Company. In 1918 he was named general manager of the die casting department of the Hamilton Beach Manufacturing Company in Racine, Wisconsin, but returned to Chicago in 1921. In 1924 he organized the Bolling Manufacturing Company, which was sold in 1927 and later was named the Grand Haven Metal Products Company. In 1928 he established the Lumite Corp. in Grand Haven. In 1929 Stewart Die Casting purchased the business. In 1930 Bolling became assistant manager of the Iowa Manufacturing Company in Spring Lake. On February 22, 1935, in partnership with Eric Anderson, he established the Anderson-Bolling Manufacturing Company, at first leasing a wing of the Challenge Stamping & Porcelain Company at 850 Jackson and using the facilities of Michigan Brass at night. In 1941 a 16,500 sq. ft. building was erected at 701 East Savidge in Spring Lake, which was increased to 57,250 sq. ft. in 1950. Baltzar was a Republican and member of the Blue Lake Free and Accepted Masons; Medina Temple Shrine; Rotary Club; Kiwanis, Spring Lake Country Club; Spring Lake Yacht Club; Citizens Historical Association; and the People's Church of Chicago. He was active in Boy Scout work, received the silver beaver award, and was an honorary citizen of Boys' Town. He owned four sailboats and won many racing trophies.

On August 30, 1920 Baltzar married Esther Olivia Turnquist, daughter of John and Matilda Turnquist of Chicago. Esther was born January 25, 1894, and she died October 27, 1983 in Pompano Beach, Florida. The Bollings had four children: Warren Ellwood, who was born on July 25; Roger Eugene, born May 20, 1926; Vernon Baltzar, born on July 3, 1927; and Donald Winfield, born on December 22, 1929. Baltzar died in Florida in February 1969. The family resided at 18777 Fruitport Road in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township. [Citizens Historical Association, September 20, 1941, *Tribune* article, August 1948, and *Tribune* obituary, November 1, 1983.]

### **Roger Eugene Bolling [1926-2000]**

Roger, the son of Baltzar and Esther Olivia Turnquist Bolling, was born in Muskegon on May 20, 1926. He served in the Army during WWII. After the war he graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and returned to Spring Lake, where he was employed at his father's company, Anderson-Bolling, eventually becoming its owner and chief executive officer. He served on the Grand Haven School Board

and as president of the Spring Lake Country Club. He also was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven Rotary, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and Tri-Cities YMCA

On February 7, 1948, Roger married Vivian Dahlman. She was born on November 18, 1927 to Albert and Amanda Dahlman. Vivian graduated from Grand Haven High School and was a volunteer at the Mary Free Bed Guild of North Ottawa Community Hospital. The Bollings lived at 1856 Doris in Grand Haven and later at 16069 Lake Point Drive in Spring Lake. Their five children were Pam Ellison of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Roger of Lake Worth, Florida; Cindy, who married Bryan Lewis of Royal Palm, Florida; Debby Lintjer of Spring Lake; and Craig of Grand Haven. Vivian passed away on December 23, 1997, and Roger died three years later, on December 1, 2000. Their residence was at 16069 Lake Point Drive [Harbor Point], but they were living in Palm Beach, Florida at the time of their deaths. [*Tribune* article, "Roger Bolling 'Boss of the Year,'" April 23, 1970.]

#### **Vernon Baltzar Bolling [1927-1978]**

Born on July 3, 1927 in Spring Lake, the son of Baltzar E. and Esther Olivia Turnquist Bolling, Vernon graduated from Kalamazoo College, worked in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Oak Park, Illinois, and then became manager of Research for Steelcase in Grand Rapids. About 1968 Vernon went to work for National Displays at 725 Taylor in Grand Haven, later becoming vice president. Vernon was active in the Boy Scouts and chaired the Sustaining Membership Drive for the Grand Valley Council in 1973. He married Mobe Brant. They had three sons, Mark, Steve, and John. The family resided at 18903 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. Mobe was a real estate agent with the James L. Bolthouse Company of Grand Haven. Vernon died on August 9, 1978. [*Tribune* article, "Scouting Memberships," November 10, 1973.]

#### **Warren Elwood Bolling [1920-2000]**

Born in Chicago, Illinois on July 25, 1921, Warren was the son of Baltzar and Esther Turnquist Bolling, he attended Michigan State College [MSU] and Stanford University. He became Sales manager for the Anderson Bolling Company of Spring Lake. He was a member of the American Legion; Kiwanis Club; Century Club of Muskegon; and Lake Shore Club of Chicago. He married Mary Elaine Aldrich of Grand Rapids. Warren passed away in Naples, Florida on October 16, 2000.

#### **Albert J. Bolt [1871-1938]**

In the early 1900s Albert Bolt had a grocery store at 706 Washington. He and his wife, Minnie Boet, lived at 728 Washington and later at 1046 Washington. They were married in Ottawa County on September 29, 1898. Minnie, the daughter of Antone and Pauline Boet of Grand Haven, was born in Michigan in February 1871. Albert also was born in Michigan on May 29 of the same year. The Bolts' two children were Pauline [nee Antonet], born in July 1899, and Willis, born about 1913. Albert died on March 2, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Minnie, who passed away on November 21, 1950, was buried near her husband. Albert's parents were Henry John and Cornelia Elfers Bolt of Grand Haven.

#### **Frederick Cornelius "Ted" Bolt [1897-1976]**

Born on July 15, 1897 in Grand Haven, Ted was the son of John J. and Dena Van Zanten Bolt. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration and was a WWI veteran. He was employed by the Peoples Bank on November 1, 1917. Ted became president of the bank in 1944 and chairman and trust officer in 1962. Ted was working at the bank on the day it was robbed, August 17, 1933. He and others stopped the robbery while it was in progress, and Ted shared in a \$1,000 reward. From 1921 to 1934 he went into business with his father, John J. Bolt. They offered general insurance at their office located in the Grand Haven State Bank building at 223 Washington. Ted was a member of the Elks; Grand Haven Aviation Club, which initiated the Ted Bolt Annual Award; Chamber of Commerce; Grand Haven Library Board; Grand Haven Gideon Camp; and Spring Lake Country Club. Bolt also headed bond drives for the WWII war effort and raised money for a new Chamber of Commerce building

and the Grand Haven High School building on Cutler. In addition, he organized and was trustee for the Hofma Trust and secretary of the Grand Haven Salvation Army Advisory Board. Ted organized the Boy Scout troop of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Ted lived in the family home at 826 Washington with his sister Anje, who was born about 1889 and died on February 22, 1974. Ted died of heart disease on May 10, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Peoples Bank Names Three New Directors," December 7, 1971, and "F. C. Bolt: Dies at 78," May 11, 1976.]

### **Henry John [Hendrik Jan] Bolt I [1823-1907]**

The son of Arend and Jennekje Bouwhuis Bolt, Henry was born in Lockum, The Netherlands on October 30, 1823. He came to Grand Haven in July 1847, where he spent the remainder of his life. By occupation Henry was a farmer. He had no money at the time of his arrival and had to depend upon his own resources to make a livelihood. He started earning money by shoveling sawdust at the Throop Mill for \$16 a month. In 1848 he was employed by Clark Albee and stayed with him for six years. He was paid \$180 a year, plus board. He was the first coroner in Ottawa County and held a number of inquests. He was street commissioner of Grand Haven for over ten years, beginning about 1870. After a time he began devoting his energies to farming and fruit growing. Nathan White, assisted by Thomas White, started planting maple trees on Franklin Street, and Bolt helped plant many hundreds of trees in the city. He was a charter member of the First Reformed Church, started by 15 families in 1851. He later was a member of the Second Reformed Church. He was Republican in politics.

On May 9, 1852, Henry married Cornelia [Lena/Rena] Elfers. She was born on April 7, 1828, in Goor, The Netherlands, and came to America at age 20. They had eight children: Johannah [Hannah], who was born on July 10, 1853 and on July 30, 1874 married Johannes "John" Kolvoord of Battle Creek; Aaltje "Alice," who was born on April 26, 1855 and died in Battle Creek on June 10, 1918; Jantje "Jennie," who was born June 23, 1857 and married John Boer; Henry, who was born on August 27, 1859 and died 17 months later; Hattie, who was born on June 27, 1862; Cornelia, who died at the age of six months in June 1865; Hendrick "Henry" J. II, who was born on October 22, 1866 and was listed as a teamster in the early 1890s; and Albert J., who was born May 29, 1871. The Bolt family resided at 1036 Washington Avenue. Around 1913 they sold five acres of their land at the southwest corner of Ferry and Pennoyer for \$1,600. That land became the site of Ferry School. Cornelia died on April 1, 1892. Henry died at his home on Washington Street on March 26, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. On June 10, 1938, Bolt Park, at Beechtree and Pennoyer, was named in his memory. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, p. 119, *Chronicle* article, "Bolt's Observation of City's Early History," June 9, 1938, *Tribune* article, "Frank Sparks Speaks at Park Dedication," June 9, 1938, *Chronicle* article, "Hatton, H. J. Bolt Are Honored at Public Ceremony," June 9, 1938, *Tribune* obituaries, April 2, 1892 and March 27, 1907.]

### **"Henry" Hendrick John Bolt II [1866-1934]**

"Henry" Hendrick, the son of Henry J. and Cornelia Elfers Bolt, was born on October 22, 1866 in Grand Haven. He was listed as a teamster in the early 1890s, an occupation he continued to follow in the early 1900s, although in 1920 he was listed as a farmer. On May 22, 1895 he married Rena Hoffman in Grand Haven. Rena, the daughter of John and Roelfa Hoffman, was born in February 1872, The Bolts resided at 1036 Washington. Their children were Henry John III, born about 1901; Grace M., born about 1904; Irene V., born about 1907; and Cornelia Ann, born about 1908. Cornelia married Percy C. Floto of Grand Haven. Rena passed away about March 21, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Henry was buried on May 5, 1934.

### **Henry Valentine Bolt I [1878-1960]**

Henry V. Bolt, who owned Bolt's Meat Market at 403 Fulton, was born in Grand Haven on April 25, 1878. On July 17, 1901 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie Mathilde Vander Zalm. The daughter of Toney and Dora Voss Vander Zalm, Jennie was born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1878. They lived at 719

Pennoyer. Henry V. Bolt II was their son. Henry I died on February 1, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jennie passed away on April 24, 1945 and was buried near her husband.

### **Henry Valentine Bolt II [1915-1999]**

Henry II, the son of Henry V. and Jennie Bolt, was born on May 1, 1915 and died in Grand Haven on December 13, 1999, when he was still residing in the family home at 719 Pennoyer. Henry II graduated from Western State Teachers College [WMU] in 1936 and went into teaching, first at Durand High School in Michigan and later at Grand Haven High School.

### **Jacob Bolt [1840-1887]**

Jacob Bolt, born in The Netherlands on May 31, 1840, became a lumber shaver in Grand Haven, and later was classified as a teamster. He married Johanna Moss, who also was born in The Netherlands about 1842. They had seven surviving children, including: John L., born in 1864; Derk, born about 1866; Mary, who was born about November 1870 and married John Lock of Grand Haven; Jane [Jennie], who was born about 1874 and married Joseph Maurits in Grand Rapids on May 17, 1900; Kate, who was born about 1876 and married Doeke Kniper in Ottawa County on October 24, 1893; Henry, who was born about 1877 and in Grand Haven on July 17, 1901 married Jennie, the daughter of Toney and Dora Voss Vander Zalm; Fanny, born about 1880; Gertrude, who was born about 1883 and married Fred Ensing in Grand Rapids on February 19, 1902; James, who also was born about 1883 and married Nellie Patterson in Muskegon on December 24, 1904. John and Derk were born in The Netherlands, and the rest were born locally. Jacob died on August 27, 1887. After his death, Johanna maintained a dressmaking business in her home at 508 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Living with her in the early 1900s were Florence Bolt, who worked at Challenge Machinery, and Henrietta, the widow of John Bolt, Jacob's and Johanna's son, who died on August 26, 1905. Henrietta lived from 1865 to 1928. Johanna passed away in 1908. She and Jacob were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members, including John and Henrietta.

### **Jacob J. Bolt [1892-1978]**

Born on December 30, 1892 in Grand Haven, the son of John and Henrietta Dykema Bolt, Jacob worked at the Grand Haven post office for 48 years. In August 1951 he became assistant postmaster and in 1962 he was named the 15<sup>th</sup> postmaster of Grand Haven. On June 18, 1918 in Kent County, he married Esther Goodrich. Esther, the daughter of William and Alice Gorman Goodrich, was born in 1895 and about September 23, 1948. The Bolts had two daughters, Mary Alice, who married Robert Storm of Merritt Island, Florida, and Delores, who married Donald Bartels of Grand Haven. The Bolts resided at 904 Pennoyer. In Muskegon he married Agnes E. Sullivan, who lived from September 17, 1897 to June 5, 1983. She was the daughter of James Sullivan. Jacob died on July 3, 1978. Esther, Jacob, and Agnes were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Jake Bolt Named Postmaster Here," April 3, 1962, and *Tribune* obituary, June 6, 1983.]

### **John Bolt [1880-1939] and Etta Koster Bolt [1878-1974]**

John Bolt was born in 1880 in Spring Lake. After attending Muskegon Business College, he bought John Koster's grocery business in Spring Lake, which he sold after a short time to George Rankin. John then bought a concrete and fuel business in Muskegon, operating it under the name of Bolt Cement & Coal Company. On March 30, 1909 in Spring Lake, he married Etta, daughter of the man who owned the grocery store in the Village. John and Etta lived in Muskegon, where the family business was located. He died on January 4, 1939.

Born in Spring Lake on October 11, 1878, Etta was the daughter of John and Gertrude Ekster Koster. Etta worked at Beaudry's Dry Goods Store in Grand Haven for 11 or 12 years. She recalled that her commute on the Interurban would have cost five cents each way, 60 cents a week, at a time when she was earning \$3 a week, so she traveled by horse-drawn bus, instead. When her husband died in early 1939, Etta returned to

Spring Lake, where she passed away on June 12, 1974. She lived at 205 North Division. John and Etta were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John Bolt [1861–1934]**

In partnership with Edward P. Kinkema, John Bolt operated a cold storage and fresh fish market at 1034 Fulton in Grand Haven from 1901 to 1921. He then went into business with his son, Cornelius Frederick. They offered general insurance at their office located in the Grand Haven State Bank building at 223 Washington. John was an original director of Peoples Bank, which opened in 1910 in downtown Grand Haven [300 Washington]. He was born in The Netherlands on February 23, 1861 and came to Grand Haven when he was ten.

On December 21, 1880, John married Wilberdenia “Dena,” daughter of Cornelius Van Zanten I. Dena was born January 13, 1869 and died September 2, 1937. The Bolts lived at 1221 Washington and later at 826 Washington. They had four children: Anje, who was born in March 1888, became a school teacher, and died on February 22, 1974; Cornelius Frederick, who was born in August 1889, served as principal at Muskegon Heights High School principal for many years, and died on December 19, 1954; Arthur J., who was born in March 1891 [1892] and became a Muskegon dentist and state senator; and Frederick Cornelius “Ted,” who lived in Grand Haven and was born on July 15, 1897 [1898/1899]. John died April 10, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* article, “F. C. Bolt Dies at 78,” May 11, 1976.]

### **Richard D. Bolt I [1865-1938]**

Richard Bolt, born in The Netherlands on September 21, 1865, operated a meat market at 207 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven and resided in a nearby two-story frame house [219 North Seventh]. In the 1908 *Directory* he was listed as a cooper, and two years later he was a machinist at Dake Engine Company. He married Margaret Powell, whose father, John Powell, had once owned the meat market. Margaret was born locally on February 12, 1867. Richard took over the meat market following his father’s-in-law death in 1913. By 1928 he was partnered with Henry Swartz, and the name of the store revealed the name of its owners. Among the Bolt children, all born locally, were Joy, born about 1886; John, born about 1888; Josephine Margaret “Josie,” who was born about 1894 and married Paul B. Markhoff of Spring Lake; Katie, born about 1902; and Richard II, who lived from 1904 to 1921. Richard I died on January 24, 1938 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret passed away on September 22, 1952 and was buried near her husband.

### **Charles Gerrit Bolthouse [Bulthuis] [1864-1926]**

Charles Bolthouse was born in Groningen, the Netherlands on November 12, 1864 under the name Geert Bulthuis. When he immigrated to the United States in 1872, his name was Americanized to Charles Bolthouse. He married Maria Jelier in Spring Lake on April 5, 1884. She was born in the Netherlands on January 5, 1865. They lived in Ferrysburg, where Charles worked as foreman for Johnston Boiler Company. Charles/Geert died in Grand Haven on November 6, 1926, and Maria passed away in Chicago on February 15, 1940. They had at least one daughter, Maggie, who was born locally about 1884.

### **Hendrick “Henry”/“Harry” K. Bolthouse [Bulthuis] [1887-1975]**

Henry Bolthouse, the son of Krien and Souktje Jans “Sarah” De Jonge Bolthouse, in 1920 was a clerk in a Ferrysburg grocery store. By 1930 he owned his own grocery store, and in 1941, he was proprietor of a feed store at 305 Beech Street in Ferrysburg. In the 1920s he was on the Ferrysburg School Board. In 1950 he worked as a janitor in the Ferrysburg schools. He was born in Ferrysburg on October 22, 1887. On May 24, 1911 in Ferrysburg, he married Hilda Katt. The daughter of John and Steentje “Kate” Wierenga Katt of Ferrysburg, Hilda was born on September 2, 1891. Henry’s and Hilda’s children, all born locally, were Selma J., born about 1913; Clarence, born about 1915; Stella J., who was born on August 7, 1917 and married John Freeze of Ferrysburg; Kenneth, born about 1920; and Raymond, born about 1922. They also

had an adopted son, Robert L. Bolthouse, who was born around 1930. Harry passed away on October 28, 1975. Hilda died in Spring Lake on December 11, 1982. Henry and Hilda were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Henry P. Bolthouse [1881-1957]**

Henry Bolthouse was born on February 7, 1881 in Muskegon. He married Minnie Osterhoff in Grand Haven on February 4, 1908. The daughter of Roelof and Jantje “Jane” Griede Osterhoff of Ferrysburg, Minnie was born on April 4, 1869. She and Henry resided at 115 Third Street. Henry as a young man worked at Johnston Boiler but later opened a grocery store at 215 Third Street in Ferrysburg with Clifford Convey as his partner. Heart problems forced Clifford to leave the business, but Henry continued as sole owner of the grocery store into the 1940s. By 1950 he was retired. Henry passed away on October 12, 1957 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Minnie died in Ferrysburg on November 9, 1954 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John Paul Bolthouse [1912-2006]**

John, the son of Harm [1872-1947] and Maggie Dekkinga [1876-1924] Bolthouse, was born in Spring Lake on September 4, 1912. He married Thelma M. Vander Ark in Melville, Louisiana on March 2, 1934. She was the daughter of Henry and Margaret Hansma Vander Ark. John owned and operated the Texaco Service Station in Spring Lake for 32 years, including 25 years in partnership with Steve Bottema. He served on the Spring Lake Village Council in 1940, was village clerk for 31 years, and Village manager from the early to mid-1970s. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Spring Lake. The Bolthouses children include John of Grandville, Kent County; Jim of Andalusia, Alabama; and Jerry of Spring Lake. John passed away at home on February 17, 2006 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Thelma lived from November 6, 1908 to December 12, 2001. She also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 20, 2006.]

#### **Krien [Kryn] Bolthouse [Bulthuis] [1845-1891]**

By 1876, Krien Bolthouse owned a 43-acre farm in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. He was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on January 13, 1845 and immigrated to the United States on May 21, 1866. On July 13 that year, Krien married Souktje Jans “Sarah” De Jonge in Grand Haven. Also a native of Groningen, Sarah was born on March 24, 1844, died on July 27, 1929 in Kalamazoon, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Krien died on April 9, 1891. They had eight children, including Henry K. Bolthouse, who was born on October 22, 1887.

#### **Peter [Pieter] Bolthouse [Bulthuis] [1831-1888]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on January 12, 1831, Peter emigrated to the United States in 1854. He married Stientje Megiels Volkers on December 20, 1856. Also a native of Groningen, she was born on November 11, 1835. By 1876 they owned a 100-acre farm in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. Earlier they owned a home on the corner of Pine and Third Streets in Ferrysburg. Pieter passed away on March 15, 1888. Stientje died on September 28, 1904 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had 10 children, including Elizabeth Bolthouse, who was born on February 6, 1863. She first married Johannes “John” Kamhout [1860-1938]. They were divorced on October 7, 1902 in Muskegon. She next married William Berend Stegenga on April 11, 1905. Interviewed by a *Tribune* reporter, she recalled growing up in Ferrysburg and playing with Indian children who lived in the area.

#### **Richard Bolthouse [Bulthaus, Bulthuis] [1880-1956]**

The son of Krein and Soutje “Sarah” Bolthouse, Dick was born in Ferrysburg on June 6, 1880 [1879]. On June 15, 1904 in Spring Lake, he married Jennie Luloffs. She was born in Coopersville on October 20, 1882. Her father, Meindert Luloffs, was born in The Netherlands on April 30, 1856. Meindert married Martha Leuring Luloffs. One of the Bolthouses’ children, Susan Marie, who was born about 1907, married

Charles Rouwhorst. Jennie died on October 24, 1941. Dick passed away in Grand Haven on August 8, 1956. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **George Bolton [1862-1923]**

Born in 1862 in Canada, George Bolton brought his family to Spring Lake in 1905. He owned and operated Bolton's Shoe Repair Shop, which was located at 213 West Savidge, later the site of the Idle Hour Bowling Lanes. George also repaired clocks, watches, and rings. His wife, Hannah, also a Canadian, was born in 1864. The couple lived at 210 Williams Street. They had five sons, all born in Canada: Adelbert, born about 1887; Stewart W. born about 1890; Harry, born on April 8, 1891; and Ernest, born in 1894. All five sons resided in Spring Lake. George Bolton died at his home in Spring Lake on September 6, 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Hannah died 13 years later and was buried in the family plot. [*Tribune* obituary, September 7, 1923.]

### **Harry Bolton [1891-1973]**

Born in Canada on April 8, 1891, Harry Bolton in 1905 came to Spring Lake with his parents, George and Hannah Bolton. Harry worked for the Challenge Corn Planter Company for 16 years and later was custodian of the Spring Lake School on Exchange Street for 23 years. On May 13, 1913 he married Gertrude Eckelcamp, who lived from December 10, 1891 to November 26, 1983. She was the daughter of Henry and Reintje Vos Eckelcamp. The Boltons' children included Gladys, who was born on August 20, 1914 and married Paul Lampe of Spring Lake on May 1, 1937; Harold, who was born May 9, 1917, married Winifred Weavers on May 18, 1939, and died October 27, 1991; Russell, who was born about 1920 and whose wife's name was Maxine; Irene, who was born about 1922 and married Darwin Andree of Muskegon; and Albert G., who was born in 1926 and died July 1963. Harry and Gertrude lived at 230 Summit in Spring Lake. He died in February 1973. Harry and Gertrude were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 26, 1983 and October 28, 1991.]

### **Lucius Boltwood I [1792-1872]**

Lucius Boltwood I purchased land in Michigan as early as 1836 and by 1864 owned 80 acres in Section 12 of Robinson Township, 80 acres in Section 11, and 80 acres in Section 32 [North] of Grand Haven Township, and additional acreage in Section 21, now part of the City of Grand Haven. On June 12, 1849 he and his wife Fanny conveyed to Dennis Robinson substantial acres of land in Ottawa County. Dennis was Rix Robinson's brother but did not reside in Ottawa County. Lucius was born in Massachusetts on March 16, 1792 and died on July 10, 1872 in Amherst, Massachusetts. He married Fanny Haskins Shepard on August 20, 1824. She was born on March 23, 1807 in Rhode Island and died on April 26, 1888 in Amherst. Their son, Lucius Manlius Boltwood, was born on June 8, 1825 in Amherst. There is no evidence that the Boltwoods ever lived in Ottawa County.

### **Lucius Manlius Boltwood II [1825-1905]**

Lucius Boltwood was reputed to be 100 years old when he died in Grand Rapids on February 28, 1905, but recent data points to a birth date of June 8, 1825, in Amherst, Massachusetts. His birth date may have been confused with his father's, Lucius I, who was born in 1792 and died in 1852. Lillie recorded that in 1861 Lucius II offered to forgive any balance remaining on land bought from him by a husband or father enlisting in the military, if that soldier failed to survive the Civil War. By 1864 he held title to acreage in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township, near the south border of the City of Grand Haven, and he also had large holdings in Sections 19 and 30 of Allendale Township. Lucius developed Boltwood's Addition to the City of Grand Haven, land that previously had been owned by his father. Located north of Madison Street and west of Seventh Street, the plat included about 90 building lots, most of them 66 feet by 132 feet. On June 6, 1860 Lucius married Clarinda Boardman Williams, who was born in Amherst, Massachusetts on August 31, 1836 and passed away on October 8, 1890. A son, Lucius III, was born in Amherst on July 27, 1862 and married Etta Monique Comstock in Grand Rapids. Lucius III, an attorney, died in Grand Rapids on June 10, 1938.



### **Thaddeus V. Bomberski [1904-1998]**

The son of Vincent Bomberski, Thaddeus worked with his father at the family grocery store, located at 601 Fulton. Thaddeus was born on August 26, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1998.

### **Vincent Charles Bomberksi [1876-1937]**

Born on December 20, 1876, the son of Martin and Anna Diskey Bomberski, Vincent was raised in the Detroit area. From 1910 to 1925 he owned and operated a grocery store at 601 Fulton Avenue in Grand Haven. His son Thaddeus worked with him. Vincent died and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Kent County in 1937.

### **Lewis [Louis] Whitman Bon [Ban] [1827-1901]**

Lewis Bon was born in Ohio on December 10, 1827. When the Civil War began, he was a sailor living in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where he enlisted in Company C of the Wisconsin 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry as a private on June 17, 1864. He was discharged for promotion on September 2, 1864, the same day he received a commission in the USC 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Lewis's enlistment papers specified that he was 5' 7½" with blue eyes and black hair. After the war he became a tugboat captain. When Lewis retired from that duty, he was hired by the government to monitor the pier and lighthouse. He suffered a bad fall on the pier and was taken to the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids, where he died on July 1, 1901. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lewis was a member of the Weatherwax Post of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.]. On April 23, 1853, in Spring Lake, he married Euphemia Raymond, who was born on October 8, 1835 in Michigan, the daughter of Louisa M. Raymond, Curtis Gray's second wife. Lewis and Euphemia had seven children, all born in Michigan or Wisconsin. One of the children, Charlie H. Bon, was born on September 27, 1880, died on August 27, 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest. A daughter, Susan Myrtila "Myrtie" Bon, was born on September 26, 1869 in Grand Haven and passed away on March 4, 1941 in Los Angeles, California. On July 18, 1901, Euphemia applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She died on October 18, 1919 in Grand Haven and was buried near her husband.

### **Baldwin "Bud" Boomgaard [1899-1954]**

Born in Grand Haven on April 10, 1899, Baldwin was the son of Cornelius C. and Jennie Boomgaard. In 1918 he was Walter Lillie's chauffeur. On December 4, 1919 in Chicago, he married Georgia Elizabeth Allman, who was born in Chicago on October 9, 1898. In 1920 the couple was living in Chicago with Georgia's mother, Alice Josephine Allman, who was widowed and listed as 42 years old; she died in Los Angeles in 1971 at the age of 98 and was buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California. Baldwin worked as a shipping clerk. Baldwin and Georgia had a daughter, Helen Louise Boomgaard, who was born in Chicago on March 15, 1920 and died on January 2, 1994 in Orange, California. By 1930 Baldwin and Georgia were divorced. That year, he was living in Los Angeles, California and working as a salesman for a radio tube company. He died on November 17, 1954 and was buried at Rose Hills. Georgia passed away in Orange, California on August 6, 1983 and also was buried at Rose Hills.

### **Boudewijn "Baldwin" Boomgaard [1859-1900]**

Boudewijn "Baldwin" Boomgaard was born in The Netherlands on January 6, 1859. He was the son of Cornelius and Wilhelmina Boomgaard. Baldwin became part owner of Boomgaard & Sons Hardware, located at 335 Fulton that was started by his father. Baldwin married Antje "Anna" Veenstra on September 27, 1882 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Luwe and Reina Fisher Veenstra, she was born in Grand Haven on August 31, 1862 and passed away on May 7, 1910. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Cornelius Baldwin, born on April 21, 1883; Louis, who was born in 1884, died in 1913 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest; Wilhelmina "Minnie," who was born in 1887 and married Peter Helmers of Grand Haven; Reina, who was born on May 19, 1889, died on September 26, 1891 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest; Mattie, who was born in April 1891 died in Grand Haven on August 31, 1895, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Irene, who was born on January 11, 1899, married John Gerrit Dirkse

of Grand Haven on April 15, 1926, died on November 24, 1990, and was buried at Lake Forest. Gerrit lived from April 17, 1903 to January 3, 1985, and also was buried at Lake Forest. Baldwin died in Grand Haven on December 3, 1900. He and Anna were buried at Lake Forest with other family members. The family resided at 105 North Fourth.

#### **Cornelia Boomgaard [1896-1965]**

Cornelia Boomgaard was appointed head of bookkeeping at Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company in Grand Haven when it was formed in 1929. When Challenge acquired Puffer Hubbard Company in 1940, Cornelia was named secretary/treasurer. In 1930 she was living with her father, Hubert Boomgaard, at 1144 Washington, where she remained after his death in 1942. Her mother, Jacoba, died in 1927. Cornelia was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1896 and died in April 1965.

#### **Cornelius Boomgaard [1833-1905]**

Cornelius, the son of Jacobus and Cornelia Van Noorden Boomgaard, was born in The Netherlands in December 1833. Cornelius started a hardware business called Boomgaard & Sons, located at 335 Fulton. He married Wilhelmina Van Powell in The Netherlands. She lived from November 1835 to June 1, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Boomgaards' children were Boudewijn "Baldwin," born on January 6, 1859; Marinus, who was born in 1862, and died in Grand Haven on April 4, 1893; Jacobus, who was born in 1864 and died in Grand Haven on May 10, 1879; Dena, who was born in 1868 and died in Grand Haven on September 18, 1902; Cornelius G. [C.], born on May 5, 1870; Katri, born in 1872; Dennis, who was born in 1873 and died in Grand Haven on March 13, 1893; and Herbert, who was born in 1876 and died in Grand Haven on April 28, 1894. The three older children were born in The Netherlands, the rest were born locally.

#### **Cornelius "Nace" Baldwin Boomgaard [Vanden Boomgaard] [1883-1921]**

Born on April 21, 1883 in Grand Haven, Cornelius Boomgaard was the son of Boudewijn "Baldwin" and Antje Veenstra Boomgaard of Grand Haven. Nace, [Cornelius's nickname] married Della Westhof on May 23, 1906 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Petrus and Fenna De Groot Westhof, she was born September 29, 1885 in Ferrysburg. Cornelius was the last family member to own the Boomgaard & Sons Hardware at 335 Fulton. After Nace's death in 1921, Della sold the store, located at 335 Fulton, to Hartger Jonker and Peter Robinson. The Boomgaards lived at 317 Clinton, but after Cornelius's mother died in 1910, he moved his family into her home at 105 North Fourth Street. They were members of the First Reformed Church. Their daughter, Frances Irene, was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1917. She married John Joseph Herbert Hierholzer of Grand Haven in 1935. After Cornelius died of pneumonia on February 21, 1921, Irene lived with her mother at 105 North Fourth until her marriage. Cornelius was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Della, who passed away on April 13, 1978. [*Tribune* obituary, February 21, 1921.]

#### **Cornelius G. [C.] Boomgaard [Van Den Boomgaard] [1870-1945]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1870, Cornelius was the son of Cornelius and Wilhelmina Van Powell Boomgaard. The younger Cornelius eventually inherited the family hardware store and operated it for many years before Della Boomgaard sold it to Hartger Jonker and Peter Robinson around 1920. On April 17, 1889 in Grand Haven Cornelius married Jeanette [Jennette] "Jennie" Cole. They had at least six children, including Cornelius Jacobus Boomgaard, born on October 7, 1889; Johanna Boomgaard, born in 1891; William Boomgaard, born on September 18, 1892; Nieltje Boomgaard, born in 1898; Baldwin Boomgaard, born on April 10, 1899; James, born in 1901; Jeanette, born in 1908; Irene, born about 1915; and Eugene Boomgaard, born about 1918. James, on April 24, 1921, married Mildred Smith in Grand Haven. Mildred was 17 at the time of her marriage. Cornelius and Jennie were members of the Second Reformed Church and resided at 109 North Fourth, where Cornelius was janitor for ten years. Cornelius died in 1945. Jennie, who was born in 1864, died in 1923. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Cornelius Jacobus Boomgaard I [1889-1961]**

On December 8, 1928, Cornelius Boomgaard married Vernice Stults in Coopersville. Vernice was born in 1900 and passed away in 1969. They had once child, Cornelius J. "Casey" Boomgaard II, who was born on May 15, 1929 and died in Florida on May 23, 2014. It was Cornelius's second marriage. He married Gertrude Stang Boyink of Grand Haven on June 14, 1916 in Grand Rapids. She was born in Chicago on December 7, 1891 and previously had been married to Albert Boyink, who was born on April 2, 1889 and died on March 14, 1914. Cornelius and Gertrude were divorced on July 1, 1920 in Grand Haven. Gertrude then married John Van Herwynen on August 12, 1920 in Grand Haven. Cornelius I, the son of Cornelius and Jeanette Boomgaard, passed away in 1961 and Vernice died eight years later. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Edward Boomgaard [1885-1967]**

Edward Boomgaard, then a clerk, married Effie Zangman in Grand Haven on May 23, 1907. They lived at 618 [606] Elliott in the early 1900s and later moved to Mercury Drive. Edward owned a heating and plumbing business at 335 Elliott Street in 1915, but soon after he became Grand Haven fire chief, a post he held from 1919 to 1937. They then resided at 702 Franklin. He was born on November 20, 1885 and died on August 5, 1967. Effie passed away around January 30, 1912. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Hubert Boomgaard [Boomgard] [1870-1942]**

Hubert Boomgaard, who was born in The Netherlands in August 1870, became a mechanic in Grand Haven. On October 15, 1890 in Grand Haven, he married Jacoba [Cora] Hoebeke. She was born in Michigan in August 1868 [1869] and died in 1927. Hubert died on December 15, 1942. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They lived at 1005 Washington in Grand Haven, and later at 1144 Washington. Their children, all born locally, were Johanna, born in December 1892; Tracy, who was born August 24, 1894, married Albert Vander Ven of Grand Haven, and died on March 5, 1985; Cornelia, born on December 22, 1896; Anthony, who was born on March 24, 1900 and died August 27, 1995; James, who was born on December 10, 1902; and Marian, born about 1912.

### **Jacobus Boomgaard [Vanden Boomgaard, Vanden Boomgaard] [1819-1894]**

Jacobus Boomgaard, a tinsmith, was born in The Netherlands on September 28, 1819. He married Cornelia Van Noorden, who was born in The Netherlands and died on September 18, 1902 in Grand Haven. Their children, both born in The Netherlands, were Cornelius, who was born in December 1833, and Lougier, who was born in 1836 and died in Grand Haven on April 3, 1900. Jacobus died on July 16, 1894.

### **James Boomgaard [1902-1983]**

James was born in Grand Haven on December 10, 1902, the son of Hubert [Hubrecht] and Jacoba Boomgaard. In 1942 he was a fireman with the Grand Haven department. He resided at 16585 Sleeper Street in Grand Haven Township, worked as a painter and welder at Challenge Porcelain. He died in Muskegon on December 29, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 29, 1983.]

### **James John "Jay" Boomgaard [1892-1920]**

Born in Grand Haven June 1892, Jay was the son of John and Maggie Van Dyke Boomgaard of Grand Haven. About 1917 James married Helen Kraus, who was born in Wisconsin around 1890. The couple resided in Milwaukee, where they had two sons, James, born about 1918, and Clarence, born about 1920. Jay died of tuberculosis in Milwaukee in April 1920. Helen was still a resident of Milwaukee in 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, April 15, 1920.]

### **John Boomgaard [Vanden Boomgaard, Boomgaard] [1868- 1946]**

John Boomgaard was born in Grand Haven in January 1868. On January 20, 1887 he married Margaretha “Maggie” Van Dijk [Van Dyke], who was born in May 1866. John worked for William Heap & Sons. The family lived at 523 Fulton in the early 1900s. Among their children were a daughter Alice, who was born on March 6, 1891, became a dressmaker, and married George Carpenter in Grand Haven on May 17, 1911; Jay, born in June 1892; Johanna, who was born in April 1894, married, and moved to Detroit; Berdiena “Birdie,” who was born April 20, 1896, married E. M. Walcott, and moved to Los Angeles; Elizabeth, born in April 1897; James John, who was born about 1900; and Chester, who was born May 17, 1905 and moved to Grand Rapids; and Joseph. John, who worked as a tinner, died on December 14, 1946 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William B. Boomgaard [1892-1971]**

William Boomgaard, a jeweler and watch maker, was born in Grand Haven on September 18, 1892. He worked at John S. Lowe’s Optical and Jewelry Store, first located first at 115 Washington and later at 220 Washington. Sometime between 1917 and 1919 William married Ida, the daughter of Klass and Lucy Leninga of Grand Haven. Ida was born locally in 1889. In 1920 William and his wife resided with her widowed mother at 216 Elliott. William died in One Thousand Oaks, California on January 31, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ida passed away around April 7, 1967, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Marinus Cornelius “George” Boomsluitter [Boomsliter] [1835-1895]**

Captain George Boomsluitter was born on February 26, 1835 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He was the son of Marinus Cornelius Boomsluitter, born in The Netherlands in 1799, and Janna Van Den Berg Koopman. Janna, a native of Zeeland, The Netherlands, where she was born January 24, 1808. She died in Grand Haven in 1901. On December 6, 1870 George married Sarah Vogel. George and Sarah lived at 519 Madison in Grand Haven. In addition to daughters Jane Cornelia Boomsluitter [1871-1940] and Barbara Lena Boomsluitter [1872-1963], they had three sons: Marinus Cornelius “Rean” Boomsluitter [1875-1948]; George Boomsluitter [1879-1965]; and Walter Crist Boomsluitter [1882-1920]. They also had a daughter, Barbara Lena, who married Elmer Bradway of Grand Haven. George died on January 27, 1895. Sarah, who was born in Alsace Lorraine, Germany, lived from February 26, 1848 [1849] to May 31, 1935. The elder George passed away in Grand Haven on January 27, 1895. Parents and son were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Arie Floris Boon [1854-1937], Peter Boon [1899-1960], and Arie Floris Boon [1932-2018]**

Born on November 29, 1854 in The Netherlands, Arie Floris Boon married Ariaantje “Adriana” Brommel around 1880. Also a native of The Netherlands, she was born on March 29, 1857. She and Arie had six children, including Peter Boon, who was born in the Netherlands on May 10, 1899. The Boons immigrated to the United States in 1911 or 1912. Arie died on February 27, 1937, and Adriana passed away on September 24, 1934. On August 16, 1924 in Grand Rapids, Peter married Agnes Bouwman, who lived from May 2, 1900 to May 13, 1964. Peter died February 16, 1960. Among their five children was Arie Floris Boon, named for his grandfather. The young Floris, as he was known, was born on October 7, 1931 in Hartford, Van Buren County. He died on August 30, 2018. He married Joann Marlene Noordhof in Grand Haven on June 26, 1953. She lived from August 9, 1933 to January 24, 2018. They had four children. The first Arie, Adriana, Peter, Agnes, the second Arie, and Joann are buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

#### **Dirk “Dick” Boon [1894-1979]**

Born in The Netherlands on August 13, 1894, Dick Boon became manager of a branch of Grand Haven State Bank [Fifth Third] at the corner of Washington and Seventh Streets. Later he became bookkeeper for the bank. Prior to his banking experience, he worked at Challenge Machinery. On August 24, 1916 in Grand Haven, he married Mary Jacoba Ruster. They resided at 738 Pennoyer. Among their children was Maurice “Moon” Boon, who became a teacher in the Grand Haven school system and married Marjorie De

Neut of and Rapids. Dick died on September 11, 1979. Mary, who was born on June 9, 1893, passed away in Grand Haven on March 30, 1986. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick and Martin Boon were brothers.

### **Marjorie De Neut Boon [1930-2006] and Maurice “Moon” Boon [1926-2016]**

Marge Boon was elected the first woman mayor of Grand Haven in 1981, the first of three two-year terms. Before her election as mayor, she served eight years on the City Council, beginning in 1973. She was born in Grand Rapids on June 28, 1930 to Earl and Marie Romance De Neut. She graduated from Hope College and taught biology in the Grand Haven school system for 15 years. On June 30, 1956, she married Maurice “Moon” Boon in Grand Haven. Moon also taught, first at Mason High School, then in the Grand Haven schools for 37 years. The Boons had three children: Cristine, who married Marvin Hinga of Zeeland; Amy, who married Fred Gadsby of Holland; and Dennis of Grand Haven.

As mayor, Marge was instrumental in the rejuvenation of the industrial waterfront that had fallen into decay along Harbor Drive. Chinook Pier, the Boardwalk, and Lighthouse Connector Park were built under her leadership. She and City manager Larry Deetjen worked closely together to obtain state and federal grants to assist in paying for the redevelopment projects. Marge was named by Counterpart as the Woman of the Year in 1982. In 1984 she was invited to christen the Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* III. 1984 also was the year of Grand Haven’s Sesquicentennial Celebration. Marge and Moon were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, and Marge belonged to the League of Woman Voters, Michigan Municipal League, and served on many boards. Grand Haven Rotary awarded her the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Marge died on April 1, 2006 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* article, “Former GH mayor Marge Boon dead at 75” and obituary, April 3, 2006.]

Moon was born on June 1, 1925 in Grand Haven, the son of Dirk and Mary Ruster Boon. He served with the U.S. Navy during WWII, and then received an undergraduate degree in education from Hope College. He was a member of the First Reformed Church and the local American Legion Post. Moon passed away in Grand Haven on December 4, 2016. He and Marge were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Moon’s father, Dirk “Dick” Boon, and Martin Boon were brothers. [*Tribune* obituary, December 6, 2016].

### **Martin Boon [1884-1981]**

Born on December 16, 1884 in The Netherlands, Martin was the son of Arie Floris [Floris A.] and Adriana Bommel Boon. Arie, an upholsterer by trade, brought his family to Grand Haven in 1911. He lived from 1854 to 1937 and his wife from 1857 to 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had 11 children, Martin being the fifth. At the age of 19 Martin served in The Netherlands’ army as a member of the Queen’s and Dowager Queen Emma’s honor guard. In Grand Haven he worked for the Story & Clark Piano Company for three years and then Bastian Blessing. In 1920 Martin joined the Bakker [Baker] Lumber Company and learned the business from Derk Baker, who returned to the firm after his son John’s premature death that year. Martin stayed with the company for more than fifty years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the City Council from 1932 to 1935 and again in 1938 and 1939. He was elected mayor of Grand Haven from 1948 to 1951. Martin was a Republican and member of the Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Historical Association, and the First Reformed Church.

In 1913 Martin married Kate, who was born on December 26, 1888 in Ferrysburg, the daughter of Henry and Katherine Dykema Yock. Jean [Jennie] Yock, Kate Boon’s sister, owned a millinery shop in Grand Haven. The Boons had two children: Kathryn Jane, who was born in 1916 and first married Raymond Boot and then Gerald D. Whiting. The Boons’ other child was Harold Marvin, who was born on April 27, 1921 and died in Lansing on March 31, 1991 of throat cancer. The Boons resided at 717 Pennoyer in the 1920s and into the 1940s and later at 805 South De Spelder. Kate Boon died on August 3, 1959. Martin’s second wife, Gertrude, was born on March 17, 1896 and died on February 28, 1983. Martin died of cardiac arrest on June 30, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Kate also was interred. Dirk “Dick” Boon was his brother. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941, *Tribune* articles, August

1948, "Mayor Boon Was Guard of Dutch Queen," April 14, 1952, and "Happy Birthday Mart!" December 15, 1973."]

### **Edwin Booth [1889-1958]**

Edwin and Nora Boneburg Booth purchased Arbutus Banks Hotel from Clarice Davis in 1935. At that time the land consisted of six and a half acres and had 386' of lake frontage. Also in 1935 the Booths sold a 100-foot parcel to William Alt for a building site on a street that became known as 17863 Oakwood Drive. The Booths, natives of Cleveland, Ohio, operated the resort for nine years. In 1944 the Booths ceased operation of Arbutus Banks Hotel, but they continued to use the property as their residence. In 1954 the boathouse was destroyed in a storm. Edwin was born in 1889 and died in New York on September 3, 1958. Nora was born in Michigan on October 20, 1896 and passed away on January 18, 1964. Both were buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery.

### **William M. Booth II [1920-2008]**

Bill Booth moved to Grand Haven in 1994 and became a self-employed professional engineer with several patents to his credit. Among his community achievements was perfecting the technical details for the Musical Fountain. He served on the Fountain Committee until 2007. Bill was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where he received the Bishop's Service Cross. He also was a member of the Muskegon Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers, the Masons, the Saladin Temple, Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion, and the National Rifle Association., and the Optimist Club. During WWII Bill served with the Army's 104<sup>th</sup> Timberwolf Division and received two Purple Hearts, two oak clusters, two bronze stars, and other decorations and citations.

Bill was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on September 12, 1920, the son of Morris Fenton and Elsa Ahlgren Booth. On March 18, 1944, he married Ruth Anna Friess in New York City. Their children were Carol Ann, who married Larry Edinger of Paw Paw, and William III, also of Paw Paw. William II passed away in Grand Haven on January 6, 2008. [*Tribune* obituary, January 9, 2008.]

### **Frederick John Borchers [1900-1994]**

Fred was born on September 2, 1900 to Henry and Edith Warber Borchers in Nunica. His father, who was born in Hanover, Germany on October 18, 1835, died of pneumonia on May 12, 1908 and was buried in Nunica. Fred was a farmer, fur trapper, and fur buyer for 55 years, and he also worked at Eagle Ottawa for a while and, after he retired from farming, he managed Grand Haven State Park. On February 3, 1923 in Grand Haven, he married Jessie B. Chittenden, the daughter of Emmons and Bernice Friant Chittenden of Crockery Township. Jessie was born on July 16, 1907 and died on December 21, 1986. Their children included Betty J. Borchers, who was born about 1924 and married Richard Johnson; Helen E. Borchers, who was born about 1925 and married Arthur Thomas of Muskegon; Dorothy M. Borchers, who was born on July 10, 1929 and married Wilbur Walker of Grand Haven; and Frederick L. Borchers, born in March 1933. Fred the father operated a fox farm and did general farming in Crockery Township. By the 1950s Fred and Jessie were residing at 100 Franklin Street. He died on August 5, 1994 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Jessie. [*Tribune* obituary, August 16, 1994.]

### **Frederick Louis Borchers [1933-2012] and Patricia Corsiglia Borchers [1935-2023]**

Fred, the son of Frederick and Jessie Chittenden Borchers, was born in Grand Haven on July 1, 1933. He married Patricia Marjorie Corsiglia in Grand Rapids on January 26, 1957. She was born in Grand Rapids on April 22, 1935, the daughter of Louis and Marjorie Corsiglia. Fred and Patricia opened the Frame and Mat shop at 720 Washington, which now is owned and managed by their son Dan. Patricia was president of Centertown Association in Grand Haven. Fred passed away Bonita Springs, Florida on September 25, 2012, and Patricia died on February 14, 2023. They had five children: Victoria Borchers, who was born on July 1, 1957 and married David Klinger; Peggy Borchers, born about 1959; Daniel Borchers, born about

1963; Susan Borchers, who was born about 1964 and married Denny Buth of Coopersville; and Caryn, who was born about 1968 and married Scott Cary of Seattle, Washington.

### **George C. Borck [Bork] [1879-1952]**

George Borck, who owned a 50-acre farm in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township, was born in the Grand Haven area on December 1, 1879. He was the adopted son of Charles F. [1836-1907] and Amelia [1843-1906] Borck of Grand Haven. On July 9, 1913 in Grand Haven, George married Hettie [Hattie] Ranker. She lived from July 29, 1879 to April 5, 1935. On February 12, 1923 George applied for an invalid's war pension for his service in Company F of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry, which was activated during the Spanish-American conflict. The Borcks were members of the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven. George died on April 6, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Hettie.

### **Adrian Borgman [1907-1993]**

Adrian Borgman founded the monument company bearing his name at 616 South Beechtree. It was in operation from the mid-1950s into the late 1990s. Adrian married Lois Schmick. They resided at 1522 Sheldon Road. Adrian was born August 6, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on July 22, 1993. Lois, who was born on March 17, 1910, passed away on November 6, a year after her husband.

### **Richard Lee Borgman [1942-2003]**

Richard L. Borgman owned and operated Forever Tan shops in Grand Haven and Spring Lake, and in 1983 took ownership of Town & Country Laundry and Dry Cleaning at 947 Robbins Road. He was born December 14, 1942 in Grand Rapids, the son of Peter and Ruth Kuiper Borgman. Richard married Claudia Dickson on April 28, 1967 in Grand Rapids. They resided at 15108 160<sup>th</sup> in Grand Haven Township. He died in Grand Haven on March 9, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, March 11, 2003.]

### **Abigail "Gail" Weldon Harbeck Bos [1883-1960]**

Abigail was born October 6, 1883 in Chicago, the daughter of Dr. William Weldon. The Weldons spent summers at Spring Lake. At the age of eight, following her parents' deaths, Abigail and her sister Ruth were adopted by Herman and Mabel Boynton Harbeck of Grand Haven. Abigail graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1902 as Gail Weldon Harbeck. She became an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She began her work at the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* as a society reporter. During the mid-1920s she went into partnership with Jack H. Reichardt, purchasing the Guillard Hat Shop at 218 Washington and expanding it to include women's apparel. It was called "The Abigail," and after a year and a half she sold her interest and started working full-time as a reporter for the *Tribune*, eventually becoming Fashion editor. She also was a correspondent for other newspapers, including the *Grand Rapids Press*, *Grand Rapids Herald*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Milwaukee Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. She retired from her job with the *Tribune* in 1951. Abigail promoted a wide variety of civic organizations, including Community Chest [United Way], Red Cross, Polio Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Coast Guard Water Festival, and Lake Michigan Playhouse.

On August 20, 1908 in Grand Haven Abigail married Martin [Mortimer] Bos, who was born on April 10, 1884 and died on June 20, 1951. Martin's parents were Cornelius and Maria Van Doorne Bos. Martin worked at a local bank as a cashier. At the time of marriage, Abigail was a teacher in Grand Haven, but two years later she was unemployed. She and Martin had two children: Ruth, who was born April 13, 1912, and Mary Fran. Ruth married Milton Burr of Grand Haven when both were about 17 years old. Mary Frances, who was born about 1918, on September 9, 1939 in Grand Haven, married Lawrence Jack of Vancouver, British Columbia. In 1920 Abigail and Martin were residing at 527 Slayton, and ten years later they were located at 518 Franklin. Abigail and Martin were divorced on July 2, 1931. By the time of the 1940 Federal Census, she was then working as City editor at the *Grand Haven Tribune* and still residing at 518 Franklin. Martin was living with his sister and her husband, William and Marie Poel at 503 Fulton

Street. Abigail died on October 13, 1960 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, August 14, 1951, and *Tribune* obituary, October 13, 1960.]

### **Carroll G. Bos [1921-2000]**

Carroll, the son of Gilbert and Cecilia Zuidema Bos, was born in Grand Rapids on May 14, 1921. He had two sisters, Betty and June, and one brother, Lawrence. On September 1, 1941, Carroll married Jeanette A. Gezon in Grand Rapids. She was the daughter of Marcus C. and Louise Gazan. Carroll served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. The couple moved to Spring Lake in 1948, where he and his father-in-law started the Tri-City Dairy. The company closed eight years later. Carroll then became statewide representative for Rycenga Homes of Grand Haven, a position he held for 40 years. In partnership with Ray Markle, Carroll started M & B Enterprises and developed Princeton Estates in Grand Rapids, the first housing development in Michigan having all utilities underground. He also owned Home Sales and was a partner in BB & C Builders, both located in Spring Lake. BB & C built the Spring Lake Post Office on Exchange Street, Dogwood Meadows and Veit's Landing in Ferrysburg, and Baird Pointe Farms, Wildwood Springs, and River Run, in Spring Lake Township.

Carroll was president of Spring Lake Businessmen's Association in the 1960s and was elected to the Spring Lake Village Council in the same decade. He was a member of the Tri-Cities Optimist Club, which he served as president in 1954 and as state lieutenant governor the next year. He was president of the Haven Foundation, which founded Haven School, later known as the Ottawa Area Center, a school for mentally impaired adolescents and young adults. A member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, Carroll served as Deacon and Sunday School superintendent. He and Jeanette also were members of the Spring Lake Country Club. Their children were David C., and Janice, who married Douglas Zuidema. Both children resided in Spring Lake. Carroll died at his home on February 2, 2000. Jeanette was born on November 18, 1920 in Milwaukee and passed away on December 31, 2009. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Cornelius J. Bos [1841-1903]**

Born on February 3, 1841 [1840] in Jerome, The Netherlands, Cornelius was the son of John and Knelska Deint Hanns Bos, who spent their entire lives in their native country. At the age of 24, the young Bos came to Ottawa County, where he began working in a sawmill on the Grand River. Two years later, in 1867, he opened a meat market, which he sold after 20 years. In 1885, having bought a tract of 22 acres near Fulton Street in Grand Haven, he began raising celery on 13 acres. He washed and marketed from 700 to 1,000 stalks of celery per day and made large shipments to Chicago by boat. Cornelius advertised, "Orders by telephone and telegraph, promptly attended to, and Mail Orders carefully filled. Correspondence Solicited." Another of his celery beds was on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. He became very prosperous and made large investments in real estate and owned a number of residences and other town property. Cornelius was a Republican in politics and was elected alderman of the Third Ward.

On November 12, 1873, Cornelius married Maria, the daughter of Martinus and Maria De Bruyn Van Doorne. The young Maria was born in Grand Island, New York, on January 26, 1852 and lived in Grand Haven Township for about 15 years prior to her marriage. The Bos family lived at the corner of Fulton and Fifth Streets. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, which Cornelius helped organize. Cornelius and Maria had six children: Cornelia, who was born in October 1874 and married William Ver Duin of Grand Haven; Mary, born in September 1876; Jennie, born in May 1878; Martha, born in July 1880; Henrietta, who was born on May 14, 1882 and married Sherman Clark of Grand Haven; Martin [Mortimer], who was born in April 1884 and married Abigail Weldon, the adopted daughter of Herman and Mary Harbeck; and Marie, who was born in November 1893 and married William Poel of Grand Haven. Jennie married Gerrit Zaagman of Grand Haven. Cornelius died in Grand Haven on July 24, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest. His wife died April 1, 1945. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 572-573, and *Tribune* obituary, July 25, 1903.]



### **Martin [Mortimer] Bos [1884-1951]**

See Abigail Weldon Harbeck Bos.

### **Dick Bosch [1886-1936]**

Born in The Netherlands on December 13, 1886, Dick Bosch married Hannah Katt in Spring Lake on December 27, 1911. The daughter of John and Stientje Katt of Ferrysburg, Hannah was born on November 20, 1889. Dick, who worked as a blacksmith in Spring Lake Township, passed away in Collerville, Kent County on November 27, 1936. Hannah died in Ferrysburg on September 2, 1971. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Anna was born in Ferrysburg on August 28, 1919, married George Bower [1921-2003], died on September 17, 2016, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Bosches had four sons in addition to Anna.

### **Dick A. Bosch [1888-1949]**

On August 20, 1913 Dick Bosch married Rena Rosema in Ferrysburg. Rena, the daughter of Hilke and Grietje "Grace" van Leeuwen of Ferrysburg, lived from 1894 to 1969. Dick passed away in 1949. He and Rena were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter, Agnes Della Bosch, was born in Ferrysburg on January 3, 1915.

### **Harmon Bosch [Busch, Busche] [1833-1912]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1833, Harmon Bosch came to America with the Van Raalte colony in 1847. He worked in the lumber business with Henry Rysdorp and John Sprik in their mill at Port Sheldon. In 1863 the mill moved to Grand Haven, with Harmon in partnership with Rysdorp and Sprik, as well as Johannes Vos. In 1867 Harmon was elected alderman on Grand Haven's first City Council. Prior to his death he moved to Bass River and farmed and then retired in Zeeland. Harmon married Martha Baker. Their children were: Gezina "Sena," who lived from 1857 to 1933 and was the wife of Daniel J. Smith [1858-1930] of Zeeland; Etta, who was born about 1861 and married Dr. Thomas G. Huizenga of Zeeland; Anna, who was born about 1862, married a Mr. Stewart, and moved to Springfield, Missouri; Johanna "Jo," who was born in October 1864 and married Charles J. Den Herder of Zeeland; Minnie, who was born about 1870 and married Jacob Veneklassen of Zeeland; John H., born about 1873; and Henrietta, who was born about September 1879 and married Mr. De Bruyn of Zeeland. Harmon died in Zeeland in March 1912. Martha was born in 1837 and died January 15, 1913. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, 1 April 1912 and January 16, 1913.]

### **Roelof "Ralph" Bosch [1855-1927]**

Roelof Bosch, who was born in 1855, owned a 40-acre farm in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township, where DeWitt School was located. He arrived in the area in 1893. Bosch died in 1927. His wife Annijen lived from 1861 to 1937. Both Bosches were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter, Elsie, married Frederick Bramer of Spring Lake Township.

### **August W. Boseker [1877-1919]**

August Boseker was born in Germany on April 12, 1877 and came to Grand Haven in 1893. At first he worked on local farms, drove a stagecoach, and worked for Captain Jack Walker. In the 1900 Federal Census for Grand Haven, he was listed as 19 years old and working as a servant for the Frank Fraga family, who resided in the lighthouse on the bluff. He also was a carpenter and built many of the cottages in Highland Park. In 1901 August paid Captain Jack \$100 for Highland Park Pavilion, where bathing suits and towels could be rented and snacks purchased. Captain Jack had built the place. In the early 1900s August was superintendent of Highland Park. He owned a garage near the Lake Forest Cemetery, approximately where the Chapel was built in 1966, which could store as many as 30 automobiles at a time. Lake Avenue ended there at that time, and Highland Park residents walked from that point to their cottages.

August married Henrietta Podein on October 8, 1901 in Grand Haven. Their home was at 1308 Lake Avenue, later the site of the Lee Memorial Chapel. August also dealt in real estate, and toward the end of his life was manager of the J. W. Oakes Real Estate office. After August's death in 1919, Henrietta ran a real estate office for Highland Park, and she handled rentals of many of the cottages until she was 80. Henrietta was born in a log cabin south of Grand Haven [Section 22] on December 24, 1879. Her parents were Charles and Hanna Podein. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. She died on July 28, 1969. The Bosekers' children, all born in Grand Haven, were Edna, who was born February 4, 1904, married Charles L. Plowman of Grand Haven, and passed away on February 5, 1993; Bertha, who was born on April 9, 1905 and married Jacob Fase of Grand Haven; and Clarence, who was born on September 28, 1911 and passed away in Albion, Calhoun County on November 18, 2000. August died on January 21, 1919 at the age of 42 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Henrietta also was buried.

#### **James S. Bosma [1892-1964]**

James Bosma became owner of the Difficult Repair Shop located at 9 North Second Street, where he was working as early as 1929. In 1944 he bought the business from John Zalsman and renamed it Jim's Bicycle Shop. On December 2, 1914 he married Barbara Ver Duin in Grand Haven. He and Barbara lived on the second floor. On April 11, 1964, a faulty space heater in his apartment above the bicycle shop "engulfed" Jim in flames. He died the next day. The *Tribune* noted that although he fixed many bikes, he never learned to ride one. Barbara, a native of Illinois, lived from 1895 to January 19, 1978. Born in Allendale in 1892, James died in April 1964. He and Barbara were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two daughters and two sons. [*Tribune* article "James S. Bosma Dies of Burns from Heater Mishap," April 13, 1964.

#### **Roy Bosma [1891-1974]**

In the 1940s partners Jordan and Roy Bosma owned and operated Midway Motors, a used car lot located at 1100 Washington. Roy lived from October 11, 1891 to August 8, 1974. He lived at 15822 Cherry in Spring Lake, where his widow, Ernestine M., continued to reside after his death. She lived from December 25, 1901 to March 21, 1980.

#### **John William "Bill" Bosman [1881-1948]**

On February 17, 1909 Bill Bosman married Mabel Huntley in Holland, Michigan. He was born in Hamilton, Allegan County, on May 11, 1881, and she was born in Michigan on March 23, 1883. In 1913 Bill opened the first dry cleaning business in Grand Haven. His shop was located at 15 Washington Street, where he and Mabel also resided. He later relocated the business to 14 South Second. Prior to moving to Grand Haven, the Bosmans resided in Holland. Bill died on November 3, 1948. Mabel passed away in Arizona on February 14, 1976. Both were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. They bought the pilot house and upper decks of the *May Graham*, at one time a packet on the Grand River, and made them into a cottage on North Shore Basin, now the site of Captain's Cove Condomiums.

#### **Guy Leo [Leonard] Boswell [1875-1936]**

Guy Boswell bought the *Helen B.*, a Spring Lake passenger boat, and in the early 1900s used it for shuttle service between St. Joseph, Berrien County and Spring Lake. Guy also owned the *Hazel B.* He continued to operate his own boat into the 1930s. Guy, who was born on April 25, 1875, resided in St. Joseph. He married Maud D. Chisholm on August 7, 1895 in St. Joseph. She was born in June the same year as Guy. Both were natives of Michigan. Guy died in St. Joseph, Berrien County on November 21, 1936 and was buried at Riverview Cemetery in that city.

#### **George Bothyl I [Botbel] [1897-1953]**

George, the son of John and Floran Botbyl, was born in Grand Haven on August 28, 1897. On November 8, 1919 in Grand Haven, he married Helen Bonga. In 1924 George opened Botbyl Garage at 632

Washington [also known as 9 South Seventh] and operated it until his death on July 24, 1953. Helen died on July 31, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His second wife, Matilda Berg, was born on June 21, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on January 13, 1974. She and George also were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among his children were George R. II. and Gerald.

#### **Gerald Botbyl II [1935-2001]**

The son of George and Helen Bonga Botbyl, Gerald was born in Grand Haven on October 15, 1935. After his father's death in 1953, Gerald ran the Botbyl Garage on the corner of Washington and Seventh Streets until it closed. Gerald died at the family home at 1320 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven on February 24, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, February 26, 2001.]

#### **Gerry J. Botbyl [1913-1959]**

Gerry Botbyl and his partner Ralph J. Built II started Grand Office Supply in Spring Lake in 1945. Gerry married Amelia Hradsky. They resided at 114 Maple Terrace in Spring Lake. They had two surviving children: Joel Frederick Botbyl [1940-2020] and Roger Mark Botbyl [1943-1981]. Gerry was born on August 24, 1913 and died on October 15, 1959. Amelia lived from September 4, 1914 to March 19, 2008. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Henry John Botbyl [1883-1918]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 2, 1883 [1882], Henry was the son of John and Flora Botbyl. In the early 1900s Henry and his brother Jacob operated the Botbyl Grocery at 534 Jackson. On November 30, 1905, Henry married Grace Alvina Huizenga in Grand Haven. They resided at 520 Monroe. Grace was born on November 2, 1886 and died on August 27, 1913, three days after giving birth to Gerry Botbyl. Grace was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, named Grace Alvina Botbyl, lived from 1908 to 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry next married Anna Huizenga. They resided at 415 North Sixth Street. Henry passed away on November 3, 1918 and was buried with other Botbyls at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna lived from 1890 to 1971. Henry and Anna had a daughter, Adeline Cora Botbyl, who lived from 1917 to 1971.

#### **Jacob J. Botbyl [1885-1919]**

As early as 1908, Jacob Botbyl and his brother Henry Botbyl operated the Botbyl Grocery at 534 Jackson. Jacob married Ethel Rosema in Ferrysburg on October 5, 1905. She was born in Grand Rapids on February 4, 1882. They resided at 421 North Sixth Street. Jacob, the son of John and Flora Botbyl of Grand Haven, lived from January 6, 1885 to January 7, 1919. After his death, Ethel worked as an inspector at Amazon Knitting Works. Among their children was Jay Botbyl, who was born on August 2, 1909, married Mildred Schouwenaar, and died in Grand Rapids on June 4, 1971. On May 29, 1928, Ethel married Gerrit John Boyink in Grand Haven. A native of Grand Haven, he lived from May 16, 1877 to March 11, 1956. Ethel passed away on February 19, 1960. She, Jacob, and Gerrit were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Botbyl [1859-1937]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on July 9, 1859, John Botbyl immigrated to the United States in 1872. His wife Flora, also a native of The Netherlands, came over in 1880. She was born in December 1863 and passed away in 1912. Their children, all born locally, included Henry, born on September 3, 1883 [1882]; Jacob, born on January 6, 1885; Mary, born in September 1890; Renie, born in November 1892; and George, born in August 1897. Renie married M. Winifred Ambler in Grand Haven on December 31, 1913. Winifred was born in Belleville, Ohio on November 22, 1891 and passed away in Grand Haven on November 21, 1963. John and Flora were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 22, 1963.]

#### **Gerrit Bottema [1902-1984]**

Born in December 1899 [May 31, 1902 [December 1899] in Spring Lake Township, Gerrit was the son of John and Johanna Bramer Bottema. He was a contractor and builder for many years, township supervisor for 36 years, chairman of the Spring Lake Township Board, chairman of the Ottawa County Board of supervisors, and member of Christ Community Church. He owned about 12 acres in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township constructed and maintained a group of cottages at Indian Village, near Stickney Ridge south of Grand Haven. On December 18, 1924 he married Johanna Balgooyen in Spring Lake. Their children included Marvin J., Thelma, Gerald L., and June Bottema, all of Spring Lake. Gerrit died March 24, 1984 at his home at 327 South Lake in Spring Lake. Johanna, the daughter of John and Gertrude Walcott Balgooyen, was born in Spring Lake on June 21, 1903 and died there on April 20, 1986. She and Gerrit were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 24, 1984.] [Note: The 1900 census listed Gerrit's birth date as December 1899, but the Social Security Death List and cemetery records cited May 31, 1902.]

### **John Bottema [Buttuma] [1872-1942]**

John, a farmer, was the son of Gerhard Wister and Hermke "Hattie" Debruin Bottema. John was born in Michigan on January 26, 1872 and died on February 22, 1942. He married Johanna Bramer in Spring Lake on February 23, 1898. The daughter of Berend Jan and Fanny Swiftney Bramer, Johanna lived from March 1875 [1876] to 1903. Their son, Gerrit Bottema, was born in May 31, 1902 and married Johanna Balgooyen. John and Johanna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Anthony [Antoine, Antonie] Bottje I [1825-1907]**

Born in Groningen, Netherlands, on November 14, 1825, Anthony Bottje in 1853 came to the United States on board the *South Carolina* and continued to Chicago, where he set sail on the schooner *Pioneer*, bound for Grand Haven. Gerrit Gringhuis I sailed with him. Anthony opened a dry goods and grocery store at 106 Washington, in a building previously occupied by the Ester Price Clothing Company. Anthony's store sold flour, buttons, boots, thread, and whiskey at \$1.25 a gallon—as long as the customer provided his own container. Anthony was a member of the First Reformed Church.

On December 6, 1851 Anthony married Henrietta [Anna] Gringhuis, who was born December 19, 1827 and died on April 18, 1894. Gerrit Gringhuis was her brother. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Gerrit A., who was born on October 1, 1853; Derek [Dick], who was born on December 7, 1856; Henrietta [Henrikje/Hendrika] "Helen," who was born on February 10, 1855 and married John [Jan] Roossien of Grand Haven; Harmon, born on April 7, 1858; John, born on September 25, 1861; Peter, who lived from September 13, 1863 to July 16, 1930; Sena, who was born on June 17, 1866 and died on July 29, 1933; Anna, Sena's twin, who became assistant Register of Deeds for Ottawa County and died on April 25, 1945; Jennie, who lived from July 16, 1869 to January 25, 1940; and Antoine II "Tone," who was born on June 9, 1874, married Minnie Bell Weer in Grand Haven on July 3, 1912, died on October 15, 1952 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter, who had been "crippled" since childhood, after his parents' death was closely confined to the family home at 115 South Fifth Street, which he shared with three sisters and his nephew, Frank, who was County Register of Deeds. Anthony died in Grand Haven on October 17, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Helen and many of their children. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 17, 1907 and July 17, 1930.]

### **Bernard Bottje [1885-1910]**

Bernard, born in Grand Haven, January 22, 1885, was the son of Richard and Alice Sterenberg Bottje. He was Register of Probate in the office of Judge Kirby. Bernard died at his home on May 8, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1910.]

### **Derk "Dick" Bottje [1856-1910]**

Born in Grand Haven on December 7, 1856, Derk was the son of Anthony [Antoine] and Henrietta Gringhuis Bottje. He was a member of the Yates Light Infantry, Grand Haven's first military organization. In the spring of 1880 Derk started a meat business in Grand Haven with Ed Hollestelle and dealt with nearly every retail meat dealer in the city. He also was listed as "Dealer in Fat Stock" in the 1893 *Compendium*. Derk served Grand Haven as Marshal and was also a candidate for sheriff. Bottje was a member of Highland Tent, and K.O.T.M. [Maccabees] of Grand Haven.

Dick married Alice Sterenberg on September 19, 1882. Alice was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on March 14, 1861. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Henrietta, born on July 14, 1881; Bernard, who born on June 23, 1885, died on May 8, 1910, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Anthony [Antonie], born June 24, 1887; Henry, who lived from August 1, 1889 to 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Alice, born about 1892; Jeannette, born about 1896; Mary, born on April 25, 1897; and Richard, who was born April 21, 1899. A son Benjamin died May 8, 1910 of consumption. In the early 1900s the family resided at 618 Sheldon Road. Derk died February 4, 1910 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice and some of her children continued to live at 618 Sheldon after Derk's death. She passed away on December 21, 1947 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, February 6, 1910.]

#### **Edward A. Bottje [1882-1964]**

Edward Bottje was born in Grand Haven on April 25, 1882 and died on July 1, 1964 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Toll Bottje. Edward worked at his father's hardware store when he was young but by 1918 had moved to Milwaukee, where he was branch manager of the G. J. Johnson Cigar Company. Edward married Frances W. King about 1908. They were divorced by 1930, still residents of Milwaukee, where at that time he was salesman for an electric sign manufacturing company, among other jobs. Frances, who was born in Iowa on December 10, 1879, in 1930 was Practitioner Reader for the Christian Science Church in Grand Haven and took in lodgers. Frances died in Los Angeles, California on April 22, 1965. Edward was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Frank Bottje [1894-1974]**

Frank, the son of John and Alida Kerkhof Bottje, was born in Grand Haven on March 31, 1894. He became Ottawa County Register of Deeds. Frank married Minnie Barbara Hall Irwin in Grand Haven on March 31, 1933. They resided at 21 South Fourth Street. He died in Grand Haven on June 12, 1974 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Minnie lived from November 9, 1895 to October 1, 1979 and also was buried at Lake Forest. She was born in Phillips County, Kansas and previously had been married to a Mr Irwin.

#### **Gerrit A. Bottje [Bottji] [1853-1942]**

Gerrit, born on October 1, 1853 in Grand Haven, was the son of Anthony [Antoine] Bottje, a native of Groningen, The Netherlands, who came to Grand Haven the year his son was born. In 1867, at the age of 13, Gerrit entered the dry goods trade working for his father. Fourteen years later, with John Dykstra as his partner, he opened a hardware store at 108 Washington. In 1887 he moved the business to a store recently constructed by Gerrit and John Juistema at 205 Washington. Gerrit's became one of the largest hardware stores in Grand Haven until he retired in 1918 and sold the business to Claude Beukema. Gerrit was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

Gerrit married Elizabeth Van Toll in Grand Haven on October 15, 1878. Elizabeth, the daughter of Adriannus and Johanna Bentley Van Toll, was born in Michigan in October 1856 [1855]. The couple lived at 420 Clinton. Elizabeth, who died about February 4, 1949, helped organize the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Reformed Church. Among their children were Henrietta, who was born on June 17, 1879; Edward, who was born on April 25, 1882; A. Harry, who was born April 16, 1887 and worked at the hardware store; George, who was born August 10, 1889 and died in Colorado in June 1974; Clifford, who was born on July 12, 1893, worked at the hardware store in his early years and died in Grand Rapids on

November 18, 1982; and Hazel, who was born on July 1, 1895 and married Victor L. Colson. The Colsons lived at 416 Clinton, next door to the Bottje residence. Will Gay Bottje, a Grand Haven Township resident, was Gerrit's grandson. Gerrit died on June 5, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth passed away on February 4, 1949 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 19, 1894 and May 9, 1910.]

#### **Harmon [Harmen, Harman] Bottje [1858–1951]**

Harmon, the son of Anthony and Henrietta Bottje, was born on April 7, 1858 in Grand Haven. On July 1, 1884 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie [Jannie] Elizabeth Starling, who was born in Chicago in 1865 and died on August 3, 1922 in Grand Haven. Their children included at least two sons and one daughter: Harmon II, who was born in Grand Haven on December 25, 1884; William, who was born in Grand Haven on September 10, 1887 and died on July 25, 1966; and Betty who died on October 13, 1916, two months old. The Bottjes lived on a 50-acre farm in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township on Lakeshore Drive, just south of Grand Haven. Harmon, who died on March 30, 1951, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 1922.]

#### **Jeanette Bottje [1895-1983]**

Jeanette, the daughter of Richard and Alice Sterenberg Bottje, taught history at Grand Haven High School from 1924 to 1955. She lived from October 25, 1895 to January 20, 1983. Jeanette resided in the family home at 618 Sheldon with her sister Mary, who also retired from a career in education. Jeanette was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Bottje [1861–1935]**

John, the son of Anthony and Henrietta Gringhuis Bottje, was born on September 25, 1861 and became a carpenter. On August 16, 1892 John married Alida [Ida] Kerkhof in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of Johannes and Elke Kerkhof.

John and Alida had a boy, Frank, who was born on March 31, 1894. Alida, who was born on May 4, 1871, died on July 5, 1895 of "inflammation of the bowels," six days after the birth of a daughter, also named Alida [Aleida]. After his wife's death John resided with his sister and other siblings in the family home at 115 South Fifth, and Alida lived in Grand Haven with her aunt and uncle Harmon and Jennie Bottje. Alida, who taught at Rosy Mound and Stone Schools in Grand Haven Township, died on November 4, 1954.

John died August 22, 1935 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Mary Bottje [1897-1985]**

Born in Grand Haven on April 25, 1897, Mary was the daughter of Richard and Alice Sterenberg Bottje. Mary received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1934. While there, she was a member of Pi Lambda Theta, a national honorary fraternity in education. She taught freshmen physical education classes for years. She joined the faculty of Western Michigan College [WMU] in 1926 after teaching from 1921 to 1924 at South Haven and a year at Wyandotte. She wrote two books, "Games for Elementary and Rural Schools," and "Songs for Children." She retired in June 1956 and was named Associate Professor Emeritus of Physical Education at Western. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta honorary sorority, served on the Assembly Committee at Western, sponsored the Women's League and was sponsor for the Women's Physical Education Association. She spent summers at Camp Bryn Afon at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, supervising summer pageants and regattas and editing and writing the camp papers. She lived in the family home at 618 Sheldon with her sister Jeanette, who also taught at Grand Haven High School. Mary died of congestive heart failure on April 13, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Western Michigan U. Honors Mary Bottje," May 24, 1957, and *Tribune* obituary, April 15, 1985.]

#### **Richard E. Bottje [1899-1955]**

Richard, the son of Derk “Dick” and Alice Sterenberg Bottje, was born in Grand Haven on April 21, 1899. He married Fern Dumper in Belding, Ionia County, on August 10, 1925. They had at least two sons, James Richard Bottje, who lived from July 28, 1926 to February 28, 1999, and John David Bottje, who was born on July 9, 1928 and died in Lexington, South Carolina on March 5, 1987. After working as a farm laborer for several years, Richard was listed as a “String Butcher” in the Federal Census of 1940 and as a guard in the *Grand Haven City Directory* of 1945. The family resided at 509 Waverly Road from at least the mid-1920s to James’s death in 1999. Richard died on September 15, 1955, and Fern passed away on July 6, 1977. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Sena Bottje [1866–1933]**

Born in Grand Haven in 1866, the daughter of Anthony [Antoine] Bottje, Sena as a young girl clerked in her father’s store, Bottje & Sons, located at 106 Washington. She was a member of the First Reformed Church. For the last 15 years of her life, she suffered paralysis and lost her ability to talk because of a stroke. She died in July 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 31, 1933.]

### **Will Gay Bottje [1925-2018]**

In 1928 to 1929, Sam Kimerly built a cottage at 12871 Lakeshore Drive in the Wilderness, a second home development a few miles south of Grand Haven. He used it one year, and in 1931 Kimerly sold it to the widow of William H. Gay of Grand Rapids. Around 1934 Mrs Gay hired Ed Hein, a Grand Haven carpenter and mason, to build an addition that included two bedrooms, a sunroom, and a garage, and other improvements. The roof was raised to provide more headroom, and electrical wiring with metal sheathing was installed as a way of keeping mice from chewing at it. Electricity was brought in around 1937, about the same time as the telephone.

In 1980 Joyce and Will Gay Bottje made the Wilderness cottage their year-round retirement home. Born on June 30, 1925 in Grand Rapids, Will was the son of Clifford and Ann Pratt Bottje and the grandson of Gerrit A. Bottje, who owned a hardware store in downtown Grand Haven. In 1948 Will marriage Joyce Thompson. After studying music in The Netherlands and France, Will received a doctorate in music at Rochester University in New York State. He taught music at the University of Mississippi and Southern Illinois in Carbondale. He became a leader in electronic music and was among the first musicians to obtain a Moog synthesizer in the United States. He was commissioned to compose an opera for the Sesquicentennial anniversary of the State of Illinois, and he wrote *Sounds of the West Shore* for the West Shore Symphony Orchestra in Muskegon [now West Michigan Symphony].

After Joyce and Will moved to Covenant Village of the Great Lakes in Grand Rapids, their children, Gerrit and Walter Bottje and Marian Bottje Drake used the cottage for vacations. Will died on January 7, 2018.

### **Arthur P. Bourns [1870-1966]**

Arthur Bourns, pastor of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church from 1905 to 1910, was born in Illinois in October 1870. He married Bessie Marion Beach in Austin, Illinois on June 22, 1897. Bessie was born in Wisconsin around 1871. They had two daughters and three sons, who were born between 1898 and 1908. By 1920 they were residing in Union, Indiana. Bessie passed away in 1944. Arthur died in Cleveland, Ohio on July 17, 1966.

### **Jacob Bouwman [1869-1897]**

Jacob Bouwman, who was born in 1869, died in Grand Haven on April 22, 1897. In the early 1900s his widow, Maggie, and their son Claud resided at 606 Elliott Street. By 1910 she was married to Thomas Ruiter, also of Grand Haven. Maggie, the daughter of William and Anje Helder, was born in November 1869 and became a nurse. Claud, who was born in August 1893, worked at American Brass Novelty Company. Jacob was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jacob and Maggie also had a daughter, Anna, who was born in August 1894.

### **Carl Taylor Bowen [1890-1957]**

About 1918 Carl Bowen, a graduate from the University of Iowa, was hired as engineer-manager of the Ottawa County Road Commission, less than ten years after its formation. His salary, \$5,200 the first year, was increased only \$300 during the next 20 years. Bowen first had worked as City Engineer for Holland and then took a position with the State Highway Department in Lansing before moving to Spring Lake. Carl retired in 1953. A bridge over Petty's Bayou in Spring Lake Township, completed in 1947, was named in honor of Carl's decades of service and in 2000 was designated an Historic Place in the National Register. Carl owned a 39-acre parcel east of Fruitport Road in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township. He and his family had a home on a smaller lot west of Fruitport Road, bordering on Spring Lake. On December 29, 1915 he married Edna Lucille Imhoff, who was born in Iowa on May 3, 1892 and passed away on November 14, 1987. After his death, Edna purchased a house at 110 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. The Bowens had three sons, all born locally and all of whom became engineers: Howard, born about 1917; Paul, born about 1919; and Robert, born about 1924. Carl, who was born in Chariton, Iowa on June 30, 1890, died in San Diego, California, on February 24, 1957 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, where Edna also was buried. He was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club, the Grand Haven Stag Club, Masons, Elks, and Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. Willard Bowen of Spring Lake was Carl's brother.

#### **Willard Lincoln Bowen [1905-1952]**

An optometrist, Willard Bowen kept an office at 304½ Washington Street in Grand Haven, above the Addison-Pellegrum-Colson furniture store. Willard was born in Chariton, Iowa on June 9, 1905 and died on February 18, 1952. He married Helen Mae Smith on March 5, 1934. She was born on April 16, 1911. They had at least two children, Roger, who was born about 1936 and Bruce, born about 1939. The family resided at 203 East Savidge Street in Spring Lake. After her husband's death, Helen married Robert H. Turner. She and Robert resided in the house on Savidge Street until her death on March 21, 1999. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Carl Bowen of Spring Lake was Willard's brother.

#### **Walter Scott Bowman [1889-1943]**

In the mid-1920s Walter Bowman owned Bowman's Grocery Store at 533 Jackson Street and resided at the same address. He was born on September 16, 1889 and married Hazel S. Price in Belding, Ionia County on May 17, 1918. She lived from July 2, 1897 to March 23, 1992. Walter passed away on November 26, 1943. After his death, Hazel married Homer Fred Olger [1890-1955]. Walter and Hazel were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son William Bowman was born in 1920.

#### **Sherman Hoyt Boyce [1832-1904]**

Sherman was born in Dutchess County, New York on February 19, 1832, where his father, John M. Boyce, was born in 1780. John, a farmer, was of English origin. Sherman's mother, Hannah Schofield, was a native of Connecticut and daughter of Jacob Schofield. Sherman was the third of seven children. The only one besides Sherman still living in 1893 was Harvey, who resided in Chenango, New York. Sherman came to Michigan with his sister, Phoebe Divine, when he was 11 years old. He made his home with her in Eurkea, Montcalm County until he was 20. In 1852 he moved to Grand Rapids and helped clear the land where Greenville now stands and resided there until the fall of 1866, when he came to Grand Haven. He became connected with the lumber industry when he joined Carlton L. Storrs, and in 1871 he was named director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven.

In 1872 Sherman became associated with Dr. Munroe, the doctor's nephew, Stephen L. Munroe, and Nelson Howlett in the firm of Munroe, Boyce & Company in Spring Lake. The company milled and sold "Lumber, Lath, and Pickets." Sherman was a director and stockholder in the Grand Haven Furniture Company and the Globe Match Company. He was a member of the Democratic Party. In 1896 and 1897 he was alderman on the Grand Haven City Council. Socially, Sherman was a member of Grand Rapids Lodge No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons, and reached the degree of Knight Templar. He was one of the first



incorporators of Highland Park in 1886 and was one of the founders of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company in 1895.

Sherman married Mary P. Holbrook in Grand Haven on April 10, 1881. The daughter of James and Althea Holbrook, she was born in Muskegon on October 16, 1858 and died on February 11, 1941. The Boyces lived at 326 Franklin Street, next door to the George McBride home at 332. Sherman died about October 22, 1904 in Grand Haven. After his death Mary lived at 1035 Washington Street. He and Mary were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan and Tribune* obituaries, August 6, 1936 and February 12, 1941.]

### **John Walter [Walter J.] Boyd [1895-1956]**

A mechanic by trade, Walter Boyd by 1932 had opened Boyd's Garage at 201 Columbus Street. He was born in Fremont, Newaygo County, on November 8, 1895. Prior to opening his own garage, Walter was employed as a mechanic at Kooiman Auto Company at 217 South Seventh. By the early 1940s he was working at the Grand Haven Sewage Treatment Plant, then located at 509 Adams Street, and by the mid-1950s he as superintendent of the City Streets Department. He married Nina Amelia Seelig [Seeley] in Northport, Leelanau County on June 30, 1936. Born in Northport on June 30, 1900, she died in Grand Haven on January 27, 1946. On April 2, 1947 Walter married Amy Harger in Lansing. In 1930 he resided as a boarder at 534 Fulton. He and Nina lived at 442 Grant Street, where he continued to reside after his marriage to Amy until they moved to 500 Marion Street. Walter passed away in Grand Haven on July 30, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Amy lived from June 24, 1906 to October 20, 1993 and was buried near her husband.

### **Charles Boyden I [1843-1897]**

Born in Onondaga County, New York on August 3, 1843, Charles Boyden began selling Soule's Pills in the rural areas of that state. The pills were manufactured by an uncle of Judge Benjamin Soule of Grand Haven. On August 12, 1862, Charles enlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> New York Cavalry, but no further military records were located. He came to Grand Haven about 1868 and purchased the Hunting Mill property, which subsequently burned down. In 1871, with Healy C. Akeley as his partner, he started the Boyden & Akeley Shingle and Sawmill on the south side of the Grand River channel between Second and Third Streets. It burnt later that year. They rebuilt the mill and it became the world's largest shingle mill and produced the best known and most popular shingle known at that time. However, this plant, too, burned down in June 1882. In 1881 [1880] the Grand Haven Lumber Company was organized with Charles as president. He bought out all the shareholders and until 1890, when it closed, he was sole owner. It included three sawmills, one shingle mill, extensive tracts of pinelands, a logging railroad and lumberyards. He became president and treasurer of the Boyden & Wyman Lumber company at Neelyville, Missouri. He was deeply involved in the Keystone Land & Cattle company in the Dakotas, which owned over 20,000 acres of hardwood timberlands. He served from 1882 to 1883 on the Grand Haven City Council.

On August 22, 1876 Charles married Jerusha "Inkie" Mitchell, who was a teacher and cousin of Senator John Mitchell of Pennsylvania. She was born on August 26, 1845 in Pennsylvania. The Boydens had two sons, John, who was born in Michigan in September 1881 and was scheduled to take over his father's business, and Charles II, who was born in Grand Haven on July 16, 1883. Charles and Inkie also had a daughter, Maud, who married Robert Graham Macfie of Grand Haven. Maud was born in Pennsylvania on August 19, 1868. In 1872 Charles constructed for the Thomas Stewart White family the house on the southwest corner of Lafayette and Fifth Streets in Grand Haven [301 South Fifth]. When the Whites vacated the house, the Boydens moved in. Charles in 1891 built a cottage in Highland Park named Killkare.

Charles I was injured at his mill in Neelyville, Missouri, on Saturday, February 20, 1897 and died two days later. A private train returned him to Grand Haven. The impressive Boyden mausoleum in Lake Forest Cemetery has a cap piece of granite, which probably had to be lifted into position by real horsepower.

[Charles was not interred in the mausoleum until August 26, 1901.] Inkie continued to live in the family home at 301 South Fifth until her death of cerebral apoplexy on December 16, 1913. Their son John was still living in Neelyville when his mother died. John passed away in Chicago on October 16, 1957. [*Tribune* article, "Common Council," March 30, 1897, and *Tribune* obituaries, February 23, 1897 and August 13, 1913.]

### **Charles Boyden II [1883-1960]**

Charles, the son of Charles and Jerusha Mitchell Boyden, was born in Grand Haven on July 16, 1883. He attended Poughkeepsie Military Academy in New York. In 1902 Charles bought Dwight A. Lane's Bookstore at 129 Washington. Charles constructed a new building at 222 Washington and moved his business there. Before 1910 he sold it to Jack Reichardt. On January 21, 1908 in Kalamazoo, Charles married Kate, daughter of John and Lizzie Wiles of Grand Haven. Kate, who was born in March 1886, died in August 1913. Charles and Kate resided at the family home at 301 South Fifth Street, until they moved to Indianapolis between 1908 and 1910. Charles and Kate had a son, Charles Boyden III, who was born in Indianapolis around 1909. By 1920 Charles II was a mechanical engineer working and residing in Pasadena, California with his second wife, Lestella Fueser [Fusser], whom he married in Indiana on September 29, 1917. Charles III lived with them. Ten years later Charles was divorced and living in Los Angeles. He died in Los Angeles on July 17, 1960 and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. Lestella lived from 1890 to 1980.

### **James G. Boyes [Boyce] [1837-1896]**

Born in New York City on June 5, 1837, James Boyes learned the blacksmithing trade. On December 4, 1863 he enlisted as private in the New York 7<sup>th</sup> Heavy Artillery, but there were no further records of his service. By 1870 he had settled in Sections 27 and 33 of Olive Township [later Port Sheldon Township]. James owned 165 acres and engaged in farming and fruit growing. He was married first to Josephine L. Jocelyn on August 2, 1863. Born in New York around 1843, Josephine died May 12, 1877. Their daughter Ann was born in Olive Township about 1871. After Josephine's death, James married Laura A. Calkins [Calkin/Colkins] in Allegan County on November 20, 1877. Laura was born in Pennsylvania on January 13, 1849. James passed away in Pine Plains, Allegan County, on November 11, 1896.

### **Bernard T. Boyink [1913-1976]**

Born in Muskegon on May 19, 1913, Bernard Boyink moved with his parents to 322 Fulton Street in Grand Haven when he was six months old. His parents were Alfred and Gertrude Louise Caroline Stang Boyink. Bernard was the first Grand Haven Community Center director, a position he held for the ten years prior to his death. Bernard also was official scorekeeper for 23 years for all basketball games at Grand Haven High School, and he was the "down marker" at home football games for over 20 years. Bernard was the area representative for West Michigan Sound Company. He was a veteran member of the Buccaneer Banquet Committee. On October 16, 1936 he married Charlotte Amanda Moll. They a son Rick and another son, Brent, who was born March 14, 1940 and died on March 26, 1993. The family lived at 511 South Griffin. Bernard died on July 4, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Community says 'Thanks to Bernie,'" March 18, 1976.]

### **Henry Gerrit [Gerrit Henry] Boyink [1868-1941]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 26, 1868, Henry was the son of John Albert and Sena Boyink. Henry started as a blacksmith in Spring Lake, but in 1897 moved to Grand Haven, where he opened a blacksmith shop at the corner of Seventh and Fulton Streets. Around 1922 Henry joined Jack Biehl as co-owners of Square Drug Store at 635 Fulton. Henry married Henrietta Bos in Grand Haven on August 20, 1891. They lived above the drugstore from the early 1900s into the late 1920s. Henrietta was born in The Netherlands in December 1872. A daughter, Sena J., was born in February 1892. Henry died on August 7, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Albert Boyink [Bojenk] I [1825-1899]**

Born in Gelderland, Netherlands on February 16, 1825, John Boyink came to America about 1856. He was classified as a laborer in the 1870 census. John was a member of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He married Sena Johanna Terbeek. They had three sons: Barnard [Barney], who was born in The Netherlands on May 4, 1854 and died on September 1, 1915; Henry [Gerrit], born in Michigan on May 26, 1868 and John II, born in Grand Haven on July 24, 1865. They also had a daughter, Jennie, born about 1875 in Grand Haven. Jennie married Orrie Vander Meiden of Grand Haven. John I died September 10, 1899 at his home in Grand Haven. Sena was born July 25, 1826 in The Netherlands and died on October 5, 1905. Both Boyinks and Barney were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 11, 1899.]

### **John Albert Boyink II [1865-1910]**

Born in Grand Haven on July 24, 1865 the son of John Albert and Sena Johanna Boyink, John II in the early 1900s owned a bottling company located at 13 South First Street in Grand Haven. He also ran the Health Office Saloon at 24 Washington. In 1893 he married Margaret "Maggie" Golden, who was born March 15, 1873 and died December 8, 1927. They had at least five children: Howard, born in July 1897; William Patrick Henry Joseph, who was born on April 10, 1899 and died on February 10, 1972; Albert, who was born October 15, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on December 21, 1993; Margaret, who was born about 1908; and Sena, who was born on March 8, 1904 and married Cottrell Reed. The Boyink family lived at 24 Washington. In the early 1900s the Boyinks resided at 516 Madison., but when John died on April 11, 1910, he was living on Washington Street. John II was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 12, 1910.]

### **Paul John Boyink [1914-1996]**

A graduate of Hope College and the University of Michigan, Paul Boyink was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1914. His parents were Gerrit J. and Ethel Boyink of Grand Haven. Paul was high school principal and coach at Whitehall for four years, taught high school science at Fremont, and taught science and coached at Spring Lake high school for three years before being appointed principal of the Junior High School. On December 20, 1940 he married Dorothy, daughter of Henry and Nana Casemier. She was born in Grand Haven about 1919. The Boyinks had four children: Judy, who married Mike Ferrell of Pittsburgh; Barbara, who married Jim Boelkins of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Doug, who became a physician in Augusta, Maine; and Nanette, who married David Beall of North Leeds, Maine. The Boyink family resided at 159611 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township and attended the First Reformed Church in Spring Lake and later Christ Community Church. Paul was a member of the Spring Lake Business and Professional Association, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Secondary School principals' Association, National Secondary School Principals' Association, Tri-Cities Officials' Organization, and Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. He retired in 1976 as assistant superintendent of Ottawa Area Intermediate Schools. Paul died in Grand Haven on September 10, 1996. [*Tribune* articles, "New Junior High Fulfills Dreams," November 27, 1959, Area Foundation Member Appointed," February 13, 1974, and "Boyinks to Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup>," December 19, 1990.]

### **Richard Boyink [1881-1938]**

Richard Boyink was born in Grand Haven on April 17, 1881 and became a carpenter and cabinet maker. He married Agnes Bolthouse in 1900. They resided at 1125 Fulton Street. Agnes, who was born in January 1880, died in 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick died on December 30, 1938 and was buried with his wife.

### **Charles Augustus Boyle [1907-1959]**

Charles, the son of Michael Melvin and Rose Marsh Boyle, was born in Ferrysburg on August 13, 1907. Thomas and Nora Melvin Boyle were his grandparents. Charles moved to Chicago, where on July 6, 1940

he married Helen L. Shaugnessy [1913-1995]. He moved to Chicago to work for the Chicago Motor Coach Company. Charles was elected representative to Congress in 1955. On November 4, four years later, he was killed in an automobile accident in Chicago. Charles was buried at All Saints Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum in Des Plaines, Illinois.

#### **Michael Melvin Boyle [1876-1938]**

Michael Melvin Boyle was born in Holton, Muskegon County, on November 11, 1876. His parents were Thomas and Nora Melvin Boyle. Michael married Rose Margaret Marsh in Muskegon on September 24, 1904. Rose was born in Big Rapids on March 5, 1883. Michael and Rose had a son, Charles Augustus Boyle, who was born in Ferrysburg on August 13, 1907. Michael died on September 27, 1938 in Hammond, Indiana

#### **Thomas Boyle [1854-1927]**

Born in Ireland in May 1854, Thomas Boyle immigrated to the United States when he was 18. He married Hanorah "Nora" Melvin. She was born in Pennsylvania in May 1856. They owned a 40-acre farm in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township, but Thomas also worked for one of the railway companies that served Ferrysburg. One of their eight sons, Michael Melvin Boyle, was born in Holton, Muskegon County, on November 11, 1876, married Margaret R. Marsh in Muskegon on September 24, 1904, and died on September 27, 1938 in Hammond, Indiana. Another son, Charles Boyle, was born on March 21, 1883, died of heart failure on May 12, 1902, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Thomas passed away in 1927, and Nora died in 1936.

#### **John S. Boynton [Boyenton] [1830-1896] and Catherine Stewart Boynton [1847- ?]**

On June 11, 1879, John Boynton married Mabina [Mary] Wishart [Wishart] in Brown, Wisconsin. They had a daughter, Marietta Boynton, who was born in Wisconsin in March 1882 and married Herbert Cummings of Grand Haven. On December 8, 1890 John married Catherine Stewart in Grand Haven. At the time of their marriage, John was a physician in Spring Lake, which was Catherine's home. This was John's second marriage. On May 17, 1886, he married Naomi Haines in Livingston County, Illinois. Naomi, who was born in 1843 in Illinois, died in 1890. John and Naomi had two children: George A. Boynton, who lived from 1876 to 1942, and Myra Adelia Boynton, who was born in 1879 and died in 1947. In 1900 Catherine Boynton was listed as a widow living in Spring Lake Township on a 120-acre farm at the north end of the lake. By 1902 she was living in Grand Rapids. Catherine was born in New York State in December 1847. John was born in New York on June 19, 1830.

#### **Milo Alonzo Boynton [1850-1918]**

Milo Boynton, who was born in Hillsdale on June 21, 1850, studied law and by 1877 had joined his father's office in Grand Haven. His parents were Ruel and Mary Pratt Boynton. On August 28, 1879, Milo married Emma Brigham in Grand Haven. She was born about 1858 in Ohio and died in Ottumwa, Iowa on August 2, 1933. At the time of the 1880 Federal Census, Milo continued to practice law, presumably with his father. He and Emma resided with her mother, Maria Brigham [1825-1907], on Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Her father, Nelson Brigham [181-1879], was deceased. Milo passed away in Muskegon on September 1, 1918.

#### **Ruel William Boynton I [1821-1927]**

A native of Liberty, Maine, where he was born in December 1821, William Boynton came to Michigan in 1844 and arrived in Grand Haven in 1868 to open a law office, which he operated with his son, Milo, into the 1880s. He died about December 1, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1846 he married Mary Pratt, who was born in Niagara County, New York. She lived from May 24, 1823 to June 29, 1895 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Henry, who was born in 1847; Milo, who was born on June 21, 1850 in Hillsdale and died in Muskegon on September 1, 1918; Esther, who was

born in 1853 in Allegany County, New York; Ruel II, who was born in the same place in 1855; and Mabel, who was born in December 1858 and married Herman Harbeck of Grand Haven.

### **Ruel William [William Ruel] Boynton II [1855-1927]**

Ruel W. Boynton was a member of the first class to graduate from Grand Haven High School in 1876. He evidently used both names, Ruel W. and William Ruel. Born in Youngstown, New York [Maine] in March 1855, Ruel was the son of William and Mary Pratt Boynton, who moved from New York to Grand Haven. About 1890 Ruel married Iva Rose Reed, who was born in September 1873 in Coopersville. Her parents were Theophilus M. and Rose Adna Roath Reed of Coopersville. Ruel was inspector at Challenge Refrigerator Company. He and Iva resided at 521 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Iva died on August 6, 1916 and Ruel on November 30, 1927. They had three children: Jay; Roselyn "Rose," who was born in March 1891; and Mabel, who was born in April 1893 and died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1932. Ruel, Iva, and Mabel were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Mary Boynton.

### **Albert P. Braak [1909-1985]**

Born in Spring Lake on March 4, 1909, Albert was the son of Jacob and Jennie Braak. He was the owner and operator of Braak's Bakeries since the 1940s. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church and, before that, the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Gideons, Western Michigan Bakers Association, Tri-Cities Ministries Forum, and the Spring Lake Business and Professional Association. Braak served on the North Ottawa Council on Aging, delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered for the Red Cross Blood Bank, was involved in Boy Scouting, and belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and YMCA

On June 17, 1931 Albert married Kathryn Ruitter, who was born December 27, 1910 and died in Florida on January 31, 1976. Their children were Ronald Lee Braak, who was born on April 26, 1934 and died on November 23, 2019; Joyce Eileen Braak, who was born in Grand Haven on February 12, 1937 and married Roy Overway; and Jack Arthur Braak, who was born on August 13, 1943, moved with his wife Judy to Doylestown, Pennsylvania and then to Bolivia, North Carolina, and died on October 5, 2015. On July 17, 1982 Albert married Katherine De Young. He died on December 22, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 23, 1985.]

### **Arnold Braak [1906-1970] and Louise Ellingen Braak [1912-1999]**

Arnold Braak was born in Spring Lake on October 2, 1906. He and his brother, Reynard Braak, ran the family bakery in Spring Lake after their father's death in 1949. They were the sons of Jacob and Jennie Reenders Braak, the founder of the bakery.

In 1934 Arnold married Louise Caroline Augusta, the oldest child of Mary and August Ellingen of Grand Haven. Louise was born in 1912. Arnold and Louise owned and operated Braak's Bakery in Spring Lake for many years, and then managed Christian Haven Nursing Home, where Louise continued to work until retiring in 1978. Arnold died in July 1970, and 15 years later Louise married Raymond Streeting of Muskegon. Raymond died in 1995. Louise was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and participated in the Women's Association and scouting program. One of her four children, Charles, died in 1997. The others were Richard, of Chico, California, Larry, and Mary Nash. Louise died on January 19, 1999.

### **Jacob Braak [1882-1950]**

Jacob Braak was born in Friesland, The Netherlands, on June 19, 1882, and became a baker's apprentice there. He came to America in 1899. After a brief stay in Grand Rapids, he bought a bakery in Chicago on June 1, 1901, when he was only 18. He returned to The Netherlands to fulfill his military obligation but was excused from service. On his way back to Chicago, he visited a friend from the old country, John Ver Kuyl of Grand Haven. Ver Kuyl, who was born in The Netherlands in 1849, happened to need a baker at the time of Jacob's visit. Jacob sold his Chicago bakery in February 1902 and went to work for his friend. After two unsuccessful starts in Grand Haven, in June 1903 he started the Spring Lake Bakery, located in

the Reender's Building at 110 West Savidge. Jacob worked in the bakery by day and at the Holland Honey Cake Company in the city of Holland at night, until he got his bakery business established, rechristened as Braak's Bakery. In 1926 Jacob opened another store, this one in Centertown Grand Haven [707 Washington]. He retired in October 1941 and turned the business over to his sons. They opened a store in downtown Grand Haven [308 Washington] in 1953, started another one in Fruitport in 1958, and opened a store at 940 Robbins Road in 1965. They sold the business in 1990. Jacob originated the secret recipe for his famous "Town Talk" cookies that he preferred to cut by hand. He was active in the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and in the Boy Scouts.

On March 2, 1904 in Ottawa County, Jacob married Jennie Reenders. Jennie, born in March 1877, was a clerk in Ver Kuyl's shop at the same time her husband worked there. She was the daughter of Reender and Martje Brongersma Reenders of Spring Lake. Jacob and Jennie had eight children, all born in Michigan: Sidney, born in 1904; Arnold R., born in 1906; Martha I., born about 1906; Albert, born in 1909; Christine, born about 1912; Reynard, born in 1914; Ida, who was born October 23, 1915, married Ray Streeting of Muskegon, and died on February 18, 1984; and Lola, who married Elsbert Cummins of Ferrysburg. The Braaks built and lived in the house at 212 Prospect. Jennie died on December 30, 1944. Jacob was married a second time, on January 19, 1949, to Mrs. Leonora Johnson of Ferrysburg. He died on January 25, 1950, five years after his first wife, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article "Jacob Braak, Bakery Pioneer is Taken," January 26, 1950 and *Citizens Historical Association*, October 11, 1941.]

#### **Reynard E. "Ray" Braak [1914-1999]**

Reynard Braak was born in Spring Lake on July 13, 1914 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934. He and his brother, Arnold, ran the family bakery in Spring Lake after their father's death in 1949. They were the sons of Jacob and Jennie Reenders Braak, the founder of the bakery. Reynard was a member of the Spring Lake Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and elder. Braak was the first Boy Scout in Spring Lake to receive the Eagle Scout Award with Troop 14. Reynard and Margaret D. Rank were married on September 29, 1937. The daughter of August and Elsie Burnhouse Rank, Margaret was born in Grand Haven on February 1, 1916. Their children were a daughter, Daneen Braak, who lived in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, and a son, James, who moved to Grand Rapids. Reynard died in Spring Lake on February 14, 1999. Margaret died on June 23, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2003.]

#### **Ronald Lee Braak [1934-2019]**

The son of Albert and Kathryn Ruiters Braak, Ronald was born in Spring Lake on April 26, 1934 and served with the U.S. Army. He married Dorah Louise Evans in Grand Haven on July 13, 1955. She was born on September 27, 1934. Ronald managed the Braak's Bakery stores at 102 Washington Street and 940 Robbins Road in Grand Haven and 110 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Dorah was a teacher in the Grand Haven Public Schools. He and Dorah had nine children. They belonged to the Second Reformed Church, where Ronald served as deacon and elder. Ronald passed away on November 3, 2019 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

#### **Elmer Ellis Bradway [1868-1934]**

Born in Milwaukee on July 20, 1868, Elmer Bradway worked for more than 30 years as a steward on lake and ocean ships. About 1900 he moved to Grand Haven, where he was employed as a cook. He married Barbara L. Boomsluiters in Grand Haven on January 12, 1898. They lived at 507 North Fifth Street. Barbara, the daughter of Captain George and Sarah Bloomsluiters, was born in Grand Haven on December 2, 1872 and died there about November 10, 1963. Barbara and Elmer had at least two children, Irving [Erwin], who was born in Milwaukee on October 17, 1898, and Milburn G., who was born in Grand Haven on December 29, 1902. Elmer died on January 12, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was his wife.

#### **Daniel James Brady II [1929-1996]**

Born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1929, Daniel was the son of Daniel T. [1889-1962] and Susan Hiler [1895-1976] Brady. Duane Brady, Daniel J.'s older brother, founded Welded Products in 1942 and Kip Equipment in 1959. Daniel J. served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a millwright for Oldberg Mfg., and he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the V.F.W. He married Beverly Jean Baars on April 23, 1955 in Spring Lake. She was born in Muskegon on June 20, 1931. They had a son, Mark. Daniel died on January 10, 1996 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Beverly passed away on April 22, 2011 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 11, 1996.]

#### **Duane T. Brady [1914-2003]**

In 1942, Duane Brady founded Welded Products with James B. Scott as his partner. They sold the company to Krug International in 1969. Duane also started Kip Equipment in Grand Haven in 1959. He was born in Grand Haven on October 3, 1914, to Daniel and Sylvia Hilder Brady. Duane married Mollie I. Murphy on January 20, 1940 in Three Rivers. Duane was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Knights of Columbus, and Elks. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake. He and Mollie had a daughter, Ruth Ann, who was born on January 16, 1943, died on December 28, 1961 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They also had a son Tom, who lived in Muskegon. Duane died in Muskegon on February 16, 2003 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 2003.]

#### **Thomas Brady [1815-1883] and Bridget Morrisy Brady [1830-1909]**

Born in 1815, Thomas Brady came to Ottawa County from Goederich, Ontario, Canada in 1857 and continued farming. In 1845 in Goederich he married Bridget Morrisy, who was born in January 1830 [1823] in Ireland and migrated to Canada at age one. Not long after the Bradys' arrival in Spring Lake, Thomas was hired as foreman to supervise construction of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, being extended from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven at that time. At the same time, Bridget managed a boarding house at the northeast corner of Exchange and Division Streets, later known as the Sinclair House and the Rideout House. After completion of the railroad, Thomas was hired as watchman for Hunter Savidge. Eventually the Bradys were able to buy acreage on 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township, where they built a house and started a farm.

The Bradys were members of the Catholic Church of Spring Lake. They had nine surviving children: Ann, who was born in 1846 and married Michael Shoemaker of Spring Lake; James H. of Spring Lake, who lived from March 1864 [1865] to 1929; Mary, who was born in 1867 and married Anthony Quinton of Crockery Township; Julia, who lived from 1868 to 1942, taught school in Crockery Township, and was principal at Agnew School when she retired; Michael and Mrs. Duane Campbell, both of Manistee; Thomas, who was born in 1870 and settled in Traverse City; John [Joseph] who in 1882 worked for White, Friant & Company Lumber Mill in Nortonville; and Margaret "Maggie," who was born in August 1874 and married John Walsh of Berlin [Marne]. John apparently died prior to his mother in 1909. Thomas died July 3, 1883, and his wife passed away on July 14, 1909. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 16, 1909.]

#### **William Henry Brady I [1829-1902]**

Born in Canada in August 1829, William Brady and his wife, Emma [Alice Emma, Amy], settled in Robinson Township about 1866. Emma, also a native of Canada, was born in May 1840. Their children were William II, born in Canada in July 1859; John A., born in November 1863 in Canada; and a foster son, George A. Hitsman, born on October 1, 1873 in Michigan. George remained in Robinson Township. William I and his son John took over Oliver Whitney's general store in Robinson Village in the 1890s. Around the same time William I owned an 80-acre farm in Section 14 of Robinson and John had a 40-acre farm in Section 15. John eventually moved to Cheboygan, Cheboygan County. William I died in Robinson Township on March 20, 1902. Emma passed away in Cheboygan on December 18, 1921. She and William were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

### **William Henry Brady II [1859-1930]**

William, the son of William and Emma Brady, was born in Canada in July 1859 and came with his family to the Grand Haven area when he was seven years old. He lived for many years in Robinson Township with his parents and then started out on his own as a farmer on 40 acres in Section 16. Around 1920 he moved to Grand Haven and was employed as a laborer. He resided at 525 Elliott Street. On April 2, 1889 he married Mariah, the daughter of Andrew Logan of Robinson Township. The Bradys' children, all born locally, included Owen, born in February 1892; Lafayette, born in June 1894; Nancy T., who was born in April 1897 and married Henry Borchers of Detroit; and William III, born about 1901. William III and Lafayette moved to Grand Haven. William died around February 20, 1930, when he fell off a city truck and onto the newly laid pavement of Harbor Drive. He was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Mariah was born in Michigan in November 1867 and died in Robinson Township in 1955. [*Tribune* obituary, February 20, 1930.]

### **Berend Jan "John" Bramer I [Bremer] [1849-1922]**

Born in The Netherlands [Prussia] on July 9, 1849, John was the son of Jan Hendrik and Janna Van Wieren Bramer. On December 27, 1872 John married Fenne "Fanny" Swavink [Zwavink/Swiftney] in Spring Lake. Fanny, also a native of The Netherlands [Prussia], immigrated to the United States in 1872. She was born on December 22, 1846, the daughter of Jan and Ale Nijhof Zwafink [Swavink]. The Bramers owned a 125-acre farm in Sections 8 and 9 of Spring Lake Township. Their children, all born in Michigan, were John Hendrick, who was born on December 12, 1873 in Ferrysburg and died about six months later; Johanna, who was born about 1875 and married John Bottema of Spring Lake; John Hendrick [Henry John], born in November 1876 and died at the age of five; Albert, born on October 18, 1878 and died at the age of three; Jennie, who was born in 1880, married Jan "John" Miskotten [Miskett] about 1900, and died on January 1, 1946 in Holland; John II, who was born in 1883; Alice, who was born on February 6, 1884, married Marion Daniels, and died in Spring Lake on June 3, 1972; Frederick, who was born on October 7, 1886; and Harry, who was born on February 25, 1890. John passed away in 1922 and Fanny five years later. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Berend Jan "John" Bramer II [1883-1945]**

Born in 1883 in Ferrysburg, John II was the son of John and Fanny Swiftney Bramer. On November 6, 1901 he married Maggie Yonker. Maggie, the daughter of William and Martje "Mary" Yonker, was born in Spring Lake on September 3, 1881. In the mid-1910s, John manufactured cement blocks "of all kinds" and was available for contract work. The Bramers had four children: Berend John Bramer III, who was born on February 22, 1902; Martha, who was born on May 21, 1904, married Arthur Vander Linde, who lived from September 11, 1903 to January 29, 1973, and died in Little Rock, Arkansas in November 1976; William Frederick, who was born on April 10, 1909; and Fannie, who was born on August 3, 1911, married Jay Kenneth Teunis, who lived from 1910 to 2008, and died in Spring Lake on March 15, 1999. By 1930 John and Maggie lived on 65 acres in Sections 8 and 9 of Spring Lake Township. Located on the northwest corner of Dogwood Drive and 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue, it was land that he had inherited from his father. John the son died in Spring Lake in 1945 and Maggie passed away on July 2, 1962, also in Spring Lake.

### **Berend Jan "John" Bramer III [1902-1972]**

Berend John, the son of John and Maggie Yonker Bramer, was born on February 22, 1902 and married Dorothy Dietz [Tiets] on July 25, 1923 in Muskegon. She lived from May 8, 1901 to July 21, 1967. They owned a 60-acre farm in Sections 8 and 9 in Spring Lake Township. After Dorothy's death, John married Jeanette Kerr [1907-1972]. John died on November 1, 1972 in Ferrysburg. He and Dorothy were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. One of their children, Mary Ann Bramer, was born on January 8, 1929 and married George Edward Peterson.

### **Frederick Bramer [1886-1936].**



Frederick, the son of Berend Jan and Fanny Bramer, was born in Ferrysburg in 1886 and died in Spring Lake on December 15, 1936. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On June 9, 1909 in Grand Haven, he married Elsie Bosch, who was born in The Netherlands in 1888, the daughter of Roelof and Annijen Bosch. Fred and Elsie in 1918 owned and lived on 180 acres of farmland in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township. Their children, all born in Ferrysburg, were Fannie Bramer, who was born on January 17, 1910 and married Allie Wilcox [1905-1980], and died on May 10 1992; Anna [Ann] Bramer, who was born in 1911, married William J. Kieft [1909-1982], and died in 2000; Jeannie A. Bramer, who was born in 1913, married George Bishop [1912-1989], and died in 2001; Bernard John Bramer, who was born on May 2, 1915, married Beatrice Barney [1918-2012], and died in Coopersville on April 1, 1975; Ralph Bramer, who was born on August 6, 1917, married Eunice Vander Wall [1922-2003], and died in Spring Lake on August 25, 1993; and Elsie Bramer, who was born on December 12, 1922, married William Albert Mattison [1921-2003], and died in Muskegon on October 22, 2016. Elsie, Frederick's wife, passed away in 1956 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Harry Bramer [1890-1960]**

Harry, the son of Berend Jan "John" and Fanny Swiftney Bramer, was born on February 25, 1890 in Spring Lake Township. On February 8, 1911 in Spring Lake, he married Alice Ruiter, who was born on October 15, 1890 in Ottawa County and died on June 21, 1964. Harry and Alice owned a 95-acre farm in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township. Their daughter Fanny was born in 1918. She married Russell Bosch, who was born on March 30, 1919 and died in Spring Lake May 26, 1998. The Bramers' son Lawrence was born on June 20, 1921. A second daughter, Sadie R., was born about 1925 and married Donald Jeske, a Spring Lake attorney. Harry passed away on July 21, 1960 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Alice.

### **John Bramer I [1849-1922]**

See Berend Jan "John" Bramer I.

### **Lawrence Bramer [1921-1984]**

Larry Bramer operated a barber shop at 218 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Bim Goldman worked with him. The shop was remodeled in 1963. Larry, born on June 20, 1921, was the son of Harry and Alice Ruiter Bramer. On December 24, 1942, Larry married Betty Visser in Spring Lake. She was born in The Netherlands on May 1, 1926. Larry served as private with the U.S. Marines during WWII. After the war, the couple resided on Willow Drive in Spring Lake. Larry died in Spring Lake on January 6, 1984, and Betty passed away in Stockton, California on July 8, 2004. They had a daughter, Sharon Bramer, born about 1944, and a son, Harold Bramer, born about 1947.

### **William Frederick Bramer [1909-1990]**

Born on April 10, 1909 in Spring Lake, William was the son of John and Maggie Yonker Bramer. William was employed as a sheet metal worker at Bastian-Blessing and retired in 1974. He was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and former member of the Spring Lake Township Board and township fire department. On December 8, 1938, in Grand Haven, he married Amy Edith Kuck, who was born on April 19, 1912. Their children were William Bramer who was born about 1941 and moved to Holland; Gerald Bramer, later of Spring Lake, born about 1944; and James K. Bramer of Ferrysburg, born about 1946. In 1928 William the father helped build the North Shore Road to improve vehicular access to the United States Coast Guard Station and to Harold Worm's new residential development, the North Shore. William and his family owned 30 acres in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township, a portion of the original acreage William's grandfather owned. William died on June 29, 1990 at his home in Ferrysburg and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Amy passed away on June 29, 1990 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They resided at 17813 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue on a portion of what once was the Bramer farm. [*Tribune* obituary, June 30, 1990.]

### **Edmond Willard Branch [1835- ?]**

Edmond Branch was an early fruit farmer in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township, an area that came to be known as Peach Plains. He was born in Henrietta, New York in 1835. In 1880 his 69-year-old widowed mother Emeline [1808-1887] was living with him. By 1900 Edmond, still in Grand Haven Township, was working as a carpenter. He does not appear in any records after 1900.

### **Carl Edgar Brandon [1883-1961]**

Born on June 11, 1883 in Defiance County, Ohio, Carl was the son of Francis Lambert and Mary [Eva May] Lower Brandon, who were married in that county on February 27, 1881. Carl was employed in Kimmell, Indiana by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as a telegraph operator, between 1900 and 1904. He worked in Chicago from 1904 to 1907, then for the Great Northern Railroad for the next two years, and various other railroads until 1917 when he was made telegraph operator for the Grand Trunk Railroad in Grand Haven. Beginning in 1933 he was agent for the company. Carl was a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Elks, Citizens Historical Association, and the Baptist Church. On May 20, 1911 he married Cora Manting, who was born in Holland, Michigan, on January 31, 1888, the daughter of Dr. Albert and Mary [Maria] Loker Manting. The Brandons had no children. Carl died June 25, 1961. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 27, 1941.]

### **Vivian Myrtle Clark Branyan [1919-2003] and Virgil Harris Branyan [1927-2003]**

Vivian Branyan was the author of *All God's Children Got Wings*, the biography of Spring Lake resident, Cecil "Sinnie" Sinclair, at one time the world's oldest flying instructor. The book was published in 1978 by Pippel-Patterson Printing Company of Grand Haven. Vivian was born in Iron River, Iron County, to Hubert and Floy Harrington Clark on March 24, 1919. She graduated from Hackley School of Nursing in Muskegon and worked as a registered nurse in Spring Lake for 20 years. On September 24, 1949 she married Virgil Branyan. Born on September 10, 1927, he died on July 8, 2003 and was buried at Norton Cemetery, Norton Shores. They had four daughters: Maureen, who married Vern Haan; Shannon Thomas, Rebecca, who married Don Daniels, and Melissa, who married Tom Taylor. Shannon was born in Grand Haven on October 9, 1951 and died on January 3, 2015, in Norton Shores. Vivian distributed Christmas presents throughout the State of Michigan in behalf of Child and Family Services, and she served on the organization's Board of Trustees for many years. She was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and a member of its choir, and she was active in the Early Birds of Aviation, acting as chair of its publication committee in 1985. Vivian, who lived in Muskegon the last four years of her life, died on November 17, 2003 and was buried at Norton Cemetery. [*Chronicle* obituary, January 26, 2015.]

### **Ewald C. Braun [1894-1930]**

On December 11, 1915 in Grand Haven, Ewald Braun married Frieda [Freda] Pofahl. Frieda was born on October 21, 1896. Ewald and Frieda had several children, all born in Grand Haven, including Carl, born on July 25, 1916; James C., who lived from 1920 to 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and Frederick, who was born on August 1, 1925, died around August 31, 1943, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ewald was a metal polisher. He was born in 1894, died in 1930, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After Ewald's death, Frieda married Charles Rudershausen, who had been a roomer at the Braun house. She died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1979.

### **Helen Lucretia Brayton [1839-1898]**

See Helen Lucretia Brayton Macalister.

### **James Pease Brayton [1847-1912] and Emma Sanford Brayton [1849-1935]**

James was the son of Jasper [James] Colgrove and Julia Ann Barnard Brayton. Jasper was born in 1814 and died on September 2, 1892. Julia was born about 1816 in New York. Jasper and Julia were married in Monroe County on September 30, 1838. Their son James was born in Aztalan, Wisconsin, on November 23, 1847. His father bought 240 acres in that state between 1840 and 1848 and in Michigan as early as

November 1837. Jasper and Julia returned to Michigan when their son was 15 years old and eventually settled in Grand Haven. The father was a civil engineer and surveyor, and for some years he was the surveyor for Ottawa County. One of his charts was reproduced on page 317 of Lillie's *Historic Grand Haven*. James went to Apalachicola, Florida, in 1877, where he continued in the lumber business he had started in Ludington with T. R. Lyons. James opened an office in Chicago but returned to Grand Haven in 1899. He was a member of the original Grand Haven Concert Band, formed in 1868, and he was a Mason.

On November 15, 1871, James married Mary Samantha "Minnie" Albee in Grand Haven. Born in 1853 in Grand Haven, she was the daughter of Clark and Samantha Taylor Albee. A few months before the wedding, James purchased from Stephen Munroe land near the Lake Michigan shoreline for \$495. Access to the lot was made easier in 1873 when Second Street was extended south and west from Clinton Street to the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. The extension was named Lake Avenue. There in 1873 the Braytons built a cottage and named it Khardomah, which, according to legend, either was a Native American word meaning Happy Home or the name of a local Indian chief, although neither story has been verified. The Braytons and their daughters, Louise, born on December 28, 1874, and Mary, born on January 30, 1878, enjoyed their summer lodge for many years. Minnie died in Apalachicola, Florida on August 1, 1880. She and James were living with his parent at the time of her death. Louise passed away on July 5, 1953 and joined James and Emma at Oakhill. Mary died on July 5 two years later.

On January 24, 1884, James married Emma Maretta Sanford of Grand Haven. The daughter of Isaac and Mary Stanton Sanford, Emma was born in Akron, Ohio on August 6, 1849. Emma was about 10 when her family moved from Akron to Grand Haven. By 1900 James and Emma had moved to Grand Rapids permanently. He died on January 25, 1912 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids Township. Helen Brayton Macalister was his sister.

Emma in 1907 delivered to the Grand Haven Woman's Club a paper titled "Early Days in Grand Haven," a personal memoir of her youth. She sold the Khardomah cottage for \$2,000 on January 10, 1919 to Susan Hill Yerkes, who was head mistress at Akeley Academy for Girls. Emma died on October 28, 1935 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 30, 1935.]

### **Charles Landon Breckon [Brecken] [1858-1936]**

A second area newspaper named *Grand Haven News* was established by Charles Breckon in November 1894. It appeared weekly until July of the next year, when the *Daily News* was formed. Both newspapers leaned toward Republican policies. On May 5, 1880 in Muscatine, Iowa, he married Mary Elizabeth Cunningham, who subsequently worked with him. Mary was born in Muscatine about 1859. They had at least three children: Annie M. born in Muscatine, Iowa about 1881, Mabel L, who was born in Chicago on April 11, 1884 and died in Dallas, Texas on August 9, 1947, and Charles Harry, born in Chicago on January 6, 1890. Charles the father had spent 12 years with the *Chicago Herald* before coming to Grand Haven. He returned to Chicago, and in 1903 was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor of the city, running on the Socialist ticket. The next year Charles was state representative to the Socialist Party Convention. He was born on September 16, 1858 in Illinois, and passed away in Dallas, Texas on February 6, 1936.

### **Louis [Lutje] Bredehoft [Bredehoeft] II [1840-1928]**

Louis Bredehoft was born in Hannover, Germany, on July 15, 1840. His parents were Lutje and Anna Margaretha Ehlers Bredehoft of Hannover. Louis II came to Grand Haven in 1866 [1867] as a mill worker. On November 15, 1869, he and Metha [Metta] "Martha" Lutze were married in Grand Haven. She was born in Germany in October 1845, died in Grand Haven Township on November 17, 1885, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their children, all born in Grand Haven Township, were Louis III, born in November 1871; Annie, born on May 8, 1872; Hendrick, born on July 18, 1874; Catherine, born on August 24, 1876; Frederick Martin, born on June 14, 1878; John Theodore, who was born on December 17, 1880, married Matilda Pearl Puglsey on November 7, 1906, and died in

Coopersville on December 14, 1967; Carl William, born on June 24, 1883; and an unnamed child, who was born on November 17, 1885 and died as an infant.

After Martha's death, Louis married Augusta F. Lueke in Ottawa County on December 29, 1887. Augusta, a native of Posen, Germany, was born April 29, 1855. Her parents were Ludwig and Rosalie Lueke.. Louis and Augusta had four sons, all born in Grand Haven Township: Franklin Louis II, who was born November 7, 1888, died in Woodland, California on September 6, 1965, and was buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California; Albert Theodore, who was born on November 2, 1890 and died on July 18, 1968; Lawrence Arthur, who was born on April 20, 1893 and died in Missouri in June 1973; and Carl, who was born on December 12, 1897 and died on February 28, 1932. Lawrence served in the military during WWI and was injured by gunshot wounds in both legs. Louis died August 15, 1928 and

Between 1876 and 1897 Louis purchased 40 acres of farmland at 13699 Lakeshore Drive, an open, flat, sandy area just south of Rosy Mound in Grand Haven Township. In 1874 Louis took ownership of 90 acres of Lake Michigan frontage in Sections 8 and 17, which he sold in late 1921 to Carlotta Ewing.

Augusta died in Grand Rapids on November 2, 1945. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

### **Louis Bredehoft III [1888-1965]**

The son of Louis and Augusta Lueke Bredehoft, Louis III was born in Grand Haven Township on November 7, 1888. He was farming at 16865 Lincoln Street by 1912 on 40 acres of land, previously owned by one of the Behms. Louis later bought from Henry Bierman an adjacent 40 acres to the north. He married Louise, a daughter of Henry Bierman. One of Louis's sons, Harold, was born on January 16, 1914 and died October 25, 1978. Harold and his family occupied the property on Lincoln Street. The Bredehoft farmhouse on Lincoln Street, with barns and sheds intact, was still occupied in 2002 by Harold's daughter, Mary Jane Bredehoft Pyle. Louis and Louise also had a daughter, Martha, born about 1911.

### **Lawrence Breitels I [1869-1942]**

Lawrence Breitels was born in Chicago on October 20, 1869, died on August 21, 1942, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On December 25, 1895 in Grand Haven, he married Matilda, the daughter of Gustave and Augusta Hubert of Grand Haven. She lived from June 1875 to about December 28, 1933 and also was buried at Lake Forest. With Nels Fisher, Lawrence owned the Grand Haven Coal & Dock Company at 117 South Harbor. It carried coal, fuel oil, and a "COMPLETE LINE OF BUILDERS' SUPPLIES." A son, Arnold, was born on July 29, 1897 and died shortly after birth. Another son, Louis II, was born on May 4, 1899. A third son, Richard A., was born in 1901 and married Pearl R. Swiftney in Grand Haven on May 1, 1919. Richard was organist at the Robin Hood Theater. The family resided at 331 Elliott.

### **Louis Henry Breitels [Breidels] I [1899-1983]**

Louis, the son of Lawrence and Matilda Breitels, was born in Grand Haven on May 4, 1899. As a young man, Louis worked at Keller Tool Company and later he was employed by Nathaniel Robbins. In 1936 with Nelson Fisher as his partner, he took over his father's business, Grand Haven Coal & Dock at 117 South Harbor Drive. Louis served as Grand Haven alderman from 1947 to 1953. On September 15, 1920 in Grand Haven, Louis married Harriet, the daughter of John and Dena Fisher of Grand Haven. Harriet was born on February 8, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on June 10, 1990. A daughter, Gwendolyn Breitels, was born on September 13, 1921, married Norman Engelwright [1922-1980], and died on January 26, 2018 in Maryland. Another daughter, Sylvia Maxine Breitels, was born in Grand Haven on June 8, 1923 and married Leslie Vink of Grand Haven. They also had a son, Louis F., who lived from May 6, 1926 to August 17, 2017 and became assistant manager of the family business. Louis I died in Grand Haven on September 3, 1983. He and Harriet were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Breitels family resided at 214 North Fourth Street and later at 704 Pennoyer. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 2011.]

### **John Brems [Breems] [1835-1924]**

Born in Germany in May 1835, John Brems immigrated to Bloomfield, Illinois in 1852 and then moved to Robinson Township, where by 1900 he owned a farm. By 1918 the farm had grown to 600 acres, with additional acreage in Sections 10, 22, 23, and 26, as well as within the Village of Robinson. On August 15, 1862, John enlisted as private in Company L of the 105<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. Two years later he was transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Engineers. His date of discharge was not recorded. His wife, Willamena [Wilhelmine], applied for a widow's Civil War pension on November 13, 1924, not long after her husband's death on June 7 that year. Willamena was born in April 1847, also in Germany, and came to the United States in 1862. Their children, all born in Illinois, were Charles H., born in May 1876; Arthur, born in October 1880; Emma, born in April 1883; and William, born in May 1888.

### **Deane Rockhold Brengle II [1928-2000]**

Deane was born on March 8, 1928, in Highland Park, Wayne County, the son of Deane R. and Hazel McClay Brengle. On February 3, 1951 in Dearborn, Wayne County, he married Irene Winifred Rodgerson in Dearborn. She was born in Windsor, Canada, on November 6, 1928. Deane II served in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry from October 26, 1950 to October 11, 1952, during the Korean War. He moved to the Grand Haven area from Princeton, New Jersey, about 1983. In Grand Haven he was Chairman of the Board of Brengle Companies with an office at 203 Washington Street. He was co-owner of the Dee Lite and Thymes Three Restaurants in Grand Haven, Health Hutts in Grand Haven and Muskegon, and Mail Boxes Etc., also in Grand Haven. He was a member of the Grand Haven Zoning Board of Appeals, the Grand Haven Central Business Downtown Development Association, Ducks Unlimited, and the National Rifle Association. He resided at 23 Sherman Avenue. Deane's children, all residents of Michigan, were Martha Bultema of Lowell; Deane R., of Belding; and Gary of Sand Lake. Deane died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on September 24, 2000.

### **Harold [1920-2010] and Bernice Bender Bretschneider [1925-2003]**

Harold, the son of Henry and Alice Braun Bretschneider, was born in Grand Haven on January 7, 1920. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1937 and served with the Army during WW II. Harold married Bernice Bender in Belleville on October 5, 1946. Bernice was born on August 7, 1925 in Belleville, Illinois, the daughter of August C. and Mattie E. Detienne Bender. For over 30 years Bernice helped run her husband's business, Bretschneider Photography Studio at 735 Washington. She also was employed for more than years at Pfaff Pharmacy and retired at age 75. Bernice and Harold's children were Bett, who married Loren Carlson of Grand Haven, and Doug C. Bretschneider. Bernice died in Grand Haven on August 24, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harold passed away in Grand Haven on June 22, 2010 and was buried with his wife. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and the American Legion. He was an active volunteer with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and he served on the Ottawa County Sheriff Reserve for more than 20 years. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 25, 2003 and June 23, 2010.]

### **Charles Van Dusen Brian [aka Charles Brian Van Dusen] [1873-1970]**

Charles Brian owned Brian's Novelty Cleaners, a drycleaning business at 13 North Second Street in Grand Haven. He married Helen "Nellie Fose" in Menominee on August 28, 1915. They lived in an apartment above their Grand Haven business. Charles was born in New York on April 17, 1873 [1872] and Nellie on April 2, 1875. They sold the drycleaning business in 1953. Charles died in Grand Haven on September 1, 1970. Nellie passed away in Nunica on January 15, 1963. She previously had been married to Adolf Francis Millar [Miller], who was born in 1859 and died in 1909 in Monroe County. They had a son, Iveaux Francis Millar, who was born in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin on January 15, 1897 and moved to Grand Haven, where he died on September 19, 1965. Charles, Nellie, and Iveaux were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Sentinel* obituary, January 16, 1963.]

An unidentified contributor offered this view of Charles's life: "Charles Brian Van Dusen reversed his middlename to escape legal matters. Check the marriage certificate with Helen Fose . . . and it shows the true order of his name. . . . He married Emma Barbara Rose Young (1874-1969) in New York in 1893. They had two children, Clara Van Dusen (1894- ?) and Earl Lloyd Van Dusen (1897-1993). After his petition for divorce from Emma was denied, he eloped to Canada and married Fanny Maslen, who worked in the restaurant he co-managed to [Niagara Falls] New York. After he and Fanny broke up, he moved to Michigan and married Helen "Nellie" Fose in 1915. Together they operated Brian's Dry Cleaners in [Grand Haven] Michigan. That makes him a polygamist (three wives in two countries.) That's why he changed his name." [Find a Grave, Charles Van Dusen Brian.] Emma had moved to California by 1910, and by 1940 she was living in Los Angeles with her son Earl and his family. Emma died on January 27, 1969 and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale. By 1901, Fanny Cecelia Maslen had returned to Niagara Falls and was living under her maiden name. She was born in Ontario, Canada on October 15, 1883.

### **Egbert Leonard Briggs [1856-1933]**

Born in Macomb County in December 1856, Egbert L. Briggs was superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from about 1886 to 1900. From 1900 on he was an insurance agent. Egbert died in Toledo, Ohio of a thrombosis on May 4, 1933 and was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor. On December 23, 1884 in Washtenaw County, Egbert married Nellie E. Holmes. Nellie, who was born in Washtenaw County, lived from November 1861 to July 2, 1950 and was buried at Forest Hill with her husband. They had four daughters, all born in Michigan: Helen C., born in Eaton Rapids in July 1886; Harriet A., born in January 1893; Lucille, born in September 1895; and Dorothy, born about 1902.

### **Francis W. Briggs [1826-1891]**

While a resident of La Porte, Indiana, Francis Briggs on August 16, 1862 enlisted as private in Company B of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry. He was mustered out on January 2, 1863 and subsequently relocated to Olive Township, although he was listed as a carpenter in Spring Lake in the 1880 census. He married Sarah M. [Bowen] Bowman. He applied for a Civil War invalid's pension on July 18, 1890. Sarah applied for a widow's Civil War pension on January 16, 1892, not long after Francis's death on December 23, 1891. He was born in New York on January 16, 1826. Sarah was born on November 26, 1829 in Pennsylvania and died at the soldiers' home in Grand Rapids on January 27, 1905. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery. Their daughter, Susan Jennie Briggs Crisples, lived from 1857 to 1945. Another daughter, Hattie M., was born about 1866 in Indiana.

### **Lester C. Brinkert [1905-1997]**

Born November 12, 1905, Les was the son of Charles Henry and Eugenia Kramer Brinkert of Grand Haven, who were married on October 23, 1901. Charles was the son of John Henry and Minnie Brinkert and Eugenia was the daughter of Friedrich A. and Augusta Behm Kramer. Les started as a deck hand on the Corps of Engineers' dredge *General Meade* when he was 16, serving under his uncle, Captain Charles A. Richter of Grand Haven. By 1930 he was serving as third mate on a Corps of Engineers dredge. Les remained with the Corps the remainder of his working life and was the last person to command the *General Meade* when it was decommissioned in 1947. A sister ship, the *General Burton*, replaced the *General Meade*, and it, too, was commanded by Les from 1947 to 1949. Les then took over his third command, this time the *General Peter Connover Hains*, from 1949 to 1961. Les retired in January 1961. He died in Grand Haven on November 12, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His residence was at 1132 Harbor Drive.

### **James C. Brittain [Brittan, Brittain] [1845-1907]**

James Brittain, a resident of Muskegon, in the late 1850s into the early 1860s owned a stagecoach line that provided transportation to Ferrysburg and other communities. Later in life he became a machinist. He was

born in Pennsylvania on November 16, 1845. He died of heart disease in Muskegon on August 11, 1907 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

**James A. Brittan [Britton, Brittain] [1821- ?]**

A native of Batavia, New York, where he was born about 1821, James in 1834 moved to Grandville with his parents, Roswell and Sarah H. Brittan. There Roswell operated the Brown & Brittan Sawmill. James's first wife, Jane C., who was born December 22, 1825, died on May 13, 1858, and was buried at Grandville Cemetery. After her death James married Mary E. Perlin in Grand Rapids on March 27, 1861. Mary was 30 at the time of their marriage. She died before 1880. James and Mary arrived in Grand Haven in 1868, and the next year he became foreman at the Emlaw Mill.

**Roswell Brittan [Britton, Brittain] [1788-1850]**

Roswell Brittan and his wife Sarah H. moved from Batavia, New York to Grandville in 1834. In Grandville Roswell operated the Brown & Brittan Sawmill. Hiram Jenison [Jennison] was one of his hired hands. Roswell, who was born on July 21, 1788 and died on June 10, 1850, was elected representative from Ottawa County to the first State Legislature in 1837. Sarah lived from May 24, 1800 to May 9, 1847. Both Roswell and Sarah were buried at Grandville Cemetery. In 1868 their son James moved to Grand Haven with his wife, and their daughter Sarah, who was born in Batavia on December 17, 1822. Sarah the daughter married Nathan H. White of Grand Haven. From 1813 to 1814 Roswell served with Churchill's Regiment of the New York Volunteers during the War of 1812.

**William Brittan [Britton, Brittain] [1805-1885]**

Born in New York State on December 3, 1805, William Brittan came to the Spring Lake area from Waukegan, Illinois between 1850 and 1859. He married Catherine Case, who was born in Connecticut on February 14, 1806. They and their children were residing in Ferrysburg at the time of the 1860 Federal Census. In 1861, he was proprietor of the Ferrysburg & Muskegon Stagecoach Line and Mail. Catharine died on March 5, 1874. For a while in 1880, after his wife's death, William resided with the Robert Convey family in Ferrysburg. The Brittans had at least three children: Ralph C. Brittan, born about 1843; Ada Annette Brittan, who was born in Waukegan on September 6, 1848 and passed away on March 7, 1937 in Holland, Ottawa County; and Lorinda L. Brittan, born about 1849. Ralph was born in Pennsylvania, the other two in Illinois. William died on July 2, 1885 and was buried with Catherine at Spring Lake Cemetery. She had died on March 5, 1880.

**Howard Andrew Broersma [1917-1995]**

Howard Broersma and his brother Robert Broersma started ASP & Manufacturing Company in 1947. Howard was president. On October 18, 1941 he married Ruth Hammond in Flint. They resided at 244 Grand. Howard was born on May 23, 1917 and died in Florida on July 25, 1995. Ruth lived from May 13, 1921 to March 21, 1982. She passed away in Grand Haven. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Robert J. Broersma [1918-1996]**

Robert Broersma and his brother Howard Broersma started ASP & Manufacturing Company in 1947. Robert was vice president. He married Jean Damminga on January 20, 1939. They resided at 18052 Lovell Park in Spring Lake. Robert was born on September 22, 1918 and died in Holland on October 19, 1986. Jean lived from September 21, 1919 to May 30, 2010. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Clarence R. Broman [1905-1969]**

Clarence Broman was elected president of Spring Lake Village for three consecutive terms between 1956 and 1958. He was born in Whitehall on November 12, 1905, died on February 21, 1969, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1930 he was a bookkeeper in Muskegon, but by the mid-1940s he was personnel director at Eagle Ottawa and resided at 321 Lake View Court in Spring Lake with his wife, Blanche, whom he married in May 1937. The daughter of John and Elvira Holtman Berger, Blanche was born in Chicago

on June 13, 1907. She was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and Spring Lake County Club. She passed away in Ocala, Florida on December 12, 2008 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children were Pamela Fair of Ocala and Rodney Broman of Grand Rapids. Ford Broman of Grand Haven was their nephew. [*Tribune* obituary, December 18, 2008.]

**Elizabeth L. Ford Broman [1907-1992]**

Born on August 1, 1907 in Montague, Betty Ford married Lester William Broman on May 9, 1931 in LaGrange County, Indiana. Lester was born in Chicago on June 9, 1903 and died in Grand Haven on October 10, 1941. In 1945 Betty became secretary for Home Services with the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Later she became Executive secretary [assistant secretary] for the North Branch of the Ottawa County Chapter, with an office in Grand Haven. Her annual salary for 1951 was \$3,060. She retired from the Red Cross in the 1970s. Betty died in Grand Haven on November 22, 1992 and was buried at Oakhurst Cemetery in Whitehall with Lester. Ford Broman of Grand Haven was her son.

**Ford Lee Broman [1932-1996]**

Ford, the son of Lester and Betty Broman, was born in Grand Haven on October 19, 1932 and died in that city on October 7, 1996. A graduate of Grand Haven High School, he spent most of his career with Peoples Bank & Trust [BankOne/Chase] in Grand Haven, where he became vice president. His wife, Reva Gail Thompson, was born in Ohio on July 5, 1928. She moved to Otway, Ohio after Ford's death. Clarence Broman of Spring Lake was Ford's uncle. Ford was buried in the family plot at Oakhurst Cemetery in Whitehall.

**Barbara Brongersma [1862-1938]**

In 1898 Barbara Brongersma and Sam Falls opened a dry goods and shoe store at 206 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Three years later she sold her share to Sam. Barbara, the daughter of Cornelius and Jantje "Jane" Visser Brongersma, was born locally in February 1862. She married Fred E. Parker in Williamston, Ingham County on October 24, 1905. She died in Williamston in 1938 and was buried at Summit Cemetery. Fred lived from 1865 to 1931.

**Cornelius [Kornelia] Brongersma [1818-1898]**

Born on May 9, 1818 in The Netherlands, Cornelius Brongersma immigrated to Holland, Michigan in 1853. The next year he moved to Spring Lake and resided at 412 East Exchange Street. After being employed for a short time in a sawmill, he raised fruit. He married Jantje "Jane" Visser on July 30, 1853. The daughter of Martin and Alida Visser, Jane was born in October 1827 in The Netherlands. The Brongersmas had one son, John, born in 1863, and four daughters, all born in locally: Barbara, born in February 1862; Ida, born in April 1866; Lucretia, who was born on May 25, 1869 and married Mordecai McLean of Spring Lake; and Martje, who married Reender Reenders. For 17 years Cornelius was Sexton at Spring Lake Cemetery. He died on December 20, 1898, and Jane passed away in 1912. They both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Cornelius Brongersma [1900-1988]**

The son of John Brongersma of Spring Lake, Cornelius was born on September 19, 1900. On August 25, 1923 in Ludington, he married Elizabeth Lee, also of Spring Lake. She was the daughter of Floyd and Ida Trotter Lee. The Brongersmas resided at 2877 Judson Road in Spring Lake Township. Cornelius died on May 17, 1988. Elizabeth, who was born on July 5, 1904, passed away in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 16, 1993.

**John B. Brongersma [1863-1955]**

The son of Cornelius and Jane Brongersma, John was in the ice and coal business with Tony Ver Plank in the early 1900s. About 1912 he sold his interest in the ice business to Ver Plank and partnered with Martin Start in the Brongersma & Start Coal Company in Spring Lake. He married Jacobena "Bena" Olsen in



Ferrysburg on November 2, 1898. She lived from 1864 to 1927 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two children: Cornelius Brongersma [1900-1988] and Marie Brongersma [1902-1960]. John resided at 313 River Street in Spring Lake, which also was the address for his business. Living with him in 1930 was his daughter Marie and his son-in-law, Harold Vanderkolk. Marie remained there the rest of her life. John lived from 1863 to 1955 and was buried with Bena.

#### **Myrtle Norris Littrell Bronkhorst [1892-1971]**

Myrtle Norris was born in Springfield, Illinois on June 17, 1891 [1892], died in Grand Haven on August 18, 1971, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Ed Norris, her brother, married Mae Farley. She married William Littrell, who was born about 1886 in Illinois. William worked as a teamster in Springfield, Illinois and Detroit. By 1930 the couple was settled in Robinson Township, where William owned an automobile service station. Myrtle's widowed mother, Cora D. Norris, lived with them at that time. Cora was born in Illinois about 1874. William died on January 10, 1936, after helping push an automobile out of a snowbank and was buried in Springfield, Illinois. Shortly afterward Myrtle married Harry "Hap" Bronkhorst. Hap was born in Holland on November 7, 1898. He died on February 26, 1946 at his home on Potawatomie Bayou. In the mid-1930s Myrtle and Harry started the Yellow Jacket Inn at 12011 Lake Michigan Drive [M-45] in Section 21 of Robinson Township and ran it until late 1945, when they sold the business. It also served as their residence. In early 1946 they purchased Young's Café at 625 Washington and renamed it Fiesta Café. Myrtle also ran a restaurant in Miami, Florida for 21 years. [*Tribune* obituaries January 10, 1936, February 26, 1946, and August 18, 1971.]

#### **William Bronsema [Bronsma] [1892-1984]**

Born on March 4, 1892, William was the son of Jacob and Emma Bronsema. Jacob, who was born in March 1851, immigrated from The Netherlands to the United States with his wife in 1882 and became a stevedore. Emma was born in September 1855. Jacob died in 1922. William opened a storage and moving business at 216 Fulton Avenue in the 1920s; by the 1940s it was located at 216 North Third. He was born on March 4, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on November 26, 1984. On June 13, 1919 in Grand Rapids, he married Lena [Geraldine] Herbst. She lived from September 17, 1899 to October 11, 1976.

#### **Frances Seifert Bronson [1887-1982]**

Frances Seifert graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904 and taught at Rosy Mound School from 1907 to 1909. The daughter of Ignatz and Wilhelmena Seifert of Grand Haven, Frances and her twin sister, Florence, were born on June 9, 1887. On September 14, 1918 in Grand Haven, she married Oscar A. Bronson, who was born in Wisconsin in July 1884. Frances and Oscar moved to Milwaukee, where she died in November 1982.

#### **John Adams Brooks I [1803-1866]**

Born in Haverhill, New Hampshire on May 14, 1803, John Brooks owned a sawmill and lived in Newaygo but was influential also in Muskegon and Ottawa Counties. On February 16, 1826, he married Lucina Parsons in Stanstead, Canada. She came from Hatfield, Massachusetts, where she was born on September 13, 1807. John held a variety of civil, political, and military positions. In 1841 the Michigan legislature authorized John, Reverend William Ferry, and Henry Pennoyer to lay out a road between Muskegon and the "mouth of the Grand River." The path they followed, starting in Ferrysburg, is now called Dogwood Drive. He died in Brooks, Newaygo County on May 26, 1866 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Lucina passed away on July 29, 1883 and also was buried at Oakhill. They had six children, including John Adams II, who was born in Canada in 1831.

#### **John Adams Brooks II [1831-1890]**

John Brooks, the son of John and Lucina Parsons Brooks, was born in 1831 in Canada. In 1863 he was working as an inn keeper in Newaygo. On August 15, 1864, John married Cordelia Cassel in Lamont. He

died in Newaygo in 1890 and was buried at Newaygo Cemetery. Cordelia lived from November 16, 1842 to October 17, 1912 and was buried at the same cemetery.

**Esther Ann Broomhead [1917- 1980]**

See Esther Ann De Witt.

**Herbert Walter Brosseit [1905-1992]**

Herb Brosseit owned the Brosseit Paint Store, located first at his home at 1221 Franklin Street and later at 936 Robbins Road. Also an artist, he painted scenes in and around Grand Haven. He was born in Chicago on August 18, 1905 and died there on January 25, 1992. Herb married Della Louise Verduin in Muskegon on June 26, 1926. They later moved from Franklin Street to 1520 Barber Court. Their son, Herb Brosseit II, continued the business on Robbins Road as the Home Decorating Center. Herb and Della also had a daughter, Joyce Louise Brosseit, born on April 20, 1932, who was married twice, first to Norman Kline and later to Frank Labuda. She died in Grand Haven on May 11, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Another daughter, Nancy Brosseit, was born in 1937 and married Lloyd "Jack" Melcher [1925-2007] in Nunica on August 12, 1955. Louise lived from November 30, 1906 to July 30, 1996. They were buried at the United Methodist Church of the Dunes Garden of Remembrance. Herb was the son of Rudolph Carl [1868-1964] and Cecelia Huff [1872-1951] Brosseit. Rudolph was a house painter.

**Herbert Richard Brosseit [1927-2004]**

Herbert Brosseit continued the business that his father had started at 936 Robbins Road but renamed it the Home Decorating Center. He served with the U.S. Army from June 26, 1946 to November 20, 1946. On September 26, 1948, Herb married Sally Mae Graska in Grand Haven. Sally lived from April 29, 1932 to June 3, 2006. Herb was born on April 5, 1927 and died on January 22, 2004.

**William Brough I [1828-1907]**

William Brough was millwright at the White, Friant & Company Sawmill in 1882 and resided in Spring Lake. He was born in Scotland in 1828 and came to America with his parents when he was three. He arrived in Michigan in 1865. He was married twice, first to Adelina [Adeline] Kelly, who was born in Ontario, Canada about 1834, and died in 1872, and then to Ida [Muda] Farnum Rich on September 8, 1875. Ida, who was born about 1841 in Indiana [1843 in New York], died in 1888. William and Adelina had two sons: William Brough II, who was born in Ontario and lived from 1856 to 1902, and Thomas Brough, who died in 1869 at the age of four. They also had two daughters, Emma Brough, who was born in New York about 1864 and died in 1882, and Maud Brough, who was born in Michigan in July 1869. William moved to Grand Rapids. He died in 1907 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County with his two wives and three of his children.

**Charles W. Brouwer [? - ?]**

Charles Brouwer, who leased a 40-acre farm in Section 33 of Olive Township, settled in the area in 1889. His wife's name was Nellie. They were still farming in Olive Township in 1918.

**Hendrik Henry Brouwer [1815-1888] and Klaas Brouwer [Brower] [1839-1917]**

Of the two Brouwer brothers, "one could hardly have a picture of one without the other," a friend wrote. Both were born in Overijssel, The Netherlands, Hendrik on March 13, 1825, and Klaas 14 years later, on February 25. Their father, Roelof Brouwer, lived from 1847 to 1917, and their mother, Gertje, was born in 1851 and died in 1925. The brothers, who arrived in Grand Haven in 1856, owned H. Brouwer & Bro., a store at the corner of Washington and First Streets during and after the Civil War. They carried a large inventory of groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, and clothing needed by the mill workers. They set up a windmill in the backyard of the store and rigged a gristmill to grind feed to sell for family pets and livestock. The brothers also helped organize the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven in November 1871. They built a two-story home on Washington Street in 1876. Henry was the inside man, paler and

more delicate looking than Klaas, and he did the bookwork. Klaas was ruddier in appearance, looked stronger and more robust, and he did the more active work.

Henry married Aaltje “Ellen” Bolt on May 30, 1852. They had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Jennie Brouwer, born about 1856, and Christiana Brouwer, who was born on July 5, 1858 and died on December 21, 1860. Ellen was born in The Netherlands on July 9, 1834, died in Grand Rapids on July 2, 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry died in Grand Rapids on November 1, 1888.

Klaas’s first wife, Maria, was born on September 18, 1844, died on January 17, 1863, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Brouwers. Klaas then married Jerchje “Jane” Van Dam on November 26, 1863 in Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands in 1845 and died about March 23, 1899. Klaas and Jane had at least two children, both born locally: John, born about 1865, and Maria J., born about March 1870. Klaas moved to Chicago, but died in an auto accident in Los Angeles, California on January 14, 1917.

### **John Franklin “Billboard” Brower [1942-2022]**

John Brower was born in Chicago on December 5, 1942 but spent his childhood in Grand Rapids. At the age of 17 he returned to his birth town and studied at the University of Illinois and The School of the Art Institute, where he received a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting, drawing, and printmaking. He taught fine and commercial art at Wright Junior College in Chicago, the University of Kentucky, and Alverno College in Milwaukee. He earned the nickname “Billboard Brower” for his work as creative director with the Patrick Media Outdoor Advertising Company, a Chicago firm, designing billboards. In addition to his employment there, he did freelance work in illustration and graphic design. His works were exhibited in shows in Illinois, Wisconsin, the Fire Barn in Grand Haven, and ArtPrize in Grand Rapids. Some of his pieces are in permanent collections in Chicago and New York City, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He emphasized design and image in many of his works.

Around 2005 John moved from Chicago to 509 Fulton Street in Grand Haven. He was married first to Roberta “Toby” Simkins in 1964, and then to Olga Bunta Moore [1937-2013]. Both women were artists, too. John died in Grand Haven on April 29, 2022 and was buried at Beechwood Cemetery in Leland, Leelanau County.

### **Ruth Brouwer [Brower, Brouer] [1847-1917]**

In the 1890s Ruth Brouwer owned a boot and shoe store in Grand Haven. He and his wife Gertrude lived at 408 Lafayette Street. Ruth was born in Louisiana in September 1847 [1848] and died in 1917. After his death, Gertrude and their daughter, Eleanor Brouwer, resided at 318 Fifth Street. Eleanor was born in July 1894. A son, Stephen, was born in September 1876, and a daughter, Gertrude Brouwer, was born in February 1881. The children were all born locally. Gertrude, the mother, a native of The Netherlands, lived from September 1851 to 1925. Both Ruth and Gertrude were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Archibald Brown [1823–1888]**

A native of Ayrshire, Scotland, where he was born on January 26, 1823, Archibald Brown came to America in 1854. In 1866 he left Detroit and moved to Grand Haven, where he opened a blacksmith business. The next year he and Frank Spence started a company known as the Iron Works on the northwest corner of First and Elliott Streets [Lot 85]. They sold the business in 1871 to James Lewis, Otto Gronberg, and John Bryce. Archibald died on December 7, 1888 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife Harriet also a native of Ayrshire, was born on September 25, 1819. She died in Grand Haven on February 16, 1886 and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Charles B. Brown [1893-1929]**

Charles Brown was first mate aboard the *Andaste* when it went down 14 miles off Holland on September 9, 1929. Born on June 20, 1893 in Grand Haven, Charles joined the 57<sup>th</sup> Engineers as private and served during WWI. At that time, his home address was in Nunica. On December 6, 1921 in Grand Rapids, he

married Sarah "Sadie" Sherwood Swanson. She was born in Michigan in January 1890. On February 6, 1907 in Nunica, Sarah married Earl L. Flanders, and on September 23, 1908 she married August Swanson, again in Nunica. Charles and Sarah lived at 417 Elliott Street in Grand Haven in the mid-1920s, but after her husband's death she moved to 1121 Columbus. Living with her then were two children, Russell E. Swanson, who was born on April 20, 1911 and died in Crockery Township on September 7, 1985, and August R. Swanson, who was born on September 20, 1913 and died in Muskegon in January 1967. Both children were born locally. Charles was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Cyril P. Brown [1844-1917]**

Born on November 22, 1844 at Medina, Lenawee County, Cyril was the son of Dr. David and Harriet Peck Brown. The father, a native of Massachusetts and one of Michigan's early physicians, lived from October 9, 1819 to August 22, 1857. Cyril's mother, Harriet, was born on June 24, 1825. She and David were married on April 4, 1843. Of their three sons and one daughter, Cyril was the eldest. Another son was Fred D. Brown, a Grand Haven photographer. After Dr. David Brown died, his widow and three of the surviving children moved to Hudson, not far from Medina. Cyril wrote in his memoirs that the first great grief of his young life was the death of this good father and beloved physician. At 16 he entered the freshman class at Hillsdale College. In August 1862, without the consent of his mother, he enlisted as private in Company F, 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, and was assigned to duty with the Army of the Potomac. Two weeks after enlistment in September he reached the front just after the battle of Antietam and, although he was an infantryman, he was detached from his regiment to serve in the field hospital. He stayed with the Medical Department through Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, always at the front in the field hospitals. He wrote in his diary on July 4, 1863, the day after the close of the Battle of Gettysburg, "At the Corps hospital attending the wants of the wounded. Their suffering [is] indescribable. Many have not had their wounds dressed. Rained all the afternoon, many of the wounded were without shelter." About a week after the Battle of Gettysburg he and another young man were given horses in order to catch up with their regiment, part of the Army of the Potomac, which had gone in pursuit of Lee. After riding for three days, they caught up with the regiment to find that it had dwindled down to about 20. He was proud to represent the Blue and Gray on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that great battle. He was discharged from the Army for disability on January 9, 1864.

In 1865 Cyril resumed his studies at Hillsdale and graduated with honors in June 1868. In October he entered Rush Medical College in Chicago and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in February 1870. In March of that year, he opened an office in Hudson. He wrote: "I unfurled my banner to the breeze, opening my doors to the public and at least by looks and manners, advertised to the good people to take notice that Dr. C. P. Brown, of Rush, was on deck, but they failed to walk the plank, not knowing a good thing when they saw it." In 1871 he moved to Spring Lake with \$2 cash. In July 1872 he received an appointment as medical director from the Spring Lake Mineral Spring Company, which he stated was a godsend, and in 1881 he was named Village Health Officer. The Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company was organized in 1887, with Dr. Brown as president. For six years he was president of the United States Pension Board at Muskegon, and in 1888 he was named delegate to the National Convention which nominated Benjamin Harrison. He was a fellow of the American Medical Association, this honor coming to him around 1910 or 1912. He was also a member of the Ottawa County Medical Society and organized the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Medical Society. He was a Republican and belonged to the Baptist Church and Masons. Of himself he said, "I drive a car, practice medicine, cuss a little, smoke anything from a pipe to a cigarette, and have been known to hit a cold bottle." Brown was one of the first in Spring Lake to buy an automobile, a Sears Roebuck model.

On March 30, 1869 Cyril married Clara Ames Ludlow of Hudson. She was born on January 14, 1852. They resided at 223 East Savidge in a home they had built. Their only son, Dana, was born in 1871. Clara was a fine musician and very interested in young people. She enjoyed working with them and their home was the scene of many social gatherings. Dana, who was involved with the Spring Lake Boat Company, died July 9, 1897. The shock of her son's early death was more than Clara could overcome, and she died

on October 26 the next year. On June 11, 1901 Dr. Brown married Jennie Johnston. The daughter of John Watt and Ann Johnston of Ferrysburg, Jennie was born on May 19, 1858. Cyril died on May 4, 1917 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Jennie passed away on April 7, 1920. [*Portraits and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 423.]

#### **Dana Brown [1871-1897]**

Born in 1871, Dana was the only child of Dr. Cyril and Clara J. Ames Brown of Spring Lake. He was an energetic and enterprising young man with a bright future before him. The Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company was organized in 1887, with Dana Brown as secretary and treasurer. He also worked as a carpenter. Dana died on July 9, 1897 “after a critical operation for a stricture of the intestines” and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Portraits and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, page 423, *Tribune* obituaries, July 10, 1897 and July 14, 1897.]

#### **Elwyn “Win” Barnard Brown [1885-1975]**

Born in South Dakota on December 30, 1885, Elwyn was the son of M. Alvanz and Phoebe Barnard Brown of Cooperstown, New York. His father lived from 1836 to 1919, and his mother from 1848 to 1913. Nathaniel Brown, a Grand Haven photographer, was Win’s brother. Win worked as a machinist at Peerless Novelty in Grand Haven. In 1912 he held title to a 24-acre farm in Section 22 of Crockery Township. By 1930 the farm consisted of 21.5 acres. On January 19, 1915 he married Alma Alice Coomer in Grand Rapids. Shortly after their marriage they resided at 22 Washington. Alice was born in Ohio about 1890. They had two children, both born locally, Robert E., born about 1916; Margaret E., born about 1917; Betty J., born about 1919; Dorothy A., born about 1922; Phoebe J., born about 1925; and Frank E., born about 1927. The family later lived at 1127 Franklin and then 1327 Pennoyer. Win died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1975.

#### **Floyd Brown [1914-1952]**

Floyd Brown was electrocuted when he accidentally picked up a live 2,400-volt wire at 116 Sherman Street following a storm that struck the Tri-Cities on July 23, 1952. He was a six-year employee of the Grand Haven Board of Power and Light. Floyd was born in Davis Junction, Illinois, on September 6, 1914 and by 1930 was a resident of Coopersville. A twin brother, Lloyd, was principal at Peach Plains School. Floyd’s wife, Ruth, lived from February 16, 1912 to May 28, 1981. She was residing in Coopersville at the time of her death.

#### **Fred David Brown [1856-1931]**

Fred, the son of Dr. David and Harriet Peck Brown and a brother of Dr. Cyril P. Brown, was born on June 15, 1856 in Hudson, Lenawee County. An advertisement in the 1893 *Compendium* advised readers, “Do not let traveling picture agents gull you any longer, but go to Brown’s, Spring Lake, Michigan, for fine photo work of all kinds. Headquarters for copying and enlarging. All work guaranteed.” The next year, with Warren L. Tenny as partner, he opened a photography studio in Grand Haven. On November 6, 1883 in Spring Lake, Fred married Frances, the daughter of Hannibal and Emma Hopkins of Spring Lake. Fanny was born in 1860, died in 1899, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On September 26, 1923 in Hudson, Fred married Jennie M. Dean Loister. He died in 1931 and was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Hudson.

#### **[John] Fremont Brown [1856-1922]**

Born in Coopersville on October 10, 1856, Fremont was the son of Joseph and Susan Lawton Brown. The Brown family moved to Nunica in November 1883 and operated a gristmill under the name Nunica Roller Mills, Joseph Brown & Son proprietors. He married Della Wright in Crockery Township on September 26, 1880. The daughter of John and Nancy Wright of Crockery Township, she died on November 3, 1888 at the age of 28. Fremont and Della had at least one daughter, Lulu, born in June 1882. On September 25, 1890 in Nunica, Fremont married Emma Jubb. The daughter of Orange and Lucinda Bartholomew Jubb,

Emma was born in Michigan in September 1872. Their children were Ray D., born in February 1892; Rollo, born in December 1893; Alden, born in October 1895; Laura, born in June 1898; and another son, born in October 1899. Fremont passed away in 1922. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **John M. H. Brown [1844-1908]**

At the age of 21 John Brown came to Grand Haven from New Brunswick, Canada, where he was born on March 4 1847. His wife, Ann [Mary Ann, Anna], also a native of New Brunswick, was born the same year as John. Their daughter Caroline "Carrie" was born in Grand Haven in 1876. In 1880 the family of three was located in Stanton, Montcalm County. John was working as a carpenter. Ann died on December 9, 1894 in Muskegon. Carrie, on April 6, 1897 in Norton Township, married Geroge R. Pitt [Pett]. George died three years later, on July 9, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon County. On September 1, 1915, Carrie married Charles D. McKenzie in Muskegon Heights. John, on August 12, 1896, married Ida Earl Kinney in Norton Township. He died on October 29, 1908 in Norton Township and also was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Ida passed away in Des Moines, Iowa on August 4, 1932.

### **Joseph T. Brown I [1825-1908]**

Joseph Brown was born in Massachusetts on August 27, 1825. He arrived in Michigan at the age of 25 and bought land in the Coopersville area. On December 28, 1852, in Polkton Township, Joseph married Sarah Almira Lawton. Sarah, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Newton Lawton, came with her parents from Pitcairn, St. Lawrence County, New York, where she was born on February 13, 1837. On May 13, 1861 Joseph went to Grand Rapids to enlist as corporal in Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. On August 29, 1862 he was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run, where he was shot in the thigh and left for dead. He was discharged as a result of his wound. On August 25 the next year Joseph returned to Coopersville in 1864 and was appointed postmaster three years later. He held that office for ten years, and also was township clerk for 16 years. Joseph moved to Nunica in November 1883, and with his son, Fremont, built a gristmill that operated under the name "Nunica Roller Mills, Joseph Brown & Son proprietors." Fremont, one of seven children, was born on October 10, 1856. Another son, Joseph II, was born August 1876. Joseph I died June 17, 1908 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Sarah passed away on March 5, 1913, in Nunica and also was buried at the Coopersville Cemetery.

### **Lloyd E. Brown [1914-1984]**

Born on September 6, 1914 in Davis Junction, Illinois, Lloyd Brown moved with his parents to Coopersville before 1930. Eventually, he became principal at Peach Plains School in Grand Haven Township. A twin brother, Floyd Brown, died accidentally in Grand Haven in 1952. His wife, Thelma, lived from May 12, 1919 to November 1982. They resided at 934 Woodlawn. After Thelma's death, Lloyd moved to 113 South Fourth Street. He passed away on January 27, 1984.

### **Nathaniel [Nathan] Elmer Brown [1866-1938]**

Born in Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York on October 6, 1866, Nathaniel was the son of M. Alvanz and Phoebe Brown of Cooperstown. Nat's father, Mathew Brown, a carpenter, lived from 1836 to 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and his mother Phebe from 1843 to 1913. Both died in Grand Haven. Nat was living with them at 1012 Washington Street in 1910. Other members of the family were Frank. S. Brown; Elwyn [Win] Barnard Brown; Mrs. W. H. Babcock of Grand Rapids, and V. A. Brown of Minneapolis. Nathaniel came to Grand Haven about 1905 after being a backwoods guide in Minnesota for some 12 years. [The 1900 Federal Census listed Nat as a paperhanger, living and working in Atkin County, Minnesota.] He was an inventor and a photographer with studios first located at 5 Washington and then at 22 Washington Street, later the site of the Grand Theater. He claimed to be the first to get "bird's eyes views" by attaching his camera to a kite, and he was granted a patent for it. He devised a propeller-powered sled and a propeller-driven motorboat. Many of his early shots were made into postcards, which still are in circulation. He also came up with the idea of putting signatures on film, and he sold "Life Motion Photographs," in which the image moved as the viewer moved the edge of the print "to and fro," as

the instructions put it. He was a hunter and trapper and devised a toboggan to travel over rough areas for use in the north country. At one time Nat was in contact with Commander Robert E. Byrd to furnish a toboggan for one of the explorer's Arctic trips. Nat also invented a gyroplane and received a patent for it in 1912. In 1916, at a cost of \$100, he built and operated a three-wheeled automobile. An announcement said the car could speed up to 50 miles per hour, and that Nat "could turn a corner almost at right angles and can thread any thoroughfare with ease."

In 1920 Nat resided by himself at 22 Franklin, and ten years later he was living alone on Potawatomie Bayou in Section 2 of Grand Haven Township [Potawatomie Lake Resort]. He was accused and convicted of blowing up his former home on the bayou with dynamite on September 21, 1931, to protest a real estate transaction with Nicholas De Witt in which he felt he was defrauded. Nat tied 24 sticks of dynamite to an eight-foot board with a 50-foot fuse and dropped it down the chimney. He told authorities he destroyed the cottage when it was vacant. Nat was released from prison for good behavior on August 27, 1933. Nat's wife Martha died on February 1, 1919, and he married for the second time in August 1930. He died on December 27, 1938 at the home of his brother, Elwyn Brown, who lived at 1327 Pennoyer Avenue, and was buried at Lake Forest. Nat's death certificate listed his wife's name as Abby Brown. [*Tribune* obituary, December 27, 1938.]

### **Thomas Brown [1834- ?] and Eliza Shelby Brown [1841-1892]**

See Daniel Shelby [1812- ?] and Jeanette [Jennett] Shelby [Schelby] [1812-1885].

### **Peter Brown [De Bruyn] [1885-1944]**

Peter Brown and his family resided at 311 North Third Street in Grand Haven from as early as 1914 to his death in 1944. He was born in Michigan on August 4, 1885 and worked as a carpenter for the Grand Trunk Railway and for the Vyn Transportation Company. He married Emma Louise Witt, who was born in Michigan on August 2, 1884. They had three children, Harley, who was born in Illinois about 1909 and moved to St. Johns, Clinton County; Roland, who was born in Michigan about 1913 and resided in Spring Lake; and Katherine, who was born in Michigan about 1916 and married Joseph Domanski. Peter died in Grand Haven on November 15, 1944 and was interred at Lake Forest Cemetery. Emma passed away in Grand Haven on May 26, 1972. Peter went by both "Brown" and "De Bruyn."

### **Friedrich J. Bruhn [1852-1926]**

By 1900 Fred Bruhn owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township [11250 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. He was born in Germany on April 10, 1852 and his wife Augusta was born in Germany on June 11, 1858. Their children, all born in Illinois except the last one, included Max Bruhn, born in June 1886; George Bruhn, born in June 1887; Walther Bruhn, born in March 1890; Alma Bruhn, born in September 1891; Emma Bruhn, born in August 1895; and Leonhart [Leonard] Emil Bruhn, born in Grand Haven in December 1899. Friedrich passed away on July 11, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augusta died on November 9, 1948 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Etienne Brulé [1592-1633]**

A Frenchman by birth, Etienne Brulé lived with the Huron Indians on Georgian Bay for many years, learning their language and customs. Etienne traveled through Michigan waters and is credited with being the first European to see what would become the State of Michigan, perhaps as early as 1629, and he may have set foot on the land, although there is no proof of that [Lillie, p. 26]. Etienne lived from 1592 to June 1633.

### **Weldon George Brumels [Brummels, Brummel] [1926-2012]**

Weldon Brumels of Grand Rapids purchased Prospect Point Resort in 1968. He planned to tear it down, but fire destroyed the hotel on June 10, 1971, saving him the task. In the 1980s a condominium complex was built on the site. He next developed Sheldon Dunes Subdivision in Port Sheldon Township. Weldon was born in Grand Rapids on December 1, 1926. Weldon served with the U.S. Air Force during WWII. On May

19, 1949 he married Marilyn Joyce Trapp. Weldon died on April 7, 2012, and Marilyn passed away on April 18, 2016 in Grand Rapids. The couple had three children: Craig, Jack, and Sally, who married Bill Weller.

### **James Nelson Brummel [1938-2002]**

A native of Flint, where he was born on August 5, 1938, Jim Brummel moved to Grand Haven from Muskegon around 1970. His parents were Nelson and Frieda Lindemulder Brummel. Jim married Barbara Masters on December 27, 1958 in Olivet. His real estate businesses in Grand Haven included All American Homes and J. N. Brummel Realty. He was a member the Second Christian Reformed Church, ACLU, AMBUCS, and he was founder and member of the Tri-Cities Realtors Board. He was active in the Republican Party. Jim and Barbara had a daughter, Suzanne Brummel, and four sons: Timothy Brummel, Steve Brummel, Nelson Brummel, and Chris Brummel. Jim died in Grand Haven on October 22, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, October 23, 2002.]

### **Weldon George Brummels [Brumels, Brummel] [1926-2012]**

See Weldon George Brumels.

### **Benjamin Bruno [Bruneau] [1835-1900]**

Born in Canada [France] on March 1, 1835, Benjamin Bruno came to Grand Haven around 1857, and worked in a sawmill. Benjamin's wife, Mary M. [Madeline], was born in Canada in September 1843 [1844] and died on September 21, 1907. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Louise, who was born about 1872, married Joseph Poisson, and moved to Grand Rapids; Alexander, who lived from August 1873 [1872] to 1920; and Rose Mary, who was born on April 28, 1876, married Benjamin Frank Fisher [1876-1959] and died on September 13, 1957. Another son, Theodore, was born about 1881. Theodore's wife, Esther, was born in Michigan around 1881. Theodore and Esther lived at 915 Columbus. Benjamin died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 1900.]

### **Edgar [Edward] F. Bryce [1858-1919]**

Edgar Bryce and his wife Mary resided at 3 North Second Street in Grand Haven. The son of John and Helen Ellis Bryce, Edgar was born in Farmington, Wisconsin on April 1, 1858. Like his father, he became an engineer. Edgar died in Kalamazoo on January 14, 1919. Mary Perkins was born on June 25, 1863 in Pentwater, Oceana County, died in Grand Rapids on March 30, 1933, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Edgar. Their son Ellis was born in November 1881.

### **Emily "Emma" Jane Bidgood Bryce [1858-1941]**

See Emily "Emma" Bidgood.

### **John J. Bryce I [1834-1896]**

Born on April 12, 1834 in the Highlands of Scotland, John Bryce in 1871 came to Grand Haven from Wisconsin with his employer, Justin B. Wait. His mother, Mary, was born in Scotland about 1801 and resided as a widow in Grand Haven with John and his family around 1880. John was awarded patent number 131,657 on September 24, 1872 for a tabletop spinning wheel. Several examples of the wheel exist, including one in the collection of the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts and a patent model in the Smithsonian Institute. The wheel was primarily made of cast iron and works on the friction principle. John formed a partnership with James Lewis and Otto Gronberg to buy the Grand Haven Iron Works business from Frank Spence and Archibald Brown, who had started it four years earlier. In 1879 John went into partnership with Henry Bloecker and the two formed Bryce & Bloecker to manufacture marine engines. The plant suffered a fire in 1881 and the owners sustained heavy losses. Bloecker reopened the business in 1883, but John went to work for the Challenge Corn Planter Company. In 1893 he was part owner of a business called Bryce, Barns, & Green Lumber Company at the corner of



Seventh and Elliott Streets. John W. Barnes [Barns] and M. L. Green were the other principals. John was an active member of the Knights of Maccabees and was a Republican.

John married Helen M. Ellis of Wisconsin, who was born on July 17, 1837 and died on February 20, 1918. Their children were Edgar F., born in Wisconsin in 1858; Elmer E., who was born in Wisconsin about 1860, became a machinist, married and divorced Emma [Emily] Bidgood of Grand Haven, and died on September 16, 1914; John II, born in Wisconsin in 1868; and Marion A. [Marnie], born in Michigan about 1877. In the early 1900s Helen resided with her son John at 624 Washington. John I died at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids after bladder surgery on October 26, 1896 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where other family members were interred. [*Tribune* obituary, October 27, 1896, *Tribune* article, October 29, 1896.]

### **John J. Bryce II [1868-1929]**

The son of John and Helen M. Ellis Bryce, John II was born in Jefferson, Wisconsin on May 28, 1868. On May 11, 1898 he married Anna Hoffman in Ottawa County. Anna, the daughter of Peter Hoffman, was born in Michigan about 1877. The Bryce children were Francis H., born about 1899, and Margaret H., born about 1905. In the early 1900s the family lived at 624 Washington Street, where they shared their home with John's widowed mother, Helen. By 1920 John and Anna were living at 109 South Fifth Street. John was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, Elks, and Masons. He was a "nickel plater" at Challenge Refrigerator. He died on July 15, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Jay Buchanan II [1903-1975]**

John Buchanan was organist at the Grand Theater on Washington Street when it opened in 1928. Later he was theater custodian. John was born in Hastings, Nebraska on May 12, 1903, the son of John Jay and Ida Leone Pembroke Buchanan. The older John was born in Missouri on October 8, 1847, married Ida in 1894, and died in Nebraska on April 22, 1918. The Buchanans were still in Nebraska in 1910. However, Ida, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1865, married George Elisha Douglas [1857-1944] in Chicago on February 12, 1914. George was a watchman for the Keller Tool Company. John the son in 1920 resided at 22 Franklin Street with his mother and stepfather. Ida and George were divorced in Grand Haven on January 10, 1921. Some years later George moved to 112 Franklin Street. Ida passed away in 1946 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with another son, James McMunn Buchanan, who lived from 1899 to 1987. James's wife, Mary Hoon Buchanan, who lived from 1904 to 1967, also was buried there. John passed away on March 19, 1975 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **William H. Buckley [1858-1933]**

Born in Illinois in July 1858 William Buckley moved to Spring Lake from Marne [Berlin], Ottawa County, in 1878. In 1888, Dr. Brown performed an appendectomy on William on the kitchen table, said to be the first appendectomy in Michigan. William worked in Henry Cliff's hardware store, and then went into a business partnership with Enno Pruum, sold out to him, and took a job in Charlotte, Eaton County, returning to Spring Lake in 1888. After his hardware store burned down, William borrowed \$600 from George Schwab and put up a brick structure at 214 West Savidge. There he operated a profitable hardware and undertaking business.

In 1883 William married Harriet Richardson, a Michigan native, who lived from November 1859 to 1944. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Evaline Cole Richardson. Benjamin was a lumbering pioneer in Traverse City and Spring Lake. Harriet began teaching in a rural Spring Lake school when she was 14 years old. The Buckleys had a son, William Lloyd Buckley, who was born on July 13, 1886, ran the hardware business after his father was injured in a fall while working at the Spring Lake Hotel, and died in 1958. Another son, George Howard Buckley, was born in June 1889 and passed away in 1965. In 1891 William bought a house at 108 West Mason. It originally was a one-room home, owned by an Indian family. William enlarged it as a residence for his widowed mother, Mary [Merry], who was born in Ireland in August 1822. He also bought a house located on the north side of Mason Street and moved it to 217

North Buchanan, because its owner was willing to sell the structure but not the lot upon which it sat. In 1953 his granddaughter, Marge, and her husband, James Oakes, bought the property. William died in 1933.

#### **William Lloyd Buckley [1884-1954]**

William, the son of William H. [b. 1859] and Harriet Richardson Buckley [1859-1944], was born in Spring Lake on July 13, 1884 [1886]. The younger William ran the family hardware business after his father was injured in a fall while working at the Spring Lake Hotel. He married Elsie Johnson, who was born on November 3, 1888, died on April 30, 1930, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two daughters, Sarah [Sally], who was born on January 31, married Wilson Bond in Grand Rapids on November 23, 1934, and died on March 7, 1987 in Spring Lake, and Margaret, who lived from June 2, 1918 to August 16, 1997. She married James Oakes of Grand Haven.

#### **Wesley Lorin Buckner [1925-1981]**

In the early to mid-1950s, 434 South Beechtree Street was the location of the L & W Drive In. Wesley L. Buckner was president, his wife Lois was secretary-treasurer, and Ida De Witt [1908-1999] was vice president. The drive in closed when U.S. 31 was rerouted, causing a drop in traffic and business. Wesley was born in Detroit on December 25, 1925. On September 7, 1946 he married Lois J. De Witt in Grand Haven. She was born on July 1, 1929. Ida De Witt was her mother. Wesley passed away in Big Rapids on July 7, 1981 and was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Grand Haven Township. They had at least three children, all born in Michigan: Diana Buckner, born about 1946; Jacqueline Buckner, born about 1947; and Lorin Wesley Buckner, born in April 1952.

#### **John Budge [1836-1920]**

Born in the Orkney Islands, Scotland, in March 1836 [1841], John Budge was a sea captain. After living in Canada for a while, Captain Budge arrived in Grand Haven in the 1860s and sailed the Great Lakes until 1872. In 1867 he went into partnership with Duncan Robertson and Peter Sinclair in the Robertson & Company Shipyard, which built wooden ships in Grand Haven. He also invested in lumbering. John died in Grand Haven on December 1, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 2, 1920.]

#### **Charles K. Bugielski [1912-1996]**

Born March 4, 1912 in Newark, New Jersey, Chuck was the son of Zygmunt and Karoline A. Lucek Bugielski. By the mid-1920s the family had moved to Grand Haven. A *Tribune* article noted on March 9, 1925 that Chuck saw the first robin of the season. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1930, he went to work for the McLellan Five and Ten Cent Store in Grand Haven as stockman. He was promoted to assistant manager in 1933 and played a part in the bank robbery of August 18 that year. In 1938 Chuck left his job at McLellan's and opened the M & M Variety Store, located first at 706 Washington and by 1944 at 711 Washington. For the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Grand Haven in 1934 the 22-year-old was asked to help expand the annual Coast Guard picnic. Although meant to be a one-time event, the Coast Guard Festival evolved into an annual community observance. Bugielski managed the festivities with Glenn Eaton and Claude Ver Duin from 1947 to 1981. The back office of his store served as the Coast Guard Festival's office from 1938 to 1981. Chuck worked for the March of Dimes for 20 years, led the Community Chest Fund, and belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Eagles.

In 1936 Chuck married Grace, the daughter of Herman and Ida Teunis. Grace, born on September 1, 1911, became a teacher in the Grand Haven and Spring Lake school systems and retired in the 1970s. The Bugielskis had a daughter and two sons: Nancy Hanavan of Buffalo, Charles of Grand Haven, and Michael of San Diego. Grace died October 18, 1988 at their home at 18837 North Fruitport Road. Chuck died on August 19, 1996, and he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 19, 1988 and August 20, 1996, *Tribune* article, October 22, 1990.]

### **Zygmunt [Zigmund] Bugieleski [1886-1973]**

Zygmunt Bugielski was born in Krosno, Poland on September 28, 1886. He married Karoline [Carolyn/Caroline] A. Lucek in New Jersey in May 1911. Three years later they left New Jersey and moved to Grand Haven. The family lived first in the 1300 block on Fulton, then at 1326 Franklin. Zygmunt was janitor in one of the churches. Their children, all were born locally except Charles, who was born in New Jersey in 1912. The others were Edward, who was born in 1914 and died in 1974; Marian Lynch, who was born on February 11, 1916, became a nurse; married John W. Lynch in Norman, Oklahoma in 1943, and died in Grand Rapids on July 7, 2010; Joseph, who drowned in 1925 at age six; and William, an aeronautical engineer, who was born about 1921 and died in 1980. The family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Zygmunt died in 1973. Karoline, who was born in Krosno, Poland on October 31, 1890, immigrated to New Jersey in 1904. She died in Grand Haven on October 16, 1993.

### **Clarence H. Buhl [1865–1926]**

Coal yards were a necessity in the early 1900s. Clarence Buhl operated such a yard at the “foot of Monroe” in Grand Haven. He also offered freight service. On October 12, 1895 in Grand Haven, he married Anna L. Stickney, the daughter of Leonard and Charlotte Cook Stickney. She was born in Plainfield, Wisconsin in August 1877. Clarence was born on October 28, 1865 in Washington, died on January 25, 1926, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with an unnamed infant daughter. On December 16, 1950, Anna married John Ennenga of Grand Haven.

### **Ralph Jay Buit II [1908-1976]**

Ralph Buit started Grand Office Supply on Beechtree with Gerry Botbyl in 1945. Ralph was born on January 2, 1908 and died in Spring Lake on December 21, 1976. On February 10, 1940, he married Mary Rufine Kennedy in Williams, Ohio. They resided at 18917 Fruitport Road. Ralph was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Mary was born on May 1, 1911, died in Grand Rapids on December 24, 2011, and also was buried at Oakwood.

### **James Russell Bullerdick [1927-2017]**

James Bullerdick was born in Melrose, Illinois on December 6, 1927. He married Marjorie Bowers on January 20, 1953 in Shelby, Oceana County. Jim started his career working for Consumers Power at the B.C. Cobb plant in Muskegon. He was transferred to the Campbell complex in West Olive, and after 30 years of service with Consumers he retired from corporate headquarters in Jackson. He and Margie were members of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Their son Tim Bullerdick, born about 1955, assumed management of the Wirick Office Supply Company at 20 North Harbor Drive in 1992, with his wife, Pamela Wirick Bullerdick, as co-owner. Jim’s and Marge’s other children were Susan Bullerdick, who moved to Seattle, Washington, and Michael Bullerdick, who was born about 1953 and moved to Sarasota, Florida. Jim passed away in Grand Haven on June 9, 2017 and was buried at United Methodist Church of the Dunes Remembrance Garden.

### **Klass [Klaas, Claus] Bulthouse [Bolthouse, Bulhuis] [1856-1934]**

In 1913, Klaas Bulthouse raised the hull of the schooner *Porcupine*, later known as the *Caroline*, which had been sunk intentionally 12 years earlier near the Johnston Boiler Works in Ferrysburg. Pieces of it were sent to Put-in-Bay for the centennial of the 1813 sea battle in which the *Porcupine* and her companion American warships defeated the British. Other fragments were donated to the Grand Rapids Museum and, much later, to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

Klaas was born in The Netherlands on August 15, 1856 and immigrated to the United States in 1871. He worked as a boiler maker at Johnston Bros. most of his life. On August 26, 1882 in Spring Lake, Klaas married Johanna Marie Van Herwynen, also a native of The Netherlands. She lived from November 3, 1855 to October 22, 1920. After her death, Klaas lodged at the home of his son-in-law Martin Sistema.

Klaas died of angina pectoris on August 3, 1934. A son, Klaas Henry Bolthouse, was born in Ferrysburg on May 29, 1899 and died in Spring Lake on January 22, 1933. Klaas and Johanna had five other children, including Ella Bulthouse, who was born on April 22, 1892 and married Martin Sistema of Ferrysburg. Klaas, Johanna, and the younger Klaas were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Geert Pouwel Bulhuis [1848-1920]**

Born in Gronigen, The Netherlands on January 27, 1848, Geert Bulhuis on April 30, 1870 married Jantje "Jane" Roman in Muskegon. He was listed in the 1893 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* under the name Geert Bultthins as a "justice" in Ferrysburg. He died in Muskegon on May 31, 1920. Hane lived from 1843 to 1923. She and Geert were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Apparently the family never lived in the Ferrysburg area. They had six children, all born in Muskegon.

#### **John J. Bunker I [1860-1935]**

John Bunker, born in April 1860 in The Netherlands, married Ellis "Ella" Rachel More., the daughter of John and Eliza More. Ella was born on June 15, 1860. The Bunkers owned a 55-acre farm in Crockery Township. John, who came to the United States in 1865, died in 1935 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife, who died on October 3, 1929. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Albert, born in August 1882; Kate, born in July 1885; Eliza, born in August 1891; Grace, born in November 1893; May born in May 1898; and John II, born in February 1900.

#### **Isaac Burbank [1831-1903]**

Born in Kentucky in 1831, Isaac Burbank on May 13, 1861 traveled to Grand Rapids to enlist as private in Company F of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. On January 7 the next year Isaac was transferred to Company F of the Michigan 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was promoted to corporal and on December 7, 1861 to sergeant. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865 and became a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.]. Isaac was a carpenter by trade.

On Christmas Day 1851 in Crockery Township, Isaac married Madora [Medora] McMahan [McMann]. The couple came to Ottawa County from Chicago and lived on a farm in Crockery Township in the Patchin area. By 1870 they were residing in Spring Lake Village, where Isaac worked as a carpenter, and by 1887 Madora operated a candy and tobacco store on Savidge Street. The Burbanks had two daughters: Mary Ann Burbank, who was born in 1856 and married Loren Beerman of Muskegon, and Frances T. Burbank, who was born about 1877 and on November 20, 1899 in Muskegon married Frank Rockenbach of that city and with whom the Burbanks later lived. Isaac and Madora also had three sons: Charles W. Burbank, who died August 14, 1869 at the age of 16; Richard E. Burbank, who died on November 6, 1899 at the age of 38; and Fred Burbank, born in Spring Lake on August 28, 1868. Isaac resided at the Grand Rapids Soldiers Home in 1890. He died in Muskegon on December 12, 1903. Madora filed for a widow's Civil War pension on December 28. She was born in New York on June 15, 1836, died on February 6, 1911, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her sons. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1903.]

#### **Matilda A. Young Burch [Bertch, Birch] [1857-1943]**

In the 1908 *City Directory*, Matilda Burch was listed as operating a boarding house at 711 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. She was born in Canada [New York] in 1857 and immigrated to the United States in 1883. Her husband, William H. Burch, a sailor and engineer, died after 1900. Their son, Raymond A. Burch, was born in Canada in January 1880 and passed away in Genesee County on August 12, 1947. Another son, William C. Burch, was born in Grand Haven on January 31, 1881. A daughter, Violet Burch, born in Canada, died of diphtheria on December 22, 1887 in Grand Haven when she was about five years old. In 1900 Matilda and Raymond were living on Third Street in Grand Haven. Matilda at that time was an unemployed widow, and Raymond worked at Challenge Refrigerator Company. On June 24, 1912 in Grand Haven, she married Charles Elliott Gregg. About that time, Matilda opened a Marine Hospital at 405 Elliott Street. She and Charles were divorced on August 11 the following year. Charles was born about

1838 in New York State. In 1914 Matilda was still operating the Marine Hospital, where she also lived. She next married Earl Duffy [Duffey]. He died in 1918 and was buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. Matilda passed away in Chicago on January 11, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery as Matilda Young Duffy.

#### **Mary Ellen [Ellen Mary] Burch [1857-1948]**

Mary Ellen Burch was born in Steuben County, Indiana on March 24, 1857. On July 26, 1884 she married Alfred M. Barden in Grand Haven. Born in Morristown, New York on August 15, 1860, he passed away in Lee, Allegan County on March 5, 1916. The couple was living in Lee by 1910. Alfred was a barber. On April 30, 1920, Mary married Frank B. Burdick [1853-1922] in Kalamazoo. On November 15, 1924, she married George W. Masters [1876-1949] in Allegan. They were divorced. She passed away in Allegan County on November 23, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Phillip Glenn Burch [1934-2008]**

Born in Big Rapids on September 2, 1934, Phillip Burch's passion for drawing manifested itself when he was a boy. After graduating from high school, he took a "Draw Me" mail course, a hunt for talent that had been run by Art Instruction Schools, Inc., of Minneapolis, Minnesota since 1914. The company featured some of his work in their monthly magazine, along with the art of Charles Schultz, creator of the Peanuts comic strip. Phillip earned a certificate from Draw Me and then enrolled for two years at the Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids. On June 10, 1956, he married Cora Lee Sharpe in Big Rapids. She was born in Big Rapids on October 12, 1934. Not long after the wedding, Phillip took a job as advertising illustrator for Wurzburg's Department Store in Grand Rapids. His art career was interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1958. After his military service, he worked for West Michigan Tag and Label Company in Grand Rapids and as a commercial artist with Spartan Graphics of Sparta, Michigan.

One work of Phillip's work is titled "Grand Trunk Depot." A slice of Dewey Hill is in the background behind the box car standing in back of the train station. The painting was donated to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in 2018, but Burch may have done it prior to 1979 when rail service into Grand Haven was still active.

Cora passed away on January 27, 1989 and was buried at Rosedale Memorial Park in Tallmadge Township. Phillip died on October 15, 2008 in Grand Rapids.

#### **Harriette Smallman Burland [1869-1938]**

On February 29, 1892 Harriette Smallman married Arthur Putnam Burland [1856-1927] at the Norris Hotel in Grand Haven. Harriette, the daughter of Joshua and Agnes Smallman of Grand Haven, was born in La Porte, Indiana on October 9, 1869. When her mother died in 1912, Harriette, who then resided in Chicago with Arthur, took over ownership and management of the Pines Resort on Spring Lake. Harriette passed away at the home of a daughter in Utica, New York on August 13, 1938 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Daniel Hubert Burnside [1933-2012]**

Daniel Burnside was president of Burnside Manufacturing Company in Spring Lake until his retirement in 2000. The son of Hubert and Anna Liss Burnside, Daniel was born on July 4, 1933. After graduating from Arizona State University, Daniel joined the Army and was discharged in 1956. He then married Donna Mae, the daughter of Jacob and Bertha Boseker Fase. She was born on April 13, 1935. Daniel joined the family business as sales manager and vice president, and Donna was named secretary. The Burnsides lived at 16209 Woodcrest in Spring Lake. They had four children: Bruce Jacob, David Hubert, Brian Daniel, and Darcy Lynn. Darcy married Robert Snippe of Spring Lake. Dan was a member of Spring Lake Rotary and Elks. Donna died in Grand Haven on May 16, 1990, and Daniel passed away on February 29, 2012. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 2, 2012.]

#### **Hubert Donald Burnside [1898-1964]**

Hubert Burnside started the Atlas Crank Company in Detroit in 1935. Three years later he moved the company to Spring Lake and occupied the former Ottawa Manufacturing building at 510 West Liberty. When the business was incorporated as Burnside Manufacturing in January 1948, Hubert Burnside was president, and his son, Robert, was vice president. Another son, Daniel H., later became vice president and Sales manager and eventually owner. Robert was born on March 27, 1924 and Daniel was born on July 4, 1933. Hubert was born on March 5, 1898 and died on March 12, 1964. He married Anna Marie Liss, who was born in Germany on September 4, 1899 and passed away on July 21, 1971. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The company moved to Norton Shores in 1996.

Frances Burnside, Hubert's sister, was born in Michigan on March 7, 1898. She worked as a librarian and starting in the 1940s to about 1952, she was assistant librarian at Grand Haven's Carnegie Library. She left Grand Haven to take a position at the Jackson library. Frances died in Rochester Hills, Oakland County, on January 8, 1992.

#### **Robert D. Burnside [1924-1994]**

Robert, the son of Hubert and Anna Liss Burnside, was born on March 27, 1924, died in Spring Lake on January 21, 1994, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. When the Burnside Manufacturing Company of Spring Lake was incorporated in January 1948, Robert was vice president. He resided at 310 North Park, next at 203 Maple Terrace, and later at 16160 Highland Drive, all in the Spring Lake area.

#### **Clarence E. Burr [1884-1935]**

Clarence Burr was born in Benton Harbor on February 18, 1884. He married Clover Blossom Swan in St. Joseph on August 24, 1906. Clover, who was born in 1889, died in Benton Harbor on October 22, 1918. Clarence and Clover had one child, Milton C., who was born on July 26, 1912. On March 8, 1919 Clarence married Ethel Eberhardt in Benton Harbor. In 1928 Clarence, Ethel, and Milton were living at 322 Grand Avenue. At that time Clarence worked for Ottawa County as rodman for a surveying crew. Two years later he and his family were residing at 534 Grant Street in Grand Haven, and Clarence was a judge and justice of the peace at that time. Ethel was born in Illinois about 1885. Clarence died in St. Joseph on July 4, 1935.

#### **Milton C. Burr I [1912-1988]**

Milton, the son of Clarence and Ethel Eberhardt Burr, was born on July 26, 1912. At the age of 16 he married Ruth A., the daughter of Martin and Abigail Bos of Grand Haven. They resided first with Ruth's parents at 518 Franklin Street and later at 1509 Sheldon Road. Their daughter, Mary Abigail, was born on January 27, 1929, married William Stearns, and died on June 27, 2014. A son, also named Milton, was born in 1939. The elder Milton was manager of a "Letter Shop" [possibly a stationery store]. Ruth was born on April 13, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on November 30, 1985. Milton died on March 28 three years later.

#### **Ezra M. Burton [1891-1960]**

As early as 1930 Ezra Burton, a chiropractic physician, maintained an office at 304 Washington. Ezra was born in Muskegon on December 7, 1891. In 1917 he was a draftsman residing with his wife, Mary, in Rock Island, Illinois. Three years later they were living in Norton Township with their brother-in-law, Frank Padelt. Mary, also a native of Michigan, was born January 3, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on December 8, 1976. They were married about 1917. Their two children were Phyllis Mary, born about 1919, and Paul D., who lived from August 19, 1928 to March 30, 1972. The family resided at 108 Eighth Street where Mary also rented rooms. Ezra died on May 22, 1960 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

#### **John B. Buss [1874-1946]**

Born in McHenry, Illinois on April 28, 1874, John Buss owned a saloon called Jack's on the southeast corner of Division and Savidge Streets [226 West Savidge] in Spring Lake. He married Elizabeth Becker in Chicago on November 28, 1904. They had at least four children, all born in Michigan: John, born in

1907; twins Gertrude and Marie, born in 1909; and Frances, born in 1910. Elizabeth was born about 1874 in Wisconsin. Jack returned to his hometown of Chicago between 1920 and 1930. He died in Chicago on April 8, 1946.

### **Lewis Mortimer Bussey [1878-1957]**

From his office at 315 Washington in Grand Haven, Lewis Bussey in the early 1900s operated a real estate and insurance business with his father, William H. Bussey, under the name Bussey & Son. Lewis was the Realtor for Bussey & Steen, developers of the Highlands, a subdivision on Spring Lake. On June 13, 1904 Lewis married Maud [Lillian Maude] Bevens in Woodbury, Iowa. In Grand Haven they lived above the insurance office. Lewis, who was born on July 30, 1878 in Oak Park, Illinois, passed away in Sonoma, California on March 26, 1957. Maud was born in 1877 in Nebraska. Lewis's father, William Bussey, was listed in the 1908 *Grand Haven City Directory* as residing in Evanston, Illinois. William, who was born about 1854, died about June 13, 1912. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 1912.]

### **Henry William Buswell I [1830-1897]**

Born in Essex County, New York on August 27 [8], 1830, Henry was the son of Jacob and Almina Everest Buswell of New York. Jacob, originally from Massachusetts, was a carpenter and joiner by occupation. Henry was the eldest son of his mother's second marriage. After his father's death, Henry and his mother moved to Ohio, where she died in 1865. Henry then moved to Ottawa County. In 1864 he formed a partnership with Charles E. Wyman and bought the Ferry Mill at the foot of Columbus Street in Grand Haven, renamed it Wyman & Buswell Sawmill, and began the production of pine lumber. In 1878 Averill Cairns joined the firm as another partner. In 1884 the mill suffered a damaging fire and Henry retired from business. However, by the following year he was part owner and president of the Grand Haven Broom Company. He was a director of the National Bank for several years, stockholder and director of Dake Mfg. Company of Grand Haven, and president of the Grand Haven Match Company. Formerly a Whig, he became a Republican. He was a member of the Corinthian Chapter of the Grand Haven Masons and the Unitarian Church.

On January 28, 1860 Henry married Hannah L. Trotter in her hometown of Summit, Ohio. They had two children, Forrest E., who lived from 1860 to 1917, and Florence E., who was born about 1862 in Ohio and married William Andres of Grand Haven on August 1, 1888. Hannah, who was born December 9, 1839, died on August 10, 1876, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On March 3, ten years after his first wife's death, Henry married Ellen J. Cavanaugh of Grand Haven. They had one child, Henry W. II, who was born in 1887 and relocated to Chicago. The elder Buswell died on September 8, 1897 at his home at 312 Franklin Street from heart disease. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, page 555, and *Tribune* obituary, September 12, 1897.]

### **Edwin C. [Edward E.] Butts [1834-1916]**

The son of a farmer, Edwin Butts was born on December 25, 1834 in Vermont and came to Grand Haven with his wife in 1873. He took charge of the Cutler House Livery on Third Street in 1875, and six years later he bought the business and operated it for himself. He married Angeline "Angie" Gale in 1861. She was born in Vermont on December 17, 1840. They had a son, Charles P. Butts, who was born in Stowe, Vermont on July 3, 1863 and died in California on September 8, 1930. Another son, Frederick Edwin Butts, was born in Stowe on December 3, 1866, drowned near Grand Haven on August 29, 1876, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A third son, Nathaniel P. Butts, was born in Stowe on November 17, 1870, passed away in Grand Haven on November 3, 1879, and also was buried at Lake Forest. By 1910 Edwin and Angeline were living in Meyers Falls, Washington. He died on February 1, 1916 in Spokane, Washington, and Angie died in Spokane on March 2, 1926.

### **William Butts [1810- ?]**

William Butts was born about 1810. In 1835 he built a steam-operated sawmill in Grand Haven with William Hathaway as partner. Both men immigrated from Canada in 1836. Located near the site of the later Grand Trunk Railroad Depot, it was the first sawmill in the county. The mill was soon sold to Nathan Throop and William Ferry. On September 1, 1838 William Butts, again with William Hathaway as partner, purchased approximately 234 acres in Sections 6 and 17 of Robinson Township. Hiram Hathaway also was part of the transaction. On May 1 the following year, William bought 80 acres in Section 12 of Grand Haven Township.

#### **William Charles Buwalda I [1856-1925]**

Born in The Netherlands in May 1856 [1855], William Buwalda came to the United States in 1888. He was an employee of the Challenge Refrigerator Company in the early 1900s. Prior to that he worked at the tannery. He and his wife, Susie, lived at 1214 Fulton. Their children included William II, born on December 24, 1879; Lawrence, born in January 1883; Reka, born in February 1885; Rose, who was born in May 1891 and married Claude Beukema of Grand Haven; Jacob, born in February 1887; and Barney, born in September 1889. The three oldest children were born in The Netherlands, the rest locally. William I died in 1925. Susie, who was born in The Netherlands in September 1858 [1860], passed away two years after her husband. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

#### **Robin Douglas Bye [1957-2014]**

Robin Bye was born in Rogers City, Presque Isle County on December 17, 1957. Robin earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree at Central Michigan University and a master degree at Western Michigan University. In 1982 in Grand Rapids, he married Kathleen Mary, who was born on November 25, 1957 and also studied at Central Michigan, in Grand Rapids. In 1980 Robin started teaching art at elementary and middle schools of Grand Haven Area Public Schools. Later he was named Director of Athletics. Robin was an innovative artist, participating in art shows throughout Michigan. Kathy also had a teaching position with the Grand Haven Schools. Robin and Kathy had a son, Erik Bye, and a daughter, Alicia Bye. The family resided at 16053 Delta View Drive in Grand Haven. Robin passed away in Grand Haven on April 12, 2014. The Westra Bye Memorial Art Foundation was funded in memory of Robin and his artist friend, Donna Westra, to provide financial support for Grand Haven Area Public School students who were pursuing visual arts education.

#### **William Byl I [1876-1942]**

Born in Grand Haven on April 10, 1876, William Byl married Elizabeth, the daughter of Gerrit and Anna Ammaal Kamphuis. Elizabeth was born in Michigan in 1878, died in 1927, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In the early 1900s the Byls resided at 406 Jackson, and by 1918 they were located at 1003 Fulton. Their children, all born locally, were Elizabeth, who was born February 24, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on February 17, 1987; Margaret, born about 1903; Leonard W., who was born April 24, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on September 17, 1985; Gerrit E., who was born April 13, 1912, married Mae Boyink, and died in Grand Haven on November 14, 1995; and William II, born about 1917. In 1918 William I worked at Central Clothing House located at 224 Washington. By 1920 he owned a retail clothing store in Grand Haven. His parents were Leonard and Cornelia Byl, both born in The Netherlands, he in August 1835 and she in December 1850. Leonard was a carpenter. William I passed away on March 9, 1942.

#### **William Byl II [1917-2008]**

William II, the son of William and Elizabeth Kamphuis, was born in Grand Haven on February 9, 1917. On October 16, 1941 Bill married Albertine "Abby," the daughter of Henry and Tien Vander Laan. Abby was born in Muskegon on April 9, 1915, but her parents by the late 1920s resided in Grand Haven. Bill served with the Army during WWII. After the war he worked for a while as inspector at Shaw Crane and later at Manning-Maxwell & Moore Company in Muskegon He continued to work for that company as a



draftsman and later was employed by Dresser Industries in the same capacity. The Byls resided for a while at 1003 Fulton Avenue before building their own home at 526 Grand Avenue, with Bill doing much of the construction himself over a five-year period. Albertine died on February 2., 2005. Bill passed away on May 27, 2008. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had three children: Susan, Bill III, and Dan.

#### **Sandra Johnson Byl [1941-2010] and William Byl III [1937-2021]**

Sandra Johnson, the daughter of Howard Johnson, on February 16, 1958 married William Byl III in Spring Lake. Sandy was born on February 13, 1941 in Grand Haven, and Bill was born on November 18, 1937. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII. Sandy worked at Meijer for 20 years and operated an antique/collectible shop at the corner of Washington and Seventh Streets for a time. She and Bill had four children: Ronald W. Byl, who was born on September 23, 1957 and died in a car accident in Muskegon on August 19, 1974; Beth Byl, who married John Harbeck of Grand Haven; Lisa Byl, who married Scott Wagasky of Grand Haven; and Michelle Byl, who married John Benson and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sandy died in Grand Haven on August 15, 2010. Bill passed away on March 29, 2021. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was their son Ron.

#### **Barney Bymhold [1880-1969]**

Barney, the son of Henry and Styntje Bymhold, was born in Grand Haven on June 5, 1880 and died in Grand Haven in May 1969. He married Gertrude Knoll Mulder in Zeeland on August 24, 1918. She was the widow of Harry Mulder, who died in 1915 at the age of 29. Barney and Gertrude lived at 112 Elliott Street and later at 322 Fulton Street. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. The Bymholds raised at least two sons, Bernard Bymhold and Dean Clarence Bymhold, both of whom remained in Grand Haven. Barney in 1915 was employed at the Story & Piano Factory, and ten years later he was a leather inspector at Eagle Ottawa. Gertrude, who was born in Grand Haven, lived from July 21, 1884 to January 5, 1953. Barney and Gertrude were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Bernard Bymhold [1919-2002]**

Bernie, the son of Barney and Gertrude Knoll Mulder Bymhold, was born in Grand Haven on June 14, 1919. He married Kathryn Meeusen on June 17, 1943 in Grand Haven. Kathryn was born on November 19, 1916 and died on December 8, 1988. Bernie was an employee of Ottawa County and retired as Maintenance Supervisor in 1988 after 34 years. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, where he was Sunday school superintendent, and served as church custodian for four years. Bernie and Kathryn had a daughter, Dawn Vink. Bernie died in Grand Haven on August 15, 2002, as a result of injuries from an automobile accident. [*Tribune* obituary, August 17, 2002.]

#### **Henry Emes Bymhold [Bejmholt, Bimholdt] [1822-1904]**

Henry Bymhold was a gardener in Grand Haven. He married Margaretha [Margaret] Jans Mulder, who was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands on May 3, 1818 and died in Grand Haven on August 17, 1878. They had four children: Johanna W. Bymhold [1852-1926]; Sarah Bymhold [1854-1927]; Henry Bymhold [1857-1937]; and Margaret Bymhold [1861-1940]. Henry married his second wife, Styntje Deetman, in 1879. She lived from 1839 to 1917 and had been previously married to Teunis [Tennis] Zoet. Henry was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 11, 1822 and died on August 22, 1904. He, Margaret, and Styntje were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Henry's and Styntje's son Barney Bymhold was born in Grand Haven on June 5, 1880.

#### **David J. Cable [1843–1930]**

Born in Redford, Wayne County in November 1843 [1842], David Cable moved to Grand Haven in 1868. He had a small farm in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township, just south of the city, but prior to his retirement in 1920 he worked at Dake Engine Company. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for 30 years. David also was an amateur poet. In 1915 he published a book title *Poems on Various Subjects*,

including one titled "Rosy Mound." In 1874 David married Cynthia Wilcox in Muskegon on July 5, 1874. Born in October 1851 [1854], she died on December 28, 1916. By the early 1900s the family was located at 601 Sheldon. The Cables had four children, all born in Michigan: Archie, who was born about 1875; Arthur, who was born April 16, 1875, moved to Kokomo, Indiana, and died in June 1965; Grace Barney, who was born in June 1879 and died March 28, 1928; Herbert, who was born on May 11, 1880 and moved to Van Nuys, California, where he died in September 1969; Sanford, who was born about 1881; George, who was born on September 22, 1882 and died in Muskegon on July 14, 1972; and Bert, born in June 1886. On June 17, 1922 in Grand Haven, David married Susie M. Wright. They resided at 428 North Seventh Street. Susie died on October 16, 1930. David died passed away on November 11, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Cynthia and Susie. [*Tribune* obituary, November 12, 1930.]

### **Averille Thomas Cairns [1846–1912]**

Born in 1846, Averille Thomas Cairns, a Canadian, came to Grand Haven in 1868 as a lumber inspector. He generally went by the name Thomas rather than Averille. In 1878 he was one of the principals in the Wyman & Cairns Lumber Company, dealing in logs, lumber, and shingles. When Dake Engine Company was formed in 1887, Thomas was named its first vice president. He was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He died about June 12, 1912. He married Flora Delcina Darling in Grand Rapids on May 23, 1868. Flora, a native of New York, lived from October 1845 to 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their daughter Cora was born in May 1869 and married James H. Safford of Grand Haven. Other children were Ada Prudence Cairns, who was born on January 1, 1871 and married George Willim Lilley, a Grand Haven optician; Pearly I. Cairns, born on January 4, 1882; Flora Cairns, born on May 8, 1883; Florence E. Cairns, born on December 1, 1885; and Robert Louis Cairns, born on February 14, 1887. All the children were born locally. The family home was located at 512 Franklin Street.

### **Robert Louis Cairns [1887-1905]**

Robert Cairns, better known as Louis Cairns, was the son of Averille and Flora Darling Cairns. Louis was born in Grand Haven on February 14, 1887. He died from diabetes on December 3, 1905, the same year he graduated from Grand Haven High School and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His obituary in the *Tribune* the day following his death emphasized his interest in music: "In music this young man was particularly talented and he gave great promise of a fine future if he had been spared to live. In company with Peter Wilds, he had been engaged upon this work for some time and some songs and a two step are now in publishers hands." One of the songs was "My Southern Lillies," which he and Peter composed. The tune was published in 1905 by N.A. Goebel.

### **Michael J Calogerakis [1931-2015]**

See Michael James Blodgett

### **Edward Byron Caldwell [1859-1949]**

Shortly before 1910 Robert Ferris sold thirty acres of his Willows Resort property in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township to Edward B. Caldwell. Edward married Ada May Fisher in Jackson on March 14, 1882. Edward was born in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County on July 16, 1859. She was born in Michigan on December 8 four years later. They built a home on the Spring Lake site. Their daughter Elizabeth was born about 1885 and resided with them. By 1920 Edward and Ada were residing in Tulare County, California and ten years later they were living in Beverly Hills, California. He passed away in Los Angeles on November 1, 1949, and Ada died in the same city on August 22, 1953. Edward and William Caldwell were brothers.

### **William John Caldwell [1857-1938]**

William J. Caldwell and Esther Hazard Brooks were married in Jackson on January 24, 1884. Not long after 1900 the couple left Jackson and purchased a 120-acre farm in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township.

The couple named their country estate Oakhurst. In the 1910 census William was listed as a farmer running a farm resort. Shortly after 1912 the Caldwells sold some of their acreage to Paul F. and Ida Markoff and another parcel to the Welch family, but retained the two-story frame home, barn, and other outbuildings that stood near the shores of Spring Lake. In the early to mid-1910s, the Caldwells operated a resort at this site known as both Oakhurst and Caldwell Resort. By 1918 the Caldwell estate had diminished to 20 acres. William was born in Burr Oak, St. Joseph County on January 18, 1857 in Burr Oakes, St. Joseph County. Esther was born in New York on November 30, 1848 and died in Spring Lake on December 17, 1928. In 1930 William, a widower, was still residing at Oakhurst. He passed away in Spring Lake on January 15, 1938 and was buried at Mount Evergreen Cemetery in Jackson, where Esther also was interred. William and Edward Caldwell were brothers.

#### **Maude Harriet Struble Calhoun [1881-1949]**

Maude was born in Spring Lake on February 16 [6], 1881, the daughter of Edward Sidney and Clara Louisa Alvard [Alvord] Struble. In August 1904, Maude married Henry Clay Calhoun I, who was born on May 31, 1876 in Washtenaw County. By 1920, Maude and Henry were living in Spokane, Washington with their three children. Henry was a salesman. Maude died on July 24, 1949. After her death, Henry moved to Los Angeles, California, where he died on October 16, 1950 and was buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Los Angeles County. They had three children: Gerald Adams Calhoun [1906-1976]; Dorothy Jane Calhoun [1909-1984]; and Henry Clay Calhoun II [1914-1984].

#### **Charles “Wint” H. Calkins [1853-1935]**

In 1876 Charles “Wint” Calkins married Emma Jane Potts. They resided at 100 South Sixth Street and later at 1422 Pennoyer. On January 21, 1929 the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that Wint owned and played a Stradivarius violin, made by Antonio Stradivari of Cremona, Italy. The instrument had been in his family for three generations. The article noted that “dating in the old beautiful instrument reads ‘Faciebat Anno 1721,’” Latin for “Made in the year 1721.” He worked for a railroad company but in 1930 was employed at a Grand Haven candy store. The Calkins’s daughter, Mabel, who was born in Milford, Oakland County on August 6, 1880, married Peter De Boe of Grand Haven. Charles lived from April 2, 1853 to April 13, 1935 and Emma from June 11, 1857 [1855] to September 10, 1935. Both were born in Milford and both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **George Sheldon [Sheldon] Calkins [Caulkins] I 1844-1918]**

George Calkins was born in Spafford, New York on October 25, 1844. In 1870 he was living in Norton, Muskegon County and listed in the Federal Census of that year as being “in Hotel” business. On July 25, 1918, he married Fruitport resident Bertha McEwing in Muskegon. Born about 1855, she was from New York City. Bertha died in Chicago on May 23, 1936. George passed away in Chicago on March 1, 1918. He was noted as being retired from the real estate business. Their children were George Sheldon Calkins II [1873-1958] and Ethel D. Calkins [1876-1967].

#### **John W. Callister [Calister, Collister] [1831–1897]**

John Callister was born on the Isle of Man, England on May 9, 1831. He immigrated to Cleveland in 1849, where he lived for several years before moving to Detroit. During the Civil War, he worked for the U.S. Government as a ship’s carpenter, a trade he had followed since 1847. John came to Grand Haven from Detroit in 1866 and became part owner and foreman of the Kirby Shipyard. By the early 1870s he had his own ship building business. He built several vessels for Thomas Kirby, John Zietlow, Michigan Barge Company, and other local businessmen. [See *Directory of Businesses* for a listing of Callister’s ships.]

In 1859 John married Eliza [Elizabeth] Shimmin, who was born about 1841 in England. The couple was residing in Detroit in 1860. John and Eliza had two children, William [Walter] H. Callister, who was born in Michigan in July 1862, married Lucy Luikens in Grand Haven on May 12, 1882, and moved to Cleveland, where he died on January 9, 1932; and Eliza E. Callister, who was born about 1899, married

Robert Christian Quay [1855-1903], and died in Cleveland, Ohio on October 8, 1899. Lucy, the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Luikens of Grand Haven, was born on December 26, 1868. After William's death, she returned to Grand Haven, and joined her brother-in-law Charles Reghel as co-owner of the KarmelKorn shop and restaurant at 110 Washington. Lucy died in Grand Haven on March 2, 1944.

Eliza the mother died in 1864, and John then married Ann [Anne] Cannell of Warrensville, Ohio, in December 1873. She was born on the Isle of Man on October 10, 1832 and died in Grand Haven on December 28, 1902. The Callisters were members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven and lived at 626 Clinton. John was a Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He died on September 2, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Ann, William, and Lucy also were interred. [*Tribune* obituary, September 4, 1897.]

#### **William [Walter] H. Callister [Collister] [1862-1932]**

William, the son of John and Eliza [Elizabeth] Shimmin Callister, was born in July 1862. He married Lucy Luikens in Grand Haven on May 12, 1882. Lucy, the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Luikens of Grand Haven, was born on December 26, 1868. After William's parents died, he and Lucy moved into the family home on Clinton before relocating to Cleveland, Ohio, where he died on January 9, 1932. William was a ship's carpenter. After William's death, Lucy returned to Grand Haven, where she died on March 2, 1944. Lucy's sister Nettie was residing with them in Cleveland when she died on January 6, 1902.

#### **James Dunning Cameron [1841-1921]**

James, the son of John and Ann Cameron, was born in Canada in 1841. Soon after arriving in the Grand Haven area in 1878, James purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 14 of Robinson Township, where he raised livestock. The Camerons were still residing on their farm in 1918. His wife Marian [Mary] was born in Canada on June 28, 1844 and died on January 9, 1918 in Robinson Township. James died on August 12, 1921 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with Marian. Their daughter Myrtle Florence Cameron was born in Robinson Township on August 17, 1878, married Loyal J. Wilson [1876-1930], and died in Milwaukee on January 15, 1961.

#### **Russell Walton Camfield [1900-1947]**

Russell Camfield, who founded Camfield Manufacturing in Grand Haven in 1937, died on August 9, 1947 at the age of 46 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He was born in Springfield, Illinois on October 12, 1900. When he was 16, he joined the United States Navy and served in England, where he became adept at communications. After the war he was assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago. Later he became chief engineer for E. T. Cunningham, Inc., in Illinois. Russell was in his second year as president of the Spring Lake Country Club when he fell and fractured a kneecap. That injury led to a blood clot that ended his life. Camfield Manufacturing was well known for its toasters and other products for the home. After Russell's death his wife, Marie [Marion], continued to reside in the family home at 216 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. They had at least one son, Stephen Camfield. Marie passed away on October 7, 1952 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Louis Campau [Campeau] [1791-1871]**

Born in Detroit on August 11, 1791, Louis Campau, a fur trader who spoke French and English, was with the American militia in Detroit under General William Hull, who on August 16, 1812 surrendered to the British. After the war, Louis became best known for establishing the first trading post at what is now Saginaw and for being the first permanent settler in Grand Rapids. Louis arrived in the Grand River Valley in the spring of 1826. He earned the Indian name "Wagushe" ["Fox"] because of his skill in trading with the Indians and for his shrewd transactions with the Native Americans. Antoine Campau, his brother, also was an early settler in Grand Rapids.

After Louis's first wife died in Saginaw, he married Sophie de Marsac in Detroit on August 9, 1825. Sophie was born in Detroit on September 25, 1807 and died on July 31, 1869, only two years before

Louis's death. Louis's brother, Toussaint, had a trading post in Grand Haven at the "Lower Diggings," the present Government Pond, which Louis bought in July 1834, for \$350. Louis had Nathan Throop of Grand Haven build a warehouse for him on the same site. Toussaint married Emily Marsac, Sophie's sister, in Grand Rapids on November 27, 1834, which according to Lydens was the first Catholic wedding ceremony in the area. Another brother, Antoine, was an early settler in the Grand Rapids area. Louis died April 13, 1871.

### **Archibald Campbell I [1860-1936]**

Born in Markham, Ontario on February 12, 1860, Archibald Campbell came to the Grand Haven area at age 19 with five other men. He was a foundry man and in the early 1890s with Edward Gillen he established a foundry to fabricate parts for Dake Engine Company. The company, called Gillen & Campbell, was located at the corner of Seventh and Monroe. Dake Engine owed Campbell's firm some money. In early 1900 Johnston Boiler of Ferrysburg bought out all the stockholders of the Dake Engine Company except James P. Armstead. In 1905 when Dake Engine and Archie's company were merged, Thomas B. Johnston became president, his son John F. Johnston was treasurer, and Campbell was vice president. Armstead was named secretary and general manager. Archie, a staunch Democrat, was mayor of Grand Haven from 1909 to 1911. He became president of Dake Engine Company from 1924 to 1936. He was a Mason, the Order of Eastern Star, Spring Lake Country Club, Stag Club, and Elks.

On October 11, 1887 Archie married Ida L. Andres, who was born on July 7, 1867 and died on March 11, 1951. Ida was the daughter of Ernest and Ida Andres of Grand Haven. For years the Campbell family lived at 225 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, in a place that became known as the "Campbell House." Their children were Agnes L. Campbell, who was born in April 1895 and married Cleo Edwin Stine; Esther M. Campbell, who was born in October 1897 and taught Social Studies at Grand Haven High School from 1923 to 1963; Archibald Andres Campbell, who was born in Grand Haven on November 5 1904 and became general manager of Dake Engine Company; and Kenneth Campbell, born about 1908. Archie II and Kenneth, like their father, worked for Dake Engine Company. Archie I died in Grand Haven from a heart attack on December 4, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 5, 1936.]

### **Benjamin R. Campbell I [1833-1908]**

Benjamin R. Campbell I made shoes and boots at a shop near the Grand Trunk Depot in Spring Lake, not far from his home. The railway depot was located near the northwest corner of Savidge and Cutler Streets, and Benjamin's shop likely was on Savidge Street, or State Street, as it was then known. Benjamin was born in Canada in August 1833. While in Canada, he married Emily Hill [Emilie/Emma] about 1853. She was born in Haiti in January 1835. Emily was three when she immigrated to the United States. She and Benjamin came to the United States in 1865, settling in Spring Lake. They were charter members of the Spring Lake Baptist Church, founded on December 7, 1867. The couple's children, listed in the 1870 census were Charles Campbell, born in March 1856 [1857]; Mary J. Campbell, born in June 1858; Emily Campbell, born about 1862; Annie [Anna] E. Campbell, born about 1866; and Benjamin Campbell II, who was born on April 28, 1867 and died of peritonitis in Spring Lake on February 8, 1883. Later arrivals were Thomas Campbell, who died on September 12, 1871 as a six-month old infant; and William Edward Campbell, who died on August 25, 1873, a little over a year old. Charles, Mary, and Emily were born in Canada, the others were born locally. Benjamin II was one of six members of the first class to graduate from a fully graded school [1 through 8] in Spring Lake in 1881. Benjamin II, Thomas, and William were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1870 Benjamin was doing well enough to afford hiring a domestic servant. In 1880 Benjamin's mother, Jane, was living with the family, but son Charles had disappeared. Jane was born in Virginia about 1810. In 1877 Benjamin I was included in R. L. Polk's Michigan *Business Directory* as a shoemaker in Spring Lake, and ten years later he was listed in *R. G. Dun & Co., Registry Mercantile Reference Book for 1887*, again as a shoemaker and still in Spring Lake. [Kitchel, p. 96.] However, Benjamin was not included in the 1893 *Business Compendium*, making it likely that he had left

Spring Lake by then. A newspaper article reported, "The [Campbell] family moved to Detroit thirty years ago and have all passed away except the oldest daughter, Mary. Mr. Campbell died 12 years ago and Mrs. Campbell three years previously. Miss Mary, who never visited here during those thirty years, motored from Detroit, accompanied by Benj. F. Campbell, No. 3, and a niece, and was greatly delighted in meeting childhood acquaintances here on Monday." [Kitchel, p. 185.] The article, apparently taken from the *Grand Haven Tribune*, is not dated, but appears to have been written about 1920. The same article noted that Dwight Cutler, one of Grand Haven's leaders, continued buying his boots from Benjamin, even after the boot maker had moved to Detroit and "long after shoes came in vogue." Records show he died in Detroit in 1908 and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery.

Benjamin I continued in the shoe making business after his move to Detroit, but the date and place of his death was not determined. The Benjamin III referred to in the newspaper article was born on December 29, 1892 in Detroit. He was the son of Charles and Julia Campbell. On November 14, 1889 in Wayne County Charles married Julia A. Bush [Bresch]. The Campbells in 1900 remained in Detroit, where Charles worked as a barber. The 1900 census showed Charles and Julia had three children, all born in Detroit: Nellie A., born in October 1891; Benjamin, who was born on December 29, 1892; and Charles H., who was born on November 7, 1895. The census taker that year spelled the family name Campell and Benjamin as Bengaman. This "Bengaman" is referred to as Benjamin No. 3 in the undated newspaper article. In 1910 he was living in Detroit with his widowed mother Julia and his brother Charles. Julia at the time of the census was working as a hairdresser and 50 years old. On June 21, 1920 in Detroit, Benjamin III married Alice Jones. Mary J. Campbell was unmarried and still residing in Detroit in 1930. No more information about the Campbells was found after 1930, except that Benjamin III died in Detroit in March 1980. The Campbells were an African American family.

#### **Elmer Campbell [1908-1979] and Marie Viebrock Campbell [1915-1999]**

Born in Ferrysburg on September 23, 1915, Marie was the daughter of Martin and Anna De Witt Viebrock. She married Elmer Campbell in 1931. He was born on January 31, 1908, died in Spring Lake on November 24, 1979, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Marie was a seamstress for the Kiddie Kover Company in Grand Haven, which operated from 1929 to 1953. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake. She and her husband had one daughter, Betty Ann, who married Harry Silvers of Spring Lake. Marie passed away on January 7, 1999 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Esther Campbell [1897-1967]**

Among their other children, Archie and Ida Andres Campbell had a daughter Esther Campbell. She was born on October 11, 1897 and died on November 11, 1967 in Grand Haven. She taught history, Spanish, and English at Grand Haven High School from 1923 to 1963.

#### **Harry McMillan Campbell [1950-2004]**

See Bonnie Lee Vanderkolk [1946-1997].

#### **Henni Ann Damhoff Campbell [1946-2024]**

From 1986 to 2011, Henni Campbell served as secretary to four superintendents of Grand Haven Area Public Schools. She was born Henni Ann Damhoff in Groningen, The Netherlands on January 11, 1946. She married Bruce Dana Campbell on September 9, 1966. He was born in Spring Lake in August 1944 and died on July 4, 2014. Henni and Bruce lived in Springdale, Arkansas from 1972 to 1979, where he was plant manager of Atco Rubber Company. Their two daughters were born in Springdale: Jennifer Campbell Edwards of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Stefanie Campbell Passey of Danville, California. When Henni and Bruce moved to the Grand Haven area, they resided at 16050 Harbor Point Drive in Ferrysburg. Henni passed away on February 18, 2024.

#### **James G. Campbell [1918-1997]**

James Campbell achieved the rank of major during WWII and was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action. He was born on October 19, 1918 in Michigan and married Mary Marguerite Colton in Grand Rapids on August 18, 1942. She was born in Grand Rapids on January 4, 1924. At the time of the wedding, James was stationed at Fort Benning in Georgia. After the war, James was employed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company and later by the Mackinaw & Detroit Railway Company. He founded the Iosco Industrial Development Corporation before moving to 570 Leonard Road in Spring Lake, where he was surveying supervisor for the firm of Brechting, Handyside, & Adams, located at 302 South Beechtree Street. James also was an accomplished watercolor artist. Two of his paintings [*May Graham* and the *General Peter Conover Hains*] are in the archives of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Mary died on July 29, 1991. James passed away in Iosco County on December 29, 1997. Both were buried at St. Joseph Cemetery in Iosco County.

#### **Leland E. Cannon [1918-2001]**

Leland was born in Kalamazoo on November 4, 1918, the son of Percy G. and Gertrude Hensley Cannon. On August 2, 1940, he married Ethel Victoria Masselink. Cannon was an advertising sales representative for the *Muskegon Chronicle*. In 1947 the Cannons bought the Hatton home at 482 Sheldon Terrace, which they owned for the next 53 years. In 1995 Cannon and his wife drove to Rolla, Missouri, where he was to undergo treatment for colon cancer. His son-in-law was the surgeon. While in Missouri, Ethel contracted shingles and died on January 16, 1997, after more than a year in the hospital. Because of his health problems, Lee was unable to return to Grand Haven and remained with his daughter Vicki in Rolla. In the summer of 2000 he decided to sell the home to Scott Bekins and auction off its contents. He died in Rolla on February 1, 2001. The Cannons had been married more than 55 years.

#### **Leon Joel Campbell [1884-1965]**

Born on September 12, 1884 in Eagle, Wyoming County, New York, Leon was the son of William A. and Cora B. Austin Campbell. William was born in New York State in 1861 and married Cora Austin in July 4, 1882. Also a native of New York, Cora was born on April 18, 1862. The family moved to Big Rapids in 1886 and later relocated to Muskegon.

Leon graduated from high school in Paris, Kent County and worked for Eckerman Drug Store in Muskegon for four years. On April 5, 1906 he married Margaret Hoffman, born on December 15, 1884 in Muskegon. She joined her husband in Spring Lake in 1907, a year after they were married. She was the daughter of Jacob and Maartje Hoffman, both natives of The Netherlands. In 1906 Leon started work in a drugstore at 208 West Savidge, owned by Felix Perl. Leon purchased the bankrupt business about 1908 with E. L. Reinecke as his partner. Reinecke moved to Port Huron and Campbell became sole owner, operating under the name Campbell Pharmacy. In 1923 Leon paid Julia Falls, Andrew's widow, \$3,500 for the property at 200 West Savidge, at that time the site of Spencer's Grocery, and moved his business there. He sold the business in 1948 to Clarence Eshleman.

The Campbells had two children, Dana A. Campbell, who was born January 30, 1916 and married Rena Vandersys, and William Arthur Campbell, born on January 13, 1926. Leon served for eight years on the Spring Lake Village Council and belonged to a number of organizations, including Blue Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, the Spring Lake Country Club, the Rotary Club, and the Yacht Club. He passed away in Spring Lake on November 19, 1965 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret died on November 30, 1970 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Coppins Carew [Carewe] [1907-1989]**

According to an article in the *Tribune*, Coppins Carew started the Chicken Inn, but more likely it was his parents, Robert and Gertrude Carew. Coppins's wife, Adelaide [Adelaise] Marie Fox, born in St. Paul, Minnesota on July 12, 1911 [1912], married Coppins when she was 16. They lived at 819 Washington Street in Grand Haven in 1930. The next year their residence was located at 821 Bignell Court in Grand Haven Township. Living with them was a son, Coppins St. John Carew II, who was born in Minnesota

about 1928, and a daughter, Juanita Carew, born in Michigan about February 1930. They had two other children: Gertrude Carew [1932-2013] and Joaquin Carew [1939-2013]. In 1930 Coppins was a waiter at the Ferry Hotel in downtown Grand Haven. Coppins's brother Ben was a member of an orchestra that played at the Ferry Hotel. Coppins's and Adelaide's son, Coppins St. John Carew, was killed in a sledding accident in Grand Rapids on January 10, 1941. The boy was 12 years old. The older Coppins passed away in Grand Rapids on September 26, 1989. Adelaide died in Grand Rapids on November 12, 2006. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 5, 1935 and January 10, 1941 and *Grand Rapids Press* obituary, November 16, 2006.]

### **Robert Abraham Carew [1869-1934]**

Robert Carew on July 11, 1891, married Gertrude Stewart in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Robert was born in Prattville, Alabama on December 7, 1869, and Gertrude in the same state about seven years later. Among their children, all born in Alabama, were Helen, who was born about 1894; Ruth, born about 1897; Samuel, born about 1900; Gertrude Carew Jr. [sic], who was born on August 16, 1902 and died of pneumonia in Norton Township on January 4, 1935; Rosseveldt [sic] Carew, born about 1906; Coppins Carew, born on February 13, 1907; Theresa Carew, born about 1910, and Benjamin [sic] Carew, born about 1913. Another child, Sirlonley Carew, was born in Alabama in 1891 and died in Des Moines, Iowa in an automobile accident on December 21, 1945.

The Carew family was living in Jefferson County, Alabama in 1910. Robert was working as a preacher at that time. They moved to Iowa about 1914 and later to Minneapolis. In 1928 the couple owned and operated the Grand Haven Chicken Inn at 22 South Beechtree Street in Grand Haven. The family resided in Muskegon. By 1930 they had moved their restaurant business to a vacant building at 10 Franklin Street and were living at 12 Franklin, now the site of Tip A Few Tavern. The name of the family business continued to be the Grand Haven Chicken Inn, with Robert and Gertrude as managers. Rosseveldt was the buyer for the new restaurant, Theresa was the second chef, and Benjamin was a waiter. Helen was unemployed. By 1932 the Carews had relocated to Norton Township in Muskegon County, where they operated a restaurant, also called Chicken Inn. Robert died in Muskegon in 1934. In 1940, Gertrude and her daughter Helen were residents of Keene, Ionia County and unemployed. The Carew family sold the Grand Haven business about 1941 to Kathryn Fons. Gertrude the mother died in Grand Rapids on November 20, 1951 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **Alfred X. Carey [Cary] [1811-1882]**

Alfred was born in Kent, Rhode Island, on March 28, 1811, the son of Dr. Joseph and Ruby Ann Carey. In 1833 he married Sarah Musdirk. In Michigan Alfred Carey was captain of the 127-foot *Algoma*, which operated between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven beginning in 1848. He was listed as one of the Catholic families in the 1859 Grand Rapids *City Directory*. That year he was proprietor of a flour and produce company in the same city. Alfred died on August 6, 1882. Sarah lived from 1812 to 1890. They both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **James Henry Carey [1851-1940]**

Born in Hillsdale County on July 22, 1851, James Carey arrived in Olive Township in 1861. There he became sole owner of a large sawmill at Olive Center, where he also was town clerk. On May 26, 1875 in Ottawa County, he married Cora Lyon, who was born in Medina County, Ohio, on August 11, 1857. They had one child, Herbert W. Carey, born on March 6, 1877. By 1876 James owned a 40-acre farm in Section 8 of Olive Township. He died in Lowell, Kent County in 1940 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Cora passed away in 1939 and was buried at the same cemetery.

### **John Ward Carey [1925-1991]**

Born May 11, 1925 in Lansing to Glen and Pearl Carey, John served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was employed as president and CEO of the Credit Bureau of North Ottawa County from 1955 to 1975. He served as a systems analyst, worked for Coastal Real Estate for two years, and managed Spring Lake



Yacht Club for several years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Masons, Elks and V.F.W. On November 27, 1946 he married Joyce E. King in Lapeer, Lapeer County. Joyce was born on April 6, 1926 and died in Grand Haven on February 25, 1993. Their children were Nancy Carey, who married Gary Sudy of Grand Haven; Patricia Carey, who married Dwayne Avery of Ravenna; Randolph Carey, who moved to Hawaii; and Timothy Carey. John died on January 30, 1991. He and Joyce were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 31, 1991.]

### **Carl Fredrik Carlson [Karl Fredrik Karlsson] [1869-1935]**

A touch of New England Cape Cod style was reflected in the bungalow-style home built at 1010 Sheldon Road around 1923 by Carl Carlson. Carlson, a native of Sweden, immigrated to the United States when he was two years old and came to Grand Haven in the early 1920s. It was then he bought the vacant lot at 1010 Sheldon. He first built the garage, where he lived while constructing the house, warmed by a pot belly stove. When the house was completed, his wife, a midwife, joined him at their new home. Called the Sheldon Road Maternity Home, the Carlson house was used as a birthing place, an alternate to the maternity ward at the Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital, 114 South Fifth Street. In anticipation of his wife's profession, Carl included an 8-foot x 12-foot birthing room with a fireplace, one of two in the home, that kept the mothers and their infants warm. In 1930 the Carlsons' son, Carl Torbjörn Carlson, his wife Josephine, and their newborn son, named Carl Fredrick Carlson, were living in the house on Sheldon with Carl and Maria. Carl worked as a cabinet maker with the Basian Blessing Company. Karl T. Carlson lived from March 8, 1901 to January 31, 1958. Josephine lived from 1907 to 1985. [The home at 1010 Sheldon Road was substantially remodeled in 2019.]

Carl, a native of Sweden, was born on March 3, 1869 and died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1935. He married Maria Katrina Bengsston on September 7, 1890 in Sweden. She was born in Sweden on July 3, 1872. The Carlsons immigrated to the United States in 1902. Maria died in Grand Haven on March 13, 1966 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. Carl T. and Josephine were buried in the same plot.

### **Carl Fredrick Carlson [1930-2007]**

Born in Grand Haven on March 24, 1930, Carl Carlson was the son of Carl T. and Josephine Rozneck Carlson and the grandson of Carl Fredrik and Maria Bengtsson Carlson. Carl F. served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He had worked at Option Care for six years. Carl also was a self-employed contractor and built many houses in the Grand Haven area. In addition, he was an artist, and wood was his medium. He became well known for the antique cars he created out of wood. The doors could be opened, and the steering wheels turned, but the wheels were fixed in place so the piece would not be mistaken for a toy. Carl married Jacqueline Lea Giant in Grand Haven on July 14, 1955. Carl died on February 13, 2007 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had three children, including Barbara Carlson, who was born about 1963 and became an artist.

### **Carl [Karl] Torbjörn Carlson [1901-1958]**

Carl, the son of Carl Fredrik and Maria Bengtsson Carlson, was born in Sweden on March 8, 1901. He was two years old when he immigrated to the United States with his parents and siblings. On May 2, 1922, he married Christian Sadlier [1905-1927] in Detroit. They were divorced on December 7 that year. He then married Viola Eva Aspenwall [1887-1954] in Port Clinton, Ohio. They had one daughter, Leona V. Carlson, who was born on July 6, 1928. Twelve days after Carl and Viola were divorced on November 5, 1928, he married Josephine Anna Rozneck in Detroit. By 1930, he and Josephine were living with his parents at 1010 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Their first son, Carl Fredrik Carlson, was born in Grand Haven on March 24, 1930. Two more sons followed: Roger John Carlson, born in Grand Haven on August 20, 1936, and Joseph Allen Carlson, born in Grand Haven on June 7, 1940. Carl and Josephine were divorced in Grand Haven on October 3, 1949. Carl died on February 4, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Josephine passed away in 1985 and was buried at the same cemetery.

**Jon Carlson [1946-2017]**

Jon Carlson was born in Grand Haven on March 24, 1946. Following his four years of service with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, Jon attended Pratt Institute in New York. He remained in New York for ten years, specializing in the film industry before returning to Grand Haven, where in 1984 he established Jon Carlson Commercial Arts. Jon and his wife Linda resided in his childhood home at 620 North Fifth Street, which also served as his business office and studio. They were married in 1991. Jon played guitar and sang as a member of a group that performed at Sportsmen's Bar on Beechtree. He played guitar and sang. He died on November 26, 2017, the day after he was rescued from a fire that destroyed his home. Linda was born in Grand Haven on March 29, 1953 and died on Jan 10, 2023. She and Jon were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**John Charles Carlyle [1938-2018]**

John Carlyle practiced law in Grand Haven for 40 years, first with the Scholten Fant law firm, then independently, and finally with the local Varnum law office, which he opened. He also served on several boards of directors of Grand Haven area companies, and he owned M & S Companies in Grand Haven and Wright Coating Company in Kalamazoo.

John was born in Plainwell, Allegan County, on September 20, 1938. He received a bachelor degree from Albion College in 1960 and a degree in law from Duke University Law School four years later. He and Nancy Sessions were married on August 26, 1961. They lived for a while in Chicago, where John became a Certified Public Accountant. They moved to Grand Haven in 1968. Their children were Megan, who married Tim Dadson, and Amy, who married Kyle Williams.

John was a member of Lion's Club, Grand Haven Area Jaycees, and United Way. He helped start the Grand Haven YMCA and was a member of Hospice of North Ottawa Community Hospital and the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. He died on April 22, 2018.

**Anthony "Gus" Carowitz [1918-1983]**

Born in Grand Rapids on March 27, 1918, Gus Carowitz moved to the Grand Haven area after serving in the Army during WWII. He was owner of Turk's Restaurant in Nunica for 30 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Legion, Elks, V.F.W., Disabled Veterans, Sacred Heart Society in Grand Rapids, St. Isidore's Benevolent Society in Grand Rapids, and the Spring Lake Vets Club. Gus married Della Kulik, who was born on May 10, 1916 and died in April 1966. He then married Dorothy Ringgold. His children included Susan, who married Joseph Stalec of Spring Lake; Kay of Houston, Texas; a stepdaughter, Judy Hoopfer, who lived at 112 Lake Street in Spring Lake; and a stepson, Jay Howard De Jonge II of Zeeland, who lived from January 21, 1930 to March 26, 1994. Gus died on April 20, 1983. Dorothy, who was born on February 6, 1921, died in Grand Rapids on January 28, 1987. [*Tribune* obituary, April 21, 1983.]

**Michael C. Carpenter [1829-1909]**

Born in Ireland on November 1, 1829, Michael Carpenter was one of Nunica's earliest settlers in 1855 [1858]. He had a farm in Section 15 of Crockery Township, on the south boundary of Nunica, where he also ran a boarding house and sold groceries and other items. In 1881 he took over management of the National Hotel on the southeast corner of Columbus and Water [Harbor] Streets in Grand Haven but maintained his farm. After Michael died on March 22, 1909, his son William held title to the 76-acre farm. Michael's wife, Ann Cavanaugh, was born in Ireland in 1835 and died April 22, 1908 at her home in Nunica. Their five children were all born in Michigan, including a son, William, who was born in February 1868 and died in 1931. Another son, Owen Patrick Carpenter, lived from 1864 to 1952.

**Frederick M. Carr [1874-1898]**

Frederick Carr, a Coopersville resident, died on September 1, 1898 at Fort McPherson, Georgia of typhoid fever. He was one of several members of Company F of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry, out of Grand Haven,

who came down with typhoid. They were training for active duty during the Spanish-American War. He was born in 1874. He was buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

### **Fred M. Carter [? - ?]**

Fred Carter was treasurer of the Milliman Manufacturing Company, which started operations in 1907 at the corner of Howard and Water Street [Harbor Drive], in the same building as American Brass Novelty. He lived in Chicago. The company offered millwork and interior finishes.

### **Richard Oliver Carter [1905-1977]**

Born on December 18, 1905, Richard Carter passed away in Grand Haven on January 18, 1977. On July 5, 1931, he married Lola Emma Khun in Detroit. Born in Detroit, she lived from May 19, 1910 to November 15, 1994. Richard started Carter Engineering at 521 Oak Street in Ferrysburg in 1954. He and Lola were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had seven children: Robert Richard Carter [1931-2005]; Carole Ann Carter [1935-1997]; Richard Roland Carter [1937-1996]; Kenneth Carlton Carter [1939-1990]; Lawrence Carter [b. 1943]; Bruce Carter [b. 1949]; and Gregory Steven Carter [1951-2004].

### **David Carver [1803-1849]**

In April 1835 David Carver opened a warehouse in Chicago. A newspaper advertisement advised readers that “he was “ready to receive consignment of any goods, or cargoes of goods, to be forwarded to any section of the country, or sold on commission.” The next year, he came to Grand Haven, bringing Clark Albee with him. In Grand Haven, David opened another forwarding and commission business. He loaned \$2,000 to William Butts and William Hathaway, both Canadians, allowing them in 1836 to complete the Butts & Hathaway Sawmill, the area’s first functioning sawmill at the foot of Columbus Street in Grand Haven. Clark Albee was clerk at David’s warehouse and dock on Harbor Drive. He and Dr. Sydney Williams shared a residence at 225 Franklin [Lot 222] in Grand Haven, and Carver also was credited with building a home at 108 South First Street. David and Alonzo L. White were proprietors of the Town of Charleston, Ottawa County, platted in 1836. When the forwarding business went bankrupt in the financial depression of 1836 to 1837, David left the area. According to Franklin Everett [*Memorials of the Grand River Valley*], David died of exposure in Rocky Mountains about January 22, 1849 while part of John Fremont’s fourth expedition. David was born in Gloucester County, New Jersey in 1803. He married Emeline Weyant, but they left no descendants. She lived from 1812 to 1889. [“David Carver,” Debra Lynn Carver Bruns, “Chicago Genealogical,” Spring 2011.]

### **Abel Casemier [CazmierCazemier] [1855-1905]**

Abel Casemier was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a gardener [under Able Cazermier] and in the 1900 Federal Census as a farmer. A native of The Netherlands, he was born in Groningen, on May 17, 1855 and died on December 17, 1905. On May 14, 1881 in Groningen Province he married Johanna Olthoff, also born in The Netherlands. She lived from August 1851[1853] to 1932. They immigrated to the United States in 1882. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Jennie, born in July 1883; Mary, who was born on December 29, 1883, married Robert Muller in Grand Rapids on May 17, 1911, died on March 16, 1974, and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids; Martin, who was born on January 10, 1886, died in 1938, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Sena, who was born on April 26, 1888 and married Edward Poel; Henry I, born on October 24, 1890; Ida, born in May 1893; and John, born on September 8, 1896. The family resided at 1121 Fulton.

### **Henry P. Casemier [Cazmier] I [1890-1974]**

Henry, the son of Abel and Johanna Casemier, was born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1890. His first job was driving a wagon to deliver groceries, but in 1921 he purchased Henry Ringelberg’s Meat Market at 708 Washington. Later Henry broadened the business and renamed it the Henry Casemier Super Market.

Henry married Johanna [“Nana”/“Nora”] Boomgart [Boomgard] in Grand Haven on June 25, 1913. She was born in Grand Haven on January 6, 1891. Their children included Marjorie A., born about 1915;

Donald C., born who was born on August 31, 1915, moved to San Diego, California, and died there on June 12, 1986; Dorothy, who was born on April 7, 1918, married Paul Boyink of Grand Haven, and died on March 26, 2012 in Jenison; Jane Lois, who was born on September 11, 1919, married Peter Klaassen on August 1, 1940 in Grand Haven, and died on December 10, 2010; Ruth, who was born on February 6, 1921 and married Eugene Rothi of Grand Haven; Betty I., who was born on September 1, 1934, married Harry Bosscher in Grand Haven on September 27, 1946, and died on August 14, 2013; Henry II, who was born May 27, 1926, took over management of the stores, and died in Spring Lake on November 4, 1995; Priscilla, who was born on October 29, 1927, married Alfred Charles Pedersen in Grand Haven on September 1, 1949, and died on December 27, 2012 in Mishawka, Indiana; and Marvin J., who was born on September 27, 1931, became a partner in the family grocery business, and died in Grand Haven on April 24, 2016. The Casemier residence was located at 1027 Washington in 1920, at 618 Fulton around 1930, later at 1121 Fulton, and then at 1825 Waverly.

Nana passed away in Grand Haven on February 20, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In March 1953 Henry married Liebertha "Bertha" Kraai, the widow of Mino [Mennow] Smith. Bertha was born on June 8, 1889 and passed away in Holland on December 30, 1984. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Henry I died on August 2, 1974 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Jay Richard Casemier [1934-2004] and Carolyn Furgason Casemier-Rotz [1938-2023]**

In 1961 Jay Casemier, a pharmacist at Steiner's Drugstore at 136 Washington, purchased Presley's Drugstore at 700 Washington. Two years later he moved his pharmacy business to the Meijer complex at 430 North Beacon, where he operated under the name Casemier Pharmacy until the chain store bought the business in 1975. He next purchased and operated Bunte's Pharmacy in downtown Holland until 1989. He then joined the D & W grocery store chain and was manager at the Grand Haven D & W until he transferred to the Norton Shores store. Jay, the son of John and Jessie Ver Duin Casemier, was born in Grand Haven on April 27, 1934. He married Carolyn Ferguson in Kalamazoo on May 7, 1960. She was born on June 14, 1938 in Sanford, Midland County. Jay, who had a real estate license, served with the North Ottawa Board of Realtors and was a member of Christ Community Church, the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, the Spring Lake Country Club, and the West Michigan Pharmacists Association, where he once served as president. Jay died in Spring Lake on January 14, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Carolyn had three daughters: Cyndi, who married Robert Johnson of Berlin, Vermont and later was divorced; Cammie, who married David Heatherington of Spring Lake; and Christi, who married Tom Lindow of Westerville, Ohio. The Casemier family resided at 13668 Lakeshore Drive. Carolyn was an architectural designer. In 2011 she married widower Lloyd Rotz, a former Grand Haven physician. Carolyn died on July 23, 2023 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, January 15, 2004.]

### **John Casemier [1896-1971]**

John Casemier worked at Fred Strahsburg's grocery store at 1322 Washington Street in Grand Haven before buying the business in 1927 and renaming it Casemier's Sanitary Market. John moved the store to 1123 Washington and in 1932 relocated again to 1117-1119 Washington. He also had a store at 222 North Fifth around 1940 and later at 401 South Beechtree. In 1946 his sons Robert J. Casemier and Abel L. Casemier took over management of the business. From 1949 into the early 1950s John also had stores in Spring Lake at 600 East Savidge, Coopersville, and Ferrysburg, and he operated a summer store at Highland Park.

John, the son of Abel and Johanna Casemier, was born in Grand Haven on September 8, 1896. On May 3, 1925, he married Jessena "Jessie" Ver Duin, who was born on August 12, 1894. The Casemiers resided at 945 Washington Street in Grand Haven in the 1920s and later at 1143 Waverly Road. John died in Bradenton, Florida on January 28, 1971 and Jessie passed away in Crockery Township on February 2, 1988. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Jay Richard Casemier, born on April 27, 1934; Abel Louis Casemier, who lived from July 19, 1925 to November 16, 2007; Robert

James Casemier, born about 1928; and Beverly Joan Casemier, who was born on September 20, 1936, married Byford Goldman on May 6, 1960 in Grand Haven, and died on February 22, 2014.

**Carolyn Casemier-Rotz [1938-2023]**

See Jay Richard Casemier.

**William Cass [1827-1905]**

William Cass and J. P. Hughes, early Grand Haven photographers, were joint owners of a photography business. William was born in New York State in 1827. His companion, Adelia [Adela/Delia] Meeks, was born in July 1833 in the same state. They were residents of Grand Haven as early as 1865, when the photography studio opened. Hughes disappeared from the area after 1868, but William continued the business until at least 1880. The studio's address was given as 72 Washington, a number that was invalidated when the numbering system was changed. [Number 72 probably was on the north side of Washington in what is now the 100 block.] It may have been burned down in the fire of February 21, 1866, when many of the businesses on Washington Street between Water [Harbor] and First Street were destroyed. He and Adelia resided on Second Street. By 1900 they were located in Chicago, where William was proprietor of a candy store. Their years married were listed as "unknown." He died in Chicago on July 25, 1905 and was interred at Forest Home Cemetery.

**Ferris Andrew Cassis [1922-2000]**

Ferris Cassis, the son of Syrian parents, was born in Toledo, Ohio on November 16, 1922, died on October 5, 2000 in Grand Rapids, and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. During the 1940s and 1950s Ferris leased a building at 12 Washington from Joe Nejem and ran the Harbor Inn. He resided on Ferris Street in the mid-1950s. He and his wife Dorothy Ellis had at least one child, Leslie Cassis, who was born in Grand Rapids on November 4, 1952 and married Paul Withun of Grand Haven.

**Leslie Cassis [1952-2020]**

See Leslie Withun.

**Heamon [Heman] Castle [1862-1930]**

Heamon Castle was born in Eastmanville on July 16, 1862. His parents were Truman S. and Mary M. Cross Castle. Heamon worked in local sawmills and owned a farm in Section 8 of Polkton Township before joining the U.S. Life Saving Service in 1896, where he spent the remainder of his working career until he retired in 1926 as a boatswain's mate, first class. On April 9, 1883 he married Mary L. Quigley in Crockery Township. Two years later the family was in Frankfort, evidently for a short time. Mary lived from May 1863 [1864] to 1915. By the early 1900s the family had moved to Grand Haven and resided at 501 Lake Avenue. Heamon died on October 21 [24], 1930. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery. John Franklin Castle, born on August 23, 1885, was their son. Other children were Eunice Mary, born in April 1893, Flora A., and Lewis Heamon Castle.

**John Franklin Castle I [1885-1953]**

Early in his life, John F. Castle worked for the Life Saving Service in Grand Haven. In the 1930s he and Henry Arkema operated Castle Gardens in Spring Lake, specializing in gladiolas. The Castle property was located at 17802 Fruitport Road. John, the son of Heamon and Mary Quigley Castle, was born in Frankfort on August 23, 1885. He married Clara Frieda Reichel on December 4, 1907. They had five children, including John F. II, who was born on December 17, 1921 and died on March 28, 1990. Clara was born on December 1, 1885, passed away on June 12, 1955, and was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. He died on October 30, 1953. John II also was buried there.

**John S. Castle [1830-1916]**

When John Castle enlisted as private in Company M of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry on May 11, 1863, he was a resident of Polkton Township. On November 7, 1865 he was transferred to Company D of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry. John was discharged with the rank of sergeant on May 11, 1866 and then settled in Nunica. In 1892 he became proprietor of the Rideout House in Spring Lake, but by 1900 he was unemployed and living with his family in Crockery Township.

John married Amanda Bartholomew in Ottawa County on October 14, 1858. The daughter of Arza and Isabel Mumy Bartholomew of Crockery Township, Amanda lived from April 24, 1838 to May 3, 1923. The Castles had at least two children: Newton, who was born about 1862, and Nettie, who was born about 1874. Amanda was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with her husband, who died on October 28, 1916. John was born in Vermont on March 24, 1830.

### **Claude E. Catron [1913-1987]**

Claude Catron, a native of Tennessee, was born on November 30, 1913 and passed away in Grand Haven on February 17, 1987, shortly after his retirement. He and Margaret Murie were married in Grand Haven on May 22, 1940. She was a cashier at Erickson's Super Market on Franklin Street. They had two children: Mary, who married William Heiles, a music professor at the University of Illinois and concert pianist, and John, who was a corporal in the United States Marines. Claude was a projectionist at the Grand Theatre from 1937 to 1946, and his electrical interests also led him into sound engineering. He took care of the speaker system at the Grand and Robinhood Theaters, besides running the movie projectors. In 1946, Claude went to work at Continental Motors, Muskegon, as a special lathe and press operator. He started repairing watches in his basement shop a year later and for five years handled two jobs simultaneously. He built his first shop, Catron Watch Repair, behind his home at 311 Franklin in 1954 and operated the business at that address for 11 years. As the need for more space became apparent, he moved to 109 South Fifth Street to live, and built an addition to house his business. The old building later became the site of Dick's Barber Shop. Margaret was born in Whitehall on March 20, 1916, died in Grand Haven on November 19, 2005, and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John F. Cavanaugh [1868-1936]**

John Cavanaugh, a sea captain, was born on December 23, 1868 in Michigan City, Indiana, the descendant of sailor ancestors. At 13 he obtained a job with a tugboat as captain and soon became known to the seamen as Captain "Jack." He shipped on a lumber barge when he was 16, and in 1884 he experienced his first shipwreck. He received First Officer papers in 1888 and came to Grand Haven as mate of the vessel *Frank Woods*. In 1903 he received master's papers. In 1904 he joined the Crosby Transportation Company, and later that year he had a master's berth on the *Petoskey* and then the steamer *Nyack*. He bought the *Conestoga* and commanded the *Kansas* that stood by for rescue operations when the *Naomi* burned in mid-lake on May 21, 1907. His last command was the *City of Milwaukee*.

On January 15, 1901 John married Ann Hanrahan. The Cavanaughs lived at 309 South Second Street. They had two children, Katherine, born on June 13, 1902, and Mary, who was born about 1904 and moved to Battle Creek with her husband Dr. Emory Morris, one-time president of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. They were married in Grand Haven on March 17, 1934.

John died in Milwaukee on April 23, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ann passed away on December 10, 1942 and was buried near her husband. The family attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 1936.]

### **Katherine Cavanaugh [1902-1978]**

Katherine, born in Grand Haven on June 13, 1902, was the daughter of John and Ann Hanrahan Cavanaugh. On September 19, 1903 Katherine was celebrated in the local newspapers for winning first prize at the West Michigan Fair baby show. She resided in the family home at 309 South Second and

worked for 44 years at the Peoples Bank and Trust [Bank One/Chase]. She died in Grand Haven on December 23, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Frank Cech [1863-1943]**

Frank Cech and his wife Josephine owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township. Frank was born in Lybach, Austria [Yugoslavia] on August 13, 1863. Josephine Stepanek was born in the same country on March 19, 1866. They were married in their home country about 1888 and immigrated to America after 1897. Among their children were Mary, who was born in 1889 and married Joseph Zenko of Grand Haven Township; Josephine, who was born on December 27, 1896, married John Paterek in Grand Haven on September 11, 1916, and died on October 18, 1990; Louis J., who was born in Illinois on April 14, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on December 19, 1989; and Joseph, who was born in Illinois about 1906. Louis's wife, Ruth V., lived from August 8, 1907 to September 9, 1972. Frank died on January 6, 1943 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Cemetery. Josephine passed away four years later on January 23 and was buried at the same cemetery.

### **Robert Donald Cernoch [1921-2005]**

Bob, the son of Frank and Mary Barta Cernoch, was born in Antigo, Wisconsin on December 15, 1921. He served as sergeant with the Army during WWII and became a self-employed master carpenter after his discharge, a trade he followed for nearly 60 years. He was part of a group that in 1962 led a drive to incorporate the Village of Ferrysburg as a Fifth Class City. A vote in April the next year approved the petition, and he served three terms on the Ferrysburg City Council. He also served on the City's Board of Review, the Zoning Board, and the Ottawa County Board of Supervisors. He was re-elected to a four-year term on the City Council in 1991. Bob was recognized by the North Ottawa County Council on Aging as the "Older American of the Year" in 2003. He was a volunteer for the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and helped in many remodeling and exhibition projects at the depot site and at the Akeley site. On September 21, 1946, Bob married Emma Marie Wildey. Marie, the daughter of Clifford and Florence Crom Wildey of Spring Lake, was born on January 20, 1926. Bob and Marie had two daughters: Sue, who married Larry Bichelmeyer and relocated to Idaho; and Sheela, who married Rob Schlorer of Washington. The Cernochs resided at 17620 Thornapple in Ferrysburg. Marie died on March 1, 2005, and Bob passed away on December 8, 2005. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 9, 2005.]

### **Louis-Joseph Chabollier [Chaboiller] [1741- ?] and brothers**

Louis-Joseph Chabollier, born on October 24, 1741, was licensed by the French Government on June 4, 1778 to trade for furs along "la Riviere Grande" with two canoes. His brothers, Pierre-Louis [born on February 1, 1744/45], Augustin [born on July 26, 1739], and Francois-Hypolite [born on October 8, 1751], also were fur traders. The four brothers were sons of Charles Chabollier, an early and prominent resident of Mackinac. Charles in 1735 married Marie Anne, a daughter of the Chevalier family. Besides their four sons, Charles and Marie Anne had a daughter, Marie-Anne-Marthe, who was born May 7, 1746. Pierre maintained a residence on the Grand River, but also was listed as one of many proprietors of the general store at Michilimackinac. All but Hypolite were included in the Michigan census of 1778. According to Lillie, Pierre was proprietor of a general store on Mackinac Island and had a residence at the mouth of the Grand River.

### **Byron [Bion] H. Chadwick [1858-1923]**

Byron Chadwick was listed in the 1893 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as agent in Ferrysburg for the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway. On April 27, 1887 he married Mary Frazer [Frazier] in Ferrysburg. The family resided in Ferrysburg. By 1910 the family was living Lyons, Ionia County, where Byron worked as a telegraph operator. Their daughter, Eleanor Chadwick, was born in Ferrysburg on April 12, 1893. They also had a son, William Frazer Chadwick, who was born on March 16, 1895 in Ferrysburg. Byron was born in Coopersville in 1858 and died under the name Bion H.

Chadwick in 1923, apparently the name he was given at birth. Mary lived from 1867 to 1959. They were buried at Coopersville-Polkton Cemetery.

### **Henry Lathrop Chamberlain [1852-1909]**

In 1880 Henry Chamberlain was a clerk on a steamboat. Later he became a partner with C. B. Winslow in a coal, lime, and cement business eventually purchased by Nat Robbins. Henry was born in Cederberg, Wisconsin in 1852. He married Eliza Jane Anthony in Spring Lake on August 10, 1879. She was born in Lyon, New York about 1853. By 1900, they were living in Buffalo, New York. Henry died in Buffalo on September 13, 1909 and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in that city. Eliza continued to reside in Buffalo after his death.

### **L. C. Chamberlain [? - ?]**

Chamberlain became president of the Wait Manufacturing Company when its founder, Justin B. Wait, left for Nebraska in 1879. Chamberlain held the position for two years.

### **Samuel McMasters Chambers [1864-1941]**

Born on October 16, 1864 in New York [Holland, Michigan], Samuel Chambers was 18 years old when he came to Grand Haven in 1882. He ran "the leading tonsorial parlors in the city and made a specialty of ladies' and children's hair cutting and shampooing, employing the very latest electrical shampooing device." His shop was at 132 Washington. On July 6, 1890 in Grand Haven, he married Clara Mary Esler. Born in May 1869, she died in childbirth in Grand Haven on July 14, 1890. On May 5, 1898, still in Grand Haven, Samuel married Myrtle, daughter of Horrace and Sophie Nichols. Myrtle was born in October 1875. and. Samuel and Myrtle lived at 25 Franklin with their children, Madge, born on August 3, 1899, and Horace J., born in 1900. Madge married Lawrence Michele of Grand Haven. By 1920 Samuel, Maud, and Horace were residing in Seattle, Washington, and Madge was living with her Nichols' grandparents at 600 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Samuel and Maud later moved to Los Angeles. Samuel died on February 23, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, November 2, 1984.]

### **Agustus Chandler [1852-1942]**

Agustus [*sic*] Chandler, an African American, was working on a farm in Allegan County in 1880. He was then single. Born in Indiana on April 7, 1852, Agustus on May 16, 1888 in Allegan married C. S. Artis, also listed as Cordelia S. Arney. The couple was included in the 1900 census for Robinson Township, where her name was given as Savannah. Also Black, she was born in Indiana in September 1845. Agustus worked as a huckster on a farm. By 1910 they were located in Osceola County, where Agustus continued to farm. Agustus died in Battle Creek on April 11, 1942 and was buried at Harmon Halladay Cemetery.

### **Charles Chandler II [1838-1905]**

Charles Chandler II was born in Clinton, Lenawee County, in 1838 and studied at the University of Michigan. He became a teacher and later was superintendent of schools in Hastings and then in Grand Haven from 1863 to 1865. On Christmas Day 1865 he married Louisa Harwood White, daughter of Thomas and Caroline White, formerly of Grand Haven but at that time residing in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Haven on February 11, 1838. In 1870 and 1880 the couple was living in Grand Rapids with Louisa's parents. Charles ended his educational career in Grand Rapids in 1877 to pursue a law degree. Louisa was born in Grand Haven in 1838. Charles, an attorney, died of a heart attack while examining a witness during a trial at the Ottawa County Court House on January 9, 1905. His residence at the time of death was listed as 7 Washington Street. Louisa passed away on March 24, 1913. She and Charles were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **M. T. E. Chandler [? - ?]**



In 1855 William M. Ferry II and M.T.E. Chandler started the Ottawa Iron Works, foundry and machine shop in Ferrysburg. Also referred to as Ferry and Chandler, the factory was located near the confluence of Spring Lake Channel and Grand River. No additional information was uncovered.

#### **Frank Amigh Chapel [Chappel] [1862-1922]**

The son of Joseph and Mary E. Brown Chapel, Frank was born in Berrien County on February 25, 1862. On December 23, 1880 in Allendale he married Lillie Evelyn, the daughter of Joel and Maria Eastway Fellows of West Olive. Lillie was born in 1860. The couple moved to Utica, Macomb County shortly after their marriage. Frank made and sold cigars. By 1900 the Chapels were running a 38-acre farm in Allendale Township. They had two sons and two daughters: Frank Sylvester Chapel [1881-1973]; Phillip Sheridan Chapel [1886-1956]; Florence Rose Chapel [1899-1956]; and Frances Chapel [1903-1941]. Frank died on February 11, 1922. Lillie passed away on July 5, 1942 in Detroit.

#### **George E. Chapel [1837-1927]**

Born in New York on July 26, 1837, George Chapel and his family had settled in Allendale Township by 1870, where he was a farmer. He served during the Civil War as second lieutenant with Company C the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery. George married Amelia Moston, who lived from 1841 to 1902. The Chapels were in Eaton County in 1880 and in Grand Rapids in 1920. They had at least one child, Carrie, who was born in Ohio about 1858. Amelia was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with her husband and other family members. George died in Allendale on October 12, 1927. There were no dates on George's headstone.

#### **Joseph Chapel [Chappel] [1815-1899]**

Born in Onondaga County, New York on June 22, 1815, Joseph Chapel relocated to Berrien County and then to Robinson Township in 1872. Four years later Joseph opened a general store. His first wife, Mary E. Brown, was born in Pennsylvania on September 16, 1831 and died on February 6, 1878. Their children included Ella, who was born in Onondaga in 1850, married Abram Foster, also of Onondaga, and died January 30, 1943; Henry M., born in 1856, also in Onondaga County; Frank Amigh, born in 1862; and Charles Henry, who was born in Berrien on November 14, 1864, married Olive Elizabeth Gardiner in Grand Haven on June 24 1885, and died in Grand Rapids on March 9, 1953. After Mary's death on February 6, 1878, Joseph remarried, this time to Mary K. Garrod on March 6, 1879. The second Mary was born in 1817 in Michigan and died on January 21, 1897. Joseph died on January 30, 1899 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with his two wives and other family members.

#### **David Chapman [1830-1897]**

David and Jacob Chapman founded the Chapman Bros. Company in 1859 for the manufacture of brick. Three years later they purchased 12 acres in Section 36 of Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, at the "head of the Bayou" [Spring Lake], where a Mr. Cooley had a brick-making operation. David was born in England in 1830. In 1855 he settled on a fourteen-acre farm in Section 31 of Fruitport Township on which he raised grain, vegetables, and fruit. He also owned acreage in Section 6 of Crockery Township. His wife, Margaret, was born about 1836 in Ireland. They had three children, all born in Michigan. David died on July 9, 1897 in Fruitport.

#### **Jacob Chapman [1818-1897]**

Jacob and David Chapman founded the Chapman Bros. Company in 1859 for the manufacture of brick. Three years later they purchased 12 acres in Section 36 of Fruitport Township [Muskegon County,] at the "head of the Bayou" [Spring Lake], where a Mr. Cooley had a brick-making operation. Jacob, born in New York about 1818, was reported to be the first permanent settler in Fruitport Village, and was its first postmaster, appointed on April 8, 1869. His wife Annie also was born in New York, about 1828. Their three children were all born in Michigan. Jacob died about the same date as his brother, July 1897.

#### **Zachariah F. Chase [1836-1915]**

Born in Bath, Maine on March 13, 1836, Zachariah Chase operated a livery stable at approximately 15 Franklin Street during the 1870s. He died in Los Angeles, California on April 28, 1915 and was buried at Downey District Cemetery. He married Lydia Jordon in Brighton, Maine on June 9, 1859. She lived from 1837 to 1918 and was buried at the same cemetery as Zachariah.

**Dwight H. Cheeseman [1874-1965]**

Dwight Cheeseman, who was born in Michigan on June 1, 1874, married Marie Scott on March 10, 1897. Dwight's parents were John Cheeseman, born in Michigan in 1851, and Ellen Cheeseman, born in Michigan in 1855. John and Ellen were settled in Olive Township by 1880. Dwight and Marie owned a 40-acre farm in Robinson Township in the early 1900s. Around 1910 the family relocated to Imperial Valley, California, where Dwight died on November 25, 1965. Among their children were Glen [Glenn] Harris Cheeseman who was born in Robinson Township on October 1, 1898, married Clara Lenore Ellis in Phoenix, Arizona on June 21, 1930, and died in Los Angeles on January 27, 1959; Cecil George Cheeseman, who was born in Robinson Township on May 23, 1900 and died in San Diego, California on March 14, 1951; Maxwell Dwight Cheeseman, who was born on July 6, 1902 and died in San Diego, California on October 16, 1958; and Beulah.

**Howard R. Chellis [1841-1880]**

Born in New York on February 11, 1841, Howard Chellis owned an 80-farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. He also was known as a lumberman. Howard arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1868. He married Caroline Wright in Grand Haven on October 3, 1875. She was born about 1840 and died about April 25, 1887 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [There are no dates on her headstone.] Howard died on January 21, 1880 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

**Harold Edwin Cherry [1875–1937]**

Harold was born on July 29, 1875 in Grand Haven, the son of James and Mathilda Johnson Cherry. By 1910 he and his wife Blanche had moved to San Francisco, California. There, in 1920, he was president of a hardware company. Ten year later he was listed as a hardware salesman, still in San Francisco. Blanche was born in Canada about 1877 and came to the United States in 1900. Harold died in San Mateo County, California on December 8, 1937. Blanche was listed as Lulu on Harold's 1918 WWI draft registration and in the 1920 Federal Census. In the 1930 census, her name was once again given as Blanche. However, the name on her headstone is Lavanche Cherry. She died on September 12, 1943. They had a daughter Mildred, who was born on May 16, 1902 and died on November 15, 1995 in San Diego California, and a son Dan, who was born about 1907 and died in San Mateo on October 6, 1955. Both children were born in Illinois. Harold, Lavanche/Blanche/Lulu, and Dan were buried at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in San Mateo County.

**Herbert Johnson Cherry [1877–1965]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 2, 1877, Herbert was the son of James and Mathilda Johnson Cherry. A graduate of Northwestern University School of Medicine, Herbert practiced obstetrics in Grand Haven and Culver City, California. From 1902 to 1913 he was chief physician and surgeon for the Davis Coal and Coke Company in Elkins, West Virginia. While in Grand Haven, he helped organize the first hospital in 1919, and he was appointed Public Health physician about the same time. He and his wife, Alice Josephine Davidson, attended the First Presbyterian Church, where he served several years as Sunday School superintendent. Their residence was at 502 Lafayette. Herbert left the area in 1927 to locate in Culver City, and in 1950 he and his wife moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Alice died in 1959. Their daughter, Isabel M., was born on April 25, 1905 and died in July 19, 1974. She married Maurice J. Warnock, who was born on December 28, 1902 and died on January 25, 2003. They resided in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Herbert and Alice had another daughter, Sue, who was born about October 1918. Herbert died around July 20, 1965.

### **James H. Cherry [1833-1916]**

A carpenter by trade, James Cherry and his wife, Mathilda J., lived at 520 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Jeanette “Nettie,” who was born in New York in December 1867, became a Grand Haven teacher and married Samuel B. Ardis; Myrtle, who was born in June 1870 and also became a teacher in Grand Haven; Kate [Katheryn], who was born about 1873 and married Royal B. Way, who was born in Michigan the same year, and moved to Beloit, Wisconsin; Harold, who was born in November 1877 and moved to California; Herbert, who was born about 1878 and practiced medicine in Grand Haven and later in California; and Mary, who was born in September 1880 and became a private school teacher near Los Angeles. All the children except Jeanette were born locally. James, who was born in England, lived from February 1833 to 1916, and Mathilda lived from February 1845 to 1917. She was from Canada. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Jeanette Cherry [1867-1935]**

See Samuel B. Ardis.

### **Myrtle Emma Cherry [1870–1945]**

Myrtle, born in 1870, was the daughter of James and Mathilda Johnson Cherry. She taught for many years in the lower grades in Grand Haven and in 1914 was a “Critic Teacher” at Ottawa County Normal School. She also was a teacher and principal at the junior high school for a number of years. Myrtle served over 30 years and thousands of local children passed through her hands during their schooling. She died in Los Angeles on March 6, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 7, 1945.]

### **Arthur Llewelyn Chittenden [1877-1960]**

Arthur Llewelyn, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born January 5, 1877. A carpenter by trade, he married Emma M., the daughter of Hiram and Emily Deremo Martin, on March 3, 1926 in Spring Lake, where he died January 29, 1960. Emma, who was born September 12, 1889, died February 20, 1970 in Spring Lake. Their son Llewelyn was born in February 1929.

### **Benjamin Franklin Chittenden [Chittendon] [1818-1899]**

Born in Geauga County, Ohio on November 5, 1818, Benjamin Chittenden came to the Grand Haven area in 1856 and in the early 1860s went to Wisconsin for a year. He returned to Crockery, and in 1866 he purchased a farm and also worked at the Spoonville sawmill. He married Abigail T. Woodruff, who was born April 24, 1832 in Pennsylvania and died in Nortonville on January 5, 1898. The Chittendens had eight children, including William Benjamin, who was born in 1850; Agnes Sarah, who was born in New York in 1853 and on March 13, 1870 in Crockery Township married Warren Sanders; Emma Sonora, who was born in Spoonville, Ottawa County, on September 1, 1858 and married Eugene Reed of Spring Lake; Cora A., who was born about 1861 and married Thomas Hammond; and Eugene Amos, who was born in July 1863 in Wisconsin and married Katherine M. Wells, born in Michigan in May 1870. Benjamin Chittenden, with his brother Eugene, operated a threshing machine in Crockery Township, which was in constant demand during the season. Benjamin died on August 28, 1899. The Chittenden farm was in Section 30 of Crockery Township.

### **Dewey Chittenden [1897-1990]**

Dewey, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born December 19, 1897. He married Hazel A. Fisher on July 26, 1919 in Spring Lake. She was born in Grand Haven on October 26, 1896 and died on July 30, 1992. The couple resided in Crockery Township, where Dewey was a farmer. Their children were Virginia I., born about 1922; David L., born around November 1927; and Earl R., born about December 1929. Dewey died on October 12, 1990.

### **Emmons C. Chittenden [1879-1962]**

Emmons C., the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born on January 27, 1879. He married Bernice Friant at the Spring Lake Baptist Church on December 25, 1903. The couple owned a 71-acre farm in Sections 19 and 30 of Crockery Township. Emmons died January 16, 1962 in Grand Haven. Bernice lived from June 27, 1885 to August 27, 1980. A daughter, Jessie, was born in Spring Lake in 1906 and married Fred Borchers in Grand Haven on February 3, 1923.

**Floyd Chittenden [1885-1922]**

Floyd, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born May 5, 1885 in Crockery Township and died July 3, 1922 in Erin, Macomb County. He married Tillie Hawgood in Detroit on August 26, 1916. She was born in Canada in 1890. They resided in Erin.

**George DeMary Chittenden [1894-1979]**

George DeMary, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born May 6, 1894, and died August 6, 1979 in Grand Haven. He married Gladys Mae Viebrock on May 10, 1917, in Spring Lake. She was born on May 31, 1894 in Spoonville and died in Muskegon on February 15, 1964. They owned a 37-acre farm in Crockery Township and had at least six children.

**Manley Eugene Chittenden [1883-1979]**

Manley, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born February 19, 1883. He married Mabel Mae Robinson in Muskegon on November 17, 1919 and died March 27, 1979 in Grand Haven. Mabel was born April 23, 1901 in Lake City, Missaukee County, and died in Ottawa County on May 16, 1970. The couple resided on a farm in Crockery Township. Manley and Mabel had five children.

**William Benjamin Chittenden I [1850-1929]**

William, born in Watkins Glen, New York on November 7, 1850, was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Abigail Woodruff Chittenden. He arrived in the area with his parents in 1856. He married Julia Katulah Hale in Spring Lake on September 3, 1876. Julia, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Emily De Mary Hale of Spring Lake, was born May 3, 1856, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and died on July 3, 1933 in Crockery. William was a farmer and berry grower who owned 60 acres in Section 30 of Crockery Township. The couple had nine children, including two sons, Alta [Alton], who lived from December 1, 1886 to September 28, 1888, and William II, who was born March 5, 1881 and died on May 5, 1904. These two children were buried in Nunica Cemetery. Benjamin and Julia's other children, all born in Crockery Township, were Arthur Llewellyn, born on January 5, 1877; Emmons [Emonds] C., born on January 27, 1879; Manley Eugene, born on February 19, 1883; Floyd, born in May 1885; Emma Salina, born in February 1891; George DeMary, born May 6, 1894; and Dewey, born in December 1897. William I died in Crockery Township on April 28, 1929. Julia died after 1930.

**J. C. "Chris" Christensen [? - ?]**

Chris Christensen started a chair factory in Nunica in 1871. It went into bankruptcy two years later and never recovered.

**Lambert "Bert" Christenson [Christianson] [1882-1942]**

The son of Lauritz and Wilhelmina Henderson Christenson, Lambert was born in Spring Lake Township on September 1 [26], 1882. He had two sisters, Mabel and Edith, and a brother, William. Bert died in Muskegon on October 1, 1942.

**George Glerum Christman [1920-2012]**

George Christman married Shirley Jean Mills on March 9, 1946, in Indianapolis. She was born on May 2, 1922. The son of George and Adrienne Christman, George was born at Hatton Memorial Hospital in Grand Haven on July 6, 1920. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII. Like his brothers, Jim and Norm, George worked for the family lumber business and was president of Industrial Lumber and Packaging

when the company was formed in the 1970s.. He died on April 12, 1980, and Shirley passed away on July 7, 2012. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **George Seagrove Christman [1883-1965]**

The son of George W. and Aggie Seagrove Christman, George S. in 1911 became the youngest Spring Lake village president and was elected again in 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1932. His first job was with Marshall Field & Company in Chicago, followed by a position as railroad detective with the Seagrove Detective Agency. After several years in Illinois, he returned to Spring Lake and joined his father in running the family's lumber business in Spring Lake.

George was born in Spring Lake on September 10, 1883 and died there on July 28, 1965. He was president of the Spring Lake State Bank and a director of the Peoples Bank and Trust. On June 16, 1917 he married Adrienne "Trix" Glerum. Born in Grand Haven on January 2, 1891, she was the daughter of Jacob and Maria Ruster Glerum. They had three sons: George Glerum Christman, born on July 6, 1920; James Douglas Christman, born on May 19, 1925; and Normand J. Christman, born on December 6, 1930 The sons took over the family lumber business in the early 1950s. Normand died in 1994. George and Adrienne were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **George Washington Christman [1850-1934]**

George W. Christman, born in Turbotville, Pennsylvania, on February 11, 1850, was brought to the Spring Lake area by Hunter Savidge about 1870 to work for him in his lumberyard. On October 10, 1879 George married Agnes "Aggie" E. Seagrove, who was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1857 and died in 1908. For the three years after his marriage, George worked with a John Gauger, a former employee of Cutler & Savidge, in Ogallah, Kansas. When the Christmans returned to Spring Lake, they lived for a while in one of the homes owned by the Spring Lake Hotel. When Cutler & Savidge moved their business to Canada, George acquired their planing mill and formed the Christman Lumber Company in 1895. George W. was a member of the Spring Lake Board of Education for 15 years, and he was a vice president of the Spring Lake State Bank when it was organized in 1914.

The Christmans had three children, all born in Spring Lake: Priscilla [Estella], who was born on April 9, 1881; George S., who was born on September 10, 1883; and Mildred A., who was born on February 2, 1887 and died on May 4, 1909. The family lived at 524 East River Street. Young George took over the family business in 1925, and his sons, who took over in the early 1950s, ran the business until 1967, when they converted to manufacturing pallets. George W. died July 14, 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Aggie, George S., and Mildred.

#### **James Douglas Christman [1925-2006]**

James, the son of George and Adrienne Glerum Christman, was born in Grand Haven on May 19, 1925. On September 6, 1947, in Grand Haven, he married Lois M. Austin. She was born in Grand Haven on November 4, 1925. James and his brothers owned and operated Christman Lumber Company, a business started in 1895 by their grandfather, George W. Christman. James served on the Spring Lake Village Council for more than twenty years, beginning when he was 24 years old, and he was president of the village from 1983 to 1987. He and his family attended Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. James also was a member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, where he served on the Board of Directors, and he was a director of the Grand Rapids Reserve Supply Company. During WWII, James was a member of the U.S. Army and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge.

The family-owned company changed from retail sales to manufacturing in February 1967. The new business was named Industrial Lumber & Packaging. A fire on May 18, 1977 did an estimated \$300,000 damage to the company's building at 721 West Savidge. Industrial Lumber later relocated to 701 Second Street in Ferrysburg.

James and Lois had two sons, James A. Christman of Oak Brook, Illinois and Douglas K. Christman of Clive, Iowa. James passed away at his home on May 15, 2006, and Lois died on January 3, 2011. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James and Lois resided at 430 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. Norm Christman was Jim's brother. [*Tribune* obituary, May 17, 2006.]

#### **Normand John Christman [1930-1994]**

Normand, the son of George S. and Adrienne Glerum Christman, was born on December 6, 1930, died March 29, 1994, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Normand worked for the family lumber business and was vice president/secretary of Industrial Lumber and Packaging when that business was formed in the 1970s. Normand married Lucia C. Crane on August 22, 1953 in Pontiac. They lived in Spring Lake at 536 East River Street in their early married years and later at 17887 Fruitport Road. Lucia was born in Norwalk, Connecticut on December 10, 1929. She passed away at Freedom Village in Holland on December 13, 2008. She and Norm were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two daughters and a son. James Christman was Norm's brother.

#### **Priscilla Christman [1881-1902]**

Born in Grand Haven on April 9, 1881, the oldest child of George W. Christman, Priscilla attended Kalamazoo College, where she graduated in 1901 with honors. She accepted a position to teach in the high school, but due to fatigue asked Etta Lee of Grand Rapids to fill her position temporarily while she gained her strength. She died on September 30, 1902 from a broken blood vessel incurred during a coughing spell. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 4, 1902.]

#### **Caroline Searle Christmas [1847–1945] and Charles Christmas [1843–1912]**

Born in England on July 6, 1847, Caroline Searle Christmas arrived in Grand Haven in 1872 with her husband Charles. Caroline was one of Grand Haven area's first naturalized citizens and one of the founders of the Maccabees of Michigan. Her husband Charles was office clerk around 1880 and a janitor at the courthouse in the early 1900s. He was born in England on August 15, 1843 and died on May 2, 1912. The couple lived at 602 Clinton. Caroline lived her last years at 400 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven, where George S. Christmas, her son, lived. George was born on January 9, 1876. Their other children were Bessie, who was born in 1874 and married Asa McCay of Grand Haven; Robert H., born in 1882; Charles II, who was born in 1883 and served as secretary of the Grand Haven Furniture Company between 1890 and 1895; and Frank C., born in June 1884. All the children were born in Grand Haven. Caroline died on July 8, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **George Haydn Searl Christmas [1876–1964]**

Born in Grand Haven on January 9, 1876, George, the son of Charles and Caroline Searle Christmas, became a cooper at the Kilbourn barrel factory. Later he worked for the Crosby Transportation Lines. George married Cora Annie Chamberlain Streng on October 12, 1898 in Grand Rapids. She was born in New Hampshire in August 1873 and died approximately February 10, 1968. Cora's first husband, John Streng, had died on October 17, 1894. George passed away around April 18, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Christmases lived at 400 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. In 1917 George and Cora bought an old railroad depot that had been moved from Harbor Island down the channel to North Shore. They converted it to a cottage and named it Christmas Lodge [approximately 20060 North Shore Road].

#### **Felix Marshall Church [1891-1963]**

Born in Detroit on December 2, 1891, Felix Church married Eleanor Baker in Saginaw on May 25, 1918. They were divorced in Saginaw on April 30, 1937. In 1927 Felix and Almon McCall purchased the *Grand Haven Tribune*. Felix became its secretary and treasurer. In Grand Haven, Felix and Eleanor resided at 316 South Fifth Street. Felix passed away on October 22, 1963 in St. Louis, Gratiot County and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in that community.

#### **Nathan B. Church [1840-1926]**

Nathan, born November 22, 1840 in Lyons, Ionia County, was the son of Lafayette and Sophronia Benjamin Church. Lafayette lived from 1816 to 1907, and Sophronia was born in 1823. On August 12, 1861, while living in Gratiot County, Nathan enlisted in Company C of the 26<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on January 17, 1862, but on September 15 that year he was commissioned in Company D of the 26<sup>th</sup> Michigan. He was Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General John B. Slough from January 15 to April 1, 1863. Nathan was promoted to major on January 12, 1864 and to captain the following April 15. He was mustered out on October 30, 1865. In June 1872 he bought the *Grand Haven Union* newspaper from Lemoyne M. S. Smith and ran it as the local voice of the Democratic party until the election of 1872 and the defeat of his candidate. The newspaper then discontinued publication. Nathan and his wife Mary H. may have returned to Ionia County, where on October 1, 1877, he bought a 40-acre parcel. Nathan died in Ithaca, Gratiot County on December 26, 1926. When Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension on January 8, 1927, she was living in New York State.

### **Thomas Brownell Church [1813-1890]**

A Grand Rapids attorney and noted orator, Thomas Church was born in Bristol County, Massachusetts on September 13, 1813. In 1843 he started practicing law in Grand Rapids, a year after he had participated in litigation between William M. Ferry and Clark B. Albee in Grand Haven. Charles Whipple was the presiding judge. In 1855 Thomas was the prosecuting attorney in the murder trial of Jordan Turpin. Church also was a representative to the State Constitutional Convention in 1850, and in 1851 he was elected representative to the State Legislature. The next year he was elected mayor of Grand Rapids. Thomas on March 1, 1841 in Marshall, Calhoun County married Mary Elizabeth Stuart [Steward] of that town. She was born on November 5, 1822 and passed away in Grand Rapids on March 12, 1905. He died in Grand Rapids on July 30, 1890. Both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. They had three children: Fredrick Stuart Church, who lived from 1842 to 1924, and John F. Church, born in 1849, and Lucy Church, born in 1855.

### **Frederick Churchill [1859-1921]**

Fred Churchill and James Edward [Edwards] owned the Edward & Churchill Company in Agnew. The firm manufactured crates for celery, berries, peaches, and grapes, and also offered "Custom Sawing, Planing and Matching. Custom Feed Grinding During Season." Fred owned a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. The son of Lorenzo and Triphena Ball Churchill, he was born in Paw Paw, Van Buren County in September 1859 and married Ada L. Harris in Agnew on July 2, 1891. Ada, the daughter of George Harris of Grand Haven Township, was born in September 1871. Fred and Ada had two daughters: Ida, born in May 1892, and Francis, born in April 1897. Fred died in 1921 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. His wife died in 1948 and was buried under the name Ada Churchill Thorpe at the same cemetery.

### **Ithiel "Verl" [Vrl, Verle] Cilley [1888-1954]**

The grandson of James Golden Cilley and the son of Ithiel John and Georgia E. Cilley of Grand Rapids, Verl was born November 8 [10] 1888. Ithiel John and Georgia were married in Grand Haven on January 15, 1881 but moved to Grand Rapids. Verl on October 4, 1912 married Viola Elizabeth Cousin in Kanabec, Minnesota. Viola, about five years younger than her husband, was born in Michigan [Wisconsin/Nova Scotia]. In November 1920 Verl and his father were granted a patent for a "Direction-Indicator." The next year Verl was given a patent for a vehicle taillight. In 1930 Verl was manager of Multi-Selecto Phonograph in Grand Rapids, and he was treasurer and manager of an oil company in Grand Rapids. Their daughter, Viola G. [Geraldine], was born in Grand Rapids around October 1919. Verl died in Grand Rapids on January 28, 1954, and Viola the mother passed away on March 27, 1966 in Kent County. Both were buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Verl and Viola, residents of Grand Rapids, in 1928 built a second home at 200 Prospect Street, atop Five Mile Hill. It soon became known as the Castle, because of its intended resemblance to a 15<sup>th</sup> Century Spanish castle. The brick on both the inside and outside of the structure was imported from Italy.

### **James Golden Cilley [1827-1912]**

Born in St. Lawrence County, New York on October 8, 1827, James Cilley arrived in Grand Haven in 1855, but was listed in the Coopersville census for 1860, where he opened a law office. On February 15, 1865 he enlisted in Company C of the Michigan 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. By the following November 11 James was mustered out of the service, having recently been promoted to Hospital Steward. After the war he re-opened his law office in Coopersville. In 1870 the family was residing in Polkton Township, and ten years later they had moved to Tallmadge Township. James was again residing in Coopersville in 1910. In partnership with Marvin H. Creager, James in the spring of 1881 built a planing mill near the Pere Marquette train depot on Madison [Jackson] Street in Grand Haven. On November 19, 1890 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He married Mariam [Marian/Miriam] Monroe, who was born on December 31, 1828 in New York and died on April 10, 1906. They had four children, including Ithiel John, who became a Grand Rapids patent attorney and lived from 1846 to 1926; Maria August who lived from 1853 to 1936; Adella "Delia" M. who was born in October 1858; and Earl Oscar, who was born in March 1865 and passed away in 1943. Ithiel married Georgia Thurston in Grand Haven on January 15, 1881, and they had a son, Verl. Delia married Elbert Lynn of Grand Haven. James died on October 14, 1912 in Coopersville and was buried at Maplewood Cemetery in Lamont with his wife. Verl [Verl] Ithiel Cilley, who built "The Castle" on Five Mile Hill was his grandson.

### **Verl [Verl] Ithiel Cilley [1888-1954]**

See Ithiel Verl [Verle] Cilley.

### **Adeline "Addie" M. Clark [1868-1949]**

Born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1868, Addie was the daughter of Sidney and Adeline Clark. Addie began her 28-year career teaching fifth grade when she was 17. Her starting salary was \$32 a month; 28 years later she was making \$48 a month. Her sister, Clara A. Clark, also a teacher, lived with Addie. Clara's death on February 28, 1904 at the age of 43 "was one of the great sorrows" of Addie's life. Addie served three and a half years as the Robinson Township correspondent for the *Tribune*. She started teaching in 1886 and retired in 1913, returning to a farm in Robinson Township, where her parents had relocated. [She taught two additional years at Robinson Elementary School in order to qualify for a pension.] She was at different times president, secretary, and treasurer of the Robinson extension group, and she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She lived during her last years at 220½ South Seventh Street. Addie died on November 5, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 15, 1943, and *Tribune* articles, May 25, 1913 and January 15, 1943.]

### **Charles Henry Clark [1835-1901]**

Charles H. Clark, who was born in Augusta, Maine on February 8, 1835, came to Michigan in 1853 to work in a lumber camp in Robinson Township. He was hired to help construct a "horse railroad," which transported cut timber from today's intersection of Lincoln and 144<sup>th</sup> Streets to Stearns Bayou. There the logs were rolled into the water and floated to the various sawmills in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. In 1855 he returned to Maine to marry Abigail Hartwell Wall, and in early November that year they settled on a farm in Robinson Township. In 1865 they purchased 142 acres in Section 6 of Robinson Township, eventually extending their holdings north into Section 31 with the purchase of another 42 acres, all bordering the Grand River and Stearn's Bayou. The west part of his land became known as Clark Corners [Clark's Corner].

Among the Clarks' nine surviving children were Frederick, born in Michigan in September 1856; Harriet Abigail "Hattie," also born in Michigan and who lived from 1858 to 1955 was the wife of James Bignell;



Phebe Augusta, who was born in Augusta, Maine on July 2 1860; Hannah Wall, who was born in Michigan in 1863, married Benjamin Barton, and died in October 1953 in Marion, Indiana; and Walter H., who was born in Robinson on December 3, 1866. Charles's wife, Abigail Hartwell Wall, was born about July 26, 1833, died on July 1, 1873, and was buried at Robinson Cemetery. After Abigail's death, Charles married her sister, Augusta Ballard Wall, who died in 1888 at the age of 53. Charles passed away on February 23, 1901. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 1955, *Tribune* article, November 2, 1984, and letter from Helen F. Clark to Maurice Wilson, Director of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, June 22, 1977.]

#### **Chauncey [Chancy] Robert Clark I [1890-1957]**

Born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1890, Chauncey was the son of Joseph and Fanny Clark. Joseph was a mason and building contractor. Chauncey was listed as a student in the 1908 *City Directory*, but a year later he was secretary for the Getsmall Roach Trap Company, formed in Grand Haven in 1909. Marvin Klaver recalled that Chauncey brought his 16-year-old bride to their home at 417 Lafayette [approximate number] after their wedding in Muskegon on December 31, 1912. The bride, Dorothy "Dora" Mathilda Ward, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Lucy Harrington Ward, was born in Grand Haven in 1896. In 1915 Chauncey and Dora lived at 398 Howard Street. Two years later, Chauncey noted on his military draft registration that he was a self-employed brick layer, residing with his wife and children at 640 Lake Avenue. However, there has never been an address 640 Lake Avenue, and Chauncey may have been referring to the house at 634 Lake Avenue, where he and his family were living in 1920. Sharing the house at that time were Chauncey, Dora, their three children, and Dora's widowed mother, Lucy Ward. The children, all born locally, were Chauncey II, born about 1914; Dora E., born about 1916; and Patricia A., born about July 1919. Chauncey followed his father's career path and became a building contractor. By 1930 Chauncey and Dora had moved to Miami, Florida, where Chauncey's parents were located. He and Dora were divorced in Florida in 1952. Chauncey died in Dade County, Florida, in 1957.

#### **Chester Ward Clark [1898-1980]**

In the mid-1960s 507 Pine Street was the location of Clark's Antique Shop, owned and operated by Chester and Marva Clark. They bought and sold antiques. The Clarks had lived at this address since at least 1950. Prior to going into the antique business, Chester was a typesetter for the *Grand Rapids Press*. He was born on January 22, 1898 and passed away on January 30, 1980. Marva lived from 1910 to June 16, 1968. Both were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

#### **Ethan Ray Clark [Clarke] [1818-1895]**

A Methodist-Episcopal minister, Ethan Clark was born in Warwick, Rhode Island on January 14, 1818. In 1840 he married Mary Elizabeth Millard. She was born in Warwick on October 31, 1817 and died Chicago on October 17, 1918. During the Civil War, he served as chaplain with companies F and S of the 25<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. In 1893 Ethan was living in Ferrysburg. He died in Spring Lake on December 7, 1895 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, where Mary also was interred. They had four children.

#### **Helen F. Clark [1896-1978]**

Helen Clark taught at Clark School in Robinson Township from 1933 to 1958, the year the school closed permanently. She then transferred to the new Robinson School on 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, where she taught second grade until her retirement in 1962. Helen lived from November 1, 1896 to June 20, 1978. Her parents were Walter and Edna Chappel Clark, residents of Robinson Township. Helen's aunt Phebe Clark taught at the same school from 1885 to 1933.

#### **Joseph Edward Clark I [1868-1950]**

Born on January 23, 1868 in Spring Lake, Joseph was the son of Robert and Susanna Doddington Clark. He married Fannie Blakeslee on December 24, 1888 in Spring Lake. The daughter of William and Mary Wood Blakeslee, she, was born in Grand Rapids on October 13, 1869. They had five sons: Chauncey Robert, born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1890; Stewart E., born in 1895; Harold B., born in 1905; Joseph

E. II, born in 1906; and Walter D., born in 1909. Joseph II was born in Illinois, the rest in Michigan. Joseph I became a mason and building contractor. One of the sons joined his father in the contracting business, which was operating as J. E. Clark & Son in 1922 but was gone by 1928. In the early 1900s the Clark home was at 520 Pennoyer, west of the railroad tracks. By 1920 they had moved to 214 Franklin Street. By 1930 Joseph and Fannie had moved to Miami, Florida, where Fanny passed away on April 16, 1941. Joseph I died also in Miami on March 9, 1950 and was interred at a cemetery in Miami, Florida.

**Lewis Lee Clark [1899-1988] and Rose [Rosa] Sonrel Clark [1907-2005]**

Lewis, the son of Walter and Edna Clark of Robinson Township, was born in Marne on August 31, 1899. He owned 35 acres at 14315 Lakeshore Drive, where his wife, Rose Sonrel, lived until her death on August 21, 2005. The property had been part of Rose's parents' farm. He and Rose were married in Grand Haven on June 7, 1940. She was born in Grand Haven on August 18, 1907. Rose was the daughter of Francis and Rosa Zwuygart Sonrel, who owned other property nearby, and the sister of Francis and Robert Sonrel. She attended Northern State and Ferris Universities, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Western State University, and later was awarded a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. Rose started teaching at Rosy Mound School in 1931 and left her teaching post after five years to join the faculty at Ferry School, where she remained until 1961. Lewis, who attended Hope College and the University of Michigan, became a surveyor. He also worked at the General Motors plant in Grand Rapids. A large school bell that once called Rosy Mound students to class was fitted onto the Clarks' windmill. Lewis died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1988. He and Rose were buried at Grand Haven Township Historic Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 24, 2005.]

**Phebe Clark [1860-1895]**

Phebe Augusta Clark, born in Augusta, Maine on July 2, 1860, was a teacher for 52 years, including 48 years at Clark School in Robinson Township. She died on October 11, 1955. Her parents were Charles and Abigail Wall Clark of Robinson Township. Phebe's niece, Helen Clark, taught at the same school from 1933 to 1958.

**Robert Clark [1830-1908]**

Robert was born on January 22, 1830 in New York. His wife, Susanna [Susannah/Susan] Doddington, was born in England on February 16, 1846. Mark Doddington of Spring Lake was her brother. Robert served as private with Company G of the 25<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry from September 1862 to June 1865. He filed for an invalid's pension on October 3, 1856, and his wife applied for a widow's pension on November 20, 1908. Robert and Susanna were married in 1866. In 1870 Robert, Susanna, their son Joseph, and Susanna's mother, Alice [Alvire] Doddington, were living on a farm in Crockery Township. By 1880 the family was residing in Spring Lake, where it remained. Among their children were Joseph Edward Clark, who was born in Spring Lake on January 23, 1868, Verona [Veronia], who was born in Spring Lake on December 21, 1889, and Spencer, who lived from February 9, 1887 to July 6, 1925. Spencer was buried at Marne Cemetery. Robert died on October 20, 1908 in Spring Lake. Susanna died in Spring Lake on February 15, 1917. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Rose [Rosa] Sonrel Clark [1907-2005]**

See Lewis Lee Clark [and Rose [Rosa] Sonrel Clark

**Verona [Veronia] Clark [1889-1960]**

See Verona [Veronia] Clark Merryman.

**Sherman Boyce Clark [1878-1959]**

A mail carrier in Grand Haven, Sherman, the son of Sidney and Adeline Prentice Clark, was born in Grand Haven on January 4, 1878. He married Henrietta Bos on August 1, 1901, the daughter of Corenlus and Marie Bos of Grand Haven. She was born on May 14, 1882. They were living at 119 South Fifth Street

shortly after their marriage. Living with them in the early 1900s were his sister Addie Clark, and Carrie Hamilton, a nurse. By 1930 Sherman and his family were living in Walker, Kent County. At the time of Sherman's death on June 10, 1959, the family lived at 515 Slayton. Henrietta died in Grand Haven on November 23, 1959. A son, Sherman Bos Clark, was born on April 16, 1914, resided in Spring Lake, and died in Lowell, Kent County, in May 1984. Another son, Sydney C. Clark, was born on August 10, 1906, died on December 4, 1906, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents.

### **Sidney Clark [1839-1911]**

The brother of Charles H. Clark, Sidney was born in Augusta, Maine in April 1839 [1840] and came to Robinson Township in 1856 by way of covered wagon and the Erie Canal. He held considerable acreage in Sections 33 and 34, along the south side of the Grand River. In 1860 Sidney married Adeline, daughter of Alonzo and Dorliska Prentice of Robinson Township. Adeline was born in February 1844 and died on May 18, 1911. Sidney died on May 18, 1911. Sidney and Adeline came to the area around 1850, probably from Maine and New York, by way of covered wagon and the Erie Canal. The family lived in Grand Haven for several years, initially on First Street and then at 219 South Fifth. For a while, Sidney worked with the Ferry Lumber Company in Grand Haven and in 1867 started a livery there, which he operated for about 29 years. After the family residence on First Street was destroyed by fire, Sidney built a house in 1873 at Lafayette and Fifth Streets [219 South Fifth], which was the family home for 22 years. At that time Sidney retired to a farm in Robinson Township known as the Clark House, where he remained until his death in 1911.

Among the Clarks' children were Clara A., who was born in November 1861, became a teacher, lived with her sister, Adeline "Addie," and died on February 27, 1904; Charles A., who was born in August 1864, became a rural mail carrier in Grand Haven, and died on March 22, 1944; Adeline, born on January 15, 1868 [1869]; Horace, born in February 1874; Mintie, born in 1877; Sherman, born on January 4, 1878; and Sydney Helen, an invalid, was born on April 5, 1884, lived as an invalid with Addie in the family home in Robinson Township, and died on June 28, 1945. Clara, Charles, and Addie were born in New York, and Mintie, Horace, and Sherman were born locally.

### **Walter Henry Clark I [1866-1960]**

Walter, the son of Charles Henry and Abigail H. Wall Clark, was born on December 3, 1866 in Robinson Township, where his parents had settled on a farm in November eleven years earlier. They originally were from Augusta, Maine. Charles, who was born about 1835, had come to Michigan in 1853 to work in a lumber camp in Robinson. He was hired to help construct a "horse railroad," which ran from today's intersection of Lincoln and 144<sup>th</sup> Streets to the head of Stearns Bayou. There his load of logs was rolled into the water and floated to the various sawmills in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. The farm he bought two years later was on the banks of the Grand River.

Walter became a lumberman and farmer. As a youth he was employed in lumber camps and learned the work of river crews: how to drive logs, float them, and "boom" them. From 1907 to 1911 he was county treasurer with an office at the county court house, and from 1911 to 1915 he represented his district in the State legislature. On June 27, 1895 he married Edna Ophelia Chappell, daughter of Richard and Ellen Gill Chappell. Edna was born in Berlin, Ottawa County, on October 28, 1873. The Clarks lived on River Road, "six miles east of the city" [Robinson Township]. Their surviving children were Helen F. Clark [1896-1978]; Lewis [Louis] Lee Clark [1899-1988]; Dorothy Edna Clark [1904-1918]; Charles Richard Clark [1905-1993]; Phoebe Alice Clark [1909-1997]; Florence Eleanor Clark [1912-1973]; and Walter Henry Clark II [1914-1998]. Edna died in an auto accident in Benton Harbor on May 30, 1940. Walter, who held various public offices in Robinson Township, including supervisor from 1901 to 1907, died on February 29, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 464-465 and a letter from Helen F. Clark to Maurice Wilson, Director of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, June 22, 1977.]

**“From the Ground Floor Studio of Clark Bros.Art Photographers” “Bromide Portraits a Specialty”**

**Ada Mary Clarke [1858–1940]**

See William Francis Biggar.

**Ethan Ray Clarke [1818-1895]**

Rev. Ethan Clarke, born in Warwick, Rhode Island on January 14, 1818, became a resident of Spring Lake Township. His parents were Ray [1782-1847] and Celia Green Clarke [January 10, 1786-August 10, 1829]. In 1840 Ethan Clarke married Mary Elizabeth Millard [Millerd], a Rhode Island native, who lived from October 31, 1817 to October 17, 1918. Ethan served with two units during the Civil War. On February 5, 1863, he enlisted as Chaplain with the 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Cavalry. He was discharged from that group on January 1, 1865 and the following February 20 he became Chaplain for the 25<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. He was mustered out on June 27, 1865. Ethan was Agent of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He died December 7, 1895. Both he and his wife and other family members were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their grandson, William J. Rose, bought an ice cream store at 14 South Second Street in Grand Haven in 1905.

**Lizzie H. Cleary [Clary] [1870-1891]**

Lizzie Cleary was a skillful and faithful printer in the office of the *Grand Haven Herald*. Born in 1870 in Spring Lake, Lizzie died of consumption on November 12, 1891 at her mother's home on Third Street in Grand Haven. Her mother, Helen [Ellen] McSweeney Cleary, was born in Ireland in 1839 and was widowed by the time of her daughter's death. Lizzie's father James, also from Ireland, was born about 1833. In 1860 he was single and working as a laborer. He then resided at the Western Hotel, located in the railroad village at the foot of Dewey Hill. Lizzie was a member of St. Patrick's Church. She had two sisters, Nellie [Ellen/Mary Ellen], who was born in Canada on October 19, 1858 and died on November 3, 1933, and Bridget, who was born in Grand Haven in 1868 and died in Grand Haven on February 29, 1960. Helen and James also had a son Patrick, born in 1865, also in Grand Haven, where he died on December 4, 1890. In 1930 Nellie and Bridget were residing at 324 Fulton Street. Helen was retired and Bridget was an inspector at the glove factory. Helen died in Grand Haven on April 2, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Lizzie, Bridget, Nellie, and Patrick. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1891.]

**Bruce Estin Cleveland I [1911-1971]**

In 1963 Bruce Cleveland I purchased the former Crescent movie theater at 1101-1103 Washington. At the time, Prins Heating Company was located in the building. Bruce, who resided in Spring Lake Township, was born in Muskegon on May 21, 1911. On June 19, 1936, he married Ruth Sylvia Chapin in Muskegon Heights. She was born on February 17, 1913 in Otsego County and passed away in Spring Lake on February 8, 2012. Their son, Bruce II, was born about 1941 and became vice president of Consumer Loans at Security First Bank & Trust in Grand Haven [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. The elder Bruce died on January 25, 1971. He and Ruth were buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon.

**Henry Warren Cleveland [1835- 1889]**

Henry was born in Rutland, Jefferson County, New York, on June 17, 1835, the son of Henry and Phebe Reed Cleveland. Young Henry married Phebe Maria Perham, also of Rutland, on February 16, 1852 [1853]. She was born on February 16, 1838. John and Loren Perham of Spring Lake were Phebe's brothers. Henry and Phebe moved to Ottawa, Illinois the following May and then settled in Spring Lake in 1856. Henry worked as a millwright at Hopkins Mill, where he constructed the first steam cant hoister in the area. He also made and repaired boots and shoes. He learned the drugstore business and owned and operated a store at 208 West Savidge with Ormond Messinger as his partner. Eventually Messinger bought out Henry's interest. Henry moved to Nunica in 1874 and opened a drugstore. In Nunica, Henry was appointed postmaster, and he was elected township supervisor in 1878 and 1880 and township clerk in 1879. Henry and Phebe [Phoebe] had two sons, both born in Michigan: George E., born about 1863, and

Guy L., born in November 1870. Henry passed away on September 27, 1889. Phebe and George ran the drugstore after Henry's death. Phebe had moved to Grand Haven by 1900 and died on August 14, 1907.

#### **“Barney” Menno [Minno] Cleveringa II [1868-1900]**

Barney, the son of Menno and Fokeltje Hilje Elema Cleveringa, was born in Grand Haven on February 17, 1868 and died on August 17, 1900. Barney worked with the United States Life Saving Service in the 1890s. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Minnie, and other family members. Minnie was born in Germany in February 1872. Their children were Frederick V., born in February 1889, and Florence B., born in March 1894. After Barney's death, Minnie married John Bienz of Grand Haven.

#### **Dick Cleveringa [1871-1944]**

Born in The Netherlands in October 1871, Dick Cleveringa immigrated to the United States in 1882. He married Hendrika “Reka” Gringhuis in Grand Haven in 1896. Reka, the daughter of Gerrit and Janna “Jennie”/“Jane” Nordhuis Gringhus, was born in April 1875 in Grand Haven, where she died in 1934. Dick was a teamster. The family lived at 908 Fulton Street. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Dick died on March 1, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Menno [Meno] Cleveringa [1873-1945]**

John Cleveringa was employed as a millwright at Challenge Machinery. He and his wife Blanche resided at 322 North Seventh Street. Their children, all born locally, were Menno Mark, who was born on June 25, 1899 and became a molder at Dake Engine Company; Avice, who was born on June 13, 1904 and died in Muskegon on May 26, 1974; Berdena, born about 1915; George R., born about 1917; and David R., born about 1921. John passed away on December 22, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Blanche died about October 17, 1956 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Menno [Menne, Mino] Cleveringa I [1837-1914]**

Menno, the son of Trientje Derks Cleveringa, was a Grand Haven carpenter. He was born in Eenrum, The Netherlands, on March 8, 1837 and died in Grand Haven on March 16, 1914. He married Fokeltje Hilje [Florence Viola] Elema in The Netherlands on July 17, 1865. She lived from April 1845 to 1909. In the early 1900s the family resided at 500 North Seventh. A son, Menno “Barney” II was born on February 17, 1868. They also had two daughters: Gertrude, who lived from 1866 to 1907 and married John Nienhuis, and Katherine, born in April 1888. The Cleveringas were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Henry Cliff [1850-1934]**

Henry Cliff was born on January 26, 1850 in England. By 1870 he was a resident of Spring Lake, living with his mother, Elizabeth Cliff, and running a hardware store. Elizabeth was born about 1805 in England. In 1875 Henry served one term as president of Spring Lake Village. Two years later he purchased the furniture inventory of Ormond Messinger, which Henry added to his hardware and undertaking business. He also sold wagons and buggies. An invoice, dated 1882, noted that he sold “Hardware, Tinware, Furniture, Building Material, and Farming Implements.” Henry died in Grand Rapids on November 17, 1934.

#### **David McClellan Cline [1863-1954]**

Born in Martins Ferry, Ohio on September 17, 1863, David was the son of William H. and Nancy A. Norman Patton McClellan. David's father was born in Pennsylvania about 1818 and died when David was a boy. His mother then married William Cline, who was a shoemaker and native of Ohio, where he was born about 1816. Nancy was born about 1818, also in Ohio. William adopted the young David, who took the name Cline. David moved to Muskegon on March 29, 1882. He worked in the sawmills until 1887, when he went into the fruit packaging business with his brother-in-law, Rushton B. Cobb, in Eastmanville. In October 1889, the business moved to Spring Lake and became the Spring Lake Basket Factory. David bought a one-third interest in the business, which was destroyed by fire on June 28, 1898 and then shut

down. David next went into sales, offering farm implements, windmills, bicycles, and photographic supplies. His store was on the north side of Savidge in the 200 block [approximately 209 West Savidge]. He later went into road construction with Klaus Boelens, and the business was called Cline & Boelens Contracting Company. David was a member of the Village Council, Council treasurer, and village president for 13 terms, 1902 through 1907 and 1925 through 1931. He represented Spring Lake on the Ottawa County Board of supervisors in 1913 and 1914.

David married Anna “Annie” Cobb of Muskegon County on August 20, 1884. Born about 1867, she was the adopted daughter of George and Helen Cobb and Rushton Cobb’s sister. The Clines had one child, George Ray, who was born on October 10, 1887, at Eastmanville. Anna died in 1888. In 1900 Cline married Celia Vos, daughter of Warner and Anne Pruim Vos of Spring Lake. As newlyweds, the Clines lived at 231 East Savidge Street in Spring Lake, in a home built by George Dixon in 1875. During the years David was a widower, he allowed school children to borrow his wife’s “old fashioned” clothing for school plays. David and Celia had no surviving children. He died November 3, 1954 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Harold Francis Cloutier [1917-1994]**

Harold Cloutier married Irene Ralya in Grand Haven on August 1, 1941. Harold had started the Busy Bee Shoe Repair Shop at 111 Washington about 1939, and Irene joined him in the business. They later moved their shop to 103 Washington. Harold, who was born in Grand Rapids on July 24, 1917 and had lived in Muskegon. He died in Grand Haven on July 1, 1994, while Irene lived from August 19, 1919 to May 14, 1993. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Irene resided at 1313 Washington. They had four children: Harold II, born about 1946; James, born about 1951; Linda, born about 1954; and Steven, born about 1969.

#### **Florence Bailey Clover [1907-2001]**

Florence’s parents, Oran and Flora Bailey Clover, lived in Mancelona when she was born on April 8, 1907. On May 28, 1925 she married George E. Clover I, who was born on August 31, 1903. Florence worked for Stokely-Van Camp Cannery in Hart and for Eagle Ottawa in Grand Haven. She and George lived in Crockery Township, where they had a dairy farm, and also raised chickens and vegetables. They maintained a roadside vegetable stand in the Nunica area. They had a daughter, Doris, who married Eugene Taylor of Grand Haven, another daughter, Beverly, and two sons, Thomas and George II. George II was born on February 2, 1926 and died in Grand Haven on April 18, 1993. George I died on December 18, 1976 in Arizona. Florence then married Thomas G. Watson, who was born on June 16, 1901 and died December 25, 1982. Florence died in Grand Haven on August 17, 2001.

#### **Henry Stephen Clubb [1827-1921]**

Henry Clubb, born on June 1, 1827 in Colchester, England, immigrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1853. He next moved to Kansas, where he established a Vegetarian Settlement Company [Vegetarian Kansas Emigration Company] in Neosho County. One evening, while on business in Ft. Scott, Kansas, Henry was threatened by a crowd opposed to his abolitionist views. Henry “looked them in the eye” and told them, “Well, gentleman, your numbers are sufficient to put any threat into execution, and I am among you alone and unprotected. If you require me to leave, I must, under the circumstances, do so, but it is rather late, being after sundown, and if tomorrow morning would suit you as well, it will be a good deal better, as I intend to leave then.” He was allowed to go. [*New York Daily Tribune*, July 1, 1856.] The next year he settled in Grand Haven, where he published and edited the *Ottawa Clarion*, which first appeared in March that year. The *Clarion* was strongly supportive of the Republican Party, and it was issued until the fall of 1862, when Henry joined the United States Volunteer Service as captain and assistant quartermaster. He was wounded at Corinth, Mississippi on October 13, 1862 [not cited in his service record] and was discharged from the service on April 7, 1866. In 1867 he became alderman for the Fourth Ward of Grand Haven’s first City Council and a school commissioner. In the years 1873 to 1874 he served

in the Michigan Senate, and in 1873 he was secretary to the Michigan Constitutional Convention. In August 1869 Henry began publication of the *Grand Haven Herald*, which also leaned toward the Republican party. It was a daily publication from its inception until December 7, 1872, when he sold it to Charles N. Dickinson. In 1876 Henry was called to be pastor of the Bible Christian Church in Philadelphia. In Philadelphia Henry, by then a noted vegetarian, became editor of a magazine titled *Food, Home, and Garden*. On November 15, 1855 in Allegan County, he married Anne B., the daughter of James and Isabella Campbell Henderson of that county and originally from Scotland, where Anne was born in May 1833. She immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was one year old. Henry and Anne had at least four children, all born locally: Anne, born about 1862; Naomi, born in June 1865; Rose Elizabeth [or Elizabeth Rose], born in August 1868; and Martha W., born in May 1871. The family moved to Philadelphia in 1876, where Henry died in 1921. Anne passed away between 1910 and 1920.

#### **James [John] Clydesdale [Clydesdell] [1786-1859]**

James Clydesdale arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 with his wife, Jane, seven children, and very few assets. He was a successful businessman, however, and eventually was able to buy Timothy Eastman's house on Lot 89 on the southeast corner of Elliott and First Streets. The family later moved to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. Richard, Robert, and William were their sons. James, who was born in 1786, died in 1859 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James also was known as John Clydesdale.

#### **Richard Clydesdale [Clidesdell, Clydesdell] [1828-1879]**

Richard and his brothers, Robert and William, arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 with their parents, James and Jane Clydesdale. The family shortly afterward moved to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. The brothers sailed together on Lake Michigan, Robert as captain and Richard as mate. Richard owned the Sinclair House, a hotel on the northeast corner of Division and State [Savidge] Streets in Spring Lake from 1859 and into the 1870s. He also was a lumberman. Richard, who was born in Canada on June 3, 1828, was killed by a falling tree on February 8, 1879. His wife, Jane Torrans, a native of Ireland, lived from 1833 to October 7, 1909 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. Their daughters, both born in Michigan, were Mary, born about 1854, and Jennie, born around 1859. Mary became a teacher and Jennie married Blair Hileman, born about 1857 in Michigan and a resident of Spring Lake.

#### **Robert Clydesdale I [Clidesdell, Clydesdell] [@1820-1899]**

Robert arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 with his parents, James and Jane Clydesdale, and his brothers, Richard and William. Shortly afterward the family relocated to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. Robert, who was born in Canada [Ireland] about 1820, was captain of the schooner *Lizzie Throop* and Richard was mate. He and his wife Esther Maria had at least two children: Robert Clydesdale II, who was born in New York [Grand Haven] in 1851, and Jennie, who was born in New York around 1855. Esther Maria was a native of Ohio, where she was born in 1822. The family was residing in Chicago at the time of the 1870 Federal Census, and in the next census the family was still in Chicago, but Robert and Esther Maria were living with their daughter Jennie and son-in-law, Leonard Kipp. Also in the household was their daughter Emma Clydesdale, a 24-year-old native of Michigan, who died in 1901 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Esther Maria passed away on December 10, 1883 in Chicago. Robert died in Chicago on September 24, 1899. He was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery with his wife. [Ireland was listed as country of birth on his death certificate, which also noted that he was a lake captain.]

#### **Robert Clydesdale II [1851-1930]**

Robert, the son of Robert Clydesdale, was born in New York [Grand Haven] in 1851. On March 25, 1872 in Spring Lake, he married Ida Allison. The daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Lewis Allison of Spring Lake, Ida was born in Michigan in 1851, lived until October 27, 1913, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Edith J., the Clydesdales' daughter, married Fred J. Brown in Muskegon on July 29, 1896, when Edith was 19 years old and the groom was a year older. Robert died on September 19,

1930 and was buried at Oakwood with his wife. They had lived in Muskegon since at least 1887. [*Tribune* obituary, October 29, 1913.]

#### **William Clydesdale [Clidesdell, Clydesdell] [1823-1886]**

On May 10, 1864, Spring Lake resident William Clydesdale married Harriet Huggard in Grand Rapids. William. The son of James and Jane Clydesdale [Clydesdell], William was born in County Cavan, Ireland in 1823 [1822]. He came to the area by way of Canada and Oswego, New York, arriving in Grand Haven in 1836 with his parents and brothers, Richard and Robert. By the time of his marriage William owned a farm in Section 12 of Crockery Township, amounting to approximately 60 acres. By 1882 he had settled on 40 acres in Section 31 of Fruitport Township in Muskegon County. He was born in Ireland in 1823 [1822] and died in 1886. Harriet lived from 1834 to 1915. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **David Carlton Coats [1927-2017]**

In 1953, David Coats and his father, Byron David Coats [1882-1975], purchased Prospect Point Resort on Spring Lake. The next year, Byron sold his interest in the property to Max Zuber. Partners Max and David owned and managed the resort for the next eight years and then sold it to Andrew Forester of Gross Point. David was born in Grand Rapids on February 26, 1927. In 1945, David and his parents were living in Spring Lake. He married Mary Grace Bigford in Grand Rapids on April 2, 1949. They had three children: Janet Coats, James Coats, and Mark Coats. Mary was born about 1929 and died on November 25, 2020. David had passed away on December 30, 2017.

#### **Saunders Coates [1811- 1883]**

Saunders, the son of John Reynell and Sarah Morton Coates, was born in Philadelphia on April 26, 1811. They were a family of Quakers. Saunders married Rebecca Harvey Bell in Yonkers, New York on October 23, 1845. Rebecca, the daughter of Abraham and Mary Christy Bell, was born on January 22, 1813. Saunders became general superintendent of the Port Sheldon Company, which tried to develop a resort community at Little Pigeon Lake in Olive Township. Saunders was elected to the first Ottawa County Board of Commissioners in 1838. He left the area when the Port Sheldon Company failed in the late 1830s but was counted in the Ottawa County census for that year. Reportedly, Saunders returned East and in New York City built the first gas works in the country. His occupation as listed in the 1860 Federal Census for Yonkers, New York, was "Gentleman." He died in Florida on April 30, 1883. Rebecca passed away on January 26, 1894. Both were buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.

#### **Josiah Cobb [1802-1888]**

While living in Essex, Clinton County, Josiah Cobb on April 22, 1863 enlisted as private in the federal army. He gave his age as 44. On June 12 that year he was assigned to Company M of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on October 3, 1863. According to Ottawa County death records, he was born in New York in April 1802. His wife, Charlotte, was born in the same state about 1809. Their son Lyman was born in Michigan about 1848. Josiah and his wife were still living in Essex in 1870 and 1880. Although there is no evidence Josiah and Charlotte ever resided in Robinson Township, Josiah died in the township on May 21, 1888 and was buried at the township cemetery. Possibly Josiah was living with his son, Lyman, at the time of his death. He was 88 years old.

#### **Lyman [Lymon] Cobb [1848-1939]**

A resident of Robinson Township, Lyman Cobb ran a ferry across the Grand River to Spoonville. The dock was at the end of Spoonville Road [120<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. Like many others, this ferry was operated by a crank and chain mechanism. The ferry was discontinued about 1920. Lyman, a Michigan native, lived from August 1848 [1849] to 1939 and his wife, Anna Elizabeth Dowd., from September 1856 [1855] to 1932. Their 40-acre farm was in Section 34 in Robinson Township, near the south bank of the Grand River. A daughter, Nellie M., was born in September 1886 and a son Charlie was born on May 14, 1898



and was employed at American Brass Novelty Company. Lyman was the son of Josiah [1807-1891] and Charlotte Whitman [1809-1881] Cobb. Lyman and Anna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Rushton “Rush” Bensom Cobb [1851-1900]**

Born near Ripon, Wisconsin on July 1, 1851, Rushton was the son of George N. and Helen Tabor Cobb and the stepbrother of Anna Cobb, who married David Cline. Rush came to Muskegon County with his parents in 1869, and in 1887 went into the fruit packaging business with his brother-in-law, David Cline. In October 1889 the business moved to Spring Lake and became the Spring Lake Basket Factory. It burned down on June 28, 1898. Rush took command of the steamer *Fanny M. Rose*, built for him by the Grand Haven Shipbuilding Company in 1893 and made as many as four trips a day between Grand Haven and Fruitport. On September 4, 1896, he took Vice President Adlai Ewing Stevenson, his wife Letitia, and their daughter for a ride on the *Fanny Rose* out to Lake Michigan. The Adlai Stevensons were in Spring Lake at the invitation of Adlai T. Ewing, a cousin, who had a home on Spring Lake called “Glenewing-on-Spring-Lake.” On September 20, 1882 in Muskegon, Rush married Alice Gay of that town. Alice was born in Eastmanville in November 1859. In 1891 the Cobbs moved to Grand Haven. Rush died of consumption on April 20, 1900, in Florida. His father George Cobb, born in Connecticut in 1814, died the previous year on October 18. Rush’s mother Helen lived from 1824 to 1912. [*Tribune* obituary, April 23, 1900.]

#### **Silas Tower Cobb [1838-1867]**

Silas Cobb was visiting Grand Haven on November 9, 1867. While crossing the Grand River in a small boat, he and three others were drowned when their craft capsized. With Silas at the time of the accident were Edgar L. Fletcher and James H. and Sarah Marcy and their young child. Sarah survived. Silas’s death caught national attention because of the part he played in the aftermath of Abraham Lincoln’s assassination on April 14, 1865. On the night of the assassination, he was on duty as sergeant with Company F of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. His orders were to prevent anyone from crossing a bridge that spanned the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. The curfew was in effect from nine p.m. to sunrise. Sometime after ten p.m. a man who identified himself as John Wilkes Booth told Silas a credible story about why he should be allowed to cross into Maryland, and Silas acquiesced. Not long afterward, Silas allowed David Herold, another conspirator in the plot to kill Lincoln, to cross the bridge. Silas did not learn until later that Lincoln had been shot and that all guards in the Washington area should “look out for the killer.” [Thanks to Kevin Collier for this story.]

Silas and Edgar Fletcher were from the same hometown, Holliston, Massachusetts, and both were bootmakers. They may have been in Grand Haven to meet with other craftsman in the that trade. Silas was born in Holliston on August 13, 1838. He married Sophia Hilton Treen in Medway, Massachusetts on May 1, 1863. She was about five years younger than Silas. He enlisted as corporal with the Massachusetts regiment on July 13 the same year and was mustered out on September 18, 1865 with the rank of sergeant.

#### **Cornelius “Corie” Coburn [1878-1942]**

In the early 1900s Corie Coburn was prosecuting attorney for Ottawa County with an office in the courthouse. Corie was born in Zeeland on April 15, 1878. On June 17, 1919 in Holland, he married Lillian O’Hara. In 1918 Corie was working as an attorney in Grand Rapids, but 12 years later he and his wife, Lillian, were residing in Highland Park, Wayne County, where he was a real estate attorney. Corie and Lillian lived at 312 Franklin in Grand Haven. Lillian was born in Michigan about 1888. She and Corie were divorced on June 17, 1919. Corie died in Detroit on November 27, 1942.

#### **Thomas Coffee [1838-1873]**

On September 25, 1873 the schooner *W. J Whaling* out of Milwaukee, carrying 3,000 barrels of salt, was stranded on a sandbar off Grand Haven harbor. Thomas Coffee lost his life when the lifeboat he was in capsized during an attempt to rescue the crew of the *Whaling*. Thomas, who was 35 years old at the time,

was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Also killed in the wreck was Michael Whalen, the ship's cook. The other crew member survived.

#### **Gustave "Gus" Victor Cohrs [1892-1985]**

Gus Cohrs was athletic director at Grand Haven High School for many years, leading the basketball team to seven championships in 11 seasons during the 1920s and 1930s. He joined the school system in 1922 and retired in 1958. On November 26, 1915 Gus married Johannah "Hannah" Anderson in Muskegon. She was born on March 5, 1891 and died of a "ruptured abdominal aorta" on June 4, 1977. Gus, who was born in Illinois on November 27, 1892, died of pneumonia on August 15, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They lived at 535 Waverly and at 205 Fifth Street. Their daughter Joyce Helen Cohrs was born in Grand Haven on June 8, 1924. She married Paul Charles Nelson in Muskegon on April 6, 1950, died on February 8, 1970, and was buried at Lake Forest. Paul was born on November 21, 1916 in Muskegon and died in 1964. He, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [He also was known as Paul Charles Franzen.]

#### **William M. Colby [1836-1920]**

William Colby, a resident of Spring Lake, organized a group of 12 to 15 people to start a Methodist Episcopal Church. William was a church Elder and its first pastor. He was born on September 27, 1836 in New York. By 1880 he and his wife, Charlotte, had moved to Branch County, where William continued as minister. Charlotte, the same age as her husband, was a native of Maine. Their two children, Eva, born about 1865, and Jessie, born about 1872, were born in Michigan. William died in Owosso, Shiawassee County on October 13, 1920 and was buried at Chapel Cemetery.

#### **Andrew M. Cole [1824-1900]**

From Wilson, New York, where he was born on October 13, 1824 [1830], Andrew Cole moved to Lockport, New York. On October 11, 1861 in Albany, he enlisted in Battery M of the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Light Artillery. He was discharged for disability on January 19, 1865. After the war he moved to Battle Creek, where he went into the dry goods business, and then came to Grand Haven in 1876. He married Mary A. Culver of Royalton, New York. In 1880 they were residing on a fruit farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. Andrew died on April 9, 1900.

#### **Edward C. Cole [1827-1899]**

The date of Blendon Lumber Company's founding is uncertain, but it was in full operation by 1854, when Frederick B. Leonard, Thomas C. Brinsmade, and Jonathan E. Whipple, all residents of Troy, New York, owned it. They had hired John Ball, a well-known figure in Grand Rapids, to invest their money in profitable mills, and Blendon was one that he selected. The trio sold the company to Edward Cole in September 1866, even though the mill had burned down two years earlier. In 1867, with Robert Haire as his partner, Edward bought Frederick Ranney's sawmill on Grand River in Nortonville, giving it the name Haire & Cole Company. Haire and Cole also owned a mill at the foot of Division Street in Spring Lake. In 1871 Edward sold his share to William D. Tolford of Grand Rapids, and the sawmill took the name of its two principals, Haire & Tolford. An 1876 plat map for Georgetown Township revealed Edward owned 6.54 acres in Section 31, adjacent to Blendon Landing.

Edward was born in 1827, the year he was baptized, in Devon, England. He immigrated to the United States in 1859. In 1870 Edward was residing in Blendon Township with William Lowing and his family and employees. Six years later, according to the *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Ottawa & Kent Counties*, he owned land in Section 21 of Olive Township and had owned the land since 1863; he was listed as a "Lumber Manufacturer." In 1880 Edward lived on a farm in Olive Township, sharing his home with a sister, Jane, who was 12 years younger than Edward, and also born in England. He was listed as a lumberman. For seven years in the 1880s he employed Harley Bement to farm the land for him and to haul "logs and lumber from the woods to the sawmill." By 1886 brother and sister had moved to Pierce County, Washington, where Edward became a dairy farmer. He died in 1899 and was buried at Tacoma Cemetery.

Jane passed away in the same area in 1921. [The Edward Cole buried at West Olive Cemetery, with no headstone or dates, is not the Edward Cole associated with the Blendon Company. [Thanks to Jeffrey Seaver for supplying some of the vital statistics for this entry.]

### **Edward Nicholas Cole [1909-1977]**

After Edward Cole retired from General Motors in 1974, he became chairman and CEO of Checker Motors Corporation and chairman of International Husky, an air-freight company. In 1977, the Rifle River Scout Canoe Base was renamed the Edward N. Cole Canoe Base to honor Cole's dedication to the Boy Scouts in the Detroit area. Edward was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame the same year, 1977.

Ed, the son of Franklin and Lucy Blasen Cole, was born on a farm near Marne on September 17, 1909. He attended Grand Rapids Junior College from 1927 to 1929 and then General Motors Technical Institute, where he received a bachelor of science degree. An engineer-salesman, Ed joined GM in 1930. During World War II, Ed was in charge of tank design operations for GM. In 1952 he developed a small-block V-8 engine in just four months. Four years later he was named president of GM's Chevrolet Division, and in 1967 he became GM president at the age of 58. At a time when most automobile manufactures resisted it, Ed promoted the idea that all cars should be equipped with air bags. His patent application for a "Vehicle Occupant Restraint System" was approved in 1971. Soon, all air bags were standard equipment on all cars. He also was instrumental in the development of catalytic converters and the Corvair rear-engine car. The early success of the Corvair put him on the front cover of *Time* magazine on October 5, 1959. Ed was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 1977 and was featured in History Channel's documentary "The Cars That Made America" in 2017.

On October 17, 1933, Ed married Esther Helene Engman in Grand Rapids. Following their divorce, Ed in 1964 married Dollie Ann Fechner. She was born in Texas on May 13, 1930. He brought two children to the marriage, and he and Dollie Ann had a son. Ed died on May 2, 1977 at the age of 67 in a crash during a storm, while he was piloting his private twin-engine plane near Kalamazoo. Ed was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Esther lived from December 4, 1906 to April 9, 1980 and also was buried at Greenwood. Dollie Ann passed away on August 24, 2014 and was buried at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Oakland County. [*Tribune* article, "Marne farm boy at top in GM," December 3, 1973.]

### **George W. Cole [1864-1888]**

Born in Allendale on July 1, 1864, George Cole on December 26, 1886 married Jeanette Jane Porter in his hometown. She was born in Ottawa County on July 28, 1870 and died in Charlevoix on November 25, 1954 under the name Nettie Jane Brown. In 1887, George was principal of the Ferrysburg school. He died the next year on September 6 and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery.

### **H. Cole [? - ?]**

In 1950 H. Cole painted a large, bird's-eye view of downtown Grand Haven, looking west from the corner of Washington and Third Streets. Cole adapted his view from an etching that originally appeared in the 1876 *Atlas of Kent and Ottawa Counties*. The watercolor was donated to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

### **Russell Jarvis Collins [1828-1903]**

Physician and surgeon Russell Collins came to Spring Lake in 1854 and for a while lodged at the Middlemist Hotel. In a short time he had an office at Lemoyne M. S. Smith's Drug Store, where he remained for two years and then was replaced by Dr. Abram Van Dusen of Grand Haven. He next moved to Grand Rapids and by 1860 he was residing in Mulberry Grove, Illinois. Russell was born in Warner, New Hampshire on December 15, 1828. In 1855 he married Mary M. Davis, a native of Canada. They had four children: William Russell, born about 1858, Edward Mordecai, born about February 1860, Phillip M., and a daughter who died as an infant. While in Illinois, Russell on August 6, 1862 was appointed First assistant Surgeon for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers. He died in Colorado on July 17, 1903 and was buried at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

### **Abraham J. Colman [1889-1952]**

Abe Colman was born on March 27, 1889 [1891] in Romeo, Macomb County. He and Arthur T. Colten started the Kiddie Kover Company in Detroit in 1918. The firm made children's clothing, including such items as bib overalls. Eleven years later the business was moved to Grand Haven and located at 702 Sixth Street. Abraham married Bertha Weisblum on May 21, 1916. Bertha was born in Michigan around 1898. They lived at 244 Grand Avenue in Grand Haven. The Colmans had two sons, Arthur Colman [1917-2013], and Robert Colman [1923-2017]. Abe died on August 17, 1952. Kiddie Kover closed in April the next year. Martha was born on March 2, 1897 and passed away on June 27, 1969. She and Abe were buried at Beth El Memorial Park in Livonia, Wayne County.

### **Charles Alexander Colson [1883-1948]**

Charles Colson was born in Grand Haven on November 1, 1883. After attending local schools, he was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company and became assistant superintendent. He also worked for the American Brass Novelty Company and the Pellegrom and Kinkema Furniture Store located at 204 and later at 304 Washington. Charles married Elsie Cairns of Grand Haven on August 21, 1907. She was born in Grand Haven on August 21, 1878, attended local schools, Akeley Institute, and the University of Michigan. She was a member of the Tuesday Musicale and the First Presbyterian Church. The couple lived at 512 Franklin Street. Charles died on July 12, 1948 and his wife passed away on July 31, less than three weeks later. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Victor [Viktor] Lionell Colson [1895-1953]**

Victor Colson was born on February 17, 1895 in Grand Haven. On November 17, 1917 he married Hazel, the daughter of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Toll Bottje. Victor and Hazel resided at 416 Clinton, next door to Gerrit and Elizabeth. Hazel was born July 1, 1895 and died in Grand Haven on December 27, 1983. While serving as first lieutenant with the U.S. Army during WWI, he suffered shell shock from which he never recovered. In 1940 he was manager of a state-owned liquor store, and he served as lieutenant colonel with Company F of the National Guard. He died on October 27, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Hazel also was buried.

### **Arthur T. Colten [Colton] [1891–1937]**

Arthur Colten and Abraham J. Colman started the Kiddie Kover Company in Detroit in 1918. Eleven years later the business moved to 702 Sixth Street in Grand Haven. Arthur was born in Detroit on May 11, 1891. On August 5, 1917 he married Judith Ginsburg, who was born in Michigan about 1895. They had four children: Mary, born about 1921; Tom, born about 1923; Jerry, born about 1926; and Richard, born about 1932. After Judith's death about 1930, Arthur married Ethel Crane Mills on October 5, 1934. Arthur and Ethel resided on Barber Street in Spring Lake. Ethel had two children by a prior marriage: Beverly, born about 1915, and Virginia, born about 1917. Two years after his second marriage, Arthur died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound and was buried in Detroit. Kiddie Kover closed in April 1953, several months after Abraham Colman's death. [Interview with La Mar Van Haften, January 15, 1999.]

### **William Cooper Comfort [1821-1865]**

A resident of Eastmanville and a minister by profession, William Comfort was instrumental in organizing many of the early Methodist Churches in the area. He was included in the 1850 census for Polkton Township. In 1851 nine Allendale residents formed the first Methodist class with Rev. Comfort as pastor. He married Cornelia A. Hopkins in Ottawa County on October 2, 1845, apparently his second wife. Cornelia, the daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born in New York about 1815. Emma Comfort, William's sister, was born about 1825 and married Benjamin Hopkins of Spring Lake in 1851. In 1847 William was named postmaster of Eastmanville, a position he held until March 8, 1856, when Timothy Eastman took the position for the second time. William was born in New York on June 17, 1821 and died in Hillsdale County [Branch County] in 1865. Cornelia, following William's death,

relocated to Detroit and lived with Silas but at the time of her death on July 3, 1883, she was residing in Kalamazoo. William and Cornelia had one son, Silas Hopkins Comfort, who lived from 1846 to May 29, 1898. During the Civil War, he served with Company L of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry. At the time of his enlistment, he was living in Branch County. They also had a daughter, Catherine, who was born about March 1850.

### **E. B. Comstock [? - ?]**

An architect and engineer, E. B. Comstock lived in Steele's Landing [Lamont] in the mid-1850s but was in Ottawa County as early as 1833.

### **George Truman Conant I [1878-1955]**

The son of Reuben Hess and Alveretta "Etta" Conant, George was born in Robinson Township on May 25, 1878. On May 15, 1899 he married 19-year-old Etta Jane Hall. She was born in Coopersville on April 6, 1880 and died in Robinson Township on March 8, 1907. On April 28, 1909, George married Nellie Speelman Nellie, the daughter of Peter and Anna Sleutel Speelman, was born in Grand Haven on July 7, 1891. After her mother passed away in 1926, Nellie and George bought the house at 431 Elliott Street, her childhood home. George worked at Story & Clark Piano Company, and Nellie was employed at Grand Haven Community Hospital [North Ottawa Community Hospital]. George died on May 12, 1955. Nellie continued to live at the Elliott Street house, sharing it with her widowed sister Minnie, who was seven years older than she. Nellie passed away on August 4, 1977. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their surviving children were: Frances Gertrude Conant [1911-2002]; Margaret Geraldine Conant [1913-1997]; Georgia Conant [1916-1996]; Thelma Alvaretta Conant [1918-2006]; Gordon Russel Conant [1920-1996]; Wilma Eileen Conant [1922-2012]; Doris R. Conant [1924-1998]; Doreen Conant [b. 1926]; George Truman Conant II [1928-2019]; and Nancy Lou Conant [1930-2018]. The children were all born in Grand Haven.

### **Robert James Conant I [1895-1944]**

By the late 1920s Robert Conant owned Conant's Restaurant at 19 Washington. The son of John and Maud Conant, he was born in Robinson Township on July 5, 1895. Before going into the restaurant business, he was a farmer in Robinson Township. He died on December 5, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Robert married Nina Rittenburgh, who was born in Allendale on January 24, 1893. The family resided above their business until moving to 901 Pennoyer. Nina, also a Michigan native, was born in January 1893 and assisted her husband at the restaurant. Robert and Nina had at least three children: Ethel, born about 1915; Lois, born about 1921; and Robert J. II, who was born on January 18, 1933 and died in Muskegon on November 30, 1988. Nina passed away on June 17, 1973 in Grand Haven. Bob II died on November 30, 1988 in Muskegon.

### **Reuben Hess Conant [1839-1913]**

As a youngster, Reuben Conant lived with his parents, a brother, and three sisters in Savannah, New York. The family migrated to Robinson Township, where they purchased 40 acres of government land in Section 25 before 1876. Reuben's sister Mary and her husband Ed Wilson, a brother James, and Reuben built three log homes near one another. Reuben traveled to Tomah, Wisconsin, where he married a second cousin, Alveretta [Alfretta] "Etta" Vandalia Conant, on November 10, 1873. The couple settled on family land in Robinson Township and in 1896 replaced the original log home with a frame house. They lived there until 1908, when they moved to 127½ Washington Street, above the American Express Office. The next year they moved again, this time to 1113 Grant Street in Grand Haven. By 1915 they were living at 203 Columbus Street. Reuben was born in New York in 1839 and died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1913. His brother James lived from 1844 to 1911 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery, as was Reuben. Etta was born in Wisconsin on May 31, 1854 and died on January 3, 1921. She was buried near her husband. One of their children, George Truman Conant, was born on May 25, 1878 in Robinson Township. Their other children, all born in Robinson Township, were: Ernest Conant [1881-1927]; Nelson

Conant [1874-1942]; Cora Conant [1876-1925]; Urarda [Wanda] Melissa Conant [1891-1971]]; and Lulu Gertrude Conant [1886-1997]; and Wanda Melissa Conant [1891-1971].

### **Charles Eugene Conger [1848–1927]**

Charles Conger learned the printer's trade working for Henry S. Clubb, a newspaper publisher who started the *Grand Haven Herald* in 1869. Charles was associated with the Grand Haven newspaper *Venture* from 1887 to 1891. The newspaper eventually was renamed the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune*. He also was a partner with Hiram Potts in a printing business. It was Potts and Conger Publishing that distributed the *Historical and Business Compendium of Ottawa County* in 1893. In the late 1890s Charles became chief clerk in charge of supplies for District superintendent of the U.S. Life Saving Service in Grand Haven. He applied for a Civil War pension, but details of his service were not found. He retired from the Coast Guard in 1924, which was formed from the Life Saving Service in 1915. Charles was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on October 30, 1848. He arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1858 with his parents, David B. and Clarissa Conger, who settled on a fruit farm in the Peach Plains section of Grand Haven Township. On August 22, 1875 in Grand Haven, Charles married Emily "Emma" Louise Howe. They lived at 321 Franklin. Emma was born in Indiana in November 1847 and died on June 23, 1928. Charles passed away the next year on August 17, 1927. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Clara A. Conger, one of their four children, was born in Grand Haven on December 3, 1879 and on December 31, 1902 married Murray M. Fuller in Grand Haven.

### **David Beaman Conger I [1814-1882]**

David Conger was born in January 1814 in Columbia County, New York. About 1841 [1838/1839] he married Clarissa "Clara" Decker. Clara also was a native of Columbia County, where she was born on October 16, 1818, the daughter of Peter and Hannah Snooks Decker. The couple moved to Greenbush, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin and later to Prairie du Sac in Sauk County. David enlisted as captain in Company B of the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry on June 1, 1861. He resigned a year later on June 23. David was educated for the law, visited Australia and other countries, and was senator in the Wisconsin legislature for three terms prior to his move to the Grand Haven, where he was residing at the time of the 1870 Federal Census. A resident of Section 35 of the Peach Plains area in Grand Haven Township, David raised peaches and other fruit on his 20-acre farm. He and Clarissa had at least three sons and a daughter, all born in Wisconsin: David II, born about 1842; Charles, born in 1848; Aileen [Adelaide], born about 1852; and Byron F., born about 1856. David I died September 22, 1882 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clara died on June 14, 1890 and was buried near her husband.

### **Charles A. Conklin [1895–1918]**

Charles Conklin was born in Grand Haven in 1895, the son of Anna C. and Andrew Jackson Conklin. His father, born on September 15, 1865, died on June 14, 1932 and his mother passed away about March 3, 1959. When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Charles happened to be in Ohio and went out with an Ohio National Guard unit, which became part of the Rainbow, or 42<sup>nd</sup> Division. Charles's detachment was Machine Gun Company C of the 166<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He died from wounds received while fighting in France when the American troops went into action against the Germans. Because he was the first soldier from Grand Haven to fall, the American Legion Post in Grand Haven was named in his honor. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles's sister Edythe, born on June 19, 1898 in Illinois, married William Modrack and remained in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, May 23, 1921.]

### **Oscar F. Conklin [1837-1933]**

The town of Conklin in Chester Township was named for Oscar, who was born on May 6, 1837. As an agent for the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, and Muskegon Railway Company, Oscar bought the right-of-way from Grand Rapids to Muskegon that was needed for the Interurban. A dry goods merchant in Conklin, Oscar died in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1933. On June 6, 1875, he married Esther Price, who was born about 1842 in Pennsylvania and died in 1905. Their daughter Grace was born in Michigan on October

11, 1875, in Ravenna. A second daughter, Herma, was born on December 20, 1882 in Polkton Township. Two years after Esther's death, Oscar married Alice Hackman in Riverside, California. She lived from 1873 to 1942.

#### **Charles James Connell [1886-1975]**

Charles was born in White Lake, Muskegon County, on May 19, 1886. His parents were Charles T. and Florence Hiler Connell of Grand Haven. On December 27, 1911 in Grand Rapids, Charles married Dora Mable Willsie. The daughter of Tom and Madora Gardner Wilsie, Florence was born in Ionia in 1891 and passed away in Detroit in 1930. In 1900, after the death of both his parents, Charles resided with his grandparents, George and Amanda Hiler, at 835 Elliot Street. In 1909 Charles worked with Grand Rapids resident Hugo Thum, who also had a summer home on Spring Lake, in taking natural color pictures using "Hummer's autochromes." The process required 18 different chemicals. Charles worked with Harry La Barge at a photography studio on Second Street in Grand Haven. Toward the end of December 1909, Charles purchased the studio from Harry, who moved to Grand Rapids because of poor health. In March 1910 Charles sold the studio to Guy T. Perkins. Charles then went to Lafayette, Indiana, where he worked with Donald Angus, formerly of Grand Haven, in a large machine shop. Charles died on December 27, 1975 in Muskegon. He and Dora were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Charles T. Connell [1860-1894]**

Charles, the son of Richard and Margaret Sarah Gibbs Connell, was born in Grand Haven in 1860. In the 1880 census he was classified as an engineer. On April 6, 1881 he married Florence Lillian Hiler, who was born on November 3, 1866 in Plainfield, New York. They had three children: Sadie, who was born in April 1885; Charles J., who was born on May 19, 1886; and Frederick H., who lived from 1888 to 1923. Lillian died on March 20, 1892 in Kensington, Illinois, and her husband died two years later on July 12 in South Haven. Charles died of injuries incurred when the steamer *Myrtie M. Ross* caught fire. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. In 1900 Sadie and Charles were living at 835 Elliott Street with their grandparents, George and Amanda Hiler.

#### **Daniel O. Connell [O'Connell] [1826-1891]**

Daniel Connell, his wife Ellen, and son John are listed in the 1860 census as residents of Olive Township. By 1864 Daniel owned a 60-acre parcel in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. By 1876 he owned at least two parcels in Grand Haven Township: 80 acres in Section 23 and 180 acres in Section 33. He was born in Ireland on August 14, 1826 and died on August 24, 1891. Ellen also was born in Ireland. After Daniel's death, both pieces of land were in the name of his sisters, Abbie A. and Katherine [Catherine] J. Connell. The sisters were born in Michigan, Abigail in April 1862, and Katherine in September 1865. The 1912 *Atlas of Ottawa County* listed Katherine Connell as owner of 200 acres in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Abigail had sole title to the Connell property in Section 33 in 1930.

#### **John O. Connell [O'Connell] [1822-1899]**

John Connell was born in Ireland on May 24, 1822. By 1864 he owned approximately 80 acres in Sections 4 and 9 of Olive Township, along the Lake Michigan shoreline. His wife Margaret was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Haley of Ireland, where she was born on May 25, 1833. She died on May 29, 1873 in Port Sheldon and was buried at West Olive Cemetery. After John died on May 16, 1899, he was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Among their children was a son, Dennis, who was just under 22 years of age when he died on February 26, 1873. He was buried at West Olive, but in 1899 his body and Margaret's were moved to Spring Lake Cemetery to be interred with John. Also buried there were William, who lived from 1860 to 1930, and William's sister, Abigail, who was born in 1861 and died in 1930. They all were buried as O'Connells. Connell School in Olive Township was named for this family.

#### **Mary Malone Connell [O'Connell] [1808-1880]**

Around 1825 Mary Malone married James A. Connell [O'Connell] in Ireland, where he was born in 1810. Mary was born in December 1808, also in Ireland. James was a builder. The couple and their children immigrated to Quebec in 1842, and subsequently relocated to New York City. They then moved to Oswego, New York, where he died in 1847, leaving his wife with six of their 14 children. When Mary moved to Ottawa County, she married Edward McCue, who had a farm in Polkton Township that abutted Charles T. Gibbs's property. She died in Ottawa County on April 9, 1880 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Among James's and Mary's children were Margaret, who was born in County Meath, Ireland on September 25, 1834, died in Muskegon on September 17, 1899, and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon; Richard J., who was born in County Meath on November 2, 1835 and married Margaret Sarah, daughter of Charles T. Gibbs; and Mary, who was born in 1847 in Canada and died in Ottawa County on March 26, 1889. Margaret lived in Grand Haven from 1855 to 1885, when she moved to Muskegon. She was married twice, first to James K. Fallon and then to Joseph Cowan.

### **Richard James Connell [1835-1923]**

Richard was born in County Meath, Ireland on November 2, 1835, the son of James and Mary Malone Connell [OConnell]. In December 1855, nine months after his arrival in the United States, Richard was first mate on the schooner *Vermont*, owned by Clark B. Albee, when it wrecked on a sand bar off Port Sheldon during a terrible storm. Richard swam ashore from the foundering ship, was pulled from the surf by four Indians, assisted to safety by local resident Philip Dushane, and returned to rig the breeches buoy that allowed all 18 [17] of the crew to be saved, including Captain Robert Gettie.

Captain William R. Loutit organized the first volunteer life-saving operation in 1871, with Captain Richard Connell in charge. Richard held that position until 1879. One of Richard's early lifesaving endeavors happened when the ship *Ironsides* sank in a storm off Grand Haven harbor on September 15, 1873, the day after it left Milwaukee with a load of wheat, flour, pork, and other items. The newly formed volunteer crew of lifesavers, led by Richard, managed to maneuver their lifeboats through the towering waves and save about 20 passengers and crew. The Captain, Harry Sweetman, and approximately 20 others lost their lives.

Richard's busiest day was November 1, 1878 when a series of westerly gales pushed five vessels to shore within sight of Grand Haven. The most unfortunate of the five was the *L. C. Woodruff* of Cleveland, which went to pieces off White Lake and three of the 10 crewmen were lost.

Richard was married twice, first in 1856 to Margaret Sarah, daughter of Charles T. Gibbs. Margaret was born in Michigan on November 16, 1841 and died on November 25, 1872. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with three of her four children who died as infants. The Connells had nine children in all, including a son Charles who was born in 1860. After Margaret died, Richard married Julia Walsh on June 30, 1873 in Muskegon. The daughter of Thomas and Mary Golden Walsh, she was born in Pennsylvania on November 16, 1859 and died August 9, 1922 in Milwaukee. Julia previously had been married to William Barnum. Richard and Julia had seven children. Richard's brother, Patrick J. Connell, settled in Grand Haven around 1862, after serving with the military in the Civil War. Patrick, a building contractor, moved to Muskegon about 1870, but died in Tucson, Arizona on December 24, 1917. By 1900 Richard and his family were living in Milwaukee, where he was mate aboard a steamer. He died of pneumonia in Milwaukee on January 30, 1923. He was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Milwaukee with Julia.

### **William Martin Connelly [Connolly] [1878-1965]**

William Connelly and his wife moved to Spring Lake from Chicago, where in 1910 he was an electrical engineer. In Spring Lake he purchased 11 acres in the township. With Chauncey Blakeslee and Samuel Falls William developed Long View Resort, situated between Petty's Bayou and Spring Lake. He was an employee of the Ottawa County Road Commission, beginning in 1915. In the 1918 *Directory* he was listed as a manufacturer. In the 1920 census he was listed as a truck manufacturer, and ten years later he was a real estate agent living in Spring Lake Village. William was a delegate to the Republican National



Convention in 1920. As a member of the Grand Haven Board of Trade, he helped bring Keller Tool Company to the area in 1917. William was born in West Virginia on January 15, 1878. He married Sonoma “Nona” M. McJilton in West Virginia in 1900. Also from West Virginia, she was two years younger than her husband. William died in San Mateo, California on March 19, 1965.

#### **Jared Conner [Connor] [1800-1852]**

Jared Conner, an early settler in Robinson Township, owned land abutting Grand River in Section 33 and gave the bayou the name it is known by today, Connor Bayou. Jared sold his 240 acres in 1849 to William M. Ferry. He married Caroline McCord in Goshen, New York on February 7, 1824. She was born in New York in 1803 and died in Easton, Ionia County in 1883. Jared and Caroline had moved from New York to Oakland County by 1830, and four years later they relocated to Easton, Ionia County, where he built a sawmill in 1836. They were in Robinson Township before the end of the decade, but only for a short time. The couple had at least one son, William J. Conner, who was born in Orange County, New York on August 22, 1830 and died in Easton on March 13, 1913. Caroline died in Easton on July 3, 1883. Jared passed away in Grand Haven on March 3, 1852. [Some sources claim he died in Easton on that date.] His brother, Thomas Harrison Conner, also an early settler in Robinson Township, relocated to Easton in Ionia County. Connor Bayou and the area surrounding it are now a 142-acre park managed by the Ottawa County Parks Department. [*Ionia Daily Sentinel*, July 5, 1883.]

#### **Thomas Harrison Conner [Connor] [1813-1886]**

The younger brother of Jared Conner, Harrison, as he was called, was born in New York in 1813. He married Mary Ann Hunt on February 11, 1838. He followed a pattern similar to Jared’s, relocating to Oakland County and then to Easton, Ionia County. In 1838 he and Mary were living in Robinson Township, where they purchased land, and 12 years later they were located in that part of Ottawa Township [now Grand Haven Township] that became Robinson Township, probably on what is know today as Connor Bayou, now an Ottawa County Park. They had a daughter, Mary Melissa, who was born in Grand Haven on September 11, 1848 and died in Big Rapids on January 29, 1933. Harrison passed away in Easton on October 17, 1885 [1886].

#### **John Conrath [1852-1914]**

A farmer with 40 acres in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, John Conrath arrived in the area from Chicago in 1910. He was still the owner of record in 1912. John, the son of Joseph and Anna Marie Contrath, was born in Germany on January 9, 1852. He arrived in the United States in 1868, On July 14, 1873 in Chicago, John married Mary Litterscheid. They were still living there in 1900 and 1910. John passed away in Chicago on June 27, 1914. Mary was born in Illinois in 1854 and died in Grand Haven on November 27, 1940. Both were buried at Saint Boniface Cemetery in Chicago. Their seven children were: Joseph, who lived from 1877 to 1951; Bernard, 1880 to 1967; Mary, 1885 to 1923; J. Peter, 1886 to 1946; John, 1890 to 1961; Gertrude, 1894 to 1929; and Frank, 1896 to 1983. By 1920 Mary had returned to Chicago.

#### **Louise “Lisette” Constant [1812-1907]**

See Louise “Lisette” Constant Lasley.

#### **Pierre Constant [? –1828]**

Franklin Everett quoted a sketch by Rev. Ferry stating that the first fur trader in the area was Frenchman Pierre Constant, who in 1810 established a trading post for the British Fur Company on the south side of the Grand River, about two miles west of Lamont, another a short distance from the mouth of the Grand River, and a third on Muskegon Lake. However, we know that Pierre had trading posts near the mouth of the Grand as early as 1790, the year voyageur Hugh Heward paddled down the river and recorded meeting the fur trader. After Pierre’s death in 1828 the business was taken over by his oldest child, Lisette [Louise], who was born in Muskegon on August 15, 1812 and who had been acting as his clerk since she was 12.

Lisette carried on the fur trading business for six more years but switched from British Fur to the American Fur Company, owned by John Jacob Astor and headquartered at Mackinac Island. She worked at least for a while with Rix Robinson and is on his roster for 1830. Her husband was William Lasley of Muskegon, who established a trading post in 1846 at the east end of Muskegon Lake. Their son, Henry Lasley, became a prominent merchant in Muskegon County. After her husband's death, Lisette moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She passed away there on September 13, 1907.

Pierre Constant and his Indian wife, Popamansauouekoue, had five other children.

See also Louise "Lisette" Constant Lasley.

### **Clifford Wellington Convey [1879-1955]**

In the mid- to late 1920s, Clifford Convey and Henry P. Bolthouse jointly owned a grocery store in Ferrysburg. Clifford was born on September 13, 1879. On September 19, 1907 he married Mary Osterhoff in Grand Haven. The daughter of Roelof and Jane Griede Osterhoff, Mary was born in Ferrysburg on December 25, 1870. In the mid-1910s, the couple was living in Ferrysburg and Clifford was a bridge tender. In 1930, still living in Ferrysburg, Clifford was employed by one of the local railway companies. On his 1942 World War II draft registration he wrote that he "has not worked because of bad heart." Mary was a clerk in a Ferrysburg grocery store. He died in 1955 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary passed away on April 7, 1952 in Muskegon and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Robert Convey [1846-1914]**

Robert Convey was born in Canada on August 20, 1846. On December 22, 1866 he married Emma J. Baughn in Grand Haven. In 1880 the Conveys' home was in Ferrysburg. In 1893, Robert was bridge tender. By 1900 they were living in Spring Lake, and Robert was employed as a carpenter. In 1910 they were still in Spring Lake, and Robert was working for a railroad company. He died in Grand Haven on April 18, 1914 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Born in Bingham, Clinton County, Emma lived from March 3, 1848 to August 16, 1917. She, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least three children: Mary Convey [1870-1952]; Clifford Convey [born on September 13, 1879]; and Robert Edward Convey [1882-1938].

### **George W. Cook [1824-1910]**

A prominent Unitarian pastor in Grand Haven, George Cook arrived to lead his congregation in February 1876, a year after the members first gathered for worship. George was born in 1824 and died on August 14, 1910.

### **Jacob Cook [1893-1970]**

The founder of Cook's Hardware and Plumbing, Jacob Cook was born in Grand Haven on April 24, 1893. His parents were Adolph and Jenna Wierenga Koch [Cook]. In 1918 Jacob opened a grocery store at 1118 Washington Street, and eight years later switched to hardware and plumbing. He built a new store at 1116 Washington in 1954 with sons Ed and Al as partners. Jacob retired in 1955. On May 7, 1914 in Muskegon, he married Fannie Schoonveld, who died on March 11, 1961. In 1961 Jacob married Winifred De Witt Van Zantwick, who was widowed in 1944 when Govert Van Zantwick died. Jacob and Winifred lived at 1408 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Jacob died on January 4, 1970 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Winifred, who was born on October 25, 1893, died in Grand Haven on February 27, 1982. She and Jacob were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Johannes "John" M. Cook [1860-1922]**

Moving from Grand Rapids to Holland and then to Grand Haven, John Cook in 1890 became partner with Corneil Addison in a grocery business at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets [123 Third Street]. Two years later, he bought his partner and added other lines of merchandise. In the 1893 *Compendium* he advertised his "Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions" store [701 Washington], where he offered "All Kinds of

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Headquarters for Bulk Oysters and Fruit.” And customers could purchase “Farm Produce, Choice Butter And Eggs.” John later became secretary and treasurer of the Grand Haven Basket Company, located on Sixth Street between Madison and Elliott. By 1912 he had his own real estate office in Grand Haven. On January 4, 1888 in Grand Haven, John married Grietje “Maggie” Kieft, who was born in Michigan on October 31, 1865 and died on November 24, 1923. Her father was Derk Kieft of Grand Haven. The Cook family resided on Third Street around 1900, but soon moved to 601 Lake Avenue, and by 1920 were residing at 631 Lake. Their children were Henrietta M., who was born on December 30, 1882, became a teacher in the Grand Haven schools, and married Corneil Van Zanten II of Grand Haven; Anna “Annie,” born in July 1887; Richard L., born in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1884; Katie, born in January 1886; Gerald, born in June 1891; Albertus J., born in June 1895; and Bernard, born about 1902. Richard bought his father’s grocery and dry goods business in 1903 and with Cornelius Donker as his partner, operated the Cook Mercantile Company at 216-222 North Third Street. John, who was born in The Netherlands on February 25, 1860, died on January 29, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He arrived in the United States in 1880.

### **John W. Cook [1810-1882]**

John Cook was a builder in partnership with James Barnes in the third quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They built Senator Ferry’s large residence on the northeast corner of First and Columbus Streets, one of the local schoolhouses, and other structures. John’s wife Julia A., who was born on September 24, 1817 in Warwick, New York, died in Grand Rapids on May 15, 1900. In Grand Haven they resided at 418 Franklin Street in a house later owned by Samuel and Mary Eames. John was born on October 22, 1810 in Harley, New York, and died on May 31, 1882 in Grand Haven. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 17, 1900.]

### **Katherine Cook [1883-1916]**

See Peter Kieft.

### **Pieter “Peter” Cook [1851-1911]**

Peter Cook was one of the first uniformed policemen in Grand Haven. [John Klaver was the other uniformed policeman of that era.] Peter was born in March 1851 [1852] in a log cabin on a farm three miles north of Zeeland. He married Martje “Marjorie” Sluiter, who was born in The Netherlands in January 1854 and died in 1912. The Cooks moved to Grand Haven after their marriage and resided at 401 North Fifth Street. Before becoming a policeman, Peter worked for seven years with Jan “John” Klaver as leader of the freight handling crew at the Grand Trunk Railroad Warehouse. Peter’s daughter Katherine was born on July 4, 1883 [1882] and married Peter Kieft of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Maud, was born in July 1889.

### **Richard L. Cook [1884-1966]**

Born in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1884, Richard came to Grand Haven as a young boy with his parents, John and Maggie Cook. Richard graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1902. He attended the University of Michigan for a brief time, then went to a business college in Grand Rapids. He bought his father’s business in 1903 and operated the Cook Mercantile Company with Cornelius Donker as his partner from that date until 1917. The store was located at 216 to 222 North Third Street in Grand Haven. During World War I he served with the Red Cross on the Italian Front and returned home in 1919 to continue business at the Grand Haven Co-Op as general manager and director for six years. He then became a wholesale importer and for a year ran a store in Holland, retiring in 1935, the same year he was elected mayor of Grand Haven. He served six consecutive terms in that post, ending in 1941, when he was appointed to the Ottawa County Board of supervisors and served until 1965. He was vice chair of the board from 1963 to his retirement. He also served 18 years with the local Selective Service Board. During Richard’s time as mayor, the police, fire station, and municipal hospital were built. He married Martha J. Mansfield of Chicago on March 23, 1908. They resided at 226 Franklin Street and 903 Sheldon Road.

Martha, the daughter of Frederick A. and Mary Mansfield of Grand Haven, was born on May 10, 1883. Martha died on December 20, 1965. Richard died on October 25, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Richard often walked his dog through Duncan Park. At his request, the route of his funeral procession included the park road.

#### **Jesse Hopkins Cooley [Cooly] I [1820-1905]**

Jesse Cooley in 1825 at the age of five moved with his family to Detroit from his birthplace in New York State. In 1843 Jesse arrived in Mill Point [Spring Lake] and worked for the Barber & Mason Sawmill. In 1848 he married Theresa [Lina] "Teressie" Campbell in Ottawa County. Theresa was born in Michigan in June 1832 [1835]. In a *Tribune* article dated December 17, 1896, Jesse was quoted as saying that "Muskegon" was a Ojibwa word meaning "cranberry." He went on to say, "30 negroes lived on the Big Bayou, now called Spring Lake. They earned a living by shaving shingles. One day the schooner *C. Walker*, owned by Capt. Brooks sailed into Spring Lake, all the negroes boarding her and going to Chicago." By 1870 Jesse, Theresa, and their four children were residing in Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, where evidently he spent his last years. They were still there as late as 1900. At that time their son Jesse II and his wife, Emma, were living next door. Jesse's and Theresa's children were: Levina, born about 1851; Jessias, born about 1853; Jesse II, who was born in April 1855 and died in Fruitport on; January 1, 1934; and Royal, born about 1860. Jesse I was the first farmer to raise apples in the Fruitport area. He died on August 28, 1905 and was buried at Fruitport Cemetery, as were Theresa, who died on May 3, 1904, and Jesse II.

#### **Joseph H. Coon [1907-1985]**

Joseph Coon, who was born on November 20, 1907, moved to Grand Haven in 1948 and was employed by Bastian-Blessing. Prior to that he was with the Coast Guard. He retired from the military with the rank of Ensign after 19 years of service, and he once was a member of the *Escanaba*. He died in Grand Haven on May 21, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Emelia, passed away on June 6, 2003 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Benjamin F. Cooper [1801-1864]**

Born in Utica, New York in 1801, Benjamin Cooper bought 640 acres in the area that became known as Coopersville. In 1829 he married Mary A. Brantly, who was born in New York about 1801. Benjamin was the founder of the community, starting in 1845. For several years the land remained mostly unpopulated. In 1858 Benjamin offered to donate to the railroad all the land it needed, if the station were named after him. Timothy Eastman wanted to name the town Polkton, in honor of then President James Polk, but Benjamin prevailed. On January 22, 1859, the name Coopersville became official. It was incorporated as a village in 1871 and became a city in 1967. Benjamin and his two sons built a sawmill and a dry goods store in Coopersville. Benjamin died in 1864.

#### **Clayton J. Cooper [1900-1983]**

Born in Muskegon on September 19, 1900, Clayton Cooper was founder of Cooper Machine and Welding, which he operated for 41 years, retiring in 1978 as its president and treasurer. On May 21, 1921 he married Laura M. Viebrock. Laura lived from April 10, 1895 to August 20, 1990. Their children included Alva E. Cooper, who was born on June 2, 1926, resided in Spring Lake, and died October 2, 1999; Eileen, who married Curtis Amundson of Grand Rapids; Shirley, who married Harold Van Etten of Muskegon; and Charles Cooper of New Port Richey, Florida. Clayton died in Muskegon in April 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, April 14, 1983.]

#### **David Mack Cooper [1827-1908]**

Reverend David Cooper succeeded William Ferry as pastor at Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ferry officially retired in April 1857, but David Cooper appears to have been in Grand Haven as early as 1856. He was born in Detroit on April 18, 1827. On May 6, 1851 he married Arabella M. Baldwin in

Washtenaw County. A native of Vermont [New York], she was born about 1828. Their children were Mary L., born in Michigan about 1854, and David L., born in Michigan about 1858. Rev. Cooper left Grand Haven because of poor health in 1863. By 1870 the Coopers were residing in Albion, Calhoun County. Arabella died in Detroit on October 5, 1881. On October 29, 1883, he married Carrie Skinner in Battle Creek. David passed away on August 28, 1908 in Detroit.

### **Hiram Calvin Cooper [1868- ?]**

Hiram Cooper listed in the 1883, 1887, and 1891 Michigan *Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a shoemaker in Ferrysburg. On December 14, 1892 he married Jennie Walter [Walters] in Grand Haven. He was born in Strathroy, Ontario, Canada about 1868, and Jennie, the daughter of Peter and Maria Punsele Walter of Grand Haven, was born on April 3, 1870 in Holland, Michigan. By 1895 the couple was living in Detroit, where Hiram was a fireman. They had four children: Edward William Cooper, born in Grand Haven on November 19, 1893; Henry Cooper, born in Detroit on September 27, 1895; Mary Cooper, born in Detroit on January 3, 1897; and Harold Cooper, who was born in November 1899 and died in Detroit on August 9 the next year. In March 1900 in Detroit, Hiram was reported missing and never returned to his family. On October 19, 1902, Jennie was granted a divorce in Detroit. She married William Anthony Smith [1865-1952] in 1903 and passed away on September 16, 1924 in Wilson, Alpena County and was buried at Wilson Township Cemetery.

### **Jacob Cooper [1896-1918]**

Jacob Cooper was born August 25, 1896. His mother was Dowina [Delia] Cooper of Ferrysburg. She was born May 12, 1869 and died on December 4, 1933. Jacob's father, Hemmo, lived from December 15 1869 to December 31, 1910. A few days before the Armistice ended World War I, Jacob was mortally wounded in France and died on November 7, 1918. He was a member of Company L of the 128<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 32<sup>nd</sup> Division. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

### **John William Cooper [1879-1954]**

John Cooper started out as a claims adjuster for the railroad. In 1914 he purchased from John Buss the building at 226 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Buss had a saloon at this site called Jack's, which apparently remained in business for a few years before Cooper opened a variety store. In 1924 he added a coal and trucking business, concentrating primarily on the local delivery of fruits from the Grand Haven area, and gradually phased out the store. He sold the coal business to Eli West in 1945. It was located west of Liberty Street on the north side of the railroad tracks. John married Kathryn [Cathryn] Eckelcamp. The daughter of Henry John and Reintje Vos Eckelcamp, Kathryn lived from April 1, 1888 to August 15, 1968. They resided on Buchanan Street in Spring Lake and later at 107 West Exchange. John was born on October 17, 1879 and died on October 16, 1954. He and Kathryn were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children were Mildred, Dorothy, Rose, and Ruth. Ruth married John J. Holtrop of Spring Lake.

### **Nelson Cooper [1842-1910]**

See Nelson Neels.

### **Earl Cope [1915-2001]**

By the mid-1950s Earl Cope owned Cope's Hardware Store at 820 East Savidge in Spring Lake. In the late 1970s the store passed into the hands of Wilbur Hughes, who changed the name of the business to Village Hardware. Earl married Helen McMinney in Grand Haven on October 4, 1939 and divorced in Ottawa County on December 22, 1941. They may have been married and divorced twice, since they also are recorded as being married in Bryan, Ohio on April 4, 1942 and divorced in Ottawa County on December 2, 1950. Helen was born about 1917 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1935. Later he and his second wife, Wilma A. [1910-1994], resided at 812 East Savidge. Earl was born in Benton, Kentucky on September 7, 1915 and passed away in Spring Lake on July 24, 2001. Wilma, who was born on July 6, 1910, died in Florida on December 11, 1994. He and Wilma were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Emma McDonald Coppens [1849-1930]**

Emma McDonald was born in New York State in 1849 and moved to Grand Rapids with her family when she was about ten years old. At age fifteen, Emma began teaching at Union High School in Grand Rapids and continued there until 1879, when she enrolled in the Art Students' League of New York. After studying there for three years, Emma returned to Grand Rapids, opened a studio, and promoted her newly developed artistic skills. In 1890 three of her oil paintings were accepted into the Detroit Museum of Art's Exhibition of the Work of Michigan Artists: "Minnehaha—Laughing Water," "Still Life," and "Dog's Head." The next year three more of her works were included in the museum's first ever Annual Exhibition of American Art: "Niagaras" and "Fruit," both oils, and "Dogwood Blossoms from Lookout Mountain," a watercolor. The museum is now known as the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Emma was included in *Artists of Early Michigan* as "Artist and teacher of drawing in Grand Rapids, at least 1886-1899." She was mistakenly listed again in the same book under the name Edith M. Coppens, "Artist in Grand Rapids, 1890. Exhibit of oil paintings, Detroit Museum of Art, 1890." Emma helped found the first Grand Rapids Art Association in 1890 and served multiple terms as secretary and treasurer. In 1902 she and other local artists organized an arts and crafts society.

In 1882 Emma married Grand Rapids resident Peter Coppens, a Grand Rapids travel agent. She was listed in the 1886 *Grand Rapids City Directory* as an artist under the name Emma Coppens. She maintained a studio in Grand Rapids and became known as an accomplished artist and art teacher. Her older sister, Olive "Ollie" McDonald Walkley, also was an amateur artist. Ollie and her husband lived in Grand Haven. Emma's frequent visits with her sister and brother-in-law introduced her to scenes in and around Grand Haven, such the Grand Haven lighthouse on the bluff. The Ewing family donated the painting to Loutit District Library, where it hangs in the library's Local History room. It is the only one of Emma's paintings to be found. Peter was a travel agent in Grand Rapids.

Emma found another outlet for her artistic passion in the continuing conversation around early childhood education reform. At a meeting of the Froebel Study Club (named after Friedrich Froebel, the founder of Kindergarten), she read a paper titled "Art in Relation to Children," in which she advocated "art training as a means of expression for the child" and argued that "clay modeling, drawing, painting and later woodworking and other forms of manual training should be given as a medium for self expression." Emma ran for the Grand Rapids Board of Education twice and lost twice. Despite these defeats, she was remembered as a community organizer, an artist, and a teacher.

Emma died in Grand Rapids in 1930, 26 years after her husband's death.

### **Alfred Joseph Cordes [1898-1949]**

Alfred, the adopted son of Allen and Julia Kellar Cordes of Robinson Township, was a welder at Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg as early as 1928. Born in Chicago, Illinois on June 30, 1898, Alfred married Ula Beatrice Little in Ionia on September 28, 1920. She was born in Palo, Ionia County on September 29, 1902. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Alfred M., born about 1922; Beatrice L., born about 1923; Colleen J., born about 1925; and Don J., born about 1929. In 1930 the family lived on Exchange Street in Spring Lake. In the 1940s they resided at 523 East River in Spring Lake. He passed away on March 2, 1949 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ula married Frank P. Minier in July 1971. He died six years later, and Ula passed away in 1982. She was then residing at 939 Franklin Street.

### **Allen Relyer Cordes [1880-1962]**

Allen, the son of Michael and Mary Cordes, was born in Grand Rapids on June 20, 1880. By 1900 Allen was residing in Chicago with his brother and working as a musician. He was listed as a single man. The 1910 census noted he was married to Julia Ada Kellar and still working as a musician. Living with them was a ten-year-old son, Alfonso, but at some point they adopted a boy who became known as Alfred, and Alfonso disappeared. Allen married Adelpia J. Kellar in Detroit on August 3, 1916. He was continuing

his work as a musician. Apparently Adelpia J. Kellar and Julia Ada Kellar are the same person. Julia was born in Illinois about 1880. On his WWI draft registration form Allen noted that he was “lame in one leg” and apparently was not called to service. At the time of registration, he was working as a farmer in Ottawa County and still listed his wife as Adelpia, but in the 1920 census she appears again as Julia. Living with Allen and Julia in 1920 at 119 Hopkins Street in Grand Haven was their son Alfred J., who was born in Chicago on June 30, 1897 [1898] and died in Grand Haven on March 2, 1949. Allen was then working as a welder at Challenge Refrigerator. In the 1920s Allen and Julia purchased a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Robinson Township [approximately 10367 North Cedar Drive], where they constructed a barn in 1928. Three years later they converted the barn to a restaurant and dance hall named Jac Jungle. The initials of his wife’s name, Julia A. Cordes, supplied the word “Jac.” In 1943 Allen sold his business to John Freitchen of Robinson Township. Allen died in Palm Beach, Florida on April 22, 1962, and Julia had passed away on 1942. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

### **John Corey [1863-1954]**

Born in Syria October 15, 1863, John Corey in 1900 owned a pool hall at 12 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. In 1914 John was working at Eagle Ottawa and residing with his family at 1037 Washington. By 1930 he was retired and resided at 1433 Washington with his family. John’s wife, Husan [Osen/Oren], also was born in Syria on May 15, 1880. Their son, Charles J. Corey, was born in Michigan about 1914. John passed away on September 23, 1954, and Husan died on July 6, 1955. They were buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Wyoming, Kent County.

### **John Franklin Corl [1865-1926]**

In the early 1900s John Corl was employed as secretary/superintendent at the Story & Clark Piano Company. He subsequently opened his own business, Western Piano Supply Company, which operated at 702 North Sixth Street from July 1903 to 1910, and he operated the John F. Corl Piano Company at the same address. Western Supply manufactured piano cases for shipping. Around 1900 John and his wife, Lucinda Anne, purchased the Enoch Cummings residence at 482 Sheldon Terrace, which they later sold to Nelson Howlett. By 1908 the Corls resided in a house on Pennoyer, west of the railroad tracks. John was mayor of Grand Haven in 1906 and 1907. The Corls later moved to Battle Creek, where John started Corl Piano Company and then to East Cleveland, Ohio, where he managed an auto and truck sales company. John was born in Albany, New York on April 29, 1865 and died in East Cleveland, Ohio on March 25, 1926. Lucinda was born in Kingston, New York on December 12, 1866 and passed away in East Cleveland on April 1, 1941.

### **Ulysses Stewart Cornell [1868-1967]**

Ulysses Cornell was born in Door County, Wisconsin, on January 14, 1868. On July 2, 1889 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, he married Clara Clausen, who was born in Milwaukee on December 22, 1867. They had three children, all born in Wisconsin: William Cornell [1893-1978]; Elmer Theodore Cornell [1890-1966]; and Viola Dorothy Cornell [1903-1980]. In the Federal Census of 1900 for Sheboygan, Ulysses was listed as “Light House Keeper.” In 1910, still in Sheboygan, his occupation was listed as “Captain” in the “Fisherman” industry. By 1914, he and Clara were living on South Water Street in Grand Haven. The *City Directory* for that year noted he was “in charge of fishing” for N. [Nathaniel] Robbins. Clara passed away in Grand Haven on May 22, 1927 and was buried at Wildwood Cemetery in Sheboygan. In 1928 Ulysses and his daughter Viola were living at 314 Wallace Street. Ulysses married Bertha Sheets in Grand Rapids on September 20, 1929. By 1938 he was working for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. In 1940, he and Bertha resided at 615 Fulton Street. Born in Ohio, she lived from 1879 to 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ulysses died on November 2, 1967 and also was buried at Lake Forest. The abbreviation for “Captain” was engraved on his headstone. At the time of his death, Ulysses lived at 905 Madison Street.

### **John Mott Cornelius [1830-1906]**

John Cornelius was a farmer and fruit grower in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township, where by 1880 he owned 600 acres that surrounded the bayou later given his name [also called Jerusalem Bayou]. He was noted in the 1891 and 1903 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directories* as owning a vineyard in Ferrysburg. John's daughter, Mary Bertha Cornelius [1863-1947], bought 25 acres in the same area. John was one of the organizers of the Ottawa County Fruit & Vegetable Association, established in 1896, and he was a justice of the peace and councilman for Spring Lake Township. A native of New York, he lived from June 18, 1830 to April 7, 1906 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County. On June 15, 1856 in Southfield, Oakland County he married Anna Tuthill Russell. She was born in Hampton New York on March 3, 1833 and died in San Francisco on February 21, 1921. She also was buried at Oakhill. They had six surviving children.

#### **Joseph Ewing Correll [1881-1920]**

Joseph Correll had a dairy farm at 810 Madison in Grand Haven, where he sold his products and lived with his family. Joseph married Gertrude Fant Westerhof in Grand Haven on September 20, 1906. They had at least five children, including Marjorie Louise Correll, who was born in La Porte, Indiana on July 28, 1917 and married Howard De Heer of Grand Haven, and Opal L. Correll, who was born in La Porte on August 5, 1918 and married Marshall Johnston of Grand Haven. Joseph, who was born in Indiana on August 21, 1881 and died on September 8, 1920 in La Porte when his automobile was struck by an interurban train. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gertrude, the daughter of Egbert and Gertrude Fant Westerhof, passed away on July 19, 1944 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Joseph was the son of Samuel A. and Mary Jane Adair Correll. Prentice Correll was his brother.

#### **Prentice Correll [1850-1927]**

Prentice Correll was born in Noble County, Indiana on March 3, 1850. His parents, Samuel A. and Mary Jane Adair Correll, moved to Grand Haven Township. Samuel was born in Pennsylvania in 1822 and died in Pikes Peak, Colorado on January 23, 1864, while Mary lived from May 11, 1825 to September 11, 1909 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. She was the daughter of Joseph Ewing and Eliza Winders Adair. Prentice was a farmer and auctioneer, whose 40-acre farm was located in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. Prentice died July 29, 1927. Joseph Ewing Correll was his brother.

#### **Louis Albert Corsiglia [1932-2017]**

In 1998 one of the Veit's Landing condominium owners, Lou Corsiglia, led a drive within the complex to raise the funds so Happy Time Cabin could be moved and saved. The small, two-room cottage was built by Fredrick August Tusch of Grand Rapids. Lou was born in Grand Rapids on May 30, 1932. He married Arlene Mae Priestly on June 9, 1956 in Flint. She was born in Flint on February 6, 1933 and became a registered nurse. Lou was employed for 40 year by General Motors Corporation. They retired to Spring Lake. Lou died in Roswell, Georgia on February 6, 2017. Arlene passed away in Roswell, Georgia on January 10, 2025. They were buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids. They had six children.

#### **Augustus Marion Cosgrove [1855-1938]**

Born in Ashland, Ohio on February 15, 1855, Augustus was the son of Stephen C. of New Jersey and Hannah Hiler Cosgrove of New York. Stephen, a broom-maker by trade and later a farmer, died on February 17, 1877, in Crawford, Ohio at the age of 71. Hannah died in September 1891, also in Crawford. Augustus's paternal grandfather was William Cosgrove. Augustus secured employment in the steam engine works at Bucyrus, Ohio. In 1878 he moved to Adrian, Lenawee County. He worked at the Adrian Water Works and acquired knowledge of the details of the business. After eight years he went to Richmond and was employed by a prominent firm there for about one year. In 1885 he came to Grand Haven and was appointed superintendent of the Grand Haven Water Works, a private company, then located on South Water Street [Harbor Avenue]. By the 1920s he owned a plumbing business at 16 North Seventh.



On November 28, 1878, Augustus married Sarah Ann, the daughter of Frank J. Smith of Jasper, Lenawee County. She was born in New York in October 1853 and died on September 28, 1918. Augustus and Sarah had two children: a daughter, Caroline Ethel Cosgrove, who was born in Jasper on October 14, 1879 and died on June 24, 1902, and a son, Frederick Monroe Cosgrove, who died on November 12, 1899 at the age of 13. Both children died from heart disease, preceded by inflammatory rheumatism. After Sarah Ann's death, Augustus on June 19, 1920 married Margaret "Nellie" Verhoeks Meyer in Spring Lake. She was born in Ohio on January 19, 1869. Her former husband, Henry Meyer, lived from 1866 to 1904. The Cosgrove family resided at 711 Columbus in Grand Haven. Augustus was a member of the Order of the Maccabees. He died on November 15, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Sarah Ann. Nellie passed away on June 28, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 465-466, and *Tribune* obituary, June 24, 1902.]

#### **Benjamin N. Coster [1914-1994]**

A native of Spring Lake, where he was born on May 19, 1914, Benjamin Coster married Doris Louise, daughter of Hugh and Florence Oviatt Deremo of Crockery Township. The Costers lived at 522 Fleser Court in Spring Lake. Doris was born on June 20, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on June 4, 1997. Benjamin died on March 14, 1994.

#### **Charles Washington Cotton [1871-1925]**

Born on January 10, 1871 in Saranac, Ionia County, Charles Cotton became a printer and for a time was employed in the Government Printing Office at Washington, D.C. He graduated from Northwestern University School of Dentistry and opened his dental practice in Grand Haven on the second floor of 222 Washington. He served as alderman from 1910 to 1912. He was elected mayor of Grand Haven in 1912 and 1913, and he was alderman again from 1916 until May 1918 when he entered the military during WWI. Charles returned to be mayor again in 1923 and 1924. He was a Mason, Worthy Patron of Grand Haven Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, an Elk, an Eagle, and an original member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He was a member of the Christian Science Church.

On December 25, 1897, Charles married Margaret "Belle" Wood in Chicago, Illinois. She was born on September 4, 1875 in Kane County, Illinois. In the early 1900s Charles and Belle resided at 519 Clinton. Later they lived at 415 Clinton. They had two children: Margaret, who was born on December 16, 1899, taught in Grand Rapids, and married Francis Angus of Grand Haven; and Laura, who was born in 1903, taught in Grand Haven schools, and died in 2000. Charles died October 12, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret died on December 28, 1943 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 1925.]

#### **John Wilson Cracroft [1880-1914]**

John Cracroft tended bar at the Hotel Gildner in downtown Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He and his wife Martha lived at 209 Clinton. He also served as headwaiter aboard the *Naomi*, a steamer that caught fire in mid-lake on May 21, 1907 with the loss of five lives. John was born on April 15, 1880 and died on January 7, 1914. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On February 24, 1916 Martha married Frederick Lycurgus Palmer. She lived from January 13, 1888 to February 20, 1975 and was buried at Fairplains Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Fred was born in Grand Rapids on January 5, 1882, died on April 1, 1961, and also was buried at Fairplains.

#### **Eben [Eber] B. Crandle [Crandall] [1840-1899]**

Eben B. Crandle served with Company E of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. He was born in 1840 and died in 1899. His wife Ellen lived from 1852 to 1917. He owned a 117-acre farm in Section 6 of Robinson Township as early as 1876. Eben and Ellen were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

#### **Edward Livingston Crow I [1832-1912]**

On August 28, 1862, while living in Lyons, Ionia County, Edward Crow journeyed to Grand Rapids, where he enlisted as first lieutenant with Company E of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry. On May 9 the next year, he was promoted to captain, and on November 12, 1863 he was discharged for disability. In the spring of 1866 Edward, a fruit farmer, purchased considerable acreage in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township and Fruitport Township and smaller plot in Sections 2 and 14 for his orchards. In 1868 he platted the Village of Crawsville, later changed to Fruitport. He was a developer and promoter of the Pomona House in Fruitport. A portion of his holdings in Spring Lake Township became the site of the Willows Resort.

Edward was born in Wayne County, New York on June 7, 1832. On November 10, 1858, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Edward married Julia Annah Soule, who was from Dover Plains [Dutchess County], New York, where she was born on October 16, 1836. Julia was the daughter of Ambrose and Ruth Patten Brown Soule of Spring Lake. The Crows children were: Lillian Inez, who was born in Illinois on July 29, 1859 and died on June 28, one day short of her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday; Edward S., who was born in Onandaga, New York on March 3, 1862 and died in 1919 in Grand Rapids; Sarah Annette, who was born in Grand Haven on January 5, 1868 and died in 1919 in Grand Rapids; Mary Cordelia, who was born in Grand Haven on August 11, 1869 and died on February 26, 1963 in Grand Rapids; Florence Laura, who was born in Grand Haven on November 7, 1870 and died on September 10, 1877; Claribel, who was born on November 19, 1872 and died on July 11, 1879; Viola, who was born on March 4, 1874 in Ottawa County and died in Grand Rapids on October 3, 1958; and Evelyn Noble, who was born on March 12, 1879 in Grand Haven.

In the 1870 census Edward was listed as a "Realestate merchant." In the spring of 1869 Edward and Julia sold 85 acres in Section 11 to David and Alice Waters, leaving the Crows with two parcels totaling approximately 80 acres. In 1887 they sold 64 acres to Jacob and Anna Ferris, property that later became known as the Willows Resort. About the same time they sold Sunny Slope Farms in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township to Marshall Field & Company of Chicago for use as a campsite for its executives.

By 1880 Edward and his family were residing in Grand Haven, where he continued in the real estate business. He was still in Grand Haven in 1890, but by 1910 he was living in Grand Rapids with his wife and three of their children. Julia died on February 16, 1912. Edward passed away on June 19 the same year and was buried with Julia, Edward S., and Sarah at Valley City Cemetery in Kent County.

### **Arthur R. Crawford [1909-1981] and Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Crawford [1913-2005]**

The first permanent home in the Holcomb Hills subdivision was built in 1972 by Arthur and Libby Crawford at 18255 Holcomb Hills. Arthur was born on March 4, 1909, died on October 25, 1981, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Libby was born on February 3, 1913, the daughter of John N. and Winnifred Linderman Forshar. Arthur and Libby were married in Port Huron on June 23, 1934. Libby graduated from Alma College in 1932, and 52 years later received the college's Distinguished Alumni Award. She was an active member of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Detroit, and during the 1940s and 1950 she sang with and composed music and lyrics for the Rosedale Progressive Club's Choralairs, a women's chorus. Her song, "For Christ is Born," was recorded by Columbia and performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. In the 1990s the West Shore Symphony Orchestra performed Christmas carols Libby had composed. An accomplished weaver, she hosted weaving workshops in the United States and Canada. After moving to Grand Haven in 1971, she joined that community's Presbyterian Church and choir, served as artist-in-residence in several Grand Haven elementary schools. Libby died in Holland, Michigan, on February 26, 2005 and was buried with her husband. The Crawfords' children included Linda Crawford of Southold, New York; Jill Crawford Kartalia of Westminster, Maryland; Richard Crawford, of Ann Arbor; and Jeffrey Crawford of Cedarville, Ohio. [*Tribune* obituary, March 2, 2005.]

### **Marvin Henry Creager I [1836-1898]**

Born in Geauga County, Ohio, on March 1, 1836, Marvin Creager moved to Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County, in 1856. On April 30, 1861 he enlisted as first sergeant in Company F of the 2nd Michigan

Cavalry. He was promoted to second lieutenant and then captain. After he was mustered out on August 15, 1865, Marvin moved to Chester Township, where he took up the lumbering business. After his business burned down in 1871, he spent a year teaching and in 1876 he was elected county treasurer and moved to Grand Haven. In 1881 he was appointed collector of internal revenue for Grand Haven. In partnership with James C. Cilley, Marvin in the spring of 1881 built a planing mill near the Pere Marquette train depot on Jackson Street in Grand Haven. Marvin was secretary of the Republican County Committee in 1866-67, and later became chairman of that group. Marvin operated the *Grand Haven Herald* in behalf of the Whitman Benham estate from October 1880 until the firm of Kedzie & Kedzie purchased it a few months later. Marvin and his family moved to Kansas in 1883. He died there on April 20, 1898 and was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in his birthtown. On November 8, 1866, he married Alma [Alva] Edward [Eldred] in Huron, Ohio. She was born about 1874 in Ashland, Ohio. On August 29, 1868 in Chester Township a son, Phillip Sheridan Creager, was born; he died in 1906. A daughter, Mattie [Hattie] Estelle Creager, died at the age of seven years on February 5, 1875 and was buried at Lake Forest. A third child, Sidney Henry Creager, lived from 1873 to 1969. A daughter, Clementine Viola Creager, lived from 1877 to 1954. On December 31, 1874, in Grand Rapids, Marvin married May [Mary] Paine, who was born in Sweden about 1845. Their son, Marvin Henry Creager II, was born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1882; he passed away in Milwaukee on December 4, 1954.

#### **William McAdoo Creason [1922-2014]**

Bill Creason was born in Dishman, Washington on November 23, 1922. His parents, Walter and Hattie Thomasson Creason, bought a farm near Fennville, Allegan County, and resided there. They were killed in a car accident in 1950. After attending Western Michigan University, Bill obtained his dental degree from the University of Michigan. He served in the U.S. Navy and Army between 1943 and 1953, including service in Germany. On October 21, 1944 in Kalamazoo he married Mary Helen Rawlinson. The daughter of William and Nora Berden Rawlinson, Mary was born on November 20, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland. By 1950 the couple had moved to Grand Haven, where Bill practiced dentistry for 47 years. He served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1955 to 1956 and again in 1961 and 1962, and he was mayor from 1957 to 1958 and again from 1963 to 1968. The Musical Fountain was his idea, based on something similar he had seen during his military stay in Germany. While mayor, he and cooperating businesses experimented with a downtown mall. He was a member of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. He belonged to and helped foster the work of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, Grand Haven Rotary Club, Tri-Cities YMCA, Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and the Stag Club. Bill and Mary, who resided at 824 Lake Avenue, had four children: Kennard, born about 1949; Yvonne, born about 1951; Steve, born about 1955; and Paul, born about 1958. Bill passed away at home on September 21, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, September 24, 2014.]

Mary, who flew a plane solo for the first time in 1943, received her commercial rating three years later and went on to teach hundreds of students how to fly. She flew fast and low and placed in many air races across the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and Hawaii. She had a presidential appointment to the Women's Advisory Committee to the FAA between 1969 and 1974. After selling her business in 1978, she worked in Lansing for the Michigan Department of Aeronautics for 12 years, where she was the first female pilot and worked in administration on safety and education. She was chairwoman of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission 1991-92. In 1992, she and other pilots founded the Michigan Aviation Education Foundation, which grants scholarships to students interested in a career in aviation. In 1966, she earned an Airline Transport Rating, and her ultimate dream was to become the first woman pilot for a U.S. airline. By 1984, however, when the first woman was promoted to captain, she was too old. We believe that after that, whenever she was flying commercially on an airline and a female pilot announced the flight crew, she would smile, and know that she had a part in their success. She also was involved in introducing aviation to young people through ACE camps at Grand Haven Airport, Boyne Mountain Air Academy, and her work at Michigan Aeronautics. She died on March 26, 2021.

#### **Cresswell [? - ?]**

A man with the last name of Cresswell opened what some considered the first photography studio in Grand Haven, although no date was cited.

### **Thomas Henry Cron [1924-2005]**

The son of Charles and Mary Beiersdorfer Cron, Thomas was born in Celina, Ohio, on September 6, 1924. He married Evelyn "Evie" Louise Reichard on May 29, 1948 in Dayton, Ohio. She was born on December 16, 1928. Thomas served with the U.S. Army during WWII, earned a bachelor degree from the University of Dayton in 1948, and a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago in 1953. He practiced optometry in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake, and he was on the Ferrysburg City Council in 1971 and 1972. Thomas and Evelyn had two daughters and five sons: Barbara, who married Doug Nastally and moved to Brownsburg, Indiana; Susan, who married Michael McDermott and moved to Bloomfield Hills, Oakland County; Michael, who moved to Canadian Lakes; Steven, of Grand Rapids; Kenneth of Vicksburg; Ron, of Muskegon; and Joseph of Federal Way, Washington. The family resided at 17377 West Spring Lake Road. Thomas died in Spring Lake on December 19, 2005 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Evelyn died on January 31 two years later and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 21, 2005.]

### **Edward Gifford Crosby [1842-1912]**

Born in New York on February 18, 1842, Edward Crosby on August 15, 1861 enlisted as private in Company E of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on September 3, 1864. Edward came to Muskegon about 1866 and developed an interest in ships. He obtained a tiny tug and picked up logs that had gone adrift until he was able to buy the steamer *Nyack*. He then moved to Milwaukee, where he founded and managed Crosby Transportation Company. He maintained an office in Grand Haven. Among his other ships were the *E. G. Crosby*, *Conestoga*, and *May Graham*. On April 18, 1868 he married Catherine Elizabeth Halstead. Catherine and their daughter Harriette often accompanied Edward on ship. The three of them were aboard the ill-fated steamer *Titanic* when it left England on its maiden voyage in April 1912. Edward lost his life when the big ship struck an iceberg just before midnight on April 14. He was reported to have said to his wife and daughter as he put them into a lifeboat, "I will stay here: you go: if it be my fortune to get out of this alive I will see you again, if not, good-bye." Catherine was born in Waterloo, New York on October 26, 1847 and died on July 29, 1920 in Milwaukee. Both Crosbys were interred at Fairview Mausoleum in Milwaukee. Harriette lived from October 8, 1872 to February 11, 1941. The Crosbys' son, Frederick, was born in Michigan about 1881. [Pamphlet in Loutit District Library, "In Memory of Capt. Edward G. Crosby."]

### **George Herbert Cross [1866-1964]**

The son of James and Sarah Tenny Cross, George was born on May 4, 1866 in Monroe County, New York. He moved with his family to Michigan and eventually to Spring Lake around 1870. Like his brothers, Ira and Lewis, he attended Valpariso College in Indiana. In 1889 George and his brother Lewis made a long trip in a sailboat they made down the coast of Lake Michigan to the Illinois River and then to the Mississippi and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico. In Pensacola, Florida they sold the boat and returned home by train. George kept a journal of their trip; a copy of that journal, titled "Down the Mississippi, or the Cruise of the Mockingbird," is in the Tri-Cities Historical Museum's archives. On September 2, 1903 in Coldwater, St. Joseph County, he married Jessie Freemyre Stiles, who was born about 1877. They had at least two daughters, Ruth, born about 1905, and Margaret, born three years later. George became an attorney and assistant prosecutor in Muskegon, where he and his family also resided. George died in October 1964.

### **Ira H. Cross [1868-1948]**

Ira Cross was born in Michigan, probably in Spring Lake, on December 30, 1868, not long after his parents, James A. and Sarah Cross, had moved there. On November 15, 1893 Ira married Minnie, the daughter of Hance and Catherine Wilson. Minnie, who was born in Canada on October 21, 1875, came to

Spring Lake from Canada with her parents when she was five. Ira attended Valparaiso College in Indiana and returned to Spring Lake to teach at Patchin School. Not long after their marriage, Ira and Minnie lived on the Cross family farm bordered by the Grand River in Section 31 of Crockery Township, close to both their families. They had at least two daughters: Hazel, born in August 1898, and Florence I., born on April 25, 1901. Ira died on March 30, 1948 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. About that time Minnie sold the farm and moved into the Village of Spring Lake. She passed away on August 5, 1972 and was buried near her husband. George Cross and Lewis Cross, the painter, were his brothers.

#### **James Arthur Cross [1836-1914]**

James Cross, a New York native, lived from August 1836 to March 29, 1914. His wife, Sarah A., lived from 1835 to January 16, 1895. Both were natives of New York. Around 1868 the Crosses moved to Crockery Township, where James grew fruit in Section 31 along the Grand River. Their children were Charles B., who was born about 1862 in Michigan and became a municipal judge in Muskegon, Lewis, who was born in June 1864 in Davison, Genesee County; George H., who was born about 1866 in New York and became assistant prosecutor in Muskegon; and Ira S., who was born on December 30, 1868 in Michigan. By 1893 James and Sarah resided in Spring Lake Village. After his first wife's death in 1895, James married Sarah Bigelow Rymer, the widow of John Rymer, in Nunica on December 6, 1900. This Sarah was born in 1863 in New York, died on April 8, 1948 in Fruitport and was buried at Fruitport Cemetery. James and his first wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Jesse Morris Cross I [1828-1901]**

Born in Grantham, New Hampshire, on February 24, 1828, Jesse Morris Cross studied for the law and then entered the ministry, serving in New Hampshire, Urbana, Ohio, and Grand Haven. On April 12, 1860 he married Lucinda C. Noyes of Essex County, Massachusetts, where she was born on March 9, 1839. Jesse and his family arrived in Grand Haven on October 6, 1869, when he started serving as pastor of the Presbyterian Church for two years. Between 1872 and 1882 he practiced law in Grand Haven with Stephen L. Lowing. Lucinda died on November 30, 1872. Five years later, on November 21, 1877, Jesse married Elizabeth M. Beckwith. She was the daughter of Hiram and Hannah Moore Beckwith, who raised fruit in Spring Lake Township. Elizabeth was born in Shelby, New York, on November 25, 1847. She became a teacher and was principal of Grand Haven High School, and from 1876 to 1877 she was superintendent of Schools in Grand Haven. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Worcester University. Jesse's children were Helen, born in 1862 in Ohio; Harry, who was born in 1863 in Ohio and died in Grand Haven in December 1894; Albert M., born in 1872 in Ohio; and Jessie M., born in 1873 in Michigan. Daughter Jessie apparently was Elizabeth's only child. After Jesse died on November 11, 1901, Elizabeth moved to Seattle, Washington, where she studied educational methodology at the University of Washington and received another degree when she was 60. She spent the next ten years teaching English at Snohomish High School. In 1930 she was retired and residing in Seattle with her widowed brother, Andrew Beckwith. [*Tribune* obituary, December 28, 1894.]

#### **Lewis Cross [1864-1951]**

Born on January 10, 1864 near Davison, Genesee County, Lewis in 1868 came to Ottawa County with his parents, James A. and Sarah Cross. Lewis never married. He made his living as a farmer, fruit grower, hunter, and fisherman, as well as a taxidermist and artist. He loved to paint and dabble in art. 500 to 600 of his paintings sold at auction after his death. Someone from Chicago bought many, including nine large ones Lewis had stored and displayed in his home. Those nine paintings were rolled back-to-back into a drum that he created for storage. Lewis would pull them down and display them on a whim. Two of them came into the collection of the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Lewis did two to three dozen paintings of passenger pigeons, all in the same earth tones. The Tri-Cities Historical Museum was given a very large one with several figures of children, and another smaller, somewhat stylized painting that was perhaps unfinished or possibly just an early work. Being a nature lover, Lewis had a special feeling for the pigeons and what was happening to them. He began the paintings so "no one would forget." In his portraits the

subjects looked quite refined. Another of Lewis's painting held by the Museum depicted the 1883 logjam on the Grand River. That painting also represented a blending of art and historical event. Lewis remarked in 1946, "Maybe some of my work isn't artistic, but it is historical."

In 1889 Lewis and his brother George made a long sailing trip down the east coast of Lake Michigan to the Illinois River and then to the Mississippi and eventually the Gulf of Mexico. George, who was born on May 4, 1866 in New York, kept a journal of their trip; a copy of that journal is in the Tri-Cities Historical Museum's archives. Lewis's homestead was at the end of Boom Road on the Grand River in Crockery Township. Known as "The Castle," it was built entirely by Lewis between 1910 and 1914. The three-story home was made out of concrete block that he manufactured, and it had concrete floors on all levels. He died on April 4, 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lewis had another brother, Ira Cross.

### **John Martin Crow [1837-1900]**

John Crow was born in Perry, Ohio on November 8, 1837. On July 16, 1857 in Carroll, Missouri, he married Rebecca [Rebecka] Harris. While in Iowa, on August 7, 1862 he enlisted as private in Company E of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry. John was mustered out on July 25, 1865 and eventually relocated to Grand Haven Township, where he had a 40-acre farm in Section 28. Rebecca applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 22, 1900, not long after John died on May 3 that year. She was born in Mississippi, lived from November 7, 1841 to June 10, 1910, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with her husband and other family members. The Crows had seven children, including Mabel, who was born in 1875 and on November 12, 1892 in Grand Haven married Elmer Suits.

### **Barbara Jean Crozier [1945-2017]**

John and Barbara Crozier were the original owners of the home at 12989 Wilderness Trail, high atop a wooded dune in an area called the Wilderness, a few miles south of Grand Haven. Barbara, the daughter of Bert and Lillian Vanderwest, was born in Muskegon on September 5, 1945. A graduate of Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, Barbara was hired as an adoption case worker. Later she was employed by the Kent County Prosecutor's office and finally went into private practice. She and John were married about 1966. John was principal of Ferry and Griffin Elementary Schools in the Grand Haven Public School District and later became a fire fighter. He was born in Holland on October 9, 1942.

Barbara formed a friendship with Carol Irons, a Grand Rapids District Court Judge. Together they purchased from Sidney Kleinman of Chicago a few acres in the Wilderness. On October 19, 1988, Judge Irons was murdered by her ex-husband, Clarence Ratliff, an officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department. Following Carol's death, Barbara took ownership of the Wilderness property, selling portions of it and building the house at 12989 Wilderness Trail. Clarence died in prison in 2011. In September 1993, the Croziers sold their Wilderness home to Frank and Wendy Fernandes of West Chicago, Illinois and moved to 18270 North Shore Estates Road in Spring Lake Township. They had three daughters and two sons. One of the sons, John Bryant Crozier, died in Grand Rapids on February 19, 1966, not quite 45 years old.

Barbara passed away at her home in Spring Lake on January 18, 2017. [*Tribune* obituary, January 20, 2017.]

### **Thomas Culbert II [1837-1882]**

When Thomas Merrill took over the mail, freight, and passenger service between Ferrysburg and Muskegon in 1865, Thomas Culbert and his brother Uriah of Muskegon were his associates. The stagecoach line owned five to ten buckboards and as many as 60 horses. Thomas Culbert II, who lived from 1837 to January 11, 1882, was buried with his father, Thomas Culbert I [1807-1878], and his mother, Martha Baker Culbert [1809-1885] at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon. The younger Thomas's wife, Eliza, lived from 1840 to 1931. Uriah, who lived from 1834 to 1907, relocated to Michigan City, Indiana.

### **Edward Page Cummings [1871-1916]**

Edward was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1871, the son of Enoch and Juliet Dailey Cummings. Edward graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889 and in 1893 from the literary department at the University of Michigan. He was superintendent of Lansing City Schools for ten years, in charge of the Spring Lake Schools from 1895 to 1899, principal of Grand Haven High School in 1899, and superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1900 to April 1, 1907. His salary the first year was \$700. Cummings was president of the State Teachers Association and was regarded as one of the foremost men in education. On July 2, 1901 he married Louise R. Kay, daughter of Charles M. and Elizabeth Scott Kay of Spring Lake. Louise was born in Spring Lake on May 2, 1876. Edward and Louise had three children: Frank Edward Cummings, who was born on June 22, 1903 and died in Palm Beach, Florida on April 17, 1986; Elizabeth Kay Cummings, who lived from 1905-1980; and Jean Cummings, who lived from 1910 to 1984. Edward died on March 30, 1916 in Chicago of self-inflicted gunshot wounds to the temple and chest the day before his brother Herbert committed suicide in Grand Haven. Edward was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Louise died in 1954 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After his father's death Frank lived with his aunt Nettie Kay Hargraves in Chicago. Frank also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was his sister Jean. [*Tribune* articles, "Brothers Die the Same Day," 1916, and wedding announcement July 1 and 3, 1901.]

### **Enoch Page Cummings [1837-1901]**

Enoch was born in Grafton County, New Hampshire on November 30, 1837, the son of Edward Taylor and Mary McGrath Cummings. He married Juliet Walker Dailey in Lebanon, Grafton County, New Hampshire on October 31, 1864. She was born in Boston on May 8, 1835. The couple came to Grand Haven in 1867, and Enoch is believed to be the first to open a dentistry practice in the city. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and was one of the first dentists in the country to make a cleft palate plate. Enoch in 1892 built the large home at 482 Sheldon Terrace. Enoch and Juliet had two sons: Edward Page Cummings, born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1871, and Herbert Thurston Cummings, born on November 10, 1874. When Enoch retired in 1897, his son Herbert took over the practice with offices at 202 Washington. Prior to that, the family lived at 401 Sheldon Road. Enoch died in Kalamazoo on February 20, 1901 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Edward was appointed superintendent of Grand Haven Schools in the early 1900s. Juliette passed away on January 23, 1917 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Herbert Thurston Cummings [1874-1916]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 10, 1874, the son of Enoch and Juliet Dailey Cummings, Herbert, who studied in Chicago and at the University of Michigan, took over his father's dentistry practice in 1897. The office was on the second floor of 202 Washington. The 1908 *Directory* noted that he also roomed at the same address. Herbert was widely recognized in dentistry for fine workmanship, but "an unfortunate craving for liquor ruined his life." Herbert died in Grand Haven at 9:30 p.m. from a "heavy dose" of arsenic and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery near his father. On the same day, March 31, 1916, his brother Edward, then living in Chicago, killed himself.

On May 8, 1900 Herbert married Marietta Boynton in Grand Haven. The daughter of John and Mabina Whishart Boynton of Grand Haven, Marietta was born in Wisconsin in March 1882. On August 5, 1905 the couple was divorced in Ottawa County on the grounds that Herbert deserted Marietta. On May 3, 1911, Marietta married Charles S. Clapton in Seattle, Washington. He was born about 1880 in Texas. By 1920, they were living in Berkley, California. Marietta died in Chicago on June 4, 1926. [*Tribune* article, "Brothers Die the Same Day, 1916."]

### **Norman Carl Cummings [1931-2020]**

Norm Cummings was born in Wyocena, Wisconsin on April 29, 1931. He served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Following his discharge, Norman took a position in sales for the L.L. Fords Food Company in Madison, Wisconsin and then finished his career with Northwest Airlines. He and his first wife, Myrna Louise Cummings [1930-2021], were divorced in Wisconsin on March 10, 1972. Norman

married Elaine Howard Reeths in Spring Lake on May 18, 1988. They built their home at 16876 Lake Road in Ferrysburg in 1973. Norm had three children: Darcy, Brian, and Steve. Norm passed away on March 27, 2020.

### **Robert Lane Currier I [1924-1999]**

Robert was born in Grosse Pointe, Wayne County on January 24, 1924, the son of Osceola and Viola Sommers Currier. Robert served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a Hellcat pilot with Fighter Squadron 34 on the *USS Saratoga* and *USS Monterey*. He attended Choate Academy in Connecticut and Williams College in Massachusetts, and he graduated from the University of Michigan. His first wife, Patricia Hefferan, was born on September 20, 1922 and died in Ottawa County on February 11, 1972. Robert then married Joan Sweeney Owen.

Joan was born in Brooklyn, New York, on April 6, 1926. Her parents were Charles Anthony and Muriel Rutan Sweeney. She married Robert E. Owen on August 12, 1950. He died in 1973. Joan then married Robert M. Edison in January 1976. He died two years later. She married Robert Currier on October 12, 1982.

Robert founded and operated Mackinaw Engineering and he co-founded Shape Corporation of Grand Haven in 1974. Later he also helped establish Light Corporation, Finish Corporation, and Track Corporation, all in Grand Haven. Robert was a member of the Lost Tree Club of North Palm Beach, Florida, Kent Country Club in Grand Rapids, and the Spring Lake Country Club. He belonged to the Spring Lake Yacht Club and similar organizations elsewhere. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. He and Joan resided at 12945 Lakeshore Drive, located in a lakeshore development south of Grand Haven called the Wilderness. Robert died on December 24, 1999, and Joan passed away on September 3, 2004. The Curriers brought six children to their marriage: Robert Currier II of Grand Rapids; Thomas Currier of Grand Haven; Lawrence R. Owen of Indiana; Mary H. Currier of New Mexico Mary Louise Owen Bradley Davis of Grand Haven; and Barbara Owen Edgerle of Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, September 7, 2004.]

### **John W. Curtis [1837-1897]**

John Curtis was listed as a fruit grower in the Federal Census of 1870. His 32-acre farm was in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township. John was born in New York in 1837. His wife Frank, also a native of the Empire State, was born about 1844. Their son Harry was born in Michigan about 1868. The Curtises remained in Section 1 until at least 1876. John died in San Francisco, California, on August 20, 1897 and was buried at San Francisco Columbarian.

### **Benjamin Franklin Curtiss [1820-1880]**

Born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio in 1820, Benjamin Curtiss was admitted to the bar in Trumbull County of that state in 1844. In May eleven years later, he arrived in Grand Haven and was prosecuting attorney from 1866 to 1867. For a short time, he practiced law with William H. Parks, who moved to Holland. Benjamin worked alone from that point on. His wife Lucy was born in Ohio about 1834. Their son Edward D. was born in Ohio around 1855. Edward worked at a planing mill in 1880. The family resided in the 100 block of Washington Street. Benjamin and Lucy lost their lives in the wreck of the *Alpena* on October 15, 1880.

### **Charles Wesley Cushman [1834-1877]**

Charles Cushman was principal of Grand Haven Union High School [Clinton School] from 1860 to 1863. He was born in New Hampshire on May 11 [November 5], 1834, the son of Ebenezer and Abigail Emery Cushman, and in 1854 graduated from Newbury Seminar in Lisbon, New Hampshire. On August 30, 1858 in Bath, New Hampshire, he married Sarah Stevens. He and Sarah were residents of Grand Haven as late as July 1, 1863. Charles died in Iowa on February 17, 1877 and was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell, Iowa. Sarah lived from 1837 to 1909 and was buried at the same cemetery. They had one son and



three daughters: Charles, Fannie, Sarah, and Stella. Fannie was born in Grand Haven on December 29, 1860 and died in Hampton, Iowa on December 27, 1949.

#### **John W. Cusick [1869-1956]**

John Cusick was a clerk in Andy Falls Grocery Store in the early 1900s. He delivered groceries for the store by wagon and boat. In the 1910 Federal Census he was listed as a carpenter. In 1915 he was hired as the first superintendent of the Spring Lake Water Works, as well as marshal, janitor, and street commissioner, at a salary of \$780 a year. Two years later his salary was increased to \$900. John, who was born in New York on August 24, 1869, retired in 1947 and passed away on August 31, 1956. On May 20, 1903 in Grand Haven he married Catherine D. "Katie" Donahue. She was born in Ireland in 1868 and died in 1921. After her death, John married Elizabeth T., the daughter of Michael and Ann Brady Shoemaker. She was born on April 27, 1881 and died on September 1, 1973. Catherine, Elizabeth, and John were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John Edward Cuson [1875-1957]**

John Cuson continued the boat-building business started by his father, Mitchell Cuson, at the southwest corner of Lake and Savidge Streets [534 East Savidge]. John and his wife resided on the property. John was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 10, 1875. On April 11, 1899 in Grand Haven, he married Caroline Marie Steinbach. She was born in Spring Lake on January 6, 1879. The boat shop, located on the lot behind the house, was later converted to a residence. John also was a cabinet maker, and in 1918 he was employed by the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. Caroline passed away on July 14, 1945. John died on October 29, 1957. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Mitchell Cuson [1825-1904]**

Mitchell Cuson, a native of Canada, owned a boat building business in Spring Lake. His wife, Mary D., lived from 1833 to 1907 and he lived from March 1825 [1827] to 1904. Mary was born in New York. A son, John, was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 10, 1875 and continued his father's boat building business. Mitchell and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Michael Charles Cuti [1931-2022]**

Mike, the son of Anthony and Violet Cuti, was born in Grand Haven on December 4, 1931. After graduating from Grand Haven High School he received an associate degree from Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids. During the Korean War he served with the United States Air Force and was stationed at Kindley Air Force Base in Bermuda. There he met and married Ruth Kennedy in 1952. They had a daughter Deborah Cuti and a son Michael Cuti. After returning to Grand Haven in 1954 another son, Charles Cuti, was born. Mike moved to Grand Rapids after he and Ruth were divorced. He then married Catherine Cole, and the couple moved to Tucson, Arizona. After their divorce, Mike moved to Hudsonville, where he continued in printing business sales. Mike also liked to draw and paint, and he played the piano. Mike died at Robbinswood Assisted Living in Grand Haven on February 1, 2022. Richard Cuti was Michael's brother.

#### **Richard Anthony Cuti [1930-2001]**

Richard Cuti married Nancy Dornbos in Grand Haven on September 6, 1952. Nancy, the daughter of Lawrence and Gertrude Van Woerkom Dornbos, was born in Grand Haven on October 4, 1930. After she and Richard were divorced, Nancy married Reverend Richard Rhem. Richard was born on June 12, 1930 and passed away May 13, 2001. He served as private with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Michael and Nancy had at least one child, Jonahat Cuti, who lived from July 17, 1961 to March 6, 2024. Michael Cuti was Richard's brother.

#### **Charles Cutler [1826-1881]**

Charles Cutler, who was born on July 22, 1826 in Amherst, Massachusetts, died on September 16, 1881, when the gas plant at the Cutler Hotel in downtown Grand Haven exploded. Joseph Spires, the hotel manager, was injured. Charles, the son of Isaac and Nancy Hastings Cutler, was Dwight Cutler's older brother. On April 4, 1852 he married Harriet Ann Coolidge in Westminister, Massachusetts, who was born on March 11, 1832 in Westminster. Charles Lyon Cutler, their son, was born on April 19, 1862. In the 1880 census Charles was listed as "Furniture Dealer." Harriet passed away in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1915.

### **Charles Lyon Cutler [1862-1892]**

Charles Cutler, who was born in Grand Haven [Massachusetts] on April 19, 1862, died on May 10, 1892. The son of Charles and Harriet Coolidge Cutler, young Charles worked as a carpenter. On September 23, 1889 in Grand Haven, he married Julia A. Robinson, who was born in Robinson Township in 1875. On June 2, 1915, Julia married George A. Ford [1873-1954] in Grand Rapids. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin "Frank" and Ada Robinson. Julia died in 1945 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery, as was George. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 1913.]

### **Dwight Cutler I [1830-1901]**

Dwight Cutler was born in Amherst, Massachusetts on November 18, 1830. He was one of eight children of Isaac Garnsey and Nancy Hastings Cutler. Isaac was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, on November 18, 1782. Nancy, the daughter of Elisha and Jerusha Billings Hastings, was born at Amherst, Massachusetts and baptized on October 14, 1798. She and Isaac were married on December 24, 1807. Isaac graduated from Williams College in the class of 1801, studied medicine and practiced in Amherst until his death on November 29, 1834. Nancy died on January 28, 1849. Dwight's grandfather was born in Amherst, and his great-grandfather was a native of Wales.

Dwight was educated at Williston Seminary in East Hampton, Massachusetts and came to Grand Haven in 1847. He went to work for Gilbert & Company, forwarding and commission merchants with a warehouse and store on the northwest corner of Franklin and Water [Harbor] Streets. In 1853 Henry Martin of Grand Rapids purchased the Gilbert business and put Dwight in charge. After three years Cutler was able to buy out his employer and went into business for himself. During that time, he bought a number of vessels, both sail and steam. The Gilbert name remained for a while, although the business eventually became known as Cutler, Warts, & Stegeman and later as Cutler & Warts [Wartz]. In 1870 Dwight went into partnership with Hunter Savidge and together they bought the Hopkins Mill on Spring Lake. By 1874 Cutler and Savidge had half a million dollars capital to organize the lumber company bearing their names, which became the largest in West Michigan. They had lumberyards in Michigan City, Indianapolis, South Bend, and Detroit and employed over 500 men. When Savidge died in 1881, Dwight became president of the business, and his two sons, along with the two Savidge sons, operated the business until it moved to Canada.

In 1871 Dwight erected the Cutler House, a five-story hotel on the southwest corner of Third and Washington Streets, opposite Sheldon's resort, built in the Second Empire style at a cost of \$200,000. After it was destroyed in the fire of 1889, Dwight built another, smaller hotel on the same site and called it the New Cutler House. Around 1893 Dwight bought the former World's Sanitarium and Magnetic Mineral Springs and Laboratory, which previously was owned by his brother-in-law, Willard C. Sheldon. Across the street from the Cutler House, the resort had been converted to a hotel shortly after the 1889 fire and renamed The Norris. It now earned another new name, the Cutler Annex.

Dwight served as mayor of Grand Haven in 1869, 1870, 1890, and 1891. From 1871 until 1891 he served as the first president of the new First National Bank of Grand Haven, a bank he helped organize to replace the Ferry & Son bank. In 1886 he was one of 50 men to develop the Highland Park Association. In 1887 Dwight became a shareholder and director of the newly formed Dake Engine Company. He was an Independent in politics and a member of the Unitarian Church. He also served as trustee of Akeley

Institute, he was a principal stockholder and director of Challenge Corn Planter, and he was a director of the Grand Rapids Fire Insurance Company.

On February 10 [16], 1858, in Grand Haven, Dwight married Frances E. Slayton, who was born October 12, 1831 at Stowe, Vermont. Frances was the sister of Caroline Fidelia, who married Ebenezer W. Barnes, one-time postmaster of Grand Haven. Another sister, Mary Malvina, married Willard. C. Sheldon of Grand Haven. Frances's brothers were Decatur Slayton of Stowe, Vermont, and Osman Slayton, originally of Stowe and then of California. Her mother, Millison Slayton, who lived from 1802 to 1874, resided in Grand Haven in her later years. Frances died on March 4, 1892 and was interred in the Cutler mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery.

The Cutlers had six children, all born in Grand Haven: Millison [Millicent] Slayton Cutler, who was born on April 8, 1859, married Isaac Lambert, and died in Detroit on August 17, 1950; Esther Pomeroy Cutler, who was born on December 13, 1860, married 25-year-old John Newbury Bagley [1860-1929] of Detroit on March 11, 1884, and passed away in Grosse Pointe on April 22, 1952; Dwight Cutler II, who was born on December 2, 1862; Frances "Fanny" Cutler, who was born on June 6, 1868 and died in San Diego on January 2, 1941; and Mary Cutler, who was born on June 11, 1874, married Edward Lawyer Hardy [1874-1961] in Grand Haven on June 28, 1898, and died in Imperial, California on March 22, 1968.

The Cutlers's stately residence at the southeast corner of Washington and Third Streets [300 Washington] burned down in the extensive fire of 1889. In 1899 Dwight built a cottage in Highland Park that he named Grey Gables. Dwight died of complications from diabetes on August 26, 1901 and was buried in the family mausoleum at Lake Forest. Cutler Street in Grand Haven was named in his memory. His niece, Mary Ann Cutler, married William Hubbard, who lived in Grand Rapids, moved to Grand Haven, and then returned to Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 4, 1892, *Tribune* article, "Memories of GH 60 Years Ago," July 11, 1957, and *American Biographical History*.]

#### **Dwight Cutler II [1862-1946]**

The son of Dwight and Frances Slayton Cutler, Dwight Cutler II was born in Grand Haven on December 2, 1862. On January 15, 1895 he married Adelaide S. Bowen in Detroit. She was born on October 1, 1872. He died on August 17, 1946 in Detroit and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery in that city. Adelaide passed away on July 15, 1955 and also was buried at Woodmere. They had two daughters.

#### **Isaac Daane [1889-1955]**

Born in The Netherlands, Isaac Daane and his wife Gladys owned a celery farm at 1607 South Beacon Boulevard [then called Wallace Street]. Isaac and Gladys Volker were married in Muskegon on August 27, 1921. In 1942 they sold their Wallace Street property to Ralph and Minnie De Young. The Daane's home was located at 1206 Slayton Street. Their children were: Helene, born about 1924; Robert, born on June 8, 1926; Leslie, born about 1930; and Marilyn, born about 1932. Isaac, who was born in The Netherlands on April 20, 1889, died on June 16, 1955. Gladys was born on April 7, 1896 and died on September 21, 1977. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Henry Dabelstein [1902-1975]**

Started August 1954 by John H. Dabelstein, Elmer C. Dvorak, and N. M. Crandell, Sterling Manufacturing employed four people. Located at 206 South Jackson in Spring Lake, the company manufactured lighting accessories for fluorescent fixtures. John was born in Dunlap, Iowa on August 16, 1902, died in Grand Haven on September 17, 1975, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Nellie Mae Crandall Fisher. She was born in Michigan on March 28, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on July 13, 1968 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 14823 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township.

#### **Verne [Vern] Caesar [Cecil] Dagen [1905-1962]**

Born on a farm in Lake County on April 25, 1905, Verne Dagen married Bette Irene Nellist on June 14, 1940 in Kentucky. At the age of 22, Verne became a Grand Rapids motorcycle policeman, and later joined

the Michigan State Police, where at the age of 31 he was the youngest officer to hold the rank of lieutenant. He also was the youngest officer to serve as First Commander of the Michigan State Police at the Houghton Lake Post in Roscommon. He was stationed at a number of posts including Ferrysburg, Hillsdale County, Detroit, Lansing, Grand Ledge, Grand Rapids, and Houghton Lake. In addition to his work with the State Police, he was chauffeur and bodyguard for Michigan Governor Frank Fitzgerald, and he was named special envoy to Liberia and Saigon by President John F. Kennedy.

While in charge of the Michigan State Police Post in Ferrysburg in the mid- to late 1940s, he held the rank of sergeant. He and Bette lived at 530 Franklin in Spring Lake. Verne died following a trip home from Liberia a few weeks earlier. He had arrived at Dulles International Airport [now JFK Airport] in mid-March, was hurried off to the Pentagon, and caught a cold that developed into pneumonia soon after, causing a fatal heart attack at his home in Spring Lake on April 14, 1962. President Kennedy sent two Honor Guards to attend his body at the funeral home in Grand Ledge and for the graveside service at Deer Lake Cemetery. He was knighted by two Queens after their visits to Michigan and decorated by Governor Fitzgerald for his service. His pallbearers included the Fire Commissioner of the City of Warren and several retired Michigan State Policemen. Bette was born in Mio, Oscoda County on June 14, 1922 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 1, 2004. She, too, was buried at Deer Lake Cemetery.

#### **Carl Olaf Dahlman [1893-1967]**

On August 16, 1927 in Sioux City, Iowa, Carl Dahlman married Albertina Augusta Nitz McCord, a widow. Carl, the son of Olaf and Johanna Larson Dahlman, was born in Ferrysburg on November 8, 1893. He served with the U.S. Army during WWI, spending 18 months in France. He was mustered out with the rank of sergeant. Following his military service, Carl was sales agent for Newton Manufacturing Company. Albertina was born in Germany on February 24, 1894 and immigrated to the United States in 1911. Carl died in Muskegon on December 20, 1967. Albertina passed away on October 4, 1974 in Spring Lake. They had two sons: Carl Douglas Dahlman of Covino, California and Paul Dahlman of Englewood, California. Carl and Albertina were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 21, 1967.]

#### **Olaf “Olie” Dahlman [1851-1925]**

Olaf Dahlman was born in Stockholm, Sweden in November 1851 and arrived in the United States in 1880. Olaf had a son, Arthur, who was born in Michigan in January 1883. Apparently Olaf’s first wife died, and on December 18, 1889 Olaf married Johanna Christina Larson in Fruitport. Also a native of Sweden, Johanna was born on May 22, 1872 and immigrated to the United States in 1882. Among Olaf’s and Johanna’s children were Roy Luz, who was born on April 22, 1892; married Angie, the daughter of Nicholas and Jennie Stueling Vyn of Grand Haven, on June 12, 1920 moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota; Carl O., who was born on November 9, 1893, married Albertina Nitz in Sioux City, Iowa on August 16, 1927, and died in Spring Lake on December 20, 1967; Eric Albert, who was born on March 15, 1895, died on December 30, 1895, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Hilma, born in February 1900; and Ernest L., who was born on January 7, 1911 and died in Muskegon in November 1980. By 1912 the Dahlmans owned a 135-acre fruit farm on the west shore of Spring Lake [Section 10], property which later became known as Lovell Park. Eventually Olaf took up general farming. He died in Spring Lake in 1925. Johanna died on September 18, 1946 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **David Edward “Ed” Dahlstrom [1913-1999]**

Ed was born in Whitehall on May 1, 1913, the son of Fred and Selma Anderson Dahlstrom. After graduating from Whitehall High School in 1932 and then Muskegon Junior College, he joined the accounting department of Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in Whitehall.

Ed married Kathleen Matusek on Christmas Day, 1939 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grand Haven. She was born February 2, 1917, the daughter of Victor and Elsie Metzler Matusek. Kathleen graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934, attended Howell’s Business School in Muskegon, and then worked in

the personnel office of the Eagle Ottawa Company in Grand Haven. For the next 11 years the Dahlstroms lived in Whitehall before moving to Grand Rapids, where Ed worked for Grand Rapids Metalcraft for two years. In 1952 he and his family moved to Grand Haven, where he joined the accounting department of Challenge Machinery. The family resided at 1206 Hillcrest. Ed remained with the company until his retirement as vice president and treasurer in 1978. He was active on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, and in 1998 he was named a Life Member of the Board. He was instrumental in the completion of the new Salvation Army building on De Spelder Street in 1976 and the addition of an education wing two years later.

The Dahlstroms were members of St. John's Lutheran Church, where Ed was treasurer, Elder, and Sunday School superintendent. He joined the Grand Haven Rotary Club in 1966 and served as its president for one year. He also was a founding member of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, serving as trustee from 1971 to 1977, and he was chair of the Tri-Cities Area United Way campaign in 1966. Ed spent many years as an advisor to Junior Achievement and he delivered Meals on Wheels. The Dahlstroms had two sons, David of Grand Haven and Donald of Goodrich, Marquette County, and a daughter, Anne, who lived in Wellington, Florida, with her husband, Martin Riepma. Ed died at his home at 1512 Klempel Farm Road in Grand Haven on December 18, 1999. Kathleen died on January 2, 2000. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 20, 1999 and January 3, 2000.]

#### **Johann "John" Leonhard Daib [Dail] [1830-1894]**

A native of Germany, where he was born on July 13, 1830, John Daib came to America at the age of 19, studied for the ministry, and settled in Grand Rapids. He became the first pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, organized in Grand Haven on April 8, 1866. Services were in German. He married Susan [Susanna] Eliza Daub in Grand Rapids about 1869. A daughter, Matilda, was born in Grand Rapids the next year on October 10. John died in Indiana on December 31, 1894. Among their 11 children was Herman, who also became a Lutheran minister.

#### **Charles William Dake I [1868–1946]**

Born in May 1868 in St. Clair, St. Clair County to Henry F. and Caroline Faulker Dake, Charles studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan and later was associated with his brother, William F. Dake, at the Dake Engine Company. Early in his career, Charles became a designer of mechanical products and machinery for Challenge Corn Planter of Grand Haven, Grand Rapids Cycle Company, and the Michigan Iron Works of Manistee. In 1889 he designed his first steam turbine, which led in 1902 to the organization of the Dake American Steam Turbine Company of Grand Rapids. In 1909 he sold his interest in the company and became chief engineer and designer of the Pyle National Electric Headlight Company until 1931, when he returned to Grand Haven and took charge of the patent business of the Campbell, Wyant and Cannon Foundry Company of Muskegon. In 1939 he established a firm of patent attorneys and design engineers in Grand Haven called Dake & Dake. Charles Dake was granted more than 400 patents, including those for operating mechanisms for locomotive lighting. He was a Republican and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Muskegon Heights Board of Trade, Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Shrine, Elks. Spring Lake Country Club, Citizens Historical Association, and the Presbyterian Church.

On June 25, 1890 Charles married Grand Haven native Johanna C. Vander Noot, the daughter of Cornelius and Caroline Vander Noot. She was born on November 15, 1873. Their children included Caroline Dean Dake, who was born in Grand Haven on June 4, 1891; Henry F. Dake, born about 1894; Francis H. Dake, who was general manager of the Charles Heyer Company of St. Louis and resided in that city with his wife and child; and Charles W. Dake II, who was in business with his father. The Dake family resided at 602 Pennoyer. Charles I died on June 23, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Johanna passed away on November 28, 1953 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

On June 25, 1912 in Grand Rapids, Caroline married Roswell Dean Grant [1889-1946]. They had five children: Charles Dake, Mary E. Dake; Roswell Dake; Gayle Dake; and Ann Dake. The Grants lived in Chicago. [*Biographical Sketch, Citizens Historical Association, September 20, 1941.*]

### **Edward Benjamin Dake [1863-1933]**

Edward B., the son of Henry F. and Caroline Faulker Drake, was born in St. Clair, St. Clair County on January 24, 1863. On April 23, 1890 in Grand Haven, he married Marion "Mamie/May" [Maude] Frances Hubbard, the daughter of George and Christiana Landreth Hubbard of Grand Haven. She was born on January 1, 1861. The couple resided in Muskegon. Mamie was born in 1861 and died in June 1919. Edward passed away on December 25, 1933 in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marion died on January 17, 1943 and also was buried at Lake Forest. A son, George Edward, was born on September 8, 1896.

### **Edward C. Dake [1878-1905]**

Edward, the son of William F. and Maria Foss Dake of Grand Haven, was born on January 21, 1878. He married Clara M. Vos in Grand Haven on November 29, 1904. She was born on September 6, 1879 and died on November 5, 1917. Edward died of pulmonary tuberculosis on August 6, 1905. Clara resided at 215 North Seventh after his death. Edward and Clara were buried in the Vos family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Henry Frederick Dake [1827-1900]**

Born in Hanover, Germany on June 7, 1827, Henry Dake at the age of 10 moved to the West Indies with his parents, who were in the sugar business. On September 4, 1864, in St. Clair, St. Clair County, Henry enlisted as private with Company I of the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. About a month later he was promoted to sergeant. He was mustered out sometime after he was reported ill in Detroit on September 12, 1865. Henry came to Grand Haven about 1872 and was employed by various mills as an engineer and mechanic. However, he and his family were living in Ludington at the time of the 1880 census. Henry was a member of the Grand Haven Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] and the Congregational Church.

About 1851 Henry married Caroline L. Faulker, who was born in Hanover, Germany on October 12, 1826. She moved to the West Indies at the age of 10, where her parents were involved in the sugar business. The family was living in St. Clair County around 1870, but soon moved to Grand Haven and resided at 226 Columbus Street. Henry and Caroline had seven children including William F., who was born in Jamaica on July 21, 1850 and invented the Dake engine; Mary E., who was born in St. Clair on October 10, 1857, became a dressmaker, lived in the family home on Columbus, died in Saugatuck on February 15, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Edward B., who was born in 1863 in St. Clair; and Charles William, born in Michigan in May 1868. The elder Dake died "of a disease of the kidneys" in Grand Haven on March 9, 1900. Caroline died on December 7, 1904. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other Dake family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 9 and 10, 1900 and December 7, 1904.]

### **Wilford "Ford" W. Dake [1873-1913]**

Born in Ferrysburg on April 7, 1873 [1872], the son of William F. and Maria Foss Dake, Ford became active in bicycle riding and racing and was considered one of the fastest track and road riders from the Grand Haven area. As a young man he went to Alaska with Peter and Fred vanden Berg and a half dozen others to prospect for gold in the Copper River country. Apparently they came home empty handed. After his return, Wilford opened a bicycle retail and repair shop at 213 Washington in Grand Haven. He also offered automobile and phonograph repair. Ford was a machinist and, like his father, an inventor.

On November 26, 1902 Ford married Alice [Allie/Ella], the daughter of Lambertus J. and Elizabeth Van Woerven Mulder, in Grand Haven. Alice, born on January 17, 1874 in Michigan, was a clerk at the Ball

Dry Goods Store before marrying Wilford. The Dakes lived at 118 South Third Street in Grand Haven, where they raised a daughter, Elizabeth Lauretta [Loretta]. Lauretta was born in Grand Haven on April 3, 1910 and married Barney Vander Molen of Nunica. Ford died of pulmonary tuberculosis in Grand Haven at the home of his in-laws on June 5, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His widow and daughter subsequently resided with Alice's parents at 612 Columbus. Alice married Martin Sprick on April 20, 1927. She died on September 26, 1944 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 5, 1913.]

#### **William Charles Dake [1889-1943]**

William C., who was born in Grand Haven on October 20, 1889, married Jeanette McLeod in Grand Rapids on October 26, 1912. William was the son of William F. and Maria Foss Dake. Jeanette, the daughter of William and Margaret MacLeod [McCloud] of Grand Haven, was born on September 10, 1890 and died in Muskegon on August 3, 1977. In 1910 William was living with his mother at 219 Fourth Street and working as a machinist. By 1918 he was employed as a pattern maker at an iron foundry in Muskegon, where the family also resided. By 1930 he was a manager at the foundry. In Grand Haven, the Dakes lived at 1149 Sheldon Road. Jeanette was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and the Eastern Star. Their daughter, Wilda, married Francis E. Marquard of Muskegon. William was born in October 1889, died about February 19, 1943, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jeanette passed away in Muskegon on August 3, 1977 and was buried near her husband.

#### **William Frederick Dake [1850-1892]**

Born in Jamaica, West Indies on July 21, 1850, William was the son of Henry F. and Caroline Faulker Dake. William worked in St. Clair, St. Clair County for five years before coming to the Grand Haven area in 1872. A draftsman, he worked for eight years at Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg making and drawing patterns. In November 1880, he joined Bryce & Bloecker. Dake was one of the directors of Dake Engine at its organization in 1887. The company produced the Dake double reciprocating square piston engine, which gained a worldwide reputation in the marine industry. William had long been a member of the Spring Lake Masonic Lodge. "He rests from his labor, but his works will live long years after him." William was a longtime member of the Spring Lake Masonic Lodge.

William married Maria [Marie/Mira] Foss, also from Jamaica. In 1870 she was working as a domestic for a family in St. Clair. Two years later she and William were married and moved to Ferrysburg. Maria was born on October 12, 1851. They had six children, all born locally, including Wilford W., who was born on April 7, 1873 [1872]; Maria [Mary], who was born on October 14, 1876; Edward C., who was born on January 21, 1878; Thurza, who was born on November 1, 1881 and died of consumption on February 27, 1905; and William "Willie," who was born on October 20, 1889.

William died in Chicago on October 6, 1892 at the age of 42. He had been ill for four years. He had gone to Chicago with his brother some two months previously for treatment at the Lincoln Park Sanatorium and to undergo surgery. His widow sold William's patents to the Dake Company and used the money to purchase a house at the corner of Fourth and Elliott [219 North Fourth]. Maria died on May 8, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 7, 8, 10, 1892.]

#### **James R. Dalton II [1828-1885]**

In 1857 James Dalton was captain of the propeller-driven *Ottawa*, owned by William M. Ferry I. It provided service on Lake Michigan between Grand Haven and Chicago. James helped David Realey of Eastmanville harvest the area's first crop of wheat in 1838. In 1859 and 1860 he was an Ottawa County representative to the State Legislature. Born on November 15, 1828, his parents were James and Emily Burrows Dalton, who settled first in St. Joseph, Berrien County in 1834, moved to the Grand Rapids area in 1838, and then moved permanently to White Lake. He and Emily were married in 1861. James died in Montague on March 23, 1885. Emily lived from 1840 to 1937. She was buried near her husband at Oak Grove Cemetery in Montague.

### **William Alfred Dalton [1867-1933]**

Born in Stanley, Ontario, on February 23, 1867 William Dalton was the brother of Maude, Frank, Thomas, and Daniel Dalton, all of St. Thomas, Ontario, and Agnes Brockleband of Windsor. Dalton sailed the Great Lakes with his father, who was master of many sailing vessels. When William was 14, he apprenticed himself to the molders and mechanics trade, which proved beneficial in his trade of railroading. He began work for the Grand Trunk Railroad at Niagara Falls in April 1891, went to Port Huron and Pontiac, and came to Grand Haven in 1901, where he retired after 33 years of service. In 1914 he and his wife Gertrude lived at 628 Washington Street. At that time, he was foreman of the roundhouse, located near the Piano Factory. He was an active Mason, former member of the Odd Fellows of Niagara Falls, and member of the Methodist Church in Grand Haven. He and his wife Gertrude had two children, Alice Edith and Arthur T., both of Detroit. William died at his home at 21 South Fourth Street on December 10, 1933 and was buried at Windsor, Ontario. [*Tribune* obituary, December 11, 1933.]

### **Benjamin John Danhof [1896-1960]**

Benjamin Danhof was pastor at the First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven around 1927, after serving at churches in Zeeland in 1924 and Hull, Iowa from 1925 to 1927. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Calvin College and Seminary in Grand Rapids. He and his family resided at 407 Columbus, the same address as the church. Benjamin was born in Chicago on December 14, 1896, and died in Dallas, Texas on June 6, 1960. He married Lois Dena van den Berg on July 31, 1919 in Kalamazoo. She was born in the Netherlands on May 30, 1898 and passed away in June 1983 in Dallas, Texas. They had four children. The Danhofs resided in Grand Rapids before coming to Grand Haven.

### **Jacobus Danhof [@1826- ?]**

Between 1865 and 1870 Jacobus Danhof, his wife Jacoba, and their daughter Maggie emigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven. Jacobus worked as a laborer on the docks. Jacoba was born about 1833 and Maggie around 1859. The family resided on Madison Street in 1880.

### **James John Danhof [1858-1933]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 17, 1858, James Danhof was the son of Rosa and John J. Danhof I, a pioneer merchant tailor who came to this country from The Netherlands. James attended local schools and later learned the tailoring trade from his father. He graduated from Hope College with a master degree and from the University of Michigan Law School in 1893. He opened law offices in Grand Rapids with George Hefferan, who later became secretary of the Michigan Trust Company. Before completing his law education, he was appointed deputy collector of Customs by Healy C. Akeley in 1877. He held that office for about six years. During that time he formed a life-long association with Akeley, a lumber king of that day, who lived in Grand Haven for many years before moving to Minneapolis, and for a while was his personal secretary. Judge Danhof was also secretary of the Roscommon Lumber company, a half million-dollar corporation operating in Roscommon County with offices in Grand Haven. Herman F. Harbeck appointed him city attorney, an office he held for about four years. He was a staunch Republican and attended county and state conventions for many years. He was elected Judge of probate in 1914 and stayed in that post for 16 years. He was a candidate for reelection at the primaries in September 1930, when he was defeated by the incumbent, Judge Cora Vande Water. For many years he was associated with the Second Reformed Church and was active in the Men's Club and other church organizations. He was a charter member of the Ottawa County Bar Association. A brother recalled that James never had a case carried to the Supreme Court and few cases that ever were appealed to the Circuit Court. During the last two years of his term as probate judge he took a voluntary reduction in salary, which was used for welfare. His benefactions were known intimately by his close friends and many relatives, and on several occasions he made generous donations to public charities.

On November 23, 1898 in Grand Haven, James married Gertrude Pellegrum, a teacher in the local schools and a woman who was prominent in the city for many years. Born on May 26, 1870 in Michigan, she was



the daughter of Mathias and Jane Pellegrom, pioneers of the area. The Danhofs lived on Slayton Street and later at 603 Lafayette. Gertrude died on August 18, 1931. James died on March 9, 1933. He and Gertrude were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 18, 1931 and March 9, 1933.]

### **Jan “John” Jans Danhof I [1827-1895]**

Born December 31, 1827 in Warffum, Groningen, The Netherlands, John Danhof came to Grand Haven in 1854 with his brother Pieter [Peter] and their two wives. He was a tailor by trade and for many years the leading clothier of Grand Haven. On May 24, 1851, at Uithuizen, Netherlands, he married Renske “Rosa” Hindricks Jonker [Yonker], born in Winsum The Netherlands, on March 12, 1829. She was the daughter of Henry [Hindrik] Klaassen and Janna Kaspers van Dam Jonker. Henry owned several vessels plying the canals of Holland and the North Sea. Renske’s siblings included Helen Baar and Klaas Jonker [Yonker] of Grand Haven. The Danhofs helped form the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven in December 1871. They had nine children, all born in Grand Haven, five of whom survived: James J., born on February 17, 1858; John J. II, born on October 24, 1859; Peter J., born on December 1, 1864; Mary J., who married Walter Fitzroy Mercer of Grand Rapids on October 6, 1884; and Henry J., who was born on January 13, 1868, became manager of the Furniture Commercial Agency Company of Grand Rapids, died on July 19, 1943, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Walter Mercer was born in 1856 and died on May 12, 1935, and Mary lived from 1861 to November 13, 1931; both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died on October 2, 1895. His wife passed away on January 23, 1908. The Danhofs were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 30, 1895, September 25, 1908, and February 24, 1930.]

### **John J. Danhof II [1859-1930]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1859, the son of John J. and Renske Jonker Danhof, young John attended Hope College. When he returned home, Danhof became secretary to the Grand Haven Gas Company and Grand Haven Lumber Company. He was supervisor for several terms and alderman for two terms. John opened an insurance office on January 1, 1885 and became the oldest fire insurance agent in the state with more than 45 years of service by the time of his death. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church. He became a leading Detroit attorney and served as high school principal early in the 1900s. He was chief counsel for the New York Central Railroad.

On March 28, 1883 in Holland, Michigan, John married Anna [Johanna] Miedema [Medema], who was born on September 6, 1857 and died on May 26, 1931. The couple raised their family at 221 South Seventh Street. One of their children was John James Danhof III, who was born July 15, 1884, became a teacher, married Erma Mueller, and moved to Detroit, where he died on August 24, 1973. John and Erma had three children: Annabel, who was born in 1924 and married Samuel Hess, born in 1921; Rosemary, who lived from 1914 to 2001 and married George Hammerschmidt [1910-1973]; and John J. IV, who lived from 1921 to 1990 and married Denise Hochstadt. Anna Erma was born in Wisconsin around 1885 and died in 1986. John and Anna also had a daughter Rosina [Rosena] “Rose” M., a music teacher, who was born on November 14, 1886 and in Grand Haven, attended Akeley Institute for Girls, and on October 23, 1912 married Robert A. Fisher in Muskegon. By 1930, Rose was divorced and using her maiden name. She died on January 7, 1972. John and Anna’s other children were Edith, who was born on September 19 [22], 1888 and died in Grand Haven on July 18, 1982; and Alice Emelia, who was born on January 20, 1897 and married Merle A. Storr, who was born in Olivet, Eaton County on May 20, 1894. In 1916 Merle was a mathematics teacher at Grand Haven High School, but by 1930 he and Alice had moved to Grand Rapids, where he continued teaching until his death about April 3, 1955. Alice died in Grand Haven on August 25, 1979 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. She was residing at 221 South Seventh at the time of her death. John II died of a cerebral hemorrhage on February 23, 1930 in Grand Haven. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 25, 1908 and February 24, 1930.]

### **Pieter “Peter” Jans Danhof I [1825-1885]**

Born May 28, 1825 in Warffum, The Netherlands, Pieter Danhof came to Grand Haven in 1873, 19 years after his brother Jan. Like his brother, Peter was a tailor. On May 15, 1851 in Hoogezand, The Netherlands, Peter married Roelfje [Roelfien] Brons. The daughter of Derk and Janna Weges Brons, Roelfje was born in The Netherlands on September 1, 1828. Peter died in Grand Haven on March 1, 1885 and Roelfje passed away in Grand Rapids on April 18, 1898. Both Peter and Roelfje were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their nine children, all born in The Netherlands, were Derk "Dick," who was born about 1853, moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, and passed away around November 6, 1919; Janna "Jennie," who was born in 1861, married Lambertus Vandenberg in 1882. And moved to Grand Rapids; Pieter [Peter] II, born about 1862; Cornelius, who was born about 1863, married Jannetje "Jane" Vanden Bosch on March 28, 1884, and died in 1910; Froena, born about 1867; and Berends P. "Bennie," who was born in 1870, moved to Grand Rapids, died in 1921, and was buried at Valley City Cemetery [later known as Oakhill Cemetery] in Kent County.

#### **Pieter "Peter" P. Danhof [1856-1904]**

Peter was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on November 15, 1856. He immigrated to the United States in 1873 with his parents, Pieter and Roelfje Brons Danhof. In Muskegon on December 28, 1882, he married Johanna "Anna" Yonker [Jonker], who was born in Grand Haven on August 5, 1863 and died on October 3, 1929. Among their children, both born in Grand Haven, were Loiza [Louisa] Johanna, born in 1884, and Gertruita [Gertrude] Bertha, born on March 11, 1886. On March 25, 1908 in Zeeland, Loiza "Louise" married E. Lambert "Bert" Geerlings; they moved to Marshall County, Minnesota. Gertrude married Edward Floyd Seaver. On May 7, 1900, Anna divorced Peter on grounds of desertion. She married Martin T. Ver Hage of Zeeland on October 29 the same year. Martin, a widower with two small children, was born in Michigan around 1863 and passed away in 1929. Anna was buried at Vriesland Cemetery. Peter died on March 30, 1904 at the Peoria, Illinois Poor Farm and was buried at the cemetery there.

#### **Pieter "Peter" Jans Danhof [1864-1944]**

Born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1864, Peter was the son of Jan Jans and Renske "Rosa" Hindricks Jonker Danhof. Young Peter graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1888 and was for a time associated with George W. McBride's law practice in Grand Haven. Peter was an unsuccessful candidate for state senator in 1892. He was the county's prosecuting attorney for one term and from 1905 to 1908 was Grand Haven's city attorney. In 1915 he was appointed judge for the Superior Court of Michigan but served only a few weeks before being defeated for election by major L. Dunham of Grand Rapids. Z. Z. Lydens recorded the episode: "Judge Danhof was loath to part with his honor still so new. When Judge Dunham sought to take the bench, Judge Danhof ruled he could not take the oath of office until he had filed a campaign expense account. The swearing-in ceremony had to be delayed until afternoon." Peter also had a law office in Grand Rapids.

On September 4, 1888 in Grand Haven, Peter married Emile Walkley, who was born in 1867. She was the daughter of Dr. Wyllys Walkley and Ida Skinner, originally of Muskegon County and then of Grand Haven. The Danhofs lived at 537 Lafayette. One of Peter and Emile Danhof's daughters was Ida Olive, born in Grand Haven on August 27, 1889. On August 18, 1917 in Ann Arbor, she married Hessel Edward Yntema of Grand Haven. Hessel was born on January 17, 1891 and died in Ann Arbor in February 1966. Ida passed away in Ann Arbor on February 26, 1965. Another daughter, Marie Walkley, was born June 22, 1898, graduated from Hope College and the University of Michigan, and did graduate work at Northwestern University. A teacher in Grand Rapids for 45 years, she married Jay L. Everts [Everetts] on March 27, 1926. Jay, who was born in Michigan about 1896, was a construction foreman. Marie and Jay were divorced in the 1930s. Marie died of cardiac arrest in Grand Rapids on January 29, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the Danhof plot. Peter died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1944. Emile died on November 18, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Biographies of the 1896 City Council and Tribune* obituaries, April 20, 1898 and February 11, 1987.]

#### **Asa G. Darbee [Darby] [1836-1922]**

A native of Erie County, New York, where he was born on November 22, 1836, Asa was the son of Nathan Niles and Harriet Minor Beardsley Darbee. On May 24, 1861, while in Aledo, Illinois, Asa enlisted as private in Company D of the 13<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out on June 22, 1864. He later settled on a 120-acre farm in Section 14 of Robinson Township. He married Sarah B. Anderson of New York. She lived from April 1852 to 1924. A son, William A., was born in April 1868 in New York State and died in Robinson Township in 1933. Their other children were Hattie, born about 1870 in New York, and Harris "Harry," who was born in New York in June 1878. Asa, who settled in the Grand Haven area sometime after 1880, died in 1922 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with his wife and son William. Sarah applied for a widow's Civil War pension on February 25, 1923.

#### **Charles Jacob Darbee [1867-1941]**

Charles Darby was an employee of Grand Haven Brass Foundry in the early 1900s. In 1886 he married Cora May Suits, a native of Ionia, who lived from April 1, 1869 to August 16, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family resided at 417 Elliott with their children: Harvey [Henry], who was born on October 30, 1887 and also worked at the Brass Foundry; Nora, who was born in Grand Haven in December 1891 and died on March 17, 1955; Josephine, born in March 1894; Bertha, who was born on January 8, 1898 and died on February 24, 1985; Laverne, born in 1889; Paul, born in 1899; and Leola, born about September 20 1911 in Milwaukee. Charles, who was born in New York [Ionia] on June 5, 1867, passed away in Grand Haven on November 27, 1941 and was buried with his wife.

#### **Gordon Asa Darbee [1908-1968]**

Gordon, the son of Harris and Margaret Kieft Darbee, was born on March 17, 1908. On March 25, 1938, he married Aneta Lorraine Eckelcamp in Spring Lake. Born on July 30, 1917, she was the daughter of Joseph and Bessie Nehmer Eckelcamp of Spring Lake. After Gordon passed away on June 7, 1968, Aneta married Charles Houts two years later on August 1. Aneta died in Spring Lake on February 24, 2012. Charles was born on April 16, 1916, died on August 20, 1993, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Harris "Harry" Lloyd Darbee [Darby] [1878-1940]**

Born in New York on June 30, 1878, Harry married Margaret Kieft in Grand Haven on June 29, 1905. Margaret, the daughter of Fred and Anna Van Zanten Kieft, was born on May 3, 1883. The Darbees resided at 432 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Harry, an assembler at a local engine factory, died on June 18, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harry and Margaret had a son, Gordon Asa Darbee, who was born on March 17, 1908. Margaret died on July 4, 1970 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Robert Darbee [Darby] [1813- ?]**

Born in Michigan about 1813, Robert Darbee in 1850 was living in Spring Lake Township. With him were his 35-year-old wife Mary and their two daughters, Magdalene, born about 1848, and Mary, born in late 1849. Each family member was listed as Indian ["R" in the federal census of that year]. Robert was a fur trapper. No information was discovered about the family after 1850.

#### **M. W. Darling [? - ?]**

M.W. Darling was superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1870 to 1871.

#### **Harold A. Daugherty [1911-1997]**

In 1954 Harold Daugherty purchased Boer's furniture store at 117-119 Washington. He came from Grand Rapids, where he worked for the VandenBerg Furniture Company. Harold named his business Daugherty's House of Furniture." He was born on July 19, 1911 and died in Muskegon on December 16, 1997. His wife, Jean C., had passed away the month before, on November 14. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Edward P. Davidson [1839-1907]**

On June 10, 1864 Edward Davidson traveled to Muskegon to enlist as private in Company I of the Michigan 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. Eight days later he transferred to Company I of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, still as private. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, on May 3, 1863 and at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. On October 27, 1864 he was wounded and taken prisoner at Boydton Plank Road, southwest of Petersburg, Virginia. Edward was discharged on June 19, 1865. On May 11, 1907 his wife, Matilda, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. A monument was erected with his name at Nunica Cemetery. In 1880 Edward was foreman at the William Thompson farm in Crockery Township. Edward was born in Pennsylvania on April 22, 1839 [1840] and passed away on March 22, 1907. Matilda lived from 1860 to 1947. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

#### **Tobias Emanuel Davidson [1822-1911]**

Emanuel [Manuel] Davidson was lighthouse keeper in Washington, Wisconsin before arriving in Grand Haven in 1883. He immigrated to the United States in 1847. In Grand Haven he held the keeper's position until his retirement on April 1, 1900. His assistant of 15 years, Frank Fraga, succeeded him. Emanuel was born in Norway October 23, 1822 and died in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin on March 28, 1911. Emanuel's wife Christine was born in Norway in 1837 and died in Door County, Wisconsin on January 7, 1922.

#### **Charles Llewellyn Davis [1878-1950]**

Charles Davis was part-owner of the Airdome and Vaudette Theaters, located on Washington Street. His partner was Cornelius Jelier. In 1908 Charles boarded at the Gldner Hotel. That year, 1908, he and V. Harrington published in Grand Haven sheet music titled "The Debutante March Two Step." It was written by Harrington. On January 4, 1909 in La Porte, Indiana, Charles married Elsie Anstiss. By 1930 he and Elsie were residing at 210 Fifth Street. Elsie, also a Michigan native, was born on October 28, 1887 in Berrien County. In 1930 Charles worked as a movie projectionist at one of the local theaters. A son, Charles Owen Davis, was born in Grand Haven on May 27, 1910 and passed away on January 21, 1995. Charles the father was born in Grand Haven on May 22, 1878, died on April 18, 1950, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elsie had died on October 16 the previous year and also was interred at Lake Forest with her husband and son. Charles was the son of John T. and Margaret Grace Owen Davis of Grand Haven.

#### **Earl J. Davis [1880-1932]**

In 1914 Earl J. and Clarice Oslund Davis of Grand Rapids purchased Arbutus Banks Resort from Chauncey M. and Mary S. Blakeslee. The Davises ran the hotel for 21 years until Clarice sold the property to Edwin and Nora Booth in 1935. Earl was born in White, Hillsdale County on September 3, 1882. Clarice was born in Vermont [New York] on January 15, 1872 [1878]. In 1910 Earl and Clarice were residing in Grand Rapids, where he was a produce merchant. Ten years later Clarice's mother, Lora E. Oslund, was residing at Arbutus Banks with them. Lora was born in New York about 1842. Earl died on October 30, 1932 in Chicago. Clarice passed away in Spring Lake on July 7, 1942 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids with Earl.

#### **Hiram Junius "June" Davis [1840-1925]**

Born in Delaware County, New York, on December 7, 1840, Hiram Davis settled on 75 acres in Section 34 of Olive Township in 1859. In Allegan County on July 3, 1864 he married Margaret Salinda, who was born in Jefferson County, New York on July 1, 1847, the daughter of Soloman Ingalls and Nancy E. Bush Adams. The Davises had three children, all born in Olive Township: George W., born on June 4, 1865; Maria J., born on December 7, 1866, and Frank J., born on December 7, 1870. By 1908 the Davis farm had grown to 117 acres, and they remained on the property as late as 1920. Hiram died on March 30, 1925 in Port Sheldon and Margaret passed away in 1938. They were buried at Ventura Cemetery, Ottawa County.

#### **John T. Davis [1821-1893]**

Born in Carmarthen, Wales on August 1, 1821, John Davis immigrated to America in 1842, lived for a while in Ohio, relocated to Grand Rapids for a short time, and arrived in Grand Haven in 1846 and became a successful merchant and real estate dealer. He first married "Miss Evans" in Ohio in 1847. In March 1874 he married Margaret Grace, the daughter of Richard R. Owens of Allendale. She was born on January 28, 1844 at Anglesey, Wales and came to Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1868 where she had a millinery business until her marriage. The Davis's home at 315 Washington, which also served as John's office, was lost in the fire of 1889. John was known for planting fruit orchards on Washington Street in the area later called "Hancock's Place" [probably the 900-1000 block of Washington Street]. The couple had six children: John R., who was born in June 1875 [1874] and also became an insurance agent; Thomas L., born in July 1877; Charles Llewellyn, born on May 22, 1878; Esther, who was born in February 1880 and married J. Charles Ross of Grand Rapids; Margaret G., born in June 1883; and Edward L., who moved to Tacoma, Washington. Margaret was a life member of the Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions. She died of heart failure and dropsy in Grand Haven on December 15, 1903. John died on August 28, 1893, leaving a large estate, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The *Business Compendium*, published the year of his death, listed John as a "retired capitalist." [*Tribune* obituary, December 16, 1903.]

#### **Joseph Milton "Pop" Davis I [1879-1953]**

Born in North Manchester, Indiana, March 12, 1879, for 20 years Joseph "Pop" Davis operated a Buick auto agency and garage at Pekin, Illinois before coming to Grand Haven in 1927. He and his wife started a skating rink at Highland Park Pavilion and then bought the Barn roller skating rink and dance pavilion at 215 Harbor Drive from Nat Robbins. They operated the barn for 12 years before it burned down in April 1946. He and his wife also ran a small restaurant and ice cream shop at the Interurban Station at Highland Park [Bil-Mar]. The Barn offered dancing, roller skating, and other recreational activities until it was destroyed by fire. After the fire the family operated rinks outside at the former Barn site and at Hyland Gardens, near Highland Park. Joseph was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Elks, Shriners, Masons, Rotary, and the Chamber of Commerce.

On May 11, 1907 Joseph married Mabel Dean. They had a son, Joseph M. Davis II of Grand Rapids, born on July 14, 1911, and a daughter, Evelyn, born about 1919. The older Davis died in Orlando, Florida, on December 12, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mabel, who died on February 21, 1977. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1953.]

#### **Joseph Milton Davis II [1911-1985]**

The son of Joseph and Mabel Dean Davis, Joseph was born in Clare, Clare County, on July 14, 1911. With his father, Joseph managed the Barn at 215 South Harbor. He married Evelyn Fisher on June 4, 1938. She was born about 1919. The couple was divorced on November 18, 1940. He died in Palm Beach, Florida in July 1985.

#### **William Dawes [1907-1994]**

Construction Materials of Ferrysburg hired William Dawes as barge captain in April 1929 and later promoted him to plant manager. Prior to joining the Ferrysburg company, he was a tug boat captain working out of Spring Lake. He retired in 1969 after 40 years with Construction Aggregates. Born on January 6, 1907 in Au Sable, Iosco County, he married Anna Heinz in Holland on September 21, 1929. William passed away on November 26, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna was born in McIntosh, South Dakota on December 27, 1912 and died on April 6, 2002. She also was buried at Lake Forest. They had at least two children.

#### **Frank Jamison Day [1889-1925] and Ethel [Ethyl] Sarah Lehman Day [1888-1978]**

Ethel Lehman, the daughter of Josh and Minnie Thompson Lehman of Grand Haven, was born on September 14, 1888. On October 31, 1908 she married Rev. Frank J. Day in Jackson. He was born in Webster City, Iowa, lived from May 30, 1889 to June 25, 1925, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

In 1920 he, Ethel, and their children were living in Chicago, where he was pastor of a church. After his death in 1925, Ethel ran a rooming house at 112 Franklin Street into the 1950s. She died on November 1, 1978 in Wright, Minnesota, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She left three daughters: Phyllis Day, who was born in Michigan in 1909 and died in 1976; Olive Miriam Day, who was born in Missouri in 1912 and passed away in 2002, and June Maureen Day, who lived from 1922 to 1965. A son, Frank E. Day, was born in Iowa and lived from 1919 to 1979.

#### **D. John Deboe [De Boe] [1864-1910]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 25, 1864, John was the son of Jacob and Maria L. Quintus Deboe. John entered the pharmaceutical business when he went to work at Joseph W. Hutty's drugstore [135 Washington]. In 1882 John moved to Grand Rapids and later to Detroit. On June 13, 1938 he married Caroline Wagner, who was born in Avon, Ohio on September 7, 1867. They had one son, Norman W., who was born in Grand Rapids on March 25, 1893. John and Caroline were divorced in Grand Rapids on June 24, 1904. John died of tuberculosis in Detroit on October 21, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Norman lived with his mother in Grand Rapids in 1910 but eventually returned to Detroit where he died on April 6, 1948. Caroline continued to live in Grand Rapids until at least 1940. Caroline was from Ohio, where she was born about 1870. She died in Birmingham, Oakland County on May 25, 1957. [*Tribune* obituary, October 24, 1910.]

#### **Jacob Deboe II [1838-1880]**

Jacob, born in The Netherlands on April 7, 1838, was the son of Jacob and Cornelia Van Loo Deboe I. Cornelia was born in 1810 and died in 1876. The family immigrated to the United States in 1847 and settled in Zeeland, Ottawa County. Jacob attended school for a total of three months. At the age of 14 he went to work as a bricklayer. In 1860 he moved to Holland to learn the tanning business. On September 23, 1861 Jacob enlisted in Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private. He was promoted to sergeant on November 15, 1862. Jacob served for the first two months of 1864 with the 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, and then returned to his original unit before being mustered out on September 22, 1864. After the war, Jacob settled in Grand Haven, and became deputy clerk, a post he held for 12 years. When Grand Haven became a city in 1867, Jacob was chosen its first treasurer. In 1877 he was elected Register of Deeds for the county.

Jacob married Maria [Mary] Quintus of Grand Rapids on May 6, 1856. On September 4, 1880 Jacob's body was found floating in the Grand River, a suicide. On July 9, 1890, Maria applied for a widow's Civil War pension. One of their three children was D. John Deboe, who lived from 1864 to 1910. Maria, who was born in The Netherlands on December 8, 1835, died on February 8, 1921. She and her husband were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. Prior to her death Mary resided at 614 Fulton.

#### **Peter Gilbert Deboe [1876-1959]**

Peter Deboe was born in Holland, Michigan on June 7, 1876. His father was Captain John [Johannes] Deboe. His mother, Jane, lived from 1838 to 1910. John's and Jane's other children were George of Grand Rapids; William of Chicago; James J., who was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and who ended his life on October 15, 1921 at the age of 43; and John of Holland. As Peter grew up he was able to watch candy being made in a factory across the street from his home. About 1899 he bought an existing candy store from A. L. Jackson at 120-122 Washington in Grand Haven, where he began making his own excellent chocolate confections. In 1902 he rented space at the same address in a building erected that year by Horrace Nichols. He stayed there he stayed for two years before moving to 108 Washington. Peter was in business for over 58 years at different sites in the 100 block of Washington, as well as at 635 Fulton [Square Drug Store]. On May 19, 1902, Peter received a silver-plated soda fountain made by James Tufts of Boston. In 1907 Peter moved his shop to 108 Washington. In his later years Peter gave up his candy store but occupied a corner of Hostetter's in the 1940s and 1950s, where he sold his chocolates until he

died. He was an active member of the Methodist Church, Maccabees, Masons, and Chamber of Commerce, and he was the first treasurer of the Rotary Club.

Peter married Mabel W. Calkins on June 7, 1899 in Grand Haven. Born in June 1880, she was the daughter of Charles H. and Emma J. Potts Calkins of Grand Haven. The Deboes' children included Charles, who was born in June 1900, and Evelyn. The family lived at 106 North Sixth Street in the early 1900s. Mabel died on March 4, 1921 from burns incurred when her clothing caught fire from a heater in the bathroom. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On November 16, 1921 Peter married Mary E. Dill, who was born in Monmouth, Illinois on September 4 1, 1875. Mary had a son, Le Dale McDill, born about 1906. Mary died December 3, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter passed away around February 23, 1959 and also was buried at Lake Forest. At the time of his death he lived at 214 Franklin. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 22, 1910, October 18, 1921, and March 5, 1921 and *Tribune* article, "Pete is Serving Fourth Generation," December 10, 1951.]

### **Cornelius Deboer [De Boer] [1881-1925]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on November 13, 1881, Cornelius Deboer immigrated to the United States in 1885. He married Anna Dobb in Ferrysburg on June 21, 1906. He, Anna, and their children lived in Ferrysburg. Cornelius was listed in the 1921 *Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a building contractor in Ferrysburg. They had at least three children: Louis H. Deboer, born in 1908; Frederick Deboer, born in 1909; and Susan J. Deboer, born in 1912. Cornelius died in Spring Lake on March 15, 1925. Anna lived from March 5, 1882 to October 13, 1945.

### **Cornelius "Corky" J. Deboer [De Boer] [1922-1991]**

Born on October 6, 1922 in Ferrysburg to John and Grace Deboer, Corky during WWII served as a forward observer for B Battery, 420<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for evacuating 15 wounded comrades south of Bastogne on December 22, 1943. A year after leaving the military he was stricken with polio and spent five years in bed battling the paralysis which confined him to a wheelchair. He founded an insurance business in Spring Lake after completing an insurance institute at Michigan State University, and he took correspondence courses through the University of Michigan for business training. He operated the insurance business for 20 years from his home at 427 East Exchange and constructed a building at 105 West Exchange Street in 1971, later the site of Barber Street School. He was a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, Harbor Transit Committee, and Christian School Board.

Corky and his wife Kathryn had eight children: Neal, who was killed in a collision at a rural intersection in Borculo in 1970; Ruth, a well-known singer in Spring Lake; Vernon, an industrial engineer who lived on State Road in Spring Lake Township and whose wife's name was Amy; Kathy, who married Phillip McHenry of Muskegon; Mary, who married David Ramos, also of Muskegon; James; Nancy, who married James Tomczyk, an employee of NBD Bank in Grand Rapids; Mark whose wife's name was Marianne; and Janien. Corky died on July 25, 1991 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Focus on People," and obituary, July 26, 1991.]

### **John De Bruin [De Bruyn] [1900-1991]**

Born December 4, 1900 in Grand Haven to Cornelius and Augusta De Bruin, John worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad for 44 years. Cornelius was born in The Netherlands about 1859, and Augusta lived from 1869 to 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. For many years John managed the Country Store at Stickney Ridge in Grand Haven Township. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes and of the Eagles. John married Ruth Ione Modders in 1922. She was born in 1909 and died June 21, 1939. He then married Loella Rummery on July 3, 1943 in Durand, Shiawassee County. She was born December 9, 1911 and died July 30, 1979 in Spring Lake. His children included Esther, who married Clifford Miles of Midland, Virginia; Rosemary, who married John Austin Lilley of Spring Lake; and Henry W. of Arnold,

Maryland. John died January 22, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 23, 1991.]

**Orrie [Arrie] De Bruyn [1890-1971]**

Orrie De Bruyn of Grand Haven was born March 1, 1890 and died in Grand Haven on February 20, 1971. His wife Susie was the daughter of Claus Vander Wall and the sister of William Vander Wall of Spring Lake. Claus was born in The Netherlands about 1848, and Susie was born in Michigan around 1893. The De Bruyns had at least five children: Cornelius, born about 1913; Claude, born about 1915; Arnold, born about 1920; Agnes F., born about 1923; and Donald, born about 1924. The family lived at 601 Sheldon Road.

**Roland “Ro” J. De Bruyn [Debruyn] [1912-1985] and Elizabeth Warber De Bruyn [1913-2006]**

Roland De Bruyn was born on November 4, 1912 in Grand Haven to Peter and Emma Louise Witt De Bruyn. His father was born on August 4, 1885 and died on November 15, 1944 and his mother lived from August 2, 1884 to about May 28, 1972. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ro was a commercial artist and proprietor of De Bruyn Signs at 921 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Roland studied design with Meijer Booth of Chicago and won several design awards. He taught art in the adult education programs of local schools; sponsored poster contests for high school students; served on the committee responsible for the Musical Fountain and nativity scene; was involved with Girl and Boy Scouts; was active in West Shore Symphony; and did an award-winning cover design for a local Chamber of Commerce booklet. He was a charter member of Lakeland Painters and the Grand Valley Artists Group, and he belonged to the First Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and American Legion, and he was on the Board of Directors of Sunny Shores Park in Cortez, Florida. In 1981 Ro won first place in watercolor and the Francis Mordecai memorial Award for Outstanding Work at the Longboat Key Art Center in Florida.

On October 10, 1938 Ro married Elizabeth Warber, who was born on April 11, 1913 to Emil and Ruth Wills Warber. Elizabeth was office manager of the family sign painting business from 1962 to 1982 and also painted portraits and still lifes in oil and in watercolor applied with a palette knife. The De Bruyns lived at 17765 North Shore Estates, Spring Lake, and they had a home in Florida. Their daughter Deborah, who was born on July 1, 1950, married Andrew M. Soria, and moved to Freeport, Illinois and then back to Spring Lake to reside in her parents' house at 17765 North Shore Estates. Ro died of cancer at Holland Hospital on November 7, 1985. Elizabeth passed away on January 10, 2006. Ro's sister, Katherine Wilhelmina De Bruyn, lived from January 27, 1915 to October 19, 1999. He also had a half-brother, Harley Raymond Brown, who was born on December 10, 1908 in Chicago and passed away on October 15, 1952 in Grand Rapids. Harley's father was unknown.

**Archer “Archie” Charles Decker [1906-1985]**

Archie Decker was born April 19, 1906 in Chicago. His father, Archer Roscoe Decker, was born in Chicago on January 7, 1883 and died on January 9, 1952. Archie's mother, Veronica Magdalene Josaitis Decker, was born in 1888 and died on April 21, 1959. Archie had two brothers: Frank, who was born on April 16, 1905 and died on September 15, 1950, and Joseph [Jack], who was born on December on December 13, 1912 and died on April 5, 1985.

On December 24, 1928 Archie married Mina E. Giesler, who was born on May 12, 1904 and died of hepatic failure on November 7, 1982 in St. Joseph. They moved to Grand Haven in 1947. A former trucker and brewery worker, Archie owned a grocery store, restaurant, and the Maple Grove Driving Range, later called the D & B Sports Center. One of their children, Diane, was born on March 24, 1930 in St. Joseph and married Milford A. Morse of Lowell. Milford was born on February 9, 1925 and died in Grand Haven on December 7, 1993. The Deckers also had a son Marvin, who moved to Rochester, New York. Marvin was born in 1935 and died on February 21, 1987. Archie died on April 20, 1985 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 22, 1985.]



### **Edward Wallace Decker [1909-1979]**

Born in Cadillac on October 5, 1909, Edward Decker by 1930 had moved with his parents to Grand Haven. At that time, he was a sailor on one of the lake steamers. On November 12, 1936 he married Ada Huls in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of John and Jessie Dokter Huls, who moved to Grand Haven after Ada's birth. In 1940 Edward and Ada were residing at 944 Washington Street, and Edward was working as a machinist at the Brass Foundry. They had a daughter Lois, then two years old. A year or two after the end of WWII, Edward started Decker Bus Lines, which served schools in the Grand Haven area as well as the general public. The office and garage for the business were located at 216 Fulton Street. Ada was born on September 11, 1915 in Blue Island, Illinois and died in Grand Haven on September 18, 1995. Edward had passed away 16 years earlier, on March 12. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Eugene Deephouse [Diephouse] [1916-1973]**

Eugene Deephouse was born in Michigan on July 12, 1916. He married Helen Eleanor Dekker in Muskegon on February 24, 1939. She was born in Muskegon on October 19, 1919. They had two sons, William, born about 1942, and Robert Eugene Deephouse, born in Grand Haven on January 31, 1945. The family resided at 219 Buchanan Street in Spring Lake. Eugene was a machinist for an auto parts company. He and Helen were divorced. Eugene passed away on May 31, 1973 in Grant, Newaygo County. Helen died in Houghton County on February 25, 2016 as the wife of Adrian Martin Bolthouse [1918-1989] and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Robert Eugene Deephouse [1945-1998]**

Robert Eugene Deephouse, the son of Eugene and Helen Dekker Deephouse of Grand Haven, was born on January 31, 1945. He worked for Ac-centus in Spring Lake, making silkscreen designs for fabrics. He later was an employee of Marushka. Robert also worked for the Grand Haven Public Schools in the Instructional Media Services Department as a graphic artist, a position funded by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act [CETA]. Robert contributed numerous thumbnail sketches and 34 full-page line drawings to the book *The Beginnings of Grand Haven*. Written by Ingrid McCracken and edited by Burton Brooks, the book was published in 1976. Robert passed away on December 24, 1998.

### **Cornelius De Fouw [1869-1920]**

Cornelius De Fouw, born in Michigan in December 1869 [1868], by the early 1900s owned a 50-acre [40-acre] farm in Section 34 of Olive Township and raised livestock. He married Anna [Hanna] Lemmen on November 23, 1892 in Fillmore, Allegan County. She was born in Fillmore on March 13, 1872. They had two children, Nellie, born in October 1893, and Gertrude, born in July 1897. The De Fouws remained on the farm as late as 1918. Cornelius died on February 14, 1920 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. Anna passed away on April 9, 1957 and also was buried at Pilgrim Home.

### **Robert John "Jack" Defraga [1906-1950]**

See Robert John Fraga.

### **Donald De Glopper [1914-1990]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 28, 1914, Donald was the son of Jacob and Ida M. Schwonteck De Glopper. Jacob, a Grand Haven blacksmith, was born in 1871 and died on September 26, 1955, while Ida lived from 1876 to October 19, 1919. Donald was the grandson of Martinus and Maria De Glopper and the brother of Louise De Glopper. Donald was employed as traffic manager at the Muskegon Paper Mill for more than 43 years. He earned the Silver Beaver Award in 1954 from the Boy Scouts of America, was president of the Board of North Ottawa County Council on Aging and a member of the Grand Haven Board of Education, United Way Board, Community Action Advisory Agency, and the First Reformed Church.

On April 2, 1946 Donald married Florence Adeline Leavitt. The daughter of Rodney and Dota Riggs Leavitt, she was born in Irons, Manistee County on February 12, 1923. The De Gloppers had three children: Donald Rodney, who was born on October 13, 1947, married Cindy Kay Ashcraft of Grand Haven, had three children, graduated from the University of Michigan and Western Theological Seminary in Holland in 1974, and was pastor of Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa; Caryn Ann, who was born April 2, 1950, married Thomas Edward Van Arkel of Grand Haven, had three daughters, and worked for the public schools in Grand Haven; and Sara Louise, who was born March 2, 1959, married Charles Randall Watson, had a son, and worked for a law firm in Macon, Georgia. The De Gloppers resided at 509 South Ferry. Donald died on May 11, 1990 at the age of 75 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "De Glopper Receives One of Scouts Highest Awards," May 9, 1952, "Named To School Board," January 10, 1992, and "De Glopper Earns Masters of Divinity," May 18, 1974.]

### **Henry De Glopper [1875-1937]**

The son of Martinus and Maria De Glopper, Henry was born in Grand Haven on July 21, 1875. He married Rosina Streng, who died on August 30, 1954. Their children were Selma, Catherine, and Martin. Henry was a wagon maker. The family lived at 309 Fulton and later at 316 Columbus Street. They attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Henry died on May 23, 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

### **Jacob F. De Glopper [1871-1955]**

Jacob, the son of Martinus and Maria De Glopper, was born in Grand Haven on December 3, 1871 and died September 26, 1955. He married Ida M. Schwontek, who lived from 1876 to 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Donald and Louise were their children. Jacob was a blacksmith. The De Gloppers were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven and resided at 233 Franklin Street.

### **Martinus De Glopper I [1844-1929]**

Martinus De Glopper, who was born in The Netherlands on November 18, 1844, immigrated to the United States with his parents. His father, Jacob, lived from 1807 to 1881, and his mother, Anna Brieve, from 1820 to 1902. The family came from their native Netherlands aboard the *Rose Standish*, which arrived in New York on September 13, 1849 when Martinus was four years old. Their other children at that time were Johanna, age seven, and Pieter, a year and a half. Jacob and Anna later had three more children, John, Leonard, and Jacob, all born in New York. Johanna married Adrian O'Beck, a Grand Haven fisherman. Martinus became a blacksmith in Grand Haven.

On May 15, 1867, in Muskegon, Martinus married Metje "Maria" VanderVere [VanderVeere], who was born July 2, 1845 in The Netherlands. She arrived in the area with her parents, Henry and Nellie Young Vander Vere, in 1850 and lived in Grand Haven for 84 years, a fact recognized in Grand Haven's Centennial Celebration in 1934. The De Glopper family belonged to the First Reformed Church, and Maria was a member of the Senior Ladies Aid and Ladies Missionary Society of that church. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Anna "Annie" Barbara, who was born October 24, 1868 and died in Grand Haven on September 25, 1902; Pieternella "Nellie," who was born February 18, 1870 and married Edwin T. Pennoyer; Jacob, who was born on December 3, 1871; Henry, who was born on July 1, 1875; John Leonard, who was born October 17, 1877, married Fannie Louise, daughter of Neil and Mary Johnston McMillan of Grand Haven, and died in Kent County on June 17, 1961; Cornelius "Neil," who lived from May 18, 1880 to December 28, 1955; May who lived from 1883 to 1978 and married Clyde McNutt [1876-1961] of Fennville, Allegan County; Kathryn, who was born February 19, 1885 and died January 26, 1969; and Martin II, who was born on December 14, 1887, became a civil engineer with the State of Michigan Highway Department, and resided in Detroit and Alpena with his wife, Margaret Coates, who died in 1982. The De Gloppers lived at 107 North Second Street before buying a house at 122 Franklin Street in 1908. Martinus died August 20, 1929, in Grand Haven, and Maria passed away on August 17,

1934 at her home on Franklin Street, just as the Centennial Celebration came to its conclusion. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 17, 1934.]

**Nellie C. De Glopper [1879-1920]**

See Edwin Pennoyer.

**Arthur Albert De Gram [1917-1974]**

Art De Gram was born in Sanborn, Iowa, on July 8, 1917 and when a young boy moved with his parents to Grand Haven. He served with the Army during WWII. On May 3, 1947 in Muskegon, Art married B. Ruth Johnson. He worked for the Grand Haven Water Treatment Plant and became assistant superintendent in charge of operations. The De Grams lived at 500 Marion Street. Art died in Grand Haven on February 6, 1974 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth was born on September 26, 1925 and died in Grand Haven on September 1, 2009. [*Tribune* article, "Alone at work for 23 years," December 13, 1973.]

**Albert De Groot [@1836-1864]**

On October 2, 1861, Albert De Groot traveled from Grand Haven to Holland to enlist as private in Company D, Michigan 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. He was captured by the Confederate forces on September 8, 1863 at Valley Head, Georgia and sent to Andersonville Prison, where he died on May 24, 1864. His father, Jan De Groot [1813-1889], on March 14, 1879 filed for a father's Civil War pension. Albert was born about 1836.

**Alje De Haan [1852-1936]**

Alje De Haan was born in Tilburg, The Netherlands, on July 2, 1852. He immigrated to the United States in 1887. By 1900 he was residing in Holland. For a short time, around 1910 to 1915, he owned a 160-acre farm in Section 34 of Robinson Township. In 1920 he was living in Grand Rapids, and then years later he was in Passaic, New Jersey, residing with a nephew and his family. Alje died in 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Jan "John" G. De Haan [1837-1913]**

In the 1887 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, John De Haan was noted as both shoemaker and barber. Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on July 1, 1837, he married Altje "Alice" Ten Cate in Groningen on May 18, 1865. She was born in Groningen on February 28, 1836 and died in Kalamazoo on May 18, 1903. John was living with his family in Holland, Michigan in 1870 and working as a shoemaker. By 1880 the family had moved to Muskegon, but John continued to be a shoemaker. In 1900 he was a patient in the Kalamazoo Insane Asylum. He died of appendicitis on January 3, 1913 in Zeeland. Alice and John were buried at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo. They had six children.

**Robert Laverne DeHare [1941-2018]**

Bob DeHare spent most of his career as groundskeeper at Duncan Park. He was born on December 30, 1941, married Deborah Ann Bridges in Minnesota on August 14, 1975, and served as Airman Second Class with the United States Air Force. Deborah was born in February 1948. The couple resided at 13622 Clearwater Lane in Grand Haven. When a large white ash tree blew down in Duncan Park in 2006, Bob and Debbie salvaged about 150,000 seeds that were determined to be viable and were stored at the United States Department of Agriculture facility in Fort Collins, Colorado. Bob died on February 12, 2018 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Debbie continued to reside in the house on Clearwater.

**Howard C. De Heer [1913-1997]**

Howard De Heer worked for the Four Square Company in Grand Rapids. On May 14, 1941 in Grand Haven he married Marjorie Louise, the daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Correll. Marjorie was born in La Porte, Indiana on July 28, 1917 and passed away in Tucson, Arizona on July 5, 1988. She graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934 and later worked as a bookkeeper at the Big Store on Third Street. The

couple in the late 1960s resided at 1116 Franklin Street. They had at least two children, David and Trude De Heer. Howard was born on October 13, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on October 24, 1997. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Peter De Heer [1857-1915]**

Peter De Heer, who was born in The Netherlands in September 1857 [1854], became a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Frank and Jane Fisher of Grand Haven. The De Heers lived at 13 South Fourth Street. Peter died in 1915. Elizabeth, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from October 1853 to 1914 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Sabra De Heer, was born in June 1887. Their son, Abraham Frank De Heer, who lived from April 2, 1891 to 1935, was a dentist.

#### **Julia C. “Judy” Simonsen De Jonge [1925-2002]**

Judy was born in Holland, Michigan, to Robert and Jennie Knoll Simonsen, on September 12, 1925. She married Donald Robert De Jonge on October 28, 1950 in Gary, Indiana. Donald first married Vonna [Verna] Neola Featherstone in Grand Haven on November 30, 1944. She was born in Jackson, Minnesota on January 14, 1927. They were divorced on October 25, 1947 in Ingham County. Around 1950 Judy owned and operated a Grand Haven restaurant called Judy’s Lunch at 515 North Seventh Street: “Light lunches and sandwiches our specialty.” She and her husband Donald also owned Redi-Wood Manufacturing Company, located at 1350 Kooiman Street. They resided at 16303 Taft in Spring Lake Township and later at 18166 West Spring Lake Road. Their children were Carla, who married Gary Slezak of Fruitport, and Don W. of Spring Lake. Judy passed away in Spring Lake on May 14, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Donald lived from October 10, 1923 to April 30, 2010. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 2002.]

#### **John [Jacobus, Jacob, James] Dekiep I [1846–1920]**

Born on April 20, 1846 in The Netherlands, James Dekiep married Klaaske “Clara” Mollag, who was born in March 1851, also in The Netherlands. She was the sister of Harm Mollag of Fillmore, Allegan County, Etta, who married John Ruster of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and another sister who married Henry Vanden Berg, also of Kenosha. In Grand Haven James worked at a sawmill. The Dekieps’ children included two sons: John II, who was born on July 27, 1876, and Henry Orrie [Arie], who was born about 1883. The Dekieps’ daughters, all born in Grand Haven, were Anna, born about 1877; Margaret, who was born October 18, 1880; Clara, who was born on May 9, 1885 and died on July 20, 1963; and Etye [Etta], who was born June 16, 1889 and died on December 20, 1962; Clara, James’s wife, died at the family residence at 315 North Fifth Street on April 15, 1920. James died on May 7, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret, Orrie, Clara, and Etye continued living in the family home after the loss of their parents. Margaret resided there until her death on April 27, 1972. She also was buried at Lake Forest. The Dekieps were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, April 15, 1920.]

#### **John Dekiep II [1876-1963]**

John, the son of James and Clara Mollag Dekiep, was born on July 27, 1876 and died on July 1, 1963. John and his wife Nellie, who was born July 8, 1881 and died on February 11, 1978, were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was foreman at the Challenge Machine Shop. The Dekieps resided at 535 Elliott Street.

#### **Egbert Dekkenga [Dekkinga] [1838-1906]**

Egbert Dekkenga married Liefke Van Der Wier on May 15, 1889 in Spring Lake. They resided at 310 Visser Street in Spring Lake. Their daughter Johanna, who was born on December 10, 1869, married Onno Charles Voss. Egbert lived from 1838 to 1906 and his wife from 1838 to 1914. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had four other children in addition to Johanna.

#### **William De Kleine [1877-1957]**

William De Kleine was born on a farm in Jamestown Township, Ottawa County in 1877. At the age of 16 he entered Hope College, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1902. He then graduated from the medical school of Northwestern University in 1906. He married Lottie Marie Hoyt in Holland on June 28, 1906. In July of that year, he started his medical practice by opening an office on the second floor of 202 Washington in Grand Haven. William and Lottie resided at 526 Clinton, where they remained until at least 1910. William served as secretary-treasurer of the Ottawa County Medical Society from 1911 to 1913. In 1920 the couple was in Flint, where William was city health officer. Ten years later they were in Washington, D.C. and remained there until at least 1940. William died in New York on September 20, 1957 and was buried at Forest Grove Cemetery. Lottie lived from April 8, 1881 to July 23, 1962. She, too, was buried at Forest Grove.

#### **James [Jacobus] De Kraker [1891-1966]**

Born on February 27, 1891 in Holland, Michigan, James De Kraker became owner of a furnace cleaning and repair business in Grand Haven. He worked out of his home, located at 1340 Franklin. He married Christine Meeusen, who lived from April 7, 1897 to April 17, 1978. She died in Spring Lake and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. James died in Grand Haven on June 15, 1966 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Paul Henry de Kruif [1890-1971]**

Paul de Kruif, born on March 2, 1890 in Zeeland, was an American microbiologist and author. He is most noted for his 1926 book *Microbe Hunters*. The book continues to be an inspiration for aspiring physicians and scientists. On December 16, 1922 he married Rhea Barbarin in Saginaw. She was born on April 22, 1897 in Saginaw and died in Chicago on July 9, 1957. The couple was living in Port Sheldon Township in 1930. Paul died on February 28, 1971 and was buried at Zeeland Cemetery with Rhea.

#### **Perry De Lille [1924-2014]**

Perry De Lille in 1960 opened an accounting office at 902 South De Spelder Street, where he also lived. He named his business De Lille Accounting. On May 9, 1951, Perry married Teresa Mary Dionise in Muskegon. She was born on October 23, 1929. Perry, the son of Verner and Grace De Lille, was born in Wisconsin but moved to Grand Haven with his parents when young. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1941 and was an early member of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra [West Michigan Symphony], founded in 1939. Perry retired from the National Guard in 1978. Carol Peirson worked with him as an accountant for a time. Perry died in Grand Haven on September 1, 2014 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Basnett "Bas" Dell [1860-1940]**

Basnett Dell married Emily Jane Gibbs on February 28, 1880. He was born in Canada on February 28, 1860 and died on September 15, 1940, while Emily lived from September 29, 1861 to April 12, 1934. In 1880 Bas and Emily were living in Muskegon Township, Muskegon County. Later Bas owned a grocery store in Coopersville and a 94-acre farm in Section 18 of Polkton Township. The acreage had been the property of his father-in-law, Charles T. Gibbs. Bas and Emily were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other Dells. Bas and Samuel Dell were brothers, and Emily and Anna, Samuel's wife, were sisters.

#### **Samuel Dell [1852-1935]**

On September 5, 1875, in Ottawa County, Samuel Dell married Anna M., the daughter of Charles T. and Hannah Gibbs of Crockery Township. The couple was residing in Muskegon Township, Muskegon County, in 1880. Anna was born in Polkton Township in 1853 and died in 1939. Before she married Samuel, she taught at Connell School in Olive Township. Samuel was born in Canada on December 24, 1852 and died in Crockery Township on April 3, 1935. The Dells' eight-acre farm was in Section 12 of Crockery Township. By 1930 they were residing in Crockery Township with their daughter, Emma, and son-in-law, John D. Borchers. Emma and John were born around 1881. The Dells' son, Samuel Burton

Dell, was born in 1876 in Michigan, died in 1933, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his parents. The elder Samuel and Basnett Dell were brothers, and their wives were sisters.

**Harry Elmer De Marse [Demarse] [1889-1939]**

Born on May 27, 1889 in Brunswick, Newaygo County, Harry De Marse married Mary Louise La Plante [Lapoint] in Muskegon on October 22, 1911. They lived in Rothbury, Oceana County at the time of the wedding. In 1917, Harry was station agent at the Pere Marquette Depot in Brunswick, but by the mid-1920s he had been named agent for the Pere Marquette Railway Company at its depot near the corner of Jackson and Fourth Streets in Grand Haven, a position he still held in 1936. He and Mary resided at 112 South Eighth Street. They had four children: Antoinette De Marse, who was born in Rothbury in 1913, married Robert Louis Keefer [1912-1969], and died on November 12, 1969; Carl Odette De Marse, who was born on March 4, 1919 and died on June 19, 1972; Robert Edward De Marse, who lived was born in Allegan on May 13, 1921, died in Grand Haven on August 29, 1982, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife Irene [1924-2018]; and Gladys Delores De Marse, who was born in Grand Haven on December 20, 1924, married Gerald Gale Elwell [1921-2014], and passed away on April 25, 2001. Harry died in Grand Haven on March 16, 1939 and was buried at Norton Cemetery in Norton Shores. Mary lived from 1889 [1892] to 1970 and was also buried at Norton Cemetery as were Antoinette and her husband, Carl and his wife, Theresa Conan De Marse [1910-2002], and Gladys and her husband.

**Thomas D. Denison [Dennison] [1828–1894]**

Born in New York State on April 1, 1828, Thomas Dennison in 1850 left Grand Rapids and moved to Spring Lake, where he worked in the lumber mills and did blacksmithing. In 1869 he became engineer at the Monroe, Boyce, & Company Sawmill. In 1872 Thomas, Aloys Bilz, and Warner Vos formed the Alden Fruit Preserving Company on Spring Lake at the foot of Alden Street. In 1881 Thomas was elected president of Spring Lake Village. His sister Sarah married Henry Millard of Spring Lake. His wife, Eva V., a native of The Netherlands, lived from 1835 to 1887 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They were early members of the Spring Lake Methodist Church. Their two-story frame home was near the confluence of the Grand River and Spring Lake Channel, approximately the location of the later Holiday Inn. Thomas died October 19, 1894 in Grand Rapids, a suicide, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife and a daughter, Mary Denison, who died in infancy. They had another daughter, La Dell Denison, who was born in Spring Lake in 1855 and died in Chicago in 1926 under the name La Dell Cannell. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 20 and 22, 1894.]

**Robert J. Denning [1916-2001]**

Robert, born in Grand Haven on May 4, 1916, was the son of Thomas and Mary Catherine Cunningham Denning. On June 27, 1942, he married Jane Laczynski in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. During WWII, Robert served as a technical sergeant in the 3522<sup>nd</sup> Ordinance Motor Auto Maintenance Company and was on active duty in Germany and Central Europe. He was awarded the EAME [European, Asian, and Middle Eastern] Theater Ribbon with two bronze service stars, a Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Robert was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's, where he served as minister of the Eucharist and assisted at funerals for 25 years. He was employed by Grand Haven Stamped Products and Teledyne Continental Motors in Muskegon as a tool maker. Robert was a member of the American Legion, the Elks of Englewood, Florida, and Moose Lodge 491 in Muskegon. He died in Florida on January 24, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

**Francis Edward Dennis [1873-1956]**

Francis, the son of Francis M. and Helen N. Chapman Dennis, was born in Grand Haven on December 6, 1873. He worked for the Goodrich & Morton Steamship lines and later with Michigan Bell Telephone. The couple moved to Kalamazoo before 1917. Francis was a lifetime member of the Masons and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. His wife Stella [Stilla/Estella] lived from August 10, 1880 to

January 1973 and died in Grand Rapids. Dennis passed away in 1956 and was buried at Hart Cemetery in Hart, Oceana County, as was Stella.

### **Francis Mogg Dennis [1825-1911]**

Francis Dennis immigrated to the United States in 1861 and married Helen Naomi Chapman in Jackson on October 3, 1870. They moved to Grand Haven, where, by the early 1900s, Helen was running a boarding house at 322 Columbus, which also was their residence. Francis was listed as “Baggage master” in the 1893 *Compendium* and was retired by the time of the 1900 Federal Census. He was born in England on October 7, 1825 and died on December 12, 1911. Helen, a Michigan native, was born in August 1845. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Francis E. Dennis, born on December 6, 1873; George Dennis, born on August 2, 1876; and Janet Ann Dennis, who was born on May 8, 1879 and married Fred W. Godfrey in Grand Haven on November 20, 1907. Helen passed away in 1916.

### **Isiah [Asaiah, Isaiah] Dennis [1862-1946]**

African American Isiah [Asaiah] Dennis, born in Ontario, Canada on June 10, 1862, immigrated to the United States in 1900. When he married Viola Gowens in Grand Rapids on August 13, 1915, he was working as a laborer. Viola, born in Decatur, Indiana, was 28 years old at the time of the marriage. In 1920 the couple was living on a farm in Newaygo County and had a child, Paul, who was born about 1918. Isiah and Viola were divorced in Kent County on January 4, 1930. At the time of the Federal Census of that year, Isiah was living in Polkton Township, divorced and unemployed. In the same census, Viola was found living in Grand Rapids with her son Paul, a daughter Rebecca, who was born about 1921, and Lillian Henry. Lillian, Viola’s daughter from a previous marriage, was born in Michigan about 1907. Viola was working in the kitchen of a local restaurant. On May 30, 1931 in Grand Rapids, Viola married William Jackson [1886-1965]. Their marriage certificate listed them both as Indian. They were divorced before 1950. Isiah died on February 1, 1946 in Kalamazoo and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Viola, who was born on June 9, 1890, passed away in March 1967. She, too, was buried at Greenwood, as was William Jackson.

### **Thomas D. Dennison [1828-1894]**

See Thomas D. Denison.

### **Edward Dense [1917-1993]**

Edward was born in Grand Haven on December 15, 1917 to William F. and Bertha Schuetter Dense. Edward became general manager of Meridian Corporation. In 1937 he married Rose Anita Cooper in Spring Lake. Their children included Rose; Anita; Karen, who married John Bolthouse of Grandville; and James E., who lived in Grand Rapids with his wife, Judith. The Denses were members of the Spring Lake Baptist Church. Edward died on May 3, 1993 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 4, 1993.]

### **John W. Denton [1814-1885]**

In February 1856 John Denton opened the Denton House [Denton’s Hotel] in Eastmanville. The tavern was a large building for those days, two and one-half stories high, and laid out in an L-shape. John, who was born in Pennsylvania [Canada] on March 12, 1814, continued as proprietor of the hotel into the 1860s. On April 21, 1839 he married Minerva Bartholomew, who was born in New York around 1818. The Dentons had six children, all born in Michigan. By 1870 the family was located in Keene, Ionia County, where John worked on a farm. In 1880, they were still farming in Keene, where Minerva died on February 20, 1907 at the age of 89 and was buried at Marble Cemetery [Keene Township, Ionia County] with other family members. John had died on December 27, 1885, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

### **Ronald Harvey Denton [1930-1997]**

Ronald Denton in the mid-1960s owned and operated Denton's Restaurant & Bar at 201 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. He and his wife Ada Marie Brooks Denton lived next door at 409 Pine. She was born on April 29, 1926 and previously had been married to Joe Russo [1923-1977]. Ronald was born in Grand Rapids on November 20, 1930. He served as Staff Sergeant with the U.S. Marine Corps in the mid-1950s. He died on July 29, 1997 in Henderson, Nevada and was buried at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada. Ada passed away on December 3, 2006 and was buried at the same cemetery as Ronald.

**John James De Persia [1881-1955]**

John De Persia married Dora F. McCormick on November 11, 1903 in Chicago. She was born in Canada on March 10, 1884. Although they remained residents of Chicago, on August 2, 1915, they bought property in Section 5 of Grand Haven Township from Nellie Terry. John lived from 1881 to 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dora passed away on June 11, 1971. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son John Laughton De Persia was born in Chicago on December 2, 1909.

**John Laughton De Persia [1909-1989]**

John L. De Persia developed an automatic boat bailer and began production at his home at 518 Friant in 1957. His company was called De Persia Automatic Bailer, Inc. The bailer, in assorted sizes, sold for \$4.95 in 1965. John, the son of John J. and Dora McCormick De Persia, was born on December 2, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on April 25, 1989. His wife Eileen A. lived from July 1, 1913 to April 22, 1987. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Before he started his business, John was a mail carrier. The De Persia Company moved to 17338 Hayes, and John and Eileen relocated to 17876 Brucker.

**Clark Deremo [1853-1931]**

See Joseph Clark Deremo.

**Doris Louise Deremo [Dykema] [1908-1997]**

The daughter of Hugh and Florence Oviatt Deremo, Doris Louise was born in Spring Lake Township on June 20, 1908. She was married three times: first to Steven Dykema on November 19, 1927; then on April 16, 1938 to Layton Richard Counselor; and finally, on October 12, 1946, to Benjamin N. Coster of Spring Lake. Her marriage to Steven ended in divorce on January 3, 1935; he lived from March 12, 1908 to May 31, 1955. Layton was born in Missouri in 1916 and died when the Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* was sunk in the North Atlantic on June 13, 1943. Ben lived from 1906 to 1994. Doris passed away on June 4, 1997 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was her first husband. Doris and Steven had one son, Steven Dykema, who was born about 1932 and moved to Kentwood, Kent County.

**Dorothy Helena Deremo [1904-1997]**

With guidance from soil conservation experts at Michigan State University, Dorothy Deremo in 1947 planted quantities of Christmas trees in her sandy back yard at 15232 Mercury Drive [Section 35 (North) Grand Haven Township]. Three years later she formed Twin Oaks Christmas Tree Farm with Cliff Lyons and Howard De Gram as partners. She also was employed at Challenge Machinery from 1950 to 1972. Eventually Twin Oaks owned 600 to 700 acres in Ottawa, Muskegon, and Oceana Counties and sold about 20,000 trees each year. Prior to the Christmas tree business, Dorothy and her father ran Deremo Dairy from 1916 to 1946, and during WWII she worked at Continental Motors in Muskegon. The daughter of Harry and Annie Austin Deremo of Grand Haven Township, she was born on January 15, 1904 and died on April 17, 1997. She was buried at Lake Shore Cemetery with other members of the family. Dorothy was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

**Earl F. Deremo I [1817-1893]**

Earl was born in St. Lawrence County, New York in 1817, the son of Joseph and Rebecca Riggs Deremo. Both were from Connecticut but became residents of New York State. Joseph was born about 1770 and



died around 1860, while Rebecca was born about 1780. In 1835 Earl married Permilia [Permelia] Curtis, a native of New York State, who lived from 1817 to 1890. Earl and Permilia settled first in Van Buren County, where Earl appeared in the 1860 and 1880 censuses, but they were in Spring Lake not long after 1880. Among their children, all born in New York, were James, born in 1835; Theodore, born about 1840; Earl II, born about 1841; Amelia Ann, who was born in September 1845, married Edwin R. Niles, and resided in Paw Paw, Van Buren County; Samuel, born about 1846; Mary J., born about 1847; Hannah J., born about 1849; Emily, who was born September 12, 1851 and married Hiram Martin of Spring Lake; and John Quincy, born March 10, 1856. On July 27, 1892 in Fruitport, Earl married Elizabeth Waldron, who was born about 1820. Earl I died in 1893. He and Permilia were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Earl F. Deremo II [1841-1911]**

Earl, the son of Earl and Permilia Curtis Deremo, was born in New York State on June 14, 1841. He was living in Paw Paw, Van Buren County when he enlisted on August 26, 1862 as private in Battery B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Light Artillery. He was mustered out on June 14, 1865. In the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* he was listed as owning a meat market in Ferrysburg.

On August 6, 1865 he married Alvira [Arvilla] Ellsworth in Van Buren County. Alvira was born about 1843 [1839]. Their first child, Eliza Ann Deremo, who was born in 1866, married Joseph Payne. Alvira died on July 29, 1871. Earl then married Eliza Lucetta Farr in Spring Lake Township on July 25, 1872. Eliza, the daughter of Henry F. and Jane Clark Farr, was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1855 and died in Muskegon County in 1936. Earl and Eliza moved to Fruitport, where a son, Earl Deremo III, was born on September 15, 1886. He married Pearl Yeoman in Muskegon County on May 24, 1907 and died on December 20, 1966. Earl and Eliza also had a daughter, Jennie Frances Deremo, who first married Horace Alger on December 25, 1889 in Grand Rapids. Jennie next married a Mr. Nienhouse in 1911 and a Mr. Norlin in 1936. Jennie was born on May 7, 1876 and died on September 2, 1963. The Deremos also had a daughter Eliza Ann Deremo, who was born in Fruitport about 1866 and married Joseph Payne in 1881. Eliza and Joseph had a son, Joseph William Payne Deremo, who was born in Fruitport on May 2, 1882 and died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1929. Earl died on February 17, 1911. Eliza applied for a widow's Civil War pension on March 13, 1911.

#### **Frank Deremo [1882-1968]**

The son of Joseph Clark and Lucy Veenstra Deremo, Frank was born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1882. In the early 1900s he was a farmer on 10 acres in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. He died in April 1968.

#### **Gurben [Gerben] Deremo [1885-1972]**

Gurben, the son of Joseph and Lucy Veenstra Deremo, was born on January 2, 1885 and died in Grand Haven on December 23, 1972. He lived at 321 Clinton with his parents but later moved to 1020 Grant Street. He was a commercial fisherman. On July 9, 1932 he married Elsie Insley in Muskegon. She lived from 1893 to 1947. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Harry Leonard [Louis] Deremo [1880-1947]**

Harry was born in Nortonville in Spring Lake Township on June 27, 1880, the son of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo. In his early years, Harry fished for clams in the Grand River, but by 1916 had become a fruit farmer and dairyman in Section 35 [North] Grand Haven Township, where he owned 39 acres. By 1912 his holdings had grown to 133 acres. He married Anna "Annie" Alt Austin in Ottawa County on November 20, 1903. The daughter of W. and Lizzie Beinbauer Alt, she was born on January 16, 1883, died on December 3, 1970, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had one child, Dorothy, who was born on January 15, 1904 and worked with her father in the dairy business. After his death on January 23, 1947, she inherited the farm and started a Christmas tree business. By 1970 a large part of the farm had been platted as Deremo Subdivision. Harry was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Hugh W. Deremo [1878-1908]**

Born in Crockery Township [Wisconsin] in October 1878, Hugh Deremo graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1899. He worked as a landscape gardener. He married Florence L. Oviatt of Detroit. She was born in Detroit on July 12, 1885 and died in Spring Lake on April 3, 1956. Their daughter Doris Louise Deremo was born in Spring Lake Township on June 20, 1908. She was married three times: first to Stephen Dykema; next to Layton Richard Counselor; and finally to Benjamin N. Coster of Spring Lake. Hugh died on December 11, 1908 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On January 18, 1917 Florence married James

### **John Quincy Deremo [1856-1928]**

Born in New York State on March 10, 1856, John Quincy was the son of Earl and Permilia Curtis Deremo. On August 15, 1878, in Ottawa County, John married Isabella Sarah, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Emily Hale of Spring Lake Township. Isabella was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on July 6, 1858. John took over Joseph L. Deremo's 160-acre farm in Section 30. The Deremo children, all born locally, were George Quincy, who was born May 12, 1879 and died two years later; Harry Louis, born on June 27, 1880; Mabel Gertrude, who was born on January 27, 1882 and married John F. Kieft of Grand Haven; Letty Adello, who was born in Crockery Township on November 3, 1884, married her cousin, James William Payne of Grand Haven Township, and subsequently was married to John Goldberg and Lewis McCune [Orren] L., born July 22, 1886; and Ethel Permilia, born in Grand Haven on May 26, 1895. On May 17, 1917, Ethel married Leslie Alonzo Mitchell in Holland. John and Isabella John were divorced on August 11, 1904. John then married Esabell Stocking and Isabella married Jacob Ammeraal. John died in Grand Haven Township on August 25, 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Joseph Clark Deremo [1853-1931]**

Joseph Clark Deremo, born in Crockery Township on December 12, 1853 [1852] married Lucy Veenstra, died in 1931, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lucy also was a native of Michigan. Clark, a marine engineer, worked with John Walsh in breaking the great logjam of 1883. Later he was captain of a fishing craft named *Theresa D.* He and Lucy lived at 321 [319] Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Frank, born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1882; Gurben [Gerben], born on January 2, 1885; Irene "Rena," born in October 1890; Stella, born in December 1891; Mabel, born in August 1895; Teresa [Tressa] M., born in September 1897; Louis; and Lucinda, who was born on May 4, 1879 and married John Walsh. Lucy was born on October 25, 1853 and died on October 28, 1938. She and Joseph were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Joseph usually was referred to by his middle name, Clark. Clark's parents were Joseph Louis and Lucinda Downing Deremo.

### **Joseph Louis Deremo [Dermo, Derimore, Deremore, DeRemo] II [1806-1885]**

Born in Connecticut [St. Lawrence County, New York] about 1806, Joseph II was the son of Joseph [1770-1865] and Rebecca Riggs [1780-1866] Deremo, both from Connecticut but later residents of New York State. Earl Deremo I and Joseph Deremo II were brothers. Joseph II arrived in Crockery Township no later than 1852 and settled on 160 acres in Section 30. The land surrounded the bayou that bore the family name. His son Nelson was born in 1831 and died in the Civil War. In Grand Haven, Joseph on April 25, 1867 married Lucinda Eastman Smith, the widow of William T. Smith. She was born on June 30, 1817 in New York or New Jersey, died on April 23, 1873, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On August 14, 1873 he married Emeline Noreus [Norcus/Norris] in Spring Lake. She was born in 1821.

Joseph's first wife was Lucinda Downing. She lived from 1818 to May 9, 1867. Their children were Clarissa Ann Deremo [1825-1869] Nelson Louis Deremo [1835-1862]; Arvilla Deremo [1838-1912]; Lucinda Deremo [1843-1917]; Francis M. Deremo [1852-1909], Joseph Clark Deremo [1853-1931], and Emily Deremo [1857-1969]. Joseph moved to Salem, Missouri, where he married Sarah Ann Snelson [1844-1937] on April 16, 1880. They had one son, Joseph Louis Deremo, who was born in Salem on November 27, 1884 and died on November 7, 1957 in Missouri. Joseph died in Salem in 1885. [Note:

There is considerable ambiguity in Joseph's background, including his birth year, which ranges from 1801 to 1816, his marriages, and the year of his death.]

#### **Louis Deremo [1877-1917]**

Louis, the son of Joseph Clark and Lucy Veenstra Deremo, was born on July 21, 1877 in Grand Haven. Louis was classified as a laborer. He married Edith Elizabeth Johnston on October 14, 1897. One of their daughters, Florence Emma, was born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1898. Their other children were James Clark, who lived from September 19, 1899 to May 6, 1943, and Russell, who lived from July 6, 1905 to June 1973. Edith was born in 1881 and died in 1907. After her death, Louis married Clara Herbstreith in Grand Rapids on May 12, 1909. Clara was born on January 13, 1889, the daughter of Charles and Louise Schmeck Herbstreith. The Deremos' daughter Geraldine was born on January 8, 1917 and died on February 8, 1997. They had another child, Clara Louise. Louis died in 1917. He and Edith were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Deremo family members.

#### **Nelson L. Deremo [Deraino] [1835-1862]**

The son of Joseph L. Deremo, Nelson on April 30, 1861 enlisted as private in Company C of the 70<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. His place of enlistment was Paw Paw, Van Buren County He was promoted to corporal and then reduced back to private. On June 25, 1862 Nelson was killed in action at Fair Oaks, Virginia. The following January 24 his father applied for a survivor's pension. On November 25, 1855 in Polkton Township, he married Eleanor Gibbs, daughter of Charles and Hannah Walsh Gibbs of Crockery. She was born in 1840 and died in 1857 while giving birth to Nelly. By 1860 Nelson had remarried. He, his wife, Mary, and Nelly were living in Grand Haven then. Nelson was born on June 13, 1835.

#### **Orren [Orrin] L. Deremo [1886-1962]**

Orren, the son of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo, was born in Spring Lake Township on July 22, 1886. Orren owned a 20-acre farm in Section 26 of northern Grand Haven Township. By 1912 he possessed 100 acres along the Grand River. He worked as a mason during the warm months and trapped muskrats and mink on his property along the Grand River during the winter. Orren married Effie M. Wells on November 15, 1905 in Ottawa County. Effie was born in Spring Lake Township on August 30, 1884, died in Spring Lake Township on March 31, 1939, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Orren and Effie had six children: Howard, who was born September 9, 1913, married Ida Ruster of Coopersville, died on May 6, 1981, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Willis E., born April 4, 1915 in Grand Haven Township and died October 19, 1982 in Spring Lake; Walter, born January 22, 1917; Ester, who married Gerald Peters; Elizabeth, who was born on March 16, 1908, married Andrew Macillian, and was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery; and an unnamed infant, who was born and died in 1910. On March 14, 1941, Orren married Alice De Haan [1891-1962] in Cullman, Alabama. They were divorced in Washtenaw County on March 5, 1942. On November 4, 1943 Orren married Pearl Grimes [1901-1969] of Yuma, Arizona. By 1950 the couple was living in Grand Haven. He died on May 18, 1962 in Grand Haven Township and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Walter O. Deremo [1917-1982]**

Walter, the son of Orren and Effie May Wells Deremo, was born on January 22, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1982. His wife, Ruth Snoek, lived from January 2, 1922 to January 26, 1985. They lived at 16105 Comstock in Grand Haven Township.

#### **Willis "Bill" E. Deremo [1915-1982]**

Bill, the son of Orren and Effie May Wells Deremo, was born on April 4, 1915 in Grand Haven Township and died in Spring Lake on October 19, 1982. He married Nellie Priscilla Grevel on May 29, 1936 in Spring Lake. Nellie was born in Grand Haven on April 30, 1915, the daughter of Louis and Fannie Gruno Grevel. She was an employee of Gardner Denver and a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Bill worked for the Shell Oil Company as a mechanic. He also was responsible for maintaining

the tanker truck that used the storage tanks at the north end of Third Street in Grand Haven. Later he owned and operated the Shell Service Station on the northeast corner of Beacon Boulevard and Washington. The Deremos' two children were Edwin J., who married Charlyn Sue De Young and moved to Lexington, South Carolina, and Diane Fay, who married Dale Bates of Muskegon. The Deremos lived at 16670 De Witt Lane in Spring Lake. Nellie Deremo died on January 14, 1999. She and her husband were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Jacob James De Spelder [1860-1897]**

Born in Grand Haven on June 7, 1860, Jacob was the son of Jacobus [1816-1910] and Jannetje [1813-1870] De Spelder, early Grand Haven settlers. Young De Spelder had a grocery business on Washington Street and at another time on Seventh. He took an active interest in local affairs and represented the Fourth Ward on the City Council from 1887 to 1889. He left the retail grocery field, opened a business in Evanston, Illinois, and later was associated with the wholesale grocery house of Misner, Hamlen & Company of Muskegon. Jacob was a member of the Second Reformed Church.

On October 15, 1884 in Grand Haven, Jacob married Elizabeth Evarts [Everts]. She was born on January 11, 1863 in Grand Haven. Elizabeth was a teacher for 50 years, 36 of them in local schools. She was a member of the Second Reformed church and taught Sunday School. She died in Ann Arbor Hospital on December 19, 1932. The De Spelders had two children: Nellie Jeanette De Spelder, who died of spinal meningitis on February 7, 1892 at the age of four, and a son James Everts De Spelder, born in Illinois on July 10, 1892. Jacob died at his home at 913 Elliott Street on January 1, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 2, 1897, and December 20 and 21, 1932.]

### **Jacobus De Spelder [1816-1910]**

On July 11, 1835 Jacobus De Spelder married Jannetje "Jennie" Van Kleunder in The Netherlands. The couple in New York City aboard the *Wilhelm Von Wolgast* on June 18, 1847 and arrived in the Grand Haven area the same year. In the earliest days of the Dutch colony, Jacobus was engaged in bringing supplies and building material from Grand Haven to Holland. It was his honor to convey from Grand Haven to Holland the town's first city charter. On April 1, 1850, Jacobus bought 80 acres in Section 36 of Blendon Township. Four years later, on October 5, he purchased 80 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township and 160 acres in Section 9. Finally, on March 1, 1857, he took possession of another 120 acres in Sections 1 and 3. De Spelder Street in Grand Haven was named for his family.

Jannetje "Jennie" was born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1835 and died in Grand Haven on June 17, 1912. A son John was born on September 14, 1835. Two other sons were Peter, born in The Netherlands on April 11, 1840, and Jacob, born on June 7, 1860. The family lived at 913 Elliott. Jacobus, born on January 10, 1816, died on March 9, 1910. He and Jennie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with many other De Spelders.

### **James Everts De Spelder I [1892-1975]**

James was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Evarts De Spelder of Grand Haven. Prior to WWI he was an insurance agent. During the war he served with the Ordnance Department at Camp Hancock, Georgia. James, a native of Illinois, lived from July 10, 1892 to July 28, 1975 and resided at 114 Lafayette in Grand Haven at the time of his death. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His son James II assumed ownership of the home and used it as his residence.

### **John De Spelder [Spelter] [1835-1909]**

From October 3, 1861 to June 14, 1865 John De Spelder served as private with Company F of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. His left arm was amputated as the result of a severe wound received at a battle near Bentonville, North Carolina. On August 19, 1865, he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. In Grand Haven, he joined the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.], a veterans' organization. John, the son of Jacob and Jennie De Spelder, was born in The Netherlands on September 14, 1835 and immigrated to the

United States with his parents on June 18, 1847. In 1860 he was single, living in Grand Haven, and working as a laborer. In 1870, he and his wife Celia were residents of Ferrysburg, where John was a watchmaker. In the census of that year, he was listed as John Spelter, but his birth year and place indicate this probably is John De Spelder. Celia was born about 1839 in New York State. On September 24, 1876, he married Wilhelmina “Minnie” Schultz in Grand Haven. Born about 1858, she died under the name Minnie Schultz of scarlet fever in October 1879. She and John had one child, Fred De Spelder, born in Spring Lake Township on October 10, 1877; he died on January 4, 1942.

On December 11, 1895, John married Martha “Mattie” Husson in Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands in February 1855 and immigrated to the United States in 1889. They lived at 817 Fulton Street. John died in Grand Haven on February 24, 1909.

### **Peter De Spelder [1840-1916]**

Although a resident of Grand Haven, Peter De Spelder was in Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County when he joined Company F of the 16<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private on October 3, 1861, about six months after the start of the Civil War. On February 28, 1862 he transferred to Company I. Peter was mustered out on July 8, 1865 with the rank of second lieutenant. Peter, born on April 11, 1840, was the son of Jacobus and Jannetje De Spelder of Grand Haven. In 1880 he was listed as a laborer in Cleveland, Ohio. Peter, who applied for an invalid’s Civil War pension on May 8, 1886, relocated to Sandusky, Ohio. He passed away on January 11, 1916 in Erie County, Ohio.

### **Cornelius De Vlieger I [1838-1913]**

Born in The Netherlands on June 13, 1838, Cornelius De Vlieger immigrated to New York with his parents when he was nine and to Grand Rapids at age 13. On August 18, 1862 in Kent County, he married Cornelia Stoel. She was born in The Netherlands in September 1842. In 1864 Cornelius came to Grand Haven from Grand Rapids and entered the dairy and fruit growing business. He was still advertising his dairy business in 1893. He owned a farm on Sheldon Road just beyond Athletic Park [Section 29, Grand Haven Township, near today’s North Ottawa Community Hospital], later owned by the Ahrens family of Chicago. He also owned a planing mill, which he sold to Justin Wait in 1873. In 1901 he opened a bazaar in Grand Rapids known as the Bee Hive, a store on Bridge Street NE, and then a store on Division Avenue SE, which he operated until his death. His children included Bartel of Kalamazoo [1862-1930] and Cornelius II of Denver [1864-1934]. Cornelius was stricken with paralysis and died on May 14, 1913. He and Cornelia were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, May 16, 1913.]

### **Adrian A. Devos [1913-1991]**

Adrian was born in Grand Rapids on February 18, 1913 to Francis and Martha Devos. After serving overseas in WWII, he started Electrical Assemblies in Grand Haven in 1946. Later he became the first president of the Citizens Mental Health Council of North Ottawa. He was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church, the Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club, Operation Fresh Start, the Spring Lake Yacht Club and Spring Lake Country Club. On July 1, 1938 he married Jennie Leenstra, who was born on May 2, 1912 and died of cancer on May 15, 1979. They had two children, Sharon P., who married James Galligan of Grand Rapids and Richard W., who moved from Grand Haven to Redford, Wayne County. Richard was born May 7, 1937 and died in Redford on June 8, 1972. Adrian and Jennie resided at 532 Woodlawn in Grand Haven. Adrian died of heart disease on July 27, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* article, “Devos Heads New Mental Health Group,” July 26, 1958, and *Tribune* obituary, July 29, 1991.]

### **Michael De Vos [Devos] [1860-1940]**

Born in The Netherlands on August 13, 1860, Michael De Vos lived most of his life in Grand Haven. He was a member of the Coast Guard, worked for 18 years on fishing tugs, was employed for 22 years at Grand Haven Brass Foundry, and for another seven years he was janitor at Central School. On January 9,

1889 he married Jennie. The daughter of John and Popkje Hendriks Prins De Vries of Grand Haven, she was born in Friesland, The Netherlands on November 24, 1868, immigrated to the United States with her parents, and died on March 21, 1941. The De Voses lived at 521 Grant. Michael died on December 10, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jennie.

#### **Abraham F. De Vries [1875-1902]**

Abraham De Vries, born in January 1875 [1876], worked in his father's meat market at 215 West Exchange in Spring Lake, along with his brothers Edward and Peter. His parents were Edward and Caroline De Vries. Abraham died on November 30, 1902.

#### **Edward G. De Vries [1865-1924]**

Edward De Vries and his brothers, Abraham and Peter, ran the De Vries City Meat Market at 215 West Exchange Street in Spring Lake, started by their father Edward. In 1905 Edward sold his interest in the business to Peter. Edward's parents were Evert and Caroline De Vries. After the 1893 fire Edward moved to 415 East Savidge. He and his wife Sarah moved to a different location and his brother Peter occupied the house. Sarah, the daughter of Klaas and Delia Pruim, was born in September 1878. Edward lived from 1865 to 1924 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Evert [Egbert] "Edward" De Vries [1834–1894]**

In 1865 Henry Millard purchased Noah Perkins's building at 215 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake and opened a meat market. In 1877 Henry went into partnership with Edward De Vries and the business continued under the name of De Vries & Company. Edward was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on October 28, 1834. On February 4, 1864 in Ottawa County, he married Caroline "Carrie" Rince who was born on May 26, 1845 in Germany and came to Grand Haven at the age of 18. The couple first lived in Eastmanville, but about 1878 they moved to Spring Lake. They had at least nine children, all born in Michigan: Mary, born about 1861; Christopher, born about 1865; Edward, born in March 1866; Peter, born in Eastmanville on September 4, 1867; Rudolph, born about 1868; Henry, born in 1869; Anna, born about 1871; Sammet, born about 1873; Abraham, born in January 1876; Ida [Minnie], born in September 1877; Carrie E., born in July 1883; and Ernest B., born in January 1884. Edward died on March 25, 1894 and Carrie died at her home in Spring Lake on October 8, 1910. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 9, 1910.]

#### **Jan "John" Hendriks De Vries [1829-1910]**

Born in Friesland, The Netherlands on January 11, 1829, John De Vries married Popkje Giets in Friesland on May 15, 1859. The couple immigrated with their children to the United States and settled in Grand Haven. One of their children, Jennie, was born in Friesland on November 24, 1868 and married Michael De Vos of Grand Haven. In the 1890s John owned a second-hand store in Grand Haven. Popkje passed away on March 7, 1904, and John died on December 9, 1910. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Herman [Hermanus, Manes, Manus, Manst, Barney] Devries [De Vries, Devrige] [1843-1902]**

Herman and Henrietta Workman Devries owned a 40-acre fruit farm in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township as early as 1876. Manes was listed in the 1903 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a "fruit grower" in Ferrysburg. Their 16-year-old son Henry Devries died by drowning on August 14, 1885 and was buried in Spring Lake Cemetery. Herman was born in Groningen, the Netherlands on December 14, 1844 and immigrated to the United States on May 21, 1866. He died in 1902 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Henrietta was born in 1843, also in Groningen. She remained in the Ferrysburg area until at least 1920. The Devrieses had nine children, all born in the Ferrysburg area.

#### **Peter E. De Vries [1867–1924]**

Peter De Vries and his brothers, Edward and Abraham, ran the De Vries City Meat Market at 215 West Exchange Street in Spring Lake. In 1905 Peter bought his brother Edward's interest in the business and

focused on wholesale meat sales. His parents were Evert “Edward” and Caroline De Vries. Peter married and had several children. After Edward married and moved to a different location, Peter occupied the home at 415 East Savidge. He was born on September 4, 1867 in Eastmanville, died on May 25, 1924, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Peter Joseph De Vries [1918-2001]**

Born on July 11, 1918 in New Era, Oceana County, the son of Reverend Joseph P. and Emma De Vries, Peter came to the Grand Haven area in 1929 when his father was named minister of the Christian Reformed Church in Spring Lake. Joseph was born on October 6, 1884 in The Netherlands, and Emma lived from 1887-1932. Joseph was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Peter graduated from Grand Haven Christian School, Grand Haven High School, and in 1943 from the University of Michigan Medical School. He served two years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, completed a surgical residency, and came to Grand Haven about 1951, opening his medical office at 321 Washington in 1958 and retiring in 1980. In the early 1960s, the doctor donated space behind his office for the Lakeland Painters [now Lakeland Artists]. The group called their gallery “The Garret.” In retirement, Peter also learned the art of painting.

On May 16, 1944 Peter married Muriel Ash. She was born in Flushing, New York on February 28, 1920. Peter and Muriel had four children: Susan, who was born in 1939, married John Barwis of Houston, Texas; Peter, who was born in 1941, graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy, and became a flight instructor; Nancy, who was born on February 10, 1949, became a teacher, and died on August 10, 1999; and Dirk, a graduate of Calvin Seminary, was born in 1947. The De Vrieses resided at various addresses: 1827 Pine Court in Grand Haven, 16917 Landing Lane in Spring Lake, and 16895 Timberdunes in Grand Haven Township. He passed away on August 15, 2001. Muriel died on December 27, 2003 in Muskegon. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, “Know Your Doctor,” November 7, 1953, and “Serves Patients for 27 Years,” November 1, 1980.]

#### **Ate “Otto” De Witt [1829-1900]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1829, Otto De Witt arrived in Spring Lake in 1853. For many years he was a carpenter and millwright. In 1878 he started an undertaking business and also opened a wagon and carriage factory, trades he was still following in 1893. Shortly afterward he married Egberta [Egbertje] “Abbey” Pruijm of Spring Lake. They had a son, Peter, who was born in 1865 and became deputy revenue collector, another son, Berent, and a daughter, Anna, who was born about 1866 in Michigan. Otto was one of the group that separated from the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven and organized the Dutch Reformed Church in Spring Lake. Otto died May 8, 1900 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 8, 1900.]

#### **Ate “Otto” De Witt [1862-1928]**

Otto, the son of Herman [1812-1891] and Auke “Agnes” [1818-1908] Kruizenga De Witt, in on April 15, 1885 married Martja “Mary” [“Martha”] Mersman in Spring Lake. By 1897 Otto and Mary owned a 60-acre farm in Section 5 and another 60 acres across the road in Section 8. In 1891 the family donated an acre of the land in Section 8 as a site for a new elementary school, which would be named De Witt School. Otto and his brother Charles also owned 120 acres in Section 8. They had several children: Marie, who died at age one; Harry, who was born in May 1886 and died at age 23; Ben, who was born April 25, 1891 and stayed on the homestead; and Emma, who was born about July 1, 1893. Otto was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on May 3, 1862 [1861]. Mary, also from Groningen, was born on September 1, 1866 and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1875. Otto passed away on November 7, 1928, and Mary died on March 1 the next year. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Berend [Berent] “Ben” De Witt [1891-1968]**

Born in Ferrysburg on April 25, 1891, Ben was the son of Ate “Otto” and Egberta De Witt and grandson of Herman De Witt, who died about November 22, 1917. Ben went to work at Johnston Bros. Boiler Works

in Ferrysburg in 1937 and his son Bob took over the farm. Ben retired in 1960 to help his daughter-in-law operate a horse-boarding stable after his son died suddenly. The older De Witt was a member of Lake Shore Baptist Church. In 1913 Ben married Katherine Hostege from Zeeland. Katherine died in 1954 leaving three sons: George, who lived on 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township; James whose home was on Hickory Road in Spring Lake Township; and Robert, whose family remained on the front part of the farm on Taft Road and operated a horse boarding stable. Ben died in 1968 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Home Still Serving Well After 100 Years," May 3, 1962.]

#### **Charles Alden De Witt [1928-2003]**

Charles De Witt was City Engineer for Grand Haven from 1967 until his retirement in 1989. Before that he worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission. Charles was born in Spring Lake on April 13, 1928, the son of Peter and Stena Kruiuzenga De Witt. He married Ruth Joyce Walthouse in Muskegon on November 21, 1952. She was born in Muskegon on July 25, 1931. They were members of the Second Reformed Church and lived at 1405 South Ferry and later at 6849 Douglas Court in Spring Lake. Their children were Gail Miller, Bruce, and Nancy. Charles died in Grand Haven on December 2, 2003, and Ruth passed away on January 10, 2005. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 2003.]

#### **Esther Ann De Witt [1917-1980]**

In 1934, Mayor Lionel Heap crowned Esther Ann De Witt "Miss Grand Haven, Queen of the Centennial." It was part of a four-day celebration of the town's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The daughter of Stuart and Ida Broomhead De Witt, Esther was born in Grand Haven on March 20, 1917. In the summer of 1932, Esther and her parents sailed to Europe. Her mother died in Kalamazoo on September 5, 1935. Esther attended the University of Michigan but did not graduate. She married William Tillinghast Broomhead. By 1940 the couple was living in Providence, Rhode Island but later moved to West Barrington, Rhode Island, where she died on December 9, 1980. William, her mother's nephew, was born in Providence on May 20, 1913 and died in Ludlow, Vermont on January 9, 1971. He and Esther were buried at Princes Hill Burial Ground in Barrington.

#### **Herman Pieters De Witt [1812-1891]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands in 1812, Herman De Witt married Auke "Agnes" Kruiuzenga on April 4, 1842 in The Netherlands. She lived from May 15, 1818 to June 21, 1908. They came to Ferrysburg in 1855, where Herman worked in the sawmills and took up farming. He built a home for his family on a knoll off West Taft Road, about a mile north of Ferrysburg, on a quarter-section [160 acres] in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. They had 13 children, eight born in The Netherlands and five in Spring Lake. Nine children lived to adulthood: Charles, born about 1856; Jacob, born about 1857; Carlos of Spring Lake and Norton Townships, born about 1860; Otto, who was born about 1862 and remained on the family farm; Peter; John of Chicago; Derk; Mary; Reka; and Edward. Herman died in 1891 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 24, 1908 and *Tribune* article, "Home Still Serving Well After 100 Years," May 3, 1962.]

#### **Laverne Harvey De Witt [1909-1966]**

Laverne De Witt operated a barber shop at 211 North Seventh Street from the early 1930s to the mid-1940s. On July 29, 1945 he married Elayne [Elaine] Shelley. They first resided in Spring Lake Township but by 1941 were located at 718 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Elayne was born in Michigan on May 6, 1914. They had two children: Roger De Witt, born about 1937, and Wayne De Witt, born about 1938. In 1945 Laverne was listed as a barber working from his residence. Laverne was born in Spring Lake on October 10, 1909, died on March 27, 1966 in Los Angeles, California, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had five children: Roger, Wayne, Gary, Yvonne, and Dale.

#### **Lawrence De Witt [1890-1983]**



Born in Grand Rapids on February 10, 1890, the son of John and Margaret De Witt, Lawrence came to Grand Haven in 1917 as a member of the sheriff's Department under Cornelius J. Dornbos of Holland. He later served in the army during World War I and returned and joined the police force in 1920. He was named chief of police of the City of Grand Haven in 1932. He retired February 28, 1955 after 34 years of service, 23 years of them as chief. In 1956 he became justice of the peace in Grand Haven Township. He was active in police associations; helped found Ottawa County Civil Defense; and was a member of the Second Reformed Church. On December 3, 1921 he married Frances "Fanny" Salisbury, and they had two children: Lois, who married Jack Van Hall, and Margaret, who married Aubrey Goldman. The De Witts lived at 17634 Robbins Road. Frances, who was born on February 12, 1898, died October 29, 1977, and Lawrence passed away on May 5, 1983. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Police Chief De Witt to Retire March 1," January 11, 1955, "Chief De Witt is Township Justice," October 15, 1956, and *Tribune* obituary, May 6, 1983.]

### **Nicholas De Witt [1895-1977]**

Nicholas De Witt, born on March 6 [February 10], 1895, was part owner of the Elman & De Witt Chevrolet dealership. The business was located at 101 Washington Street from the mid-1920s to 1940, when he sold it to Frank E. Miller I. In the later 1920s and into the 1940s, Nicholas and his wife Katherine [Kathryn] lived at 1317 Pennoyer Avenue. Later they resided at 1708 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Katherine also was born in 1895 and died on April 11, 1975. Among their children were Stuart, born about 1924 and Henry [Kenneth], born about 1929. Around 1930 Nicholas had a conflict with Grand Haven photographer Nat Brown over real estate transaction. Brown felt he was cheated and dynamited his former home on Potawatomie Bayou, then owned by the De Witt family. Brown was sent to prison for a couple of years. Nicholas died on March 11, 1977 in Grand Haven.

### **Otto De Witt [1862-1928]**

See Atte "Otto" De Witt.

### **Peter De Witt [1841-1873]**

Peter De Witt, born in The Netherlands in 1841, married Cora Ann Freeman on September 8, 1862 in Ottawa County. At the time of the 1870 Federal Census, Peter and Cora were living in Ferrysburg with their four children: Celia De Witt, born about 1863; Charley De Witt, born about 1865; May De Witt, born in Ferrysburg on March 7, 1867; and Herman De Witt, born in late 1869. Peter was employed in one of the local sawmills. He died on April 21, 1873 in Ferrysburg. Cora married William Hayden on June 22, 1876 in Spring Lake. In 1880, May was living in Ferrysburg with her mother and stepfather, Cora and William Hayden. May was sometimes referred to as Minnie.

### **Peter [Pieter] Alfred De Witt [1861-1917]**

Born in Spring Lake March 28, 1861, Peter was the son of Ate "Otto" and Egberta Pruim De Witt. Peter was employed for four years in Loren O. Perham's Drug Store and then for eight years in Ormond W. Messinger's drug store. From 1885 to 1889 he was postmaster of Spring Lake, but continued his work in the drug store, which also served as the post office. He continued in the same business, partnering with Sylvester S. Rideout in 1887. In 1892 he sold out and became manager and principal stockholder of the Spring Lake Basket Manufacturing Company, which produced containers for the fruit trade. When the plant burned down in 1898, he became field deputy collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth Michigan District. Peter owned 43 acres in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, which lay between South Lake Avenue and Lloyd's Bayou. There he raised grapes that had been planted by Martin Walsh not long after the end of the Civil War. Peter was a Democrat.

In 1883 Peter married Peterka "Anna," daughter of Bernardus and Grietje Stark of Spring Lake. Anna was born in Crockery Township on April 10, 1862. She and Peter had 12 children, including three sons, each of whom became medical doctors: Chester D., who was born in 1886 and moved to Silver Lake, Wisconsin;

Leslie [Lesley], who was born in February 1887 and moved to Kalamazoo; Stuart, who was born January 1, 1889; Emaretta [Amaratta], born in August 1894; and Esther, who was born in October 1899 and died the next year. Peterka owned a millinery store at 211 West Savidge. She and Peter lived upstairs. Later they resided at 302 East Savidge. Peter died on November 10, 1917 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Anna died on November 17, 1946 and was buried near her husband.

#### **[Geert] Simon De Witt [1830-1911]**

Listed as a “Farmer and Stockraiser,” Simon De Witt started with 39 acres in Section 9 of Olive Township and eventually added another 26 acres. He was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on April 10, 1830 and came to the United States aboard the *Katherine Jackson*, landing in New York on May 17, 1848. He settled first in Zeeland Township and moved to Olive Township in 1897. He married Maria Meyaard on April 10, 1853. Maria, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from March 30, 1833 to January 7, 1892. After her death Simon married Carrie Coleman [Colman]. He died in Grand Rapids on October 12, 1911.

#### **Stuart De Witt [1923-1987]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 26, 1923, Stuart was the son of Nicholas and Katherine De Witt and brother of Henry De Witt. Stuart was the founder and owner of Sealtext Company, 5906 Grand Haven Road, and he was a public accountant. He was a WWII veteran and member of the Central Reformed Church of Muskegon, the American Legion, and the Masons. He and his wife, Maryellen, had several children, including James of Ferrysburg, who was a business associate and whose wife’s name was Sharon, and Kathleen, who married Charles McKiney of Livonia. Stuart died of colon cancer on January 5, 1987 in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 5, 1987.]

#### **Stuart Lloyd De Witt I [1889-1944]**

Born in Spring Lake on January 1, 1889, the son of Peter and Anna Stark De Witt, Stuart was one of three brothers who became physicians. The others were Leslie and Chester. Stuart graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1911 and two years later opened a practice in Spring Lake. He was a member of the Spring Lake Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Ottawa County Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Association, American Medical Association, the Rotary, and the Presbyterian Church.

On June 8, 1914 Stuart married Ida W. Broomhead in Fall River, Massachusetts. Born on June 8, 1890 in Fall River, she was the daughter of William Broomhead and sister of George of Fall River and Fred of West Barrington, Rhode Island. She was a graduate of Tilton Seminary in Providence and the Rhode Island Training School for Nurses. The De Witts had six children: Esther Ann, who was born on March 27, 1917 and at the end of Grand Haven’s Centennial Festival, held in early August 1934, was crowned “Miss Grand Haven” by Mayor Lionel Heap; William Stuart [1921-2014], who became a resident of Ann Arbor; Peter B. [1922-1999], who served in the Navy Medical Corps in New River, North Carolina; Margaret E. [1924-2018], who graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1952, and married Gordon J. Van Wylen of Holland; Stuart Lloyd II [1925-2013], who moved to Emory, Virginia; and Nancy, who was born in 1925. Ida died in Kalamazoo on September 5, 1935. On August 12, 1937 Stuart married Mary E. Williams of Providence, Rhode Island. She was born on August 5, 1890 and passed away in Spring Lake on September 26, 1971. Stuart died on March 29, 1944 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 5, 1933 and March 20, 1944.]

#### **Walter Hugh De Witt [1911-1980]**

Walter De Witt was born in Ferrysburg on August 22, 1911. He graduated from the School of Engineering in Milwaukee in 1929, trained to build and repair radios. After working for Story & Clark for a brief time, he joined Henry Wierenga at Grand Haven Maytag in 1933. The Maytag store, later called the Appliance Center, located first at 11 North Second Street, moved in 1933 to 131-133 Washington. Walter retired as

service manager after 44 years. He also constructed a building at 110 Fourth Street in 1955 and leased it to the United States Postal System. It still functions as the Ferrysburg Post Office today.

Walter married Gertrude A. Kieft of Grand Haven on November 30, 1933 in Grand Haven. Gertrude, the daughter of Menke and Allie Kieft, was born on April 30, 1911. Walter and Gertrude built a home at 537 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. The De Witts' children included Charles [1935-2024], who was on the maintenance staff at Florida Christian College in Pensacola; Alan [1938-2024], who was advertising manager for the *Grand Haven Tribune*; Glenn, a Grand Haven businessman; and Jerry, who was born in 1942 and became controller for a firm that handled hospital laundry in West Michigan. Walter died on March 10, 1980 in Ferrysburg, and Gertrude passed away on December 29, 2009. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Retirement is not just for birds," May 14, 1977.]

### **Wesley Dexterhouse I [1901-1953]**

Wesley Dexterhouse, originally of Muskegon, married Emily Kooi in Muskegon on October 5, 1922. A few years after their wedding, Wesley and Emily moved to Grand Haven, where he opened the Sanitary Barber Shop at 109 Washington Street. The couple lived across the street at 110½ Washington. Emily worked as a clerk at the A&P Grocery Store. Although they continued to reside in Grand Haven, their son, Wesley Robert Dexterhouse, was born in Muskegon on May 2, 1934 and died there on February 17, 2007. By 1940 the couple lived at 19 Lafayette Street; the younger Wesley was not listed with them in the Federal Census of that year. Wesley the father was born on October 24, 1901, died in Muskegon on January 16, 1953, and was buried at Oaklawn Cemetery in that city. Emily, who was born on June 17, 1904, had passed away on August 11 four years earlier.

### **Donn Paul De Young I [1928-2006]**

After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1946, Donn De Young took his bachelor degree from the University of Michigan School of Business four years later. In 1960 he became general manager at Dake Corporation, where he had been employed for seven years. He married Angenieta Margaret, the daughter of Paul and Margaret Van Tol. The De Youngs had three sons: Donn II, Derk, and David. The family lived at 300 Terrill and later at 1912 Hillcrest. Donn was born on March 20, 1928 and died in Grand Haven on March 27, 2006. His widow resided at 535 Leggat Street. [*Tribune* article, "Dake Names Donn De Young general manager."]

### **Ella Wolters De Young [1913-1998]**

See Frederick De Young.

### **Frederick W. De Young [1908-1987]**

Frederick was born on August 3, 1908, in Fremont, the son of Teunis and Johanna De Young. He graduated from Fremont High School and Newaygo County Normal after which he taught elementary school for five years. He then received his bachelor's degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids and in 1938 his M. D. from Marquette University School of Medicine. He interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

On June 14, 1935 Frederick married Ella Wolters. Born July 2, 1913 in Fremont, Newaygo County to Joseph and Hattie Watsing Wolters, Ella taught school in the Spring Lake system. She was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, the Mary Free Bed Guild, and the Medical Auxiliary of Grand Haven. The De Youngs had two children: Charlyn, who married Edwin Deremo of Lexington, South Carolina, and Fred, who moved to Loveland, Colorado. The De Youngs resided at 107 Barber Court in Spring Lake. In 1983 they purchased the house at 212 North Buchanan.

Frederick took over Dr. Mulder's practice in Spring Lake in 1939. During WWII he served in England and North Africa in 1942, followed by service as a flight surgeon until 1945. He retired from the medical profession on August 1, 1971. Frederick was a member of American Medical Association, Michigan State

Medical Society, Ottawa County Medical Society, Spring Lake Businessmen's Association, and Christ Community Church of Spring Lake.

Frederick died on August 24, 1987. Ella passed away on July 4, 1998. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Know Your Doctor," November 14, 1958, and "SL Physician Announces Retirement," July 24, 1971, *Tribune* obituary, August 25, 1987.]

### **George De Young [1873-1974]**

With Robert De Bruyn and Clifford Pfaff as partners, George De Young started the Grand Haven Baking Company at 214 Washington about 1901. He and Clifford bought out Robert De Bruyn's interest in 1905. George managed the baking. On August 23, 1897 in Nortonville, George married Jennie M. Gardner. The daughter of Frank and Eana Martin Gardner, Jennie was born in Crockery Township in May 1880. She died of tuberculosis on September 18, 1901. The De Youngs two sons, Francis and Frederick, died as infants in 1901. Mother and sons were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other De Youngs. They also had a daughter, Margaret, who was born in June 1898. George next married Gertrude H. Sprick. The daughter of Henry and Johanna Sprick of Grand Haven, Gertrude was born in 1869. She and George resided at 315 Fulton. Their daughter, Julia Martha, was born in Grand Haven on September 15, 1905. Julia, who became a librarian and worked in numerous school and public libraries around the country, died in Grand Rapids on January 19, 2005 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They also had a son, Albert, born about 1908. George was born in The Netherlands on September 8, 1873 and died in Grand Haven on January 26, 1974. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 19, 1901 and January 20, 2005.]

### **Helen De Young [1894-1997]**

Born in Grand Haven on July 30, 1894, Helen was the daughter of Captain John and Trientje Meyer De Young. The family lived at 333 Columbus. Helen graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1912, attended business college, began work at Carnegie Library in 1914, and became the second librarian in 1924 when Isabel Thomson [Thompson] retired. Helen held the position until 1959. She continued to reside in the family home at 333 Columbus until she moved to 608 Lafayette. From 1984 to 1996 she resided at Christian Haven Home. She was a member of the First Reformed Church where she was church organist for many years. Helen died on August 31, 1997 while a resident at Brick Manor in Ferrysburg and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "City Librarian to Retire after 46 Years," October 31, 1959, and *Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1997.]

### **Jay De Young [1915-1987]**

Born on August 13, 1915, Jay De Young was an application engineer for Gardner-Denver Company and superintendent at Michigan Brass. He patented a sink strainer unit that was assigned to Michigan Brass, where he was then employed. An engineering designer for nearly 40 years, Jay also was a partner with two brothers in an engineering and design firm. On January 21, 1975 he patented a "Boat Handler," which was a pole that could be attached to the rail or hook of a small boat to assist moving it into a berth. He and his wife Ruth lived at 16383 Mercury Drive. Jay passed away on March 18, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth died on March 15, 1996 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* articles, "Local man Receives Patent on Sink Strainer Unit," July 12, 1969, and "GH Man Awarded Patent for 'Boat Handler,'" March 4 and June 14, 1975.]

### **Johan "Joe" De Young [1908-1983]**

Born in Grand Haven on January 26, 1908, Joe was the son of Hendrik Jans and Janna "Anna" Bosma De Jong. He was the brother of Hans and Louis De Young, both of Spring Lake and John, Ralph, and Alice, who predeceased him. He was a toolmaker at Gardner Denver Company, a job from which he retired in 1971. On nights and weekends Joe and his brother Ralph De Young constructed a small machine shop at 601 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. They sold the shop to Miller & Smith Plating Company, which opened in 1946. He was a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed church, the Christian Haven

Home, West Michigan Christian High School, and the Men's Federation. He married Anne "Annie" Wierenga on April 18, 1929 in Grand Haven. Annie, the daughter of Harry and Etta Helder Wierenga, was born in Nunica on August 18, 1909. She was an employee of the Braak Bakery in Spring Lake for 10 years. The De Youngs' children were Margaret, who married Al Diephouse of Grand Rapids; Jean, who married Donald Van Oordt of Grand Haven; and Edna Jo, who married George Suchecki of Allendale. Joe died on November 8, 1983 at his home at 153<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake and was buried at the Spring Lake Cemetery. Annie died in Spring Lake on December 9, 1999. [*Tribune* obituary, November 8, 1983.]

### **John De Young I [1842-1912]**

Born in Noord-Holland, The Netherlands on May 27, 1842, John De Young in 1866 immigrated to Grand Haven and was keeper of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station from 1880 to 1885. Before that he was surfman with the Life Saving Service and participated in several rescues, including three on November 1, 1878: *America*, *Elvina* and *Montpelier*. John took a crew out on October 22, 1880, to search for bodies from the sunken *Alpena*, which had gone down off Holland a week earlier. Later he sailed the commercial fishing tug *J. W. Callister* and was a partner in the venture. In 1896 Captain De Young teamed up with Henry Schippers of Grand Haven to purchase the schooner *Ellen Stevenson*.

On February 21, 1871 John married Trientje "Kate" Meyer, a native of The Netherlands, who lived from January 9, 1849 [1850] to May 18, 1903. They had 12 children, all born locally, including Anne [Annie], who was born in December 1871 and married Martin Sprick of Grand Haven; Jane [Jennie], who was born on March 1, 1873 and died on March 19, 1945; William, a sailor who was born about 1875, commanded the Ludington lifesaving station, fished commercially, and married Nellie Van Benschoten in Ludington on December 8, 1901; Hannah [Anna], who was born on February 20, 1876 and married John Walsma; Grietje ["Gertie"/"Maggie"], who was born on November 27, 1879 and died on December 23, 1952; John II, born on November 20, 1881; Mary, born in August 1893; Albert Meyer, who was born on December 18, 1891, became a marine engineer, married Frances Bushman in Grand Haven on May 19, 1917, and died in Ludington on May 23, 1928; and Helen, who was born on July 30, 1894 and became librarian at Carnegie Library in Grand Haven. The family resided at 333 Columbus in a home built by John around 1900. Sisters Jenny, Maggie, Mary, and Helen were still living there in the 1930s. Before that the family lived on Fourth Street. John died November 22, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. John's handcarved boats were donated to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 19, 1903 and April 12, 1920, and *Tribune* article, "City Librarian to Retire after 46 Years," October 31, 1959.]

### **John De Young II [1881-1911]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1881, John was the son of Captain John and Trientje Meyer De Young. Young John married Hilda Scheel on January 25, 1904. They had two children, John Edward and Louise. John the father died of pneumonia at his home on Lake Avenue on February 18, 1911. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1911.]

### **Ralph [1906-1976] and Minnie Vander Zwaag De Young [1908-1998]**

In 1942 Ralph and Minnie De Young purchased the James Daane celery farm at 1617 Wallace Street [now South Beacon Boulevard]. In 1961 Ralph and his son Hank, a father and son team, built a two-story addition to the family home at this address and opened the Tarry-Ho Motel, which was in business until the mid-1970s. The De Youngs sold the motel to Henry and Nellie Wagenmaker. Minnie had worked for the Homel Shirt Company and Kiddie Kover, both in Grand Haven. She was born on May 19, 1908 in Spring Lake, the daughter of John Lambert. and Anna Y. Huizenga Vander Zwaag. Minnie and Ralph were married in Spring Lake on June 30, 1927. Born in Grand Haven on June 10, 1906, Ralph was the son of Hendrik Jans and Janna "Anna" Bosma De Jong. Ralph's and Minnie's first home, located at 109 Park Street in Spring Lake, was built prior to their marriage for \$4500. Ralph died on September 10, 1976 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple's sons were Ralph Henry "Hank" and

John Louis De Young. Hank built residences, and John operated the De Young Oil Company at 1705 South Beacon, where he also sold used cars. Minnie died October 4, 1998 in Grand Haven and was buried near her husband.

Ralph started work at Grand Haven Brass Factory when he was 14, gradually working his way up to shipping clerk. In 30 years of employment, he never missed a day of work. On nights and weekends Ralph and his brother Johan "Joe" De Young constructed a small machine shop at 601 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. They sold the shop to Miller & Smith Plating Company, which opened in 1946. In 1943 Ralph left his job at the Brass Company and bought Isaac Daane's celery farm at 1617 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. He also purchased Henry Tripp's celery farm at 1000 Wallace and the Ver Berkmoes celery farm, also on Wallace. In 1945 Ralph and his son Hank built a brick home for the family at 1612 Wallace Street. Ralph raised celery for the Chicago market, and also raised and sold cut flowers. In 1947 Ralph and his two sons started the R. De Young & Sons Construction Company, specializing in building homes on speculation. About ten years later the trio started the De Young Oil Company, located in a small building behind the residence on Wallace. In 1959 they built the De Young Sinclair Service Station at 2001 Beacon Boulevard, where they also moved the oil business. In 1961 Ralph and Hank built a two-story addition to the family home, which became the Tarry-Ho Motel. After operating it for a few years the De Youngs sold the motel to Henry Wagenmaker. In 1978 Hank started working on remodeling jobs and smaller building projects, while John L. operated the gas station and oil business. Hank erected a steel building behind the gas station and rented it to Russ Berg Truck Palace. Later, Hank built a smaller concrete structure as headquarters for his construction business. He rented part of the building to Howard De Hare, who used it for a small machine shop. The gas station eventually was sold to Gordon and Bud Knoll. Son Hank married Arlene May the daughter of Albert and Angie Roossien Neitring.

#### **Austin Pomeroy Dibble [1841-1917]**

Austin Dibble, the son of James and Mary Jane Pickle Dibble, was born in Pennsylvania on September 14 [18], 1841. While residing in Barry County, Austin on May 13, 1861 enlisted as private in Company K of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. On July 17 the next year he was discharged for a disability [sunstroke] at Harrison's Landing, Virginia. On May 19, 1863 he enlisted again, this time in Company M of the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. The next day he transferred to Battery L of the Michigan Light Artillery. On June 1 he was promoted to corporal and to sergeant on May 27, 1865. He mustered out on August 22 that year. In Calhoun County [Grand Rapids] the following September 24 he married Allie Brown. They moved to Grand Haven, where Austin became a "lather," someone who installs lath in homes with plaster walls. He and Allie resided at 1314 Washington Street in Grand Haven. Allie offered dressmaking services. They moved to Kent County, where Austin died on July 31, 1917 and was buried at Alaska Cemetery in Caledonia Township. On October 26, 1914, Austin applied for an invalid's Civil War pension.

#### **Elmer Chase "E.C." Dicey I [1831-1897]**

On August 11, 1862 Elmer Dicey enlisted as second lieutenant in Company F of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. Noah Ferry, son of Rev. William and Amanda White Ferry, was captain. Although a Grand Haven resident at the time, Elmer enlisted in White River [Whitehall], Muskegon County. He resigned from that post on December 20, 1862, and on March 31 the following year he was promoted to captain and recruited men for Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters, also called the Ottawa Wild Cats. Many of his recruits came from Grand Haven, including Nathan White and several Native Americans, such as William "Chid" Duvernay and Chid's half-brother, John Kedgnal [also known as John Duvernay]. On July 30, 1864, Elmer was taken prisoner at the Battle of the Crater during the Siege of Petersburg. He was discharged from the service on May 6, 1865.

Elmer on September 30, 1858 married Amy [Emma] Brown in Ottawa County. Amy was born in New York State in 1833. They had two surviving children: Edgar [1853-1929], and Elmer Dicey II [1862-1882]. After Amy's death in 1869, Elmer married Mary J. Turner on December 7 that year in Madison, Wisconsin. By 1880 the couple was living in Chicago, where Elmer worked as a machinist. Mary was born

in Wisconsin in 1846. At the time of the 1880 census, they had three children living with them. Elmer was born in Bath, New York in 1831. He died in Chicago on November 18, 1897 and was buried at Rosehill Cemetery. Mary passed away on September 22, 1920 in Los Angeles, California.

#### **A. M. Dickee [Dickey] [? - ?]**

In partnership with Nathan White, A. M. Dickee operated a hardware store at the northeast corner of Washington and Second Streets [201 Washington] as early as 1871. An Albert Dickey, listed in the 1850 and 1860 censuses for Polkton Township, was born in Ohio in 1826. He owned a farm in Section 34, and he held title to another large parcel in Section 3. Albert's wife Caroline was born in Pennsylvania in 1829. However, an Alexander Dickey, born in Scotland in 1848, resided in Robinson Township in 1880 and worked as a farm laborer. Either of these could have been the A.M. Dickee who partnered with Nathan White. Dickee was not listed in the 1873 *Michigan State Gazetteer* for Grand Haven.

#### **Henry Dickerson [Dickenson] [1884-1961]**

Adelia, the daughter of Ephraim Molson of Grand Haven, was residing at 621 Monroe Street in 1928. She had a boarder, Henry Dickerson [Dickenson], who also was African American. Henry, who was working as a cook for a railroad company, was born in Lawtonville, Georgia on July 22, 1884 [September 1887]. By 1930 they had moved to 126 Elliott Street. She and Henry were married in West Olive on November 4, 1933. The newly married couple returned to Grand Haven soon after the wedding. Five years later they were still living in the house on Elliott, and Henry was pastor at Peoples Church. Adelia served as president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She died in Grand Haven on January 14, 1949. Henry at the time of his wife's death had moved to 315 Madison, site of the House of Israel Church, where he was pastor. He also worked as cook for the Grand Trunk section hands. Henry remained in the house on Madison until the mid-1950s, at least. Henry died on September 29, 1961. He and Adelia were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 26, 1923 and January 15, 1949.]

#### **Charles Nathan Dickinson [Dickenson] [1841-1931]**

Born in New York on April 9, 1841, Charles was one of eight children of Monroe and Matilda Canfield Dickinson. In 1862 Charles enlisted as sergeant in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry [where he was listed as Charles W. Dickinson] and became a member of the local Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. following the war. In the mid-1880s he was one of the owners of the Grand Haven Broom Company, and in 1908 he was an agent for Prudential Insurance Company. Charles was justice of the peace for 14 years and deputy in the county offices. In 1913 and 1914 he was on the Board of Superintendents of the County Poor Farm. He was deputy postmaster under Thomas Parish, who was postmaster from 1894 to 1898. Charles was a member of the Masons, Order of the Eastern Star, Blue Lodge, Corinthian Chapter, and the Presbyterian Church, but after his second marriage attended the Methodist Church. He acquired the *Grand Haven Herald* from Henry S. Clubb, in December 1872. and sold it to Sylvester L. Morris in March 1873. Charles was County treasurer in the late 1870s and in 1882 he was treasurer of the Herald Publishing Company.

On April 24, 1866 Charles married Marietta Cook. They lived in Coopersville before moving to Grand Haven about 1867. Marietta, who was born in New York on September 8, 1842, died on December 23, 1916. On July 18, 1901, Charles applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died January 5, 1931. They had two daughters, Fanny Dickinson and Florence Marietta Dickinson. Fanny, who lived from September 1, 1869 [1870] to April 2, 1924, was a clerk at the County Register's Office. Florence, who was born on December 25, 1879, became a teacher, and died on June 19, 1944. In 1908 the Dickinsons and their two daughters resided at 108 Franklin Street. The next year they purchased property at 307 South Fourth Street from Robert Duncan. There they built a concrete-block house for their permanent residence. On December 10, 1919, Charles married Cornelia E. Harrington Hutchins in St. Johns, Clinton County. She was born in May 1845 in Oakland County, widowed by 1900, died in 1934, and was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid, Clinton County.

In 1910 Florence took title to the house and lived there with her father and his second wife, Cornelia. They remained there until Florence's death in 1944, when the house was sold to Edward and Dorothy Roberts. The four Dickinsons were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 6, 1931.]

#### **Martha Jane "Mattie" Rice Dickinson [1862-1940]**

Mattie Rice taught elementary school in Grand Haven as early as 1882 and later in Duluth, Minnesota. The daughter of James and Margaret Vincent Rice, she was born in Grand Haven on September 2, 1862. As a child, she went to Wisconsin with her parents, two sisters, and six brothers. One of the sisters, Mary K. Rice, married Frederick Mansfield of Wisconsin and later of Grand Haven. A niece, Martha J. Mansfield, married Richard Cook of Grand Haven. Mattie and her sister Mary were the first managers of Highland Park Hotel, which opened on July 4, 1890. On September 19, 1895 Mattie married Otis Bowman Dickinson [Dickenson] in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. By 1900 the Dickinsons had moved to Kansas City, Missouri. In Grand Haven Otis worked for Hutty & Dickinson drug store. He was born in Michigan on August 18, 1855 and died on November 21, 1937 in Kansas City. Mattie passed away in Kansas City on August 16, 1940. They were buried at Mt. Washington Forever Cemetery in Independence, Missouri. The Dickinsons had one child, John A., who was born in 1901. [*Tribune*, September 17, 1895.]

#### **Nathan Dickinson [1799-1861]**

The son of Ezekiel and Perley Gunn Dickinson and brother of Sherman Dickinson, Nathan was born in Amherst, Massachusetts on March 21, 1799 and moved to New York State before settling in Michigan in the mid-1830s. His wife, Mary Ann of Westfield, Massachusetts, whom he married in 1828, was born about 1806. They resided in Macomb County, where they raised at least five children. Nathan purchased hundreds of acres of land, primarily in the eastern part of the state, but he also took ownership of large parcels in Ottawa County, including Robinson Township, where he bought 131 acres in Section 1 on November 6, 1835; 160 acres in Section 2 on the same date; 628 acres [nearly a full section] in Section 4 on November 5, 1835; 320 acres in Section 9 on November 6, 1835; and 320 acres in Section 12 on the same date. Two years later, on May 1, 1839, he bought two more parcels in Robinson Township, totaling 130 acres in Section 1, as well as 628 acres in Section 4, 160 acres in Section 2, 320 acres in Section 9, 320 acres in Section 12. The same day Nathan acquired 322 acres in Section 19, 321 acres in Section 3, 111 acres in Section 29, 83 acres in Section 32, 111 acres in Section 2, and 101 acres in Section 35 of Tallmadge Township, plus an additional 160 acres in Section 18 of Allendale Township. Despite his real estate interests in the area, no evidence was found that Nathan or Mary ever resided in Ottawa County, although they were living in Macomb County around 1860. Nathan died in 1861.

#### **Sherman Samuel Dickinson [Dickenson] [1854-1919]**

Sherman, one of eight children of Monroe [born 1816] and Mathilda M. Canfield Dickinson, was born in Wright Township on July 26, 1854 [1853]. In the 1880 census he was listed as a tinsmith in Coopersville. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a "turner" and in the 1908 *Directory* as a tinsmith. For several years, at least, he was employed by the Challenge Corn Planter Company. During the Spanish American War in 1898 he served as first lieutenant with Company F of 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry. On August 7, 1899 he was made captain of Company F, 126<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, and helped reorganize the group. Sherman served as captain until September 1899. On November 10, 1878, in Lamont, he married Elizabeth "Libbie" Ackley, who was born in September 1858 [1857], died in 1942, and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth's parents were Hezekiah and Eleanor Ackley of Wright Township. The Dickinsons lived at 15 South Seventh Street. Their daughter, Kathryn, who was born on March 18, 1886, married George Olsen. Sherman died on January 15, 1919. On February 26 that year Elizabeth filed for a widow's army pension. Their other children were Grace, born about 1880; Charles, born in November 1883; and Annie, born in March 1889. The children were all born locally.

#### **Samuel Dickman [1872-1936]**



Listed as a “Farmer and Stockraiser,” Samuel Dickman owned 72 acres in Section 8 of Crockery Township. He was born in Russia on October 18, 1872 and came to the area with his wife and oldest child in 1908. His wife, Annie, was born in England on November 9, 1879 [1881/1882]. They had at least five children: Gertrude, born in England about 1905; Lyman, born in Illinois about 1908; Leon, born about 1909; Fannie, born about 1912; and Esther, born about 1913. The three younger children were born in Michigan. In 1918 Samuel was living in Chicago, where he worked as a carpenter for a railroad company. His family remained in Crockery, where he had returned by 1920. Ten years later he, Annie, and their children were back in Chicago, where Samuel worked in house construction. Samuel died on March 20, 1936 in Chicago. Annie remained in Chicago, where she passed away on October 26, 1947.

**John D. Dickson [1826 -1908]**

See John D. Dixon.

**Francis William Dieleman [1913-2007]**

Frank Dieleman was born in Grand Rapids on December 7, 1913. On June 29, 1939 in Fremont, Newaygo County he married Jessie “Jane” Vredeveld. She was born in Fremont on February 19, 1918. Her parents owned a shoe store in Fremont, and Frank worked there for a short time. In 1940, the couple was living in Grand Rapids, and Frank was then working for the Grand Rapids Stamping Division in Bryon Center. From the 1950s into the 1960s, he owned and managed U-Sav Discount Store at 108 West Savidge. They resided at 422 Exchange Street in Spring Lake. Eight years later, still in Spring Lake, they owned a women’s clothing store at 118 West Savidge Street. By 1966 Frank was working as a salesman for Fitzgerald’s in Grand Rapids, and he and Jane had moved to 736 Fall Street. Frank died in Jenison on April 21, 2007, and Jesse passed away on February 23, 2013. They were buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids. They had three sons and one daughter. [Thanks to Brian Dieleman for some of this information.]

**Gerrit John Diekema [1859–1930]**

Born in Holland, Michigan on March 27, 1859, Gerrit was the son of Gerrit Wiepke and Hendrikje Stegman Diekema. The younger Gerrit graduated from Hope College and practiced law with the firm of Dykema, Cross & Ten Cate in Grand Haven and Holland after graduating from the University of Michigan Law School in 1883. He was admitted to the bar the same year. Two years later, on October 27, he married Mary Alcott in Holland. Gerrit was one of the organizers of the Grand Haven State Bank in 1902 and was vice president and chairman of the board, although he maintained his residence in Holland. He was representative to the United States Congress from 1907 to 1911 and in 1929 and 1930 represented the United States at The Hague as minister to The Netherlands. Gerrit died in The Hague, The Netherlands on December 20, 1930 following surgery and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. [*Tribune* obituary, December 22, 1930.]

**Clarence M. Diephouse [1906-1988]**

An educator, Clarence Diephouse was born on April 25, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on March 12, 1988. In the mid-1940s he was principal at Grand Haven Christian School and was in charge when a new building was constructed at 1102 Grant Street in the early 1950s.

**Henry J. Diephouse [1886-1955]**

Born in Spring Lake on September 13, 1886, Henry Diephouse was employed at the Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company for 29 years and previously worked for the William Heap Company and Story & Clark Piano. On April 10, 1913 he married May Van Doorne in Grand Haven. Their children included James and Erma. Henry died on March 14, 1955. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 1955.]

**Jacob D. Diephouse [Diephuis] [1864-1933]**

Jacob Diephouse was born in The Netherlands in November 1864 and died in Grand Haven in 1933. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Susan Vink, who was born in The Netherlands in September 1867. Susan immigrated to America in 1869 and settled in Spring Lake with her parents, Hermanus and Trientje Vink. Jacob came to the United States in 1872. Jacob and Susan were married in Spring Lake on September 10, 1884. The family resided at 821 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Among their children were Henry, born in February 1885; Herman, born in September 1886; Ellen, born in November 1888; Kate, born in July 1892; Maggie, born in February 1895; Jennie, born in January 1898; Anna, born in April 1899; and Cornelia, born about 1908. Cornelia married John Berryman, who was born the same year. Jacob, an employee of the Piano Factory, was listed as polisher in the 1908 *Directory*. By 1930 he worked as a splitter at Eagle Ottawa.

#### **John W. Diephouse [Diephuis] [1900-1966]**

John Diephouse was born on March 4, 1900 in Grand Haven. He was the son of Jacob H. and Susan Diephouse of Grand Haven. When still a young man John became proprietor of a grocery store at 115 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven, alternately called Model Grocery Store and Fourth Street Market. John erected a new brick building at the corner site in 1930 and lived upstairs. Prior to that he and his wife, Ruth, resided at 819 Washington. They were married about 1928. Ruth was born in Michigan on October 9, 1898 and died in Crockery on December 10, 1990. John died in August 1966. He and Ruth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **“Doc” Dillard [? - ?]**

Doc Dillard, an African American, made a brief appearance in Grand Haven in April 1897, but he was present long enough to have an impact on the Graves family. Doc arrived in the community claiming to be a Mr. Kay, administrator of a large estate in Southern California. Grand Haven resident Isabella Graves, he said, was the sole heir of the estate. Upon hearing the news Isabella’s husband Fred quit his job as yardman at the Cutler House. The couple, accompanied by Mr. Kay, boarded the train for Detroit, where they would get on a connecting train headed for San Diego, California. They withdrew their life savings of \$276 to make the journey. A Grand Haven resident, suspicious of the arrangement, contacted the conductor of the train bound for Detroit “to find out if all was as it should be.” It appeared Doc Dillard already had \$150 of the Graves’s money, and he was arrested upon the group’s arrival in Detroit. In addition, Dillard was suspected of a similar scam in Grand Rapids. No follow-up articles were uncovered regarding the outcome of his arrest, aside from a quotation in the Grand Haven newspaper: “Dillard had stated that he intended to remain here [Grand Rapids] until July at least, but found it convenient to leave earlier. Yesterday Dillard was very sick and had to have the services of a physician. The reception he received from the Grand Haven people last Friday completely upset his nerves.” [*Tribune* articles April 10 and 12, 1897 and October 19, 1897.] A Holland newspaper referred to him as “the meerschaum pipe man” and “card sharper.” At a Grand Haven store he paid for a cigar with a \$1 bill made to look like a \$5 bill by pasting “5” over the “1” and simply crossing out the word “One.” [*Holland City News*, July 31, 1897. ]

#### **Patrick V. Dillinger [1934-2001]**

Patrick Dillinger owned and operated “Dillinger [Dillenger] Business Equipment” at 517 Fulton. The business, also known as Consumers Electronics, specialized in cash register sales and repair. He and his wife, Delores, had four children and lived at 615 Washington. Patrick was a candidate for several elected offices, including congressman in 1970, Michigan senator in 1972, governor in 1974, and representative for the 95<sup>th</sup> District in 1984. Patrick was born on March 12, 1934 and died in Louisville, Kentucky on March 1, 2001. His parents were Roy and Beatrice Dillinger of Grand Haven.

#### **Roy A. Dillinger [Dillenger] [1898–1972]**

Roy Dillinger came to Grand Haven from Macomb, Ohio, about 1943. However, from 1939 to 1940 he represented the 28<sup>th</sup> District in the Illinois House of Representatives. In Grand Haven, Roy resided in the Edward Payson Ferry home at 514 Lafayette. Born on October 25, 1898, Roy worked for the Eagle Ottawa

Leather Company and later for Continental Motors in Muskegon. On June 7, 1924 in Grand Haven, he married Beatrice Bell. Beatrice was born on June 13, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on May 27, 1981. Three of the four Dillinger children remained in Grand Haven: Betty Lucinda Dillinger, who was born on March 6, 1926 and married Lester Wildey; Eletha Dillinger, who was born on October 12, 1927, married Eugene Darling in Tacoma, Washington, on November 17, 1950, taught at Grand Haven Junior High School, and died on October 23, 1984; and Patrick V. Dillinger, who was born in March 12, 1934. The family attended the Second Reformed Church. At the time of Roy's death on February 15, 1972 he and Beatrice were still residing at 514 Lafayette. Beatrice later moved to 404½ Franklin.

#### **Derk "Dick" J. Dirkse [Derkse] [1876-1966]**

Derk Dirkse born in The Netherlands on November 14, 1876, came with his parents to Grand Haven in 1881. His father, Johannes [Johannis] Dirkse, was born in The Netherlands in 1854. Johannes married Wilhelmina Katte in The Netherlands on June 1, 1876. She died about two years later and Johannes next married Minnie Kaalz, who lived from 1859 to July 2, 1899. Johannes died in 1883, probably in Grand Haven. Derk was then raised by his Uncle Pieter Dirkse. Pieter was born in 1852 in The Netherlands and resided in Grand Haven with his wife, Adriana Kallemijn, and their six children. Pieter and his family later moved away.

Derk, who worked at the tannery, married Gertrude Bolhuis on April 23, 1902 in Grand Haven. They lived at 1047 Washington until his death on May 5, 1966. The Dirkses had five children: John Gerrit, born April 17, 1903 and died on January 3, 1985; Evan R., born May 1, 1906 and died in Moore County, North Carolina on March 10, 1985; April Grace, born April 14, 1907; Paul Richard, born March 3, 1908; and Annette, born June 23, 1909.

#### **Carol Louise Marks Dirkse [1937-2004]**

Carol Marks, who married Howard Dirkse, was born on January 21, 1937, died on April 11, 2004, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She was the daughter of Weldon [1904-1975] and Cora Vandenberg [1906-1977] Marks. A registered nurse and a nurse practitioner, Carol joined the Muskegon Department of Health as part of the Family Planning Department. She was the first practitioner in the Grand Haven/Muskegon region. The Dirkses resided at 14748 Lakeshore Drive and later at 17601 North Shore Estates Road.

#### **Jan "John" Cornelius Dirkse I [1878-1940]**

The oldest son of Pieter and Adriana Kallemijn Dirkse, who emigrated from The Netherlands to Holland, Michigan, John was born on July 9, 1878. His mother and father were married in The Netherlands on August 19, 1875. Adriana passed away on April 15, 1909, and Pieter, who then married Hendrikje Rozenberg, died on October 22, 1922. John, one of Pieter's and Adriana's seven children, moved to Grand Haven as a young man. In the early 1900s he worked at Challenge Machinery. Later he became a house builder.

On September 4, 1901, John married Grietje "Gertrude" Vanden Bosch. Gertrude, the daughter of Hendrik and Johanna Smit Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven, was born in Ottawa County on May 20, 1875. The Dirkses lived at 622 Elliott. John was an outstanding baseball player and could have become a professional, except for his unwillingness to play on Sundays. He died of a heart attack on December 7, 1940, and Gertrude died in Grand Haven on July 30, 1948. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Dirkses' children were John Cornelius II, born on February 18, 1906; Henry Peter, born on October 31, 1907; Florence Joan, who was born on July 2, 1910 and married Henry Van Hees I; James Willis, who was born on November 18, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on June 19, 1990; Mary Francis, born on March 13, 1912; Wesley Edward, who was born on December 12, 1913 and died on October 9, 1996 in Grand Haven; and Charles Gilbert, who was born on May 13, 1916 and died in California on October 23, 1984.

#### **John Cornelius Dirkse II [1906-1976]**

John, the son of John and Gertrude Vanden Bosch Dirkse, was an electrical contractor. His office and residence were located at 1027 Franklin Street around 1940 and into the 1970s. On August 6, 1929, John married Bertha J. Honholt in Grand Haven. She lived from April 20, 1907 to May 13, 1987. John was born on February 18, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on December 10, 1976. They had at least four children: Yvonne, born about 1932; Mary, born about 1935; Howard, born on July 7, 1936; and Lois, born on November 5, 1939. John II and Bertha were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Julius Dirkse [1917-2007]**

On October 25, 1947, Julius Dirkse married Estelle Biehl. Julius, the son of John and Cornelia Dirkse, was born on December 8, 1917. Estelle was born in Grand Haven on September 4, 1924 and died at Grand Haven's Municipal Hospital on July 26, 1961 after an extended illness. She was the daughter of William and Irene Barney Beihl. Julius passed away on August 13, 2007. Both Dirkses were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **George W. Dixon [1828-1907]**

Born in Ireland [Liverpool, England] in January 1828, George was the son of William Dixon, who opened a steam laundry in Muskegon. George learned the machinist trade. He moved to Oswego, New York, then to Cleveland, Ohio, on to Lafayette and Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in 1860 to Mill Point [Spring Lake], where he became foreman of the Ottawa Iron Works at Ferrysburg. He took out three patents that improved steam pumps. Two of them were manufactured by Ottawa Iron works on payment of royalties to Dixon.

In 1843 George married Mary Shannessy in Oswego. Mary was born in February 1829 in Ireland and came to Oswego at the age of 15. On August 14, 1861, George enlisted as private in Company H of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on August 22, 1864. In 1880, the Dixons moved to Muskegon. They had six children: Mary, who was born in Illinois about 1848 and married Captain John Miller of Spring Lake and later of Montague, Muskegon County; William, who was born about 1855 in New York and settled in Muskegon; Frederick, who was born about 1860 and moved to Arkansas; Eliza, born in Indiana about 1862; Josephine, who was born in Indiana about 1864 and married Martin Walsh of Spring Lake; and Sena, born in Indiana about 1868. George and Mary lived at 231 East Savidge in Spring Lake before moving to Muskegon. In November 1890 George applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Mary died on February 9, 1903 at the age of 76 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George died in February 1907 in Muskegon. [*Tribune* obituary, February 11, 1907.]

#### **John D. Dixon [Dickson] [1826-1908]**

Coming to Michigan from New York State, John Dixon settled in Spring Lake in 1856. He was born in New Jersey on July 27, 1826. In Spring Lake, he worked in the lumber mills and in 1874 became saw filer at the Sisson & Lilley Mill. Later in the 1870s John purchased from Lewis Barnum a boarding house on the northeast corner of Exchange and Division Streets in Spring Lake [Lot 4, Block 14, Bryant's Addition]. He renamed it the Sinclair House. George W. Dixon in the late 1870s bought the Sinclair house from Walter Sinclair. George sold the property to Sylvester Rideout in March 1879.

John's wife, Caroline, was the daughter of Hiram A. Reed of Spring Lake. She was born about 1842 in New York. The Dixons had seven surviving children: Hiram, born in 1863; Harry, born in 1869; Nellie, born in 1872; William, who was born on March 1, 1874 and died in Seattle, Washington on September 9, 1939; Jennie, born in 1877; Mamie, born in 1879; and John, who was born in Spring Lake on January 21, 1882. Another son, Herbert, died in Spring Lake on May 5, 1873 at the age of 14. John died on October 27, 1908 in Grand Rapids. Caroline had passed away two years earlier.

#### **Ludwig Dobberowsky [1815-1898]**

A native of Mecklenburg, Germany, where he was born in 1815, Ludwig Dobberowsky and his wife, Fredereka, were early settlers in Spring Lake. Their daughter Caroline married Charles Warber. Ludwig died in 1898. Fredereka lived from 1816 to 1888. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Elizabeth “Betty” Davison Kammeraad Dobbie [1932-2012]**

Elizabeth Louise Davison was born in St. Louis, Gratiot County, on July 27, 1932. She was the only child of Lawrence and Margaret Holmes Davison. Betty and her parents moved to Spring Lake when Betty was a youngster. Her love of horses began in Spring Lake, a passion she pursued the rest of her life. She graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1950, married Kenneth Kammeraad of Grand Haven in early 1952, and raised two children, Lisa Marie Kammeraad, born about 1959, and Joel Kammeraad, born about 1962. Lisa married a Mr. Jacobs and became a resident of Morley, Mecosta County. Joel and his wife Judi moved to Columbus, Ohio.

In the late 1950s Betty and others formed Lakeland Painters. In 1970 Betty and Ken and two other area men incorporated a business known as the Guild of Shaker Crafts, Inc. The company, located at 401 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake, reproduced and sold Shaker furniture that dated from the early years of America’s independence to the Civil War. Betty managed the shop, which operated for 18 years. An active member of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, Betty was its director between 1992 and 2001. She was adept at spinning wool, weaving, sewing, painting, and photography. She was the official photographer for a number of years for the Coast Guard Festival. In 2009 she co-authored the book *Then & Now, Grand Haven* with her friend Wally Ewing. In May 2007 Betty married John Dobbie of Portage, Kalamazoo County. Betty died at her home at 322 Clinton Street on April 19, 2012 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Cemetery. John’s first wife, Janice Elaine Holmes, was born on October 20, 1928 and died on August 23, 2005 in Portage. John lived from December 27, 1926 to August 7, 2013. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2012.]

### **John H. Docking [1879-1954]**

The son of Robert and Mary Blades Docking, John was born in Laketown Township, Allegan County on August 24, 1879. His wife’s name was Helen. In 1920 he was living with his parents in Oceana County. By 1928 John was a shoe repairman living in his family home at 919 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. He died on October 10, 1954 of carbon monoxide poisoning in his mobile home in Spring Lake. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Robert Docking [1838-1923]**

Robert Docking, who was born in England in 1838, died on December 19, 1923, three years after moving to the Ottawa County area from Ferry, Oceana County, where he had been a farmer. Prior to that he lived on a 40-acre farm in northern Allegan County [Laketown Township], which he purchased on August 2, 1889. On August 11, 1862, while living in Washtenaw County, he enlisted in Company K of the 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private and served until May 30, 1865.

On January 13, 1866 in Jackson Robert married Mary Ann Blades. Mary also was from England, where she was born on January 15, 1845. The Dockings’ children were: Ella, who was born on June 28, 1867 and married Ernest Filley of Grand Haven; Josephine, who was born on August 21, 1869, married James Edward Slater, moved to Oceana County, died in 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; William, who was born on August 1, 1872 and died on April 18, 1881; Lilly Mae, who was born on June 1, 1876, married William Barriger [Barrager], died in Grand Haven on October 1, 1959, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and John H., who was born on August 24, 1879. All the children except one were born in Laketown Township; Lilly was born in the City of Holland. After moving to Grand Haven around 1920 Robert lived at 919 Elliott Street. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary died on March 11, 1927 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Their son, John resided in the house on Elliott Street after his parents’ death. Eventually John moved to Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 19, 1923 and March 12, 1927.]

### **Arthur B. Doddington [Doddington] [1906-1991]**

Born in Grand Haven on June 1, 1906, Arthur was the son of George Doddington II and brother of George III. He and his wife, Elna, lived at 1404 Franklin. Arthur died on December 16, 1991 in Marion, Florida. Elna was born on July 24, 1899 and died in Florida on March 22, 1994. Arthur and Elna were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **George A. Doddington I [1868–1937]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1868, George was the son of Mark and Loretta Comstock Doddington. George worked at the Story & Clark Piano Factory for 20 years. He fell while attempting to replace a slipped belt on a piece of machinery and was so badly injured he was unable to work. He died two years later, on February 10, 1937, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On January 26, 1895 in Grand Rapids, he married Marcia Blakeslee, who was born in Grand Rapids on August 6, 1871. She was the daughter of William Wallace and Mary Wood Blakeslee. George and Marcia had at least five children: Ernest, born in December 1896; George II, who lived from March 26, 1898 to December 27, 1909; William, born about 1903; Marian, born about 1911; and Harold E., born about 1914. The family lived at 1404 Franklin.

### **Mark Doddington [1839-1913]**

Born in England in March 1839 Mark Doddington settled in Geneva, New York in 1851. He enlisted as sergeant in Company H of the 33<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry on May 22, 1861 but was mustered out on October 31 of the same year for unspecified reasons. The next day, Mark enlisted, again as sergeant, in Company D of the Pennsylvania 11<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and was mustered out August 13, 1865. He was held as a prisoner of war from September 15, 1864 until May 8, 1865. Shortly after mustering out, Mark came to Michigan and lived in Spring Lake for a number of years. Accompanying him were his mother, Avire, and a sister, Susanna [Susannah]. Avire [Alice] was born in England about 1814 and died on November 23, 1895. Mark's brother, William D., lived from 1785 to January 12, 1850.

Mark moved to Grand Haven where he was a sign painter and home decorator. In 1893 he advertised his business as offering "Carriage, Ornamental, and House Painting." Later he became foreman of the paint shop at Challenge Refrigerator Company. He was a Mason.

Mark married Loretta Comstock on February 26, 1860 in New York State. In Grand Haven their home was at 507 North Seventh. Their children were William, born about 1861; Orrin [Oren], born in September 1866; George, who was born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1868; Abby E., who was born on August 21, 1870 and died in 1878; Eva [Avie] May who was born December 10, 1875 in Grand Haven; Blanche, who was born about 1878 and married John Cleveringa in 1895; Mark Edward, born February 10, 1878; Charles Northrup, who was born February 16, 1881 and lived in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Flint, and Detroit; David Reginald, who born August 22, 1882 and married Maude Helena Hatch in Grand Haven on November 29, 1906; and Wallace, who was born in February 1885 and settled in Crockery Township. Mark on September 9, 1886 filed for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died at his home on Seventh Street on September 26, 1913 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife, Loretta, and other Doddingtons. On October 30, 1913, Loretta applied for a Civil War widow's pension. Born in New York, she lived from October 1845 [1846] to 1913. [*Tribune* obituary, September 26, 1913.]

### **Orrin [Oren, Orin, Owen] Joy Doddington I [1866-1935]**

Orrin Doddington, a painter and contractor, arrived in Grand Haven in 1879. He was born in Rome, New York in September 1866, the son of Mark and Loretta Doddington. On August 1, 1888 in Grand Rapids, Orrin married Mary Mitchell, who was born in Canada about 1868. They had at least one son, Orrin [Oren] J. II, who was born on June 8, 1892 and died in California on December 13, 1941. Two other children also moved to California: Velma Amelia, who lived from September 15, 1893 to May 31, 1891, and Ross M., who was born on May 17, 1907 and died on March 29, 1989. Another child, Gladys, was born in June

1898. Orrin and his family lived at 630 Monroe in the early 1900s. He died in Porterville, California in October 1935 and was buried at Home of Peace Cemetery.

### **Alvin [Alvan] Dodge I [1831-1897]**

Born in New York on January 9, 1831, Alvin Dodge at an early age spent several years on sailing ships on the Atlantic Ocean. He came to the Great Lakes in the early 1850s and was mate and captain of a several sail and steam vessels until he was appointed U.S. inspector of hulls in Grand Haven. He was mate of the propeller *Fintry* that blew up on Lake Erie off Port Stanley in the 1850s. He also sailed as mate on the side-wheel passenger steamers *Atlantic*, *Ocean*, *Buckeye State*, and *Western World*. He was for several years captain of the propeller *Mary Stewart*, plying between Detroit and Buffalo. In 1867 he came to Grand Haven and was master of the *New Era*, and out of Detroit he was captain of the propeller *Java* in the 1870s. He also had an interest in the *Van Raalte*. He was a Mason. In Wayne County on July 23, 1855, he married Esther Gee, who was born in Michigan about 1837. Their children included Clara A., born about 1859; Jennie, born about 1863; and Alvin II, born about 1876. All three children were born in Michigan and resided in Detroit. In Grand Haven, the Dodges lived at the corner of First and Columbus Streets. Alvin was married twice. His wife's name at the time of his death was Belle, who was born in Canada in August 1849. He died on February 19, 1897 and was buried in Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1897.]

### **Carol Dodge [1941-2022]**

Carol Dodge was officer-in-charge of the Ferrysburg Post Office from July 28, 1988 to October 22 the same year. She was born on July 2, 1941. Richard was born on November 19, 1939 and raised in Coopersville. The couple lived in Nunica and later in Spring Lake. Carol passed away on January 4, 2022 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Hugh Dodge [1930-2018]**

Hugh Dodge earned a hospitality degree from Michigan State University and worked in hotel management at the Palmer House in Chicago and Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California. When he returned to his hometown of Grand Rapids to care for his widowed mother, he was hired by the Klingman Furniture Store as an interior designer. After a number of years at Klingman's, in 1985 he started working with A. Reenders Interior Design at 950 Taylor Avenue in 1985. He designed for residential and commercial clients. He next opened Dodge Interior Design, which he sold to Cath McGlynn. She renamed the business McGlynn Design and relocated to West Olive. In 1976 Hugh organized the West Michigan Chapter of Interior Design Society. It was dissolved four years later.

Hugh retired from the interior design business in 1998 and moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven, where he taught himself how to paint. He lived at 1544 Beechtree Commons and later with the Scott Reenders family at 1010 Oak Lane, but he also spent winters in Gulfport, Florida. Hugh continued his art work in both locations. He won several awards in Florida and Michigan for his watercolors.

Born on May 23, 1930, Hugh served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He entertained the troops with his trumpet while aboard the aircraft carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt*. He died on January 17, 2018, about three months after being diagnosed with glioblastoma. He was buried at Rosedale Cemetery, where his parents were interred.

### **Gustav Herman Doege [1852-1911]**

Herman Doege, a Grand Haven tailor, was born in Posen, Germany on March 8, 1852. In 1893 he advertised, "Cleaning, Repairing, and Dyeing" at his shop in Grand Haven. Herman married Charlotte Emiliy "Amelia" Schiewe in Posen on March 8, 1879, They arrived in the United States three years later. She was born in Germany in February 1852. Herman was still working as a tailor in Grand Haven in 1900. He died about April 26, 1911. Their surviving children were Lizzie, born in December 1879; Albert, born in November 1881; Annie, born in March 1884; and Bertha born in February 1890. The two older children

were born in Germany, the other two locally. Amelia passed away in 1908. [*Tribune* obituary, April 26, 1911.]

#### **William Doherty [Doharty] [1843-1929]**

Born in Ireland on April 15, 1843, William Doherty immigrated to the United States in 1860. He married Johanna [Hannah] B. Coffey [Coffee] in 1872. She was born in that state on July 19, 1852. By 1880 the couple was residing in Spring Lake, where William worked as a laborer. By 1900 he was employed as a porter for a railroad company, and ten years later he was listed in the census as a "bridge tender" for the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1920 he was a custodian for the Spring Lake schools. William and Johanna had seven children: William, who was born on July 19, 1873 and died on September 20 the next year; John H., who was born on February 1, 1875 and died on April 18, 1881 of diphtheria; James, who was born on October 13, 1876 and drowned on March 2, 1890; Catherine "Katie," who was born on December 4, 1878 and died on November 13, 1894 of diabetes; Mary Agnes, who was born on October 21, 1880, moved to Detroit, died on September 11, 1950, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Thomas Michael, who was born on September 15, 1882, also moved to Detroit, and died about 1940; and William Francis, who was born on September 8, 1884, worked and lived in Spring Lake for a while before moving to Detroit, died on October 11, 1942, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Johanna died on January 19, 1924 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was William, who died on September 27, 1929.

#### **Gerrit Bernard "Bernie" Dokter [1929-2022]**

Bernie Dokter in 1960 filled the vacancy left by Reverend Herman Teitsma, the first pastor at Ferrysburg Community Church. Bernie was born in Capel, Iowa on July 27, 1929. After graduating from Calvin College, he married Lydia Moes in Grand Rapids on December 20, 1951. She was born in Pease, Minnesota on February 10, 1931. Bernie came to Ferrysburg after serving as pastor with the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1960. In 1964 he served as missionary to Argentina and Honduras for the ensuing 15 years. That was followed by six years with the Christian Reformed World Missions as secretary for Latin America. His last position was as pastor for the Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Muskegon, although he acted as interim pastor at various churches following retirement. He died at home in Grand Rapids on February 27, 2022. Lydia passed away on December 5, 2023. Bernie and Lydia had six children.

#### **Arthur J. Dondineau [1885-1968]**

Arthur Dondineau was superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1916 to 1920. Later he served in the same capacity for the Detroit schools. He married Marguerite Bilton on August 8, 1916, and they resided at 219 Franklin. Arthur was born in Michigan on November 5, 1885 and died in Detroit in November 1968. Marguerite was born in Ontario Canada on March 30, 1891 and passed away in Detroit the same year as her husband. The Dondineaus had two daughters, Elaine, born on February 28, 1919, and Elizabeth.

#### **Cornelius Donker [1882-1920]**

Cornelius Donker was born in Grand Haven on March 7, 1882. He started a grocery business with Richard Cook in 1902 under the name of Cook Mercantile Company. He sold his interest in the business in 1918, and it became known as Grand Haven Merchandise. On August 16, 1905 in Ferrysburg, Cornelius married Mary Bolthuis [Bolthouse], who was born in Ferrysburg on May 27, 1886 and died in Grand Haven on January 20, 1938. They had three children: Katherine, Helen, and Charles. Cornelius died at the age of 38 on February 23, 1920 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mary. The Donkers resided at Elliott Street and at 406 Howard Street, but after her husband's death, Mary moved to 428 Clinton. [*Tribune* obituary, February 23, 1920.]

#### **Hendrik "Henry" Jacob Donker [1861-1944]**



In 1900 Henry Donker was listed as a bartender. By 1920 he was employed at Eagle Ottawa. Henry was born in The Netherlands on October 28, 1861. He married Anna Kieft, who was a native of the same country, where she was born on January 5, 1864. They both immigrated to the United States as children, he in 1865 and Anna two years later. They had at least three children, all born locally: Arthur Cornelius Donker, who was born on July 16, 1893 and died on February 5, 1918; Agnes Donker, who lived from October 14, 1894 to February 4, 1999; and Cornelius "Neal" Henry Donker, who was born on September 22, 1902 and died on September 26, 1962. The Donkers resided at 1250 Washington in a house they built in 1894. The mounting stone in front of the house also dates to 1894. After Henry's death on December 21, 1944, Anna continued to reside in the family home until her passing on December 10, 1952, and Neal, a single man, remained there until his death. Agnes and her husband, Reid Hobson [1892-1967] also lived in the family home. The parents, their three children, and Reid were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Jan "John" Fredrik Donker I [1812-1900]**

By 1854 John Donker was a resident of Grand Haven and in 1880 he was proprietor of a saloon. He was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands on December 6, 1812 and died on March 6, 1900. He first married Anneke Pippel in Gelderland on June 28, 1833. She lived from January 26, 1812 to March 26, 1876. They had seven children. On October 2, 1876 in Grand Haven, he married Geesje "Gracie" Siekema, who was born in The Netherlands in October 1836 and died in 1922. They resided at 321 Fulton. One of their children was John Donker II, born on July 7, 1877. Listed as a stepson in the 1900 census was Arie Jan Donker from his first marriage. Arie lived from 1853 to 1904. John and Gracie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Henry Donker II [1877-1937]**

John, the son of John and Gracie Donker I, was born in Grand Haven on July 7, 1877. An employee of the William Heap Company in Grand Haven, he resided with his mother at 321 Fulton. On December 2, 1923 he married Kate Dykema Steketee in Muskegon. Kate was one of two servants working in the Jay Smith household in Spring Lake in 1900. On November 5, 1903 she married James Steketee in Muskegon, who was four years older than Kate. They had three children: Henry, who was born on October 2, 1904, married Goldie Harvey, resided in Grand Rapids, and died in that city on April 26, 1989; Clara, who was born in 1907, married John Neitering, died in 1996, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and Emma, who was born on September 8, 1910, married Robert Rosema, and died in February 1981. James died on April 2, 1921 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. John Donker died on April 21, 1937 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1940 Kate was a widow, still living at 321 Fulton Street. Born in Muskegon, she lived from June 30, 1880 to August 15, 1953 and also was interred at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John "Johnnie" Donker [Donkers] [1860-1913]**

John was born in Holland, Michigan, the son of Arie Donker, an early settler in Holland. The family moved to Grand Haven in 1854. John was a peddler of notions in the Borculo area and reportedly was a saloonkeeper. He also worked at the Piano Supply Company in Grand Haven. He was known as "Black Johnnie" because of his coal black hair. Relatives found John dead in his bed on November 14, 1913. Born on June 20, 1860, he resided at 317 Fulton in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, November 17, 1913.]

#### **James Donnelly [Donally] [? - ?]**

In 1868 James Donnelly managed the new Ottawa House, located at 105 Fulton [Lot 92] in Grand Haven. In 1867, in Grand Haven's first election, James was elected justice of the peace. In 1863 he was foreman of the "Rix Robinson Engine Co.," newly formed as a volunteer fire-fighting outfit.

#### **Alphons [Alphonso] Donner [1862-1950]**

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Alphons Donner owned a 50-acre farm in Section 18 of Crockery Township. Alphons was born in Alsace-Lorraine [France] on October 11, 1862, came to the area in 1901,

and was still farming his land in 1918. His wife, Sophia, also was born in Alsace-Lorraine on March 1, 1851. They were married on February 28, 1889 in France. Their children were Mary C., born about 1892 in her parents' home country, and Jos, who was born in Illinois around 1894. Alphons passed away on March 17, 1950, and Sophia died on October 7, 1947. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **George P. Donner II [1918-2002]**

Born in Muskegon on July 2, 1918, George Donner II moved to Spring Lake with his family when he was four years old. He was the son of George P. and Sophia Donner I, born in 1890 and 1892 respectively. The younger George attended Spring Lake and Grand Haven schools, and George was one of the first five men from Ottawa County to volunteer for the military at the start of WWII. He served with the Army as first lieutenant and spent two and a half years in the South Pacific. After the war, he worked for a short time at Michigan Plastics and then became a clerk at the Spring Lake Post Office and was postmaster from 1965 until his retirement ten years later. Donner served as village president from 1978 to 1983. He returned as a member of the Village Council from 1987 to 1995. He helped start the Silent Observer program and served on its board. George was active with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, the Coast Guard Festival Board, Spring Lake Heritage League, and the Barber School restoration project. He was a member of the American Legion and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church. He married Rose Marie McMenemy. They had five children: Jeanne Le Fevre, who lived in Escanaba, Delta County; Rita Braun, of Spring Lake; Teresa Dault, of Norton Shores; Richard of Seattle, Washington; and Steve, of Jackson. Rose was born on June 24, 1919 and passed away on June 21, 2002. George died in Spring Lake on March 8, 2002. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Robert Vincent Donner [1925-2006]**

In 1950, Robert Donner was a clerk in the Ferrysburg post office. On December 29, 1972, he was appointed officer-in-charge. He was replaced by Thomas H. Herron on April 13 the following year. He was born in Spring Lake on October 29, 1925. He married Joanne Lillian Lehmkuhl on May 7, 1955 in Newport, Kentucky. She was born in Campbell, Kentucky on July 20, 1932 and passed away in Grand Rapids on April 27, 2011. Robert died on January 12, 2006. They had four children.

#### **Cornelius Donselar [Donseler] [1861-1949]**

Cornelius Donselar was born in The Netherlands on August 16, 1861. He and his wife Grace [Greitje] arrived in the United States in 1891. Grace, also a native of The Netherlands, was born on May 8, 1866. They had at least two children, both born locally: John, born about 1905, and Catherine, born about 1907. Cornelius operated a radio repair service from his residence at 418 North Sixth Street. Cornelius died on June 19, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Grace, who died on September 28, 1942.

#### **Helyn G. Rosema Donselar [1926-1998]**

Helyn was born on June 2, 1926 in Nunica, the daughter of Harm and Dena Poll Rosema. She married Leslie Donselar on June 2, 1950, in Grand Haven. Helyn was a real estate agent most of her professional life. She was a member of Trinity Reformed Church, where she sang in the choir, played the organ and piano, and belonged to the Church Women's Group. She and her husband Leslie had two daughters: Denise, who married William Casemier, and Dorotheie, who married Stephen Shelley. Both daughters remained in Grand Haven. The Donselars' two sons were Mark and Matthew. Leslie, the son of Hio and Ethel Barthel Donselar, was born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1916. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII and was awarded two purple hearts. Upon returning to Grand Haven, Leslie was a machinist at Gardner Denver and later drove cars for Gage Motor Mall. He was a member of Trinity Reformed Church, the Charles Conklin Post of the American Legion, and the Sgt. Alvin Jonker Post of the VFW. Helyn died December 13, 1998 and Leslie passed away on January 17, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, January 18, 2002.]

#### **Derk Doornbos I [1885-1965]**

Derk Doornbos resided at 16623 136<sup>th</sup> Street in Nunica. He was born July 19, 1885 and died in November 1965. His son, also named Derk, lived at the same address.

### **Ervan Stewart Dornbos [1921-1977]**

Born in Grand Haven on December 30, 1921, Ervan was the son of Isaac and Mary Meeuwsen Dornbos. Ervan attended Calvin College for one year and then enrolled at the University of Michigan. He was in the military service from 1943 to 1945. Ervan received his officer's commission in meteorology and was transferred to the Air Traffic Control Board. He was with State Mutual Life Insurance Company and lived in Worcester, Massachusetts, then joined Franklin Life Insurance Company of Springfield, Illinois. He taught college math at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and then returned to Grand Haven and in 1954 joined his father in the real estate business, called Isaac Dornbos Real Estate and located at 1113 Washington Street. In 1971 Ervan was elected president of the North Ottawa Board of Realtors.

On December 22, 1949 Ervan married Marilyn Hight [Haight] of Springfield, Illinois. She was born on October 2, 1923 and received a bachelor degree in journalism from the University of Illinois. Ervan and Marilyn moved to Grand Haven in 1951 and had one daughter, Nancy Dornbos, who married Neal Hansen of Spring Lake. The family resided at 528 Terrill in Grand Haven. Ervan died on April 13, 1977 in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marilyn passed away on December 19, 2018 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [Biographical sketch presented at Kiwanis, on file in Loutit District Library's *Tribune* collection.]

### **Gerrit Lewis Dornbos [1877-1955]**

Gerrit Dornbos was born in Grand Haven on May 2, 1877. He started a fishing business, H. J. Dornbos & Brother, located at 614 Monroe, on May 2, 1889, with his brother, Henry Dornbos. After Henry's death in 1944, Gerrit and his son Harold J. Dornbos owned and operated the business. In February 1949 Gerrit purchased the H. C. Fisher & Sons Company of 2140 South Second Street in Milwaukee to operate in addition to the Grand Haven business. Gerrit retired in 1951, selling his interest in the firm to Harold. He also was on the Board of Directors of Peoples Savings Bank when it was organized in 1909.

Gerrit married Pieterella "Nellie" Meeuwsen, who was born in Zeeland on April 23, 1880 and died in Grand Haven on April 9, 1968. She was the daughter of Jan and Janna Van Loo Meeuwsen and the sister of Mary, who married Isaac Dornbos. Gerrit and Nellie lived at 1039 Washington and had four children: Lester, whose death on August 13, 1933 resulted from an auto accident when he was almost 29 years old; Harold Jay Dornbos; Margaret, who married Edward Baas of Grand Haven; and Janet, who was born on July 24, 1907 married Neil [Neal] Bierens [March 10, 1904-July 10, 1958], a native of The Netherlands, and died in Grand Rapids on January 27, 1995. Gerrit died July 2, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Buys Milwaukee Firm," February 26, 1949 and "Buys Father's Interest in Firm," January 19, 1951.]

### **Harold Jay Dornbos [1914-1969]**

Born September 4, 1914 in Grand Haven, the son of Gerrit and Nellie Dornbos, Harold became a partner in H. J. Dornbos & Bros. for 16 years. In January 1951 he purchased his father's interest in the firm and became sole owner. The commercial fishing firm operated 18 ovens and employed 35 men and women. In the Milwaukee plant there were 12 employees. In 1963 an outbreak of botulism in Nashville, Tennessee forced new food processing standards which made it impossible for Harold to continue the out-of-state smoked fish business. The fishery was not found to be at fault and H. J. Dornbos Company, with the help of Grand Haven attorney Harvey Scholten, filed a \$500,000 suit for damages against Kroger, Rooks Transfer, Adkins Transfer, Adkins Cargo Express, and Tennessee Cartage, charging negligence in handling the firm's smoked fish chubs in connection with the botulism blamed for several deaths. After the botulism scare there was a marked decrease in the smoked fish business and the firm attempted to sell boned perch. The fish supply dwindled, and the operation was curtailed in 1965-66. Harold was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and the Elks.

On July 19, 1933 Harold married Beverly Mills, who was born in East Orange, New Jersey on December 22, 1916. She was the daughter of Elsworth "The Coronal" and Mary Ethel "Molly" Crane Mills. Elsworth worked in management at the Bastian Blessing plant in Chicago. Beverly's sister, Virginia, married Ralph Trieschman of Chicago. Harold and Beverly lived at 218 North Buchanan Street in Spring Lake and had two children, Virginia, who taught in London, England and married David Rolstone of Wales, and La Mar Ethyl, who married Lee Van Haaften of Grand Haven. Lee was the son of Cornelius and Marion Wilcox Van Haaften. Beverly worked for Bastian Blessing and later was secretary at the Dornbos Fisheries. She started and ran the hot lunch program and summer school activity program in Spring Lake Schools. She began the gift shop at Grand Haven Hospital and was active in the PTA, the Presbyterian Church, the League of Women Voters, and the Woman's Club. Beverly had master points in duplicate bridge and sailed in racing regattas. In 1962 she lent Betty Ellis some hand-carved camels from Egypt to use as models for the camels for the Musical Fountain Nativity Scene. Harold died on June 26, 1969 and Beverly died on January 4, 1994. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Buys Father's Interest In Firm," January 19, 1951, and "Plumbing Firm Takes Over Dornbos," February 25, 1967, *Tribune* obituary, January 4, 1994, and interview with La Mar Dornbos Van Haaften, October 1998.]

### **Henry J. Dornbos [Doornbos] [1870-1944]**

Born in The Netherlands, March 20, 1870, Henry was the son of Louis and Martha Perdok Dornbos. Henry attended school in The Netherlands, and after coming to America began working in factories when only 12 years old. He worked at Silas Kilbourn's mill as a youth and lost an eye when a barrel stave flew back and hit him. It forced him to change his vocation and on May 2, 1889 he established a fish business in Grand Haven in association with his brother, Gerrit L. Dornbos, under the name, H. J. Dornbos and Brother. At first he smoked the fish in his backyard. Later he sold the products in a basket from house to house and eventually became the largest wholesale fish dealer in the world, with products being shipped throughout the country. At its peak, the company handled approximately a million and a half pounds of fish annually, mostly smoked fish. After 1940 the company handled more than 300,000 pounds of Alaskan salmon, shipped frozen by boat from Alaska to the Pacific Coast and then by train to Grand Haven. During the company's process of smoking, the natural color of the fish was retained. The business was destroyed by a botulism epidemic in 1963 that eventually led to its closing.

In 1909 the Dornbos brothers helped organized the Peoples Savings Bank in Grand Haven, with Henry as vice president and Gerrit L. as first vice president. In 1936 Henry became president and chairman of the board. He was a Republican, member of Chamber of Commerce, Citizens History Association. and Second Christian Reformed Church. His favorite recreation was travel and he toured throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He spent his winter months in California and Florida.

On June 27, 1894, Henry married Mary Bouwens, who was born in September 1871 and died about June 14, 1959. She was the daughter of John and Anna Barbara Van Harn Bouwens, who were born in The Netherlands, and later immigrated to Zeeland. John Bouwens was a merchant and farmer who died in 1918. His wife, Anna, died in 1891. Henry and Mary had two children: Lawrence, who was born January 18, 1896 and was associated as partner with his father in the family business, and Anna B., who was born in May 1898. Henry died at his home at 608 Washington on November 16, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Citizens Historical Association, September 13, 1941 and *Tribune* obituaries, November 16, 1944 and Dec 31, 1960.]

### **Hio Dornbos [1887-1959]**

Hio, the son of Luitje "Louis" and Maatje "Martha" Perdok Dornbos, was born on June 24, 1887. On August 12, 1908 in Grand Haven, he married Johanna Hoebeck. The daughter of Henry and Cornelia Vander Boomgaard, Johanna was born on December 27, 1886. The couple resided at 427 Washington and later at 524 Columbus. Johanna was born in Michigan about 1888 and married Hio around 1898. Hio was a machinist at Dake Engine Company. Their two children were Lewis, born on June 10, 1909, and Helen,

born about 1916. Hio was killed in a car accident on February 18, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, with Johanna, who had died on April 29, 1955.

#### **Howard F. Dornbos [1912-1989]**

Howard Dornbos was born on February 29, 1912 and died October 4, 1989. On September 9, 1939 he married Beverly Morrison. The daughter of John and Edith Johnson Morrison of Whitehall, Beverly was born on September 16, 1916 and died February 14, 1989 at North Ottawa Community Hospital. The Dornboses lived at 1306 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Beverly was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Ladies' Circle, the Free Bed Guild, and the Grand Haven Garden Club. A daughter, Mary Lynne, married John J. Hattenbach of Greenville. They also had a son, David, who remained in Grand Haven.

#### **Isaac Dornbos [1883-1966]**

Isaac Dornbos, a Grand Haven native, lived from May 2, 1883 to February 14, 1966. On May 18, 1910 he married Maria [Mary], daughter of Jan and Janna Van Loo Meeuwsen. Maria was born in Zeeland on October 10, 1883 and died in Grand Haven in 1971. Her sister Nellie married Gerrit Dornbos. Among Ike's and Mary's children were Marjorie Lois, who was born about 1915, and Ervan, born December 30, 1921. The family resided at 1002 Washington, where Ike also operated Isaac Dornbos Real Estate, which he started in 1926. His son Ervan joined him in the business in 1954. Prior to entering the insurance business, Isaac was co-owner of the Van Dyk & Dornbos Shoe Store at 704 Washington. John Van Dyke was his partner. They sold to brothers John and Henry Poel in 1923. Ike's earliest business was selling washing machines from his garage. He also rolled cigars at his brother Peter's store at 101 Washington. [*Tribune* article, "Ike Dornbos in 40<sup>th</sup> Year Here Selling Real Estate," May 2, 1963.]

#### **Jacob Lewis Dornbos [1881-1958]**

Jacob Dornbos was Cashier at the National Bank in the early 1900s, later at Peoples Savings Bank in Grand Haven, and by 1918 he was treasurer for the Hackett Motor Car Company in Grand Rapids. Jacob married Fanny Kieft in 1902. She was born on June 28, 1881. In 1912 they built a home at 642 Pennoyer. [The 1920 census gives their address as 630 Pennoyer.] Before moving to the house on Pennoyer, they had lived at 511 Elliott. By 1930 they had moved to Spring Lake, where they resided on the northwest corner of Barber and Park Streets. At that time Jacob was bookkeeper for H. J. Dornbos Fish Company. Jacob was the son of Louis and Martha Perdok Dornbos, who immigrated to Grand Haven in 1882. Jacob and Fanny had at least three children: Seymour, who was born in 1905 and died in 1981; Jacob was born in The Netherlands on March 5, 1881 and passed away in Grand Haven around September 24, 1958. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fanny died on August 11, 1972 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Lawrence Henry John Dornbos I [1896-1971]**

Lawrence was born in Grand Haven on January 18, 1896, the son of Henry and Mary Bouwens Dornbos. During WWI Lawrence attended the Naval Training School at Annapolis, Maryland. In 1918 he was employed as a machinist at the Curtis Agro Plant company in Buffalo, New York. On September 14, 1922 he married Gertrude Van Woerkom, who was born November 9, 1896 and died February 11, 1962. They had three children: Lawrence J. II, born on December 9, 1924; Robert Henry, who was born on May 18, 1929 and died in East Lansing on July 23, 2021; and Nancy, who was born on October 1, 1930, first married Richard Cuti of Grand Haven, then on December 25, 1972, married Richard Rhem, pastor of Christ Community Church in Spring Lake, and died on May 12, 2022. Lawrence and his family lived at 622 Lake Avenue. Lawrence was employed at the family business, Dornbos Fisheries, and became manager of the firm. He died in Grand Haven on May 16, 1971.

#### **Lawrence J. Dornbos II [1924-2001]**

The son of Lawrence and Gertrude Van Woerkom Dornbos, Larry was born on December 9, 1924. He attended Grand Haven schools and served overseas as an army engineer during WWII. In the 1950s he and

his father worked together at the Dornbos Insurance Company at 208 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. After his father's death in 1971, the younger Dornbos merged with William Crimmins and James Oakes and opened the Oakes, Dornbos, & Crimmins office at 234 Washington. Both Dornbos and Crimmins left the business in 1983. Lawrence married Donna Katherine Zerlaut in Fremont, Newaygo County on September 14, 1951. She was born in Newaygo County on October 13, 1925. Soon after the wedding they bought a log cabin on Potawatomie Bayou at 15141 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Eventually they razed the original structure and built a home they resided in the remainder of their lives. Lawrence died on May 18, 2001, and Donna passed away on September 26, 2006. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Lester John Dornbos [1904-1933]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 4, 1904, Lester was the son of Gerrit and Nellie Meeuwesen Dornbos. He was killed in an automobile accident in Grand Haven on August 13, 1933.

#### **Lewis Henry "Toby" Dornbos [1909-1971]**

During the 1940s Lewis "Toby" Dornbos owned and operated the Standard Oil Service Station at 20 North Third Street in Grand Haven. On June 8, 1935 he married Elsie Louise Kohloff in Grand Rapids. The daughter of Henry and Ella Veenecamp Kohloff, she was born in Grand Haven on April 22, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on July 9, 2006 under the name Snell. They were divorced on December 8, 1941. On May 24, 1947, Toby married Genevieve Bloom in Grand Haven. The daughter of Jacob and Fanny Schoonveldt Bloom, she was born on September 17, 1917 in Muskegon. Lewis, the son of Hio and Johanna Hoebeck Dornbos, was born on June 10, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on June 13, 1971. Genevieve died on June 8, 2009. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lewis resided at 302 Wallace Street.

#### **Luitje "Louis" Dornbos [1838-1928]**

Louis Dornbos, born in The Netherlands in July 1838, married Maatje "Martha" Perdok. Louis and Martha brought their family to the United States in 1882 and located in Grand Haven. They were the parents of eleven children, including Henry, born on March 20, 1870; Gerrit, born on May 2, 1877; Jacob, born on March 5, 1881; Isaac, born on May 2, 1883; Hio, born on June 24, 1887; and six more sons. Louis operated a shoemaking business at 220 North Third, and he and Martha resided at 638 Jackson. He died February 1, 1928. Martha was born in 1846 and died on April 4, 1892. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

#### **Peter Dornbos [1875-1951]**

In the early 1900s Peter Dornbos was a manufacturer of cigars, including the "single bender." His place of business was 111 Washington and on Fulton Street in Grand Rapids. He and his wife, Bouwine [Bouwena] Ronda, resided at 15 North Sixth Street and later at 423 Jackson Street but were residents of Grand Rapids in 1930. Bouwine lived from June 1875 [1876] to 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter, who was born on April 30, 1875, died about January 14, 1951. Both Peter and Bouwine were natives of The Netherlands.

#### **Mary Dort [@1839- ?] and Theodore Dort [@1839- ?]**

In 1860 Mary and Theodore Dort resided in Ferrysburg. Mary was classified as Indian, born in Michigan about 1839, and Theodore was born in The Netherlands the same year. In the 1860 census, Theodore was a fisherman. No other record of the couple was found.

#### **Henry Elias Dosker [1855-1926]**

Henry Dosker was pastor at Grand Haven's First Reformed Church between 1882 and 1886. He was born in The Netherlands on February 5, 1855, died on December 23, 1926 in Louisville, Kentucky, and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Henry married Lyda Doornink. Born on August 9, 1856, she died on May 31, 1880 and also was buried at Oakhill. On February 21, 1882 he married Wilhelmine

“Minnie” Doornink in Grand Rapids. She was born about 1862 in Milwaukee and died in Louisville on March 11, 1923. Henry also was on the faculty of Western Theological Seminary in Holland.

#### **Nellie Kay Tofflemire Doss [1938-1995]**

Kay Tofflemire was born in Harrow, Ontario on August 6, 1938. She worked for Eastern Airlines as chief supervisor, trainer, and flight attendant. On May 15, 1964, she married James Arthur Doss in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Jim was born in Chicago on December 28, 1933 and founded Structural Concepts at 17237 Van Wagoner Road in Spring Lake Township in 1972. Prior to that, he worked for Bastian Blessing in Grand Haven. The Dosses resided at 16083 Harbor View Drive in Ferrysburg and attended Christ Community Church in Spring Lake. Kay died in East Grand Rapids on July 12, 1995 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two children, Andrea Lynn Doss and James “Jamie” A. Doss II.

#### **Christopher [Christofer] Douck [1827-1899]**

Chris Douck owned a 39-acre farm in Section 22 of Crockery Township by 1876. He was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on October 15, 1827, died on December 4, 1899, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. His wife, Fredericketa, was born in August 1832 [1831] in Prussia [Germany]. They were married about 1860. Their children were: John C., born in New York State in February 1862 [1863]; Louise, who was born in 1864, died on June 30, 1886, and was buried at Nunica; Mary, born in 1865; Gusta, born in 1867; Charles, who was born in 1870, married Anna Maud Spencer [1877-1931], and died in Coopersville in 1911; Paulina, born in 1872; Anna M., who was born in 1874, died on March 24, 1890, and also was buried at Nunica. Christopher and Frederick were brothers.

#### **Frederick Douck I [1832-1910]**

Frederick Douck was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on October 10, 1832 [1833] and came to the United States in 1861. He enlisted in Company F of the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private on August 14, 1862. Frederick was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1865 and discharged on June 3. He owned an 80-acre farm in Section 14 of Crockery Township. The Doucks had five children, all born in Michigan: Frank, born in June 1868 [1867]; Carline, born about 1870; William, born in 1873; Emma, born in 1875; and Frederick II [Fred John], who was born on December 10, 1878 and became postmaster in Nunica. Frederick I died on March 16, 1910 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. On April 30, 1910, his wife, Caroline L. “Carrie,” applied for a widow’s Civil War pension. She was born in Prussia and lived from May 1850 to 1930 and also was buried at Nunica. Frederick and Christopher were brothers.

#### **John C. Douck [1862-1931]**

The son of Christopher and Fredericketa Douck, John was born in New York on February 24, 1863. His wife, Minnie, a native of Michigan, was born in November 1872. Their children, all born locally, included Permillia, born in September 1892; Ora, born in October 1894; and Roy, born in March 1900. The Doucks owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Crockery Township. John died on April 12, 1931 in Nunica.

#### **Frank Hudson Doud [Dowd] [1835-1899]**

Born in New York in 1835, Frank Doud came to Michigan from Wayne County, New York in 1857, settling first in South Haven. He was located in Spring Lake by 1870 and moved to Grand Haven the next year, continuing in the carpentry business. He died from apoplexy on December 10, 1899 at his home in Hart and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife Elizabeth was born in New York on August 30, 1837 and died on May 26, 1899. She also was buried at Lake Forest. They had no children. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1899.]

#### **Joseph Douglass [Douglas] II [1844-1912]**

Joseph was born in Stowe, Vermont on October 6, 1844, the son of Joseph Douglass. The younger Joseph on June 23, 1862 enlisted in Company H of the 9<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry. He was discharged for disability on April 10, 1863. Joseph came to Grand Haven in 1880 and worked for Brouwer and Vos as an engineer at

their mill. In 1895 he entered the government lighthouse service and was stationed at the harbor's mouth for 14 years until illness forced his resignation. He and his wife, Amanda, who lived from September 1853 to 1933, resided at 529 Madison in Grand Haven. Their children included Frank, born in March 1885; Flossie, born in April 1890; George, born in September 1892; Joseph III, born in September 1896; and Gladys of Grand Haven. Joseph died March 5, 1912 at the Soldiers' Home hospital. On the following March 15 Amanda applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Joseph and Amanda were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 6, 1912.]

#### **Abraham Dowlyn [Dowlin, Dowlyne] [1823-1901]**

Born on April 23, 1823, Abraham Dowlyn worked in a local sawmill. He was born in The Netherlands, arrived in the United States in 1855, and subsequently settled in Spring Lake with his wife, Maria Adriance. Abraham and Maria had at least one child born in The Netherlands: John, who was born on September 23, 1851 and died in Muskegon Heights on January 13, 1927. Their other children, all born in Michigan, were Paul, born about 1857; Appollos, born about 1858; and Catherine, born in June 1860. At the time of the 1860 Federal Census, Abraham, Maria, and their children were living in "Muskegon Village." Following Maria's death not long after the census, Abraham married Maria "Mary" Louis Pruium, whose husband, Peter Pruium, also had died recently. Abraham's and Mary's children were Dora, born about 1862; Isaac, who was born on August 4, 1864 and died on March 6, 1926; Nellie, born about 1866; Fred, born about 1868; and Mary, born in July 1870. The Dowlyns also had two children from Mary's first marriage: John Pruium, born about 1857, and Elizabeth "Betsy" Pruium, born on November 17, 1859. Mary was born in The Netherlands on October 5, 1835 and came to the United States in 1854. Abraham and his family appeared in the 1870 Federal Census for both Spring Lake and Crockery Townships. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Spring Lake. Their daughter Elizabeth married Edward Hofma of Grand Haven. By 1900 Abraham and Mary lived on Summit Street in Spring Lake Village. Abraham died in Spring Lake on March 17, 1901 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Edward Gideon Downs [1879-1949]**

Edward G. Downs, who was born on September 4, 1879 in Michigan, became a farmer in Section 28 of Polkton Township. His wife, Florence, also a native of Michigan, lived from 1884 to 1964. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Ruth A., born about 1909; Chester, born about 1911; and Leonard, born about February 1915. In the 1910 census was Edward listed as Black, and his wife and children as White. On his WWI draft registration form he is noted as White, as are he and his parents, wife, and children. Edward's father, John W. Downs, on September 20, 1861 enlisted as private in Company F of the 60<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry and served until July 7, 1865, covering almost the complete span of the Civil War. On January 11, 1866 John married Hortense Carr of Edwards, New York. She was born in November 1844, died in 1932, and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. John, also a native of New York, lived from February 11, 1835 to March 22, 1907. He, too, was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Edward died of a self-inflicted head wound on December 9, 1949. He and Florence were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

#### **Walter J. Draeger I [1907-1986]**

In 1946 Walter Draeger and George O. Brown of Muskegon bought Haven Laundry [Haven Modern Laundry] from Jessie Olsen. The laundry, then located at 201 Columbus, was subsequently moved to 1447 Washington. George Brown was Walter's wife's brother. After his retirement, Walter's son, Walter II, took over management of the business, which remained at 1447 Washington until its permanent closing around 1999. Walter I was born on December 31, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on April 26, 1986. He was the son of Emil and Emma Draeger, who in 1908 resided at 1240 Fulton Avenue. Emil, who worked at Story & Clark, was born in Michigan about 1877 and died in 1944, and his wife was born in Germany around 1880 and passed away in 1940. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Walter married Elizabeth Burns, who was born in Michigan on July 1, 1915 and passed away in Missouri City, Texas on April 7, 2006. Elizabeth's sister, Roberta, married Robert Stobbelaar of Grand Haven. The Draegers' son Louis opened Draeger Motor Sales at 15001 Cleveland in Spring Lake.



### **William Henry Drake [1836-1905]**

Born in Halifax, Yorkshire on February 15, 1836, William Henry Drake in 1857 arrived in Spring Lake, taking a room at the Middle-Mist Hotel. He enlisted as corporal with Company A of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry on May 13, 1861. He was listed as missing at the Battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia on May 31, 1862 and was discharged for disability on the following January 13. On November 8, 1865 he married Sarah Middlemist of Spring Lake. She was born in Grand Haven on July 4, 1840 to Henry and Dorothy Dods Middlemist, owners of the Middlemist Hotel. After teaching at the Spring Lake school, in 1862 Sarah Middlemist became assistant to Charles W. Cushman, principal of the Grand Haven Union High School. The year after their marriage the couple moved to Chicago, where William was employed as an architect. Sarah died there on April 9, 1898, seven years before her husband's death in the same city on January 19, 1905. The Drakes had four children, all born in Illinois. One of their descendants, William Depue Drake of Ann Arbor, purchased the property at 322 Clinton Street in Grand Haven in 2001. After his death on June 13, 2003, he left a legacy in the form of a Perpetual Endowment for the benefit of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

### **William Depue Drake [1936-2003]**

In 2001 Bill Drake became co-owner with Betty Kammeraad [Dobbie] of the home at 322 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Bill was a descendant of the Drake and Middlemist families that once resided in Grand Haven and Spring Lake. Professor of Resource Planning and Conservation at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Bill made frequent trips to the Grand Haven area as he traced his family genealogy. He was born on April 13, 1936 and died in Ann Arbor on June 13, 2003. His will stipulated that \$100,000 of his estate go to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum to establish the Drake Middlemist Heritage Fund. The fund is managed by the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and administered by the Museum. Its purpose was to make funds available to "person or persons who would be undertaking a specific research project in the area of local research, oral history, or education which will promote the historic background surrounding the people, places, and events associated with the Tri-Cities area."

### **Albert Nelson Dreese [1930-1997] and Winona Dreese [1932-1987]**

In 1976 Albert and Winona Dreese were managers of Barnett's Motel and Housekeeping Apartments at 17838 North Shore Drive. Prior to that, Albert worked at Camfield Manufacturing in Grand Haven, and he served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954. When Albert married Winona Ann Stafford in Spring Lake on December 30, 1950, he was working at the Brass Foundry in Grand Haven. Winona was born in Sault Ste. Marie on March 6, 1932. The couple lived in Nunica, but they had moved to Tennessee by 1989. Winona passed away on August 15, 1987 and was buried at Pigeon Forge Methodist Cemetery in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Albert was born on April 17, 1930 and died on February 6, 1997.

### **Thomas A. Drelis [1900-1943]**

For a few years in the mid-1920s, Thomas Drelis was proprietor of the Harbor Café at 13 Washington Street in Grand Haven. He was born around 1896 in Greece and immigrated to the United States in 1914. On October 27, 1924 he married Martha May Miller in Detroit. She was born in New Paris, Ohio on June 1, 1905. By 1930 the couple was residing in Muskegon, where he was proprietor of another cafe. Thomas died in Sault Ste. Marie on January 23, 1943. Martha passed away in Ann Arbor on April 11, 1931. She was buried at Spring Lawn Cemetery in New Paris.

### **Walter Drinkwater [1865-1938]**

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Walter Drinkwater owned acreage in Section 33 of Olive Township. Born on May 14, 1865, he came to the area from England with his parents in 1876. His father, Robert, lived from 1831 to 1910 and his mother, Margaret, lived from 1828 to 1913. Walter passed away on March 6, 1938. All were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Lester Gerritt Droppers [1903-1995]**

Lester Droppers was superintendent of the Ferrysburg School District from 1951 until his retirement fourteen years later. He graduated from Hope College in 1927 and taught in Wisconsin, Spring Lake, and Fruitport before coming to Ferrysburg. He was born in Cedar Grove, Wisconsin on May 3, 1903. On July 24, 1929, he married Ruth Marion Hyink in Holland, Ottawa County on July 24, 1929. Born in Montana, she lived from March 15, 1907 to March 5, 1901. Lester died on May 27, 1995. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two children.

#### **Paul Edward Droppers [1919-1988]**

Paul Droppers started B & B Design in 1948. He merged with ASP & Manufacturing Company when that firm moved to the former Stanco building on Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Howard Broersma was president, his brother Robert Broersma was vice president, and Paul was named secretary-treasurer after the merger. On September 26, 1940, Paul married Janet Werschem in Muskegon, where they then resided. He was born on September 24, 1919 and died in St. Petersburg, Florida on January 26, 1988. Janet, who was born on November 15, 1917, passed away in St. Petersburg on March 29, 1994.

#### **Henry William Dubee [1861-1945] and Marian Dubee [1870-1973]**

Born in Brunswick, Germany in 1861 and educated there, Henry Dubee was proficient in languages and music. Unwilling to serve in the military in Germany, he came to the United States in 1880. He was a professor at Olivet College and at Ripon College in Wisconsin. Henry graduated from Harvard with a Ph.D. While he was studying and teaching, Henry's wife and children lived at her parents' home at 508 Washington Street in Grand Haven. Henry also taught at Radcliff College for a time and eventually moved his family to Ann Arbor, where he taught at the University of Michigan until 1908, when he moved his family to Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin. In 1911 Dr. Dubee spent his sabbatical in Europe and his family again moved in with the Vander Veens.

On August 26, 1891 in Grand Haven, Henry married Marian Vander Veen. She was born on July 12, 1870, the daughter of Dr. Arend and Kate Howard Vander Veen of Grand Haven. The Vander Veen family resided at 508 Washington Street. The Dubees had two sons. One, Stuart W., was born on July 9, 1894, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1911, served in the U.S. Army's Ordnance Department at Camp Hancock, Georgia, during WWI, graduated in engineering from the University of Michigan, and retired from the Michigan State Highway Department. He passed away in Spring Lake on July 14, 1974. The other son, Arend, was born in April 1892, graduated from the University of Michigan School of Law, resided in Grand Rapids, and died in December 1964. Henry died in Grand Rapids on December 7, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After her husband's death Marian continued to reside at her childhood home, 508 Washington, until her death on September 3, 1973 at the age of 103. The house was not wired for electricity until after her death. [*Tribune* articles, "Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Dubee," July 18, 1970, and "Manages own affairs at Age of 100," July 17, 1970, and *Tribune* obituary, September 4, 1973.]

#### **Crinis [Crines] H. Du Bois [1847-1918]**

In August 1874 Crinis Du Bois purchased a half-interest in the *Grand Haven Daily Herald* from Sylvester L. Morris. By 1875 Crinis had full control. Five years later he and his family were residing in Minneapolis, where he was editor and publisher of the *Minneapolis Spectator*. Crinis was born in High Falls, New York in 1847, the son of Albert and Sarah Ann Dubois. He married Mary Bigelow Hall [Hale] on February 17, 1873 in Ann Arbor. Mary was born on March 9, 1846, also in New York, and apparently passed away around 1891. Their three sons, all born in Michigan, were Charles H., born in 1876; Israel, born about 1879; and Eugene, born about 1880. By 1880 Crinis was living in Minneapolis, and by 1910 he was living in Los Angeles, California with his second wife, Grace Warren, and their four children. Their son, Frank Ellsworth Du Bois, was born in Chicago on August 12, 1893. In 1910, Crinis was still in the newspaper business. He died on February 13, 1918 and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. Grace was born in Florida on January 31, 1875 and passed away in California on November 14, 1945. She, too, was buried at Forest Lawn.

### **Daryl Du Bridge [1939-1999]**

Daryl Du Bridge was killed on November 17, 1999, while bicycling home from the store he owned and managed. His shop, located in the D & W Plaza, was known as “Just For You” and carried cards and gifts. He was born in Grand Rapids on May 31, 1939 to Flinton and Nora Haywood Du Bridge. In Grand Haven, he was an active member of the Association of Commerce and Industry and its president for many years. He and Gail Le Blanc were married on November 26, 1960. She was born on July 1, 1941.

### **Doris Hardy Ducey [1932-2018]**

The daughter of Harry and Helen Hardy, Doris was born in Chicago on May 15, 1932. She married Walter J. Ducey in Chicago on July 13, 1951. Doris received a master degree in education from the University of Illinois and taught first grade and special education in Chicago public schools. After retirement in 1993, she moved to Spring Lake. Doris and Walter had a son, Richard Ducey of Waukesha, Wisconsin. Walter was born on May 3, 1925 in Jackson, died in Spring Lake on August 1, 1998, and was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chicago. He was the grandson of Michael Henry Ducey, who owned property Spring Lake as early as 1902. Doris passed away in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on December 3, 2018 and also was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Her long-time friend, Gerrard “Sam” Harring, had died the previous July.

### **Michael Henry Ducey [1862–1923]**

In 1902 Michael Ducey purchased the house at 535 Buena Vista in Spring Lake Village, along with seven and a half acres of land on Spring Lake. The land bordered the west side of Lake Street and extended from Spring Lake south to State Street [Savidge]. Michael was a partner in the Grand Rapids Piano Case Company, and he purchased the Spring Lake property as a summer residence for his wife and their 13 children. During their months on the cool shores of Spring Lake, Michael commuted to work on the Interurban.

Michael was born in Michigan on June 10, 1862. His father, William Anthony Ducey, was born about 1820 in Ireland. In 1847 in New York City, William married Mary Burbage, who died in Grand Rapids about 1868. On June 7, 1892 Michael married Agnes McMullen. Agnes was born in Chicago on January 1, 1873. Michael and Agnes had 13 children, all born in Michigan: Michael Joseph, born on March 11, 1893; Walter J., born on June 23, 1894; Mary A., born about 1896; William Michael, born on February 3, 1897; Brian J., born on June 17, 1898; Agnes, born on November 21, 1899; Edward Francis, who was born on September 28, 1902 and passed away in California on August 12, 1985; Lawrence, born about 1905; Vincent P., who was born on September 11, 1906 and died in California on July 27, 1956; Bernard, who was born on May 13, 1908 and died in California on May 21, 1990; John, who was born on April 10, 1910 and died in California on January 5, 2004; Joseph, born about 1913; and Thomas Robert, who was born on December 15, 1915 and passed away in California on January 29, 1994.

As early as 1912 nine lakeside lots on the Ducey property were platted and called Buena Vista Subdivision. After Michael died in 1923, Agnes sold the lots throughout the 1920s and 1930s. Michael J. Ducey, the couple’s oldest son, purchased the house and 108 feet of lake frontage in 1932. Having sold the Grand Rapids business and home, Agnes returned to Chicago, where she died on August 24, 1963. Young Michael Ducey had died suddenly in 1938, and his widow, Loyolla C., rented the Spring Lake house to friends from time to time. During the 1960s she began again to spend summers in the home. Loyolla was born on August 24, 1894 and died in Jackson on January 8, 1977. After her death, her three children, Patricia, Walter, and Frank, inherited the property and winterized the house. Patricia and her husband, James C. MacDonald, took ownership and continued to use the site as a summer residence and for family gatherings. Her brother Walter died on August 1, 1998 and her brother Frank died in 2002.

### **Charles Du Chien [1793-1889]**

See Charles Dushane.

### **George Dudley [1826-1864]**

Residing in Grand Haven at the time, George A. Dudley was 37 when he enlisted in Company G of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry on December 28, 1863. He worked as a barber and as a cook. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, George died in a military hospital in Beaufort, South Carolina on July 5, 1864 and was buried at Beaufort National Cemetery.

#### **Florence Olive Duffield [1908-1987]**

Olive Duffield, who was born on May 30, 1908, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1926. By 1928, she had a teaching position at Bignell School [15318 Ferris Street]. In 1930 she was living with the Edward Behm family at 526 Pennoyer Avenue. The next summer she toured Europe. Around 1936, she married Frank Fuller Story II of Grand Haven. She died in Los Angeles, California on May 31, 1987.

#### **William Jerome Duga [1908-2004]**

Born on July 23, 1908, William Duga moved to Grand Haven from Grand Rapids during the Great Depression, after he married Helen Mary [Mary Helen] Zysk in Grand Haven on June 21, 1930. She was born in Nyack, New Jersey on July 3, 1910, died on April 19, 1977, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William's parents were Jerome and Mary Newhouse Duga of Grand Rapids. On June 21, 1930, William married Helen Mary Zysk, the daughter of George and Sophia Garecki Zysk. William and Mary were divorced in Grand Haven on January 31, 1949.

William opened an insurance office in Grand Haven after WWII, and later added real estate. He was a charter member of the Board of Realtors and started the first multiple listing service for Board members. His office was at 102 Washington in downtown Grand Haven, but he moved to 107 Washington. He and Helen lived in an apartment on the second floor. In addition to serving as president of the Young Democrats of North Ottawa County, William was active in the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and the March of Dimes. In 1950, as V.F.W. commander, he initiated the idea of bringing a carnival to town as part of the annual Coast Guard Festival.

William, who served in the Navy Construction Battalion [Sea Bees] during World War II, died on November 14, 2004 in Spring Lake. In March 1956 he married Doris Garnett Johnson in Florida. She was born on December 31, 1914 and died on July 16, 2000. She and William were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 12, 2000 and November 15, 2004.]

#### **Father Pierre du Jaunay [1704-1780]**

Father du Jaunay arrived in what was then the French colony of Michigan in 1734. He ministered to the Native Americans for 30 years and traveled throughout the area, working from the Catholic Mission in Michilimackinac, and performed the earliest baptisms on record, mostly along the east coast of Lake Michigan, including a few on the Grand River and some inland. In 1765 the Michilimackinac Mission was closed, and he was recalled to Quebec, where he died on July 17, 1780. He was born in Vannes, France on August 11, 1704 or August 10, 1705 [unsubstantiated].

#### **Henry "Harry" Clifford Dunbar [1867-1936]**

Harry Dunbar became an electrical contractor with an office at 131 Washington. In the mid-1910s he was night clerk at the Gildner Hotel and roomed at the "Cutler Blk." The son of Elijah [1821-1911] and Virginia [1829-1909] Dunbar, Harry was born on August 28, 1867 in New York State. In the early 1900s in Grand Haven he resided with his parents at 9 South Sixth Street and at 201½ Washington in the mid-1920s. He was a Mason. Harry died on May 6, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Martha McKee Huntington Duncan [1845-1918] and Robert William Duncan [1824-1903]**

Born in West Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont on February 24, 1824, Robert Duncan's parents were John [1798-1899] and Fanny Denison [1805-1885] Duncan. Robert arrived in Grand Haven in June 1851. He opened his law practice with an office over Henry Griffin's store, on the northwest corner of First and Washington Streets and His ad in the Business Directory of the Grand River Times read, "R.W. Duncan,

Attorney at Law, will attend promptly to collecting and all other professional business intrusted to his care.” He argued many of his cases at the county’s first permanent courthouse, built in 1849.

Robert was a representative to the Michigan Legislature in 1855 and 1856; presided over the Board of County Supervisors in 1856; was appointed Grand Haven’s first city attorney and circuit court commissioner in 1867; was elected Grand Haven’s second mayor in 1868; and was Grand Haven’s first city attorney. Robert was one of the negotiators who helped bring the railroad to the south side of the Grand River in 1870. In 1873 Robert, James Leggatt, and Timothy Eastman were given permission by the Grand Haven City Council to extend Second Street up the steep, wooded dune and west to Lake Michigan. The Second Street extension was named Lake Avenue. In 1876 Robert also owned about 50 acres at the east end of Fulton Street and extending to the Grand River. In 1883 he held the mortgage on Clark Albee’s tannery on the Grand River at the east end of Fulton Street. At the time, the business was known as R.W. Duncan’s Tannery. The next year, the Metz Leather Company of Holland bought the company, paid off the mortgage, and used the plant for the manufacture of sole leather. Eventually it became known as Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. and Eleanor McKee [1808-1854]

Martha, the daughter of James Huntington [1805-1969], was born on March 22, 1845 in Mount Tabor, Rutland County, Vermont. Her mother may have been Sophronia Henry, James’s first wife, who was born in 1805 and died between 1844 and 1849, or Eleanor McKee [1808-1854], whom James married after Sophronia’s death. James, Eleanor, and the Huntington children were residing in Rome, New York in 1850 with James’s parents. [The 1850 and 1870 Federal Censuses and her death certificate place Martha’s birth in New York and cites Sophronia Henry Huntington as her mother. The 1880, 1900, and 1910 censuses also place her birth in New York State. Her marriage license recorded she was born in Tabor, Vermont.] In 1870 Martha was a teacher living in Grand Rapids with the Hoyt Post family. Hoyt [1827-1903] was from Tinmouth, Vermont. Tinmouth, Mount Tabor, and West Rutland are all in Rutland County. Hoyt’s wife, Julia, lived from 1831 to 1915.

On November 13, 1872, Martha and Robert Duncan were married in Grand Rapids but settled in Grand Haven. Martha’s half-brother, Pope Catlin Huntington [1835-1920], and his wife Jane [1837-1922] lived with the Duncans in Grand Haven before moving to Chicago. Pope earned a reputation as author of the book titled *The True History Regarding Alleged Connection of the Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons with the Abduction of William Morgan in Western New York in 1826*. He died in Chicago on September 30, 1920.

As early as 1880 she and Robert occupied a two-story frame home at 21 North First Street [approximate number], where Story & Clark Piano Company erected their second building in 1905. His law office was across the street at 12 North First.

Robert died on May 17, 1903. Although he and Martha had no children, they were dedicated to Grand Haven’s growth, improvement, and natural beauty. On October 22, 1913, Martha deeded to the City of Grand Haven 50 forested acres in memory of her husband. The acreage, named Duncan Park, carried the restriction that it remain in its natural state for the benefit of the community. In 1927 the Grand Haven Woman’s Club financed the construction of two pairs of stone pillars, one pair at the Sheldon Road entrance and the other at the Lake Avenue entrance. The road through the park was paved in 1940. The park is also informally referred to as Duncan Memorial Park and Duncan Woods.

The Duncans also owned 550 acres on Potawatomie Bayou, which Martha sold after her husband’s death, and she sold a three-acre parcel called Duncan Grove, at the corner of Fulton and Beechtree Streets, to Eagle Ottawa Leather Company, part of the 50 acres Robert owned in that area. In 1908 she was boarding at 226 Franklin Street, but with the proceeds from those sales she was able to build two houses across from Duncan Park at the bend on Lake Avenue where the street turns to the west. She lived in the house at 825 Lake Avenue and enjoyed looking onto the park while working in her kitchen. She told a neighbor, “Can’t you see why washing dishes is no hardship for me? Looking out over my woods is a never-ending source

of enjoyment.” She used the other house, 941 Lake Avenue, as income property. Martha was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman’s Club, founded in 1891 and the City Parks Board.

Martha died in Grand Haven on August 5, 1918. She willed the bulk of her estate to the City of Grand Haven, but she also set up a trust fund of \$12,000, with the income to be distributed to the Grand Haven Woman’s Club, the Grand Haven Parks Board, the public library, and the Duncan Park Commission. She also owned the former Unitarian Church at 324 Washington. She deeded that property to the Woman’s Club for their use as long as the club paid the Duncan Park Commission \$100 per year, beginning January 1, 1925. She and Robert were buried near the northwest corner of Duncan Park, adjacent to Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 18, 1903, and *Tribune* article, “Keep Duncan Woods--Natural Forest,” October 23, 1984.]

### **William P. Duncan [1833- ?]**

One-time principal at Grand Haven Union School on Clinton Street, William Duncan became a teacher at Spring Lake Union School in 1861. The year before he was living with the Moses Hopkins family in Grand Haven. In the Federal Census of that year, 1860, he was listed as working as a teacher. He was born in Northport, Maine in 1833.

### **Solomon [Samuel] Rollman Dunkelberger [1843-1896]**

Born in Pennsylvania on December 26, 1843, Solomon Dunkelberger married Elmira Sharman [Scharman], who was christened in Berks County, Pennsylvania on November 22, 1846. On February 1, 1864 Solomon enlisted as sergeant in Battery D of the Pennsylvania Light Artillery Company. He was mustered out on June 19, 1865. A shoemaker by trade, Solomon migrated to Michigan in 1882, arriving in Nunica a short time later, where he opened a shop. Apparently he didn’t stay long, because by 1870 he had returned to Berks County. Elmira passed away there on August 11, 1876. On April 9, 1891 Solomon applied for an invalid’s Civil War pension. He died on April 5, 1896 and was buried with his wife at Sinking Spring Cemetery in Berks County. They had one child, Adam, who died in infancy.

### **Hulburd “Halb” Dunlevy [Dunleavy] [1854-1918]**

By 1900 Halb Dunlevy owned a large fruit farm in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 18400 West Spring Lake Road], bordering what is now known as Dunlevy Bayou. The fruit farm was home for him and his family. Ten years later the Dunlevys were living in Muskegon, where Halb was an attorney. The son of John and Sarah Hulburd Dunlevy, Halb was born in Ohio on June 22, 1854 and married May [Mary] Nadine Lorimer in Chicago on September 9, 1890. A native of Albany, New York, she was born on October 12, 1871. They had at least three children, all born in Chicago: Lorimer Hulburd Dunlevy, born on July 8, 1891; Sarah Jane Dunlevy, who was born on December 24, 1893 and died on February 17, 1964; and Edith Ann Dunlevy, born in on November 12, 1895. Halb died in Chicago on January 5, 1916, and Mary passed away in Chicago on January 17, 1929. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Sarah and Lorimer, who died on August 23, 1954.

### **John Craig Dunlevy [1823-1897]**

Born on October 5, 1823 in Lebanon, Ohio, John Dunlevy became a judge in Chicago. On September 6, 1848, he married Sarah Jane Hulburd in Columbus, Ohio. Among their children was Hulburd “Halb” Dunlevy, born in Ohio on June 22, 1854. Judge Dunlevy purchased acreage in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township, land that bordered what is still known as Dunlevy Bayou. After the judge’s death in Chicago on February 6, 1897, Halb took ownership of the Spring Lake property. Sarah lived from October 9, 1827 to October 24, 1884. He was buried at Green Lawn Cemetery in Franklin, Ohio, and she was buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago.

### **Joseph D. Dupont [1917-2000]**

Joseph Dupont was born on July 18, 1917. In 1943 he married Kathlyn, the daughter of Julius and Helen Oros Vig of Bridgman, Berrien County. Kathlyn was born on March 26, 1923 and died in Spring Lake on

February 3, 2003. Joseph and Kathlyn were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake and resided at 2450 East Fruitport Road and later at 2450 East Vig Drive, both in Fruitport Township. Joseph died on August 26, 2000 in Spring Lake. Their children were Steven, Daniel, Michael and James Dupont and Veronica Adame, Connie Johnson, Mary Sly, and Ilona, who married Dale Levandowski.

#### **George M. Duram [1844-1935]**

George Duram married Bianca Smith in Grand Haven on February 24, 1867. In 1880 George was an insurance agent in Montague, Muskegon County, and Bianca was a milliner. They moved back to Grand Haven in May 1893 and opened a shop at or near 28 Washington to sell Farrand & Votey organs, pianos, sewing machines, and supplies. At the same time, Bianca offered classes in oil painting, portrait and landscape, and sold her own work. George apparently resided in Chicago for a while, but by 1900 Bianca was living in Saugatuck, working as a baker with her daughter Carrie. At that time, George was working as a servant in Fruitland Township, Muskegon County, where he was still living in 1910. In 1910 Bianca was residing in Bangor Township, Van Buren County, and in 1930 she was widowed and again living with her daughter, Carrie, and son-in-law, Charles R. Bill, in Kalamazoo. Carrie was born in Michigan in 1877. Arthur, a son, was born about 1872, and Edson, another son, was born in Montague on March 17, 1873. George was born in Seneca County, New York on April 8, 1844 and died on October 11, 1935 in Sparta, Kent County and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Bianca was born in Ionia, Ionia County on January 25, 1850, died in Bangor, Van Buren County on November 5, 1942, and was buried at Arlington Hill Cemetery.

#### **Millard F. Durham [1856-1939]**

In 1900 Millard Durham was a grain merchant in Coopersville. A few years later he became cashier at the Coopersville State Bank. He chaired the first Ottawa County Road Commission, formed in 1911. On January 8, 1880 in Lamont, he married Sarah Catherine Pierce, who lived from August 1860 to April 1948. They had at least two children, both born locally: Eloise, born in June 1882, and Grace May, who was born on May 9, 1885 and died in Jackson on July 10, 1966. On November 6, 1919 in Jackson, Grace married Milo R. Hulliberger, a plumber. He was born in Ionia County on December 27, 1887 and died in Jackson on January 15, 1942. Millard lived from July 25, 1856 to March 1939 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery, as was Sarah.

#### **Richard Cornell Duryea [1830-1902]**

Richard Duryea was classified as "U.S. harbor inspector" in the 1893 *Compendium*, a position he assumed in 1882 and held until his death. An 1853 graduate of West Point, Richard served as colonel with the First U.S. Artillery during the Civil War and later transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> New York Hard Artillery. He was cited several times for meritorious service and mustered out on December 15, 1870. Richard was born in New York on September 9, 1830 and died in Grand Haven on January 23, 1902. He married Alice Hull, also a native of the Empire State, where she was born on June 28, 1862. Alice previously had been married to a Mr. Sherborne. A daughter, Nina, was born to the Duryeas in Brooklyn, New York in July 1880. On August 4, 1902 in Grand Haven, Nina married Jesse H. Newell. Richard was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice died in Toledo, Ohio on September 3, 1932 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Doede Johannus Du Saar [1870-1934]**

Doede J. Du Saar was a partner with John Mulder when the two men purchased the Square Drug store at Seventh and Fulton [635 Fulton] in 1916. The next year Mulder bought out his partner's interest. Doede was from Huron, Wayne County, where he married Cora M. Tarry on December 24, 1895. They had at least one child, Beulah, who was born locally in June 1899. Doede was born in The Netherlands on February 26, 1870, immigrated to the United States in 1899, and died in Holland on December 6, 1934. He and Cora were residents of Holland, Michigan in 1930. Cora lived from December 23, 1874 to August 1972. She was living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota when she died.

### **Charles Gastinon Dushane [Du Chien, Duchine] I [1813-1889]**

Born on April 12, 1813 in Detroit, Charles Dushane settled in Grand Rapids, where he and his wife Marie Lavasseur Carmel had a son, Charles Peter Dushane, born in Grand Rapids on May 10, 1844. The family moved to Ottawa Township [later renamed Grand Haven Township], where Charles on July 1, 1857 bought approximately 65 acres in Section 28 and later 59 acres in Section 33. The Section 28 acreage passed to his son Peter Dushane, who was born on May 10, 1844 in Grand Rapids. Another son, Lewis Philip Dushane, was born in 1842. Marie was born about 1810 and died in 1864. Charles died on April 22, 1889 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

### **Charles Gastinon Dushane II [1813-1889]**

Charles Dushane II was born in Detroit on April 12, 1813. He married Therese Carmel of Kent County. By the time of the 1840 census, Charles and Therese were living in Kent County with a son who was under five years old. Therese may have died, because in September 1850 in Grand Haven, he married Cornelia [Cornelies] Fries. She was born about 1827 in The Netherlands. At the time of the 1860 Federal Census, Charles Dushane was living on a farm in Ottawa Township [now Grand Haven Township]. Living on the farm with Charles and Cornelia were three children, all born locally: Lewis P., born about 1842; Charles III, born about 1842 and Mary J., born about 1851. Mary probably was Charles's and Cornelia's daughter. Their neighbors in 1860 were the families of Isadore Naughty [Nontoit], William Cobmoosa, Jacob Poel, and George Robinson I. Charles, Cornelia, and daughter Mary were listed in the censuses of 1870 and 1880, still in Grand Haven Township. By 1880, Mary was known as Mary Laver and had a son, Robert, who was born about November 1879. Charles II died in Grand Haven on April 22, 1889.

### **Charles E. Dushane [1868-1937]**

Charles E., the son of Charles and Mary Alice King Dushane, was born in Grand Haven Township on January 17, 1868. He married Claudia [Claudina] Myers, who was born on November 1, 1873, the daughter of Isaac and Susan Spindler Myers. Charles and Claudia had a 91-acre farm. Their children were Robert, born in September 1895; Frank, born in June 1897; and Clara, born in December 1899. Charles died in an auto accident on U.S. 16 near Marne on October 30, 1937, and Claudia passed away on March 5, 1953. Both were buried at Grand Haven Township Historic Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1937.]

### **Charles Peter Dushane [Dushain, Du Chien] [1844-1916]**

See Peter Dushane.

### **Lewis [Louis] Phillip Dushane [1842-1892]**

Lewis [Louis] Phillip Dushane on September 8, 1860 married Magdalena [Madeline/Nellie] Snay in Grand Haven. The daughter of February and Harriet Snay, Magdalena was of Indian descent through her mother. Magdalena was born about 1842. Lewis, the son Charles and Cornelia [Cornelis] Dushane, was born in 1842. Magdalena may have died young, because on September 27, 1866 Lewis married Mary Ellen Ellis in Grand Haven. Mary was born about 1849. Lewis and Mary had at least one child, William L. Dushane, who lived from 1871 to 1957. Lewis, his parents, and his siblings were enumerated in the Federal Census of 1860 for Grand Haven Township. Lewis died in Lagrange, Indiana on November 21, 1892.

### **Marion E. Dushane [1911-1988]**

Born on July 30, 1911 in Agnew, the son of Charles and Claudia Dushane, Marion worked for Grand Haven Board of Light and Power until he retired in 1971. His first wife, Lillian Carskadon, lived from 1912 to 1933. They had a daughter, Mary Alice Dushane, who was born on June 8, 1931 and married August Garbrecht of West Olive. On September 16, 1935, Marion married Lena K. Diedrich in Grand Haven. She was born on May 15, 1908 in Robinson Township. By 1950, Marion and Lena were living at 725½ Columbus Street. Marion then was employed at the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. He



died on January 22, 1988 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Lena passed away on December 25, 2014 and also was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery, as was Lillian.

**Matilda Dushane [Du Chien] [1872-1872]**

Matilda, the daughter of Peter and Mary Alice King Dushane, died of cholera on August 9, 1872, when she was eleven days old. The infant was buried near the eastern boundary of the family property in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Lakeshore Drive, which had followed what became Hiawatha Street to the southeast, was extended due south in 1930. The new route took the road over Matilda's gravesite. Lorraine Orsinger, a Dushane descendant, protested its planned removal and prevailed. The fenced-in grave still can be seen near the east shoulder of the road, slightly south of Hiawatha.

**Peter [Charles Peter] Dushane [Dushain, Du Chien, Duchene] [1844-1916]**

Peter, the son of Charles Dushane, was born on May 10, 1844 in Grand Rapids. Evidently his full name was Charles Peter, although he usually was referred to as Peter. On August 14, 1862 he enlisted as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. On December 31, 1862, he was listed as a prisoner of war at Stones River, Tennessee. Peter was exchanged on April 15, 1863 but was listed as a deserter on June 10 that year. [In his service records, Peter's last name was spelled "Duchaine" and "Duchanine."] He settled on the family property in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township in 1871, which his father owned by 1864. The 59 acres included what later became a portion of Lakeshore Drive near Hiawatha Street. After his father's death Peter also acquired 64 acres in Section 28, just to the north.

On October 17, 1867 in Grand Haven, Peter married Mary Alice [Minnie/Minne] King, who was born in Milwaukee on September 15, 1849 and died in Grand Rapids about January 17, 1920. She was the daughter of Peter [1790-1877] and Mary Agnes [1805-1872] King, both of whom were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Dushanes' a infant daughter Matilda died of cholera on August 9, 1872 and was buried on the family property. Another child, Theodore, died at age 23 of consumption and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and a son, Robert Sheridan, who was born on December 21, 1873, died on May 30, 1894 and was interred at Lake Forest. The other Dushane children, all born in Grand Haven Township, were Charles E., who was born on January 17, 1868; Alvira Agnes, born October 12, 1870, married Fred Kreiling, and died on May 2, 1947 in Phillips, Wisconsin; Franklin Alonzo, born on February 11, 1876, married Kitty Pearl Johnson [August 17, 1879-September 7, 1971] on July 14, 1899, and died in Grand Rapids on November 2, 1950; Phillip Sherman, who was born on April 2, 1887, married Lulu Smith in Robinson Township on July 1, 1906, and died in LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 16, 1919; Peter Leroy, born on April 22, 1889, married Lena Clara Dornan, and died February 1, 1944, in Grand Rapids; and Ellen Elizabeth "Louise," born May 28, 1892, married Fred C. Orsinger [1892-1953], and died in 1965 in Grand Rapids.

On April 1, 1891 Peter applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died on November 16, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Minnie died in Grand Rapids at the home of her son, Adolphus, on January 17, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest under the name Mary Alice Dushane. It's possible that listing Minnie's last name as Van Zee in the Durant Roll was an error. She died as Minnie Dushane and no record was found that she married a Van Zee, nor was she included in a Federal Census under that name. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 18, 1916; November 19, 1920; and November 4, 1937, and *Grand Rapids Press* obituary, January 17, 1920.]

Minnie was included in the 1868 Annuity Roll with her last name spelled Duchene. She was living alone. Her allotment amounted to \$15.85. With the family name spelled Duchesne, Minne appeared in the 1870 Annuity Roll among a group of Indians that were at least part-time residents of the Grand Haven area. They were members of Chief Penayse's band of Ottawas. She lived alone and received \$15.30. Her name was not found in any other annuity rolls or censuses, except in the 1908 Durant Roll, where she was listed as Mrs. Minnie Van Zee, born Duchesne. She then resided in Grand Rapids. Her entry included a note that she could not be located. She was a member of the Grand River Bands of Indians.

Peter's and Mary's daughter Matilda died of cholera on August 9, 1872, when she was eleven days old. The infant was buried near the eastern boundary of the family property in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Lakeshore Drive, which had followed what became Hiawatha Street to the southeast, was extended due south in 1930. The new route took the road over Matilda's gravesite. Lorraine Orsinger, a Dushane descendant, protested the grave's planned removal and prevailed. The fenced-in grave can be seen near the east shoulder of the road, slightly south of Hiawatha Street.

#### **Richard Lee "Rick" DuShane [Dushane] [1944-2023]**

Richard DuShane was born on January 24, 1944 in Grand Haven. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Education degree and from Michigan State University with a Master of Counseling degree. He returned to Grand Haven to teach in the public schools and soon was hired as school counselor, a position he held for more than 40 years. Rick introduced soccer to Grand Haven and stayed with the program until he retired in the early 2000s. He married Jeanene Doll in Muskegon on December 20, 1969. She was born on June 15, 1946. They had three children: Melissa DuShane, Krista DuShane, who married Miguel Quintanilla, and Lily DuShane. Rick died on January 8, 2023.

#### **Dreewes [Drewis] J. Duursema [1826-1892]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on December 26, 1826, Dreewes Duursema came to Grand Haven in 1855. He was a member of the First Reformed Church. On July 8, 1857 in Grand Haven, he married Lentje "Lucy" Rosendal Mieras, who was born in The Netherlands on January 6, 1819 and was the widow of Jan "John" Mieras. Lucy's son from her first marriage, Jan Mieras II, lived with her and Dreewes. She and Jan had at least one other son, William Mieras, who was born in The Netherlands in 1852. Lucy and Dreewes had two children: Jennie, who was born in 1859 and died in 1871, and John D., who was born about 1862. Dreewes died from the "grippe" at his home on Franklin Street on February 12, 1892. Lucy died on April 2, 1903. Both Duursemas were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their daughter Jennie. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 13, 1892 and April 3, 1903.]

#### **John [Jonathan] D. Duursema [1862-1947]**

John, the son of Dreewes and Lucy Duursema, ran the Star Bakery near the corner of Washington and Second Streets [136 Washington], in partnership with William Mieras, his half brother. His advertisement in the 1893 *Directory* said that he was "Baker and Confectioner." John also was vice president of Grand Haven Furniture, which manufactured bedroom suites between 1890 and 1895. He and his wife Elizabeth lived at 219 South Fifth. Their children, all born locally, were Lucy C., born in January 1888; Christine J., born in October 1891; Chester D., born in January 1894; and Jeanette C., born in April 1899. Elizabeth was the sister of Cornelius Addison, who owned the Addison Dry Goods Store in downtown Grand Haven [200 Washington]. John, who was born in Michigan in May 1862, died about July 1, 1947. Elizabeth was born in New York in June 1863 and passed away around November 10, 1941. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Charles Duvernay [Diverney] [1820-1880]**

Charles, born in 1820, was Pierre and Julia Minedemoyea Duvernay's oldest son. Along with other members of the Duvernay family that arrived at the mouth of Grand River with Rev. William Ferry and his entourage on November 2, 1834, Charles was a charter member of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. He married Eliza Lawrence, who was about two years younger than he. Charles, Eliza, and their 14-year-old son John appeared in the 1860 census for Grand Haven. In the household at that time also was a Duvernay daughter, Louisa Maria, born in Grand Haven about 1848 and William Parrisien [Parigian], five years old at the time. John served with the federal forces during the Civil War under the name Kedgnal or Kedgnot. [See John Henry Duvernay for more detail.]

Charles appeared in the 1859 Annuity Roll for Grand River Ottawas as a member of Chief Payshawsegay's band. Charles's family name was spelled Devereaux; he received \$6.85. In the Roll taken

two years later, under the same chief, his annuity amounted to \$23.10. In the 1864 Annuity Roll for Grand River Ottawa Indians, he received \$10.26 as a member of the same band. His annuity the next year amounted to \$14.70. Three years later, still with the same band, he was given \$47.55. In the 1870 Indian Census and Annuity Roll Charles was awarded \$30.60 and remained a member of Payshawesegay's band.

In the 1860 Federal Census, Charles and his family were living in Ottawa Township [now Grand Haven Township]. Living with Charles and Eliza were three young people: John Duvernay, 14 years old; Louisa Duvernay, 12; and William Parriagon [Parrisien]. All were classified as White. Charles worked as a sailor. Ten years later, Charles and Eliza Devernian were residents of Elbridge, Oceana County. Charles was a farmer, and both were Indian.

Their daughter Louisa on March 29, 1868 in Oceana County had married Louis Genereaux II. Charles passed away in Grand Haven in 1880. Eliza died in Petoskey on February 28, 1902.

### **Charles Duvernay [1881-1947]**

See Charles Parrisien.

### **Chid Duvernay [1851-1892]**

See William Martin "Chid" Duvernay.

### **Eli David Duvernay [1835-1871]**

In the 1860 Federal Census, Eli Duvernay was one of the few remaining residents of Ottawa Township [now Grand Haven Township] with Indian ancestry. Eli, the son of Pierre and Julia Minedemoeyah Duvernay was born in Grand Haven in 1835. He enlisted as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry on September 3, 1862 and was mustered out on June 6, 1865. Charles Peter Dushane was in the same unit. Eli's wife Julia was born in Michigan about 1834. They had at least one daughter, Dixie.

Eli received \$31.70 in the 1868 Annuity Roll of Ottawa and Ojibwa [Chippewa] Indians of Michigan. He was a member of Chief Penayse's band. Two years later his annuity amounted to \$30.60. By the time of the Federal Census of 1870 Eli had moved to the City of Grand Haven and was working as a sailor. With him was his wife Julia, his mother, also named Julia, his sister Mary Duvernay, 27 years old, Mary's husband, William Vanderberg, their daughter Nellie, and another sister, Julia Larraway, who was 32.

Eli died of pneumonia in Elbridge Township, Oceana County, on December 1, 1871 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Isaac Duvernay [1831-1865]**

Isaac was one of three Duvernays from Grand Haven to serve in the Civil War. Isaac traveled to Grand Rapids on August 22, 1862 to enlist in Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. On June 20, 1864 he was transferred to Company I of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. A year later he was wounded at the Battle of Boydton Plank Road in Virginia, taken prisoner, and sent to Salisbury Prison in Salisbury, North Carolina, where his brother Chid also was imprisoned. Isaac died in that prison on February 18, 1865. On May 4, 1866, Isaac's mother applied for a mother's Civil War pension. Isaac was born at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, in 1831 [1833], the son of Pierre and Julia Minedemoeyah Duvernay. Like the other Duvernays, he had lived in Grand Haven since the family arrived there with Rev. William Ferry and his family in November 1834. Isaac was included in the 1836 Mixed Blood Census at the age of three and a half as one-half Ojibwa [Chippewa], and his name appeared in the 1861 Annuity Roll, when he was awarded \$4.62. At that time Isaac was a member of Chief Payshawesegay's band of Ottawa Indians.

### **Jacob Duvernay [1876-1953]**

See Jacob Parrisien.

### **John Henry Duvernay [Kedgnal, Kedgnoll, Kedgnot, Kadgnal] [1844-1926]**

According to Raymond Herek, John Kedgnal [cited as Kedgnot in his book] was the half-brother of William "Chid" Duvernay of Grand Haven, although it's more likely they were cousins. [*These Men Have Seen Hard Service*, 21.] John was 18 years old when he enlisted as private on December 1, 1862 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters and was assigned to Company B. Chid Duvernay was in the same unit. John was Indian and was a resident of Grand Haven at the time of his enlistment. He deserted his unit in May 1863, was found and returned to duty the following January. On August 26, 1864 he was captured at the Second Battle of Reams Station, Virginia, and sent to a Confederate prison in Salisbury, North Carolina, where he remained for the duration of the war. He was mustered out on May 31, 1865. On February 28, 1880, under the name John Kedgnal, he filed for an invalid's Civil War pension.

John was born in Grand Haven on April 18, 1844 [1842]. He appeared in the 1860 census for Grand Haven as the 14-year-old son of Charles Duvernay, age 40, and his wife Eliza, age 38. In the household also was a Duvernay daughter, Louisa, born on September 1, 1847. John, the Duvernays' son, possibly adopted, used his assumed name, John Kedgnal, during his military service. If he was their son, he and Chid were cousins.

John reverted to Duvernay after the war, and appeared in the Federal Census of 1870 for Elbridge Township, Oceana County, under the name John Devernay. He separated from his first wife, Angeline, the daughter of John Wahbuscum, who was a member of a Traverse Band of Ottawas. She married Simon Peter Pesney [Peters] in Emmet County on October 30, 1882.

Living with John in 1870 were his second wife Lucy, born in Petoskey about 1859, and their daughter Eliza, six months old. Lucy, also known as Rosina, was the daughter of John Baptiste Trotocho [Trotochaud, Trotchaud, Trocho, Frosho], chief of a Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians. Charles was listed as a farmer, and the three members of the family were classified as Indian. Joseph and Eunice Elliott, also Indian, lived nearby. Listed under the name Duverney, John was included in the 1870 Annuity Roll as a member of Chief Maishcaw's band of Grand River Ottawa Indians and received \$45.90.

The 1908 Durant Roll listed John and Lucy and three of their children: John, age 22, Ida, 18, and James, 11. The family resided in Petoskey. John was a member of a Grand River Band of Indians. They had another daughter, Rose, who was born about 1877, married James Tollay [Tolley], a White man, and moved to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, where she was living at the time of the 1908 Durant Roll. The couple had a daughter, Stella May 4 years old.

John and Lucy Duvernay appeared in the 1910 Indian Census as Ojibwas [Chippewas] residing in Petoskey. With them were two grandsons, John Elmer Duvernay, age 24, and James, age 11. Lucy was mistakenly listed as John's sister-in-law. John Elmer was shown to be a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School. Living nearby was Louisa Duvernay Generaux, age 64, the widow of Louis Genereaux III. Ten years later John and his family remained in Petoskey and still classified as Indian. At that time John was a commercial fisherman. John and Lucy lived on the same street as Levi and Elizabeth McClellan, also Indian.

John died in Petoskey on April 2, 1926, four years after his wife Lucy had died on July 14, 1922. His and Lucy's son, John Elmer Duvernay, lived from April 18, 1886 [1884] to August 27, 1955. John the father was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, as was John Elmer.

### **Loiza [Louesa, Louisa, Louise] Maria Duvernay [1824-1855]**

On May 15, 1844, Loiza [Louisa], the daughter of Pierre Duvernay and his Indian wife Julia Minedemoeyah, married Martin Ryerson, a White man, in Grand Haven. In 1850 the couple was living in Muskegon, and the census taker that year classified Loiza as White. She was born on July 14, 1824, died on March 14, 1855, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martin had been married previously to a full-blooded Ojibwa, who died giving birth, but the child, named Mary, apparently survived.

Born to a farming family in Paterson, New Jersey on January 6, 1818, Martin Ryerson became a wealthy lumberman in Grand Haven and Muskegon. He came to Detroit in 1834, worked in the fur trade, and moved, along with Richard Godfroy, to Grand Rapids. There he worked for Godfroy until May 1836, when he moved to Muskegon and worked for three years with Joseph Troutier, an early settler in that community. In 1845 Martin, in partnership with J. H. Knickerbocker, bought a sawmill from Theodore Newell in Muskegon, where he had worked as a paid employee since 1841. The next year he cut a road to Ravenna from Muskegon to connect with Grand Rapids. In 1848 he became a permanent resident of Chicago.

In 1855, the year Loiza died, Martin was married again, this time to Mary Ann Campau in Grand Rapids. Mary Ann, the daughter of Antoine Campau and the niece of Louis Campau of Grand Rapids, was born about 1822 in Michigan. She died on January 8, 1907 in Los Angeles, California. They had a son, Martin Antoine, who was born in Grand Rapids on October 26, 1856. In the 1860 Federal Census, Martin, his wife, and their children were residents of Chicago. There he was classified as a lumberman, and merchant. He died in Chicago on September 6, 1887.

In 1901 the younger Martin, who had become a successful Chicago attorney, donated \$150,000 to Grand Rapids for the construction of a new library building, to be named for his family. The library remains in use today. He also was one of the founding trustees of the Art Institute of Chicago and a benefactor of the Muskegon Art Museum, among other legacies. Martin II married Caroline "Carrie" Hutchinson in Chicago on October 26, 1881. She was born in Gloversville, New York on June 19, 1859. Martin II died on August 10, 1932 and was buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. Carrie passed away on September 5, 1937 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune*, July 31, 1904.]

### **Pierre Crevier Duvernay [Duverney, Deverney, Diverney] [1800-1873]**

On August 25, 1826, in Michilimackinac, Pierre Crevier Duvernay, a French-Canadian voyageur and fur trapper, born near Montreal, Canada on July 6, 1790, married Julia Minedemoeyah. The daughter of an Ojibwa chief and an unidentified Indian woman, Julia was born at Lac Du Flambeau [Torch Lake], Wisconsin in 1800 [1799]. [July 23, 1830. [Roughly translated from her native Anishinaabemowin language, "Minedemoeyah" means "Old Lady.] Pierre was included in the 1825 census for Michilimackinac under the name Pierre Deverna. On August 1 that year, he received his license to trade furs in the Chippewa River region of Vilas County, Wisconsin. Pierre was listed in the 1830 and 1834 censuses for Pokagon Township, Michilimackinac County, under the name Duvernay. His license was continued the next year for the same area.

In 1834 Pierre accompanied Rev. Ferry on a long canoe trip across Michigan's Lower Peninsula from Detroit to Grand Haven, a few months before Ferry's troupe of family and friends, including the Duvernays, landed at the mouth of Grand River on November 2, 1834 and settled there. Pierre also worked as Rix Robinson's clerk. Julia and Peter and their family were charter members of the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven.

In 1835 the Duvernays built a house on Lot 55 on the south side of Franklin Street [30 Franklin], midway between Harbor and First Streets, where, starting in 1837, Pierre sold Indian blankets, fabric, salt, whitefish, cranberries, and maple syrup products.

Two Duvernay children were named in the 1836 Mixed Blood Census as members of a Grand River band: Isaac, 3½ years old and one-half Ojibwa [Chippewa], whose claim was rejected because he was "of Lac du Flambeau [Torch Lake, Wisconsin] origin;" and David, 2 years old and one-half Ottawa, who received \$1812.50 as the "child of his [Pierre Duverney] and an Ottawa woman."

Four other Duvernays were included in the 1836 Roll, but none of them seemed to be related to the Grand Haven family: Joseph, 25 years old and one-half Pawnee; Mary, his wife, one-half Ottawa and 20 years old; and their children: Francis, 4 years old and one-fourth Ottawa, and Louis, 2 years old and one-quarter Ottawa. Joseph's claim was rejected because was "descended from Lac du Flambeau Indians," and Mary

received no money because she was Joseph's wife. The two children, classified as members of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, each received \$95.14. Mary was the sister of Louis Boureseau, also included in the 1836 Roll, 24 years old, one-half Ottawa, a member of one of the Mackinac Bands of Ottawa Indians, and the son of Louis Boureseau I.

Pierre and Julia had 14 children. Among them were Antoine [Antwine], who was born in 1819; Charles, born in 1820; Francis, who was born in 1822 and died in 1838; Peter [Pierre II], born in 1825 [1823]; Isaac, who was born in 1831; David, who was born about 1834; Eli David, who was born in Grand Haven in 1835; Nathan, who was born in Grand Haven in 1838; Julia, who was born in Grand Haven on November 6, 1841 and married Wallace Larraway of Grand Haven; Mary Sophia, who was born about 1843 [1839, 1850] and married William Vandenberg [Vanderberg] of Grand Haven; and William B. [William Martin] "Chid," who lived from 1850 [1849] to 1893. Another daughter, Louise [Loiza] Maria, was born in 1824 and became the first wife of Martin Ryerson of Muskegon.

Listed under the name Diverney, the family was included in the 1840 Federal Census for Ottawa Township [now Grand Haven Township], with Peter [Pierre] as the head. Listed with him were his wife, eight sons, and two daughters. [The 1840 census did not list the names of family members other than the head.]

Pierre, Julia, and eight of their children appeared in the 1850 Federal Census for Ottawa Township, which included the future city of Grand Haven. Shown as Peter Du Varnay, Pierre, 60 years old, was listed as [fur] trader. Julia was 50, Antoni, 30, Jozeph, 21, Izaak, 18, Ely 14, Julia the daughter, 9, Sophia, 7, Edward, 4, and John, 1. Julia and the children were classified as R, Red. Listed as John Baptist, Jean Baptiste Parrisien lived nearby.

The family was included the next federal census, still residing in Ottawa Township. Peter, an "Indian Trader," was 70; Julia, 60; Julia [their daughter], 20; Mary, 16; and William, 10. Also in the household was the younger Julia's husband, Wallace Laraway [Larraway], 21, a sailor.

Antoine and other Duvernays, such as his brothers Charles and Pierre II, attended church services at Old Wing Mission near Holland, and occasionally Antoine served as interpreter at the services.

In the 1861 Annuity Roll, Julia received a payment of \$18.48 as one of Chief Payshawsegay's band members. She received \$47.55 in the 1868 Annuity Roll. She and Eli were members of Chief Penayse's Grand River band of Ottawas.

In the Federal Census of 1870, five Duvernays were enumerated as residents of Grand Haven: Julia, the mother, age 72; Eli, 34; Julia, 30; Mary, 27; and William, 21. Also in the household were Julia Larraway, age 32, William Vandenberg, 34, and Nellie Vandenberg, 4. Mary could have been listed as a Vandenberg, since she and William were married in Grand Haven on November 30, 1865. Nellie was their daughter. Eli was working as a sailor at the time of the census. All household members were categorized as Indian, except for William Vandenberg.

Pierre I died on August 22, 1862 in Grand Haven. Julia passed away on August 7, 1873. She and Pierre were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. ["Memorial Discourse for Mrs. Duvernay," by Rev. Henry T. Rose, August 10, 1873.]

Three of the Duvernays' sons served in the military during the Civil War: Eli, who enlisted as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry on September 3, 1862 and was mustered out on June 6, 1865; Isaac, who served with Company I of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry and Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry and lost his life in Salisbury, North Carolina on February 18, 1865; and William B. "Chid," who enlisted in Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters on December 4, 1862 as a drummer boy, and was mustered out on July 28, 1865. On May 4, 1865, Julia applied for a Civil War pension, based on Isaac's service.

**Pierre [Peter] Duvernay II [@1823- 1857]**

Peter was born about 1823 [1825] on the Chippewa River, Vilas County, Wisconsin. He moved to Grand Haven with his parents, Pierre and Julia Minedemoeyah Duvernay in November 1834. Peter Duveny [Duvernay] married Josette [Jozetta] “Josephine” Derosier [De Rosier, Rocier, Recier] in Grand Haven on December 24, 1847, when he was 21 and she was 18. Other sources indicated Josette was born in 1819 at Lac du Flambeau, Vilas County. Jean Baptiste Parrisien of Grand Haven was her brother. They arrived in Grand Haven in 1835 with their mother.

In the 1850 Federal Census, Peter and Josette were living with Martin and Loiza Ryerson in Muskegon. Loiza was Peter’s sister. At that time they had a daughter, Sophia [Swaney], who was two years old. A son, Frank, was born in 1851. According to a family tree, Frank remained single and died in 1877.

Peter was reported to have frozen to death sometime between Frank’s birth and Josette’s marriage to David M. Moon [Moan] on May 22, 1858 in Grand Haven. [A Duvernay family tree put his death year at 1857.] Sophia married Eli Parr of Elbridge Township.

For more on Josette, see Josette Derosier Duvernay Moon Robinson.

### **William Duvernay [1858-1917]**

See William Parrisien.

### **William Martin “Chid” Duvernay [1851-1893]**

William B. [William Martin] “Chid” was born in Grand Haven in 1851 [1849, 1850] to French voyageur Pierre Duvernay and his Ojibwa wife, Julia Minedemoeyah Duvernay. Claiming to be 13 years old, Chid enlisted in Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters on December 4, 1862. Julia signed a “Consent in Case of a Minor” on the day of Chid’s enlistment. [The minimum age for enlistment was 14, but it’s evident that the rule was bent from time to time.] At the time of enlistment Chid was 4’ 10½” tall. He was “Detailed as Musician” and eventually became a drummer boy. Toward the end of July 1864, Chid’s commanding officer, Colonel DeLand, assigned him to duty as a hospital attendant. Known as “Grand Haven’s Drummer Boy,” Chid was mustered out on July 28, 1865.

In March 1869 Chid injured the second and third fingers of his left hand while working in a water well. The 1870 census showed him living in Grand Haven with his mother, Julia, and other family members, all listed as Indian. He apparently was unemployed at that time. Ten years later Chid was a farm laborer, living in Hart, Oceana County. The census of that year listed him as White. In 1882 he was admitted to Northwestern National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On July 10, 1890 he applied for an invalid’s Civil War pension. He died at the home on August 25, 1893. At Chid’s request his body was returned to Michigan and he was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [His military service records cited Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey as his burial place.] [*Tribune* obituaries, August 9, 1899 and August 10, 1899.]

### **Elmer Charles Dvorak [1910-1986]**

Elmer C. Dvorak, N. M. Carndell, and John H. Dabelstein started Sterling Manufacturing in August 1954. The company was gone from the area by 1969. Located at 206 South Jackson in Spring Lake, Sterling manufactured lighting accessories for fluorescent fixtures. Elmer and his wife Thelma B. resided at 116 West Tolford in Spring Lake. Born in Ohio, Elmer lived from July 1, 1910 to April 24, 1986 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Thelma was born May 10, 1914 and died in Spring Lake on September 9, 1984.

### **Albert Olferts Dykema [Dykman] [1849-1931]**

Albert, the son of Olvert and Trientje Dykema, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands in 1849. On March 1, 1873 in Grand Haven, he married Hieltje “Jennie” Kruizinga. They had eleven children, including Etta, born in 1874; Grace, born in 1876; Alfred born in 1877; Gerrit, born in 1878; Charles born in 1879; and twins Cleveland, who lived from November 9, 1884 to February 9, 1885, and Hendricks, who

was born on November 9, 1884 and died on February 7, 1895. Etta married John A. Vyn in Grand Haven on April 2, 1896. In the 1880 census Albert was listed as Raftsmen. The Dykema family resided at 201 South Fourth Street, in a home built by Olvert Dykema in 1853. Albert was an employee of Story & Clark for many years. Jenny, a native of Groningen, The Netherlands, lived from August 3, 1852 to September 1, 1905. Albert died in 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Floris Dykema [Dijkema] [1837-1913]**

In the 1893 *Business Compendium*, Floris Dykema was listed as a butcher in Ferrysburg. Nine years later he was noted as having a meat and feed store. His advertisement in the 1887 and 1891 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* noted that he carried "Fresh and Smoked Meats, Sausages, Poultry, etc." He was listed in the same publication in 1893 as a dealer in meats in Ferrysburg. Floris was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on October 16, 1837. He immigrated to the United States in 1867 and married Hilje "Hilda" de Jong in Grand Haven on December 14, 1872. Hilda also was from Groningen, where she was born on January 1, 1847. She passed away in Grand Haven on October 29, 1923. He died in Spring Lake on May 31, 1913. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had four surviving children: Katie, Henrietta, Lena, and Anna.

#### **Olvert Dykema [Dykman] [1824-1916]**

Olvert Dykema was born in The Netherlands about January 17, 1824. His wife, Tytje Dykema, also born in The Netherlands, lived from June 7, 1826 to October 16, 1877. They had six children, including Albert, born in 1849. After Tytje's death, Olvert married Tryntje Huizenga, who was born in 1836 and died in 1901. Olvert built a house at 201 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven, later occupied by his son Albert. Olvert died on March 26, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Tytje, Tryntje, and other family members.

#### **Teunis "Tony" Dykema [1843-1915]**

On December 4, 1868 Tony Dykema married Saartje "Sarah" Huizenga in Spring Lake. She was born in The Netherlands on December 4, 1848 and died March 18, 1920. They had ten children including John, who was born about 1872, and married Elizabeth R., born in Michigan around 1876; Dick, who was born about 1878, and married Olive, born around 1883 in Michigan; Hattie, who was born on January 26, 1887, married Nicholas Grevel on June 30, 1910, and died in Muskegon on February 20, 1981; Henry, whose children were Jacob, Peter, and Gerrit; and another daughter, who married Cornelius Verplank, a masonry contractor in Chesterton, Indiana. Both John and Dick and their families remained in the Spring Lake area. Tony, who worked in a sawmill, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 2, 1843 and died in Spring Lake on November 22, 1915. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 1, 1901 and March 18, 1920.]

#### **Donald M. Dykhouse [1916-2001]**

With his brother William, Donald Dykhouse in 1957 founded Midwest Concrete Pipe Company, located at 525 North Ferry Street in Grand Haven. They also operated an excavating business at 445 Ferry. Donald and his wife, Estelle M., lived at 548 Colfax and later at 515 Ottawa. The son of Duke and Dena Norr Dykhouse, Don was born on June 23, 1916 and died in Grand Haven on January 19, 2001. Estelle, the daughter of Harry and Mary Brojeski Martyniek, was born on May 6, 1918 in La Van Mine, Ontario, Canada. She passed away on January 29, 2003. Estelle and Donald were married in Detroit on January 31, 1942. They had a daughter, Debra Lynn Haas. Don and Estelle were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2003.]

#### **Henry Dykhouse [1887-1973]**

Henry Dykhouse served with the Army during WWI. After the war he became a house painter in Grand Haven. Henry, a teamster before the war, was born on July 25, 1887 and passed away on May 21, 1973 in Grand Haven. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. His parents were Menke and Henrietta Van Zanten Dykhouse. Henry and his sister Kate continued to live in the family



house at 406 Fulton Street after their parents' death and into the 1930s. On April 12, 1958 in Grand Haven, Henry married Lily Strong, and they lived at 623 Fulton Street. Lily was born on September 6, 1886 and passed away on July 2, 1960. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Menke [Minke] “Mike” Dykhous [Dykhuis] [1840-1926]**

Menke Dykhous and his wife Henrietta [Henretta] Van Zanten lived at 406 Fulton. Menke had a transfer line at 52 Fulton and a feed barn at 414 Fulton. His sons Duke and Claus worked with him. Duke was born on March 7, 1884 and died on April 1, 1936. Other children were Kate, who was born on June 5, 1867 and died in Grand Rapids on September 2, 1946; Katherine, who was born August 21, 1871, married William Smith of Grand Haven on March 15, 1893, and died on January 10, 1894; Jennie, who was born on July 28, 1877, married Arie Kooiman, and died in 1964; Della, who was born in August 1881 and passed away in 1964; and Henry, a house painter, who was born on July 25, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on May 21, 1973. Menke was born in The Netherlands on February 20, 1840 and died in 1926, while Henrietta was born in The Netherlands on July 1, 1846 and died in 1915. Duke and his parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Menke [Minke, Mink] Dykhous [1898-1972]**

Mink Dykhous on January 25, 1932 married Esther Hery in Grand Haven. Esther, the daughter of Baldwin and Laura Saul Hery, was born in Grand Haven Township on May 3, 1913. Mink and Esther were divorced on January 4, 1940. Esther then married Jacob “Jack” Witteveen, and Mink married Lena Mae Jackman in Grand Rapids on January 17, 1945. They resided at 414 Fulton Street. Mink was born on December 7, 1898, died in Grand Haven on August 27, 1972, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Claus [Klaus, Klaas] and Maggie Wierenga Dykhous. Mink served with the Army during WWII and in civilian life was in the trucking business. Lena was born September 22, 1907 in Kentucky and passed away in Grand Haven on April 1, 1991. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **William Dykhous I [1919-2010]**

William the son of Duke and Dena Norr Dyhouse, was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1919. He married Pearl Strong in 1940. They had five children: William II, Warren, Jalaine, who married Bob Hutchinson, Marlene, who married Tim Wierenga, and Judy, who married Anthony Gutierrez. With his brother Donald, Bill in 1957 founded Midwest Concrete Company, located at 425 North Ferry Street in Grand Haven. They also operated an excavating business at 445 Ferry. Bill had a pilot's license. He was a member of Gospel Chapel. Pearl, who was born on May 18, 1920, died on August 16, 2002. She and Bill were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 26, 2010.]

#### **Arend Dykhuis [Dykhous, Duyhuis] [1842-1923]**

Listed as a “Farmer and Stockraiser,” Arend Dykhuis owned 95 acres in Section 28 of Olive Township. He was born in The Netherlands in November 1842 and came to the Grand Haven area in 1870. He married Jantje “Jennie” Kamphuis in Grand Haven on June 23, 1869. Jennie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in December 1842 and passed away in Holland in 1923. They were still local residents as late as 1908, but by 1920 were living in Zeeland Township. They had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Lizzie, born in December 1880, and Jurries, born in May 1883. Arend and Jennie were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

#### **Hans Dykhuis [1878-1964]**

Born in Montague on August 8, 1878, Hans Dykhuis on June 7, 1904 married Lida Fant in Grand Haven. Lida's parents were John and Cornelia Lievense Fant of Grand Haven. Hans worked as a guard for Grand Trunk Railway, as an operator at the Grand Haven Water Filtration Plant, and as watchman for Russell Camfield's company on Seventh Street. From 1913 to 1916 Hans served as Ottawa County sheriff, a position also held by his father, Henry Dykhuis, between 1901 and 1904, and Hans was a private with Company E of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry during the Spanish American War. Hans and Lida had one child, Florence,

who was born in Grand Haven on October 2, 1910 and lived until March 29, 1989. The family lived at 106 South Seventh Street and at 1100 Pennoyer Street before moving to 219 North Fourth Street, where they lived from at least 1928 until 1964, when Hans died on December 4 that year. Lida was born on June 18, 1880 and died in Grand Haven on October 31, 1961. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Florence.

### **Henry Dykhuis [1850-1939]**

Henry, the son of Jurrien and Johanna Zuidema Dykhuis, was born in The Netherlands on February 25, 1850 and died in Holland, Michigan, on March 31, 1939. In 1871 in Grand Haven, he married Grietje, the daughter of Hans Meyer. Grietje, who was born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1853, died in Holland on December 9, 1943. Their son Hans was born in Montague on August 8, 1878. A daughter, Henrika [Hendrika], born in Grand Haven on December 19, 1871, married Hielke Sikkenga in Holland on January 18, 1890. The couple moved to Muskegon, where Hendrika died on April 2, 1937. Hielke was born in The Netherlands on April 3, 1867 and died in Muskegon on December 13, 1957. Henry served as sheriff of Ottawa County from 1901 to 1904. His son, Hans, served in the same post from 1913 to 1916.

### **Jurrien Dykhuis [1819-1899]**

Jurrien Dykhuis was born in The Netherlands on August 1, 1819, died in Grand Haven on November 29, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1846 he married Johanna Zuidema, who was born in The Netherlands in August 1827, died in Grand Haven on December 23, 1904, and also was buried at Lake Forest. One of their children, Henry, was born in The Netherlands on February 25, 1850. A daughter, Johanna "Jennie," was born in 1863 and married Lambert Vyn of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Anna "Annie" B., was born on April 19, 1849 and married David P. Sanford of Grand Haven. Jurrien was a laborer. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 1, 1899 and December 23, 1904.]

### **Benjamin Franklin Eames [1819-1891]**

Benjamin Eames was born in Mendon, New York on November 21, 1819 and moved to Milwaukee in October 1844. On December 5, 1849 he went into business with John W. Luscomb in the manufacture of woodenware, locating first in Grand Rapids and then moving to Ottawa Point [Ferrysburg], beginning business on April 10, 1850. Luscomb withdrew from the business around 1855, and Benjamin then constructed a new mill that generated its own steam power.

Benjamin and his family were listed in the 1850 Federal Census as residents of Spring Lake Township and in the 1860 census as residents of Ferrysburg. In 1857 he was one of three directors elected to Ferrysburg's first school district and became its treasurer. In 1861 he sold to Willard and Bolles, who focused in the manufacture of wooden pails. The next year Benjamin bought 23 acres in Section 15 of Spring Lake Township, on the west shore of Spring Lake, where he planted 1,000 peach trees, 600 apple trees, and other fruit. Benjamin sold this land to Charles Soule in 1867 and bought 30 acres in Section 9, Spring Lake Township, also for the purpose of growing fruit. In the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* he was listed as a "fruit grower" in Ferrysburg and in 1891 he was listed in the 1891 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a farmer.

Benjamin first married Cornelia White, who lived from 1825 to 1851. After her death, he married Charlotte Elenor Marshall. She was born in Haney Falls, New York on December 11, 1833. She and Benjamin had a daughter Nora Eames, who in 1876 married Thomas Johnston of the Johnston Boiler family. Born on December 11, 1833, Charlotte passed away in Ferrysburg on March 20, 1886, and Benjamin died on January 26, 1891. A son, Frederick A., died accidentally on April 22, 1861 at the age of 13. Other children were Kate, born in 1861; Viola, born in 1863; and Frank, born in 1871. All the children were born in Michigan. The family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Benjamin, Samuel Eames, and Uzell Eames were brothers. [*Industrial Hi-Lites*, January 1951.]

### **Floyd S. Eames [1930-1998]**

See Floyd Rymal.

### **Samuel Ozias Eames [1825-1905]**

Samuel Eames, who was born on April 5, 1825, enlisted on October 18, 1861 as sergeant in Company G of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry. At that time, he was a resident of Chicago. He was discharged for disability on February 20, 1862. Samuel was a tailor by trade. He married Mary Jane Moss. The daughter of Chester [1804-1965] and Phoebe [1806-1857] Moss, Mary was born in Youngstown, New York on March 5, 1842. Samuel died on August 25, 1905 and the following October 18, Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Mary was born in New York in March 1845. The family resided at 418 Franklin in Grand Haven. Mary continued living there with their daughter Calla after Samuel's death. Calla, born in July 1882, became a music teacher. Another daughter, Mary M., was born about 1874 in Michigan. Samuel's monument at Lake Forest Cemetery was undated. Mary died on February 9, 1918 and also was buried at Lake Forest. She was living at 418 Franklin Street at the time of her death.

### **Uzell Bond Eames [1828-1909]**

Born in New York State in November 1828, Uzell Eames arrived in Ferrysburg in 1848. He was enumerated in the 1860 census as a resident of Ferrysburg, where he later kept a farm in Section 8, but he also was known as a carpenter. He was employed as a millwright at the Batchellor Mill from 1873 to 1881, and he then went to work for Cutler & Savidge at Mill #3. On August 20, 1859 a post office was established at Ferrysburg, and he was named its first postmaster as well as school inspector. The post office closed for a short time on May 6, 1863. Uzell was elected supervisor of Mill Point [Spring Lake] from 1862 to 1865. He was listed in the 1863 and 1867 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a carpenter in Ferrysburg and in the 1887 and 1893 issues of the same publication as a dealer in cigars. Benjamin and his family were included in the 1870 Federal Census for Ferrysburg. He was listed as a carpenter then and again in the census of 1880.

Uzell's first wife, Julia A., died on March 5, 1855 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His second wife, Sarah Jane Wattles, was born in New York State in December 1829 and died on February 28, 1898 of bronchial consumption. Uzell had three daughters, all born locally, including Jennie, who lived from 1862 to 1925 and married James Barnes of Ferrysburg; Mamie, born about 1868; and Mary B., who was born in September 1873, married George Smith, and after 1900 moved to Washington. George was born in Scotland in December 1873. George and Mary had a son, Donald, born in September 1895. Uzell died at Jennie's home on February 12, 1909. Uzell, Samuel Eames, and Benjamin Franklin Eames were brothers. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 1, 1898 and February 12, 1909.]

### **Jacob Easterly [1831-1913]**

The son of John and Delila Hayes Easterly and a native of Herkimer County, New York, where he was born on May 7, 1831, Jacob moved to Jefferson County in that state when he was seven and then came to Crockery Township in 1865 and settled on approximately 20 acres in Section 21. He married Louisa Taylor of Jefferson County in 1854. She was born on September 6, 1829 in New York State and died on August 8, 1861 in Jefferson County. They had at least one daughter, Gusta, born in New York in October 1854. After Louisa's death, Jacob married Sarah Ann Williams, a native of St. Lawrence County, New York, on January 1, 1862. Sarah was born on June 12, 1837. Her sister, Julia, married Medad Spencer of Crockery Township. Jacob's and Sarah's first two children were born in Jefferson County: Martin James on October 13, 1862 and Samuel McCleave on October 2, 1864. Both boys settled in Crockery Township with their parents. Jacob and Sarah Ann had another son, William Riley, who was born in Ottawa County on March 6, 1866. He was followed by a third son, Green, who was born on December 9, 1867. A daughter, Phoebe Delmitia "Della," was born on December 26, 1869 in Crockery. They also had two adopted children, Elizabeth, born in 1881, and Ora, born in 1892.

Jacob's father, John, was born in Herkimer, New York, on May 9, 1801 and died November 22, 1884. Jacob's mother, Adelia Clotilda "Delila," was born on August 5, 1809 in Herkimer and died on November

1, 1872. Both John and Delila were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Sarah Ann passed away on August 5, 1900 and Jacob on March 21, 1913. Jacob, Sarah, and other family members were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

#### **Martin James Easterly [1863-1943]**

Born in Pillar Point, Jefferson County, New York on October 13, 1863, Martin moved to Michigan with his parents, Jacob and Sarah Ann Williams Easterly. By 1912 Martin owned at least three large parcels in Sections 21, 28 and 29 of Crockery Township, totaling 260 acres. He married Deaette Martin in Nunica on June 20, 1888. She was born in Spring Lake on July 18, 1869 and died in Nunica on December 1, 1952. Martin died in Nunica on December 16, 1943 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. The Easterlys had 12 children, all born in Crockery Township.

#### **Samuel McCleave Easterly [1864-1939]**

Samuel was born in Bruno, Jefferson County, New York, on October 2, 1864, the son of Jacob and Sarah Williams Easterly. He moved with his parents to Crockery Township when he was six months old. On January 9, 1895 Samuel married Augusta Polsen in Nunica. They owned a 60-acre farm in Section 28 of Crockery. Samuel was treasurer of Spoonville School for 26 years. Augusta was born in Germany on October 15, 1856 and died August 7, 1937 in Crockery. Samuel died on July 27, 1939. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery with other family members. A son, Forest [Forrest], was born in May 1899.

#### **William Riley Easterly [1866-1924]**

Born on March 6, 1866 in Crockery Township, William Easterly owned 80 acres in Section 24. The son of Jacob and Sarah Ann Williams Easterly, he married Cora [Cornelia] Clay on October 23, 1894 in Nunica. Cora was born in Michigan in April 1873. William died on July 24, 1924 and Cora passed away in 1960. Both were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

#### **Galen Eastman [1829–1899]**

Galen was the son of Dr. Timothy and Mary Jane Barker [Parker] Eastman. He was born in Canaan, Maine on July 8, 1829 [1828]. Dr. Eastman and his family settled in Grand Haven in 1835, where he held the seat of county judge for a long time. Galen had two brothers, George and Mason. Galen was a man of influence and was at the head of several large lumbering and mercantile institutions in Ottawa County for several years. He owned a sawmill in Grand Haven and was the originator of what afterwards became the Michigan Barge Company, whose boats carried off a large share of the lumber from the once extensive tracts of timbered land. Galen was credited for building in 1850 in Eastmanville a steam-driven boat called *New Era*. It was used to tow barges to Chicago. During his later years he was in the hardware business in San Francisco.

In 1855 Galen and his brother Mason, with their father's help, platted the Village of Eastmanville. In December 1856 Galen bought the *Grand River Times* from brothers James and James Barnes and brought it to Eastmanville from Grand Haven, with the idea that his community would become the county seat. When that expectation failed, publication ceased the same year it began and the Barnes brothers repurchased the paper from Galen, returned it to Grand Haven, and changed its name to the *Grand Haven News*, publishing the first issue on December 22, 1858. In 1860 Galen was in the lumbering business at Eastmanville. He owned land in the Grand Haven area, and in 1872 sold a large section to the City of Grand Haven for \$1,000 as a site for Lake Forest Cemetery. Galen was a surveyor, judge, and representative to the legislature in 1850, and he was postmaster of Eastmanville from October 20, 1864 to April 7, 1868.

On December 14, 1858 in Grand Haven, Galen married Mary Lucina Ferry, twin of Edward P. Ferry and youngest daughter of Rev. William and Amanda White Ferry. The couple had 13 children, five of whom died as infants. One of the survivors, Edward Eastman, was born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1863 and died in California on October 5, 1948. The Eastmans' daughter, Mary Amanda Eastman, became principal

of Michigan Seminary. About 1877 the family moved to the “Four Corners” in the West, where Galen was appointed agent at the Navajo Indian Reservation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Another of their surviving children, Mary Amanda Eastman, was born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1860. On April 12, 1883, she married Pomercy B. Johnson [1848-1884] against her parents’ wishes and the couple moved to Texas. They had a child, Kate White Johnson. Six months later the father and daughter died. Mary rejoined her parents, now in San Francisco, where in 1855 Galen had opened a hardware store on Mission Street. On January 17, 1889, Mary Amanda remarried, this time to Willard Carlton Fairchild [1834-1899]. She died on February 10, 1929.

Galen died on January 18, 1899 in San Francisco and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary was born on April 16, 1832 [1837/1838], died on June 2, 1903 and also was buried at Lake Forest. She was credited with organizing the first infants’ Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and was secretary of the Women’s Social Society. [*Tribune* obituary, January 19, 1899 and *Tribune* articles, January 23 and 27, 1899.]

### **George Eastman I [1828-1896]**

George, the son of Timothy and May Jane Barker Eastman, was born in Maine on May 29, 1828 [1825]. On April 25, 1850 in Polkton Township he married Aphia Parry, born in New York State in 1824. In the 1850s they resided in Niagara County, New York. The family moved to Michigan, where they owned land in Polkton Township and purchased 160 acres in Section 22 of Allendale Township. George owned a steam-powered sawmill near Eastmanville. George and his family moved to Robinson Township, where he farmed as much as 800 acres. George died on June 6, 1896 and his wife died

on December 22, 1895. Both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Their daughter Nellie, born in Niagara County on January 3, 1855, married William C. Harper of Robinson Township. Their other children, all born in Michigan, were George II, born on August 20, 1857; Etta, born in 1859; and Jennie, born in 1865. Two other daughters died in infancy.

### **Mason Eastman I [1826-1860]**

In 1855 Mason Eastman and his brother Galen, sons of Dr. Timothy Eastman, platted the Village of Eastmanville. Mason was born in Canaan, Maine on August 2, 1826. He was a surveyor and drew the plat map for Mill Point in April 1849. On April 30, 1852 he married Emily Amelia Kent in Eastmanville. She was born in Dorset, Vermont on March 19, 1831. They had a son, Mason II, who was born in Eastmanville on December 18, 1859 and died the following July. Laurens and Timothy were twins, who were born on October 14, 1854 and died the same day. Their other children were Walter born on July 14, 1855; and Frederic, born on April 29, 1857. Mason the father died in the town bearing his family name on March 7, 1860. On January 1, 1865, Emily married Thomas Hefferan in Lamont.

### **Timothy Eastman II [1798-1868]**

Born in East Kingston, New Hampshire on January 17, 1798, Timothy Eastman in 1835 moved with his wife and children from Maine to Grand Haven, coming via the Erie Canal, lake boat, stagecoach, and canoe. Timothy’s parents were Timothy and Abigail Gale Eastman of East Kingston, New Hampshire. In Grand Haven Timothy built a house on Lot 89 [southeast corner of Elliott and First Streets], and a frame building about halfway between First and Water [Harbor] Streets on the south side of Washington. Trained in medicine in Boston, he was the county’s first physician, with an office on Water Street [Harbor Drive] near Franklin Street. In 1848 Timothy sold to the city a house on Lot 70 [121 South First] in Grand Haven. The residence was remodeled and used as a school between 1851 and 1860, replacing the frame building on Second Street [Lot 186], which continued to be used for other purposes. Between 1837 and 1854 Timothy purchased hundreds of acres in six surrounding townships: Polkton, Crockery, Grand Haven, Robinson, and Allendale. The land undoubtedly contained significant stands of pine.

In 1842 Timothy relocated to the village of Scranton, where Dr. George Scranton had arrived as the first permanent settler in 1835 and was its postmaster from 1838 to 1842. In 1845 Timothy organized the town of Polkton, named for President James K. Polk, and was appointed the new town's postmaster on May 28, 1846. Timothy held that position for a bit more than a year. He and his sons, Galen and Mason, surveyed and platted the Village of Polkton on November 4, 1855, and renamed it Eastmanville. The next year the Polkton Post Office started using the name Eastmanville. Timothy's residence in Eastmanville was built by Nathan Throop of Grand Haven.

In 1838 Timothy was elected county clerk, and he was an associate judge at the first session of the Circuit Court, held on May 28, 1839. In 1845 he became township supervisor. Timothy was a representative to the State Constitutional Convention in 1850, and he was elected to the County Board of supervisors in 1852. In 1856 Timothy became a charter member and secretary of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society. He owned a sawmill at Eastmanville and later lived in Robinson Township.

On October 18, 1825, Timothy married May [Mary] Jane Barker, who was born on July 8, 1809. Timothy died in Chicago on February 28, 1868. The Eastmans had nine children, including Mason born on August 2, 1826; George, born May 29, 1828; Galen, born on July 8, 1829; Sarah Jane [May], who was born on February 22, 1831, married Walter Lull of Chicago, and died in 1858; Abbie, who was born on September 29, 1833 and married Jesse B. Thomas of Chicago; Newton, born on October 22, 1842; Mary Sophia, born on April 28, 1844; Octavia Elizabeth, born on February 2, 1846; and Timothy, born on September 9, 1848. May passed away in 1858. [*Grand River Packet*, April May and June 1986.]

#### **Egbert Charles Eastway [1843-1912]**

Egbert, the son of James and Patty Dale Eastway, was born February 22, 1843 in Erie County, New York. James and Patty owned a farm in Olive Township. On September 29, 1864, while a resident of Robinson Township, Egbert enlisted as private in Company G of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865. He married Angeline Esiabel Rogers. By 1910 Egbert and Angeline were living in Muskegon. He died in Grand Rapids on July 5, 1912. On September 22, 1912 Angeline applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born about 1850 in Michigan. Egbert's and Angeline's children were Edgar, born about 1867; Emma, born in 1870; and Herbert, born on March 14, 1875 in Olive Township.

#### **James Bates Eastway [1793-1886]**

James was born in England in 1793, the son of Elias [born in 1755] and Mary Bates Eastway. James married Patty Dale, who was born in 1802 and died in 1871 in Olive Township. Their first son, Elias, was born on the Isle of Guernsey, England, in 1829. These three, plus a daughter, Margaret C., born in London on March 30, 1826, immigrated to Erie County, New York about 1833, where James was an engineer. Around 1851 James and Patty and their growing family, moved to Hillsdale County, where several of their children married and remained. The rest of the family moved on to Olive Township, where they settled in 1856. The next year James became one of the first Justices in the township and he also was among the first officers elected when Olive Township was formed in 1857. By 1860 the Eastways resided in the southeast one-quarter [160 acres] of Section 35 in Robinson Township, where a son later farmed. James died in 1886 and was buried with his wife at Olive Cemetery.

The Eastways' daughter Margaret married Joel Fellows of Olive Township. Their eldest son, Elias, married Rowena "Rena" Tubbs, died on March 11, 1911, and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. Another daughter, Martha, born in 1832, married Samuel Purchase of Olive Township. A third daughter, Ellen [Hellen], was born on August 28, 1840 and married Ozias Tubbs, also of Olive Township. Egbert, another son, was born on February 22, 1843 in Erie County, New York and served in the Civil War.

#### **Charles W. Eaton [1840-1902]**

One of the early pioneer residents of Grand Rapids and an early printer in West Michigan, Charles Eaton learned typesetting in 1852 after school in the office of the *Grand River Times*, the first newspaper

published in Grand Haven. Charles composed a column of “funagraphs” for that paper each week. The son of Harry and Cynthia Eaton, Charles was born on April 14, 1840. On August 8, 1862 he enlisted as private in Company B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was promoted to sergeant in December that year, then to quartermaster, to lieutenant, and finally to captain on August 26, 1864. He was mustered out on June 8 the following year. Charles, who lived in Grand Rapids most of his life, died on March 21, 1902. He and his parents were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 1902.]

### **Glenn Eaton II [1914-1996]**

Born February 19, 1914 in Sykesville, Pennsylvania to Glenn W. and Orrell Phillippi Eaton, Glenn earned a bachelor’s degree in forestry from Pennsylvania State University in 1935 and came to Grand Haven in 1939 as assistant superintendent of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp, situated in Mulligan’s Hollow. After World War II Glenn worked for the Anderson-Bolling Company in Spring Lake; served from 1956 to 1960 on the Grand Haven City Council; and was elected mayor in 1961 and 1962. He was on the Board of Light and Power and was active with the Tri-Cities Historical Society. Glenn, Chuck Bugielski, and Claude Ver Duin headed the management team of the Coast Guard Festival from 1946 to 1981.

Glenn married Kathryn Kruser on April 8, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio. They had a daughter, Pamela, who married George Beswick of Grand Haven, and a son, Glenn III of Whitehall, whose wife’s name was Meg. Glenn died January 14, 1996. The city named a street serving an industrial park east of Beechtree in his memory. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Harry Eaton [1802-1859]**

Harry Eaton lived was born in Vermont in 1802. His wife Cynthia lived from 1808 to March 22, 1892. In 1850 he and his family were living in Grand Rapids. He opened the William Tell Hotel in downtown Grand Haven in 1859. Harry and Cynthia had at least one son, Charles who was born in 1839. Harry died in Grand Rapids on June 12, 1859 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery.

### **Joseph Warren Eaton [1875-1963]**

In 1920 Joseph Eaton was Purchasing Agent at the Story & Clark Piano Factory. Ten years later he was general manager. Joseph was born in Missouri in June 1875. On April 4, 1910 he married Edvena [Edwina] Erickson, a native of Illinois, who was born on September 8, 1875 and died in Grand Haven in May 1969. The couple lived at 313 South Second Street [Lake Avenue], where they continued to reside as late as 1940. Joseph passed away around July 2, 1963. He and Edvena were buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago.

### **William Edward Ebel [1918-2005]**

William Ebel on December 6, 1946 married Cornelia Grace. Fredricks in Holland. The son of William and Gertrude Styx Ebel, young William was born on May 2, 1918. During WWI he served with the U.S. Army from June 25, 1941 to October 23, 1945. He died on June 11, 2005 and was buried at Restlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Holland. Cornelia lived from August 24, 1919 to April 1, 2004. William the father, an expert wood carver, donated several of his works to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

### **William Michael Ebel [1948-1968]**

William, the son of William Edward and Cornelia Fredricks Ebel, was born on May 23, 1948 in West Olive. He was drafted into the military and arrived in Vietnam on February 13, 1968 as a member of Company A 5<sup>th</sup> battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He reached the rank of Grade Specialist 4 E-4 on June 4, 1968 and was promoted posthumously to Sergeant E-5. He received numerous awards, such as the Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, The Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and Purple Heart Medal. William was killed in action in Tay Ninh, Vietnam on November 26, 1968 when his medivac helicopter was shot down. He was buried at Restlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Holland.

### **William Johan Ernst Ebel [1882-1966]**

William Ebel, the son of Charles “Carl” [1842-1916] and Augusta Ewald [1852-1930] Ebel, was born on May 22, 1882 in Grand Haven. On November 11, 1916 he married Gertrude Emelia Styx in Chicago. She was born in Chicago on March 20, 1898. They owned a farm in West Olive and had five surviving children: William Edward Ebel [1918-2005]; Anton George Abel [1920-2014]; Gertrude Emma Ebel [1927-2015]; Edward George Ebel [1931-2021]; and Betty Jane Ebel [b. 1939]. William passed away in West Olive on March 9, 1966, and Gertie died on April 11, 1969. His son William was a wood carver.

### **Jacob Ebels [Ebel] [1858-1944]**

Listed as a “Farmer and Stockraiser” in the 1912 *Atlas*, Jacob Ebels owned a 60-acre farm in Section 33 and another 80 acres in Section 17 of Olive Township. He was born in Michigan on June 30, 1858 and came to the Grand Haven area from Zeeland Township before 1880. By 1930 he had accumulated 160 acres. He married Prina [Priena/Pearl/Dena] Meeuwssen in Holland, Michigan on October 23, 1879. She was born in Michigan in November 1860. A son, John, born in June 1879, was residing with them in 1930. Other children were Cristina, born in October 1882; Dena, born in December 1886; Altje, born in May 1892; and Daniel, born in July 1896. The children were all born locally. Jacob passed away in Allegan County on April 22, 1944 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery.

### **Henry John Eckelcamp [1856-1942]**

Born in The Netherlands on March 1, 1856, Henry Eckelcamp came to the Northwest Ottawa County area about 1879 and lived at Hilbrant Start’s Boarding House, 410 River Street in Spring Lake. He worked at the Johnston Boiler factory. On November 19, 1885, he married Reintje Vos, who lived from May 28, 1861 to November 11, 1951. Also born in The Netherlands, Reintje arrived in Spring Lake about the same time as Henry and resided at Start’s Boarding House. Reintje was the daughter of Anthony Vos. The Eckelcamps’ children, all born locally, included John, born in May 1886; Kathryn [Cathryn] “Katy,” who was born on April 1, 1888 and married John William Cooper of Spring Lake; Toney, born in March 1890; Gertrude, who was born on December 10, 1891 and married Harry Bolton of Spring Lake; Joe, born on September 17, 1893, and Mary, born in November 1895. Henry died on October 28, 1942. He and Reintje were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Joseph Eckelcamp [1893-1976]**

Joe, born September 17, 1893 in Spring Lake, was the son of Henry and Reintje Bos Eckelcamp. Joe’s first job was with Challenge Refrigerator in Grand Haven in 1908. He got to his job by foot, Interurban, or bicycle. Later he went to work for Johnston Boiler, then Pace and La Fleur Seating Company, which manufactured toilet seats. After a brief return to Challenge, Joe started working for the Village in 1934, and became Spring Lake superintendent of Public Works on April 7, 1947. On November 20, 1915 in Spring Lake, he married Bessie, daughter of Fred Nehmer. She was born April 17, 1893 in Crockery Township and was a teacher. Joe and Bessie lived in the Eckelcamp family home at 227 East River. They had at least one child, Aneta Lorraine Eckelcamp, who was born on July 30, 1917 and married Gordon Asa Darbee. Bessie died on May 20, 1964. Joe retired in 1960, passed away on June 16, 1976, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

### **Adolph Edward Eckert [1874-1955]**

Born October 31, 1874 [1873] in Schwerin, Germany, Adolph Eckert came to the United States in 1892. He was appointed superintendent of the Liquid Carbonic Company in Chicago and held similar positions with Russ Soda Fountain in Cleveland before moving to the Tri-Cities in 1928. He served as Works Manager for Bastian Blessing Company until his retirement in 1952. Even after retirement he spent some time designing new products. He was a member of Rotary, Elks, and Grand Haven Stag Club. On October 31, 1896 he married Marie Pauline Runge in Chicago. She died on October 14, 1952. Their only child, George, born about 1904, moved to Chula Vista, California. The family resided at 760 East Savidge.



Adolph died on March 26, 1955 in Chula Vista following a heart attack while visiting his son. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 1955.]

### **John Eckhoff I [1835-1915]**

John Eckhoff was born in Hanover, Germany on December 20, 1835. On August 31, 1865, in Crockery Township he married Margrette Sims. She also was a native of Germany, where she was born in December 1846. Both immigrated to the United States in 1857. Not long after their marriage, John and Margrette bought 40 acres in Section 20 and an abutting 40 acres in Section 17 of Crockery Township [16684 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. Their children were John H. II, born about 1862; Frederick William, who was born about 1869 and died in 1958; Andreas E., who was born in December 1871 and died in 1958; Mary M., who born about 1874 and died in 1941; Charles H., born about January 1876; Henrettie, born in March 1878; Anna, born in January 1880; Lewis A., who was born in February 1883 and died in 1959; Willhelmina, who was born in July 1885 and died in 1915; Jessy [Jessie], who was born on May 12, 1888 and married Darius Harden Sampson Rymer of Spring Lake Township; and Archibald, who was born in January 1892 and died in 1979. On August 11, 1862, John volunteered for Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was wounded in the left arm and taken prisoner prior to his discharge on July 5, 1865. John was a Crockery Township Highway commissioner and Constable. He belonged to the Masons and was a member of the G.A.R. John passed away in 1915 and Margrette in 1920. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery, as were many of their children.

### **Charles Constantino Economou [1929-1988]**

In 1979 Charles Economou owned and operated the Harbor Inn at 12 Washington Street. He was born in Weirton, West Virginia on January 1, 1929 and on July 1, 1950 married Lois Ann Hood in Detroit. She lived from January 14, 1931 to January 1, 2004. Charles passed away on April 14, 1988 in Novi, Oakland County.

### **Malcom Harry Edenborough [1866-1918]**

Harry Edenborough and his wife Nellie were proprietors of the Rockaway Oyster Bar at 26-28 Washington in the early 1900s. They lived on the second floor. Harry was born in England on July 29, 1866. Nellie, also a native of England, was born in November 1871. He immigrated to America in 1883, she ten years earlier. Prior to coming to Grand Haven, the couple lived in Chicago, where Harry was State Game Warden for Illinois. They were married in 1899 and were included in the 1900 Federal Census for Chicago. Harry became a naturalized citizen of the United States on November 23, 1903. He died in California on December 4, 1918 and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale. Nellie continued to reside in Los Angeles until at least 1921.

### **Cora C. Edge [1888-1971]**

The daughter of Benjamin [1864-1942] and Emma [1864-1947] Edge, Cora was born in Grand Rapids on June 19, 1888. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Cincinnati. In 1920 she was supervisor of art in the public schools of Bozeman, Montana, but by 1930 she was back in Grand Rapids working as treasurer for a local lumber company. Cora was a member of the Baha'i Faith. In 1934 Grand Haven High School hired her as "Supervisor of Art" and art teacher, and she was art advisor for the yearbook. In 1938 she was residing with the Van Witt family at 614 Lafayette. She retired in 1953. Cora died in Grand Rapids on September 17, 1971 and was buried at Fairplains Cemetery.

### **Chase Edgerly [1811-1854]**

Chase Edgerly was an early arrival in West Michigan. His sister Eliza married Hiram Osgood, and they settled in Grandville. Their son George became a partner with Chase, and they comprised the "Edgerly & Osgood" Lillie referred to as proprietors of the Washington House in Grand Haven [12 Washington] in 1851. The next year the partners sold the business to Clark Albee. Chase, who was born on December 18, 1811 in Epping, New Hampshire, returned to the Grand Rapids area, where he died on December 9, 1854.

His parents were Jonathan and Hannah Osgood Edgerly. Chase's wife was Sarah Ann Brown, who was born in Salisbury, Massachusetts on November 28, 1821. They were married in Grandville on April 7, 1842. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Eliza, born about 1843; Harriet, born about 1845; Charles, born about 1847; and Francis, born about February 1850.

#### **Charles M. Edmonds [1870-1902]**

On June 24, 1896 in Petoskey, Charles Edmonds married Shirley [Shurly] Irene Vander Hoef. Born in Grand Haven on January 17, 1875, she was the daughter of Orson and Mary Vander Hoef. Charles was born in Valparaiso, Indiana on July 23, 1870. The couple was living in California in 1898, when their first child was born but were in Kalamazoo in 1900. After her husband's death on February 6, 1902, Shirley moved in with her father at 318 South Second Street in Grand Haven. She continued living there until her death on May 20, 1959. Charles and Shirley had three children: Caroline Ruth, who was born in California on May 30 [31], 1898, died on October 28, 1974, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Dorothy A., who was born in Kalamazoo on October 6, 1900, married Norman James Stiner, and died on March 13, 1977; and Charles O., born in Michigan on October 23, 1902. At the time of Caroline Edmonds's death on October 29, 1974, she was residing in the family home on Second Street. Charles died in Illinois and was buried at Mountain Home Cemetery in Otsego, Allegan County.

#### **Francis "Frank" Edward [@1838- ?]**

In the 1860 Federal Census for Ferrysburg, Francis Edward was listed as a fisherman. The census that year included residents living in Muir, at the foot of Dewey Hill. Coincidentally, a fishing tug in Grand Haven was named *Frank Edward*, but according to records it was named for brothers Frank and Edward Zietlow. Francis was born in Vermont about 1838. His wife Frances, a native of New York, was born three years later.

#### **James Duff Edward [Edwards] [1856-1924]**

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland in September 1856, the son of George Edward, a native of Scotland, James was the youngest of a family of eight, including George, Jennie, Tibbie, John, Joseph, Alexander, and Mary. His three brothers came to America before his parents and Tibbie arrived in 1892. John and Mary remained in Scotland. Jennie died and George immigrated to Australia. James's parents were members of the Scotch Free Church.

At the age of 20 James set sail for America, arriving in 1876 at Johnsville [Agnew]. There he was employed in a sawmill and manufactured fruit crates and baskets. By the early 1890s he and Fred Churchill owned the Edward & Churchill Company in Agnew. The firm manufactured crates for celery, berries, peaches, and grapes and also offered "Custom Sawing, Planing and Matching. Custom Feed Grinding During Season." James also owned a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township.

James became president and general manager of the Grand Haven Basket Company, which was founded in 1897 and located in Grand Haven on Sixth Street between Madison and Elliott. James served as county grain commissioner. He was a Republican and was not connected with any denomination, although he preferred the Unitarian Church. On October 18, 1879, in Van Buren County, he married Cynthia I. Munger, who was born in Michigan and lived from February 1858 [1859] to about April 30, 1930. They had four children, all born locally: Tibbie [Tibbee/Tibitha], born in July 1883; George C., born in August 1886; Rheba, who was born in April 1891 and married Arthur J. Bolt of Muskegon; and Nicola, who lived from March 1893 to 1914. The Edward family resided at 425 Lafayette Street. Donna Meeusen, life-long resident of Grand Haven, was his granddaughter. Mary passed away around August 12, 1922, and James died in late August 1924. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portraits and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 508- 509, *Tribune* obituary, December 14, 1900.]

#### **Joseph Edward [Edwards] [1847-1900]**

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland on June 11, 1847, Joseph was the son of George Edward. His sister, Isabella, who was born in Scotland about 1843 and married Abercrombie G. Boyd of Agnew, later moved to Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County. James Edward, president of the Grand Haven Basket Factory, was his brother. Joseph was a policeman in Scotland and came to Agnew in 1871, where he had a 40-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. He held various offices and was justice of the peace in Grand Haven Township. He and his wife Ellen had eight children. Ellen was born in Indiana in October 1855. Joseph was found dead in the river under the trestle works, near Kilbourn's factory on December 13, 1900. He apparently fell from the trestle, struck his head on the ice, and then drowned. He was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 14, 1900.]

#### **Archie L. "Roy" Edwards [1918-2001]**

Roy Edwards was director of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power from 1963 to 1975. Prior to that assignment he had been director of Public Works at Niles, Project Engineer for power plant expansion and water problems in Holland, and superintendent of the power plant in Columbia, Missouri. Roy served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and Columbia. He retired from Consumers Power in 1984 as Senior Engineer for the fossil fuel division. His wife's name was Louise. They had three children and lived at 209 Grandview in Grand Haven. Roy, who was born on November 8, 1918, died on February 16, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* obituary, February 22, 2001.]

#### **Henry W. Eelman [Elman, Elmann] [1888-1954]**

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer, Stockraiser and Dairyman," Henry W. Eelman owned 80 acres in Section 18 of Olive Township. The son of William and Hendricka Eelman, Henry was born on February 9, 1888. His father was a farmer in Olive Township also and owned 320 acres. On February 7, 1911 Henry married Neeltje "Nellie" Vanderpool in Billings, Montana. He resumed farming and he and Nellie remained in Montana the rest of their lives. She was born on August 6, 1892 in The Netherlands and died in Great Falls, Montana on December 2, 1975. Henry passed away in Great Falls on March 6, 1954. Both were buried at Highland Cemetery in that town.

#### **Miles Luther Egelston [Eggelston, Eggelstan] [1858-1934]**

Born in Muskegon County on March 15, 1858, Miles married Mary L. Parker Piper on May 8, 1888 in Muskegon. Born in New York on December 10, 1840, she died in Muskegon on May 16, 1909 and was buried at Egelston Township Cemetery. Miles married Edith Kemp in Grand Rapids on September 10, 1913. They were divorced on February 2 less than six months later. He next married Anna Sleutel Speelman, who husband, Peter Speelman, passed away in 1916. Anna and Miles occupied the house at 431 Elliott Street that she and Peter had lived in until she died in 1926. Miles died on September 2, 1934 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Decades later, Anna's and Peter's great-grandson, Charles Fuller, purchased the home as a residence for him and his wife Kim.

#### **Nyle Almond Eggert [1906-1966]**

In June 1944 Nyle Eggert moved his company, National Products, from Muskegon to Grand Haven. The firm produced display racks and store fixtures. On January 2, 1966 Nyle, his son Dick, and the son's fiancé, Jeri Petretti, died in a plane crash. They were coming back to Grand Haven after spending the holidays at Fort Lauderdale, Florida and had planned to arrive by mid-Sunday afternoon at Grand Haven Airport. After the accident, Nyle's other son, Paul, took over management of the firm, then located at 725 Taylor. Nyle, who was born on March 11, 1906, married Viola Mathews on September 14, 1929 in White Cloud, Newaygo County. They resided on Judson Road in Spring Lake Township. In the mid-1970s Paul married Valerie Puch. They moved from 2010 Vista Place in Grand Haven to a large home they constructed in the Wilderness, about four miles south of Grand Haven [12525 Lakeshore Drive]. Paul was born in 1935, Valerie on January 11, 1938. Nyle was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife Viola, who lived from April 30, 1909 to December 6, 1990. [*Tribune* obituary, January 3, 1966.]

**Paul M. Eich II [1922-2002]**

The son of Paul M. and Emma Eich, Paul II was born in Cicero, Illinois on June 7, 1922. After serving with the U.S. Navy during WWII, he married Elizabeth Headley on June 26, 1945. Elizabeth was born on May 17, 1926 in Kinsale, Virginia. In Grand Haven, Paul worked as a machinist for Cooper Industries until his retirement in 1981. Paul also operated Pleasant Acres Blueberry Farm, located at 14711 Lake Michigan Drive in Grand Haven Township. The Eiches were members of the United Lutheran Church of Agnew, where Paul served as Congregational chairman. He also was a member and honor guard of the Charles Conklin American Legion Post 28 and a Boy Scout leader for more than 34 years. Paul and Elizabeth had a son Robert, who resided in Grand Haven with his wife Lois. At the time of his death on April 2, 2002, Paul's home was located at 1007 Orchard in Grand Haven. Elizabeth passed away on October 31, 2011. She and Paul were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Michael Eicher [1888-1964]**

About June 26, 1929, Michael Eicher rowed across Lake Michigan from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. It took him 27 hours in his 14-foot skiff. He was born in Germany on December 30, 1888, immigrated to the United States when he was five, and died in Milwaukee on May 26, 1964.

**Stephen T. Eilander [1851-1933]**

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Stephen Eilander owned an 80-acre farm in Section 29 of Olive Township. Born in The Netherlands on March 2, 1851, he came to the area in 1888. On April 13, 1903 he married Tientje "Tonia" Slagh in West Olive. She was born in Olive Township on December 8, 1862. Stephen died on January 17, 1933 in Olive Township, and Tonia passed away on December 23, 1949. They were buried at North Holland Cemetery.

**William Frederick Eistedt II [1875-1929]**

William Eistedt was listed in the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as owner of a meat market in Ferrysburg. He was born in Coopersville on December 2, 1875. He married Maude Lula Dunning on November 17, 1906 in Coopersville. She was born in Muskegon on December 28, 1887. After William and Maude were divorced on December 2, 1914, she married Elmer Joseph Kibbey [1900-1950]. In 1910 William owned a butcher shop in Spring Lake. William passed away on May 13, 1929 and was buried at Coopersville-Polkton Cemetery. Maude Lula Kibbey died in Lansing on January 16, 1961. William and Maude had at least one son, Kenneth Eistedt, born locally about 1908.

**Anthony "Tony" Ekkens [1886-1966]**

The son of Wiebbe [Webbe] and Katerina [Catherine] "Kate" Van Lopik Ekkens, Tony was born in Grand Haven on November 26, 1886. In 1900 Tony was living with his older brother Gerrit and his family. On September 11, 1917 Tony married Henrietta Tietz in Muskegon. Born on June 7, 1891, she died on May 16 the year after their wedding. Like his brother, Gerrit Ekkens, Tony entered the grocery business, working at his brother's store at 206 Washington and operating a small grocery at Boseker's Pavilion [later the Bil-Mar] near Highland Park. In 1910 he worked at Story & Clark Piano Company, in 1920 he was an insurance agent, and ten years later the Federal Census of 1930 listed him as a truck driver. He died in March 1966. Tony and Henrietta were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other members of the Ekkens family.

**Gerrit [Garret] Ekkens [1878-1962]**

Gerrit was born on August 20, 1878 in Grand Haven, the son of Wiebbe [Webbe] and Katerina [Catherine] "Kate" Van Lopik Ekkens. Gerrit started working for his grandfather, Gerrit, when he was 11 years old. He quit school the next year and worked full-time in the store. His grandfather owned a grocery store starting in 1880 in the building which later became the site of the Hostetter News Agency [135 Washington]. In 1885 Van Lopik moved his store to 209 Washington and ten years later across the street to 206, where it remained for decades. Starting in the 1920s, Gerrit Ekkens operated a small store for about

15 years on Lake Avenue for the summer residents in Highland Park. After a brief partnership with Arie Van Toll, Gerrit became sole owner of the downtown grocery store in 1913 and retired in 1956. Part of his business was making and curing cheese, and he continued to deliver cheeses to customers on a regular route on foot even after retirement. He shipped cheeses to customers throughout the United States. He became known locally as the "Cheese King." Gerrit was a life member of the First Reformed Church.

On September 22, 1904, Gerrit married Marguerite Jacoba "Cora" Pippel, who was born on February 5, 1882. They lived most of their married life at 531 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Their daughter Katherine C. was born about 1906. Gerrit died on February 20, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marguerite died in Grand Haven on October 9, 1970 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, February 21, 1963, and *Tribune* article, "Development of Resort Life," November 2, 1984.]

#### **Wiebbe [Webbe] Ekkens [1849-1887]**

Wiebbe Ekkens, who was born in The Netherlands on August 7, 1849, died on April 12, 1887. He was a sailor. He and his wife, Kate [Katerina/Catherine], resided at 525 Lake in Grand Haven. Kate, the daughter of Gerrit Peter and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik, was born October 18, 1856 and died on May 9, 1936. By 1920 Kate was sharing her house at 525 Lake Avenue with her widowed son Tony. Their other children, all born in Grand Haven, were Roelof, who lived from September 30, 1876 to July 29, 1879; Gerrit, who was born on August 20, 1878; Ralph, who lived from December 14, 1880 to August 17, 1894; Elizabeth "Lizzie," who lived from October 6, 1882 to December 3, 1904; John, who lived from October 23, 1884 to May 3, 1909, and Anthony "Tony," who was born on November 28, 1886. Both Wiebbe and Kate were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

#### **Eilke Ekster [Exter] [1816-1903]**

A native of The Netherlands, Eilke Ekster married Grietje "Maggie" Smit, also from The Netherlands. Their daughter Gertrude [Geertruida] married Jan "John" Koster of Spring Lake. Eilke began work at the age of 14. By 1870 the Eksters had moved from Detroit to the Spring Lake area, where Eilke worked in a sawmill. Ten years later they were living on a farm in Crockery Township. Eilke lived from 1816 to 1903 and Grietje from 1810 to 1906. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Peter [Pieter] Egbert Ekster [1855-1918]**

Peter Ekster immigrated to the United States in 1867. In 1880 he was a student in Grand Rapids. In July 1883, he became the first minister of the Christian Reformed Church in Spring Lake, where he was paid \$600 a year, plus housing. On August 3 that year, he married Naltje "Nellie" de Jonge in Grand Rapids. By 1889 Rev. Ekster had joined the Holland Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. Born in Groningen, The Netherlands, he lived from November 30, 1855 to July 11, 1918 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Nellie lived from November 18, 1858 to December 6, 1939.

#### **Fannie Louise Eldred [1841-1880]**

In early 1863, Fannie Eldred appeared in a "Tableaux" staged by Mary Ann Hubbard "in behalf of disabled & gallant Soldiers of the Rebellion War." Born in Hector, New York on May 4, 1841, she died of typhoid fever on March 30, 1880 in Grand Haven. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harriet Eldred Hopkins, wife of John W. Hopkins, was Fannie's sister.

#### **Isaac "Ike" Pietersz Elenbaas [1884-1957]**

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Isaac Elenbaas owned 60 acres in Section 13 of Olive Township. Born in Blendon Township on August 26, 1884, he was the son of Pieter [1851-1930] and Geertje "Jane" Bekins [1856-1921] Elenbaas. Pieter and Jane were born in Beaverdam, Ottawa County, and died in Borculo. On February 21, 1906 Ike married Alice H. Guerink in Borculo. Alice was - born on July 26, 1884 and died in Georgetown Township on June 7, 1971. In 1920, Ike was a farmer living with Alice and their six children in Polkton County, Minnesota. Ten years later the Elenbaases were still in Polk County, but by 1940 they had returned to Hudsonville. Ike was unemployed or retired. At the time of

the 1950 Federal Census, Ike and Alice were living in Blendon Township with their daughter Ann, her husband Henry Geerts, and their two children. Ike died on August 3, 1957 in Borculo. Among their six children was Joseph Elenbaas, born in Zeeland on December 3, 1913.

**John Herman Elenbaas [1889-1985]**

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a “Farmer and Stockraiser,” John Elenbaas owned 40 acres in Section 10 of Olive Township. He was born in Borculo on April 9, 1889 and died in Zeeland on March 29, 1985. On March 17, 1910 he married Jennie Vereek in Blendon Township. She lived from 1890 to December 1, 1969. John was the son of Cornelius [1858-1940] and Gezina Rietman [1861-1917] Elenbaas. John and Jennie were buried at Zeeland Cemetery.

**Joseph I. Elenbaas [1913-1998]**

On May 31, 1940, Joseph Elenbaas married Ruth Marion Serum of Hudsonville. The son of Isaac and Geertje “Jane” Elenbaas, Joe was born in Zeeland on December 3, 1913. He was an employee of the General Motors Plant in Hudsonville. Joe passed away on March 5, 1998. Ruth was born in Chicago on August 23, 1919 and died in Hudsonville on April 7, 2014. Their children were Donald James Elenbaas, born on February 19, 1942; Bruce Kenneth Elenbaas, born on June 27, 1944; and Joseph Lee Elenbaas, born on May 1, 1946.

**Marvin Josias Elenbaas [1906-1973]**

A native of Zeeland, Marvin Elenbaas was born on July 15, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on February 15, 1973. In the late 1920s he owned Marv’s Tire Shop at 107 North Seventh in Grand Haven. On October 15, 1936 he married Frances Weavers in Grand Haven. She lived from March 7, 1905 to November 19, 1998. Frances and Marvin were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Harry [Henry] Noel Elkington [1841-1920]**

A native of London, England, where he was born on August 17, 1841, Harry Elkington came to America in 1861 and to Grand Haven around 1870. In 1868, the year of his marriage, Harry was a merchant in St. Joseph, Berrien County. From 1870 to 1879 he was employed by the Goodrich Transportation Company. In 1875 he became cashier and bookkeeper for the Stearns Manufacturing Company in Grand Haven. On May 7, 1868 in St. Joseph, he married Sarah Amenia Plumb. She was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on June 26, 1848, the daughter of Marcus and Maria Plumb. She died in Chicago on October 11, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harry was residing in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1920, the year he died on August 12. He also was buried at Lake Forest. The Elkingtons had seven children, including Ruth, who died of cancer on April 9, 1975. Other children, all born in Michigan, were Charles, born in 1869; Grace, born in 1872; and Adelaide, born in 1876. [*Tribune* obituary, October 16, 1899.]

**Henry [Harris] “Harry” Ellicot [@1806-1884]**

See Henry Elliott.

**Louis Burton Ellingson II [1902-1967]**

Louis Ellingson II married Marie Hanson in her family’s home at 732 Franklin Street on October 4, 1923. Marie was the daughter of Burton and Ruth Mae Watkins Hanson. Louis worked at Challenge Machinery, but also was deeply involved in his model train hobby. At one time he laid out a miniature replica of the City of Grand Haven and its railroads in the basement of his home at 415 Lake Avenue. For many years Marie was secretary for Leo Lilly, a Grand Haven attorney, and later she was employed by Julian Hatton I at Eagle Ottawa. Marie, with the assistance of Chriss Sprott and Louise Roloff, helped obtain the house at 315 Franklin, which became headquarters for the local Girl Scout troop. Marie was a Troop Leader and she helped establish the Girl Scout summer camp near Fruitport. She joined the Eastern Star in 1925 and remained a loyal member until her death. Marie worked for the Ration Board during WWII. She and Louis were early supporters of the Christian Science Church in Grand Haven.

The Ellingson's children were Patricia, Wesley Jay Crane, nephew of Wesley Lee; Cordelia "Dilly," who died at Ocean Shores, Washington on November 16, 1997; Harriette; and Louis III. The family moved from a house they built at 1220 Slayton to 415 Lake Avenue. In 1951 they moved to Claremont, California. Louis was born October 2, 1902 and died in Upland, California on October 29, 1967. Marie was born on June 1, 1904 and died in Ocean Shores, Washington on August 19, 1997.

Louis's and Marie's daughter Harriette, who was born in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, on April 21, 1933, married Roger Norgren in Los Angeles on June 21, 1958. They were divorced in San Bernardino, California in June 1967. She next married Norman Haugness in Los Angeles, California on July 6, 1970. Then, on October 30, 1989, she married Darrell A. Moore in Gray's Harbor, Washington. On October 16, 1997 she married James K. Hodgson in Ocean Shores. Harriette served as mayor of that community around the year 2000. She died in Olympia, Washington on November 15, 2023.

#### **Arthur Ward Elliott [Elliot] [1876-1947]**

Arthur Elliott served a total of 21 years as president of the Grand Haven School Board. In 1913 Arthur and his brother, Barton Elliott, with a few other local businessmen, took over the Peerless Glove Company at 13 South Second. In 1922 the firm moved into a newly constructed three-story building on the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets. They sold the business to Pioneer Rubber Company of Willard, Ohio in June 1945. The company closed permanently in 1952. Arthur was born on a farm near New Castle, Henry County, Indiana on April 26, 1876 and died on December 5, 1947. On January 9, 1902 in Henry County, he married Alice C. Loer. Alice, who was born in Henry County on August 25, 1882, passed away on December 19, 1963. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 the family resided at 630 Fulton, and later they were located at 421 Leggat. Among their children were Helen Louise Elliott, born in 1902; Martha Frances Elliott, born in 1904; Myron L. Elliott, born in Indiana in 1910; John Robert Elliott, born in Illinois in 1910; J. Pierson Elliott, born in 1913 in Michigan; and Charles R., born in 1918 in Michigan. Martha in 1916 won a contest to name a new movie theater "Robinhood." She was given year's worth of passes to the movie house for her success.

#### **Barton Warren Elliott [Elliot] [1877-1965]**

In the summer of 1913 Barton Elliott arrived in Grand Haven from Chicago to buy out Perry Benjamin's share of the Peerless Glove Company. Before long he and his brother, Arthur Elliott, owned the business. In 1922 the firm moved into a newly constructed three-story building on the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets. They sold the business to Pioneer Rubber Company of Willard, Ohio in June 1945. The company closed permanently in 1952. Barton served as mayor of Grand Haven in 1922 and 1923. He also served as chair of the Board of Appeals, as a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts. Barton belonged to the Spring Lake County Club, Elks, and Knights Templar. He married Mabel Clara Brothers of Cincinnati on September 23, 1908. He and Mabel resided at 316 South Fifth Street, and then before 1930 moved to 621 Lafayette Street, where they remained until their deaths. After the Grand Haven Congregational Church closed, he and Mabel joined the Presbyterian Church. Mabel was born in Cincinnati on September 18, 1881 and died in Grand Haven on May 31, 1952. After her death Barton married lifelong friend Rose K. Lauderman, widow of George A. Lauderman [1876-1948] and also from New Castle, Indiana, Barton's hometown. She and Barton lived in the family home at 621 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Barton was born on a farm near New Castle on September 4, 1877. He passed away in Grand Haven around July 31, 1965 and was buried at South Mound Cemetery near New Castle with Mabel. Rose lived from February 16, 1880 to November 6, 1978. [*Tribune* obituary, 1965.]

#### **Henry [Harris] "Harry" Elliot [Elliott, Eliot, Ellicott] [1806-1884]**

Harris "Harry" [Henry/Harvey] Ellicott [Elliott/Eliot] and his family joined the growing number of Blacks who settled in the Spring Lake area before 1850. Harry, a laborer, was born in Maysville, Kentucky [Missouri] about 1806 [1810]. He and his wife, Jozet [Joselt], had one child, Elie, born in Michigan about September 1849. Jozet, born in Michigan about 1810 [1820], was classified as Indian. Another household

member in the 1850 census was Sophia Tillis, born in 1843, enumerated as Black and a Michigan native. By 1860 Harry and Jozet were living in Grand Haven. On December 28, 1863, in Grand Haven, Harry enlisted and served with Company H of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. He was discharged on January 18, 1866 with a disability. Harry was not located in the 1870 census, but on June 6, 1877, Kathleen Sanford, listed as his guardian, applied for an invalid's Civil War pension in his behalf. In 1880 he was residing on Madison Street in Grand Haven. In the same household in 1880 were John H. Elliot, born in Michigan about 1873, Catharine Hendricks, a White woman, born about 1840 in Ireland, and John Dewyer, also White, born in Canada around 1850. Harry and John Dewyer were classified as dock workers. The 1880 census showed that John Elliot's mother was born in Ireland, so Catharine may be Harry's wife and the children's' mother. However, in the census she was listed as housekeeper and boarder, and their relationship was not specified.

The *Grand Haven Tribune*, long after the incident, reported this anecdote about Harry: "Few of us remember Henry Elliott, but we all remember him as Nigger Harry. Amid the booming of cannon and the Grand Haven band playing patriotic airs, Nigger Harry led the large Democratic procession, astride a mule, with a large banner inscribed on both sides, 'I dun got de mule, war's de forty acres.'" The article reported that the Republican Party had promised voters "40 acres of land and a mule" if Ulysses Grant were elected in 1868. The Civil War hero did defeat his Democratic opponent, but the transfer of land did not occur. Apparently Harry's display in the parade upset some people, "the opposition party, especially . . . the colored people," the article continued. Later that night "[Harry's] hut was surrounded, he was taken to the river and thrown in. His friends came to the rescue, and after a copious draft of Kentucky mountain dew, he was escorted home richer by ten dollars. After that, Nigger Harry considered himself a hero." [*Tribune* article, "Reminiscences of Early Settlers," March 30, 1899.] Harry was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery on April 3, 1884.

**Edmund K. Ellis [1899-1992], Kathleen Hatton Ellis [1901-1947], and Elizabeth Josephine Bullock Hatch Ellis [1900-1998]**

In 1940 Edmund Ellis and Julian Hatton I started the Hatton Leather Company at 743 Park Street, and two years later they bought Eagle Ottawa and combined operations. Edmund became a sales executive with Eagle Ottawa after the two businesses were combined. He was a colonel in the Army during WWII. In 1964 he represented Michigan at the Republican National Convention.

On December 29, 1928 Edmund married Kathleen, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hatton. Born in Bay Shore, Long Island, New York on July 27, 1901, Kathleen graduated from Akeley Hall and in 1923 from the University of Michigan. Kathleen was seriously injured in July 1927, when she fell into a manhole opening on Howard Street, left open by a city employee. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She attended St. John's Episcopal Church, and was a member of the Girl Scout Council, Grand Haven Woman's Club, St. Elizabeth's Guild, Tuesday Musicale, D.A.R., Red Cross, Central Parent Teachers Association, and Women's Golf Association at the Spring Lake Country Club. The Ellises' children were Julia, who was born about October 1929, and Kathleen Virginia. The family lived at 420 Howard Street. Kathleen died unexpectedly at her home on August 17, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Elizabeth "Betty" Bullock married Clarence Hatch II in Detroit on March 27, 1926. Clarence was born in Savannah, Georgia on September 12, 1899. They had two sons: Terry Hatch, who was born on April 16, 1929, lived briefly in Grand Haven, and relocated to Wheaton, Illinois, where he died on April 26, 2021, and John Hatch, who was born on April 29, 1934 and resided in Minneapolis. Betty and Clarence were divorced on November 18, 1947 in Oakland, Michigan. Clarence passed away on March 1, 1988 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After the divorce. Betty married Edmund Ellis in 1948. She had been introduced to the Grand Haven area as a child when her parents vacationed at Highland Park.

Betty was an artist. She attended the University of Michigan for two years before graduating from Columbia University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in costume design and illustration. She enjoyed



painting in watercolor, and she exhibited extensively at such venues as Hackley Artr Gallery [now Muskegon Museum of Art], Grand Valley State University and YWCA and Woman's Club and Mortello Towers in Key West. The American Watercolor Society gave her painting "Afternoon of a Muskegon Towel" a major award.

In 1962 she designed the layout and figures for the nativity scene that was displayed at the Musical Fountain each Christmas season until legal issues caused its removal in 2014. Beverly Mills Dornbos lent Betty some hand-carved camels from Egypt to use as models.

Betty and Edmund continued to reside at the home on Howard Street. He was born in Washington, D.C. on September 29, 1899, died in Grand Haven on June 29, 1992, and was buried at Lake Forest. Betty lived from March 19, 1900 to July 10, 1998. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 18, 1947 and July 13, 1998.]

### **Norman Tanner Ellis [1900-1983]**

Born September 27, 1900 in Grand Rapids, Norman Ellis worked with the Tropical Paint & Oil Company in Cleveland, Ohio. He went to night school and was promoted to chemist. In 1923 he was employed at the Grand Rapids Filtration plant until he came to Grand Haven. He was a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Norman was the City Chemist for Grand Haven and tested the water for 9,400 days, from May 18, 1929 to October 1, 1965. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes and belonged to the Rotary Club, Masons, the Low 12 Club, and Command of Muskegon.

On June 1, 1929 Norman married Lois Frye, and they resided at 632 Clinton. Lois passed away on December 19, 1968, and Ellis died on February 19, 1983. They had a son Ralph and a daughter Lois, who married John Henderson of Spring Lake. Another daughter, Marian, was born about 1930. [*Tribune* article, "Norman T. Ellis Tests City Water," October 12, 1965, and *Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1983.]

### **Edward S. Emert [Emmert] [1859-1922]**

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Edward Emert owned a 40-acre farm in Section 11 of Blendon Township. Born in Indiana in 1859, he came to the area in 1886. He married Mary Schlich in Grand Rapids on April 23, 1907. She was born in Michigan on January 10, 1870. Edward passed away in 1922 and was buried at Blendon Township Cemetery, but according to the 1930 Federal Census, Edward and Mary were divorced. At that time, Mary continued to operate the family farm in Blendon Township. Three children living with her were Coletta, 21 years old; Louis, 19; and Frank, 14. Mary passed away on November 17, 1937 and was buried at Blendon Township Cemetery.

### **Ello Elwin Emery I [1856-1944]**

In the 1880 census Ello Emery was classified as a landscape artist. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire on November 27, 1856. On March 12, 1890 in Ann Arbor, he married Christine [Tennie] McLillian. She was born in Canada and lived from April 29, 1865 to January 14, 1943. Ello died a few months later, on April 17, 1944. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ello Emery II, their son, was born on November 10, 1895, and Iola, a daughter, was born on August 22, 1897 and died on June 9, 1976. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. The Emerys' children were born in Illinois. The family resided at 1423 Washington in 1910, 1203 Washington in 1920, 1014 Sheldon Road around 1930 and again at 1203 Washington in the early 1940s.

### **Ello Elwin Emery II [1895-1983]**

Born in Chicago on November 10, 1895, Ello Emery II graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1915 and served with the Engineering Corps in France during WWI. He was the son of Ello and Christine Emery II attended the University of Michigan and was superintendent of Construction for the City of Grand Haven for 26 years. Prior to that he was a partner with Hartger Jonker in the Jonker & Emery Construction Company, which specialized in masonry and concrete. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, United Church of Sun City [Arizona], Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club, Fairway Lawn Bowling Club, Square Club of Sun City, WWI Barracks, and the Masons.

On September 15, 1920 Ello married Marie, daughter of Fred and Ann Verhoeks Jonker. Marie was born on November 4, 1896 and died in Tempe, Arizona on May 14, 1994. In 1943 the Emery family was living at 435 Columbus. The Emerys' children included Marjorie, who married Jack Dickinson Highfield of Grand Rapids, and Jacquelyn Groff of Sun City, Arizona. Ello died in Tempe on March 24, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, April 1, 1983.]

### **James Emery [1832-1899]**

Born in Bedfordshire, England on January 25, 1832, James Emery came to America in 1859, living for a short time in Cincinnati, where his uncle, Thomas Emery, owned some valuable property, including the Emery and Palace Hotels. James soon moved to Milwaukee, and in 1870 settled in Spring Lake. Originally a house painter, he later entered the insurance business. His advertisement in the 1893 *Ottawa County Business Compendium* asked, "**What Will Our Friends Say When We Are Gone: Will Not Their First Inquiry Be . . . WAS HE WELL INSURED? Is it not your duty To Provide for your Relatives and Increase your Estate by Securing SAFE INSURANCE at the lowest Cost consistent with the GREATEST SECURITY? You need not die to win.**" The full-page ad ended, "JAMES EMERY, Special Agent, Spring Lake, Mich."

On May 27, 1854 in London, England, James married Lucy Adams, who was born in 1831. The Emerys attended the Baptist Church of Spring Lake. In 1890 James and Lucy built a house at 114 East Savidge in Spring Lake. When it was destroyed in the 1893 fire, they rebuilt on the same site. The couple had four children, all: Annie Emery, who was born in England in 1855 and married George Perry of Spring Lake; Eva Emery, who was born in 1858 in Wisconsin, married Orlin O. Fletcher, and moved to South Carolina and New York; Florence Emery, who was born in Wisconsin in 1859 and married Hiram Potts, originally of Grand Haven and later of Detroit; and Joseph Emery, who was born in Wisconsin in 1860 and relocated to Detroit. Lucy died on September 3, 1893. On November 25, 1897, James married Ellen McLain of Fruitport. She was born in Canada in 1835, died in Fruitport on April 10, 1899, and was buried at Fruitport Cemetery. James passed away on January 1, 1899 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Lucy.

### **William Jershoran Emery [1855-1934]**

A farmer, William Emery in 1918 owned 133 acres in Section 30 of Robinson Township. He was born in Adrian, Lenawee County, on February 2, 1855 and arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1879. He was listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as "Stockraiser." In the early 1890s William was located in Section 10 of Olive Township. He married Catherine Jane Goodwin in Olive Township on March 13, 1881. She was born in Fenwick, Canada and died in Nunica on July 29, 1955. William passed away at his home in Robinson Township on May 26, 1934. Their children were Roseanna E. who was born on January 26, 1882, married Edward Smalley, and died on January 10, 1968; Bertha M., who was born on August 31, 1883, married Adelbert [Burton] Crary, and died on October 10, 1974; Etta J., who was born on January 10, 1885, married John Hill, and died on January 30, 1966; Amy Lydia, who was born on September 28, 1886, married Jay Burton Smalley, and died on February 25, 1968; Ethel, William's twin, who was born on February 28, 1890; died on May 2, 1904, and was buried at Grand Haven Historic Cemetery; William J. II, Ethel's twin, who was born on February 28, 1890 and died the same day; Chester W., who was born October 4, 1891, married Birdie Mae Tuttle, died on October 11 1966, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Nina Lowika, who was born on June 27, 1901 married Rubel Barnett, and died on January 13, 1989. All except Roseanna were born in Olive Township.

### **Andrew Jackson Emlaw [1829-1914]**

Born in Alburgh Springs, Vermont on February 5, 1829, Andrew was the son of Michael and Wealthy Maxfield Emlaw, both natives of New York. Wealthy lived from 1794 to 1873 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her son and his family. Wealthy was the daughter of Isaac Maxfield of Scottish origin. Michael, born at Lake Champlain in 1800, was a cooper by trade. Michael and Wealthy had eight children, Andrew being number six. In 1849 Andrew came to Grand Haven, working as a millwright and

in the construction of sawmills. By 1863 he owned a sawmill in Muskegon. Five years after he formed a partnership with Carlton L. Storrs & Company of Grand Haven in 1866, Andrew changed the company name to Reynolds & Emlaw. The sawmill, erected in 1867 north of the South Channel on the Grand River, burned down eight years later. About 1880 the Grand Haven Lumber Company was organized with Charles Boyden as president and Andrew as vice president. Andrew teamed up with George W. Miller in 1891 to provide the area's first source of electricity, operating from a building on the southwest corner of Water Street [Harbor Drive] and Clinton. The 1893 *Compendium* listed Andrew as a "Gas Manufacturer" and as president of the Grand Haven Gas Light Company. He was a Republican.

On October 31, 1872 in Grand Rapids. Andrew married Louisa Bentham of Grand Haven. They had two children, including Harlan Stigand Emlaw, who was born on August 8, 1873 in Grand Haven, and Martha Louise Emlaw, who was born on March 12, 1879. Martha graduated from Akeley Institute in 1897 and entered the University of Michigan as a special student. After graduation in 1902, Martha taught in Spring Lake schools but had to resign because of ill health. She died on September 19, 1903 of heart disease. In the 1908 *City Directory* Andrew was listed as "retired" and living at 404 Franklin with his wife. He suffered his third major stroke and died on June 16, 1914. Louisa, who was born in Newark, England in November 1837, came to the United States in 1858. She died one year after her husband and was buried near him and other Emlaw family members at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 132, and *Tribune* obituary, September 19, 1903.]

### **Harlan Stigand Emlaw [1873-1953]**

Harlan, the son of Andrew and Louisa Bentham Emlaw, was born on August 8, 1873 in Grand Haven and died on February 5, 1953 in York, South Carolina. In the mid-1890s, Harlan saw a group of high school boys practicing baseball at Recreation Park in the cold October air. He had played football at Michigan Mining School and told the young men that the fall climate was much more conducive to football than baseball. He convinced them, taught them the game, and acted as their first coach. On June 26, 1901 in Spring Lake, Harlan married Alice [Alice Lucy], the daughter of Aloys and Mary Alice Thompson Bilz of Spring Lake. Alice was born in Utah on August 14, 1877. Harlan and his wife and their daughter Alice Louise resided in the family home at 404 Franklin in 1920, before moving to Massachusetts, where Harlan was a mining engineer. Daughter Alice was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 15, 1909 and passed away on February 27, 2003 in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Alice the mother died on January 1, 1943. She and Harlan were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Isaac [Isaak, Izaak] Emlaw [1825-1913]**

Born in Vermont [Franklin County, New York] in 1825, Isaac Emlaw came to Grand Haven in 1844 and worked in the lumber mills. Three years later, on March 25, 1847, he married Sarah Jane Baxter, who was born around 1824 in New York. They became residents of Spring Lake Township. On October 2, 1863 he enlisted as private in Company C of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on March 16, 1865 with the rank of corporal. On November 24, 1871 Isaac applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Beginning in 1877 he was associated with Andrew Emlaw's sawmill at Grand Haven. By 1880 Isaac and Sarah were residing in Tallmadge Township. They had at least two children: George M., who was born in Michigan about 1849, and Clara L., who was born in 1857 and died on August 5, 1873 in Grand Haven. George became a lumber inspector in Muskegon. On September 7, 1894, in Ionia County, Isaac married Calista Murray Cusser. He moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, where he was included in the 1910 census as a resident at the National Military Home. At that time, he was a widower. He died on February 28, 1913 and was buried at Dayton National Cemetery in Ohio.

### **Miner [Minor] J. Emlaw [1838-1910]**

Born in New York in July 1838 [1842], Miner Emlaw was enumerated in the 1860 census as a resident of Ferrysburg, where he was employed as "moulder." He served in two outfits during the Civil War. On October 2, 1863 he enlisted in Company H of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry and on July 23, 1863 he transferred

to the 137<sup>th</sup> Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps. He was wounded and lost an arm at the Battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia, on May 31, 1862 and was discharged for those wounds on June 8, 1865. Miner was listed as a lumber scaler in the 1880 census, as lumber inspector in the 1889-1890 Muskegon *Directory*, and as “tallyman” in the 1893 *Compendium*.

Miner married Elizabeth “Lizzie” Van Uithoven in Ottawa County about 1886. She was born in The Netherlands on September 16, 1863 and came to Grand Haven when she was three years old. Miner passed away on May 20, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On June 4, 1910 she applied for a widow’s Civil War pension. The Emlaws, who lived in Spring Lake Township, had two children: Frank J., who was born in March 1884 and moved to Muskegon, and Jane [Jennie] L., who was born on March 30, 1885 and married George Swart of Grand Haven. When Elizabeth died on September 10, 1951, she was residing at 111 Eighth Street. She was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Nels Engberg [1884-1966]**

Nels Engberg was the last lighthouse keeper in Grand Haven. He took over from Charles Bavry in 1926 and served until 1939. On May 12, 1914 he married Anna Miller in Escanaba, Delta County. A native of Escanaba, she was born on August 6, 1894. They lived in the keeper’s apartment at 900 South Harbor. The Engbergs had three sons, all born in Michigan: Myron, who was born August 21, 1915 and died in Palos Heights, Illinois on June 10, 2002; Floyd J., who was born on December 13, 1917 and died in San Leandro, California on July 10, 1995; and Millard, born about 1922. Nels was born in Sweden on August 9, 1884 and died in Rapid River, Delta County, in May 1966. Anna passed away in Belding, Ionia County, on November 26, 1992. They were buried at Lakewood Cemetery in Delta County.

#### **Alice C. Engel [1912-1999]**

See Joseph Porenta [1910-2001].

#### **Michael Engelmann [Engelman, Engleman] [1832-1888]**

Around 1869 Michael [Nathaniel] Engelmann bought the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad and organized Englemann Transportation Company, with headquarters in Milwaukee. His ships, including *Ironsides*, sailed Lake Michigan, primarily between Milwaukee, Manistee, and Grand Haven. Around 1871 George Stickney was the company’s agent in Grand Haven. By 1873 the Grand Haven office was headed by Seymour Humphrey. In 1875 Michael sold his business to Northwestern Transportation, also of Milwaukee. [Northwestern was absorbed by Goodrich Transportation Company in 1881.] In 1876 he owned 81 acres along the shores of Spring Lake, just east of the Village, where Spring Lake Beach later was located. Michael was born in Bavaria [Germany] in 1832. He later entered the lumbering business in Manistee, where he, his wife Sophia and their children resided in 1880. Michael passed away on January 29, 1888. Sophia died on January 29 two years later. Both died in Manistee.

#### **Jan “John” Ennenga [1872-1952]**

John Ennenga on December 31, 1895 married Jennie Vink. They had seven children and resided at 529 Columbus Street. Jennie lived from August 15, 1874 to December 26, 1948. On December 16, 1950, John married Anna Stickney Buhl in Grand Haven. Anna, the daughter of Leonard and Charlotte Cook Stickney, was born in Plainfield, Wisconsin in August 1877. The Stickneys moved to Grand Haven. Anna’s first husband, Clarence Buhl, had died on January 25, 1926. John worked at Challenge Machinery Company. Anna died on January 8, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John lived from June 6, 1872 to August 25, 1952. He and Jennie also were buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Alfred [Albert] W. Enouy [1860-1945]**

Alfred Enouy on March 10, 1888 married Lena Luss in Muskegon. The two of them operated an establishment at the “Foot of Washington Street” that offered “Boats, Fishing, Tackle, Minnows, and Restaurant.” By 1908 Alfred was foreman at the Crosby Dock. Alfred was born in Canada in February and came to Grand Haven from Stratford, Ontario in 1884. He died in 1945. The Enouys’ home was at 212

Water [Harbor]. Lena evidently inherited the restaurant and boat livery from her first husband, Henry Luss of Grand Haven, who died in 1883. Lena, the daughter of Frederick Johannes and Dorothea Behm, was born in Germany in May 1855 and died in 1920. The Enouys' son, George F., was born on January 2, 1891 and died in 1919. Mother and son were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Frederick Ensing [1858-1935]**

Frederick Ensing, who was born in The Netherlands and lived from November 1858 [1859] to 1935, owned a Harness & Shoe Store at 212 West Savidge in Spring Lake in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He also offered repair work. He arrived in the United States in 1871. Before moving to Spring Lake, Frederick sold shoes and boots from his home on Plainfield Avenue in Grand Rapids as early as 1890. His wife, Anna, was born in The Netherlands in March 1861, came to the United States in 1868, and died in 1932. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had a daughter, Anna, born in March 1884, and a son, John H., born in August 1886. Both were born in Michigan. The family residence was in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township, near the Fruitport Township line.

### **Alyce Rudeen Erickson [1906-1999]**

Alyce was born in Minot, North Dakota on October 26, 1906, the daughter of Alfred and Eugenia Rudeen. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota in 1929 with a degree in mathematics and physics. She was appointed to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley, Virginia, to be a research mathematician. Alyce was with the organization for ten years and met such people as Orville Wright, Charles Lindbergh, and other noted pioneers in aviation. In 1940 she married E. Vincent "Vyn" Erickson. Their children included Martha A. Erickson of Boston and John V. of San Francisco. The Ericksons resided at 345 Woodlawn in Grand Haven. Vyn died on February 13, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alyce died January 24, 1999. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 14, 1985 and January 25, 1999.]

### **Carl F. Erickson I [1905-1975]**

Carl "Swede" Erickson started the Tri-City Oil Company in 1936 in partnership with Gerald Tinholt, who owned a Conoco Service Station at the junction of Pine and Ridge Streets in Ferrysburg. The station initially offered D-X gasoline [now Sunoco], but before long the owners changed to Cities Service [now Citgo] gasoline. Erickson delivered the company's petroleum products with a pickup truck, carrying 315 gallons at a time and delivering gas or fuel oil to customers in five-gallon cans. Carl II came into his father's business in 1959 and eventually took it over. In 1999 the company continued to operate the service station in Ferrysburg, and also owned a Citgo outlet at 5 North Beacon in Grand Haven. Jerry Swiftney bought that business and leased the property, starting in October 1981. Young Carl's wife Mary and their son Brian ran another Citgo, at 411 Savidge in Spring Lake, which closed around 2009. A second son, Jeff, also entered the business. In 1988 the owners constructed an office building at 524 Third Street in Ferrysburg.

Carl I, who was born on February 20, 1905, on August 18, 1928 in Grand Haven married Albertha H. Bouwman. She lived from January 31, 1908 to February 13, 1989. Carl died in Grand Haven on March 30, 1980. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Ellworth Vincent "Vyn" Erickson [1906-1985]**

Born in Muskegon on January 5, 1906, Vyn was the son of John and Ida Erickson. In 1929 he graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York as a mechanical engineer and taught in the engineering department for a year. He was manager of the New York export office of Carrier Corp. from 1935 to 1939, when he moved to Grand Haven and joined Keller Tool Company in 1940. He was president of Keller Tool from 1952 to 1955. When the company merged, he became director and senior vice president of Gardner-Denver Company until his retirement in 1961. He was a member of the Grand Haven Planning Commission, First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Rotary, Spring Lake Country Club,

Detroit Economic Club, Otsego Ski Club, Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, and Grand Haven School Board from 1945 to 1952. In 1971, he was one of a dozen local businessmen who each contributed \$100 to start the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, and he was elected its first president. Vyn also was on the Committee for Economic Development and served as trustee of Alma College from 1954 to 1975. He was director the Michigan Highway Department from 1971 to 1975, a founding director of JSJ Corporation, director of Security First Bank & Trust Company [Old Kent Bank], chairman of Wolverine World Wide, Inc. of Rockford from 1967 to 1970, director of Walworth Company, AGM Industries, Besser Company, and Michigan Plastic Products Company, and advisor and trustee of the Loutit Foundation from 1955 to 1977. In 1962 he was granted an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Grand Valley State College.

In 1940 Vyn married Alyce Rudeen of Minot, North Dakota. Their children included Martha A. Erickson of Boston, and John V. of San Francisco. The Ericksons resided at 345 Woodlawn in Grand Haven. Vyn died on February 13, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alyce died January 24, 1999 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 14, 1985 and January 25, 1999.]

### **Martin Andrew Erickson [1902-1986]**

Born in Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, on March 9, 1902, Martin was the son of Andrew and Maria Erickson. He came to Grand Haven in 1924 to manage the Grand Haven A&P Stores [Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company], located at 5 North 7<sup>th</sup>, 127 Washington, and 1116 Washington Streets. He also had worked at least briefly in Grand Rapids for an unspecified grocery store chain, probably A&P. He was manager for A&P stores in Grand Haven and Muskegon. He later owned and operated Erickson's Super Market, formerly Sheffield Brothers, at 416 Franklin Street. His grand opening ad for Saturday, July 7, 1934 said in part, "We would like to have a chance to earn your confidence and patronage by a trial order on opening day." He retired from the grocery business in 1972. Martin was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. Martin also was on the Board of Directors for Spartan stores and he was a board member of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power.

On September 15, 1924 Martin married Zeta A. Emerson in Muskegon. She was born on June 25, 1902 and died on June 7, 1983, just short of 81. Their children included Kenneth, who was born about 1928 and moved to Perrysburg, Ohio; Shirley, who married Donald Swifney of Grand Haven; and Robert of Lansing. The Ericksons first resided at 108 Franklin Street, but eventually bought a house at 1400 Sheldon Road. Martin was last located at 1822 Pine Court. Martin died on November 8, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, November 9, 1986.]

### **Aubrey Ernst [1905-1984]**

Born in Ferry, Oceana County on July 30, 1905 to Phillip and Lettie Ernst, Aubrey moved to Grand Haven in 1924 to work for the Thieleman Auto Company at 33 Franklin. In 1926 the dealership moved to 12-16 North Third Street. He became manager of Thieleman's in 1940. He and Arnold Redeker purchased the business in 1952, when Gust Thieleman retired. Aubrey sold the business to Arnie Redeker in 1966. Aubrey was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, American Legion, Grand Haven Rotary, Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Stag Club, and Grand Haven Library Board. On June 23, 1937 he married Margaret Kleet in Whitehall. Born on March 12, 1908, she died in Florida on August 13, 1982. Their children were William of Muskegon, Daniel of Holt, and James of Novi. The Ernst family resided at 414 Howard Street, Grand Haven. Aubrey died April 2, 1984 at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 4, 1984.]

### **Bernath "Bub" Ernst [1912-1991]**

Born on February 27, 1912 in Nunica to William and Anna Ernst, Bernath graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1930 and attended Michigan State College [Michigan State University]. He was a veteran of WWII. Nunica's postmaster for 37 years, Bub retired in 1976. He was a real estate agent and operator of

Ernst Dairy. He was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, and elected to the Nunica School Board. He was actively involved with the Boy Scouts. In Spring Lake on October 14, 1939 Bub married Mary Frazer, who lived from 1908 to August 21, 1988. Their children included Valerie, who married James Porenta of Grand Haven, and Michael Ernst. Bub died on July 17, 1991 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, July 17, 1991.]

### **Casper [Caspar] Ernst [1829-1879]**

A resident of Nunica, Casper Ernst on September 23, 1861, enlisted as first lieutenant with Company F of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was promoted to captain of Company E on July 27, 1863 and to major on February 23, 1865. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on February 20, 1879. Casper was born in Germany in 1829. In 1860 he was living in Albion, Calhoun County, where he was employed as superintendent of a railroad company. Casper and his wife Helen had at least one daughter, Eva Margaret, who was born about 1870 and died in Polkton Township on June 3, 1902. Helen died in 1878 when she was 34, and Casper passed away the following year. All three were buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Assumption, Illinois.

### **Henry Ernst [1834-1925]**

Henry Ernst purchased 56 acres in Section 14 of Crockery Township in 1858. He built a small house on the site soon after his purchase, and by 1870 he had constructed a more substantial home. He was still farming the land in 1918. Henry was credited with platting the Village of Nunica in 1865. He was born in Germany on June 28, 1834 and came to the United States in 1837. His wife Sarah Jane was born in Ireland or Scotland on December 26, 1836 and arrived in the United States at the age of five. Their children were Eva, born in 1857; William H., who was born on April 26, 1862, died on May 24, 1943, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; Louis C., who was born in December 1863, died on September 23, 1875, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Lena, born in 1869. Henry passed away on December 29, 1925 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Sarah Jane passed away on July 3, 1910 and also was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Marvin G. Ernst [1928-1996]**

Born October 6, 1928 in Ferry, Oceana County to Burl and Agnes Chrisman Ernst, Marvin was the brother of Melvin, Marjorie, and Elaine. He owned and operated Ernst Manufacturing, which later became ERMANCO. After selling that business he bought the Cabinet Shop, which he owned until 1979, when he retired and moved to Florida. In Florida he started Kitchen Interiors in Bradenton and owned that until 1984. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Florida. He served on the Committee for Economic Development of Grand Haven.

Marvin married Jane C. Bewalda on June 20, 1953 in Grand Haven. Their children included Susan, who married Michael Wright of Lakeland, Florida, and Eric of Tampa, whose wife's name was Lynn. Marvin died August 12, 1996 at his home in Bradenton and was buried at Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens in Florida. [*Tribune* obituary, August 14, 1996.]

### **Clarence W. "Doc" Eshleman [1901-1975]**

In 1930 Clarence Eshleman started his pharmaceutical career by working for Leon Campbell at his drugstore in Spring Lake, which in June 1923 was moved from 208 to 200 West Savidge. Clarence replaced Claude Voss, who had been with Campbell four years, but was named postmaster in 1930. In 1948 Clarence purchased the business from Campbell. Sixteen years later his son, Jon, joined his father, and in 1970 Clarence sold his remaining interest in the drugstore to William Ruhl. Clarence, the son of Simon Eshleman, was born in Yale, St. Clair County on April 23, 1901 and died in Spring Lake on June 24, 1975. He married Ruth Vink in Spring Lake on September 18, 1936. In addition to Jon, the Eshlemans had a second son, Lee B., who lived in Grand Rapids. The Eshleman residence was 512 East Exchange.

After her husband's death, Ruth was located at 514 East Exchange. She was born on June 14, 1916 and died in Spring Lake on September 26, 1996.

**Charles Knight Esler [1859-1921]**

Born in Clinton, Lenawee County on September 13, 1859, Charles Esler and Joseph Esler purchased the *Grand Haven Evening Venture* from Edward Northrup around 1887. Charles and Joseph sold their interests in the newspaper to Horrace Nichols in 1891 for \$1,500. On November 10, 1879 Charles married de Ette [De Ella/De Ette] Patterson in Reed, Osceola County. She was born in Clinton on March 3, 1862. Their first child, Lee, was born in Cadillac, Wexford County on October 9, 1880. Two other children, Daniel, born on June 22, 1882, and Dora, born in 1883, were natives of Grand Haven, as was Jay, who was born on March 20, 1888; apparently, Jay also went by the name Charles. A son Dana died in Grand Haven about October 25 that year and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Another child, Harry K., was born in Lansing on September 6, 1892. Harry was followed by Arthur K., born on November 7, 1893, Bertha Knight, born on December 25, 1896, and Zera, born about 1901. Both Arthur and Bertha were born in Lansing. The Eslers came to Grand Haven from Clare, Clare County. They settled in Lansing after leaving Grand Haven, where Charles became a druggist. He died in Lansing on November 2, 1921 and was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing. De Ette passed away on September 13, 1926 and was buried at the same cemetery.

**Harold J. Essebagggers [1907-1999]**

In 1945 Harold Essebagggers bought Franklin Press at 517 Fulton. In 1960 he moved the business to the industrial park at 1619 Marion. From 1968 to 1977 Harold Falenbrack owned Franklin Press. In 1978 Harold Essebagggers' son Jim bought back the business. Harold Essebagggers and his wife, Catherine H., resided at 527 James Street in Spring Lake. Harold was born on July 11, 1907 and died in Spring Lake on May 17, 1999.

**John B. Estelle [1839-1910]**

John Estelle was born in Ohio on January 21, 1839. On October 14, 1861 he enlisted as private in Company G of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Cavalry and was discharged on June 20 the next year for disability. Then, on December 7, 1863, while in Hillsdale, Hillsdale County, he enlisted in Company E of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, again with the rank of private, and was discharged on July 5, 1865. John was listed twice as missing in action, first on March 1, 1864 near Richmond, Virginia, and then on June 11, 1864, at Trevillian Station, Virginia. After the war he settled on a farm in Olive Township, where he died on June 6, 1910. John was buried at Olive Cemetery with his mother, Rebecka A. Estelle, who lived from 1814 to 1896. His wife, Emily M., was born in October 1843 in New York. On July 5, 1910 she applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Harry, born about 1867, and Walter, born about 1882, both of Olive Township, were John's and Rebecca's sons.

**Walter G. Estelle [1882-1970]**

Walter Estelle, who was listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," owned land in Sections 10 and 11 of Olive Township. He was born in Indiana on November 18, 1882 and arrived in Olive Township in 1890 with his parents, John B. and Emily M. Estelle. On April 20, 1905 in Ottawa County, Walter married Flora [Laura] Hunt, who was born in Michigan about 1879. Their children, both born locally, were Paul, born about 1907, and Marcia, born about 1909. In 1910 Walter's brother, Harry, was residing with him, as was Harry's wife, Esther. Harry was born in Indiana about 1867. Esther was a native of Sweden, where she was born about 1882. Walter's and Harry's father, John B. Estelle, also was residing at Walter's house in 1910. By 1920 Walter and his family were residing in Calhoun County. He died in Knoxville, Tennessee in September 1970.

**Charles M. Ettinger [1896-1980]**



Born in Indiana on February 26, 1896, Charles Ettinger worked for Security First Savings Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third] in Grand Haven. In 1923 he married Marie Adolphia, the daughter of Edward and Mary Vesta Doan Garnsey of Grand Haven. In 1930 the Ettiingers resided in Saginaw, where Charles sold bonds. After Adolphia's mother died in 1967, she and Charles moved to the Garnsey summer home at 11837 Lakeshore Drive in Section 20, Grand Haven Township. Adolphia donated flower holders and other items to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Charles died in Grand Haven on December 27, 1980. Adolphia was born in Illinois on January 22, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on February 21, 1990.

### **Daniel Henry Evans [1838-1927]**

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven from 1866 to 1869, Rev. Daniel Evans delivered a eulogy at the funeral of Rev. William M. Ferry on Thursday, January 2, 1868. Daniel was born on April 16, 1838 in Ripley, Ohio. He graduated from Miami University [Ohio] in 1859 and began his theological studies at Western Theological Society in Allegheny, Pennsylvania but finished his education at Andover, Massachusetts in 1862. He was ordained in 1863 and settled in Grand Haven as pastor in 1866. He held several more pastorates until moving to Miami, Florida, where he served several years on the Board of Trustees for Miami University. He died in West Palm Beach, Florida on April 3, 1927 and was buried at Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Daniel married Sarah Jane Livingston on January 29, 1863 in Pittsburgh. She was born on January 28, 1840 in Pittsburgh and passed away in Youngstown, Ohio on October 1, 1886. Like Daniel, she was buried at Allegheny Cemetery. Two of their eight children were born in Grand Haven: Sarah Jane in 1866 and Alice Robinson on April 24, 1868. Alice went on to become a physician and earned the distinction of serving in three wars: Spanish American, WW I, and WW II. She died in Florida in 1955.

### **Thomas Alfred Evans [1882-1949]**

A native of Ridge, Maryland, where he was born on April 15, 1882, Thomas Evans was hired as an engineer for the U.S. Government and worked on the steamer *Mead*. He and his wife Deane resided at 207 South Seventh. The couple was located in Grand Haven as early as 1920, when they lived at 307 Clinton Street and Thomas was a steamboat engineer. Thomas, a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, passed away in Grand Rapids on August 4, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Deane, who was born in Michigan in June 1894, died about July 14, 1970, and was buried near her husband.

### **Charles Everest [1885-1967]**

Charles Everest was the first Highland Park manager and served in that capacity from 1936 to 1953 during the summer months. He supervised the park and looked after rentals. In 1937 owners in Highland Park erected a small building across the street from the Bil-Mar Restaurant to serve as the Park manager's office. About the same time Charles owned Baldpate Inn at 20 Crescent Hill in Highland Park. He was born on August 25, 1885 and died in Grand Rapids in August 1967.

### **Moses Everett [1818-1902]**

Moses Everett was school inspector for Grand Haven Union High School in 1862. He was included in the Grand Haven census of 1860, where he was listed as a grocer. Moses was born in Worthington, Massachusetts on June 14, 1818. His parents were Andrew and Betsey Everett. Moses had two wives: Eunice Birdsall, whom he married on August 15, 1839 in Newburgh, New York, and Hannah Birdsall, whom he married in November 1852, also in Newburgh, New York. Hannah was born in New York about 1828. Moses's children were Julia, born around 1845 in New York, Harriet, born about 1848, also in New York, Herbert, born around 1856 in Massachusetts; Irving, born about 1860 in Michigan; and Alma, born about 1863, also in Michigan. In 1860 Moses was a grocer in Grand Haven, where he resided with his family. By 1870 Moses and his family were living in Grand Rapids, where he was a store clerk. Ten years later he owned a farm in Plainfield, Kent County, and by 1900 he was back in Grand Rapids. Moses and Phineas Everett were brothers. Moses died in Grand Rapids on February 27, 1902.

### **Phineas Franklin Everett [1812-1894]**

For six months in 1852 Franklin Everett and his wife were in charge of the school on First Street that the city had purchased from Timothy Eastman the previous year. The school opened in 1851 and was supervised that year by Mary A. White. Phineas Franklin Everett was born in Worthington, Massachusetts on January 26, 1812. His parents were Andrew and Betsey Everett. A graduate of Colby College in Maine in 1838, Franklin moved to Grand Rapids in 1846, where he became principal of the Grand River Academy, a post he held for the next 28 years, except for an occasional interval, such as his brief stay in Grand Haven. Franklin was the author of *Memorials of the Grand River Valley*. He married Thirza Cudworth on May 23, 1839. She was born September 21, 1816 in Chesterfield, Massachusetts, and preceded Franklin in death by seven years, dying on July 3, 1887. Her parents were Joe Clapp and Chloe Curtis Cudworth. The Everetts had three children: Cadette, who was born in Vermont on February 17, 1840 and died on January 12, 1927; Delle E., who was born on January 12, 1853 and died on March 4, 1881; and Linden W., who lived from June 12, 1860 to March 10, 1861 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery, as was Delle. Franklin died blind and in poor health on February 1, 1894 in Grand Rapids. Franklin and Thirza were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids Township. Phineas and Moses Everett were brothers.

### **John William Everhart [1845-1904]**

John Everhart was born on April 2, 1845. On October 24, 1869 he married Sarah Arvilla Ross in Royalton, Berrien County. She was born on May 10, 1852 in Berrien. John and Sarah owned a fruit farm in Allendale Township. This fruit growing area became known as Pearline. John was appointed Pearline's first postmaster on April 29, 1891. The office closed on May 31, 1908. He passed away on December 29, 1904 in the State of Washington and was buried at Klickitat Cemetery in White Salmon, Washington. Sarah died in Los Angeles, California on November 22, 1938 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. They had two children: Otis Everhart [1870-1935], and Lydia Elizabeth Everhart [1872-1958].

### **Edward William Ewald [1886-1938]**

Edward Ewald of Muskegon in late December 1926 purchased Van I. Witt's Drug Store at 216 Washington in Grand Haven. Edward sold the business to Arno and Arthur Wheeler in 1946. On May 23, 1923 he married Maude Swanson, who was born in Michigan about 1895. The couple resided at 515 Woodlawn. Edward was born near Ludington on December 24, 1886 [1882]. He was the son of Gottlieb and Minnie Smith Ewald of Grand Haven and later of Ludington. Edward died in Grand Haven on November 18, 1938 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Gottlieb Heinrick F. Ewald [1845-1903] Wilhelmina "Minnie" Elsie C. A. Smith Ewald [1848-1925]**

When the forerunner of Rosy Mound School opened in 1861 at the corner of Ferris Street and Lakeshore Drive in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township, Minnie Smith was the first teacher. She would have been only slightly older than her students. Minnie was paid \$56 her first year. She married Gottlieb Heinrick F. Ewald in Grand Haven on December 1, 1868 and subsequently moved to Ludington. He served with Company D of the 29<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry from August 17, 1864 to September 6, 1865. He applied for a soldier's pension on May 4, 1889 and again on August 8, 1894. Minnie died on April 7, 1925. Gottlieb was born in 1845 and passed away on November 25, 1903. Both were buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Mason County. Arnold and Edward Smith of Grand Haven were Minnie's brothers.

### **Adlai [Adley] Thomas Ewing [1846-1920]**

Hailing from Chicago, Adlai T. Ewing, an attorney, purchased property in Sections 2 and 3 of Spring Lake Township, areas later known as Belle Point and Windy Point. Around 1894 he built a summer home that he called Chestnut Hill, located at or near 18600 West Spring Lake Road, later the site of St. Lazare Retreat, in the Belle Point neighborhood on the northwest corner of Spring Lake, between Cornelius and Stahl Bayous. Approximately 10 years later Adlai sold that property and built another summer place he

named Glenewing. The poet Edgar Lee Masters was among the guests who visited the cottage. On September 4, 1896, Adlai's cousin, Adlai Ewing Stevenson [1835-1914], Adlai Stevenson's wife, Letitia Green, and their daughter arrived for a visit. Adlai Ewing Stevenson, an attorney, was then vice president of the United States. The group boarded the *Fanny M. Rose*, under the command of Rushton Cobb, and was taken for a boat trip on Spring Lake, down the Grand, and into Lake Michigan. Although only a summer resident, Adlai took part in local events. He was an early director on the board of the Spring Lake Country Club, founded in 1911.

On December 4, 1879 Adlai married Kate [Hattie] Hyde, who was born on January 11, 1851 in Buffalo, New York and died on May 5, 1899. They had at least three daughters, all born in Illinois: Marjorie, born on May 7, 1881; Annette, born on November 3, 1882, and Lucy, born on May 2, 1884. Annette and Lucy were residing with their widowed father in Chicago in 1910, and Lucy was still with him in 1920. Marjorie married Jervis R. Harbeck. After Marjorie's death, Annette and Jervis were married. Jervis owned a summer home near Belle Point, not far from Glenewing. Adlai, who was born in Bloomington, Illinois on February 5, 1846, passed away in Chicago on November 2, 1920. [*Tribune* obituary, May 12, 1899.]

### **Albert O. Ewing [1843-1936]**

Albert Ewing, who was born in La Grange, Wisconsin on August 13, 1843, during the Civil War served as private in Company A of the 10th Wisconsin Infantry from September 13, 1861 to November 3, 1864. He married Anna [Annabel/Annabella] Stoner in Walworth, Wisconsin. She was born in Washington, Pennsylvania about 1846 [1844]. They had settled in the Grand Haven area by the time of the 1870 Federal Census. That year, Albert planted peach trees and had a vineyard in Peach Plains on his 82-acre farm in Sections 27 and 34 of northern Grand Haven Township. One son, Frank Ewing, was born on August 18, 1870, another son, Frederick Orman Ewing, was born on April 26, 1874 and died on October 2, 1935, and a third son, Harry Stoner Ewing, was born on December 15, 1883. All three were born locally. By 1880 the Ewings were living in Iowa. Anna on September 24, 1889 in Grand Haven married widower Wilson Gebhart [1846-1924]. She sold her Grand Haven property to Walter R. Phillips and moved with Wilson to Hart, Oceana County. Anna died in Hart on April 18, 1897. Albert in 1907 was admitted to the National Home for Disabled soldiers in Leavenworth, Kansas. By 1925 he was living in Topeka, Kansas with his second wife, Mary, who was born about 1854 in Massachusetts. He was still in Topeka when he died on July 12, 1936. He was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in that city.

### **Burke McKendree Ewing I [1894-1974]**

Over his lifetime, Burke Ewing spent summers in the Grand Haven area and made his home there from time to time. The son of Alvin E. and Carlotta Walkley Bailey Ewing, Burke was born in Grand Rapids on July 30, 1894. After graduating from Grand Rapids Central High School, he worked for Grand Rapids Refrigerator Company for three years, and then served as Radioman with the U.S. Navy during WWI. He was stationed near Boston, where he met Marjorie Elizabeth Kelley at a Red Cross dance. They were married on June 14, 1919 in Windham, Connecticut. Marjorie was born on March 19, 1897 in New Haven, Connecticut to Halsey W. and Myra Johnson Kelley. They moved to Grand Haven after the wedding. For the next two years, Burke worked at Imperial Furniture Company for two years, then joined Tibbs-Dorsey Manufacturing Company for the next three years, then moved to Chicago as an employee of Union Interior for the following seven years, ending in 1931. Eventually, he was draftsman and architectural engineer at the Sheldon Corporation in Muskegon and Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Chicago, and Marion, Virginia. He retired from Brunswick in 1960. In 1946 Marjorie and Burke purchased a farmhouse on 64 acres at 17217 Lincoln Street. The acreage abutted Burke's mother's property that extended west to the lakeshore. Burke and Marjorie sold the house and land over a period of years. In the year of his retirement, Burke constructed a one-bedroom summer home at the southeast corner [17007 Lincoln] of their original purchase. In the 1960s he and his brother, Walkley, and sister Doris, subdivided a part of the Ewing land along Lakeshore Drive and Lincoln Street, and a new street running east from

Lakeshore called Burkshire. The developers named the subdivision Ewingwood, and it became the site of several dozen residences.

After Marjorie's death in Florida on February 1, 1964, Burke married Beatrice Bowman, a long-time family friend, in Leland, Leelenau County on October 7 the same year. Bea was born in Chapin, Saginaw County on December 25, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on January 8, 1992. Burke passed away in Grand Haven on June 22, 1974. Marjorie, Bea, and Burke were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Burke and Marjorie had four children: Ann Elizabeth Ewing, who was born in Grand Rapids on March 11, 1921 and died on July 24, 2010 in Washington D.C.; Nancy Hank Ewing, who was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 9, 1922 and died in Del Mar, California on November 10, 1987; Burke McKendree Ewing II, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1925 and passed away in Los Angeles, California on June 3, 2017; and Wallace Kelley Ewing, born in Grand Rapids on September 11, 1932. Ann, Nancy, and Burke II attended Rosy Mound School during the 1931-1932 school year. Wallace attended schools in Grand Haven and Ferrysburg, and in 1983 moved into his parents' former home at 17007 Lincoln with his wife Nancy. After Nancy's death on June 8, 2005, Wallace on August 26 the next year married Betty Jane Pickel Livingston, formerly of Norton Shores. Jane was a graduate of Muskegon High School, received her bachelor degree from Western Michigan University and a master degree in art therapy from Wright State University. Wally and Jane in 2013 moved from Lincoln Street to 29 Sherman Avenue in Grand Haven, site of the Sandpiper Condominiums.

#### **Carlotta Parthenia Walkley Bailey Ewing [1870-1971] and Alvin Enoch "AE" Ewing [1864-1945]**

Carlotta was born on November 11, 1870 in Muskegon County, the daughter of Wyllys S. Walkley. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1879 and became assistant marine surgeon and physician with offices in Spring Lake and Grand Haven from 1879 to his death in Grand Haven in 1917. Carlotta was born on November 11, 1870 in Bailey, Muskegon County. She was the daughter of Wyllys S. Walkley, who was a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1879, and later a physician with offices in Spring Lake and Grand Haven from 1879 to his death in Grand Haven in 1917. Carlotta, whose mother died when she was two years old, was raised by Freeborn F. Bailey of East Paris, near Grand Rapids. She attended Hillsdale Academy, and in 1886 she was the first woman to receive the Dickerson Medal for gymnastics ability. Carlotta graduated valedictorian from Hillsdale College in 1892. After marriage, she earned local fame as an elocutionist and reader of dramatic and humorous literature, including such novels as *Les Miserables* and *Tillie, The Mennonite Maid*. Carlotta earned a master degree from the University of Michigan in 1916 and subsequently worked for Child and Family Services, traveling the state to visit children in their foster or adopted homes.

On April 5, 1893 in Grand Rapids, Carlotta married Alvin Enoch "AE" Ewing. He was born in Jackson, Ohio on November 10, 1864, moved with his parents to Hillsdale County, studied at Hillsdale College, and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for the 1892 to 1893 term. AE later received his law degree from the University of Michigan and practiced his profession in Grand Rapids. The Ewings had three children, all born in Grand Rapids: Burke McKendree I, who was born on July 30, 1894; Doris, who was born on April 28, 1898, served with the Red Cross in India during WWII, retired in 1963 as recreation director at Biggs Air Force Base in Texas, and passed away in Grand Haven on March 8, 1998; and Walkley Bailey, who was born on June 14, 1901, married Harriet Elizabeth Edwards in Grand Haven on July 31, 1920, and died on September 4, 1993. Walkley was founder and president of the Sunscreen Company in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, where he manufactured "Sunscreen," a specially designed screening he invented that blocked the sun's heat but let in light. It was used extensively on commercial buildings before central air became common.

In 1910 Carlotta and AE bought 60 acres of lakefront just south of Rosy Mound, where they built a cottage. Ten years later they sold a portion of the Rosy Mound property and bought 199 acres about two miles south of that spot, an area they called the "Wilderness." The natural wooded beauty of the dunes and the expansive beach made the Wilderness attractive to others, and it became a second home to many Grand

Rapids residents. Alvin retired in 1940 and died on January 18, 1945 in Grand Haven. A few years later Carlotta moved to El Paso, Texas with her daughter until Doris retired in 1963. They then returned to Grand Haven, eventually buying a house at 1408 Sheldon Road. Carlotta died on March 18, 1971, a few months after her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Doris passed away on March 6, 1998, a few weeks short of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. [*Tribune* article, "Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup>," November 9, 1970, and *Tribune* obituary, March 18, 1971.]

### **Edgar Gill Ewing [1879-1949]**

In the early 1930s Edgar Ewing was inspector of boilers with the U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service in Grand Haven. Edgar was born in Springfield, Tennessee on October 7, 1879 [November 7, 1881]. On July 18, 1918 in El Paso County, Texas, he married Florence Chambers. She was born in Saginaw in 1880. In Grand Haven the couple resided at 518 Washington and 205 South Fifth Streets. Between 1930 and 1940 the couple moved to Marquette and then to New Orleans. In New Orleans, Edgar worked with the Coast Guard as marine inspector. He died in New Orleans on November 28, 1949. Florence had passed away in March 1944.

### **Frederick Ewing [@1859- ?]**

In the 1920s Frederick Ewing owned a shoe shop in Spring Lake. He was born about 1859 in The Netherlands. His wife Anna was born approximately two years later.

### **Frederick Orman Ewing [1874-1935]**

Fred Ewing, the son of Albert and Anna Stoner Ewing, was born in Grand Haven on April 26, 1874. He married Cora Mae Reed in Saginaw on July 31, 1897. In 1918 Fred and Cora were living in Saginaw, where he was employed as a millwright. Fred died on October 2, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fred's parents were Albert and Anna Stoner Ewing of Grand Haven. Fred and Cora had a son, Harry Melvin Ewing, who was born in Saginaw on May 2, 1900, died in Lewiston, Montmorency County on February 12, 1963, and was buried at Albert Township Cemetery. Harry was a corporal in the U.S. Army during WWI. Fred and Harry Ewing were brothers.

### **Harry Stoner Ewing [1883-1964]**

Harry Ewing's mobile peanut and popcorn stand was a feature for many years in downtown Grand Haven. For another source of income, in the 1920s he worked at the Piano Factory. In 1930 he was listed as proprietor of a lunch counter, probably a reference to his popcorn wagon. Harry, the son of Albert and Anna Stoner Ewing, was born in Grand Haven on December 15, 1883. He married Caroline "Carrie" May Graves in Chicago on March 28, 1907. Carrie was born in June 1886. Both were natives of Michigan. Carrie was the daughter of George M. and Amelia Graves, who lived in Muskegon in 1900. Harry, the nephew of Frances Sanford, wife of George D. Sanford of Grand Haven, was residing with the Sanford family at 620 Washington in 1900 and working as a machinist's apprentice. He, Carrie, and their son George Douglas Ewing were living with the Sanfords in 1920. Douglas was born in Chicago on June 24, 1909 and died on August 12, 1976 in Grand Rapids. Harry, Carrie, and Carrie's parents were residing at 424 Slayton in 1930, but a few years later the two Ewings were in a home near Potawatomie Bayou. By 1940 the couple was residing in Adrian, Lenawee County, and ten years later they were in Muskegon, where Harry was employed as a machinist. Carrie passed away in Painesville, Ohio on April 23, 1955. Harry died nine years later in Bradenton, Florida. Fred Orman Ewing was Harry's brother.

### **William H. Ewing [1886-1931]**

William Ewing was born in Kansas in 1866. In 1919, he married Martha Margaret Voss, the daughter of Frederick [1851-1890] and Elizabeth Thieleman [1848-1923] Voss. She was born in Grand Haven on June 21, 1886. In 1920 Martha owned and operated a grocery store in Grand Haven. William delivered laundry. By 1930 the couple was residing in Bloomington, Minnesota. William sold real estate and Margaret was

unemployed. He passed away in St. Paul, Minnesota on April 27, 1931, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martha died on October 19, 1978 in Holland and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Joseph Kilpatrick Failing [1844-1919]**

Joseph G. Failing was appointed postmaster of North Robinson on March 23, 1877 and held the position until the office closed on August 28, 1879. Apparently he and his family moved to Kent County before 1880. He was born in Arcadia, New York on April 2, 1844. On September 19, 1871 he married Mary A. Feed in Almena, Van Buren County. She lived from 1846 to 1885. On October 6, 1886, Joseph married Alice H. Miner in Almena. She lived from August 12, 1855 to September 13, 1940. Joseph passed away in Grand Rapids on January 15, 1919 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. They had two daughters and a son: Gertrude L. Failing [1876-1920], Louis Failing [1878-1942], and Louisa S. Failing [1882-1883]. Gertrude and Alice also were buried at Oakhill. Louisa was buried at Almena Cemetery with her mother.

### **Elihu Burritt Fairfield [1848-1896]**

In 1870 Elihu Fairfield was a student at Michigan Agricultural College [MSU]. By 1880 he was superintendent of schools in Howell, Livingston County, and a few years later he became superintendent of Grand Haven Public Schools. Elihu was born in New Hampshire in 1848. On January 1, 1872 in Lansing, he married Mary L. Jones. Mary was born about 1851 in Michigan. They had son Herbert, who was born about 1876 and died in 1965, and another son, Arthur Malcom Fairfield, who was born in Grand Haven on April 4, 1882. Elihu died in 1896 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. By 1901 Mary was living in Los Angeles, California. Nine years later she was residing in Cook County, Illinois with her son Herbert.

### **Andrew Falls [1861-1913]**

Born in Ireland in November 1861, Andrew Falls immigrated with his parents to Canada and then on to the United States. Samuel Falls was his brother. After working out west for a time, Andrew arrived in Spring Lake in 1878. In 1880 he was an employee at one of the local sawmills. Andrew had two Spring Lake grocery stores at different times and delivered groceries to his customers by boat and by wagon. The first store was situated on the southwest corner of Jackson and Savidge Streets, where Eshleman's Drug Store later stood [200 West Savidge], which he sold to Fred J. Bertschy. In association with Charles Wilde, Andrew also operated a livery stable on the northwest corner of Division and Savidge Streets, which he sold to Henry Sprick in 1915. Andrew ran an advertisement in 1912, which read, "Flour, Feed, Hay and Grain. Crockery and Glassware. Coal and Wood." He also offered, "Livery, Team Work, Draying and Moving. Agent for Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway." His brother Samuel worked with him until opening his own business in 1898.

On January 10, 1885 Andrew married Mary Clark, who was born in Ireland in February 1861 and died December 17, 1903. Their children, all born locally, included Margaret, who was born about September 1887 and married Stewart T., the son of Bert and Anna Hauley Stone of Spring Lake; Frances, born in August 1888; William A., who was born in November 1891 and lived in Detroit with his wife, Ethel; Hazel, born in December 1894; Clark, born in November 1898; and Bernice, born in April 1899. After Mary's death, Andrew married her sister, Julia Clark, on February 28, 1911. She was born in Michigan in November 1871. Andrew died at his home in Spring Lake on October 20, 1913. He and his first wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 18, 1903 and October 23, 1913.]

### **Samuel Falls [1872-1942]**

Born in Alleson, Canada on March 27, 1872 [1869], Samuel Falls came to Spring Lake in 1883. His first job was with the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, and then he became an employee of Sisson & Lilley at their mill in White Cloud. Two years later he returned to Spring Lake and worked with his brother Andrew in the livery and grocery businesses. In 1898 he started a dry goods and shoe store in partnership

with Barbara Brongersma of Spring Lake, and three years later he bought out Brongersma's share. Samuel ran the business himself until his retirement in 1931. His store was first located at 206 West Savidge. He then erected a new structure [Falls Block] near the southeast corner of Savidge and Jackson [120 West Savidge]. The post office was moved to the site just east of the new store. Samuel was postmaster of Spring Lake from October 10, 1901 to 1911, and he was appointed again on February 20, 1912. Sam worked in real estate, as well. He developed Long View Resort on Spring Lake with Chauncey Blakeslee and William M. Connelly. On October 23, 1901 he married Ada Henderson in Ontario, Canada. Ada was born in Armada, Macomb County in 1877, died on August 18, 1945, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Samuel died on April 20, 1942 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had no children.

### **Benjamin Fanner [1825-1899]**

Sometime prior to 1866 Benjamin Fanner was auctioned off to the *lowest* bidder at a public meeting. Homeless and estranged from his family, Ben was unable to support himself. His mind was never clear, but Ben was nonetheless capable and trusted to do countless small jobs. To provide for his room and board, the city auctioned Ben to the lowest bidder willing to meet his basic physical needs. The city would pay the bidder for Ben's care, and Ben worked for his keep. That changed when on January 22, 1867 Ben Fanner was one of the first Blacks to be admitted to the newly established Ottawa County Poor farm with the ledger notation "foolish and here for life." Born in 1825 in Michigan, Ben died on the farm in 1899 and was buried at the cemetery there. During the restoration of the cemetery in 2010, his burial site was given a plaque bearing his name. [Written by Marjorie Viveen.]

### **Burt [Bert] Fant [1887-1940]**

In the early 1900s Burt Fant was a machine operator at Kilbourn's kit factory, but by the mid-1920s he operated a barbershop at 200 Washington. He married Ella Louise Bretschneider in Grand Haven on July 16, 1909. They resided at 110 Williams Street in Grand Haven. The Fants had a daughter June, born locally about 1915. The son of John T. and Cornelia Lievense Fant, Burt was born on October 18, 1887 and died on December 27, 1939. Ella was born on March 11, 1887 and died on September 6, 1958. Burt and Ella were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William Fant was his brother.

### **Howard Wesley Fant [1911-1993]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 24, 1911 to William and Theresa Norcross Fant, Howard attended Western Michigan and the University of Michigan, where he earned his law degree in 1934. He returned to Grand Haven to work for Attorney Leo C. Lillie and in 1941 began his own general practice. He formed a partnership, called Scholten and Fant, with Harvey L. Scholten on August 1, 1957. Howard retired in 1974, following a triple heart bypass operation the year before. He served as Grand Haven city attorney from 1937 to 1940 and again from 1954 to 1972. Howard acted as legal counsel to several area townships. He served on the County Board of supervisors from 1937 to 1940 and again from 1954 to 1968. From 1941 to 1948 he was County Prosecutor, except during his service in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1945, where he rose to lieutenant senior grade. His law office was at 228½ Washington. He was active in the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association, First Presbyterian Church, Rotary Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce, and he had been a partner in the Tom Johnston Gravel Company.

On October 10, 1937 Howard married Jean Aileen Johnston. Jean, the daughter of Thomas J. and Grace R. Henning Johnston, lived from March 3, 1911 to September 1, 1996. When her father died at 1959 at the age of The Fants' home was at 100 Sherman in Grand Haven. Their children included Mary E., who married Mike Sebastian of Grand Rapids; Martha A., who married Larry Schneider of Rockford; and Nick of Grand Haven, whose wife's name was Cindy. Howard died in Grand Haven on July 19, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 19, 1993.]

### **John T. Fant [1853-1915]**

In the 1893 *Compendium* John Fant was listed as a “hostler,” someone who tends to guests’ horses at inns and hotels. John was born in England and lived from April 1853 [1855] to 1915. His wife Cornelia, born in Holland, Michigan, was the daughter of William and Gertrude Brewer Lievens. She lived from June 1856 [1858] to 1927. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William, who was born in September 1882 [1883], and Burt [Burtus], born in October 1887 [1888], were their sons. Both sons were born locally. The Fants also had two daughters: Gertrude, who first married Egbert Westerhof of Grand Haven and then, after his death, married Joseph Correll, also of Grand Haven. The second daughter, Lida, was born on June 18, 1880 and married Hans Dykhuis of Grand Haven. The Fant family resided at 812 Elliott Street.

#### **William Fant [1882-1955]**

Born in Grand Haven, September 7, 1882, William was the son of John T. and Cornelia Lievens Fant. Burt Fant was William’s brother. The 1908 *City Directory* listed William Fant and Stuart [Stewart/Steward] Stone as proprietors of the Ideal Poolroom at 102 Washington. In 1909 William took over the Grand Haven Monument Works, located on the northeast corner of Third and Fulton Streets in Grand Haven, and renamed it William Fant Monument Works. He built several of the mausoleums in Lake Forest Cemetery, using Rock of Ages granite from Vermont. He was chairman of the Cemetery Board and member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Eagles, Odd Fellows, Chamber of Commerce, and Citizens Historical Association.

On February 5, 1908 William married Theresa Etheline Norcross, who was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1886. She was the daughter of Silas and Ida Dunbar Norcross of Grand Haven. Theresa died on May 22, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Fants, who lived first at 520 Pennoyer and later at 634 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven, had two sons, Howard Wesley, born on May 24, 1911, and William John, born on March 31, 1915. William worked in the research department of the Bendix Corp. in South Bend, Indiana. He died on June 22, 1955 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [Citizens Historical Association, October 11, 1941, and *Tribune* obituary, September 3, 1996.]

#### **James E. Farley [Fazekas] [1913-1993] and Doretta Yvonne Farley [1924-2011]**

Following WWII, James Farley purchased from Harold Warm several cabins of the Cabana Colony Club complex, moved them from the North Shore to Fruitport Road on the east shore of Spring Lake and started business under the name Spring Lake Cabanas [17500 Fruitport Road]. James was born on June 13, 1913. Also known as James Fazekas, he married Doretta Yvonne Young on June 30, 1956. His father, Joseph Fazekas, was born in Hungary on March 21, 1879, died on October 11, 1973, and was buried at St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Danville, Illinois. James’s mother, Thresa Steger Fazekas, passed away in 1959. Jim died on August 17, 1993 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Yvonne, who was born in Catonsville, Maryland, lived from September 9, 1924 to June 18, 2011 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 1973.]

#### **John Truman Farnham [1855-1930]**

On December 19 [18], 1883 John Farnham married Catherine A. Furlong at St. Patrick’s Church in Grand Haven. She was born in Grand Haven on November 21, 1861, the daughter of John Furlong. John started sailing out of Grand Haven in 1870, and over the years was engineer on such vessels as *St. Mary*, *Shepard*, *Jerome*, *Claude*, *Minnie Sutton*, *Centennial*, and *Pentland*, all out of Grand Haven. In 1880 John was classified as a steamboat engineer. In 1895 he moved to Chicago to work as chief engineer with Armour Elevator, but he and Catherine continued to visit Grand Haven in the summers. Their daughter Rose, born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1891, married John Epp on September 12, 1917. Other children, all born in Grand Haven, were Mary Delia, born on April 2, 1885; John, born in 1889; and W. Vincent, born in 1893. John, who was born in Fulton, New York in 1855, was the son of Lyon and Bodelia Hunt Farnham, who later moved to Grand Haven. John died November 9, 1930, and Catherine died ten years later, on November 30, 1940. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with John’s parents.

#### **Lyon [Lord] Byron Farnham [1834-1919]**



Lyon Farnham in 1860 managed the Railroad Hotel, located at the foot of Dewey Hill and at that time considered part of Ferrysburg. [His name was recorded also as L. Byron Farnham and Byron Farnham.] By 1880 he was working as a “Dredge Man” for the U.S. Corps of Engineers, a career he followed until obtaining a tugboat of his own. Lyon married Bodalia “Delia” [“Della”] Hunt in 1854. They had four children, including John Truman Farnham, who was born in Fulton, New York, in 1855. About 1869 Byron, Delia, and John moved to Grand Haven, where a daughter, Mattie [Matie] Farnham, was born on July 12, 1873. She married William D. Bakker of that city. In 1880 Lyon, Anna, and their son John resided at 442 Slayton.

Born in Ireland in 1838, Delia died in Grand Haven on February 7, 1884. On July 3, 1886 in Grand Haven, Lyon married Anna “Annie” Van Ort, who was born in The Netherlands on June 10, 1861. Their son, Ralph Louis Farnham, was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1887. Born in Oswego, New York on January 12, 1834, Lyon died on January 15, 1919. Anna continued to live in the house on Slayton Street until her death on October 14, 1937. Lyon, Bridget, and Anna were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were several of Lyon’s children.

#### **Ralph Louis Farnham [1887-1945]**

Ralph, the son of Lyon Byron and Delia Farnham, was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1887. He married Susan Balgooyen, who was born in Michigan on May 29, 1886. She died on December 2, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Ralph and Sue had a daughter, Lois A., who was born on May 19, 1915 and married George Seymour Verduin. The family resided at 442 Slayton, which was Ralph’s family home. Ralph was sales manager at Fountain Specialty. Ralph died in Grand Haven on June 25, 1945.

#### **George Alexander Farr I [1842-1914]**

Born on July 27, 1842 in Tonawanda, New York, George Farr moved to Monroe, Monroe County with his parents in 1851. On May 1, 1861, in Lenawee County, he enlisted as private in Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out the following August 7. George graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [Michigan State University] in 1870, and in 1873 was admitted to the bar and joined the office of Healy C. Akeley. In 1876 he opened his own law office in Grand Haven. He was city attorney; member of the Board of Education; trustee of the Northern Michigan Insane Asylum; state senator from 1879 to 1882; vice president of the National Bank of Grand Haven; regent of the University of Michigan; collector of customs for the Port of Grand Haven for nine years; and agent for the American Surety Company. He was Republican in politics and in 1880 he represented his party at the Republican National Convention. George also belonged to the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., and Knights Templar.

On September 24, 1879 George married Susan Cornelia Slayton, who was principal at Grand Haven High School in the 1870s. Susan, the daughter of Thomas Orlando and Susan Harris Slayton, was born on August 3, 1853 in Stowe, Vermont. The Farrs lived at 420 Howard in Grand Haven. Their children were Frances I, who was born on October 9, 1880 and in Grand Haven on June 2, 1903 married Daniel F. Zimmerman of Grand Rapids; George Alexander II, who was born on July 9, 1882 and shared law offices at 228 Washington with his father; Natalie Sarah, who was born August 8, 1887 and married H. B. Cornell of Freda, Houghton County. Millison Cutler, who was born May 12, 1889 and married Leroy W. Ranney of Greenville, Montcalm County; Leslie Susan [Susan Leslie], who was born on September 10, 1891 and died on May 15, 1947; and Caroline “Carrie” Eleanor, who was born February 6, 1893. George I died at his home on August 4, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Susan, the mother, died on January 13, 1928 in San Diego and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, August 5, 1914.]

#### **George Alexander Farr II [1882–1929]**

Born on July 9, 1882, George Farr graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and was in practice with his father, George A. Farr I, who was one of the earliest and best-known attorneys in continuous practice in Ottawa County. Susan Cornelia Slayton Farr was young George’s mother. George II

was secretary/treasurer of Western Piano Supply Company, which was owned by John Corl and operated in Grand Haven between 1903 and 1910. George II died December 13, 1929 in San Diego, California and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Friends Want George A. Farr, Jr.," September 20, 1902, and *Tribune* obituary, December 19, 1929.]

#### **William Farr [1834-1922]**

Born in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England on July 1, 1834, William Farr came to Oswego County, New York in 1855 and later went on to Canada. In 1880 he was a resident of Ionia County. He arrived in Peach Plains in 1882 and took up farming. In 1892 he moved to Fruitport. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a director of the District School. On December 25, 1859 he married Frances Marie Long, who was born in 1839 in Canada. The Farris had nine children, including a son who was killed by lightning; Addie C., who was born in Canada about 1863, married John Shire of Robinson Township, and was widowed by 1930; Walter Bruce, who was born on February 18, 1878 and died on July 6, 1953; and Herbert, born about 1893. Herbert and Walter lived in Fruitport. William died at his home on March 7, 1922, and Frances passed away in 1924. Both were buried at Fruitport Cemetery [*Tribune* obituary, March 9, 1922.]

#### **Hendrick Fase [1851-1925]**

Born May 26, 1851 in Zeeland, The Netherlands, Hendrick Fase married Lena Cornelia Van Poortvliet on April 19, 1873. She lived from February 2, 1850 to March 10, 1900. They immigrated to American in 1881. Their children were Peter Jacob, who was born on February 10, 1877 in The Netherlands; Dena, who was born on February 22, 1884 and married Peter Van Zylén of Grand Haven; Kate, who was born in September 1883; Hendrika "Henrietta," who was born in December 1886 and married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven; Isaac, who was born in January 1888; Adriana J., who was born in 1892 and on April 27, 1917 married Joe Swartz in Grand Haven; and Jennie, who was born in 1893. All the children except Peter Jacob were born locally. Hendrick was a commercial fisherman.

#### **Herbert A. "Corky" Fase [1901-1952]**

The son of Peter Jacob and Dora Abbinga Fase, Herbert was born in Grand Haven on July 30, 1901. On August 14, 1928, he married Emma A. Clark, who lived from 1911 to 1964. Like his father, Herbert was a commercial fisherman until he went to work for a local engineering firm as a fireman. Before his marriage, Herbert resided with his mother in the house his Peter had built at 26 Howard Street. By 1930 Herbert and Emma and their children were living at 21 Lafayette Street. A daughter, Diana, was born on March 5, 1929 and married Earl La Fave of Grand Haven. Her brother, Peter Jacob Fase, was born on September 25, 1933, died on April 10, 2017, and was buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1954. Corky and Emma were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other members of the family.

#### **Henry [Hinz, Hendrik] Fase [1829-1910]**

Henry Fase was an early commercial fisherman in the Grand Haven area. He was born in The Netherlands on March 7, 1829 and came to America in 1867. He married Jacoba [Cora] Pages, who was born January 28, 1834 in The Netherlands. In 1882 John Ver Hoeks married the Fases's daughter Janna "Jennie," who was born in The Netherlands in January 1864. The next year Henry helped finance John's general store at 222 North Seventh Street. Henry was a working partner in the store. Among the Fases's six children was Jacob, who was born on August 5, 1875. Jacoba died on December 15, 1904. Henry died on March 12, 1910 and was buried with his wife and other family members at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Henry J. Fase [1899-1941]**

Henry Fase, like his father Peter, became a commercial fisherman operating out of Grand Haven. He was born in Grand Haven on July 15, 1899. His mother, Dora, was the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Abbinga. Henry started working with his father when he was eight. When the United States entered World

War I, Fase quit school to enlist in the army, but was sent to the Mexico border with the U.S. Cavalry rather than to Europe. After returning to the fishing business following the war, Henry took command of the tug *Sport*. He married Adeline, who was born in Chicago on March 20, 1904, the daughter of Richard and Kate De Vries Bonga. Their children included Dorothy C., born around March 1926; Catherine H., born about February 1928; and Richard P., who was born on May 27, 1932. Henry died in Grand Haven on December 22, 1941. The family resided at 414 Leggat Street. Adeline married Frank Fisher of Grand Haven on August 26, 1944. Adeline passed away in Grand Haven on March 24, 1975.

#### **Jacob Peter Fase [1906-1949]**

Jacob, the son of Peter and Dora Abbinga Fase, was born on January 9, 1906. He married Bertha Marie Boseker, daughter of August and Henrietta Podein Boseker, well known around Highland Park. Jacob died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1949. Bertha was born on April 9, 1905 in Grand Haven. She earned a bachelor degree in education from Western Michigan University in 1953 and taught fifth grade at Central School for 26 years. She also had taught at Saugatuck for two years and at the Lansing State School for three years. Bertha belonged to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, where she became the first woman to serve as an elder and deacon. She also was the first person to participate in the Tri-City Ministries. She was president of Grand Haven Woman's Club, and she served on the Central Elementary School PTA. She was a lifetime member of Grand Haven Elks, and she also belonged to American Legion Post 26 in Grand Haven. The Fases' children were Donna Mae Fase and Jacob P. Fase. Donna was born on April 13, 1935 and married Hubert Donald Burnside. Berth died in 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, December 17, 2004.]

#### **Jacob Peter Fase [1875-1940]**

Jacob, the son of Henry Fase of Grand Haven, was born on August 5, 1875 and came to the United States with his parents in 1880. His sisters were Dena, who was born February 22, 1884 and married Peter Van Zylen, and Henrietta, who was born about 1886 and married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven. For most of his life, Jacob worked for steel companies in the Chicago area. Jacob married Daisy Wright [Armpriester] in Indiana on April 29, 1900. She was born in Pennsylvania on July 20, 1888 and died on October 29, 1954 in East Chicago. Jacob passed away on May 20, 1940 in Whiting, Indiana and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Peter Jacob Fase [1877-1926]**

Born in The Netherlands on February 10, 1877, Peter was the son of Hendrick P. and Cornelia Lena Van Portvleit Fase. Both parents were native to The Netherlands. Hendrick lived from 1851 to 1925 and Cornelia from 1850 to 1900. Peter immigrated to the United States in 1867 and settled in Grand Haven, where he was a commercial fisherman and operated the fishing tug *H. J. Dornbos*. Peter also worked with Abel Abbinga, and together they owned and operated the tugs *Alice*, *Dutch*, *Neptune*, and *Sport*. Frank Fisher, Orie Foppen, and Jack Verhoeks were members of his crew. William Verduin was captain.

On December 21, 1898 in Grand Haven, Peter married Dora, the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Abbinga of Grand Haven and sister of Abel Abbinga. Dora was born in The Netherlands on July 11, 1880, came to the United States in 1880, and died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1960. Peter and Dora had three sons: Henry, who was born on July 15, 1899; Herbert, who was born on July 30, 1901; and Jacob, who lived from 1906 to 1949. Peter served with Company F of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry during the Spanish-American War of 1898.

Peter built a home at 26 Howard Street, where he and Dora lived until his death on September 10, 1926. Dora continued to reside in the home until her death in 1960. She was buried with Peter at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Richard P. Fase [1932-1999]**

Richard, the son of Henry J. and Adeline Bonga Fase, was born on May 27, 1932 in Grand Haven. On March 22, 1958, he married Lila May the twin daughter of George and Mabelle Stewart Johnson of Grand Haven. Lila died on December 9, 1977 at the age of 38. Richard and Lila had four children: Lorraine May who married a McMillan; Henry George, who remained in Grand Haven; Brian Richard, who moved to Holland; and Catherine Lynn. On January 27, 1979 Richard married Nancy Spray, who was born about 1936. They had a daughter, Cynthia, who married Leon Oostendorp of Grand Rapids. Richard served with the Air Force during the Korean War and at one time was commander of the local American Legion post. He worked for 15 years as a field agent for the Internal Revenue Service before opening his own accounting and tax service in Grand Haven. He ran the office from his home at 15952 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Richard died in Grand Haven on November 15, 1999 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Lila.

#### **Ada Walker Fast [1885-1960]**

As early as 1910 and into the 1920s Ada and her husband, Emra [Emery] Vlear Fast, lived in Robinson Township. Emra, a farmer, was born in Ohio on June 18, 1880. He married Ada Walker in Richland, Ohio on August 14, 1902. She was born in the same state as Emra on November 12, 1885. By the late 1920s the couple was divorced. As a single woman, Ada owned and operated Haven Restaurant at 10 Washington and rented rooms at 8½ Washington. Emra remained on the Robinson Township farm. He and Ada had at least three children: Lester E. Fast, who was born on December 6, 1902 in Ohio, died on Mrch 28, 1978, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Floyd Orlo Fast, who was born July 27, 1904 in Ohio, died on August 21, 1951, and also was buried at Lake Forest; and Laura I. Fast, who was born locally around 1906, and married John Burns in Grand Haven on May 12, 1924. On March 26, 1941 in Grand Haven, Ada married Henry Osby, who lived from 1880 to 1956. Emra died on September 16, 1946 in Grand Haven, and Ada passed away on November 12, 1960. She and Henry were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Emra was buried at Ontario Community Cemetery in Richland County, Ohio.

#### **Lester E. Fast [1902-1978] and Wylda McLelland Morritt Fast [1898-1997]**

On October 6, 1941 Lester Fast married Wylda McLelland. She previously had married John Morritt [Morrett] in Canada on November 4, 1914. On September 30, 1924 the couple immigrated to the United States to take up residence in Spring Lake, where John was a teacher. Lester Fast and Wylda resided at 25 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. The son of Emra and Ada Walker Fast, Lester was born in Ohio on December 26, 1902 and died on March 28, 1978. In the late 1920s and early 1930s he was listed as a waiter at the Haven Restaurant at 10 Washington. Wylda was a clerk at the A&P Grocery Sore in Grand Haven. They were divorced in Ottawa County on January 23, 1939. Lester rented furnished rooms at the property across the street, 29 Franklin, another house he owned. Wylda was born in Ontario, Canada on February 19, 1898 and passed away in Grand Haven on February 25, 1997. After her death, the house at 25 Franklin was razed to add space to the municipal parking lot in that block. Both Lester and Wylda were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Wylda had a sister, Frances McLelland, who was buried at Lake Forest in the same plot. She lived from 1879 to March 2, 1961.

#### **James E. Fazekas [1913-1993]**

See James E. Farley [Fazekas] and D. Yvonne Farley

#### **Louis Feidler [Fiddler] [1858-1893]**

The son of John and Margaret Erhardt Feidler, Louis was born in Germany on September 29, 1858. He was a saloonkeeper in Spring Lake. His wife, Augusta, in the early 1900s operated an ice cream parlor and confectionary in Spring Lake. A daughter, Mary M., was born in October 1886. Louis died on June 3, 1893 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Augusta was born August 1, 1861 in New York and died on January 23, 1936. She was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John G. Feidler [Fiedler, Fiddler] [1831-1903]**

John Feidler and his wife Margaret Erhardt Feidler, immigrated to Ottawa County from Germany and settled in Section 29 of Crockery Township. Their son Louis [Lewis] was born in Wisconsin on September 29, 1858 and died on June 3, 1893. Louis's wife, Augusta, lived from August 1, 1861 to January 23, 1936. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. John and Margaret also had a daughter Clara, who was born in 1852 in Bavaria and married William Wachter of Spring Lake. Margaret ran a confectionery shop in the vicinity of 224 West Savidge in the early 1900s. John, who was born in March 1831 in Bavaria, died about June 22, 1903. Margaret, also from Bavaria, was born around 1826 and passed away before 1900.

#### **Edwin D. Fellows [1850-1932]**

The son of Joel and Maria Fellows, Edwin D., was born in Odisco Center, New York, on August 26, 1850 and died on September 19, 1932. He married Mary M. Blackford on July 4, 1874 in a double ceremony with his brother Eugene. Mary was born in Ohio on December 21, 1848, died in Olive Township on December 18, 1926, and was buried at Olive Cemetery with her husband and other family members. The Fellowses owned a 180-acre farm in Sections 2 and 11. In 1908 Edwin was drain commissioner for Ottawa County.

#### **Eugene D. Fellows I [1853-1932]**

A son of Joel and Maria Fellows, Eugene was born on June 3, 1853. After his first wife, Mary, died, Eugene married Sarah Vanderbeck on July 4, 1874 in a double ceremony with his brother Edwin. Sarah was born in New York State on February 8, 1853. Eugene was a carpenter and joiner in Olive Township, and he owned 72 acres in Olive and 80 acres in Section 35 of Robinson Townships. They had six children, all born in Michigan: Ina Belle, who was born April 15, 1876, married James W. Nichols [1865-1945], and died April 2, 1898; Esther, born about 1877; Maria, born in October 1878; James, born April 28, 1881; Eugene II, born about October 1883, and Laura, born January 14, 1892 and died February 25, 1897. Sarah died on October 30, 1909 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. Eugene died on November 28, 1932 and was buried with his wife.

#### **Joel Madison [Matt] Fellows [1827-1909]**

Born in Onondaga County, New York, on December 27, 1827, Joel Fellows settled in Hillsdale County in 1853. Two years later he moved to Olive Township, where he worked at farming and shoemaking. He was Olive Township's first clerk, justice of the peace, treasurer, and postmaster at Ottawa Station. On August 15, 1847 he married Margaret [Maria] C., the daughter of James and Patty Dale Eastway. Margaret was born in London, England, on March 30, 1826. She died about July 20, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Fellows owned a 38-acre farm in Section 2 of Olive Township. Among their children were Emma, who was born in October 1848 and married Hiram B. Knowlton of Allendale Township; Edwin D., born in New York on August 26, 1850; Lillie, who was born around 1860 and married Frank A. Chapel of Allendale Township; and Levi, who was born in Olive Township on December 16, 1861. Joel died on April 28, 1909 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

#### **Levi J. Fellows [1861-1941]**

Levi was born in Olive Township on December 16, 1861, the son of Joel M. and Margaret Ann Eastway Fellows. Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Levi owned a total of 180 acres in Section 2 of Olive Township and Section 34 of Robinson. On October 7, 1890, Levi married H. Elnora "Nora" Pratt at St. Luke's Church in Muskegon. Nora was born in Saranac, Ionia County, on February 25, 1859. A daughter, Bessie, was born in November 1892 and a son, Leon, was born in 1895. Levi died on September 5, 1941. Nora died two years later, on February 23.

#### **Katie Feringa [Ferenga] [1894-1960]**

Grand Haven resident Katie Feringa was one of two beneficiaries of the Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Trust. Some time before 1920 the Hofmas brought Katie into their home and raised her like a daughter. The other beneficiary was Mary Dowlyn, Elizabeth Hofma's stepsister and a semi-invalid. Born on March 3,

1894 in Michigan, Katie died in Grand Haven on January 23, 1960. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her mother, Aaltje "Alice" Vastin Feringa, a Grand Rapids resident, lived from 1868 to August 18, 1955. Katie had five sisters and six brothers. Her father, Johannes "John" Feringa, was born on April 10, 1864 and died on June 29, 1910. Alice and John, a native of The Netherlands, were married in Grand Rapids on September 3, 1889. They, along with some of their children, were buried at Fairplains Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **William Paul Ferm [1917-1979]**

William Ferm was part of a group that in 1962 led a drive to incorporate the Village of Ferrysburg as a Fifth Class City. A vote in April the next year approved the petition. He also was a member of the Ferrysburg Charter Commission, charged with the responsibility of drafting a city charter, which was approved the following September. Bill was born in Forest Lake, Alger County on October 17, 1917. On February 23, 1939, he married Mary Louise Casler in Houghton. She was born in Lima, Ohio on March 5, 1918. By 1940, the couple was living in Grand Haven, where Bill worked for the Story & Clark Piano Company. Listed as a "designer engineer" who specialized in pneumatic tools, Bill later was employed by the Gardner Denver Company in Grand Haven as an administrative assistant in the engineering department. The family resided at 17879 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Ferrysburg. Bill died in Spring Lake on December 2, 1979, and Mary passed away in Muskegon on August 14, 2007. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had four children.

#### **William Ray Ferrell [1929-1986]**

Born on February 13, 1929 in New Albany, Indiana, William Ferrell moved to Fruitport with his parents in 1956. The next year, inspired by visits to area art galleries and museums, he decided he could be an artist. He was encouraged by Richard Yonkers, Director of the Muskegon Art Gallery [now Muskegon Museum of Art]. His fellow members in Lakeland Painters [now Lakeland Artists], encouraged him to make the shift from watercolors to oils. His works were exhibited in Muskegon, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, and at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. William died in Dallas, Texas on November 28, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Jacob Ferris [1822-1889] and Anna Simons York Ferris [1840-1914]**

Born in Glens Falls, New York on February 10, 1822 [1821], Jacob Ferris arrived in Michigan in 1857. While living in Ionia County, he enlisted as captain in Company D of the Michigan 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry on July 26, 1862 and was discharged with a disability on April 15, 1863. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on August 20 the next year. Jacob, an attorney with an office in Grand Rapids, was named representative to the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1867. Around 1840 he married Lovica [Lovisa, Louisa] Tripp, born on December 19, 1821 in Wayne County, New York. Jacob and Lovica had a daughter, Almira, born about 1846 in New York, who married Melvin Smith in Greenville, Montcalm County on October 12, 1888. In 1850 Jacob, Lovica, and their children were still in Wayne County, New York, where he continued practicing law. Five years later, Jacob, Lovica, and their six children were living in Buffalo, New York. Jacob still worked as a lawyer.

At the time of the 1860 Federal Census, Jacob was living in Sidney, Montcalm County. The census-taker entered Lovica's name as Louisa. With them were eight children. Their youngest child, Zachariah, was born in Michigan in 1859. The others were born in New York, Connecticut, and Ohio.

On January 20, 1865 in Grand Rapids Jacob married Ann [Anna] M. Bigelow, who was born in New York on January 18, 1824, who previously had been married to James Bigelow. He was born in New York about 1822 and died on July 31, 1863 at the Battle of Elk River, Tennessee during the Civil War.

On December 24, 1874 in Grand Rapids, Jacob married Anna M. Sumison [Simons] York. She was born on October 6, 1840 in Pennsylvania. In 1880, still in Grand Rapids, adopted daughter Annetta B. Ferris was in the Ferris household. Born in Grand Rapids on October 27, 1867, Annetta married William P.

Cook, who was born in Michigan around 1866. Annetta was residing in Chicago in 1930 and was listed as a widow. She died on May 25, 1938 in Chicago.

In 1887 Jacob and Anna opened the Willows Resort on a 64-acre fruit farm they purchased from Edward and Julia Craw. The resort was located in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township [18635 Fruitport Road]. Jacob passed away in Spring Lake on June 23, 1889. On the following November 19 Anna applied for a widow's Civil War pension and listed an Ann R. Ferris as a surviving minor child. Anna applied for a widow's Civil War pension again on November 22, 1897.

Anna died on January 4, 1914. Robert J. Ferris, born on November 28, 1861, was Jacob's son by a previous marriage. Robert, Robert's wife Emma, and Anna continued to run the Willows after Jacob's death. After his mother's passing, Robert managed the resort until 1926, when he sold the property to Albert and Edna Bertch. Jacob and Anna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was her son, Robert, and his wife.

### **Robert J. Ferris [1861-1930]**

Robert, the son of Jacob and Anna Simons Ferris, was born in Canada on November 28, 1861. In 1884 he married Emilda "Emma" Whipple, who was born in Michigan in August 1860 and died on November 22, 1942. In 1900 he, Emma, and Anna were Spring Lake residents, and Robert was listed as proprietor of a "summer hotel," undoubtedly the Willows, a Spring Lake resort at 18635 Fruitport Road [Section 2, Spring Lake Township]. When Anna Ferris died in 1914, Robert took over ownership of the Willows, which he sold in 1926 to Samuel Falls and Albert Bertch. [In the 1900 census Robert's mother was listed as Emma M. Ferris, born in October 1829 in Canada.] Robert in the late 1880s and early 1890s resided in Grand Rapids, where he was a "traveling agent" for the Universal Tripod Company. In early 1930 he resided on Lake Avenue in Spring Lake and was still working as a traveling salesman. Emma was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her in-laws, Jacob and Anna Ferris. Robert died on June 22, 1930 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Amanda Harwood Ferry [1828-1917]**

The daughter of William and Amanda White Ferry, Amanda was born on Mackinac Island on September 20, 1828. She wrote in her memoirs, "I came to my grandparents' grandparents [in Ashfield, Massachusetts] when I was 2½ years old, returning with my aunt Hannah White, after her visit to Mackinac—and until my nineteenth year, when they both died [1848] when she moved to Grand Haven." Amanda returned to Ashfield some years later. She married Henry Clay Hall [1828-1873] in New York on June 20, 1855. Amanda died in 1917. [Letter in 'Ferry File' at Loutit District Library, written by Elizabeth von Oettingen.]

### **Edward Payson Ferry [1837-1917]**

Born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1837, Edward was the son of William Montague and Amanda White Ferry and Mary's twin brother. He engaged in lumbering, acquiring timberlands, and operating sawmills. For a time he and his brother Noah were associates. Edward was among the charter members of the Grand Haven Lodge F. and A.M. [Masons], started locally in 1863. With one brother in Congress and two in the military, Edward was the only son in Grand Haven to be able to assist his father during the Civil War. Upon his father's death in 1867, he was named executor of the estate. Edward helped establish the First National Bank of Grand Haven, which was organized in 1870 to take over the banking business of Ferry & Son, and he was the first president of the new bank. He was on the board of directors of the Michigan & Ohio Railroad, which was to run from Grand Haven to Toledo, Ohio, but failed after thousands of dollars had been invested.

Edward married Clara Virginia White, a second cousin, on June 1, 1870, and they acquired the home located at 514 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Clara, the daughter of Nathan and Sarah Brittain White, who was born in 1844, served as a tutor at the White home on Franklin Street. Edward's and Clara's four surviving

children, all born in Grand Haven, were twins William Montague and Edward Stewart, who were born on March 12, 1871; Miriam, who was born in Grand Haven around 1875, and Edith, who was born in Park City on August 22, 1880 and married Dana True Merrill [October 15, 1876-August 3, 1957] in Grand Haven on October 21, 1903. Miriam on February 12, 1896 in Grand Haven married Maurice, son of Captain Thomas and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby of Grand Haven. Maurice died in 1925, and Miriam later married a Mr. Reynolds. Dana Merrill achieved the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army. He was born in Auburn, Maine, where he and Edith were buried [Mt. Auburn Cemetery].

In 1878 Edward joined a group that included Muskegon attorneys David C. McLaughlin and Frederick A. Nims and another area man, J. W. Mason. The group purchased a silver mine in Flagstaff, Utah, naming their business the Marsac Silver Mining Company. Edward's brother, William Ferry, later joined the group, known locally as the "Michigan Bunch." Edward's family moved to Park City, Utah in 1878, never to live again in Grand Haven. Although the first mine was not especially productive, the name Ferry became prominent in the silver mining business in and around Salt Lake City. Edward, who had become mentally incompetent, died in Los Angeles on March 11, 1917. Clara died in an accident in Park City, Utah on October 20, 1881. She and Edward were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Edward Stewart Ferry [1871-1913]**

Born in Grand Haven on March 12, 1871, Edward was the son of Edward Payson and Clara White Ferry. He and William Montague Ferry III were twins. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1896, moved to Salt Lake City, and became part of the law firm of Richards, Richards, Ferry & Hamer, representing the Utah Savings and Trust Company. On October 19, 1898 he married Mabel, daughter of Dr. Eddy of Grand Rapids. On July 10, 1913, Edward committed suicide by a gunshot to the temple, at his home at 737 East South Temple Street in Salt Lake City. He reportedly had been suffering from insomnia for about six months but chose not to take any medication to ease the problem. He represented his father in litigation regarding the estate of Reverend Ferry, who had died on December 30, 1867. It is reported that he had worried greatly over a family lawsuit in which, after a ten-year case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the interests of Edward's father and in favor of the contesting siblings. The estate of William M. Ferry was to be administered by Edward P. Ferry, who later was determined to be mentally incompetent. Consequently, the management of the estate went to Edward P.'s sons, Montague and Edward S. The mining ventures in which the estate had interest were successful, and the family was well rewarded. Litigation began when the other heirs demanded an accounting. [Obituary in the *Salt Lake City News*, June 11, 1913.]

### **Hannah Elizabeth Ferry [1834-1913]**

Born on Mackinac Island on April 16, 1834 to Rev. William M. and Amanda White Ferry, Hannah came to Grand Haven on the schooner *Supply* on November 2, 1834 at the age of six months. She was educated at Grand Haven and at Rockford Female Seminary, Rockford, Illinois, "the Mt. Holyoke of the West," under the care of her aunt, Mary A. White. Hannah taught first grade in Grand Haven for a while, and she was active in the Presbyterian Church. In the winter of 1872, she married Rev. Henry W. Jones of Ipswich, Massachusetts. Jones was in charge of the Congregational Church at Swampscott, Massachusetts. Three years later he was called to St. Johnsbury, Vermont and from there he and Hannah moved to Southern California, where he began work at Pomona College in Claremont, California. Henry died in 1904. In her declining years, Hannah was cared for by her niece, Mary Amanda Eastman Fairchild, daughter of Galen and Mary Lucinda Ferry Eastman, and Mary Amanda's daughters. Hannah died at Claremont on July 4, 1913 and was buried there. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1913.]

### **Heman [Herman] Ferry [1786-1856]**

Born on August 4, 1786 in Granby, Massachusetts, Heman Ferry was the son of Noah and Hannah Montague Ferry and the brother of William Montague Ferry I. On August 21, 1839 Heman bought 20 acres in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, 40 acres in Section 33 and 64 acres in Section 34 of Crockery



Township, acreage in Section 1 of Allendale Township, and 160 acres in Sections 25 and 33 of Tallmadge Township. On June 1 two years later, he purchased an additional 40 acres in Section 15 of Crockery Township. By 1864 Heman had divested himself of all the land he owned locally. There is no evidence he ever lived in the area. Heman died in Utica, New York on March 31, 1856. His wife, Roxanna Burchard, lived from 1797 to 1842. They had three children, including New York State Senator William Henry Ferry [1819-1880] and Grand Haven resident, James Henry Ferry, born on January 24, 1823 in New York.

### **James Henry Ferry [1823-1859]**

James Ferry was one of the first officers to serve the Grand Haven Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows [IOOF], formed in 1850. That also was the year he was enumerated in the census for Ottawa County, classified as a clerk. He was born on January 24, 1823 in Remsen, New York., the son of Heman and Roxanna Burchard Ferry. He married Mary Ann Hamilton on September 7, 1846. She was born in New York State in August 1822. Reverend William Ferry was his uncle. James died in Chicago of typhoid fever on November 30, 1859. A son, James William Ferry, was born in Grand Haven in 1852 and died in Chicago on March 21, 1897. Their daughter Ellen "Ellie" Ferry was born in Chicago on September 12, 1857 and passed away in Highland Park, Illinois on October 16, 1935. In 1897 Mary owned 33 acres in Section 16 of Spring Lake Township. Later that parcel was platted as Ferry Heights Subdivision of Ferrysburg. Mary passed away in Chicago on August 22, 1905 and was buried at Graceland Cemetery, where James and their two children also were buried.

### **Mary Lucina [Lucinda] Ferry [1837-1903]**

See Galen Eastman.

### **Noah Henry Ferry [1831-1863]**

Born on Mackinac Island on April 30, 1831, the fourth child of Rev. William and Amanda Ferry, Noah arrived in Grand Haven in 1834 with the rest of his family. He attended Bell's Commercial College in Chicago and taught at the school for a time after graduating. He and his brother Edward Payson Ferry went into business at White River. Noah dredged White Lake to enable the shipment of pine logs by boat, and he laid out the village of Montague, named after his father's mother's family. His successful business was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil War. Appointed captain of a cavalry unit, on August 14, 1862 Noah recruited a company of men in White River Township, Muskegon County that was called the "White River Guard." He soon was promoted to major in Company F of the Fifth Michigan Cavalry. Noah was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. Buried at first by a tree near the site where he was killed, his body was brought back to Grand Haven by his father and brother Edward. He was then buried in the city cemetery in Central Park on July 17, 1863 with full military honors. On March 22, 1865 a monument was erected in his memory and now stands at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his body was again reburied. Ferry Memorial Church of Montague, at the corner of Old Channel Trail and Knudsen, was built in 1874 by Edward P. Ferry as a memorial to his brother. It was called First Presbyterian Church of Montague until 1942 when it became a Reformed Church. [*Tribune* articles, "A Portrait of Noah Ferry," May 26, 1930, and "100 Years Celebrated," June 1, 1974.]

### **Thomas White Ferry [1826-1896]**

Born on June 1, 1826 on Mackinac Island, the third child of Rev. William and Amanda White Ferry, Thomas was eight years old when he arrived in Grand Haven with his parents in 1834. For most of his life he went by the name "White Ferry." He spoke Ottawa, Ojibwa [Chippewa], and French. He and his brother William platted the Village of Ferrysburg on January 26, 1857. At the age of 21 he was elected clerk of Ottawa County. Three years later he was elected to the legislature, where he served from 1851 to 1852. In 1852 he was appointed deputy collector of customs for the Port of Grand Haven, and in 1856 he was elected state senator, serving from 1857 to 1858 and again from 1865 to 1883. In 1862 Thomas became a director of the new Grand Haven Union High School and was superintendent for ten years. He went into the lumbering business with his brother, Edward Payson Ferry. Before the Civil War he served

on the Republican State Central Committee for eight years and was delegate-at-large and one of the vice presidents of the national convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln. In 1864 he was elected to the 39<sup>th</sup> Congress and first and forty-second assemblies. Upon President Lincoln's death, he was appointed by the U.S. Senate to a committee that accompanied Lincoln's body to Springfield. In January 1871 he was elected by the Michigan Legislature to the U.S. Senate [the legal procedure at that time] and was elected president of the Senate *pro tempore* during the Hayes-Tilden electoral count dispute of 1876-77. That conflict was settled on March 2 by a Congressionally appointed committee, which eventually gave the Electoral College vote to Hayes by a majority of one, even though Tilden had the larger number of popular votes. When Vice President Henry Wilson died in November the senator became acting vice president. Because Hayes's inauguration would have fallen on a Sunday in 1877, it was delayed a day, allowing Thomas, as acting vice president, to carry the weight of the office between Grant's term expiring on Saturday and Hayes's swearing-in on Monday. For that reason, Thomas was called "President for a day" [Sunday, March 4, 1877]. Hayes was sworn in publicly on Monday, March 5. Another theory claimed that since Thomas was never sworn in, he couldn't have been president, and yet a third view was that Hayes was sworn in secretly right after the favorable vote on Saturday, and that his inauguration on Monday was a mere formality. In 1883 Thomas was defeated for a third term as senator by Thomas W. Palmer of Detroit. Governor Rich, of Michigan, appointed him president of the Mackinac Park Commission and it was through Thomas's endeavors that the beauties of the island were preserved.

Thomas never married, but for many years he shared his home with his aunt, Mary Amanda White. Thomas died of "cerebral apoplexy" on October 14, 1896 at his home on the corner of First and Columbus Streets [Lot 96], which had been built in 1859 for his uncle, Thomas S. White. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His epitaph read, "I have done what I could to extend our commerce over the world for the security of life and property along our seacoast, upon our great inland seas. T.W.F. The Sailors' and Soldiers' Friend. For 62 years a citizen of Grand Haven, Mich." [*Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1949*, page 1143, *Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century*, page 357, *Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans: Vol. IV*, page 72, *Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, Tribune obituary, October 14, 1896, and *Muskegon Chronicle* article "GH Honors Memory of Thomas Ferry," June 22, 1929.]

### **William Montague Ferry I [1796-1867] and Amanda White Ferry [1797-1870]**

Born on September 8, 1796 in Granby, Massachusetts, the son of Noah and Hannah Montague Ferry, William was the farming couple's eighth or ninth child in a family of ten. William graduated from Union College in Brunswick, New Jersey in 1821, and he was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in 1822. On June 11, 1823 in Ashfield, he married Amanda White. The eldest daughter of Thomas and Hannah Harwood White of Ashfield, Massachusetts, Amanda was born on August 20, 1797. A few months after their wedding, William and Amanda moved to Mackinac Island. The United Foreign Mission Society of New York sponsored William, newly licensed and ordained, to establish a school for Indians. The Ferrys lived on the Island and carried out their work there for nearly a dozen years.

Rev. Ferry visited the mouth of Grand River in the summer of 1832, the same year he journeyed to Ashfield, where he encouraged citizens to make the long trip to Michigan and settle in the Grand River Valley. In the summer of 1834, he and Pierre Duvernay reached the mouth of Grand River by paddling across the peninsula from Detroit and going westward down the Grand. With the financial backing of Robert Stuart, an agent for John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company, William came to Grand Haven to seek his fortune in lumbering. He drew a plat of the City of Grand Haven, showing Fourth Street as the eastern boundary, hoping to name the community Stuart in honor of his financial supporter. Rix Robinson preceded him, however, and gave Grand Haven its name. Rev. Ferry's original plat was placed in the archives of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. The Indians named William "Makadaquanea" [Black Coated Man] and called Amanda "Makadaquaneasqua" [Black Coated Man's Wife].

When the Ferrys arrived in Grand Haven aboard the schooner *Supply* on Sunday, November 2, 1834, they had a family of four, including a daughter, Amanda Harwood, who was born on Mackinac Island on September 30, 1828, but at the age of two and a half returned to Ashfield, Massachusetts to reside with her grandparents. Other Ferry children born on Mackinac Island were William Montague Ferry II, born July 8, 1824; Thomas White Ferry, born June 1, 1826; Noah Henry Ferry, born April 30, 1831; and Hannah Elizabeth, born April 16, 1834. In Grand Haven William and Amanda had two more children, twins Mary Lucina [Lucinda] and Edward Payson, both born on April 16, 1837. Mary was said to be the first white girl born in Grand Haven. Ferry had the *Supply* built on Mackinac Island, replacing an earlier vessel named *Aurora*.

Rev. Ferry established the area's first church and built the first permanent home, a log cabin on the southeast corner of Washington Street and Harbor Avenue, where Kirby Grill later was located. This cabin burned down in a disastrous fire of 1866. William engaged in the lumber business at Grand Haven and became a wealthy man. In 1841 he was a member of the commission that laid out the road between Muskegon and Grand Haven. He was appointed postmaster of Stuart, the name he wished to give to the community, on May 2, 1835. On August 12 that year he officially became postmaster of Grand Haven. He held the post until 1853. He retired as minister of the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven in April 1857.

In August 1839 Rev. Ferry met another Indian missionary, Peter Dougherty. Dougherty established two missions in northern Michigan. After the two men met, the visiting missionary wrote that Ferry had "lost the tenets of his faith and thereby took more interest in amassing profits," and that he was "almost entirely engrossed in the pursuits of secular business of making money." [Holmes, p. 4.]

Ferry was considered the Father of Grand Haven as well as its spiritual and moral leader for nearly 35 years. The Michigan cities of Ferrysburg, Ferry, Whitehall and Montague were named for him or members of his family. He died December 30, 1867, leaving an estate of \$120,000. He was buried in the Ferry Lot in Lake Forest Cemetery. The inscription on his headstone read, "First toil, then rest; First grace, then glory." Ferry Street and Ferry School are named in his family's honor. Amanda died on December 30, 1870. [*American Biographical Notes*, p. 138, *Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century*, p. 357, and *Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans*, Vol. IV, p. 72.]

### **William Montague Ferry II [1824-1905]**

Born on Mackinac Island on July 8, 1824, William was the first child of William and Amanda Ferry. He was credited, along with his brother, Thomas White Ferry, with platting Ferrysburg. The plat was recorded on January 26, 1857. He said, "The lumbering business was my principal employment, but eventually I acquired the machinist and engineer's trade in Grand Rapids. In 1855 I built the Ottawa Iron Works at Ferrysburg and engaged in the manufacture of stationary and marine steam engines and sawmill machinery, which was my principal occupation until 1861." The next year, with Dwight Cutler and H.T. Bell, William organized the Ottawa County Booming Company. William served as supervisor in Spring Lake in 1849, again from 1854 to 1859, and finally from 1860 to 1861. He was elected to the Michigan legislature in 1857, and in 1858 he was elected moderator of School District #1, formed in the Village of Ferrysburg the previous year. William was a charter member and director of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society and regent of the University of Michigan in 1856 and school inspector for the Mill Point educational system in 1859. He and his family were residents of Ferrysburg in 1860. On November 24, 1861, he enlisted as first lieutenant in the quartermaster of Department of Company B of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment in Ypsilanti. William became captain on June 30, 1862, as well as "Commissary of Subsistence," and was brevetted major and lieutenant colonel on March 13, 1865. He was mustered out on April 24, 1865. In 1872 he was a candidate for governor of Michigan and secretary of the Democratic National Convention at Louisville. In 1873 he became a member of the Constitutional Convention, and he was elected mayor of Grand Haven in 1876. He was referred to as "Colonel."

On October 29, 1851 in Ferrysburg, William married Jeannette A. Hollister. The daughter of John Bentley and Mary Chamberlin Hollister, Jeanette was born in Romeo, Macomb County, on August 31, 1828.

Jeanette was well educated, taught French, understood German, and read the New Testament in the original Greek. In 1878 William joined his brother, Edward Payson Ferry, in the silver mining business in Park City, Utah. William and Jeanette resided at 525 West Highland Avenue in Park City.

William and Jeanette had six children, two of whom survived: Mary Montague Ferry, who was born in Ferrysburg on February 27, 1853, married Eugene C. Allen on October 1, 1879 in Grand Haven, moved to Redlands, California, died in 1933, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Kate Harwood Ferry, who married George R. Hancock of Salt Lake City on August 21, 1882 and died in March 1900. Kate was born in Ferrysburg on July 11, 1856, and George was born around 1857 in Ludington. William II died in Park City on January 2, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He gave 22 acres of land in Salt Lake City for the site of Westminster College, and his wife provided funds for a girls' dormitory named "Ferry Hall." She died in Redlands, California on November 4, 1917. Her body was brought to Grand Haven for burial at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 27, 1900, January 4, 6, 7 and 9, 1905 and November 4, 1917, and *Tribune* article "Makers of Michigan History," September 2, 1937.]

### **William Montague "Mont" Ferry III [1871-1938]**

Born in Grand Haven on March 12, 1871, the son of Edward Payson and Clara V. White Ferry, Mont graduated from Olivet College in 1891 and two years later joined his father in the silver mining business in Park City, Utah. He was elected mayor of Salt Lake City and state senator. He was managing director of the Silver King Coalition Mine, and also president of the American Silver Producers' Association. He returned to Michigan to marry Ednah Truman on June 3, 1896 in Nashville. They had twin sons, William Montague Ferry IV and Sanford Truman Ferry, born on October 4, 1898 in Salt Lake City. Sanford, who married Irene Afton Knowlton, died on November 19, 1949. Mont died of heart disease in Park City on January 11, 1938, and Ednah died on May 24, 1964 at the age of 90 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William IV passed away on October 2, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* article, "Sudden Death of Utah Man," January 20, 1938.]

### **Aaron D. Fessenden [1810 -1876]**

Aaron and Benjamin Fessenden moved the B. & A. D. [Anson Darwin] Fessenden Company from Townsend, Massachusetts to Grand Haven in 1881, when they bought out the Glover & Tate Tub Factory. Aaron was born in Groton, Massachusetts on October 8, 1810 and later moved to Townsend. Benjamin, evidently Aaron's brother, was born around 1806, also in Townsend. In 1882 Silas Kilbourn bought out the Fessendens, who then returned to Townsend. Aaron died on May 8, 1876 in Townsend.

### **Gustave A. Fett [Fette] [1884-1939]**

Born in August 1884 in Germany, Gustave Fett moved to the Grand Haven area and opened a grocery and meat market. Later he owned and operated Fett's Shoe Store at 213 Washington. Gust was still in the shoe business in the mid-1930s. On May 31, 1906 in Grand Haven, he married Jannie [Jennie]. The daughter of Gerrit and Katie Ammaal Kamphuis, Jannie was born in August 1881 in Grand Haven. In 1908 the Fetts resided at 510 Madison, in 1920 they were living at 508 Fulton, and by 1930 they were at 1032 Franklin. A son, Paul James, was born in Michigan about 1920. Gustave's parents, both natives of Germany, were August who was born in March 1854 and died in 1930, and Wilhelmina "Minnie," who lived from February 1859 to 1903. The Fett family immigrated to the United States in 1885. Gustave died in 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Paul Fett was his brother.

### **Paul Fett [1893-1918]**

Grand Haven native Paul Fett enlisted in Company F of the State Militia in Grand Haven on December 9, 1914 and was promoted to sergeant. He saw service during the Copper County disturbances in the Upper Peninsula and along the Mexican border in 1916. When Company F worked with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI, Paul was considered the senior member. He was gassed during the Chateau Thierry offensive on August 6, 1918 and was killed on August 28 in the Allied Oise-Aisne offensive. He was born

in Grand Haven in July 1893 [1892], the son of August and Wilhelmina Fett and the brother of Gustave Fett. August, a laborer, lived from 1853 to 1930 and Wilhelmina from 1859 to 1903. The three Fetts were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

### **Christopher Fetz [1874-1913]**

On September 7, 1907 Christopher Fetz married Cornelia O'Beck, who lived from 1868 to 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cornelia was the daughter of Adrian and Johanna De Glopper O'Beck of Grand Haven. Christopher, who was born in 1874 and died in 1913, also was buried at Lake Forest. In 1920 Cornelia married Alexander Kaatz of Grand Haven.

### **Marie Josette Close Feyt [Feit] [1919-2006]**

Born in Brussels, Belgium on February 19, 1919, Marie Close attended the Brussels Conservatory of Music. In addition to studying music, she took classes in literature and sociology. After performing as a vocalist for several years, Marie at the end of WWII became a social worker for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration [UNRRA]. Her task was to locate families of displaced persons who had been confined to concentration camps. In 1947 she immigrated to New York City and arrived in Grand Haven five years later. She was hired as a substitute teacher in Grand Haven Public Schools and taught piano, voice, and Italian language and pronunciation in her home. She received a Master Degree in Education from Western Michigan University and then taught French and German at Hope College from 1959 to 1965. She accepted a position at Grand Valley State University in 1965 to teach French language and literature. She retired from that position in 1981. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where she was choir director and occasionally performed solos at the First Presbyterian Church. Marie died on November 27, 2006.

Marie married Henry Feyt, who was born in Poland on November 6, 1909. He was confined to a concentration camp during WWII, where contracted tuberculosis and suffered from malnutrition. They had three children: Ronnie Suzanne Feyt Hankins, who was born in March 1948 and remained in Grand Haven; Warren D. Feyt, also of Grand Haven, who was born on November 13, 1949; and Charles L. Feyt, who was born on December 12, 1954 and moved to Alpharetta, Georgia. The family resided at 419 Taylor Street and later at 615 Hillock Court in Grand Haven. In 1950, Henry, Marie, and Suzanne were living in New York City. Henry at that time was managing an automobile repair garage, and Marie was unemployed. In Grand Haven during the 1960s and into the 1970s, Henry owned and operated a Zephyr Service Station at 22 South Harbor, where he also sold Firestone tires. He moved the Zephyr Station to 445 North Beacon Boulevard. Henry passed away in Spring Lake in August 1980. [*Chronicle* obituary, December 28, 2006.]

### **Mary Field [1808-1892]**

Little is known about Mary Field, except that she was born in New York State in 1808, died in Grand Haven on April 21, 1892, and was buried in Block 16 of Lake Forest Cemetery. Hers was one of three ornate monuments in Block 16 made by F. O. Gross Company at 341 Wabash Avenue in Chicago. She was a native of New York State.

### **Edward Finch [1845- 1915]**

A Spring Lake resident and son of Thomas and Mary Ann Finch, Edward on August 13, 1864 enlisted as a substitute in Company F of the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on July 27 the next year and returned to Spring Lake. According to Dr. Mary Kitchel, Edward used the money he received as substitute, usually \$300, to buy a farm for his parents. In 1880 Edward was classified as an engineer. He was born in Sutton, England on November 23, 1845. On September 23, 1870 in Spring Lake he married Alice Eggleston, who was born in Wisconsin in August 1851. Their children were Frank L. Finch, who was born in Wisconsin on September 10, 1874 and died February 3, 1912; Bessie Finch, who was born in 1878, married Michael Laven [1878-1952], and died in Grandville on January 15, 1972; Roy Edward Finch, who

was born in Wisconsin in June 7, 1882 and died in December 1958; Edward D. Finch, who was born in Wisconsin on November 27, 1884 and died in Spring Lake on December 2, 1943; and Hazel M. Finch, born in Michigan in March 1890, on May 29, 1916 married William H. Fisher in Spring Lake. On January 22, 1889 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension, and by 1890 he was in a Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids. He died in Grand Rapids on February 23, 1915. Alice applied for a widow's Civil War pension on March 12, 1915. Alice passed away on June 28, 1920.

#### **Frances Minerva Hinckley [Hinkley] Finch [1851-1934]**

Born in Fairfield, Huron County, Ohio on March 31, 1851, Frances in 1856 moved to Robinson Township with her parents, Corydon and Eliza Allen Hinckley. On September 6 1871 in Saranac, Ionia County, she married Norman S. Finch, who was born on April 26, 1850. Norman died around 1880, and Frances returned to her parents' home. On December 3, 1903 she married Delos W. Eckler [1865-1927] in Grand Haven. They settled in Allendale, but after Delos's death, Frances moved to Grand Rapids. She died there on February 28, 1934 and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery with Delos.

#### **John Finch [@1837-1864]**

Spring Lake resident John Finch was 24 years old when he went to Grand Rapids on May 13, 1861 to enlist as private in Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. On May 23, 1864 he died from wounds received on May 12 at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia.

#### **Joseph Finch [1817-1891]**

Born in Cambridgeshire, England in 1817, Joseph was a brother of Robert Finch and emigrated from England to Spring Lake, arriving on the brig *Enterprise*, commanded by Captain Harry Miller, on November 6, 1848. He was listed as a laborer.

Joseph married Lucy Webster, who lived from December 1818 to 1912. Born in England, Lucy came to the United States with her husband and children, all born in England: Robert, born in 1841; Sarah, who was born on January 17, 1844, became a teacher in Spring Lake, and married John Loosemore II of Spring Lake; Edward, born in November 1846; Marianne, born about 1846; and Alice, born about 1848. [Edward was not included in the 1850 census.] Their other children included Mary A., who was born in June 1856 and taught in the Spring Lake schools for many years; Allie, who moved to California; and Robert. Their home was on the southeast corner of Park and Mason Streets in Spring Lake [218 North Park]. Living with them in 1850 was Lucy's brother, John Webster, born in England about 1826. Joseph died on April 3, 1891, and both he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Norman S. Finch [1850-@1880]**

Norman Finch was born on April 2, 1850. On September 6, 1871, he married Frances Minerva Hinkley [Hinckley] in Saranac, Ionia County. Born in Ohio in 1851, she was the daughter of Corydon [1823-1892] and Eliza Allen [1830-1893] Hinckley of Robinson Township. Norman evidently was deceased by 1880, when Frances was living with her parents. She married Hugh McDonald in Robinson Township on November 22, 1884. On December 3, 1903 in Grand Haven, she married Delos W. Eckler.

#### **Robert Finch [1841-1924]**

Born in Cambridgeshire, England in 1841, Robert came to Spring Lake with his parents, Joseph and Lucy Finch, when he was seven. In 1856 he learned the printing business in the offices of the *Grand River Times*. On March 21, 1863 he enlisted in Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters. On May 12, 1864 he was wounded at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia. Less than two weeks later he was wounded again, this time at the Battle of North Anna River, and lost his right eye. He was discharged the following October 3. He later worked for the contracting firm of Squier & White as superintendent. In 1880 he was a bookkeeper. On March 20, 1885 he was awarded a contract to dredge the Grand River in Grand Rapids to improve it for navigation. Robert was listed as "engineer" in the 1893 *Compendium*. He married Frances Louise [Louisa] Albee at Hope Church in Holland, Michigan on May 2, 1869. Frances,

the daughter of Nathan King and Eveline Hopkins Albee, was born in Otsego, New York on December 25, 1843. She filed for a widow's Civil War pension in 1914, although Robert didn't die until 1924. He was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. The Finch children, all born in Michigan, were Alice L., born about 1870; Herbert L. [Franklin] who was born on December 20, 1873, married Jennie Loosemore in Spring Lake on March 29, 1900, and moved to Grand Rapids; Josephine, who was born on October 4, 1877 and on February 3, 1903 in Grand Rapids married Peter M. Lowerse; and Frederick R., who was born on December 22, 1880 and married Bessie E. Wright Graffan in Grand Rapids on December 2, 1919. Louisa died around November 1, 1879 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Sarah Finch [1844-1937]**

See John Loosemore II.

#### **Thomas Finch I [1823-1902]**

Thomas Finch married Mary Ann Williamson in Spring Lake on July 3, 1880. Thomas arrived in Spring Lake about 1849, a year after his brother Joseph had made the same trip, emigrating from Cambridgeshire, England. Thomas and Mary owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. They had nine children, all born in Michigan, including Edward, who lived from 1845 to 1915; Jane, who was born in April 1848 and married Enno Pruim of Spring Lake; Thomas Finch II, who was born in Michigan in May 1855, became a mason in Spring Lake, and died in 1917; Susie, who was born in 1861 and died in 1882; and Emma, who was born in 1865, married Marshall McCluer of Spring Lake, and died on March 19, 1887. Thomas, born in September 1823 [1825], died on February 13, 1902 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary died before 1880. [*Tribune* obituary, February 14, 1902.]

#### **Frances Finley [1874-1961]**

See William Levi Phillips.

#### **Patrick Finn [Fenn] [1831-1898]**

In 1860 Patrick Finn [listed as Fenn] was manager of the Western Hotel in Muir, the community that formed around the train depot at the foot of Dewey Hill and was at that time considered part of Ferrysburg. He married Mary Toohar. They had a daughter Mary Ann Finn, born about 1857, and a son, Michael Finn, born about October 1859. The family resided in the hotel, which was destroyed by fire in June 1861. Patrick was born in Ireland in April 1831, and Mary, also from Ireland, was born on July 15, 1837. In 1870 the Finns were living in Grand Rapids, where Patrick continued working as a hotel keeper. They had five more children by then. Patrick passed away in Grand Rapids on May 27, 1898. Mary died on October 12, 1906. She and Patrick were buried at St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Herman R. Firchau 1912-1999] and Walter R. Firchau [1924-1996]**

In the mid-1970s Herman and Walter Firchau owned the Village Inn restaurant, located at 209 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Walter was born on May 12, 1924 and died in Saginaw on March 27, 1996. His wife, Lorna, was born in 1921. The couple relocated to Midland and then to Plymouth, Wayne County. Herman was born on June 21, 1912, and his wife, Maxine, was born on May 7, 1916 and died in Livonia, Wayne County on November 12, 1999. Herman passed away in Livonia on September 17, 1999.

#### **John Fish [1866-1948]**

John Fish, who settled on 79 acres in Section 36 in Robinson Township in 1889, was a farmer and raised livestock. John was born in The Netherlands on May 14, 1866. He married Nellie Houseman, who was born on December 25 the same year as he, also in The Netherlands. By 1930 the Fishes had moved to Georgetown Township. John died on January 14, 1948 in Grand Rapids, and Nellie passed away in Zeeland on January 9, 1961. Both were buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery.

#### **Kaidann [Kategan] Fishback [Fischbeck, Frohbeck] [1837-1882]**

Kaidann [Kagetan] married Ulrika Haack Stubman Fishback in Grand Haven on March 21, 1878. Kaidann, of German birth, lived from 1843 to September 29, 1883, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a son, Louis, who was born in February 1880, but went by the name Stubman. On August 4, 1884 in Grand Haven, Ulrika married Herman Luhm of Grand Haven. She was born in Germany in June 1845 and immigrated to the United States in 1871. In the Federal Census of 1880, Kaidann was listed as Cain Frohbeck. He, Ulrika, and baby Louis were residing in a home on Madison Street. Louis was a saloon keeper. Ulrika's first marriage was to Louis Stubman. He was born in Germany in 1832, died in Grand Haven on January 10, 1878, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Louis Fishback [Fishbeck, Fischbeck, Stubman] [1880–1910]**

Louis Fishback, born in February 1880, owned the Pere Marquette Saloon at 332 Madison [Jackson] in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. It also served as his residence. He died on May 15, 1910 in Arizona and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Kaidann [Kagetan] and Ulrika Haack Stubman Fishback. Louis used the family name Stubman but was buried as Louis Fischbeck.

**Abraham [Abram] Fisher [Visser] [1832-1909]**

Born on January 25, 1832 in The Netherlands, the son of Johannes and Anna Fisher, Abraham and two brothers, Leonard and Frank, left their native home in their fishing boat and in 1853 sailed for 90 days to reach America. After living in Buffalo, New York for a while, Abraham and other Fishers in 1856 brought their families to Grand Haven. Abraham established one of the first commercial fishing business in the Grand Haven area, called Fisher & Sons, which operated on the north side of the Grand River, across from Franklin Street, and adjacent to the later Musical Fountain site. Among his tugs was the *Charles H. Augur*, built by Robertson Ship Yard in 1888. Abraham sailed to Milwaukee and stayed there for two years to fish out of that port. Relatives continued to come to America, and there were 43 Fishers in Grand Haven in 1860 living in seven homes, all built near each other in the Franklin and Fourth Street neighborhood. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church.

Abraham's wife, Johanna Erkes of Buffalo, New York, was born on August 31, 1831 and died on January 7, 1899. Their children included Ida, born in 1855; Henry, who was born on July 23, 1857; married Mary Bolt, and died on November 11, 1924. Walter A., who lived from June 23, 1860 [1859/1861] to January 2, 1935; Francina "Sena," who married Edward F. Moll of Grand Haven; and John, born on February 23, 1868. Abraham died on April 30, 1909 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery under the name Visser. [*Tribune* obituary, November 12, 1924, and *Tribune* article, "Fishers, Albers come in 1853-54," 1984.]

**Abram James Fisher [1897-1978]**

The son of John and Jennie Hoffman Fisher, Abram was born in Grand Haven on February 24, 1897. On May 20, 1920 he married Adelaide Dorothy, the daughter of Henry and Dora Maria Vis Albers of Grand Haven. The ceremony took place in the bride's home at 114 South Third Street, where the Fishers subsequently resided. Adelaide lived from January 28, 1896 to September 27, 1972. Abram died in Grand Haven on January 7, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Harold S. Fisher, their son, was born in Grand Haven on January 22, 1924.

**Adriannus [Adriaan] Fisher [1825-1899]**

Born on February 22, 1825 in Zerkee, The Netherlands, Adriannus was the son of Johannes Fisher. He came to Grand Haven with his parents and brothers about 1856 by way of Buffalo, New York. He was one of the earliest commercial fishermen of Michigan. In his early years he was a member of the life saving service of The Netherlands. He married Mary [Maria] Van Schelven, who was born in The Netherlands on March 12, 1826, died on September 30, 1896, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, most of them born locally, included Johannes, who was born on October 11, 1851 in The Netherlands and died on September 20, 1943; William, who was born in Wisconsin around 1854; Jane, who was born in



Wisconsin about 1855 and married William Slaughter of Grand Haven, who was born the same year as Jane; Ann, who was born about 1861; Cornelius, who was born on December 31, 1863 and died on August 30, 1938; Walter, born about 1868; George, who was born on November 17, 1870; Frank Abram, who died about April 1, 1938; and Henrica. Adriannus died in Grand Haven on April 2, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 30, 1896 and April 3, 1899.]

#### **Andrew Fisher [1892-1975]**

A native of Grand Haven, where he was born on March 11, 1892, Andrew Fisher started his career with the U.S. Life Saving Service and retired from the Coast Guard on November 1, 1939 as chief boatswain's mate. He served a total of 30 years. His father, John Fisher, was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. Andrew's mother's name was Dena. In the early 1900s Andrew lived at 103 Howard. He died on June 30, 1975.

#### **Arthur Fisher [1893-1983]**

Born on April 25, 1893 in The Netherlands, Arthur was the son of Abram and Adelaine [Adeline] Fisher. The other children in the family were Garrett of Grand Haven; Abe William of Spring Lake; Jean, who married August Thompson of Muskegon, and three brothers and one sister who predeceased him. Arthur came to Grand Haven in 1910 and was employed as foreman at the Dake Corporation until his retirement. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he was the church organist, and he was choir member and Sunday school superintendent for 25 years. In 1917 he married Ella Behm, who died of a myocardial infarction on June 9, 1983 at age 85. Arthur also died of a myocardial infarction at his home, 216 Jackson, on January 5, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 6, 1983.]

#### **Charles Fisher [1882-1937]**

Charles Fisher became part owner of a general store at 222 North Seventh that John W. Ver Hoeks opened in 1882. Purchasing Ver Hoek's store with Fisher was his partner Corneil Van Zanten. They bought the business about 1905 and carried primarily groceries, but also patent medicines, fabrics, and other items. By 1930 he owned a granary store. Charles married Hendrika "Reka" Ruiters in Grand Haven on May 5, 1908. They resided at 207 Clinton. Reka was born in Michigan about 1883. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Jeanette, born about 1909; Winifred, who was born in Grand Haven on May 24, 1912 and died in Chelsea, Washenaw County on March 3, 2006; Ruth, born about 1915; and Helen, born about 1924. Charles lived from January 11, 1882 to 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Otto and Maggie Helmers Fisher. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 2006.]

#### **Elmer P. Fisher [1917-1976]**

While serving in the Philippines with the U.S. Army during WWII, Elmer Fisher was severely wounded and confined to a wheelchair for the remainder of his life. While recuperating from his wound at Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Elmer met Helen Hidden. A native of Bay City, she had enlisted in the Woman's Army Corps on February 8, 1945 and served with the medical detachment and assisted in Elmer's rehabilitation. The ensuing romance culminated in their marriage in Grand Haven on July 6, 1946. They resided at 14535 Mercury Drive in Grand Haven Township. A news photo of the couple, dated December 16, 1951, showed Helen pushing Elmer in his wheelchair through the woods on a hunting expedition. Elmer, the son of Henry Fisher of West Olive, was born on December 25, 1917, and Helen was born on June 29, 1915. Elmer passed away in Grand Haven on September 7, 1976 and Helen died five years later on August 28. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Everett "Abe" W. Fisher [1902-1987]**

Born on December 16, 1902, Abe Fisher retired as superintendent of the pressroom at Bastian Blessing after 32 years with the firm. He married Mary "Lizzie" Bolthouse on June 12, 1929. They had five children, including Donna, who married William Gelderman; Jack, whose wife's name was Mary; Joyce,

who married Alfred Rodrigues; Nancy, who married Roland Bartels of Holland; and Carol of Spring Lake. The Fishers resided at 314 Visser Street in Spring Lake. Abe died in Spring Lake on December 4, 1987. [*Tribune* articles, "Surprise Quilt Honors Parents" February 25, 1977, and "Time to Travel Arrives," December 16, 1988.]

#### **Frank Fisher [1901-1984]**

Frank, the son of John and Dena Fisher of Grand Haven, was born on October 26, 1901 and died on April 8, 1984. An employee of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, Frank retired in 1958. He married Adeline C. Bonga, the widow of Henry Fase, on August 26, 1944. Their children were Dorothy, who married William Swier of Grand Haven; Catherine, who married Robert Howting of Holland; Richard of Grand Haven; and Minnie, who married Josiah [Joseph] S. Van Loo of Grand Haven. Adeline was born on March 20, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1975.

#### **Frank J. Fisher I [1823-1900]**

Born in Zeeland, The Netherlands in 1823, Frank was the son of Johannes and Anna Fisher. While a young man in The Netherlands, he assisted in the rescue of the crew of a large French ship during a terrible storm on the Dutch coast. The French government gave him a silver medal for his heroism. He and his two brothers, Abraham and Leonard, left The Netherlands and sailed to America in their own fishing vessel and settled first in Buffalo, New York, and then continued on to Grand Haven in 1856. Frank's wife, Jane, also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born about 1822. The Fishers had six children: John, who was born in The Netherlands around 1850; Hannah, who was born in New York around 1852, married John Boet of Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, and died before 1920; Elizabeth "Lizzie," who was born in New York in 1853 and married Peter De Heer of Grand Haven; George, who was born about 1855 in Wisconsin and became a successful commercial fisherman in Grand Haven; Martin, born about 1858 in Michigan; Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven in early 1860 and married Cornelius Van Dam of Grand Rapids; and Frank II, born in September 1873. George and his wife, Agnes, and their children resided at 19 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven. Frank's wife, who was born in 1821, died on January 18, 1894 from the effects of a stroke. Frank's residence at 103 Howard was called "Poplar Home" and overlooked the channel. He lived there for 51 years. Frank I died on April 25, 1900 at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth De Heer, at 13 South Fourth Street. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 19, 1884 and April 25, 1900.]

#### **Frank J. Fisher II [1873-1961]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 30, 1873, Frank was the son of Frank and Anna Fisher. Frank followed in his father's footsteps by going to the docks at age 10, where he packed fishing nets for \$12 a month. At 21 he started sailing, which became his life work except for one year in the life saving service and three years at the Coast Guard Station. Occasionally he took temporary employment at Story & Clark. He and his wife Kate raised their family at 840 Water Street [Harbor Avenue], not far from Frank's childhood residence called "Poplar Home" at 103 Howard. Kate was born in Michigan in May 1874. Among their children were James, born in March 1897, and Marguerite, born in February 1899. Frank died on June 11, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest. Born in Missouri on January 23, 1885, Eldrie passed away on July 11, 1974 and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon. [*Tribune* articles, "The Variety Pool," December 6, 1956, and "Open House to Fete Fisherman," September 6, 1963.]

#### **Franklin Parker Fisher [1889-1971]**

Born in Louisville, Kentucky on April 10, 1889, Frank Fisher traveled the world with his wife Eldrie "Fannie," who starred in amateur programs at age three and a half and was the youngest of eight children in her family in St. Louis. Frank married Fannie Miller on May 27, 1914. They were a comedy team and were good enough to make a billing at the Palace Theatre in New York. When Vaudeville went out of fashion, they settled in Grand Haven at 808 Sheldon and ran the Haven Beauty Salon at 215 Washington until Frank became manager of the Grand Theatre in 1954 and directed the extensive remodeling of the theater in March 1958. On September 28, 1971 he retired from managing the Grand, but Jack Loeks

Theaters kept him on as a consultant. He died the following December 29. [*Tribune* article, "Frank Retires Again at 82," September 29, 1971.]

#### **George D. Fisher [1870-1948]**

George Fisher, the son of Adriannus and Mary [Maria] Van Schelven Fisher, was born in Grand Haven on November 17, 1870. On May 18, 1893 he married Agnes Johnston [Johnson], who was born in Robinson Township on September 19, 1868. George and Agnes had two children, George II, born on January 25, 1896, and Mary, who was born in April 1895. George and Agnes were divorced on January 18, 1908. George, a commercial fisherman, died on May 24, 1948 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Agnes passed away on April 22, 1957.

#### **George James Fisher [1896-1964]**

George Fisher, a railroad clerk for the Grand Trunk Railway, resided at 127 Clinton Street in Grand Haven around 1930. The son of George and Agnes Johnston [Johnson] Fisher, he was born in Grand Haven on January 25, 1896. In 1910 he lived at 19 South Fourth Street with his mother, Agnes Fisher, and his sister, Mary. Mary was a year older than George. George married Carrie Vanderwaal [Vanderwall] on May 14, 1914 in Grand Rapids. She was born on February 17, 1894 in Grandville. Both natives of Michigan, they were. Their daughter, Marjorie [Margaret], was born around 1917. By 1920 the family resided at 127 Clinton. Living with them in 1930 was George's mother Agnes, who at that time was divorced from George I. Agnes was born around 1874. Carrie passed away on March 27, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. George died on April 7, 1964 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Harold Stuart Fisher [1924-2000]**

Harold, the son of Abram and Adelaide Albers Fisher, was born in Grand Haven on January 22, 1924. He married Joyce McFall on January 29, 1949. After she died on December 12, 1998, Harold married Ethel Lovejoy on April 14, 1999, in Bradenton, Florida. Harold earned his bachelor's degree from Hope College in 1949 and a master's degree from the University of Michigan seven years later. He served as a pilot in the Air Force during World War II. For nineteen and a half years Harold worked for the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District as vocational director, director of Special Projects, and director of personnel. He was a business consultant for Northern Michigan University for three years, and he worked for Grand Haven Public Schools as a math teacher and coordinator of business education. For three years Harold was employed by the University of Michigan as an adjunct instructor of vocational education. He was elected to the Grand Haven City Council in 1959, served as a trustee on the Board of Education for Marquette Township Schools, was president of the Grand Haven Teacher's Club, and he also acted as treasurer of the Michigan Vocational Coordinators Association. Harold also was a member and one-time president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. He served two years as chair of the Schools Division Fund Drive for the Muskegon County United Appeal, two years as president of the Muskegon County Geriatrics Council and was a member of various state and federal associations. Harold belonged to the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He and his first wife had two sons, David of Fruitport, and Richard of Grand Haven. Harold died in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 6, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his first wife also was interred. [*Tribune* obituary, December 11, 2000.]

#### **Henry Fisher [1862-1942]**

Like many of his family, Henry grew up to be a commercial fisherman, although he spent five years working for Story & Clark. He was born in Michigan on July 14, 1862, the son of John and Henrietta Fisher. Both parents were born in The Netherlands. Henry worked on such tugs as *C. J. Bos*, *Calister*, and *Annie*. Henry and his wife Barbara "Lizzie," resided at 318 Lafayette. Lizzie was born in Michigan in August 1863. Their children were Hattie, who was born in June 1884 and married Almon Ward of Muskegon; John, born in April 1886; Jennie, who was born in November 1880 and married a Mr. O'Brien of Grand Haven; and Francis, born in July 1892. The family attended the First Reformed Church. The family resided on Howard Street. Henry passed away on May 3, 1942, seven years after Lizzie died.

### **Homer Powell Fisher [1897-1968]**

The son of Leonard and Tanzy Fisher, Homer was born in Grand Haven on February 10, 1897. In 1930 he worked as inspector at a printing machine company, but from 1936 to 1962 he served as Grand Haven postmaster. He and his wife, Ethel, resided at 430 Grand in their later years, but at one time lived in his parents' home at 1031 Washington. Ethel was born in Indiana on March 4, 1900 and passed away in Bradenton, Florida on June 1984. Their daughter Dolores M. was born about 1924. Homer died in Battle Creek on December 15, 1968.

### **Jay Leonard Fisher [1891-1995]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 13, 1891, Jay was the son of Leonard and Tanzy Fisher. He was an oiler aboard the *S.S. Eastland* that tipped over and burned in Chicago harbor on July 24, 1915. He escaped by crawling through a porthole. Jay was injured while serving overseas with the U.S. Naval Railway Batteries during WWI. In 1918 he worked as a mechanic at Challenge Machinery. In 1922, for one term, Jay was Grand Haven City treasurer. He joined the Postal Department on June 22, 1925 and retired April 1, 1955 after serving Grand Haven Rural Routes 1 and 2 for 28 years and West Olive for two years. By 1928 he was secretary-treasurer of the Addison-Pellegrom-Colson Furniture Store at 302 Washington. The family resided at 943 Pennoyer and later at 501 South Seventh Street. He was a member of the American Legion, Masons, and Presbyterian Church. His wife, Bertha, was born in Iowa about 1899. Their children, all born locally, included Yvonne, born about 1924; Beverly, born about 1926; and Joan, born about 1929. On February 14, 1942 Jay married Gertrude Ray of New Era. She was born on July 17, 1893 and passed away on July 28, 1983 in Grand Haven. Jay died on April 10, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 11, 1955.]

### **John A. Fisher [1868-1942]**

The son of Abraham and Johanna Erkes Fisher, John was born on February 23, 1868 in Grand Haven. He married Jennie Hoffman, who was born in Reitsun, The Netherlands on November 5, 1869. Her parents were Jan "John" and Grietje Annema Hoffman, both of whom immigrated from Reitsun to Grand Haven. John died February 3, 1942 and Jennie passed away on January 18, 1955 in Grand Haven. Abram James, born on February 24, 1897, and Nelson Hoffman, born on October 11, 1906, were their sons. The Fishers resided at 715 Fulton.

### **John J. Fisher I [1857-1935]**

Born in Buffalo, New York [Michigan] in September 1857, John Fisher came to Grand Haven in 1861. He was a fisherman all of his life. His wife Dena, the daughter of Peter and Maria Walters, was born on August 6, 1865 in Grand Haven. The Fisher children, all born in Grand Haven, included John II, born on February 29, 1884; Peter, born in December 1885; William, who was born in March 1888 and became the officer in charge of the Coast Guard station at South Haven; Henry "Harry," who was born in February 1890; Andrew, who was born on March 11, 1892; Marie [Mary], who was born in May 1894 and married Reyer Nagtzaam of Grand Haven; Abram, who was born in November 1896; Andrew, born in March 1898; Henrietta [Harriet], who was born on February 8, 1899 and married Louis Breitels; and Frank, who was born on October 26, 1901 and married Adeline Bonga Fase. John passed away on March 21, 1935 in Grand Haven, and Dena died on January 30, 1946, also in Grand Haven.

### **John J. Fisher II [1884-1930]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 29, 1884, the son of John and Dena Fisher, young John followed the lakes all his life and worked on the tugs of the fishing fleet since early boyhood. John II married but had no children. He died at his home on Madison Street from pneumonia and pleurisy on November 8, 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, November 8, 1930.]

### **Johannes Fisher [Visser] I [1801-1895]**

Born in The Netherlands, July 22, 1801, Johannes Fisher and his father and several brothers for many years manned the life saving station on the banks of the North Sea. For their bravery they were awarded medals from the English, French, and Dutch governments. In all they saved 63 lives. The wrecks were upon sandbars, usually 15 miles out in the sea, which rendered the rescue work extremely hazardous. He had a vivid recollection of Napoleon Bonaparte. Johannes arrived in Grand Haven in 1856 [1858] with his wife, Anna, and eight children, all born in The Netherlands, including Frank, born in 1823; Adriannus, born in 1825; Abraham, born in 1832; Johannes II; and Walter. The family lived in a home at 17 South Fourth Street, which was later owned by their son Frank. Anna died before 1880. Johannes died at home, on October 17, 1895 at the age of 94 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was blind for the last 25 years of his life. [*Tribune* article, "Four Score and Ten," July 23, 1891, and *Tribune* obituary, October 17, 1895.]

### **Leonard Fisher [1862-1922]**

Born in March 1862, Leonard was the son of Abram and Johanna Fisher, pioneer residents of Grand Haven. His father came from The Netherlands and was a member of the commercial fishing colony here. Leonard worked with his father for years and later went into the fishing business for himself. He also was engaged in the meat market business for a number of years. He and his wife, Tanzy [Tan], had several children, all born in Grand Haven, including Abram, born in June 1888; Jay, who was born on October 13, 1891; John, born in October 1892; Josie, who was born in August 1895 and married Howard Pellegrom of Grand Haven; Homer Powell, who was born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1897; Walter, born in May 1889; and Robert, who moved to Detroit. In the early 1900s the Fisher family lived at 905 Franklin and later at 1031 Washington. When Leonard died on September 28, 1922, he was residing at 1031 Washington. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who lived from August 1865 to 1935. Tanzy was born in The Netherlands [*Tribune* obituary, September 28, 1922.]

### **Lew Fisher [? - ?]**

Lew Fisher was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

### **Nelson Hoffman Fisher [1906-1979] and Anne Glerum Fisher [1906-2002]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 11, 1906, Nelson was the son of John A. and Jennie Hoffman Fisher. Jennie was the daughter of Jan and Greitje Hoffman. Nelson's father was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. D. Baker & Son, dealers in lumber and coal, employed Nelson for nine years, after which he served as manager of the Grand Haven Coal & Dock Company. In 1936, in association with Louis Breitels II, he purchased the company and dealt in fuel and building materials. He was a director of Sportster Trailer, Inc., as well as a member of the Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Historical Association, and the First Reformed Church.

On March 8, 1930 Nelson married Anne, the daughter of William [Will] and Mabel A. Scott Glerum. Will, a shoe repairman, was born in Grand Haven in 1877. Anne was born on March 5, 1906. She was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, Dorcas Guild, Christian Haven Ladies Auxiliary, Kilbourne Group, Free Bed Guild of North Ottawa Community Hospital, Girl Scout Council, Community Chest [United Way], the American Red Cross, and the Grand Haven Historical Society. She was a clerk and buyer for the Reichardt store from 1927 to 1931. Anne died in Grand Haven on May 2, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Nelson and Anne had two children: Annette F., who was born on March 2, 1931, and married Robert P. Whitney, and Jean Mabel, who was born on October 9, 1939 and married Garry L. Messler. Both daughters and their families remained in Grand Haven. Nelson died on February 27, 1979 of cancer and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941 and *Tribune* obituary, May 3, 2002.]

### **Walter A. Fisher I [1860-1935]**

The son of Abraham and Johanna Erkes Fisher, Walter was born in Grand Haven on June 23, 1860 [1859/1861]. Like many of his family members, Walter became a commercial fisherman, working for Captain Martin O'Beck of Grand Haven. At various times Walter was captain of the fishing tugs *C.A. Meister*, *Anna*, *E.C. Oggel*, and *A. Fisher*. He and his wife, Anna, had a son, Walter II, born about 1912, and a daughter, Louise, who married a Mr. Zimmerman. Walter and Anna were married about 1909. They resided at 500 Elliott. Captain Fisher passed away in Muskegon on January 2, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna, who had been married previously, was born in Michigan about 1886. She had a daughter, Augusta Marie Hall, who was born around 1905.

#### **John B. Fiske [Fisk] [1828-1907]**

About 1863 Rev. John B. Fisk [Fiske] replaced Joseph Anderson as pastor of the Congregational Church on Washington Street in downtown Grand Haven. His starting date is not known, but he remained more than three years. John is on record as having performed a marriage ceremony at the church on May 24, 1867. In November of that year, he was called to the First Congregational Church in Manistee, where he remained until May 1872. John was born in New York in 1828 and died in Manistee County on March 15, 1907. His wife, Mary, was a year younger and was born in the same state. They had a son, Harold, born in Michigan about 1860.

#### **Thomas C. Fitzgibbon [Fitzgibbons, Fitzgibben, Fitzgibbens, Fitz Gibbon] [1836-1865]**

Around 1860 Thomas Fitzgibbons was mail and ticket agent at the Detroit and Milwaukee Depot in Muir, the railroad terminus at the foot of Dewey Hill. On September 19, 1861, while living in Detroit, he enlisted as captain of Company B of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was promoted to major on March 25, 1864 and mustered out on February 13, 1865. Born in Ireland in 1836, Thomas died in Springfield, Massachusetts on June 4, 1865 from wounds received during the war. He married Sarah Gorman, also a native of Ireland, where she was born in November 1835 and immigrated to the United States in 1849. As early as 1864 Sarah was residing in Springfield with her three children: Ella, born in Michigan in 1861; Thomas W., born in Michigan in 1862; and William Sherman, born in Massachusetts in 1864. Another son, Charles, was born about November 1859. In 1860 Thomas, Sarah, and Charles were living in Detroit, where Thomas worked as an editor. Sarah died in 1920 in Springfield.

#### **Craig Flahive [1942-2010]**

Born in Montague on December 20, 1942, Craig Flahive became band and orchestra director for the Grand Haven schools, a position he held for 26 years. A trombonist with the Montague High School Band, Craig was awarded a four-year scholarship at Michigan State University. After receiving a master degree, Craig taught four years at Montague before coming to Grand Haven. After retiring from teaching in 1996, he directed the West Michigan Banjo Club. He and his wife Karen had a son Scott, who became a police officer and was shot and killed in Grand Haven on December 13, 1994. Their other children were Christine Merryweather of Shelbyville, Allegan County and Kennard Van Bemmelen of Colorado. Craig passed away on May 9, 2010. [*M-Live*, May 11, 2010.]

#### **Scott Flahive [1966–1994]**

Scott, the son of Craig and Karen Flahive, was born in Grand Haven on September 28, 1966. An officer with the City Department of Public Safety, Scott was shot and killed by Keith Harbin of Covert, Van Buren County on the night of December 13, 1994. Harbin and others had made a violent escape from the Ottawa County Jail, then located near downtown Grand Haven, and were making a rapid exit from the city when Officer Flahive intercepted their car on Beacon Boulevard. Harbin was caught, convicted of the crime, and sentenced to life. Scott was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A permanent memorial on Beacon Boulevard marks the spot where he was killed.

#### **Frederick Lewis Flanders [1887-1961]**

In 1929 Fred and Hazel Flanders purchased the Willows Resort property in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township and built a summer home on a portion of the site. They called their estate the Willows. Fred, a Muskegon industrialist, was born in Champion, New York on May 9, 1887. He married Louise Paradis in Highland Park, Wayne County on January 14, 1918. She was born in Michigan on April 16, 1891 and died in Mannsville, New York on August 13, 1920, and was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. The couple was residing in Muskegon in 1920. On December 16, 1921 in Muskegon, Fred married Hazel Herendeen. She was born in Michigan on June 18, 1896 and passed away in Muskegon on July 19, 1975. Fred and Hazel sold the Spring Lake property around 1940 and moved to Dade County, Florida. Fred passed away in Grand Rapids on October 8, 1961 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **John L. Flanders [1805-1876]**

John L. Flanders was born in Berlin, Vermont in 1803. He and his wife Mary and their children were living in Ferrysburg by January 1863. He was Ferrysburg's postmaster for about six months that year. John was classified as a "Laborer" in the 1870 Federal Census. Two of their children, William M. Flanders, born in Ohio in 1838, and Milan C. Flanders, born in New York State on March 15, 1851, were residents of Ferrysburg. John passed away on September 29, 1876 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary lived from August 24, 1817 to March 19, 1886 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Milan [Milton] C. Flanders [1851-1930]**

Born in Lockport, New York on March 15, 1851, Milan Flanders moved with his parents, John and Mary Flanders, to Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and then in 1860 came to Ferrysburg. As a youth he began sailing and obtained one of the first licenses from the local office of the U.S. Steamboat Inspectors and became one of the best-known marine men of this region. For sixty years he sailed the Great Lakes and also was an engineer in some of the sawmills in the region. He served on board the steamer *Merchant*, the *Lizzie Walsh*, the *Deer*, and the *Fanny M. Rose*. In the 1891 and 1893 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* he was listed as "poultry breeder." He married Emma Axford, who was born in Illinois in 1858 and died in 1953. Their daughter Ethel Hope Flanders, born in Ferrysburg in 1877, married Robert Simeon Burke [1874-1947]. Milan died on July 3, 1930 at his home on Pine Street in Ferrysburg and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Emma. [*Tribune* obituary, July 5, 1930.]

### **William M. Flanders [1838- ?]**

On April 11, 1870, William Flanders married Hattie Merrill in Spring Lake. Hattie, the daughter of Thomas and Jane Teeple Merrill, was born in 1849. In 1870 William managed the Ferrysburg hotel, owned by his father-in-law, before moving to Muskegon to work in Thomas's livery. He was listed in the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as proprietor of the Merrill House and in the 1887 issue of the same publication as "poultry breeder." William's and Hattie's son Thomas was born in Ferrysburg on April 28, 1871. A second son, William II, was born in Ferrysburg in February 1873. Another son, Frank, was born in Muskegon on January 12, 1878 and died in Muskegon on October 22, 1896. Hattie passed away in Muskegon on December 21, 1882. William in 1899 was working in Muskegon as a tailor, ten years later he was repairing cars there. The son of John and Mary Flanders, he was born in Ohio in 1838 and served with Company H of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Heavy Artillery during the Civil War. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on December 10, 1883.

### **Hiel Alfred Fletcher [1827-1907]**

Heil Fletcher was born in Lincoln, Ontario, Canada on December 23, 1827. According to his great-great-granddaughter Jane Bardwell-Olejniczak "[Brothers James and Hiel Fletcher] walked by blazed trail from Canada to Michigan. All they brought with them was a dry wood box, two frying pans and two large soup kettles. They cut blocks of wood for chairs. They slept in the loft of another pioneer's cabin the first winter of 1855. In 1855, carpenters by trade, they helped build Michigan's first capital building. To register for the Civil War draft he walked an additional 36 miles to Grand Rapids. Hiel and James were among the first pioneers in Ottawa Station in the Pigeon River area. Hiel paid \$75.00 for 80 acres of land in Ottawa county

on December 1, 1860 at the Ionia Land Office. Pigeon Creek crossed Hiel's homestead. [Facebook posting, October 22, 2021, slightly edited.] Hiel married Catherine Amanda Cox in 1859 in Ottawa County. A native of Ohio, she lived from November 24, 1839 to April 9, 1907. They had 12 children. Hiel died in Olive on September 21, 1907. He and Catherine were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

### **James Fletcher [1824-1899]**

Hiel Fletcher's brother James Fletcher was born in Lincoln, Ontario, Canada on June 2, 1824. He married Rebecca Jane Ostrosser, who lived from November 28, 1831 to March 4, 1910. They had eight children: Sarah Fletcher [1850-1901], who married Elisha Barlow of Olive Township; Hiel J. Fletcher [1854-1913]; Rebecca Fletcher [1857-1898]; William Fletcher [1859-1913]; John Fletcher [1862-1937]; Hiram Fletcher [1865-1932]; Ferdinand Fletcher [1870-1952]; and Wellington Fletcher [1873-1935]. Sarah was born in Canada, the other children in Michigan. Although primarily a farmer in Olive Township, James also had an interest in the Fletcher & Barlow Sawmill. His partner was his son-in-law Elisha Barlow. James passed away in Olive Township on December 22, 1899. [See also Hiel Alfred Fletcher.]

### **Timothy Fletcher [1804–1879]**

In 1854 Henry Pennoyer and Timothy Fletcher contracted with the U.S. Post Office to carry the mail between Grand Haven and Manistee. Two years later Timothy was county clerk and register of deeds for Ottawa County. On December 15, 1855 he bought 40 acres in Wright Township, and he also had land holdings in Muskegon County. In the 1860 and 1870 censuses he was listed as sawyer. In 1877, with David E. Rose as his partner, Timothy owned and operated the Rose & Fletcher Planing Mill in Grand Haven.

On November 8, 1856, in Franklin County, Massachusetts, Timothy married Catherine “Kate” C. Saxton, who was born on August 8, 1822 and died on January 25 [February 28], 1881. Timothy was born in 1804, died on February 13, 1879, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Frederick R. Fletemeyer [1894-1976]**

In 1967 the Medallion firm, with Frederick R. Fletemeyer, president, opened at 917 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Frederick was born on March 2, 1894 in Lafayette, Indiana and died in Grand Haven on April 5, 1976. On November 28, 1918 he married Hulda M. Irmscher in Allen County, Indiana. She was born on March 20, 1896 and passed away in Detroit in May 1969. In Grand Haven Fred resided at 1119 South De Spelder and then at 1206 South Beacon in the Williamsburg Apartments.

### **Clarence Florip [1942-2005]**

The son of Leonard and Minnie Elizabeth Spencer Florip, Clarence was born on Presque Isle on February 11, 1942. He moved to Grand Haven with his parents and resided at 209½ Washington Street. On Friday nights he was known to dress up and escort his blind mother on a tour of downtown Grand Haven, dropping into stores on occasion to chat. Elizabeth died on September 21, 1994. Clarence passed away in 2005. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Thanks to Dirk Wierenga for this story.]

### **Leonard Florip [1897-1970]**

Leonard Florip was born on Presque Isle on October 12, 1897. On June 27, 1936 he married Minerva “Minnie” Elizabeth Spencer on Presque Isle. She was born in Frankfort on May 22, 1914. Leonard was employed at Harbor Industries. He and Elizabeth's home was at 404 Elliott Avenue. Leonard died on February 28, 1970. Elizabeth, who was blind, passed away on September 21, 1994. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Clarence William Florip, was born on February 11, 1942 on Presque Isle.

### **Angus “Andy” Floto [1865-1930]**

Born in Port Elgin, Canada in 1865 [1864], Angus Floto came to Grand Rapids when he was 17 years old. In Grand Haven he became proprietor of the River View Hotel, located at the corner of Franklin Street and



Harbor Drive. He was a member of the Eagles and Moose. On March 17, 1897 in Grand Rapids, Andy married Elizabeth Van Dorple of that city. Elizabeth was born about 1873 in The Netherlands. The Flotos lived at the hotel and had a son, Percy, born on March 21, 1903, and a daughter, Mamie, who was found dead in her bed one morning without any indication of illness. She lived from 1898 to 1917. Andy never completely recovered from the shock. Sometime after 1910 he sold his interest in the hotel and moved to a farm in Spring Lake Township. Andy died from angina pectoris in a field near his farm on October 15, 1930. He and Mamie were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 15, 1930.]

### **Percy C. Floto [1903-1976]**

The son of Angus and Elizabeth Floto of Grand Haven, Percy was born on March 21, 1903. Percy married Cornelia Ann Bolt, the daughter of Henry J. and Rena Hoffman Bolt of Grand Haven. Cornelia, who was born about 1908, graduated from the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in 1931, and served as a nurse at that hospital for several years before joining Hatton Hospital in Grand Haven. Early in his career, Percy worked for the railroad. He and Cornelia bought an appliance store at 123 Washington on November 1, 1946. Three years later they bought out partners Nelson Fisher and Louis Breitels II and changed the store from a home appliance center to a gift shop. Percy died on July 1, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Flotos resided at 1036 Washington. Their children were Mary Joyce, who married Thomas Ellingboe; Elizabeth Ann, who married Richard Peel; and Peter C., who moved to Washington, D.C. with his wife, Mary Ann. Cornelia died in Grand Haven on October 16, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, October 18, 2004.]

### **Joseph Flynn [1866-1939]**

Joseph Flynn was proprietor of a saloon located at 332 Madison in 1910. Working with him as bartender was Nathaniel P. Phelps. Joseph was born in Michigan on September 10, 1866. Joseph and Nathaniel lived on the premises. Both were single men in 1910. By 1920 Joseph was a farmer in Barry County. He died in Barry County on February 28, 1939 and was buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Hastings. On July 15, 1920 in Barry County, he married Ella Burns, who lived from 1869 to 1947 and was buried at the same cemetery.

### **Edward Lynn Fochtman I [1929-1983]**

Born in Petoskey on September 3, 1929, Edward Fochtman attended Muskegon Community College and earned a master's degree from Highland University in Las Vegas. A resident of Grand Haven, Edward was Personnel manager for Sealed Power in Muskegon. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven and the Knights of Columbus. On September 3, 1950 he married Beatrice Padila in Las Vegas. Their children included Gloria, who married Steven Martin of Coopersville; Karen, who married James Indgjer of Kentwood; Edward II of Spring Lake; and David of Yuma, Arizona. The Fochtmans lived at 1430 Sheldon. Edward died in March 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, September 3, 1983.]

### **Isadore Fogelin [1878-1932]**

Isadore and Marie Fogelin were born in Sweden, he on October 8, 1878 and she about 1877. They were married about 1904 and resided at 311 Franklin in Grand Haven. They owned and operated Fogelin's Cloak Store at 130 Washington. Prior to coming to Grand Haven, they resided in Washington, Ohio. Isadore passed away in Springfield, Ohio on May 2, 1932.

### **David Lloyd Folkert [1948-2010]**

Born on January 14, 1948 in Holland, David, a graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law, was admitted to the Michigan bar in 1973 and joined a law firm in Holland. On June 12, 1970, he married Carol Rycenga, the daughter of Louis and Betty Groneveld Rycenga. She was born in Grand Haven on April 20, 1948. From 1985 until his death, David was the owner of Harbor Steel and Supply Corporation. Eleven years before his death at age 62, David started Bold Furniture Manufacturing Company in Spring Lake. In 2006 Bold merged with Competitive Edge Wood Specialty Products, a Muskegon Company. The

production of office furniture continued at both locations after the merger. David died on September 23, 2010 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Carol was a docent at the Muskegon Museum of Art [MMA] and received several awards: Docent of the Year, MMA Volunteer of the Year [twice], and the MMA Star Honor in 2018. Carol passed away on August 30, 2020, three years after being diagnosed with cancer. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. David and Carol had two children: Cindy, who married Brad Haverkamp of Grand Rapids, and Todd.

### **James Henry Follen [1881-1958]**

James Follen started Follen Tool Company in Grand Haven on May 1, 1941. He was born in Wisconsin on July 27, 1881, died about April 22, 1958, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He married Amanda Newuman, who came from Freeport, Illinois, where she was born on March 24, 1900. They were married on February 14, 1918 in Freeport. Amanda passed away on January 8, 1970 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Follens resided at 216 Alden in Spring Lake. They had a son Maurice Follen, who was born on September 18, 1919 in Grinnell, Iowa, died on December 25, 1980, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They also had a daughter Virginia Marie Follen, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on June 5, 1923, married William Gunckel [1920-1970] in Spring Lake on November 19, 1941, and died on May 24, 1985 in Grand Rapids.

### **Maurice James Follen I [1919-1980]**

Maurice Follen was one of three local businessmen who took over Follen Tool Company in 1959. The company was started by Maurice's father, James Follen, in 1941. Maurice married Jane Mary Villar. She was born in Grand Haven on July 9, 1924. The couple resided at 1539 Slayton and later moved to 104 South Ferry. They had a son, James J. Follen. Jane worked at Follen Tool with her husband. Maurice was born on September 18, 1919 in Grinnell, Iowa, died on December 25, 1980, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jane passed away on November 15, 2022.

### **Oliver Fonger [1840-1916]**

Oliver Fonger, who was born on Christmas Day, 1840 in Ontario, Canada, settled in Crockery Township before 1880. He and his wife Sarah lived on a 40-acre farm in Section 36. Sarah was born in Canada in October 1841. Their children, all born in Canada, were Charles, born about 1865; Robert, born about 1870; and Mary, born about 1872. Oliver died December 28, 1916 and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with other family members.

### **Catherine [Kathryn] Fons [1892-1975]**

Catherine Fons owned the Ferry View Café on U.S. 31 [Pine Street] in Ferrysburg as early as 1940. She also owned the Ferry View Hotel and Tavern on Franklin Street in Grand Haven. The daughter of Edward and Nellie Meyer Fons, she was born in Grand Rapids on August 15, 1892. On November 25, 1909 she married Claude McCue in Grand Haven. He lived from June 20, 1889 to January 4, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After they were divorced in Grand Haven on June 14, 1911, Catherine resumed use of her family name, Fons. On May 30, 1914, she married Frank Griswold [1887-1947]. They were divorced on December 13, 1917. By 1950 Catherine still operated the Ferry View Hotel and Tavern, where she resided but no longer owned a business in Ferrysburg. Catherine died on June 18, 1975 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Edward Fons [1872-1948]**

Around 1900 Ed Fons owned a saloon at 217 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. By 1920 he was a hotel keeper, probably at the Central House located at 201 West Savidge. He was born on July 26, 1872 in Grand Rapids. On May 4, 1892 in Grand Rapids, he married Nellie Meyer. Nellie, also a native of Michigan, was born around 1875. They had at least one son, Isaac L., who was born on February 28, 1901 and died on March 22, 1956, and three daughters: Catherine, who was born on August 15, 1892; Lizzie, born on February 8, 1899; and Edna, born about 1910. Isaac, Catherine, and Lizzie were born in Grand

Rapids. Edna married Francis H. Lange. Nellie died on December 18, 1924. Edward passed away on June 15, 1948 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were the other deceased family members.

### **Aart Henry “Orie” [Arie] Foppen II [1881-1921]**

Orie Foppen was born in Michigan on June 30, 1881. His widow, Adrianna [Adrienne], continued to reside at 519 Wallace Street in Grand Haven after his death on March 12, 1921. Orie was 25 miles out in Lake Michigan aboard the tug *Alice*, owned by Peter Fase & Company, when he may have fallen overboard. No one witnessed his disappearance, and his body was never found. His widow was awarded compensation by a board of arbitration.

Orie was the son of Aart [1845-1902] and Magdalena [1844-1916] Foppen of Grand Haven. Adriana, a native of The Netherlands and the daughter of Floris and Adriana Boon of Grand Haven, was born in on March 23, 1879 and immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1911. Orie and Adriana were married in Grand Haven on July 16, 1914. They had two daughters, both born locally: Magdalena, who was born on December 20, 1916, and Katherine, who was born on January 18, 1919 and died on June 4, 1993. In 1918 Orie was employed at Eagle Ottawa, apparently for a short time. Adriana, who was born in The Netherlands on March 23, 1879, died on November 10, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband’s parents. [*Muskegon Chronicle* article, “Early Fishing Days,” April 26, 1930.]

### **Joseph Chandler Ford I [1850-1912]**

Joseph Ford joined the Spring Lake Iron Company in 1896 and became secretary and later general manager of the firm. He stayed with the company until it closed in 1912. Joseph was born on April 28, 1850 in New York. His wife, Alice, also from New York, lived from August 5, 1853 to August 20, 1896. Joseph and Mary lived in the Village of Fruitport with their two children, Harry Pickands Ford [1882-1902] and Joseph Chandler Ford II [1885-1966]. Harry died of “accidental drowning.” Joseph started his career as a bookkeeper. He died on March 5, 1912. He, Alice, and Harry were buried at Fruitport Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 1896.]

### **Adrian Louis “Tom” Foreman [1914-1996]**

Adrian “Tom” Foreman in 1955 founded Foreman Manufacturing, first located on Warner Street in Grand Haven Township before moving to 403 Davis Street in Grand Haven. He was born in Elizabeth, Indiana on October 4, 1914 and by 1938 was living in Spring Lake at 110 South Division Street and working for Camfield Manufacturing on North Seventh Street. On July 1, 1939, he married Helen Frances Schooler. Tom died in Grand Haven on November 14, 1996. Later they resided at 16159 Mercury Drive. Helen was born in Kentucky on March 11, 1921 and died on December 28, 2010. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least two children: Curtis L. Foreman, born about 1941, and Phyllis F. Foreman, born about 1944.

### **John Pope Forester [1923-2007] and Joan Johnson Forester [1923-2005]**

John and Joan Forester were successful in their effort to convert 43 acres of vacant land off Dogwood Drive into Ferrysburg Nature Preserve. John was born on July 16, 1923 in Du Quoin, Illinois, served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, and earned a law degree from Northwestern University. He married Joan Johnson in 1946. He started his legal practice in Chicago before moving to California in 1965. He retired from Amway’s legal department. Joan was born in Chicago on September 30, 1923 and passed away on September 17, 2005. John died on December 14, 2007 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Both were buried at Saint John’s Episcopal Memorial Gardens in Grand Haven.

### **George Forrest [Forest] [1842-1920]**

Owner of the City Flour Mills [Forrest Bros. Grist Mill], George Forrest arrived in Grand Haven in 1879 when he purchased a flour business and established the firm of Forrest Bros., located at 13 South Second Street. The business may date as far back as 1868. John G. Forrest was the brother who joined him in the business. George was born in Scotland on November 20, 1842 and spent some time in Canada before

coming to Grand Haven. His wife Elizabeth was born in Ontario on April 4, 1842. They were married in 1864 and immigrated to the United States in 1880. Their children, as enumerated in the 1880 census, were born in Canada: John G., born about 1865; Elizabeth Jane, born about 1867; Maggie, born about 1869; Georgina, born about 1872; Agnes, born in 1875; William, born in 1878; and John G. Agnes and William died in Grand Haven in December 1880 from croup. The family resided on Howard Street. By 1892 the business and the family had left Grand Haven, and in 1900 the Forrests were living in Flint, where George was a dealer in produce. He died in Flint on October 1, 1920 and was buried at Gracelawn Cemetery with Elizabeth, who died on April 13 two years earlier.

### **Louis Fortino [1878-1957]**

Louis Fortino was born in Saint Ippolito, Italy, on March 28, 1878. In 1899 he married Chiara “Clara Mary” Quinterri, who was from the same village. Unable to obtain the necessary papers to enter the United States, in 1900 Louis went alone to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he worked as a cowboy. Three years later Joseph Fabiano, a friend who had immigrated to Holland, Michigan and started a fruit business, was able to find work for Louis, allowing him to enter the United States. He started with the Veneklasen Brick Yard in Zeeland and then from 1903 to 1907 he was employed by Donnelly & Kelly Glassworks [Donnelly Corporation] in Holland.

In 1907 Louis bought a small fruit and cigar shop in Muskegon for \$25. By 1911 he had saved enough money to send for Clara Mary and their son, Frank, who was born in Italy in 1900. At the same time, Louis sold his business in Muskegon and bought Charlie Spadafore’s fruit and vegetable store at 126 Washington in Grand Haven. [The *Muskegon City Directory* for 1912 listed Louis as a confectioner, located at 187 West Western and at 145 West Western the next year.] Louis named his shop Grand Haven Fruit Company and sold both retail and wholesale. In 1923 Louis had a new building erected at 114 Washington. He rented the commercial space and resided with his family in an apartment upstairs. When the building at 126 Washington was destroyed by fire in 1930, Louis moved his business to the new building, where it remains today. Eventually offering groceries, deli items, candy, and beverages, Fortino’s store became the oldest retail business in Grand Haven to be owned by the same family throughout its existence.

Mary died around June 12, 1943. Louis passed away on November 29, 14 years later, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Their son Frank on November 25, 1915 enlisted with the Grand Haven-based 126th Infantry and was wounded at the Battle of Chateau Thierry on August 1, 1918. By 1930 he was living in Portland, Oregon with his wife Rose and their son Louis. Ten years later he was still living in Portland but had begun work with the United States Post Office. He died on April 28, 1974. Another son, Paul Francis, was born on April 16, 1913 and took over management of the store. A third son, Mike, was born on August 16, 1916 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 18, 2006. A daughter, Mary, married Tony P. Pontarelli; and a fourth son, Alphonso, died in 1937 at the age of 17 from an injury sustained while playing football for Grand Haven High School. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 8, 9, and 14, 1943, November 30, 1957, and January 19, 2006.]

### **Paul Francis Fortino [1913-1999]**

Paul, born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1913, was the first child of Louis and Chiara Fortino to be born in America. As a boy Paul raised rabbits behind the family store at 114 Washington, and he worked for Al Miller at Miller’s Sanitary Dairy on Fulton Street. Paul graduated *cum laude* with a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

Paul went to work for Seagram’s Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, where he met and married Mary Jane Knue on April 23, 1941. Jane was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana to Joseph and Elizabeth Powell Knue on August 31, 1916. Later in 1941 Paul and Mary relocated to Grand Haven, where they purchased the family business begun by Paul’s father in 1907, first in Muskegon and then at 114 Washington Street. During World War II Paul served for five years with the Army Corps of Engineers. While he was away Jane ran the store with the help of her father-in-law. Not long after the war ended Paul and Jane decided to

change from a wholesale and retail outlet to a “gourmet” store. It turned out to be a wise move. In 1977 they sold the store to their daughter and her husband, Margaret and Ken Michlitsch, who continued to operate the business into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Jane also ran the Gift Shop at 116 Washington.

Paul was a board member of the North Ottawa Community Hospital, the Harbor Commission, and the Highway Commission. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce and director of Security First/Pacesetter Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. He was a charter member of the Elks, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus, and he was a parishioner at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Jane retired from the store in 1979. She was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church for 58 years. Besides Margaret, the Fortino children included Mary Theresa Kohler of San Francisco, California; Paul of Portland, Oregon; Rita, who married John Brook of Grand Haven; and John of Spring Lake. The Fortino family lived at 535 Clinton Street in a house once owned by the Thomas Kiel family. Jane passed away on March 15, 1999 and five months later, on August 13, Paul died in Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Delbert E. Fortney [1889-1954]**

Born in Ottawa County [Muskegon/Calhoun County] on April 19, 1889, Delbert by 1917 was chief of the Grand Haven Police Department and in the early 1920s he was sheriff of Ottawa County. He married Lizzie Anthony in Grand Rapids on November 7, 1908. Lizzie was born in Indiana about 1889. After they were divorced on March 28, 1912, Lizzie was lived with her parents in Croton, Newaygo County, while Delbert remained in Grand Haven. He married Lucy [Lexey] Viola Gulliver in Grand Haven on December 27, 1917. She was born in Michigan on March 21, 1896. They resided in Delbert’s mother’s house at 335 De Spelder. His mother, Irena [Irene] Leutz Fortney, was born in Ohio about 1856. Delbert and Lexey were divorced in Ottawa County on November 23, 1926. They were remarried in Midland on October 21, 1933. Lexey passed away on August 10, 1935 in BayCity. Delbert died on June 22, 1954.

### **Reuben [Reubin] C. Fosha [1833-1871]**

Born in New York in 1833, Reuben Fosha helped publish the first issue of the *Grand Haven News*, distributed on December 22, 1858. He married Amanda McNeal in Ionia on July 3, 1861. She was born in Canada about 1839. The Foshas had a daughter Ellen, who was born around 1864 in Ionia. Other children were Lillian, born in 1863; Minnie, born in Ionia on November 26, 1868, and James M., born in Ionia in 1870. The family was still residing in Ionia in 1880. Reuben stayed in the printing business. He died on September 1, 1871 in Ionia.

### **Anton Fosheim [1882-1941]**

When Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company was organized in Grand Haven in 1929, Anton Fosheim was appointed head of the metal department. Anton, a native of Norway, was born on July 9, 1882. He married Iva Hanson in Detroit on December 31, 1917. Iva was born in Michigan around 1892. They had four children, all born locally: Ivan, born on December 21, 1918; Jack, born about 1923; and twins, Edward and Evelyn, born about 1928. The family resided at 507 North Sixth Street. Anton died on January 27, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Iva passed away around December 12, 1960 and was buried near her husband.

### **Ivan V. Fosheim I [1918-2008]**

In 1949 Ivan Fosheim was named plant superintendent of Challenge Stamping. The son of Anton and Iva Hanson Fosheim, Ivan was born on December 21, 1918 and died in Saline, Washtenaw County on July 5, 2008. He married Barbara C. Piper, who was born in Lewis, Iowa on August 20, 1919. Barbara died in Ann Arbor on July 21, 2010. The Fosheims had at least one son, Ivan II, who lived from December 13, 1943 to May 27, 2006. Their daughters were Susan, who married Irwin Schwarts of Schaumburg, Illinois; Ellen, who married Rick Brengle of South Lyon, Ionia County; and Robin, who married Dan Hoag of Saline. The family resided at 306 Ottawa Avenue and later at 18193 Holcomb Road in Grand Haven Township. [*Tribune* obituary, August 2, 2010.]

### **Edmund [Edward] A. Fosler [1863-1937]**

Edmund Fosler raised fruit on 36 acres in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, where he settled in 1907. Before that he was located in Section 24 of Robinson Township. Edmund was born in Michigan in 1863 and died in 1937. His wife, Edith E., was approximately a year older and a native of Canada. She passed away on January 20, 1945 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband.

### **Abraham [Abram] Dayton Foster [1849-1925]**

Abraham Foster was a farmer and stockman in Section 13 of Robinson Township as early as 1864 and was still there in 1910. He was born in Alexandria, New York on October 2, 1849 [1850]. On May 25, 1870 in Grand Haven, he married Ella Josepha Chapel, who was born in Syracuse, New York on August 5, 1850. The Fosters had a daughter, Josie M., who was born in Michigan around 1874, and two sons: George C., who was born in Bass River in December 1879 and on July 18, 1903 married Daisy Vos in Grand Haven, and Leon, born in February 1884. The family was still in Robinson Township in 1900. Abraham died on September 17, 1925 in Flint. Ella passed away in Flint on January 30, 1943.

### **Leonard Foster [1842-1866]**

While living in Port Austin, Huron County, Leonard Foster on February 23, 1864 enlisted as private in Company H of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on February 12, 1866, died on December 8 that year, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with his parents and other family members. Leonard was the son of Edmond [1814-1898] and Mahala McCue Foster [1824-1884]. William P. Foster was Leonard's brother.

### **William P. Foster [1856-1929]**

Born in Jefferson County, New York in January 1856, William was the son of Edmond [Edward] and Mahala McCue Foster. Edmond was born in England in 1814 and passed away in Robinson Township on April 9, 1898. William moved to the Grand Haven area in the 1870s and became postmaster at the Village of Robinson. He was proprietor of a general store there, where he also owned a house. Foster's store, located at 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Buchanan, was also known as Gleaners Hall. The building was used as a school when Maplewood School burned down. On January 19, 1877 in Robinson Township, William married Emma Robinson. The daughter of Alfred and Julia King Robinson, she was born in March 1858 in Robinson Township. The Fosters had a son, Thomas, born in March 1889. Emma passed away in 1911. William married Abbie Westerhof Robinson in Grand Haven on January 15, 1916. She was born in The Netherlands in 1860. William died in 1929. He and Emma were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery, as was William's father and his mother, Mahala, who lived from 1824 to May 2, 1884, and Abbie, who died in 1939.

### **Anselm [Austin, Anton] Fox [Fuchs] [1864-1930]**

In 1900 Anselm Fox was a finisher in a Grand Haven factory. A few years later he owned a saloon at 13 North Second. He resided with his family at 310 North Third. Anselm's wife, Mary Rinehart [Rhinehart/Remhardt], lived from 1862 to 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Both Anselm and Mary were natives of Germany, where he was born in 1864. Their children were Philip, who was born in Sturgis Michigan in 1883; Frank, who lived from December 24, 1886 to March 7, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; William, who was born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1888, married Bertha Van Den Boscsh in Grand Haven on June 24, 1909, worked for the Story & Clark Piano Company, and died in Grand Haven on June 26, 1973; Clarence, who was born on July 7, 1890, worked at Challenge Machinery, died in Grand Haven on November 6, 1972, and was buried at Lake Forest; Cora L., born in September 1893; Leo, who was born in Sturgis, St. Joseph County on March 7, 1895, died about February 20, 1922, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Allie [Ollie]. Allie was buried at Lake Forest with other family members. On April 20, 1908, Anselm [cited as Austin] married Anna Fitzpatrick, who was born in Michigan in 1880. Anselm died in Grand Rapids on January 17, 1930.

### **Frank [Franklin] Fox [1847-1934]**

Born in Pennsylvania in August 1847, Frank Fox moved to Michigan about 1867 and then to Spring Lake 15 years later. He worked for the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, and about 1897 he opened an ice and coal business at 213 Barber Street, cutting the ice from Spring Lake. For five years he was town Marshal. He sold his ice business to Tony Verplank in 1912 and died in 1934. His wife Mary was born in November 1853 in Michigan.

### **Frank J. Fox I [1849-1903]**

Born in Portland, Ionia County on May 3, 1849, Frank Fox came to Grand Haven with his mother in 1850. His mother, Mathilda Gardner Fox, was born in England around 1821. She married Giles Woodbury of Allendale after her first husband's death. Frank began lumbering and in 1881-82 he started the J. F. & Company Sawmill in Section 31 of Grand Haven Township. The small town of Rusk briefly flourished here. In the first few years he cut over a million feet of lumber annually. He boomed his logs down the Grand River, beginning at Bass River. He filled many public offices, including school director of Allendale for 11 years. Elected to the Board of Supervisors, he also was a justice of the peace, and in 1900 he became county treasurer. He owned a farm on the Grand River opposite Eastmanville, where he engaged in general farming and made a specialty of raising fruit and Percheron horses.

On April 25, 1891 in Allendale, Frank married Jeanette [Jeannette], daughter of William Alexander of Georgetown Township. Jeanette was born in Canada about 1859. Frank died at his home at 614 Washington Street from "cancer of the bowels" on April 24, 1903 and was buried in Allendale. Sometime after 1908, Jeanette and her son moved to Ann Arbor, where she bought a house and ran a boarding facility for college girls. By 1930 Jeanette was living alone in Grand Rapids. She died in December that year. Their son, Frank II, died about a year prior to his mother. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 24, 1903 and December 10, 1930.]

### **George H. Fox [1813-1899]**

In the 1893 *Compendium* George Fox was classified as "carpenter" in Grand Haven. He was born in 1813 and died on April 7, 1899. [*Tribune* obituary, April 8, 1899.]

### **Joseph Charles Fox II [1922-2005]**

The son of Joseph Charles and Delia Cafferty Fox, Joseph II was born in Newark, New Jersey on August 7, 1922. He served with the U.S. Navy during WWII. He also served in the Merchant Marines and the Coast Guard. From 1961 to 1963 he commanded *Woodbine*, when it was stationed in Grand Haven. Douglas A. Fox of Wilmington, North Carolina was his son. Captain Fox passed away in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina on October 11, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, October 20, 2005.]

### **Phillip Fox [Fuchs] [1882-1966]**

Phillip Fox was foreman at a machine shop in the early 1900s. His parents were Anselm and Mary Rinehart Fox [Fuchs]. On June 6, 1907 in Grand Haven, Phillip married Emma W. Draeger, a native of Michigan. Emma lived from 1884 to about September 2, 1923. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son, Stuart A., who was born on June 6, 1908 and died about October 22, 1929. They also had a daughter, Louise, who was born about 1911. Phillip was born in Sturgis, St. Joseph County on November 18, 1882, passed away around February 23, 1966, and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Phillip and his family resided at 619 Columbus in the early 1900s and later at 510 Madison.

### **Raymond Leshar Fox [1880-1965]**

Born on October 14, 1880 in Clinton County, Ray Fox came to Spring Lake in 1916, from Mancelona in Kalkaska County. He began working with his father in carpentry about 1897, but in Spring Lake he was a machinist for ten years and a mail carrier for four. Ray also operated an auto repair garage. In 1926 he had an evergreen nursery that was located on the corner of M-104 and Fruitport Road, east of Spring Lake, and

he was Maintenance superintendent for the Ottawa County Highway Department for 20 years until his retirement in 1941. He built a fine telescope, grinding the lens himself, and he constructed the family home almost entirely unaided. During his lifetime he planted thousands of trees, usually clumps of blue spruce. On June 28, 1905 in Antrim, Antrim County, he married Clara M. Baier. They were avid “rockhounds” and charter members of the Grand Rapids Mineral society. Clara was born in Michigan about 1884. The Foxes had three daughters, all born in Michigan, including Kathleen, born about 1906; Marie G., born about 1908; and Arlene R., born about 1920. The family resided at 15661 Central Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Ray died in April 1965. [*Tribune* articles “Will Retire From,” March 22, 1941, “Ray Fox Builds Own House, at 74,” June 23, 1955, and “Foxes of SL Rockhounds at Heart,” October 26, 1959.]

#### **Stuart A. Fox [Fuchs] [1908-1929]**

Born in Grand Haven on June 6, 1908, Stuart was the son of Phillip and Emma Fox [Fuchs]. Stuart was a member of St. John’s German Lutheran Church. He served aboard ship as a porter and was a victim of the car ferry *Milwaukee* disaster in November 1929. Stuart’s body was recovered near the Getz Farm north of Holland on November 12. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1929.]

#### **Frank Fraga [Frega] [1839-1911]**

Frank Fraga served as assistant to Captain Emanuel Davidson, who was lighthouse keeper in Grand Haven from 1883 until his retirement on April 1, 1900. Frank was then assigned the post and held it until his death on September 17, 1911 at age 72. He was born in Portugal on January 5, 1839 and arrived in Grand Haven in 1868. Prior to 1883 he was a saltwater sailor, serving on whaling boats. He rounded Cape Horn [the south tip of Africa] four times, and he was with Commodore Perry aboard the first foreign ship to enter a Japanese port. An American locomotive was among the articles the Commodore dropped off in Japan. In 1868 Frank married Christine [Gesine/Geziena/Sena] Streng in Grand Haven. She was born on August 28, 1838 in Utrecht, The Netherlands and passed away on July 21, 1898. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son John Fraga was born on April 30, 1870. [*Tribune* article “Keeper of the Light Passes,” September 18, 1911.]

#### **John Fraga [de Fraga] [1870-1921]**

John Fraga, who lived from April 30, 1870 to June 10, 1921, was the son of Frank and Christine Streng Fraga of Grand Haven. John married Louise Estelle Trotter in Grand Haven on June 27, 1899. They had a daughter Helen Margarita Fraga, who was born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1901, and a son Robert John “Jack” de Fraga, born on June 27, 1906, also in Grand Haven. In 1915 John was working as a carpenter and residing with his family at 601 Lake Street. Helen married James Manley Spencer. After John’s death, Louise, Helen, and John moved to Grand Rapids. Louise was born in Grand Haven on September 19, 1875 and passed away in Muskegon County on April 19, 1946. John and Louise were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Robert John “Jack” Fraga [Defraga, de Fraga] [1906-1950]**

Jack, the son of John and Louise Estelle Trotter Fraga, was born in Grand Haven on January 7, 1906. His father, John Fraga, the son of Frank and Christine Fraga of Grand Haven, married Estelle Trotter in Grand Haven on June 27, 1899. Frank was lighthouse keeper in Grand Haven from 1900 to 1911. The family name wavered between “Fraga” and “de Fraga.” Jack preferred the latter. After his father’s death on June 10, 1921, Jack, his sister Helen, and their mother moved to Grand Rapids. In 1930 he was living with his mother in Grand Rapids and working as a secretary with an advertising agency. Ten years later he was self-employed and living in Montague with the Joseph Sadony family. Jack, an avid sailor and artist, worked as an instructor for the White Lake Yacht Club’s sailing school, became friends with Club members, and was invited frequently to crew with the Joseph Sadony family on their boat, the *Nemesis*. Sadony, a philosopher and psychic of note, owned 80 acres in Montague, where he built a home called “Valley of the Pines” and



established Educational Research Laboratories. Jack included Valley of the Pines in the upper left corner of his 1934 map of White Lake.

Jack created the masthead for the White Lake Yacht Club newsletter. His other works of art included a commissioned piece for the Governor of Michigan in 1940. He also created a limited-edition collection of one hundred distinctive, elegant pen and ink prints of White Lake featuring some of the lake's yachts, local restaurants and resorts, sailors, and other items of interest. The prints were similar, except each one was dedicated to a different skipper on the lake.

Erwin "Ike" Uihlein, president of the Schlitz Brewing Company of Milwaukee, in the early 1930s, purchased a 120-foot, steel-hulled, three-masted schooner named the *Atlantic*. Uihlein frequently sailed across Lake Michigan to White Lake and eventually joined the White Lake Yacht Club. He invited Jack, known to be an expert sailor, to join the crew of the *Atlantic*, and later he was her skipper.

During World War II, the schooner was assigned to the so-called "Hooligan" Navy, made up of about 4,000 vessels that were on the lookout for German U-boats. On December 12, 1942, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served as Chief Boatswain's Mate on the *Atlantic*, now named the *Blanco*, later referred to by the Coast Guard as a cutter. The vessel, stationed most of the time at New Orleans, logged about 66,000 sea miles and was credited with sinking two U-boats. Jack remained with the Coast Guard until November 19, 1945. After he was discharged, Jack returned to White Lake as yachtsman and harbormaster and was instrumental in forming the White Lake Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1947, the year the Coast Guard station moved from its present location to a site near the old White River channel.

Jack made at least two interpretive maps, in addition to his map of Michigan: one of Spring Lake in 1931 and another of White Lake in 1934. His silhouette of Dewey Hill appeared on the front page of the *Grand Haven Tribune* in the early 1940s. Other of his drawings were printed in the Centennial edition of the *Tribune* on August 1, 1934. In 1934 he drafted a similar map of White Lake and six years later he was commissioned by Luren Dickinson, Michigan's governor, to draw a poster/map of the state to attract tourists.

Jack died in Grand Rapids on September 3, 1950 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven.

### **William France [1889-1969]**

Bill France was born in Lancashire, England on June 4, 1889 and arrived in the United States in 1912. By 1920 he and his family were living in Crockery Township. He was one of the early founders of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and helped raise funds for remodeling the Grand Trunk Depot in the early 1970s. Bill married Ella [Ellen] Emma Louise Miller in Summit, Ohio on April 22, 1915. They and their six children resided at 12223 Apple Drive in Nunica. Bill was listed as a sawyer at a cabinet shop in the 1930 census. Ella was born on September 23, 1889 in Ohio. They had five children, including William Asher France, who lived was born on June 15, 1915 and passed away on January 15, 1977, and Annabelle M. France. Bill died on January 15, 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ella passed away on June 27 four years later and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was their son, William.

### **Ernest William Franks [Frank] [1898-1987]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 16, 1898, Ernest was the son of James and Shirley Franks. Ernest started working in his father's shop, Franks Flower Shop and Greenhouse, at the age of 13. His large garden at his home at 835 Washington extended from Columbus Street east to De Spelder. As a boy Ernie started delivering flowers by sled, then by a horse-drawn delivery wagon, and finally by truck. At the age of 58 he sold the floral business to his two sons. Later one of the sons, William, who was born in 1928, took over the business, which he sold in 1980 to Dan Nash. Dan enlarged the business, which then was located at 915 Washington and renamed it Lakeshore Floral and Gifts and Greenhouses.

On March 24, 1917, Ernie married Jeanette Koning in Grand Haven. Besides their son William, the Franks had another son, James, who was born in Coopersville on November 30, 1918, and they had two

daughters, Irene G., born on August 8, 1921, and Evelyn R., born in 1924. Irene married Warren Warber on December 13, 1946 and passed away in Twin Lake, Muskegon County on January 2, 2008. Ernie died at his home at 828 Columbus on February 17, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jennie was born on July 3, 1893 and passed away in Grand Haven on August 5, 1984, and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 17, 1987 and January 4, 2008.]

**James Alfred Franks [Frank] [1862-1941]**

Born in Allegan on September 23, 1862, James Franks arrived in Grand Haven about 1887 and worked for George Hancock, one of the city's early horticulturists and founder of Hancock & Sons Wholesale Florists. Jim later worked with James Hancock, son of the founder. Jim purchased the Hancock interest and opened his own floral business, Franks Greenhouse. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He and Sarah A. Matthews were married in Allegan County on September 20, 1887. In Grand Haven they lived at the site of the business, 1215 Washington Street. Sarah was born in Michigan in August 1867 and died about 1969. A son Ernest, who continued his father's business, was born on November 16, 1898. On May 14, 1941, James died from complications following an automobile accident. His sister Belle Franks married James G. Hancock of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, May 14, 1941.]

**James Edward Franks I [1918-2001]**

James E. Franks was born in Coopersville on November 30, 1918. The son of Ernest and Jennie Koning Franks, James was named after his grandfather, James Alfred Franks. Jim left Franks Greenhouse, the floral business his grandfather had founded, to join World Vision International, where he worked for 28 years as Midwest Director. During his tenure there, Jim led the Korean Children's Choir on four tours, procured pharmaceutical supplies for developing countries, helped find a cure for leprosy, and sent hygiene and medical kits to Vietnam. In 1980 he and his family returned to Grand Haven, where James and others organized International Aid, headquartered in Spring Lake Township. Ten years later, Jim started Concern International. His office was located next to his home at 253 Dee Road in Muskegon. Jim spent two years in the military during World War II.

On November 10, 1942 in Grand Rapids, Jim married Shirley Anne Stark. Upon their return to Grand Haven in 1980, they moved into the house at 1215 Washington Street, where Jim had lived as a child. The Frankses remained there until their move to Muskegon. Jim and Shirley parented nine children: James E. Franks II of Grand Haven; Thomas Leslie Franks of Portage, Kalamazoo County; May Lou Ceton of Grand Haven; Nancy Emmerich of Portage; Joyce Israels of Grand Haven; Sue Patrick Van Duinen of East Grand Rapids; Insoon Wayne Redick of Dayton, Tennessee; Busan Hirl Ariga of Moses Lake, Washington; Keum Ja Seong of Covina, California. James died on September 12, 2001. Shirley, who was born in Grand Rapids on October 7, 1924. passed away on November 5, 2019. Jim III and his wife Onolee in 1981 moved into the family home at 1215 Washington Street and were still living there in 2021. [*Tribune* obituary, September 14, 2001.]

**James W. Frazier [Frazer] [1827-1896]**

James Frazier settled in Spring Lake Township around 1863, the year he and his wife came to the United States. They owned a 26-acre farm in Section 15 of Spring Lake Township and another 30 acres in adjoining Section 10. Their land was just west of the later Spring Lake Yacht Club. According to the 1893 *Business Compendium*, James was considered "an authority on summer resort topics." James was born in 1827 in Ireland and died in Spring Lake on November 6, 1896. On February 10, 1853, he married Mary Taylor in Belfast. She was born in June 1836 in Ireland. They had six children, including Julius, who was born in Michigan in July 1864 and married Anna M. Lorans in Grand Haven on February 10, 1902. Mary passed away on September 23, 1911 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Julius, who died in 1926, also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Andrew Buchanan Frear [Freer] [1814-1895]**

A farmer, Andrew Frear was born in Oakridge, New York on March 18, 1814. On October 17, 1850 he married Elizabeth Nauman in Oakridge. She was born in Pennsylvania on August 14, 1831. Elizabeth died in Spring Lake on December 26, 1924, almost 30 years after her husband's death in Kansas on January 19, 1895, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Among their children were Kate, born about 1853, Myron, born about 1856, and Alfred, born about 1859.

#### **Maurice Harvey Fredricks [1911-1998]**

Maurice Fredricks was born in Muskegon on September 2, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on June 21, 1998. He started as a draftsman at Great Lakes Design, but eventually opened his own industrial design and engineering firm, Fredrick's Design, located at 201 Washington Street. On September 7, 1933 in Grand Haven, he married Alyce, the daughter of Benjamin A. and Nellie Kellogg Chamberlain. Alyce was born in Muncie, Indiana on May 11, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on March 2, 2001. Their children were Gar M. of Muskegon; Herman of Pine Island, Florida; Marlyce M. Harte of Cape Coral, Florida; Renee A., who married Larry Galombeck of Grand Haven; and Sally S. Gould of Gainesville, Florida.

#### **Jeduthan [Jonathan] Freeman [@1815-@1851]**

On November 1, 1852, Jeduthan Freeman bought a little more than 23 acres in Section 15 of Spring Lake Township. On April 20, 1853, Jeduthan sold to Leonard Thompson, an African American, 160 acres in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township. Prior to his arrival in Spring Lake Township in 1850, Jeduthan lived in Albion, Calhoun County. Born in New York State about 1815, Jeduthan and his wife Lucinda in 1850 were residing in Spring Lake Township with their two daughters, Mary Freeman and Corianne "Cora" Freeman. Lucinda, also born in New York, was a year younger than her husband. Mary and Cora were 8 and 5 years old respectively in 1850. Apparently Jeduthan died not long after the 1850 census, because on September 2, 1855, Lucinda married William T. Smith. Lucinda's daughter Cora died in Ferrysburg on September 11, 1930 under her married name, Cora Hayden.

#### **Andrew Buchanan Freer [1814-1895]**

See Andrew Buchanan Frear.

#### **Henry John Freeze [1919-1987]**

On May 1, 1956 Henry Freeze left Camfields in Muskegon and formed a partnership with Jerry Maring to purchase the building and equipment of Fred King's business, Metal Stamping Products, located at 530 Elm Street in Ferrysburg. Jerry was president and Henry was secretary-treasurer of the firm. On September 20, 1940 Henry married Stella J. Bolthouse in Ferrysburg. They resided at 17700 Navaho Drive in Ferrysburg. The daughter of John and Stella Katt Bolthouse, Stella was born in Ferrysburg on August 2, 1917 and worked as a bookkeeper for Peoples Bank & Trust in Grand Haven. Henry was born in Muskegon on October 26, 1919 and died in Ferrysburg on March 5, 1987. Stella passed away in Grand Haven on December 9, 1999 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Henry.

#### **Harry Bert Frens [1886-1962]**

In the early 1940s, Harry Frens ran a gasoline and service station at 123 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. Later that decade, Harry Mason was selling Shell gasoline at this address. A few years later, in 1950, Harry was an attendant at a gasoline station in Muskegon. He was born on January 8, 1886 in Drenthe, Ottawa County. On August 17, 1912 he married Lillian Falsted in Muskegon. They resided in Norton Shores, where Lillian worked as a waitress in a cafeteria. He died in 1962 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lillian, a native of Louisiana, lived from November 18, 1893 to April 1, 1978 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Ivar R. Fri [1912-1987]**

In 1962 Ivar Fri started Fruitport Metal Finishing, a firm that specialized in polishing and buffing, located at 28 North Third Avenue in Fruitport. Ivar was born in Michigan on April 20, 1912 and died in Crockery

Township on September 25, 1987. He resided at 51 Circle Drive in Fruitport at the time he started his business. Ivar married Dorothy Margaret Ferris, who was born in Shelby, Oceana County on February 18, 1916 and died in Fruitport on April 12, 1982. Ivar and Dorothy were buried at Fruitport Cemetery.

### **George Washington Friant [Fryant] [1828-1895]**

Born in Lyons, New York, on May 16, 1828, George was the son of Cornelius and Huldah Hatch Morrison Friant, the twin brother of Thomas, and the brother of Caroline, who married James Norris of Grand Haven. Cornelius Vanderbilt Friant, a native of New York State, was an early Michigan pioneer who built the first water-powered sawmills on the Rouge River and was settled in Kent County by 1837. He and Huldah were married in Wayne County, New York in 1827. After starting as a teacher at age 16, George moved to Ottawa County and went to work with John Hopkins when he was 18. Two years later he was working for Galen Eastman. George operated the first lumber and shingle company in the Grand Haven area in the 1850s. The Friant mill, later known as the Beech Tree Mill, was his property and considered one of the best on the river.

On December 24, 1856 George married Cynthia Lucina Pease in Lowell. She was born in Bristol, New York in 1837. They had several children, all born in Michigan, including a son, George Morris Friant, who was born in Grand Haven on December 27, 1869 and died in Sparta, Kent County on August 1, 1938. Young George became president of the Retail Clerks Association in Muskegon and was employed at the Jackson Clothing Company in that city. He and his wife, Adda L., were residing in Grand Rapids in 1930. The Friants' other children included Agnes May who was born in Grand Haven in 1860 and on April 10, 1889 married Stillwell Matthews of Muskegon; Dwight P., who was born May 14, 1862, married Bertha L. Williams, and died in Grand Rapids on April 11, 1941; Morrison [Maurice], who was born about 1870, resided in Chicago, and died in a fire in Muskegon on December 21, 1913 along with his 14-year-old son, Stillman; and Arthur, born about 1872. Cynthia passed away on March 10, 1880. George died "of creeping paralysis" on December 11, 1895 in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Cynthia. [*Tribune* obituary, December 11, 1895, and *Tribune* article, "Boy Gives Life To Save Home," December 22, 1913.]

### **Thomas Jefferson Friant [Fryant] [1840-1927]**

Born February 22 [16], 1840, in Plainfield, Kent County, Thomas was the son of Cornelius and Huldah Hatch Friant, the brother of George Friant, and the brother of Caroline Friant, who married James Norris of Grand Haven. Cornelius Friant, a native of New York State, was an early Michigan pioneer who built the first water-powered sawmills on the Rouge River and was settled in Kent County by 1837. He and Huldah were married in Wayne County, New York in 1827. At the age of 18 Thomas moved to Ottawa County and went to work at the Hopkins & Friant Sawmill in Grand Haven Township, where his brother George already was employed. Two years later he was put in charge of Galen Eastman's business. Between 1862 and 1867 Thomas was a druggist and he also became a justice of the peace and town clerk. In 1869 Thomas became partner with Thomas Stewart White. He later worked for the Ottawa County Booming Company to deliver logs down the Grand River to Grand Rapids, Spring Lake, and Grand Haven. In 1877 he and Thomas organized White, Friant, & Company Sawmill in Nortonville, at the site of Colonel Norton's mill of 1837. By 1925 Thomas operated his business from the Michigan Trust Building in Grand Rapids.

Thomas was married twice, first to Harriet "Hattie" E. Wells of Muskegon. They were wed in Muskegon on February 22, 1862. She lived from 1824 to 1918. In 1880 they resided on Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Before the Friants were divorced, they had a son Claude. He was born in 1865 and died in Grand Haven on November 19, 1874. On September 30, 1888 in Marcellus, Cass County, Thomas married Gladys Mildred [Mildred Gladys] Arnold. She was born on February 21, 1864 in Marcellus and died in Grand Rapids on January 23, 1928. Thomas and Gladys resided at 601 Cherry SE in Grand Rapids. Thomas maintained a residence at 244 Morris Avenue SE, in Grand Rapids, but in later life he spent summers in Mt. Kineo, Maine and winters in California. Thomas died on October 30, 1927 at the St.

Francis Hotel in San Francisco. He and Gladys were interred in the Friant Mausoleum at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, November 2, 1927.]

#### **Antonino [Anthony] Fricano [1897-1949]**

Antonino Fricano was born in Bagheria, Italy on May 12, 1897, died on February 13, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On November 24, 1918 in Grand Haven, he married Philipena [Phyllis] Capitini. She lived from December 1, 1898 to April 15, 1981. Their sons, Gus and Tom, in 1949 borrowed money from Uncle Cosimo Fricano to purchase Ottawa Tavern at 1400 Fulton. It became known as Fricano's Pizza Tavern. Cosimo, Ignazio, and Mariano Fricano were Antonino's brothers. Antonino's and Philipena's children were Joseph, born about 1920; Genevieve, born about 1922; Cosimo "Gus," born in Chicago on September 12, 1925; Thomas, who was born on April 13, 1927 and died in Grand Haven on March 28, 2023; and Pauline, born about 1931. The Fricano family resided at 1426 Columbus. Antonino was a finisher at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company, where Philipena also worked before she and Antonino were married. Antonino and Philipena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Cosimo Fricano [1895-1969]**

Cosimo Fricano, who was in Sicily born January 25, 1895, died in Chicago about April 27, 1969 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Vicepina Gentils. Cosimo in 1949 loaned \$2,800 to his nephews Gus and Tom Fricano to buy Ottawa Tavern at 1400 Fulton Street, which became known as Fricano's Pizza Tavern. Ignazio and Antonino Fricano were his brothers. Cosimo served with the American Army during WWI and was wounded. Cosimo resided in Grand Haven Township.

#### **Cosimo "Gus" Fricano [1925-1984]**

Gus, the son of Antonino and Philipena Fricano, was born in Chicago on September 12, 1925. He married Alex Zack in Grand Haven on February 6, 1954. They had seven children: Marie, who married Bill Laning of Grand Haven; Jeanne, who married John Meyer of Grand Haven; Carol, who married Scott Hunt of Spring Lake; Linda; Philip, who moved to Kalamazoo; and Douglas and Ted, both of whom remained in Grand Haven. The Fricanos lived at 15081 168<sup>th</sup> Street in Grand Haven Township.

Gus and his brother Tom Fricano owned and managed Fricano's Pizza Tavern at 1400 Fulton Street in Grand Haven, with branches at the time of his death in Holland and Kalamazoo. He served with the armed forces during WWII, was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven, the Knights of Columbus, Elks Club, Eagles, the local VFW, and the American Legion. Gus died in Grand Haven on August 11, 1984 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 13, 1984.]

#### **Ignazio Fricano [1903-1973]**

Born March 9, 1903 in Bagheria, Sicily, Ignazio Fricano came to Grand Haven in 1922. His brothers Cosimo and Antonino preceded him in death. His other siblings were Mariano of Grand Haven, and Michael, Rose, and Sam, all of Sicily. Ignazio was a veteran of the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a shoemaker by trade but retired from Story & Clark in 1965. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the American Legion, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus. Ignazio died January 4, 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 5, 1973.]

#### **Joseph Fricano [1929-1930]**

Joseph Fricano, who was born on May 20, 1929, died on December 17, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was the son of Mariano and Vincenza Arnone Fricano.

#### **Mariano Fricano [1900-1976]**

Born in Bagheria, Sicily on May 15, 1900 Mariano was the brother of Antonino, Ignazio, and Cosimo Fricano. He retired as a leather finisher from Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. On September 13, 1925 he married Jennie Arnone, who was born on November 13, 1905 and died on March 29, 1985. They lived at 1414 Franklin. Their children included Vinci, who

married Joseph Domanchuk of Fruitport, and Joseph, who was born on January 15, 1936, moved to Rolling Meadows, Illinois, and passed away in Norton Shores on August 12, 2023. Mariano died on December 28, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 29, 1976.]

#### **Albert Fridrich [Frydrich, Friedrich] [1844-1915]**

Albert Fridrich and his wife Lena in 1901 purchased from James Jocelyn 200 acres in Section 14 and an abutting 20 acres in Section 11 in Olive Township. The property later was given the address 10030 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. They constructed a 21-room hotel and a two-story house and opened a small zoo as part of a resort they named Fridrich's [Frydrich's] Point Hotel. Albert was born in 1844 in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1850. Lena, also from Germany, was born about 1876 and came to America in 1892. The couple was married about 1900. In 1910 the Fridriches were residing in Waukegan, Illinois, where Albert owned and managed Hotel Fridrich. In 1920, five years after her husband's death, Lena sold the Olive Township property to William and Lena Styx. In 1998 Ottawa County purchased the site and converted the house and land to a park called Pine Bend.

#### **Fred W. Frietchen [1868-1949]**

Fred Frietchen, a farmer and stockman with 80 acres in Section 13 of Robinson Township, settled in the area in 1908 and was still there in 1930. His wife, Mina [Elmina/Myna] Fast, was born in Ohio in 1878, died on March 26, 1937, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Fred, also a native of the Buckeye state, was born in Kent, Ohio on May 19, 1868, died on August 19, 1949, and was buried with his wife. They were married around 1897 and had at least two children: William, who was born in Ohio on August 9, 1895, and John D., who was born locally on May 3, 1906.

#### **John D. Frietchen [Fritchen] [1906-1986]**

The son of Fred and Mina Fast Frietchen, John was born in Michigan on May 3, 1906 and died on March 17, 1986. On August 7, 1925 in Grand Haven, he married Margaret H. Clausen, a native of Wisconsin. Margaret lived from November 11, 1902 to September 1993. In 1930 the couple was residing on Exchange Street in Spring Lake. John was a grainer at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company.

#### **William Frederick Frietchen I [Fritchen] [1895-1952]**

Spring Lake resident William Frietchen was born in Ohio on August 9, 1895. He was the son of Red and Mina Fast Frietchen. In 1920 William was a riveter at Johnston Boiler. On April 8, 1918 he married Elsie Makin, who was then 16 years old. William and Elsie had a son before their marriage ended in divorce on February 8, 1919. The son, William Frederick II, was born on May 18, 1918. On November 19, 1921 William married Catherine Margaret Albright in Grand Haven. After William's death on December 4, 1952, Catherine continued to live at 233 Meridian in Spring Lake Village, a home that remained in the family into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. On June 4, 1959 she married Gustav Barbrick, who lived from November 20, 1891 to December 1969. Gustav was the son of Karl and Christina Barbrick. Catherine was born on May 22, 1905 and died on August 20, 1987.

#### **William Frederick Frietchen II [1918-1993]**

Born on May 18, 1918, William II the son of William and Elsie Makin Frietchen, was a resident of Spring Lake. He was employed at Eagle Ottawa as a boiler maintenance man. He died on March 19, 1993 in the Village and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and his wife, Ruth Rae Swanson, resided at 739 Fall Street in Spring Lake. A son, Larry William., who was born on November 20, 1953 and on June 14, 1985 married Lynn Corder in Spring Lake. Larry died from accidental injuries on May 14, 2002 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 2002.]

#### **Eli De Lancey Frink [1833-1899]**

By 1880 Eli Frink owned a fruit farm in Section 22 of Spring Lake Township. Eli was born in Solon, New York on March 16, 1833. He married Lois [Louise], Norton, who came from Ohio, where she was born in

1845. Eli and Lois had at least one surviving child, Edith L., who was born locally in 1882. Four other children died in infancy. Eli died on December 28, 1899, four years after Lois. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Stanley K. Frisbie [1909-1984]**

For a short time in the late 1920s Stanley Frisbie managed Federal Dry Cleaning at 17 Washington. Born on June 6, 1909 in Cleveland, Ohio, Stanley moved to Fruitport as a boy and died there on May 9, 1984.

#### **David Lee Fritz I [1927-2010]**

David Fritz was born on November 9, 1927. His parents were William and Marie Albers Fritz of Grand Haven. On May 26, 1948 David married Joyce Ver Berkmoes in Grand Haven. The daughter of Krein and Marie Nichols Ver Berkmoes, Joyce was born on May 2, 1930 and passed away on July 23, 2010. David died on August 26, 2010. Their surviving children were Cynthia, who moved to Battle Creek; William; Michael; David II; Craig; Teresa, who married Kevin Swaitoski and moved to Kalamazoo; and Teresa. Michael and David remained in Grand Haven as co-owners of Fritz Auto Body at 1320 Kooiman.

#### **Herman Fritz [1862-1931]**

Herman, the son of Johann and Katie Seeman Fritz, was born in Germany in September 1862 and came to the United States in 1881. On November 19, 1891, in Grand Haven, he married Hulda Greger [Grager]. She also was born in Germany, approximately ten years later than her husband, and immigrated to America in 1889. Their children were William, born on January 12, 1893; Edward, born in January 1899; Louis [Lewis], born about 1901; Helen, born about 1904; and Ella, born about 1907. The family resided at 312 Elliott in the early 1900s and had relocated to 204 Columbus by 1920. Herman, classified as a day laborer, died on February 22, 1931. Hulda passed away around March 6, 1954 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Johann “John” Gottfried Fritz [1819-1897]**

Johann Fritz was born in Potrzymowo, Posen, Prussia [Germany] on November 9, 1819. On April 23, 1843 in Posen, he married “Katie” Charlotte Wilhelmina Seeman, who was born in Gnesen, Posen on November 8, 1822. She died in Posen on November 4, 1873. John and his son Gottlieb and Gottlieb’s wife-to-be, Caroline Braun, immigrated to the United States on December 19, 1882. They settled on 400 acres in Section 18 of Robinson Townshp. Their home at 13924 Lincoln previously was owned by Sidney Clark. John resided there with his son and daughter-in-law and their 12 children until his death on June 8, 1897. He was removing stumps on his farm at the time and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. His iron grave marker is one of the most unusual in the cemetery. It was designed and made by Bethke and Fritz family members who were working at Goddard & Goddard Tool Company in Detroit.

John and Katie had 18 children, all born in Potrzymowo, Posen, Germany. Seven of their children immigrated to the United States at different times and settled in the Grand Haven area. The children who immigrated were Johann William “Bill,” who was born on April 16, 1844, Otilie, who was born on April 25, 1845 and married Johann Friedrich Bethke of Robinson Township; Heinrich “Henry,” born on December 15, 1847, immigrated to the United States with his older brother Bill in 1869, married Mina “Minnie” Mueller [October 7, 1853-December 23, 1939], in Peru, Indiana on February 20, 1873, moved to the Grand Haven area around 1881, died on August 27, 1923, and was buried at Lake Forest with his wife; Gottlieb Emil, who was born on May 1, 1852; immigrated to the United States in 1882 with his father and fiancée, Caroline Braun [November 14, 1862-April 19, 1944], married Caroline, passed away on December 2, 1918, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with Caroline; Emil H., who was born on September 23, 1853, immigrated to the United States in 1872, on October 22, 1877 in Grand Haven married Alvina “Lena” Caroline Kalska [born about 1858 in Germany], died on April 3, 1911 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Natalie, born in 1858; and Albert Herman, who was born on September 19, 1862, came to the United States in 1881, married Hulda Grager [September 14, 1872-

February 28, 1954] in Grand Haven on November 19, 1891, died on February 22, 1931, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Hulda.

**Johann William “Bill” Fritz [1844-1915]**

Johann William “Bill” Fritz, who was born on April 16, 1844, served in the German Army during the Franco-Prussian War, immigrated to the United States with his younger brother Henry on May 26, 1869 aboard the *Everhard Deliu*. He married Johanna Christine Kastorff in Milwaukee on January 15, 1872. She had immigrated from Germany in 1872 and lived from December 12, 1853 to January 24, 1940. Bill was listed in 1877 business directory for Grand Haven as the owner of a restaurant on Washington Street. By 1880 he was a baker at Star Bakery in Grand Haven and later joined Grand Haven Bakery. Bill and Johanna had at least eight children, all born locally: Amelia, born about 1863; Emma, born about 1865; Clara, born about 1867, Henry, born in February 1880; John, born in October 1882; Sophia, born in October 1887; William, born in February 1890; Ester, born in January, 1895; and Walter, born in August 1897. Bill died on June 26, 1915, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Johanna.

**William H. Fritz [1893-1972]**

On June 21, 1916 in Grand Haven William Fritz married Marie A., the daughter of Frederick and Adrianna Van Toll Albers. William, the son of Herman and Hulda Greger Fritz, was born on January 12, 1893, died in Grand Haven on April 6, 1972, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marie, who lived from July 21, 1891 to April 5, 1983, was buried near her husband. Their children were Charles, who was born about 1926 and moved to Muncie, Indiana; David, who was born on November 9, 1927 and remained in Grand Haven; and Betty, who was born about 1927 and married Earl Lutke of Grand Haven. In 1930 William worked as a mechanic at a local factory.

**Kaidann [Cain] Frohbeck [1837-1882]**

See Kaidann [Kategan] Fishback [Fischbeck, Frohbeck].

**Anselm Fuchs [1865- ?]**

See Anselm Fox.

**Stuart Fuchs [1908-1929]**

See Stuart Fox.

**John Fuite I [1816-1906]**

In 1864 John Fuite was a lumber inspector and also treasurer of Grand Haven Township. He was included in the 1860 census for Ottawa County and had a 77-acre farm in Section 28. John was born in The Netherlands May 27, 1816 [1815], came to the United States in 1848 and died on January 25, 1907. He married Antje Vos, sister of Frederick D. Vos of Grand Haven. Antje lived from May 13, 1836 to January 16, 1914. Frederick Vos was an early retailer of groceries and other items. John Fuite was his partner in the business for the first few years. The Fuites' children, all born locally, included Nicolus [Nicholas], who was born on April 16, 1869 and died on July 30, 1949; John II, born about 1871; Bonna, born in 1872; Henry, who was born on August 11, 1874 and died on May 12, 1939; Anna, who was born on October 30, 1875 and died on April 10, 1948; James, born in January 1877; and Henrietta, born about 1879. James's wife, Isabella, was born in 1882. John, Antje, Nicolus, and Henry were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Lester Fuite [1908-1986]**

Lester Fuite purchased Pigeon Creek School from the Grand Haven School Board in 1961, the year the school closed, and moved it to another location on Pierce Street. Lester, who was born on October 25, 1908, died in April 1986. His wife Helen lived from September 14, 1911 to September 25, 2001. They resided at 16916 Pierce in Port Sheldon Township.

**Edna Lucille Fullager [Fulliger] [1909-1923]**



The daughter of Glenn James and Rose [Rosa/Rosie] Smith Rhineberger, Edna was born in Olena, Ohio on February 25, 1909. Rose and Glenn were divorced on April 28, 1908 in Ohio. Although Edna was born after the divorce, she was considered Glenn's child. On September 24, 1914, Rose married Arthur Wilbur Fullager in Richland County, Ohio. Edna and her sister, Elizabeth Rhineberger, assumed the Fullager family name. Edna died on October 30, 1923 in an automobile accident in which Harry B. Proctor, a Grand Haven Realtor, also lost his life. At the time of the accident Edna and her mother resided at 831 Pennoyer. Rose was born about 1891 in Ohio. Arthur was born in England on February 4, 1871 and passed away in Huron County, Ohio on October 23, 1971. Apparently Arthur never resided in Grand Haven. Rose married Frank Mattis Mattison on December 24, 1923, two weeks after her daughter's body was raised from the Grand River. Frank grew up in Holland, Michigan, but as an adult he also lived in Colorado. In 1926 Frank married Rhodanna Brower of Holland and evidently at that time Rose resumed use of her Fullager name and returned to Ohio where she later married George Shultz on April 25, 1925 and then Glenn Stahl. Edna reportedly was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, but her cemetery records were not found. Rose, who was born in Huron County, Ohio on November 15, 1887, died on October 23, 1971 in her birthplace.

#### **Edwin L. Fuller [1819–1866]**

Edwin Fuller, a lumberman born in Middlesex County, New Jersey on May 16, 1819, was a resident of Ottawa County by the mid-1850s. In the 1856 *Michigan State Gazetteer* he listed as being a dealer in lumber and staves. In addition to his lumbering interest, Edwin had a banking and exchange business located halfway between Franklin and Clinton Streets on the west side of Water Street [Harbor Drive]. He died on August 1, 1866 and originally was interred at the Washington Street Cemetery [Central Park], before the burial ground was moved to Lake Forest. His body was moved to the new cemetery in 1899 and placed in a vault of Gothic design. The vault was vandalized in 1948, and the bodies then were reburied nearby.

#### **Jason P. Fuller [1890-1985]**

Born in Sand Lake, Kent County on September 25, 1890 to Oscar and Emma Fuller, Jason came to the area in 1937 and retired from Bastian Blessing as a cabinetmaker. On July 5, 1913 in Hancock County, Ohio, he married Eva G. Beltz. Eva lived from May 11, 1895 to February 7, 1983. Their children included Doris, who married Ralph Scott; Rose, who married Harry Clark of Grand Rapids; Roy; and Donna, who married Robert Kane of Grand Haven. Jason died from myocardial infarction on July 19, 1985 at his home, 1221 Pennoyer, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Eva. [*Tribune* obituary, July 20, 1985.]

#### **Richard Keith Fuller I [1928-2021]**

On September 6, 1947, Richard Fuller married Nancy Conant in Grand Haven. Dick was born in Ionia on November 17, 1928. Nancy, the daughter of George and Nellie Speelman Conant, was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1930. Dick worked at Michigan Brass Company, and Nancy was an employee of Eagle Ottawa. In the mid-1950s, the family resided at 215 Fulton Street, but by 1960 their home was at 206 North Fifth Street. A son, Richard K. Fuller II, was born on May 6, 1953. Another son, Charles B. Fuller, was born about 1958. Nancy passed away on December 16, 2018 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick died on October 9, 2021 and was buried with Nancy.

#### **Robert Andrew Fuller [1916-1986]**

Born on November 2, 1916 in Whitehall, Robert Fuller in 1956 founded Star Industries [Star Machine] and was its president until he sold the company to Herman Miller, Inc., in 1976. Herman Miller renamed it Integrated Metals Technology. Robert was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, Spring Lake Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and Spring Lake Country Club. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. On April 12, 1944 he married Gertrude H. Bolema in Muskegon. She was born in Muskegon on October 10, 1920. They resided at 17754 West Spring Lake Road. Their children were Timothy Fuller, who was born about 1946, and Steven Fuller, who was born in June 1950 and moved

to Southfield. Robert died on March 22, 1986 in Naples, Florida and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Gertrude passed away on November 6, 2010, also in Naples. [*Tribune* obituary, March 24, 1986.]

### **Earl Herbert Fulsher [1892-1979]**

Earl Fulsher married Ida Van Dongen in Grand Haven on September 1, 1908. Early abandoned Ida and their four children, leading to their divorce on June 17, 1920. Earl was born in Carsonville, Sanilac County on September 7, 1892. Ida, the daughter of John and Ida Erkens Van Dongen, was born in Grand Haven on December 17, 1886. After the divorce, Ida married Klass Cornelius Rink of Grand Haven. Earl passed away in California on July 25, 1979.

### **John Furlong I [Furling] [1834–1883]**

Originally from Ireland, where he was born in 1834, John Furlong came to Grand Haven in 1859 by way of Chicago. He was a ship's captain, became a partner with Captain Thomas Kirby, and owned a large fleet of lumbering vessels. The two of them started Kirby-Furlong Barge Company, forerunner of Michigan Barge Company. On May 19, 1859 John married Mary Walsh. Born in 1838, she was the daughter of David and Alice Darmody Walsh, who came from Kilkenny, Ireland to Chicago in 1842. Shortly after the marriage, Mary and her husband moved to Grand Haven. They lived first at 30 South First Street, then at 225 Franklin, and in 1883 they moved into the Ferry house at 514 Lafayette Street. They had seven children, including Mary, born in Michigan about 1860; Kriddy, born in Michigan about 1862; John II, born about 1864 in Illinois; Vincent, who was born in Michigan about 1865, died on April 1, 1883, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Edward, born about 1866 in Michigan; George, who was born in Michigan about 1868 and died in Chicago on February 24, 1910; and Catherine, who married John Farnham in 1883. John I died on September 16, 1883 in Chicago, and Mary passed away on July 25, 1895. [*Tribune* obituary, February 26, 1910.]

### **Albert “Bert” Edward Gale I [1884-1974]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1884, the son of Daniel and Minnie Weston Gale, Albert was an employee of the Grand Haven State Bank. He worked as a clerk in his father's grocery and chinaware store at 214 Washington. Albert began his banking career in 1910 as teller with the Peoples Savings Bank of Grand Haven. He accepted employment with Eagle Ottawa Leather in October 1917 and then went back to banking. Albert became vice president of Grand Haven State Bank on January 1, 1922, following his resignation from the Michigan State Banking Department. He retired in 1956 as vice president and cashier of the Grand Haven State Bank. He had been with the bank for 34 years. After retirement he worked part time as vice president and trust officer until November 1957. He was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Elks, and Masons, and he was president of the Michigan Bank Examiners Association.

On February 8, 1915, Albert married Willette Meyer, born in Grand Haven on October 8, 1894 to Henry and Nettie Meyer. The Gales had a son Albert E. “Jack” Gale II, who lived from January 14, 1916 to December 30, 1994 and was employed many years by Bastian Blessing. The Gales lived at 401 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. During WWII Willette supervised the local USO. Albert died in May 1974, and Willette died on December 24, 1983. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 26, 1983 and January 2, 1995, and *Tribune* articles, August 1948 and “AE Gale Concluding 36 Years,” November 15, 1957.]

### **Daniel Gale I [1848-1934]**

Born in Brookfield, Vermont on May 23, 1848, Daniel was the son of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale. Daniel's brother, Sawin, lived in Grand Haven and his two sisters married Pfaff brothers: Emma to John A. Pfaff and Clara to Frederick Pfaff. Daniel came to Grand Haven in 1866. He attended a business college in Grand Rapids and in 1872 entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, John Pfaff, at 114 Washington in Grand Haven. The store offered groceries and “Queen's Ware,” a brand of glass and earthenware made in England. About 1884 Daniel bought out his partner and later dropped the grocery line

in order to concentrate on crockery until the store closed in 1921. He was city treasurer for eight years, beginning in 1892, a Mason for over 40 years, and he was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. Daniel also was the first clerk of the Cutler House that opened in downtown Grand Haven in 1872.

On October 18, 1876 Daniel married Minnie A. Weston in Grand Rapids. Minnie was born in Massachusetts on October 8, 1858. Her brother, Will Weston, was born in Grand Rapids and moved to Grand Haven. Daniel and Minnie lived at 418 Lafayette Street. They had four children, all born locally: Charles Weston Gale, who was born on March 8, 1878 and died in Grand Haven on April 27, 1901; Millie May Gale, who was born on May 1, 1882 and married James T. Pett; Albert E. Gale I, who was born in October 1884 and became vice president of Grand Haven State Bank; Daniel Gale II, born on September 11, 1887; Grace A. Gale, born on August 7, 1890; and Wilmer Presson Gale, who was born January 22, 1896, married Cecile Murphy in Lansing on November 20, 1920, and died in Lansing on November 14, 1975. Daniel died on February 16, 1934 at his home on Lafayette Street. Minnie died on July 3, 1942. She, Daniel, and their son Charles were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 17, 1934.]

#### **Lucy Mary Adams Gale [1817-1900] and Presson Richardson Gale [1807-1884]**

A lifetime resident of Vermont, Presson Gale lived from March 17, 1807 to April 30, 1884. He married Lucy Mary Adams, who was born in Vermont on February 14, 1817. After Presson's death, she moved to Grand Haven, where several of her children lived, including Daniel Gale, who was born in Vermont on May 23, 1848 and moved to Grand Haven. She died on June 16, 1900.

#### **Sawin [Sevon, Sewon, Solomon] Willard Gale [1842-1887]**

Born in Brookfield, Vermont on December 25, 1842, Sawin was the son of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale and the brother of Daniel Gale. Sawin was a resident of Grand Haven as early as 1863, and he was a charter member of the Grand Haven Concert Band, organized in 1868. On October 1, 1866, he married Esther Emma Anderson. A native of Canada, she lived from January 25, 1842 to June 5, 1883. She died in Chicago.

In 1870, under the name Solomon Gale, Sawin was listed as a druggist in Grand Haven. In the household with him were his wife, listed as Hatty, daughters Rose and Florence, and Emma Gale, probably Sawin's sister, born about 1855 in Vermont. Rose was born on July 31, 1867, and Forence was born on June 30, 1869. A third daughter, Daisy, was born in 1872. All three were born in Grand Haven. In 1871 and 1872 Sawin was treasurer for the City of Grand Haven. In 1873, he was listed as a druggist at the Cutler Hotel. By 1880 Sawin was still married but living alone in Minneapolis, Minnesota, employed as a traveling salesman. He died there on December 23, 1887.

#### **Owen Domic Gallagher [1872-1959]**

Born in Charlevoix on August 4, 1872, Captain Owen Gallagher in 1921 moved to Grand Haven from Ludington, where he worked for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. For more than 20 years, he piloted the *Grand Haven*, a car ferry operated by the Grand Trunk Railroad, primarily between Grand Haven and Milwaukee. On June 7, 1905 in Charlevoix County, he married Sarah J. Gibson, who was born on September 4, 1885. Their daughter Virginia Frances Gallagher married Clyde Peel of Grand Haven. The Gallagher family resided at 807 Washington Street. Owen died on May 31, 1959, and Sarah passed away on September 18, 1967. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Christian Gallmeyer [1850-1932]**

Born in 1850 in Adams County, Indiana, Christian Gallmeyer came to Grand Haven in 1878 to work at the Ottawa Iron Works. His brother, Conrad G. Gallmeyer [1863-1915], a moulder, worked with him. The next year Christian joined Bryce & Bloecker of Grand Have, and in May 1881 he became a partner. At that time the name of the firm was changed to Bryce, Bloecker, & Gallmeyer. They owned the Grand Haven Iron Works. From 1885 to 1888 Christian was a Grand Haven City alderman. In 1889 he moved to Grand

Rapids to continue in the foundry business. Later he became part of the Gallmeyer & Livingston Company. Christian was elected alderman and during World War I mayor of Grand Rapids.

Christian married Lisetta [Lisette] Hilsman of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1879. She was born in Indiana in 1854. They had five children: Charles, who was born in Grand Haven on February 20, 1880 and died in 1948; William, also a Grand Haven native, who was born on June 30, 1883 and died in 1959; Arthur, who was born in Grand Haven in 1887 and died in 1918; Louella [Luella], who lived from February 9, 1892 to 1975; and Evelyn, born in October 1894. Christian died on December 2, 1932. Lisetta passed away on January 1, 1923. Their descendants remained in the Grand Rapids area. In 1951 Christian's and Lisetta's grandson William Gallmeyer [1917-2007] purchased a summer home in the Wilderness, a lakefront development south of Grand Haven, which two of William's sons, William and Dan Gallmeyer, still own.

### **Conrad Gallmeyer [1863-1915]**

Conrad Gallmeyer in 1878 came to Grand Haven with his brother Christian Gallmeyer to work at the Ottawa Iron Works. At the time of the 1880 Federal Census for Grand Haven, Conrad was living in his brother's home on Fulton Street. On May 6, 1888, he married Wilhelmina "Minnie" Geye in Allen County, Indiana. Sometime before 1900 they had settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Born in 1863, he died on June 13, 1915 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and was buried at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery. Wilhelmina lived from 1856 to 1941 and also was buried at Concordia.

### **Jesse Ganoë [Gano] [1819-1888]**

With a Mr. Parks as his partner, Jesse Ganoë of Grand Rapids as early as 1855 operated several steamboats on Lake Michigan and on the Grand River between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids, including the *L. G. Mason*, *Daniel Ball*, *Truesdell*, *Ottawa*, and *W. H. Barrett*. By 1874 Mr. Parks was gone and Jesse and his son were owners of the Grand River Transportation Company, also called J. Ganoë & Son. Jesse was born in Broome County, New York on January 5, 1819, and his wife, Beulah Parks, was born in the same state two years earlier and died in 1900. They were married in Grand Rapids in January 1845. Jesse died on April 2, 1888 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, as was Beulah. Their son, William H. Ganoë, lived from 1852 to 1888 and was buried in the family plot at Oakhill. Jesse and Beulah also had a daughter, Lucy Ganoë, who married Harrison [Horace] Barrett on February 25, 1873 in Grand Rapids. She lived from 1847 [1840] to 1929 and he from 1840 to 1922. Lucy and Harrison were buried at Casnovia Cemetery in Muskegon County.

### **Carl [Charles] Ludwig Gottlieb Garbrecht II [1843-1920]**

The son of Carl and Henrietta Betthoff Garbrecht, Carl II was born on September 8, 1843. He married Augusta Louise Marie Wille. They settled on 200 acres in Sections 11 and 12 of Olive Township. Augusta was born on September 5, 1845 in Germany and died in West Olive on September 14, 1938. Her husband passed away on February 18, 1920. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery with other family members. A son, William, was born about 1877, and a daughter, Maria, was born three years later.

### **Frank G. Garbrecht [1882-1963]**

Frank Garbrecht owned 40 acres in Section 12 of Port Sheldon Township, adjacent to his parents' land. The West Ottawa Soil Conservation District was set up on Garbrecht's property in 1939, and he supervised it for more than 20 years. The son of Carl [Charles] and Augusta Garbrecht of Olive Township, Frank was born April 1, 1882 and died on November 18, 1963 in Holland. On December 17, 1905 in Chicago, he married Christine Meierdirk. She was born in Illinois on December 19, 1882 and died April 28, 1958. Her father was Dietrich Meierdirk. The Garbrechts were buried at West Olive Cemetery with other family members. Julius, Ernest, August and Carl were their sons. They also had four daughters: Clara Lyons, Christine Stone, Louise Van Kampen and Frances Dykman. [*Whispering Sands*, p. 25]

### **Julius C. Garbrecht [1908-2002]**

Julius, the son of Frank and Christine Meirdink Garbrecht, was born in West Olive on July 14, 1908. Julius was listed as a farm laborer in the 1930 census. In 1935 he married Helen Veldhuis, who died in 1957. On September 27, 1958 in Grand Haven, he married Thelma Grant Van Bemelen [Van Bemlen/Van Bemmelen], the widow of Clyde Van Bemelen. Julius retired from Grand Haven Brass in 1968. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Harlem Reformed Church. Julius died at his home in West Olive on June 11, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, June 12, 2002.]

### **Eugene Gardner [1844-1926]**

Born in Steuben County, New York, on May 4, 1844, Eugene Gardner was only 17 when he volunteered for military service during the Civil War. He served as private in two Wisconsin regiments. On January 1, 1862 he enlisted in Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry and was discharged on October 6 the next year. Then, on February 3, 1865, he joined Company C of the 37<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry and served until July 27 that year. After the war he settled near Grand Haven and became River Boss for the Ottawa County Booming Company at the height of the logging era. His wife made it a family affair by cooking for the workers. Gardner was on the job during the horrific log jam of 1883. Heavy summer rains had created a huge accumulation of logs stacked behind railway and road bridges in Grand Rapids and created a nightmare of confused timbers seven miles long and thirty feet high. The Grand River was flooded and furious. When the bridges gave way, the logs were propelled down river like torpedoes, ready to destroy whatever was in their way. John Walsh, a one-armed pile driver and his aide Clark Deremo worked with Gardner and others in diverting the avalanche of logs at the last minute, saving jobs and company profit. Boom Road was so named because of the log boom that was located along that section of the river during the lumbering era. Eugene and John are giving fictional names in Stewart Edward White's novel *The Riverman*, a fictional account of the crisis.

Eugene married Jennie Isabelle Lane in Spring Lake on August 10, 1868. She was born on May 28, 1850 in Hamilton Center, New York and died in Spring Lake on March 9, 1926. Jennie was a cook at the lumberjack's boarding house. Eugene died on January 6 of the same year. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Gardners lived on a 70-acre farm in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. Howard Gardner, born in Spring Lake on February 26, 1877, was their son. They also had two daughters, both born in Michigan: Mabel, born about 1870, and Eva, born in Spring Lake on February 10, 1874.

### **Howard Addison Gardner [1877-1940]**

The son of Eugene and Jennie Isabelle Lane Gardner, Howard was born in Spring Lake on February 26, 1877. On March 2, 1898 in Spring Lake, he married Emma Rachel, the daughter of Rev. David and Elizabeth Frink Spencer of Spring Lake. Emma was born in Canada in February 1875 and came to the United States in 1879. Howard's and Emma's daughter Marian was born in Michigan in January 1899. Howard was a farmer and a mason. The couple resided on a 70-acre farm in Spring Lake Township, located at the confluence of Deremo Bayou and the Grand River. The farm, Howard's boyhood home, previously belonged to his father. Howard died in 1940.

### **John W. Gardner [1840-1888]**

Born in Pomfret, New York, on December 27, 1840, John Gardner on August 5, 1862 enlisted as private with Company B of the 112<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, part of the 24<sup>th</sup> Army Corps under General Alfred H. Terry. He was mustered out on June 13, 1865 and two years later came to Muskegon. Before moving to Grand Haven in 1881, he and his family lived in Montague and Holton, where they were located in the 1880 census. At that time, he was employed at a Holton sawmill. In Grand Haven he worked for the Fessenden Barrel Company as foreman. He married Emeline "Emma" Kingsley in St. Clair County on March 28, 1868. Emma was born in Canada in 1852. They had at least one daughter, Gertrude, born in Michigan about 1876. John died in Muskegon on April 15, 1888 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Emma applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 21, 1890. She passed away on February 28, 1902 and also was buried at Oakwood.

### **Howard Garett [Greenbaum] [1930-2021]**

Born the Bronx, New York, on May 14, 1930, Howard Garett served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. While serving overseas he created a series of cartoons about two G.I.s. After moving to Detroit in his 30s, he worked for Motor City Electric and went on to become Branch Manager of Hatzel & Buehler Electric's Detroit office. He participated in several projects, including the construction of the Hyatt Hotel in Dearborn and the Renaissance Center. He next took a position with E.C. Ernst in New York City, followed by a move to Libertyville, Illinois in 1987 and back to Michigan three years later. Following his retirement in 1994 he was able to devote himself to painting, which had been a hobby during his working years. It was about this time that he and Barbara moved to Grand Haven. They resided at 13384 Ravine Drive. Howard exhibited his works in numerous art shows in Florida and Michigan, including the Gallery Uptown, sold his paintings and prints and won several awards. Howard's and Barbara's children were David Garett, Kathy Garett, Amy Armand Garett, who married Henry Dryovage, Jerry Garett, and Jennifer Garett, who married Alan Manna. Born on May 14, 1930, Howard died on February 9, 2021.

### **Edith Garlick [1890-1917]**

See Edith Garlick Lehman.

### **Mina "Minnie" [Mary Ann] Garlick [1882-1955]**

See Mina "Minnie" [Mary Ann] Garlick Alexander.

### **Daniel Green Garnsey [1838-1896]**

Daniel Garnsey was Teller at the Ferry & Son Bank on Water Street [Harbor Drive] in the 1860s. At that time, he owned acreage along the Lake Michigan shoreline in Sections 20 and 21 of Grand Haven Township. A pier was added along the waterfront, probably for shipping to Chicago fruit and other produce grown on nearby farms. In 1877 Daniel and Charles R. Wyman had an insurance office in the Cutler House in downtown Grand Haven. Daniel registered for the Civil War draft in 1863, while a resident of Grand Haven. There is no record that he served in the military.

Daniel, the son of Charles Alexander and Laura Kimball Garnsey, was born in Rock Island, Illinois on May 25, 1838. On October 16, 1861 in Chicago, he married Emeline [Emma] Brooks. Emeline was born in Mayville, New York in August 1841. A son, Daniel Brooks Garnsey, was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1860 and died in Rutland, Massachusetts of tuberculosis on February 2, 1917. In 1889 and 1890 the elder Daniel was listed in the Grand Rapids *City Directory* as an "Expert Accountant and Adjuster." Emeline Garnsey, possibly a daughter, was listed in the Grand Rapids *City Directory* as a music teacher and resided at the same address as Daniel, as did Laura and Charles. Another daughter, Sarah, was born in Ottawa County on April 27, 1874. On December 21, 1892 Daniel married Amelia W. Barnard in Chicago. She was born in Ohio in May 1837 [1838]. Emeline passed away in Grand Rapids on August 29, 1885 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Daniel died on August 6, 1896 in Muskegon. He also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Edward Grant Garnsey I [1869-1917] and Mary Vesta Doan Garnsey [1874-1967]**

Born in Union City, Branch County on September 17, 1869, Edward was the son of Judson and Olive Loucks Garnsey. By 1890 Judson and his family were living in Grand Rapids, where he worked as a carpenter and Edward was a clerk at the H. Leonard & Sons Company, a crockery and glassware wholesale business that later became known for its refrigerators. After working for Burley & Company in Chicago, Edward in 1895 became buyer and head of the Interior Decorating Department at Marshall Field & Company on Wabash Avenue in Chicago. By 1906 he had copyrighted the name "japana" for a line of china that Marshall Field handled and owned Japana Specialty Company. His daughter thought the name japana might have been suggested to him by his travels in Japan and his desire to emulate the way the Japanese arranged flowers. He also conceived an idea for a flower holder, today called a "frog," and

patented it about 1908, listing Spring Lake as his residence. [Edward, however, was not the inventor of the glass frog.] He contracted with a glass company in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to make the frogs.

On April 3, 1893, Edward married Mary Vesta Doan in Grand Rapids. Vesta was born in Parsons, Kansas [Sand Lake (Kent County), La Grange, Illinois] on December 10, 1874. Her marriage registration listed her as the daughter of Samuel and Elvira Edson Doan of Grand Rapids, but they were not located in any census. Vesta before her marriage lived with an aunt and uncle in Grand Rapids, so both her parents may have died. At the time of the 1910 Federal Census Edward and Vesta were living in La Grange, Illinois with their four surviving children. Edward was classified as a salesman of “wholesale dry goods.” On August 15, 1913 she sailed out of Southampton, England, aboard the *President Lincoln* and arrived in New York City ten days later. She was traveling alone. The next year Vesta and Edward took title to approximately 27 acres of farmland five miles south of Grand Haven [Sections 20 and 21, Grand Haven Township], the same land Daniel G. Garnsey had owned since the mid-1860s. The purchase included a five-bedroom farmhouse on Lakeshore Drive. They moved the house by horse a bit west to the shoreline and used it as a summer residence. The house was later given the address 11837 Lakeshore Drive. Shortly after Edward’s death, Vesta, Maria, and Gwendolyn resided on East Savidge Street in Spring Lake. By 1935 Vesta was living in Ventura, California, where she remained until at least 1940.

Around 1920 Vesta was a “glass jobber,” that is she sold glassware wholesale. A year or two later, she opened a “Japana Gift Shop” on the southwest corner of First and Washington Streets, before the Grand Theater was built a few doors to the west. Japana included such items as molded glass vases, flower holders, and statuettes, probably bought from her husband’s factory. Working with others, she organized the Lake Shore Improvement Association, with the intent of fostering the improvement of roads and utilities along Lakeshore Drive [then known as Sheldon Road] and maintaining the natural beauty of Rosy Mound. She was one of the first women to join the local Chamber of Commerce, and she was instrumental in organizing the Triangle Business and Professional Women’s Association. Mary was a member of Tuesday Musicale and Woman’s Club.

In 1917 or 1918 Vesta thought she had bought Rosy Mound for \$300. Because of a severe storm, she was unable to get to Grand Haven to make the final deal. She had telephoned the bank at Grand Haven and asked them to tell the owner of her offer. As she rode by the mound on her way to town, she noticed that there was new activity around the mound and upon inquiring discovered that it had been sold to a sand company in Chicago. She had planned on making a resort at the top, as it would be a wonderful place for children to play.

Mary had a lifelong interest in literature and writing. She reached her literary peak in 1941, when she was made an honorary member of the Mark Twain Society. The Eugene Field Society also honored her for her “contribution to literature.” In 1962 she published a book of poems, *Gods in Modeling Clay*. She was the first woman member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and she was active in the Woman’s Club and the Tuesday Musicale Club. She organized the Professional and Businesswomen’s Club. All of the Garnseys were Theosophists, including Gwendolyn.

Vesta left Grand Haven in 1924.

The Garnsey’s children were Sergia Gertrude, who died in 1901 at age seven; Marie Adolphia [Adolphia Maria], who was born on January 22, 1896, married Charles Ettinger of Grand Haven, and died on February 21, 1990 in Grand Haven; Edward Grant II, who was born on October 20, 1897; and Gwendolyn Doan, who was born on July 22, 1906 and died in Ojai, Ventura County, California in December 1986. Gwendolyn also lived in Seattle, Washington. In 1920 Mary, Adolphia, and Gwendolyn were living on Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Edward died on August 30, 1917 in Chicago, and Vesta passed away 50 years later, on October 29, 1967. [*Tribune* articles, “Life of Service—Passing on Gift of Poetry,” April 5, 1962, and “Local Woman Writer Dies at Age 92,” October 30, 1967.]

### **Edward Grant Garnsey II [1897-1918]**

Edward, the son of Edward and Mary Vesta Doan Garnsey, entered the military in May 1917, near the start of America's involvement in World War I, and was commissioned first lieutenant in the Signal Air Corps. He was a member of Eddie Rickenbacker's Squadron and was credited with shooting down two German planes, before he was shot down by German Fokker fighter planes while flying over Exermont, France at 4,000 feet altitude. [An alternate source noted that Edward was accidentally brought down by Allied anti-aircraft guns.] He was buried near Exermont, France on October 29, 1918, the day he was killed and two weeks before the Armistice was signed. He was born in Chicago on October 20, 1897.

### **William S. Garrow [1907-1979]**

Born on December 14, 1907, William Garrow passed away on December 26, 1979. He and his wife Hazel M. were members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Haven. In 1955 they donated land for a new church school on M-104 in Spring Lake Township. Their home was located at 13428 Cleveland in Nunica. Later they moved to Grand Haven and resided at 1320 Franklin. Hazel lived from August 18, 1907 to April 1, 1998.

### **Samuel Suffrin Garvin [1870-1941]**

An Irish immigrant who came to America in 1884, Sam Garvin founded Garvin Industries in Chicago in 1899. In 1925 he opened a metal stamping operation in Grand Haven, a business that endured until 2002. Samuel was born in Londonderry, Ireland on March 2, 1870. On January 28, 1896 in Milwaukee, he married Mary A. M. "Minnie" Gibson. She was born in Ireland in November 1865 and arrived in the United States in 1890. She and Sam had two children, both born in Illinois: George A., born around 1897, and Marguerite [Margaret], born about 1900. In 1940 the family resided at 2 Howard Street. Samuel died in Maywood, Illinois, on February 13, 1941.

### **Susan Swanson Gaskins [@1858-1911] and Robert Gaskins [@1851- ?]**

In the early 1900s the *Grand Haven Tribune* related this story on page one: "A few weeks ago, while Jesse Williams was unloading a car at the Grand Trunk yards in this city, he found a few cotton seeds. He gave them to Mrs. Susan Gaskins on Seventh Street, and she planted them in her garden. They came up in due time and she says it looks as well as the cotton would in the fields in Tennessee where she used to work years ago. Mrs. Gaskins was a slave on a Tennessee plantation, but the war brought her freedom when a young girl." Susan Swanson married Robert Gaskins in Chicago on August 12, 1901. In Grand Haven they resided at 411 North Seventh Street. He worked as a laborer at the loading docks. Susan was born about 1858 in Tennessee, and Robert came from Virginia, where he was born about 1851. By 1910 the couple was living in Muskegon. They were married about 1901. Susan died in Muskegon on February 21, 1911 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. [*Tribune*, June 27, 1907.]

### **Edward James Gatfield I [1823-1901]**

In 1864 Edward Gatfield and his wife Anne Poole moved to Grand Haven from Racine, Wisconsin, where they were living by 1850. Anne was born in England around 1828. They were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York, on March 2, 1857. They were Methodists and started a "Colony" by meeting in their home with other members of the same denomination. Edward was born in London, England on September 25, 1823 and died in Grand Haven on May 3, 1901. In 1880 he worked at a sawmill, and by then he and Anne were divorced. The Gatfields had four children, including a daughter, Emma, born in Wisconsin about 1861, who moved to Ludington, and two sons, Edward II, born in 1862 in Racine, who also relocated to Ludington, and John, who was born in July 1867 and remained in Grand Haven. In Ludington, Edward II married Anglina Shappee on August 31, 1910.

### **John Edward Gatfield [1867-1946]**

John, the son of Edward and Anne Poole Gatfield of Grand Haven, was born on July 14, 1867. His wife Mary was born in Iowa in December 1869. John and Mary, who resided on Lafayette Street, had at least two children: Genevieve, born in February 1890, and Floyd, born in March 1891. John was manager of the



Western Union office in Grand Haven at 122 Washington. He and his family by 1908 were located at 128 Columbus. By 1920 they were living in Detroit. John died in Los Angeles, California on November 1, 1946.

#### **Emil O. Gaul [1895-1982]**

With Paul A. Johnson I, Bernath P. Sherwood I, Alvin E. Jacobson I, and Abram [Abraham] T. Kieft as partners, Emil Gaul took over the Bolling Manufacturing Company at 201 South Harbor in 1927 and renamed it Grand Haven Stamped Products. Emil was plant superintendent. He married Alvina Achenbach, who was born on July 12, 1895 in Michigan. They were married on March 21, 1918. Their daughter Luella Mae was born on February 1, 1932 [October 4, 1931], married Peter James Bouwman in Grand Haven on September 13, 1952, and died on December 9, 1964. By 1930 the Gauls were residing at 1326 Pennoyer, where they remained until at least the mid-1950s. Emil, who was born on July 3, 1895, later resided at 2020 Jane Court in Grand Haven. He died on March 17, 1982. Alvina passed away on October 16, 1968. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Luella Gaul Bouwman.

#### **Marcus C. Gazan [1890-1978]**

In 1948 Marcus Gazan and his son-in-law Carroll Bos started the Tri-City Dairy, which lasted eight years. Marcus was born in The Netherlands on April 12, 1890 and passed away in Spring Lake on March 19, 1978. On June 11, 1914 in Grand Rapids, he married Edna Cornell. She was born in Grand Rapids in 1893. His second wife, Louise, lived from November 8, 1894 to April 23, 1893. They resided at 217 Barber in the 1950s and later at 209 Williams.

#### **Robert Henry Gebott [1855-1919]**

By 1882 Robert Gebott was saw filer at the White, Friant, & Company Sawmill. He was born in Caistor, Canada in 1855, married Orvilla Horn on January 17, 1881, and moved to Grand Haven from Ludington that year. Orvilla, also from Caistor, was born on September 15, 1854. By 1900 they were again residing in Mason County. Robert died in Clatsop, Oregon on November 10, 1919, and Orvilla passed away in Warrenton, Oregon on November 21, 1926.

#### **Hendrik “Henry” Geertman [1856-1924]**

A farmer, Henry Geertman also raised livestock on 140 acres in Section 11 of Olive Township. He was born in The Netherlands on October 6, 1856 and he and his wife arrived in the area in 1882. On August 5, 1882 in Holland, he married Johanna Dunin “Dena” Boorman. She was born in The Netherlands in March 1861. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Marinus, born in June 1885; Aaltje, born in February 1887; Effie, born in May 1890; Hendrick, born on November 12, 1892; and Albert, born in August 1895. Albert’s wife, Margaret M., was also a native of Michigan, where she was born about 1900. Henry passed away on November 10, 1924. Listed as a widow in the Federal Census of 1930, Dena was living with Albert and his wife in Olive Township.

#### **Clarence Daniel Gelakoska [1945-2015]**

The son of Clarence [1900-1986] and Nona Vermurlen [1911-1972] Gelakoska, Clarence Daniel was born on August 12, 1945 in Grand Haven. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, he attended the Kendall School of Design and for a short time was a designer for the Herman Miller Company in Zeeland. In 1971 he moved to Denver, Colorado. On September 30, 1989, Daniel [his preferred name] married Darlene Mae Steber in Denver. Concentrating primarily on silkscreen and serigraph prints, his art often featured brightly colored geometric shapes. Daniel died in Denver in 2015. He and Darlene had one child, Ruby Gelakoska.

#### **Claude J. Gelderloos [1902-1980]**

One of the area’s earliest recorded airplane crash occurred on May 26, 1931. On that day George Gelderloos was a passenger in a small plane piloted by George Ferris. They flew a green and yellow Waco

biplane from Muskegon Airport to Grand Haven, where they “buzzed” the house at 8 Clinton Street, the neighbor of fellow pilot Ray “Ducky” Swartz. Ducky lived across the street at 9 Clinton Street in a home owned by his parents, Nicholas [1861-1942] and Hannah [1867-1943] Johnson Swartz. Among the people residing at 8 Clinton were the owners, Henry and Henrietta Abbinga and their son Abel. The family joined a small crowd of spectators who were watching the plane as it circled overhead and then, at 6:30 p.m., crashed through the roof of the Abbinga home. The pilot said engine problems caused the accident. Fortunately pilot and passenger walked out the front door of the house, uninjured. Mrs Abbinga, who was 80 years old, needed a sedative to calm her shaken nerves. The plane was salvaged, restored, and took to the skies again.

Claude was born in Muskegon on January 8, 1902. He married Ann Regeczi on March 19, 1943. At that time, Claude was serving as a private with the U.S. Army. He was discharged on April 4 the same year. Claude and Ann were divorced on May 14, 1948 in Ottawa County and remarried on April 16, 1949 in North Muskegon. Ann was born about 1915 in Ohio. They were divorced for the second and apparently final time on January 5, 1950. Claude lived at various times in Muskegon, Grand Haven, and Spring Lake. He died in Grand Haven on October 13, 1980 and was buried at Restlawn Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Bernard James Gellick [1875-1945]**

Bernard Gellick was born in Laforgeville, New York on January 10, 1875, and on September 15, 1897 in Charlevoix he married Alma Augusta Hinkley. In 1910 the couple resided in Manistee. Eight years later they were living in Grand Rapids, where he was employed by the Crosby Transportation Company as a boat pilot. In 1920 he was Inspector of Hulls with the Grand Haven office of the U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service, a post he held until at least 1932. Bernard and his family resided at 21 North Sixth Street and later at 216 South Fifth. Bernard and Alma had two children, both born in Charlevoix: Robert Bernard, born on March 12, 1901, and Isabel, on April 26, 1908. Alma was born in Evart, Osceola County, on May 10, 1875, died on February 27, 1927 in El Paso, Texas, and was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Evart, Osceola County. On April 21, 1924 Bernard married Barbara Brown Grosse in Grand Haven. She was born in Illinois on September 17, 1889, died in Saline, Washtenaw County on July 22, 1977, and was buried at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Bernard passed away in Chicago on February 14, 1945 and was buried at Acacia Park Cemetery and Mausoleum in that city.

### **Sara “Sammi” Martin Corcoran Becher George [1937-2021]**

Sammi Becher married Samuel George on August 5, 1979 in Franklin County, Ohio It was his second marriage and her third. Sam, born on October 25, 1924, passed away on September 8, 2017. Sammi was born in Monogh, West Virginia on May 27, 1937. She and her first husband, Robert Corcoran, had at least two children: Judy Diane Corcoran, who was born on July 3, 1956, married Robert Porath on November 14, 2007, and died in Grand Haven on January 31, 2020, and Phillip Corcoran, who was born on July 16, 1960 and died in Collin, Texas on December 4, 1985. Judy and Phillip were born in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Sammi next married William Winfield Becher. They had at least one child, Aaron William Becher, who was born on July 10, 1968 and remained in Grand Haven.

By 2001 Sammi and Sam rresided in Grand Haven Township at 17128 Lincoln Street. Sammi had a variety of interests, including art. She kept a studio in her home and painted a variety of subjects. She also created imaginative note cards that were sold at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and other places in Grand Haven. Sam was born in Okemah, Oklahoma on October 25, 1924 and passed away in Grand Haven on September 8, 2017. He was a consulting engineer. He had two sons by a previous marriage: Bruce George of Wyoming and Charles George of Nevada. Sammi died on November 27, 2021.

### **Helen Madeline Stender Michener Gerber [1877-1952]**

Born in Germany on February 22, 1877, Helen Stender married Albert Warren Michener on February 26, 1895 in Chicago. [Their marriage record lists her name as Helen Westphal.] Albert was born in Boston, Massachusetts on November 25, 1872. In 1910 the couple resided in Chicago with one daughter. Ten years

later Helen and Albert and their three daughters resided at 1339 Pennoyer Avenue. He worked as advertising manager for Challenge Machinery Company. Their oldest daughter, Mildred, was born about 1896. They also had a daughter Marguerite, who lived from 1900 to 1964. Two other daughters, Helene and Warrene [Wariene], were born about 1916 and probably were twins. Helene, on September 21, 1934 married Wilbur Olimm in Grand Haven. The couple moved to Grand Haven, and by the early 1930s she was a clerk at Jacob Cook's dry goods store at 1122 Washington Street. She also offered hemstitching. Albert died in Grand Haven on April 8, 1929. On December 21, 1933 in Grand Haven, Helen married John Gerber II, a farmer. By 1940, the couple was residing on a celery farm at 1620 South Wallace Street. Helen passed away in Grand Haven on December 22, 1952. She and Albert were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John Gerber, who was born in Grand Haven on June 19, 1870, died February 21, 1947, also was buried at Lake Forest. He previously had been married to Jennie Vogel [1867-1930]. Albert and Jennie had at least one child, Cornelius, who lived from 1893 to 1931.

### **Frank [Franz] Albert Gerhart [Gerhardt] [1859-1919]**

In the early 1900s Frank and Myra Gerhart owned a 61-acre farm in Section 16 of Spring Lake Township, although it doesn't appear that they ever lived there permanently. Bordering the south shore of Smith's Bayou, by 1912 they had subdivided 10 acres of his property into a resort/residential area known as Lakeside. Frank Gerhardt was born in Neenah, Wisconsin on October 22, 1859 and married Myra Ann Boon, who was born in Richland, Illinois on January 15, 1869. Frank died in Norwood Park, Illinois on April 5, 1919, and Myra passed away in Berwyn, Illinois on February 8, 1954. Their son, Royal Matthew Gerhardt, was born in Brookfield, Illinois on March 8, 1901. They also had a daughter, Jessie Myra Gerhardt, born on September 15, 1890.

In 1993 Jayne Austin and Roger Krese purchased a cottage located at 16903 Lake Road in Lakeside. The couple used it for seasonal purposes the next nine years. They razed the house in November 2002 and hired Vic George to build a new home, which was completed in May 2003.

### **Robert Chester Gesiakowski [1936-2003]**

Robert Gesiakowski served as chief of the Ferrysburg Police Department from 1973 to 1981. Prior to holding that post, he was a member of the Montague Police Department. He also served with the Marine Corps. Robert was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 9, 1936, the son of Chester and Frances Zurek Gesiakowski. He married Mary Ann Kaskey in Chicago on August 14, 1959. After moving to Spring Lake, the couple attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake. Robert and Mary Ann resided at 17349 Lane Avenue in Ferrysburg. Their children were a daughter Stacey and four sons: Edward, Robert, Richard, and Blake. Robert died in Muskegon on December 2, 2003 as the result of an automobile accident. Mary Ann was born on May 18, 1936 in Chicago and died on July 22, 2020. [*Tribune* obituary, December 4, 2003.]

### **George Getz [Goetz] [1830-1886]**

Buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, George Getz served as private with Company I of the 34<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Infantry during the Civil War. Born about 1830, he died on March 9, 1886. He did not appear in any census for the Grand Haven area.

### **George Fulmer Getz I [1863-1938]**

On September 9, 1929 the freighter *Andaste* sank with the loss of all lives. Wreckage began to drift ashore along the Lake Michigan beaches from Grand Haven to Castle Park, south of Holland. George Getz, owner of the 250-acre Getz Farm and Zoo in Park Township, north of Holland, discovered an oar and other items from the wreck. The first body was recovered at Castle Park. Other bodies washed ashore as far north as Grand Haven. Beginning in 1910 with a purchase of 71 acres, he eventually accumulated 250 acres of Lake Michigan shoreline a few miles north of Holland. A few years later he opened the Getz Farm Zoo, with free admission until 1931. In 1929 a portion of the Getz Farm became Ottawa County's first park, still

known as Tunnel Park. George, who resided in Chicago, was born on December 26, 1863 in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and died on February 11, 1938 in Henderson, Kentucky. On December 4, 1904 he married Susan Rankin, who was born in Henderson and lived from August 30, 1878 to September 25, 1910. They had two sons, both born in Chicago: George F. Getz II, who was born on January 4, 1908 and died in Arizona on November 9, 1992, and James Rankin Getz, who lived from August 18, 1910 to February 15, 1986. George made his fortune as a coal merchant. After his death, the farm was platted into dozens of building sites and sold.

### **Herschel [Hurchell] Frankin Giant [1911-1987]**

On December 7, 1935, Herschel Giant married Moneth Hess in St. Joseph, Indiana. Around the mid-1940s, the couple bought the house at 216 Elliott Street in Grand Haven for \$8,000. When they moved to Florida in 1985 their granddaughter, Barbara Carlson, purchased the property. Herschel was born as Hurchell Giant in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on May 9, 1911 and died in Lake County, Florida on December 26, 1987. Moneth, who was born on October 8, 1913 in Hartford City, Indiana, died on February 4, 1993 in Dade County, Florida.

### **Charles Tomlinson Gibbs [1815-1889]**

Charles T. Gibbs, who was born in Connecticut on June 19, 1815, moved with his family to New York City in 1820, headed west in a covered wagon in 1836, and arrived in Grand Haven the next year. He purchased his first farm in Polkton Township in 1841 and settled in Crockery Township in 1844. The next year he, Richard Mason, and Richard Hathaway were elected first highway commissioners for the township. During their tenure a road was opened from Spring Lake, through Nunica, to the eastern boundary of Crockery Township.

Charles was the son of Robert and Eleanor Huff Gibbs, originally of England. As a youngster in New York State, Charles drove horses that pulled the barges on the Erie Canal. Everett recorded that in Ottawa County, Charles cut firewood near the Grand River, hauled it to the riverbank, loaded it on a raft, poled his way to Grand Haven, and sold it for a dollar a cord. [*Memorials*, page 510]. By 1865 he owned 40 acres in Section 18 of Polkton Township, which later passed to his son-in-law, Basnett Dell.

Charles married Hannah Walsh [Welsh/Welch] on January 31, 1839 in Muskegon, with Dr. Timothy Eastman performing the ceremony. Hannah, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, lived from December 17, 1824 to October 22, 1884 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Her father had died when she was a child, and she and her mother immigrated to Canada and then settled in Chicago before arriving in the Grand Haven area about a year before her marriage to Charles. The Gibbses' daughter, Margaret Sarah, born on November 16, 1841, was the first wife of Richard J. Connell of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Eleanor, lived from 1840 to 1857 and married Nelson L. Deremo. The Gibbses other children, all born in Michigan, were Robert, who was born on March 14, 1844, died on May 26, 1862, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Mary, who was born in 1846 and married Frank Jones of Coopersville; Thomas W., born in 1848; Joseph L., who was born in 1851, married Jennie R. Relingsow [1850-1925] on May 5, 1875 in Nunica, and died on July 19, 1906; Anna, who was born in 1853 and married Samuel Dell of Crockery Township; Jeremiah, who was born on June 20, 1855 [1856], died on May 25, 1862, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; William E., who was born on May 7, 1857, died of smallpox on May 9, 1872, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; James Alexander, who was born on September 24, 1859 and died on October 4, 1936 in Albion; Emily Jane, who was born September 29, 1861, married Basnett Dell, died on April 12, 1934, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and Stephen Monroe, who was born on April 29, 1865, died on May 5 [4], 1872 of smallpox, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The outbreak of smallpox on the Gibbs property during the spring of 1872 caused the Spring Lake Village Council to ban any member of the family from entering the town until the danger was over. [Kitchel, page 75.]

A year after Hannah's death on October 22, 1884, Charles married Martha Kears. Two years later, on December 14, he was wed to Martha Jones in Ottawa County. She was born about 1815 in New York State. Charles died on September 16, 1889. Both Charles and Hannah were buried in the family plot at Spring Lake Cemetery. Charles's younger brother, Alexander H. Gibbs, died in Spring Lake on January 26, 1859 at the age of 38 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Joseph Gibbs of Crockery Township was another brother.

#### **Edward P. Gibbs [1846–1896]**

Born in Athol, Massachusetts in 1846 [1845], Edward Gibbs came to Grand Haven in the 1880s to assume the pastorate of the Unitarian Church. He was county treasurer from the fall of 1886 to 1893, when he was appointed to the Auditor General's office in Lansing and moved there. Edward enlisted on May 13, 1864 as private in Company L of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts Heavy Artillery and held the rank of sergeant when he was mustered out on September 18, 1865. On July 14, 1879 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Edward was a member of the Masons, Maccabees, and Highland Tent. He was a Republican and noted orator. Edward died on June 11, 1896 in Lansing but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife Jennie L. applied for a widow's Civil War pension on the following July 10. Jennie next married Cornelius Pond of Lansing. Jennie was born in Massachusetts in May 1850, passed away in 1930, and was buried near her first husband. One of their children, Wilfred S., was born in Massachusetts about 1870 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889. Albert became a lawyer in Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, June 12, 1896.]

#### **Joseph Gibbs [1826-1909]**

Joseph, born on May 31, 1826 in New York State, was the son of Robert and Eleanor Huff Gibbs, originally of England. On September 6, 1855 in New York, Joseph married Mary Pennoyer, who was born in New York on June 8, 1836 and passed away on September 26, 1925. By the mid-1860s Joseph owned 200 acres of farmland in Section 12 of Crockery and Section 18 of Polkton Townships. Joseph died on February 24, 1909. Their children were Eugene Gibbs [1854-1930]; Alice Gibbs [1855-1919]; Hannah Gibbs [1860-1941]; Rebecca Gibbs [1863-1936]; Margaret Gibbs [1866-1951]; Gershom Gibbs [1868-1956]; George Gibbs [1872-1961]; Orange [1874-1934]; and Clayton Cuthbert Gibbs [1880-1972]. Eugene, Alice, and Hannah were born in New York State, the others in Ottawa County. Joseph and Mary were buried at Nunica Cemetery. Gershom married Sarah Hamilton on July 14, 1891 in Grand Haven.

#### **Townsend E. Gidley [1805–1888]**

A native of Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was born on July 8, 1805 and ran a mercantile business, Townsend Gidley settled on 1500 acres in Jackson County in 1833. He planted 300 acres of wheat. On October 1, 1835 he purchased 80 acres in Section 32 of Sandstone Township in Jackson County. There he became a successful and prosperous fruit grower and farmer. While living in Parma, Jackson County, he was an agent for the Underground Railway. He was elected a member of the convention to form a state constitution in 1834, and he was elected a member of the first legislature, where he held seats in both houses for a number of years. He once ran for governor. In the spring of 1868, he purchased and settled on about one-third of Robert Stuart's estate, a total of approximately 2,000 acres, in Grand Haven Township. Townsend paid about \$15 per acre. Because of the fruit it produced, the area came to be known as Peach Plains. He eventually cultivated 70 acres of orchard with 10,000 trees, mostly peach, with apple, plum, and cherry, as well.

In the fourth quarter of the 1800s "driving parks" became popular places for people to gather and witness trotting races. One such park was built on land in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. Access from Grand Haven was by way of River Road [Mercury Drive], but spectators could come from Grand Rapids and other places by boat or train. The one-mile track was laid on a flat, marl surface that provided firm and fast racing. The park opened on August 14, 1874 and continued operation into the 1890s. After Townsend's death, ownership of the land went to George Aiken.

On September 27, 1830 Townsend married Emily Power in Poughkeepsie, New York. She was born in New York about 1807, died on February 25, 1856, and was buried at Parma Cemetery in Jackson County. Their only son, Sands, was born in New York about 1831 and died on November 3, 1892 in Saginaw. Sands married Josephine [last name unknown] in Jackson County on January 23, 1862. Townsend and Emily also had two daughters, both born in New York: Sarah, born about 1831, and Isabella, born about 1832. Isabella married Horatio G. Snyder on November 1, 1855 and remained in Jackson County. Horatio lived from 1831 to 1887. She married Joseph Gunn in Jackson County on December 15, 1864. He lived from 1826 to 1909. Sands, Josephine, Isabella, and Joseph also were buried at Parma Cemetery.

Townsend married Mary Blanche Henderson in Grand Haven on January 23, 1879. She was born in Dayton, Ohio and lived from August 25, 1845 to July 26, 1925. They were residing in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township in 1880. Townsend passed away on October 8, 1888 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Mary married William H. Roberts on June 2, 1892 in Grand Haven. Mary also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* article, November 16, 1892.]

### **Esther I. Gier [1902-1981]**

With her husband Earl as partner, Esther Gier owned and operated Keefer's Restaurant at 15 Washington. They purchased the restaurant from Peter A. and Edith Keefer, sometime after 1938, keeping its original name. The Giers lived above the restaurant. Esther was born in Michigan on September 9, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on September 2, 1981. Earl was born in Central Lake, Antrim County on January 21, 1902 and passed away in Alma on May 2, 1992. They were married in Grand Rapids on November 11, 1922.

### **Phyllis "Pixi" Yvonne Johnson Gifford [1922-2000]**

Phyllis Johnson was born on March 6, 1922 in New Era, Oceana County. In Grand Haven, she resided at 6080 Harbor Point Drive in Ferrysburg and later at 38 Crescent Hill Road in Highland Park. Around 1970 she ran "Interiors by Pixi" from her Spring Lake home. For a short time, she co-managed Marushka with owner Dick Sweet. On June 2, 1945 Phyllis married George James Smith in Pima, Arizona. In 1950, She and George were living in Muskegon. George, a photographer, was born in Muskegon on April 29, 1921. He married Marilyn Baldwin on March 28, 1959 in Orange, California, and passed away on September 1, 2021. She continued to go by the name Smith until at least 1967 but came to be known as Pixi. Randy Scott Smith, a resident of Grand Haven and later owner of Marushka, was their son. He was born on July 12, 1953. Pixi and George had two other children: Tari Smith, born on February 28, 1946, and Christy-Lynn Smith, born in August 1951. She married Richard Heinz. By 1986, Pixi was known by the name Gifford. She died on October 4, 2000.

### **Francis Baker [Backus] Gilbert [1818-1885]**

Born in Greenfield, Massachusetts on May 25, 1818, the son of General Thomas D. and Harriet A. Ames Gilbert of Greenfield, Francis arrived in Grand Haven in 1837, two years after his brother, Thomas. In a July 1851 edition of the Grand River Times, Francis announced he was a "Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Crockery and Stone Ware, Groceries, Provisions and Ship Stores." He moved between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven several times and was president of the Grand Rapids Gas Light Company for more than 25 years. On October 7, 1850 he married Caroline Elizabeth Throop in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of early Grand Haven settlers Nathan and Mary Mushaw Throop. Francis and Caroline had five surviving children, all born in Grand Rapids: William D. Gilbert [1853-1890]; Mary Elizabeth Gilbert [1855-1872]; Edward Ashley Gilbert [1857-1925]; Henrietta Isabella Gilbert [1858-1890], who married Philo Fuller [1857-1931]; and Kate Huntington Gilbert [1860-1949], who married John Holt [1856-1942]. Caroline was born in Canada in 1831 and died on June 29, 1869. Francis died in Grand Rapids on May 25, 1885. Both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Thomas Dwight Gilbert was Francis's brother.

### **Thomas Dwight Gilbert II [1815-1894]**

Born on December 13, 1815 in Greenfield, Massachusetts, the son of General Thomas D. and Harriet A. Ames Gilbert of Greenfield, Thomas arrived in Grand Haven on June 10, 1835, with his friend, Mary A. White, and her three brothers. With Rix Robinson and others, Thomas was one of the founders and clerk of the second Grand Haven Company [Robinson, White & Williams], a business which included a warehouse, a shipbuilding enterprise, and land development. His brother, Francis Baker [Backus] Gilbert, was secretary. Later Thomas and Francis started their own mercantile and warehousing business in Grand Haven. After that they reentered the lumbering trade and developed a lake shipping operation, as well. Thomas was sheriff of Ottawa County from 1841 to 1843. In 1850 he was appointed to a commission to lay out plank roads and buildings between Grand Haven and Holland.

In 1853 Thomas and his brother sold their warehouse to Henry Martin of Grand Rapids, who hired Dwight Cutler to manage it. Thomas was able to retire after that sale and traveled for two years in Europe before he and his brother moved to Grand Rapids in 1855. In 1860 he served in the State Legislature, and he was regent of the University of Michigan for twelve years. In 1865 he was president of the City National Bank of Grand Rapids.

In November 1871 Thomas married Mary Angelina “Angie,” the daughter of Reverend Abel Bingham, a missionary at Sault Ste. Marie. Angie was born in Michigan on March 21, 1830 and died in Grand Rapids on November 8, 1910. She was reputed to be fluent in Ojibwa and spoke with Jean Baptiste Parrisien in that language. Thomas died in Grand Rapids on November 18, 1894. Thomas and Angie were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, November 19, 1894.]

#### **Henry Gildner [1849-1927]**

Henry Gildner was born in Germany in May 1849 and emigrated from Canada to the Grand Haven area with his wife, Eva, in 1895. It was that year he bought and remodeled the Kirby Hotel at 2 Washington. Henry changed the establishment’s name to the Gildner Hotel. He and Eva remained residents of Grand Rapids, where Henry died about February 25, 1927. Eva was born in Canada in April 1852. They had at least two children, both born in Canada: George, born in February 1872, and Minetta, born in July 1884.

#### **Edward Gillen [Gillan] [1865-1935]**

In the early 1890s Edward Gillen and Archie Campbell started the Gillen & Campbell Foundry in Grand Haven. The plant manufactured iron and brass castings. Edward, the son of Hugh and Elizabeth Fair Gillen, was born in Grand Haven in September 1865. Hugh Gillen was born around 1834 in Ohio and died in Grand Haven on July 1, 1903. Edward’s mother, Elizabeth, came from Ireland, where she was born about 1837. In the 1893 *Compendium* Hugh was listed as Pier Inspector, and Edward was a machinist. By 1900 Edward was living in Milwaukee with his two brothers, William and Frederick, and working as a pile driver. Ten years later he was in Chicago with his wife, Mary. She was born in Wisconsin about 1870. William and Mary had moved to Windom, Minnesota by 1920. In 1930 he was again living with his brother William in Milwaukee and was retired. Edward died in Milwaukee on June 28, 1935 and was buried at Forest Home Cemetery.

#### **Winthrop Watson Gilman [1808-1885]**

On May 1, 1839, Winthrop Gilman purchased two quarter-sections in Section 34 of Ottawa Township (now Grand Haven Township). A year earlier, he bought two large parcels in what was then Ottawa Township and later was part of the City of Grand Haven: a quarter section in Section 29 and an eighth of a section in Section 28. These purchases were dated September 9, 1838. He also bought acreage in Allendale and Park Townships, four parcels in each purchase, on the same date.

Winthrop was born in Maine in 1808 and died in Sullivan County, New York, in December 1885, leaving a fortune of around two million dollars. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York. There is no evidence he ever resided in Ottawa County. His wife, Deborah, predeceased him by four years.

They had five children. [*New York Times* article, "A Millionaire's Lonely Death, the Eccentricities and Lonely Life of Winthrop W. Gilman," December 8, 1885.]

### **Ernest Davis Ginter [1912-1962]**

E. Davis Ginter came to Grand Haven to work for the Peerless Glove Company about 1945. Four years later he purchased all of the company's outstanding capital stock. In 1952 he sold the company to Pioneer Rubber, which subsequently closed the plant. Davis and his wife, Marion, resided at 628 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. He was born in Illinois on June 13, 1912 and died in Minnesota on January 16, 1962. Marion lived from September 5, 1916 to August 22, 1991. She passed away in Strongsville, Ohio.

### **Lorenz [Laurance, Lawrence] Girnhuber [Gernhube] [1858-1945]**

Lorenz and Berthe Girnhuber immigrated to the United States in 1893, settling in Chicago. Lorenz was born in Bavaria, Germany, on August 9, 1858, and Berthe was a native of Switzerland, where she was born on February 13, 1852. She died in Chicago on September 7, 1927. In the 1910 Federal Census Lorenz's was listed as an osteopath, and ten years later he was listed as Massager [masseur] at a bath house. Ten years after that he was the owner/proprietor of the bath house. From about 1910 to at least 1930 he owned a parcel of approximately five acres on Lloyd's Bayou in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township. Lorenz died on March 18, 1945 in Chicago, where he had been located since at least 1940. His wife's name in the 1940 Federal Census was Ernestine. Nine years younger than Lorenz, she also was born in Germany.

### **Andrea Johnson Glafcke [1914-2003]**

The daughter of George W. and Ida Belle McNeal Johnson, Andrea was born in Robinson Township on September 7, 1914. She and Frank L. Glafcke I were married in Chicago, Illinois, on November 24, 1935. He was born on January 11, 1914 and died in Spring Lake on September 27, 2001. The two of them helped organize the Muskegon Bowman's Archery Club. Andrea was a realtor. Their son, Frank L. Glafcke II, died on June 30, 1966. They had another son, Richard, and two daughters, Kathryn Neumann and Carol Higginbotham. The family resided at 16009 Leonard Road. Andrea, who was a member of the Christian Science Church, passed away in Spring Lake on July 6, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, July 10, 2003.]

### **Herman Glazat [Glazet] [1820-1895]**

Born in East Prussia on August 15, 1820, Herman Glazat came to Grand Haven about 1855. He brought his family to the area nine years later. For many years he was foreman of the rafting department of the Grand River Booming Company, after which he opened a meat market in Ferrysburg. He was listed as a saloonkeeper in Ferrysburg in the 1880 census. Herman was a member of St. John's Lutheran church and of the German Workingmen's Society. He married Caroline Renata Dodge, also a native of Prussia. She lived from February 10, 1825 to September 3, 1890. Their children included Mary, who was born in Prussia on December 21, 1850 and married Henry Bloecker; Augusta, who was born about 1856 in Prussia; Charles Fredericks; and Maximillian, who was born on January 21, 1867. Herman died at the home of his daughter Mary on December 29, 1895. Both Caroline and Herman were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1895.]

### **Maxmillian Glazat [1867-1936]**

In the early 1900s Max Glazat, a machinist, was foreman at Dake Engine Company, where he was employed for 45 years. He married Sarah Ladewig in Grand Haven on January 23, 1890. Sarah, born in Michigan in September 1869, was the daughter of Carl and Wilhelmenia Ladewig of Grand Haven Township. The Glazats raised their family at 209 Elliott. Max was born on January 21, 1867 in Grand Haven to Herman and Caroline Renata Dodge Glazat. Max died on August 14, 1936 and his wife died on November 15, 1954. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Glazats had seven children, all born locally: Viola, born in June 1890; Maxwell, who lived from 1892 to 1893; Carl, born in March 1894; William H., who was born April 2, 1896 and died in Grand Haven, September 2, 1971; Wilminia, born on February 28, 1900; George, born about 1901; and Theora, who was born on June 9, 1909. Both George



and Theora moved to Washington, D.C. Theora returned to Grand Haven and resided in the family home at 209 Elliott. She died in Grand Haven on March 11, 2008. William H., born on April 2, 1896, also lived in the home until he died on September 2, 1971. [*Tribune* obituary, March 13, 2008.]

#### **Glenn Ardis Gleason [1906-1994]**

Glenn Gleason was a sheetmetal worker at the Soda Fountain factory [Bastian Blessing]. On December 31, 1928, he married Adrianna Klop in Spring Lake. She was born in The Netherlands on May 11, 1907. The family resided at 433 Jackson. Glenn was born on January 10, 1906 and passed away in Grand Haven on July 12, 1994. Adrianna died on September 30, 1989. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least one child, William A. Gleason, who lived from 1929 to 2003.

#### **Sherman P. Gleason [1896-1989]**

Long-time Nunica resident Sherm Gleason was born on January 11, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on September 28, 1989. From 1922 to 1926, in partnership with Joe Crouse, Sherm owned an automobile garage and sales agency. The company sold 28 Chevrolets in 1923. Sherm's father, Andrew E., who was born in Canada in 1853, had settled in Crockery Township by 1870 with his parents. Sherm had at least four sisters, all born locally: Mabel, who was born in 1877 and died in 1945; Amy, who lived from 1878 to 1968 and on October 16, 1895 married Herman Dumas in Ottawa Center; Edith, who was born on November 1, 1885 and on November 24, 1906 married George Edwards in Coopersville; and Cora M., who was born in March 1891 and on April 16, 1913 married Marvin Peterson in Grand Haven. Sherm's mother, Rosina May Fonger Gleason, was born in Canada on September 15, 1854. Andrew died in 1920 and Rosina passed away on September 29, 1907. They were married in Spring Lake on February 9, 1876. Andrew, Rosina, Amy, and Mabel were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

Sherm married Edna Bell Bond of Nunica on May 31, 1919. Their children were Vera M., born about 1921; Marjorie B., born about 1922; Quinn R., born about 1924; and Donald L., born in August 1925. By 1930 Sherm was a sheet metal worker at Bastian-Blessing Company in Grand Haven. The family resided on 40 acres in Section 16 of Crockery Township.

#### **William Joseph Gleason [1846-1926]**

Foreman of the freight sheds for the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad, William Gleason came to Grand Haven from Detroit in 1846 when he was about a year old. He was born in Ireland. William married Johanna Hayes in 1869. She was born in Michigan about 1846. William's second wife's name was Mary. Among William's offspring were Nellie, who was born about 1873; Maggie, born about 1875; and William, born about 1878. Nellie, and Willy [William] died young and were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family resided on Lafayette Street. In 1880 William was a dock worker. By 1910 he and Johanna were living in Ludington. William died there on June 9, 1926.

#### **Olive May Wilhelms Gleave [1916-2002]**

Olive Gleave and Ruth Bethke Horton co-authored the book *Robinson Remembrances*, a history of Robinson Township. Olive, the daughter of Frederick and Hortense Carlborg Wilhelms, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 13, 1916, and started spending summers with her family at a cottage on Stearns Bayou when she was three. Around December 15, 1938 she married Winston Gleave [1915-1990] in Chicago. Olive was one of the first residents of Freedom Village in Holland, Michigan. Her children were James W., Frederick W., Margaret Bales, and Mary Parks. Olive died in Holland on November 4, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 2002.]

#### **Cornelius Glerum [1853-1932]**

Cornelius Glerum was born on April 23, 1853 in Michigan and arrived in Grand Haven in 1866, where in 1878 he became a partner with William Moozen in the contracting and building business. By 1893 Cornelius had been a partner in the firm of Stuveling & Glerum for more than 20 years, but no mention was made of Moozen in the *Compendium* for that year. Arend Stuveling and his sons, Simon and Arend II,

were all local builders. Cornelius married Johanna “Joan” [Anna] Baar in Grand Haven on April 19, 1876. The couple moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin sometime between 1893 and 1900, where Cornelius continued working as a carpenter. Many Glerums resided in Kenosha, including several born in Grand Haven. Joan, the daughter of Simon and Helena Yonker Baar of Grand Haven, was born in Illinois in October 1854. Cornelius died in December 1932.

### **Jacob [Jakoab] Glerum [1866–1948]**

An unfamiliar name to most residents, Jacob Glerum holds the distinction of being the man who bought Dewey Hill, not for himself but in behalf of the City of Grand Haven. On March 18, 1909 Jacob was in Lansing attending a sale of state lands. Grand Haven’s City Clerk, Jacob had been commissioned to bid on the big dune across the Grand River from Washington Street. His winning bid was \$2 an acre. The total cost for the 68-acre parcel was \$136. Its acquisition marked “the beginning of a new park reserve,” the *Grand Haven Tribune* stated.

Jacob, born on December 11, 1866 in The Netherlands, was the son of John and Adriana Mieras Glerum. He was their fourth child but the first to survive infancy. Jacob arrived in Ottawa County with his parents in 1868. In the 1890s he served on the Grand Haven School Board, he was city clerk for Grand Haven between 1900 and 1904, again from 1908 to 1910, and later he served as alderman and president of the City Council.

On September 29, 1886 in Grand Haven, Jacob married Maria [Mary] Ruster. Their children included John Glerum, born on April 16, 1887; Simon “Sam” Glerum, who lived from March 1889 to 1960; Adrienne “Trix” Glerum, January 1891 to 1980; Cornelia [Katie] “Kay” Glerum, November 1892 to 1984; William Glerum, November 1894 to 1990; James M. Glerum, February 1896 to 1982; Maatje [Marguerite] “Maida” Glerum, October 1897 to 1990; and Nellie Marie “Babe” Glerum, 1902 to 1954. Trix married George Seagrove Christman of Spring Lake. The family resided at 222 Howard.

By 1920, Jacob was working as an auditor in Grand Rapids. Mary lived from July 28, 1866 [1867] to June 30, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest. Jacob on May 18, 1928 in Lapeer County married Mary Ellen Muma, whose husband had died 14 years earlier. She lived from July 24, 1880 to January 30, 1945 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Jacob passed away on May 28, 1948 at a sanatorium in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John [Jan] Glerum [1841-1913]**

John Glerum was born in Yerseke, Zeeland, The Netherlands on February 14, 1841. His father Jacob lived from 1796 to 1855 and his mother, Cornelia Kole, from 1801 to 1870. Although the Glerums were considered Dutch, the family originated in Norway [Glaerum] and immigrated to The Netherlands in the early 1500s. In Grand Haven, young Glerum was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church.

John married Adriana Mieras in The Netherlands on February 12, 1863. She was born on August 22, 1841 and died on July 14, 1885. In 1868 they immigrated to America with their young family, including Mary [Maka/Make], who lived from 1866 to 1926 and married a Mr. Theleine of Omaha, Nebraska, and Jacob, born on December 11, 1866. Their twelve children also included Maggie, who was born about 1869, married Harke Holman, and moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin; Jannetje “Jennie,” who was born February 23, 1875 and married John Van Lopik in 1895; William “Will,” born on September 22, 1877; and Katie, who married Evan O. Jones.

After his arrival in Northwest Ottawa County, John worked for Dornbos Fisheries and in the shingle mills, and he also mended fishing nets. For many years he was in charge of the Cornelius Bos celery farms and later was in the carpenter trade. Jan and Adriana bought land in Spring Lake in 1872 [Block 6, Haire, Tolford, and Hancock Addition]. Adriana died 24 years prior to her husband, leaving him with six children to rear, including William, born in September 1877. John, on January 7, 1889, married Roelvina [Roelfa], the widow of John Hoffman of Grand Haven. Roelvina was born in The Netherlands on January 23, 1843

and died on November 17, 1927. John passed away on March 10, 1913 at his home at 735 Franklin Street and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Adriana and their daughter Mary. [*Tribune* obituary, March 10, 1913.]

### **John Glerum [1887-1981]**

John, born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1887, was the son of Jacob and Maria Ruster Glerum. Beginning on August 1, 1906, he became one of Grand Haven's first three mail carriers. [The other two were Sherm Clark and George Swart.] He married Amanda Stahmer, a native of Germany, who was born on April 2, 1890 and immigrated to America with her parents when she was one year old. John and Amanda were married in Grand Haven on June 14, 1913. They moved to Maywood, Illinois in 1922, where Amanda died in December 1970. John passed away in La Jolla, California on October 3, 1981.

### **William "Will" Glerum [1877-1975]**

Will, the son of John [Jan] and Adriana Mieras Glerum, was born in Grand Haven on September 22, 1877. He was employed at Story & Clark. On May 4, 1905 in Grand Rapids, he married Mabel A. Scott. They first lived at 118 Eighth Street. One of their children, Anne, married Nelson Fisher. They had another daughter, Pauline G., who was born on May 22, 1910, married Walter Alfred Nilsson, and died in Santa Clara, California on December 6, 1998. Walter, who lived from December 31, 1907 to October 28, 1991, passed away in San Mateo, California. The Glerums also had a son Neele, who died about February 16, 1923. Will was a shoe repairman and later became a contractor. He constructed the house at 226 Howard for his daughter Anne and her husband. Mabel passed away about April 2, 1947, and Will died on February 3, 1975. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was their son, Neele. At the time of his death, Will was residing at 538 Leggat Street.

### **Samuel C. Glover [1841-1910]**

Born in Ohio on September 11, 1841, Samuel Glover enlisted as sergeant in Company A of the 39<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry on July 16, 1861. Three years later, on February 24, he was transferred to Company D. He was promoted and discharged on April 19, 1864, and then entered Company I of the Ohio 73<sup>rd</sup> Infantry as first lieutenant. On July 28 the same year, he was given the rank of captain. The date of his discharge was not recorded. On September 5, 1866 in Butler, Ohio, Samuel married Fanny Howell. She was born in Ohio around 1846. Samuel in the 1870 Federal Census was living in Ferrysburg with Fanny and their two-year-old daughter Nellie. Samuel was a bookkeeper. The next year he became a partner in John White's firm, giving it the name Glover, & Company Lumber. A fire on July 4, 1877 destroyed the mill, located in Ferrysburg on the banks of Spring Lake. The company then leased a neighboring mill and was immediately back in the lumber business. In 1880 he established the Glover & Tate Tub Factory that manufactured barrels for shipping fish. His partner was Samuel Tate, a Grand Haven attorney. The factory was located just east of the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill on the south side of the South Channel between Second and Third Streets. Benjamin and Aaron D. Fessenden of Massachusetts purchased it from the two Samuels in 1881.

Samuel served as postmaster of Grand Haven from 1885 to 1889. On January 7, 1891 he deeded to the city a portion of the land that became the north end of Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1910 he died at his home, 6538 Stewart Avenue in Chicago and was buried at Oxford, Ohio. Fanny applied in Illinois for a widow's Civil War pension the following November 10. Samuel's and Fanny's children beside Nellie were Mary Raymond, born in 1872 in Grand Haven and Benjamin Howell, born in 1874, also in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, September 24, 1910.]

### **Otto Gustave Glueck [1872-1934]**

In 1916 Otto Glueck bought the abandoned Beech Tree School and moved it a short distance to 1514 Pennoyer to be used as his residence. Prior to that he owned a 56-acre farm in Grand Haven Township, between Mercury Drive and the Grand River. He retained 10 acres of land at that site after his move to

Pennoyer. In 1920 he was working at a foundry, but by 1930 he was the owner of Glueck's Market at 21 South Beechtree. Otto was born in Germany on April 16, 1872. He came to the United States in 1885 and married Emma Blies in Grand Haven on June 2, 1897. Emma was born in Chicago on January 1, 1875. Otto died on August 29, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the Blies family plot. The Gluecks' children, all natives of Michigan, were Frederick, born in March 1899; Walter O., who was born on July 3, 1908 and died in November 1971; and Elsie E., born on May 13, 1914, married Robert C. Scheil II [1911-1996], and died on March 5, 1996. Emma passed away on May 23, 1954 and was buried near her husband and other family members.

### **George Godfrey [1838- ?]**

On December 28, 1863, while living in Grand Haven, George Godfrey, an African American, enlisted with Company H of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. Born in Scott City, Missouri, George was 25 at the time of his enlistment. His occupation then was seaman. George's military papers noted that he was born a slave and freed on or before April 19, 1861.

### **George E. Godfrey [@1838-@1894]**

George Godfrey was mustered into Company G of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry on August 28, 1862 as private. He was a resident of Olive Township at the time. He was taken prisoner of war, imprisoned on October 19, 1863 at Buckland's Mill, Virginia, and later paroled. He was mustered out with the rank of corporal on June 27, 1865 in Annapolis, Maryland. He was born in Ohio about 1838 and moved to Battle Creek after the war. In 1884 he was admitted to National Home for Disabled Volunteers in Milwaukee. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on September 11, 1888. He died before July 25, 1894, when his widow Mary Godfrey applied for a widow's Civil War pension.

### **Joseph Godhardt [Godhart] [1846-1920]**

Born in Bohemia [Hungary] in December 1846, Joseph Godhardt was the son of a shoemaker who came to Canada in 1853 and to the United States the following year. Joseph's father died, and as a boy of seven he was left to care for his mother and five-year-old brother. "A cold settled in his eyes" and he became blind. A few years later he came to Michigan and attended the School for the Blind in Flint, leaving there in 1862.

In late 1864 in partnership with Herrick Kamhout, also blind, he started a broom factory in Grand Haven. An advertisement dated January 4, 1865 that appeared in the *Grand Haven News* read: "BROOMS! BROOMS! We, the undersigned, have just established a Broom Manufactory in Grand Haven, on Third street, near Dr. McNett's residence. We are unfortunately BLIND, and desirous of earning at least a living by honest, patient industry. Therefore we earnestly solicit the patronage and kind regard of our mercantile dealers and citizens generally. Our Brooms are made in a neat, substantial manner and of the best materials. Prices low--singly, by the dozen or wholesale. Remember the unfortunate." High prices for raw materials made it an unprofitable adventure and they gave it up.

Joseph later became prosperous in the junk business in the Grand Haven area. He married Matilda Gertrude Fryer in 1878. Gertrude, as she was called, was born in Michigan in September 1858. The Godhardts had several children, all born locally, including Hattie, who was born in May 1879, married Harm Koenes of Grand Haven, and died in 1937; Frank, who was born in March 1881 and whose wife's name was Myrtie; Leena, born in August 1883; Edith Bell "Mattie," who was born in August 1885, married John Bell, and died in 1931; Gertrude, born in August 1890; Helen, who was born in 1893, married William G. Vick, and died in 1937; and Clarence J., born in March 1894. Joseph died at his home, 211 Fulton Street, on August 10, 1920. Gertrude passed away in 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her three daughters: Hattie, Edith, and Helen. [*Tribune* obituary, August 10, 1920.]

### **Franklin Paul Goettman [1920-1994]**

In the 1960s Franklin Goettman was general manager of the Standard Sand Company, which mined sand from Rosy Mound. Franklin married Monica M. Williams. They lived at 1722 Gladys in Grand Haven, but at the time of his death, Franklin resided in Spring Lake. He was born on March 31, 1920 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, died on September 25, 1994, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Monica was born on January 24, 1918 and died in Roanoke, North Carolina on January 31, 2014. She, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Gustav “Gust” Anton Goldbach [1872-1958]**

Gustav Goldbach was born on December 28, 1872. In 1906 he settled on an 80-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. Gustave married Marie Sophie Louise Reinhard on October 9, 1898 in Bensenville, Illinois. She was born on October 11, 1880 and died in Du Page County, Illinois, on March 17, 1904. They had four children, all born in Illinois. Gustav next married Anna Berg, who lived from 1875 to 1958. She previously had been married to Martin Kartheus [1870-1913] of Agnew. Gustav died about February 24, 1958.

#### **Harry F. Goldberg [1897-1964]**

Harry, the son of John and Musa Gardner Goldberg, was born in Grand Haven Township on August 3, 1897. On August 6, 1920 in Grand Haven, Harry married Jobena C. Geber. They resided at 1004 Griffin in Grand Haven in the 1950s. Harry worked at Fountain Specialty [Bastian Blessing]. The family resided at 719 Wallace Street. A daughter, Josephine [Joan] Goldberg, was born in October 1928. Jobena lived from October 20, 1903 to January 28, 1975. Harry died on December 12, 1964. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Johannes Goldberg [Gouberg] [1820-1890]**

Around 1860 Johannes Goldberg owned a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of northern Grand Haven Township [Peach Plains], not far from the Grand River. Both he and his wife were born in The Netherlands, Johannes on August 6, 1820 and Catharine [Catryna] on May 20, 1820. They had three daughters, Janna Goldberg, born about 1855; Anna Goldberg, born about 1856; and Cornelia Goldberg, born about 1861. The first two were born in The Netherlands, and Cornelia was born locally. The Goldberg property was sold to Cornelius Van Zanten on November 5, 1891 for \$1,200. Johannes died on July 19, 1890. Catharine passed away on January 3, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **Johannes Goldberg [Goudberg] [1828-1903]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on June 19, 1828, Johannes Goudberg came to Grand Haven in 1853. He worked for a short time at White & Norton’s lumber mill, and in 1854 settled on approximately 40 acres in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township [Peach Plains] to raise fruit. His name appeared as Goldberg in the 1860 census for Ottawa County. He died on November 7, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1853 Johannes married Elizabeth “Betty” Kemble, also from The Netherlands. They had two children, including John Goldberg, born about 1875, and Mary Goldberg, born in July 1886. Elizabeth died on February 13, 1897.

#### **John D. Goldberg [1874-1937]**

John Goldberg, the son of Johannes and Elizabeth Kemble Goudberg, owned 40 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, where he manufactured concrete blocks in the early 1900s. John was a truck farmer before starting his manufacturing firm. He married Musa D. Gardner in Ottawa County in 1896. She was the daughter of Frank and Emma Martin Gardner and was born on April 18, 1874. The Goldbergs’ son, Harry Goldberg, was born in Grand Haven Township on August 3, 1897. Their other children were Belle E. Goldberg, born in May 1899; Rose E. Goldberg, born about 1901; Charlie J. Goldberg, born about 1902; Maria, born about 1905; William F. Goldberg, born about 1908; Frederick D. Goldberg, born about January 1909; and John R. Goldberg, born around 1913. All the children were born

in Michigan. John, the father, was born in April 1874 in Michigan and died in Grand Haven about April 4, 1937. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Charles Emery Gomery [1923-1987]**

Gomery Motor Sales, owned by Charles Gomery, offered De Sotos and Plymouths at 220 South Beechtree Street from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s. Charles lived at 407 Ohio. He was born in Muskegon on September 24, 1923. On April 17, 1948, Charles married Evelyn Waltz in Muskegon. A year later, he and his wife, then using the name Beverly Gomery, were residing in Muskegon, where he worked at the Occidental Hotel as assistant manager of the cocktail bar. By 1954 Charles had established a business of his own, Gomery's Home Development Service, still in Muskegon. During their time in Grand Haven, the couple resided at 407 Ohio Street. Charles died in Lansing on June 5, 1987 and was buried at Mona View Cemetery in Muskegon Heights. Beverly, also a native of Muskegon, lived from March 16, 1924 to April 16, 2010 and was buried near her husband.

### **Albert Edgar Goodrich [1826-1885]**

Albert Edgar Goodrich founded the Goodrich Steamboat Line in 1856 at the age of 30. He had worked for the Ward Line and became a ship's captain. In 1856 he and his friend, George C. Drew, formed a partnership and leased from the Ward Line the side-wheel steamboat *Huron* and started carrying passengers between Chicago, Grand Haven, and Muskegon. The *Huron* was 165 feet long and used cordwood as fuel. Knowledge of the ship captain's reliability spread, and business continued to grow. Goodrich bought out his partner in 1861 and became sole owner. On November 30, 1864, in Milwaukee, Goodrich married Rosamond Franc Whaling, who was born about 1840. They had a son, Albert W., who was born on November 24, 1868 in Chicago. The elder Goodrich was born New Buffalo, Berrien County, on February 11, 1826 and died in 1885. Albert W. continued the business until 1920, when he sold the line for \$1,000,000 dollars to H. W. Thorp. The Goodriches did not reside in the Grand Haven area.

### **John Van Buren Goodrich [Goodrich] [1839-1906]**

Born in Dryden, New York on October 10, 1839, John Goodrich was educated at Homer Academy in his home state. In 1859 he came to Michigan and was admitted to the bar, living first in Hillsdale County. On September 17, 1861, while living in Hudson, Lenawee County, he enlisted as private in Company A of the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. On July 1, 1862 he was badly wounded at the Battle of Malvern Hill, near Richmond, Virginia, and took a year to recuperate. On July 2, 1864 he was attached to Company F of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry, and then on June 6, 1865, transferred back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan as part of Company K. John was discharged for disability on July 21, 1865.

After living in California for a while, where he worked as a carpenter, John returned to Michigan ten years after the end of the Civil War and made his home in Coopersville. He was a member of the state legislature for two terms, the second term as chair of the Judiciary Committee. John was in the lumber business in Coopersville with his son, Byron O., under the name Goodrich & Son.

John was mayor of Coopersville, and in 1892 he was elected Judge of probate for Ottawa County, a post he held until his retirement in 1901, when Edward Percival Kirby replaced him. In 1897 John was elected mayor of Grand Haven. John was a member of the committee that helped beautify Central Park, which formally opened on July 17, 1901. He returned permanently to California on December 8 that year. John died on February 25, 1906 in San Pedro, California.

John was married three times, first to Caroline "Carrie" M. Thatcher [Britton/Britten], whom he married in Grand Haven on July 7, 1869. John, Carrie, and four of their children were living in Coopersville in 1880. John, at that time an attorney, also had lumber interests. was born about 1838 in Michigan and died on December 19, 1881. John next married Alice B. Houston Cloud on June 29, 1882 in Grand Rapids. She died on August 24, 1884 at the age of 36. On April 28, 1885 in Dexter, Lenawee County, John married Anna "Annie" Phelps, who was born in Michigan in December 1855. At the time of the Federal Census of

1900, John and Anna were living on Franklin Street in Grand Haven. On February 11, 1907 she applied for a widow's Civil War pension.

John had at least children in addition to Byron: John H., born in 1859; Hermon [Herman] A., who was born about 1867 and died in Coopersville on February 12, 1882; Miner, who was born about 1876 and moved to Omaha, Nebraska; and Austria, born about 1878. Byron was born in New York, the rest in Michigan. John and many of the Goodrich family members were buried at the Coopersville Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 28, 1906.]

#### **Willard E. Gordon [Gorden] [1852-1919]**

In 1881 Willard Gordon, a tinsmith by trade, purchased a hardware business in Nunica from John J. Wiseman. Willard sold a half interest in his business to Arza E. Landon in 1882 and in January of the next year, he sold his remaining interest to Landon. Willard, the son of Oliver and Cornelia Breau Gordon of Tallmadge Township and later Crockery Township, was born in Clinton County, New York in 1852. On September 25, 1878 in Kalamazoo, he married Mary A. Lawrence. She was born in Michigan around 1857. By 1900 they were residing in Muskegon, where Willard was superintendent of the County Poor Farm. Willard and Mary had at least one son, Lawrence, who was born in Michigan about 1881. By 1937 Mary was widowed, still living in Muskegon. Willard was born in Clinton County, New York, on May 20, 1852. He passed away in Muskegon on August 20, 1919.

#### **George W. Gorham [1836-1899]**

George Gorham, who was born on October 1 [20], 1836 in Albany, New York, came to Grand Haven about 1885. In 1867 he married Arlintha [Arlinda] A. Shepard, born near Buffalo, New York, on December 20, 1843. They had a son, Lewis A. Gorham, born in Canada in May 1879. George died on August 17, 1899, and his wife died from a paralytic stroke at her home at 726 Franklin on June 1, 1921. She was buried in Northville, Wayne County, where she had lived as a child. [*Tribune* obituary, June 1, 1921.]

#### **Lewis A. Gorham [1879-1971]**

Lewis was born on May 13, 1879 and arrived in Grand Haven with his parents, George and Arlintha Shepard Gorham, when he was six. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1897. Lewis was on the first high school baseball and football teams when they were formed in 1895. He and his wife, Edith, lived at 726 Franklin Street, formerly his parents' home. Their daughter, Eda Arlintha, was born on May 13, 1910, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1927, married Louis Frickman, and died in Grand Haven on January 23, 1997. Lewis owned a grocery at 1322 Washington in the early 1900s. He died on January 6, 1971. Edith lived from August 7, 1880 to March 21, 1982. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was their daughter.

#### **Robert Charles Gould [1921-2004]**

Robert Gould served with the Coast Guard from 1942 to 1945 and received his basic training at the Grand Haven camp. He was awarded several campaign ribbons as Senior Signaller on the vessel *Eastwind*. His ship commandeered a German vessel, the *Externsteine*, and towed it to Boston. He also was part of a group that captured German soldiers and their base on Little Koldeway Island, Greenland.

Robert was born in Flint on July 22, 1921, the son of Leslie and Thelma Spees Gould. He was working at the AC Sparkplug company in his hometown when WWII began. After the war he returned to Grand Haven with his wife, Alice Elaine Lee, whom he had married on March 25, 1944. Alice, the daughter of James Wesley and Hilma E. Swanty of Grand Haven, was born on August 28, 1919 and passed away in Spring Lake on November 29, 1981. After the war, Robert joined Challenge Machinery, which the Lee family had founded and continued to operate. In 1951 Robert was made director of the company, in 1958 he was named vice president, and four years later he became president of the firm, a position he retained until the early 1970s. Robert was active with the United Fund [United Way] and was a member of the

American Legion and Grand Haven Rotary, and he was on the board of the West Shore Symphony. He also was a delegate-at-large for the Grand Valley Boy Scout Council. He also was Division Chairman for the YMCA Building Fund.

The Goulds resided at 630 Pennoyer. Their six children were James of Elgin, Illinois; Robb, of Spring Lake; John, of Bath, New York; Sara, who married Rick Surpin and resided in Brooklyn, New York; Liz, who married Carol Matthews and moved to Madison, Wisconsin; and Criss, who married Dan Marshall of Saratoga, California.

On July 31, 1976, Robert married Shirley Mansfield, who had three children by a previous marriage: Jeff Mansfield, of Portland, Oregon; Steve Mansfield, who lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Caryl, who married Bob Altman and resided in Tucson, Arizona. Robert died on November 20, 2004 in Tucson and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 23, 2004.]

### **Laurelia Granger [1837-1937]**

At the time of Grand Haven's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1934, Laurelia Granger was said to be the oldest resident. She was born in McHenry County, Illinois on December 7, 1837, passed away in Grand Haven on April 23, 1937, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her husband, Alonzo Granger, lived from May 2, 1832 to February 27, 1916. He, too, was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Janet Mary Hylen Grant [1943-2023]**

After studying at Muskegon Community College and Western Michigan University, Janet Hylen started a career in medical technology at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon. In 1995 she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Hope College. She was devoted to expressing herself through art in its many forms: watercolor, acrylic, etchings, metal, fabric, and wood. Her artistic focus was on nature, particularly flowers. Jan was a member of several watercolor groups.

Janet was born in Muskegon on February 3, 1943 and married William Greiner Grant on August 29, 1964. Born in Muskegon on April 10, 1938, he became a civil engineer. Their home was at 18889 North Shore Drive, a home built by Harold Worm, founder of the North Shore development, before they moved to 18400 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. Bill died on October 19, 2024.

In Muskegon, Janet's works were shown at the Red Lotus Gallery, but she took part in many other exhibits. Lifetime residents of West Michigan, the couple moved to Spring Lake in 2003, where Janet continued to practice her art. She was an early member of Lakeshore Visual Arts Collective. She and Bill had four children. Janet passed away on January 15, 2023.

### **Charles A. Grassbrook [1881-1936] and Ella Grassbrook [1883-1933]**

The first directors of the local Salvation Army post, located at 16 Washington Street, were Charles Grassbrook and his wife Ella. He was born in Williamston, Ingham County on September 9, 1881. She was born in Michigan on December 1, 1883. They were married in Angola, Indiana on February 3, 1900. The Army obtained its first permanent office when it purchased the Grey Block at 16 Washington Street in July 1922. Captain Glassbrook and Ella were appointed the first directors. They lived on Friant Street. She passed away on August 24, 1933, and Charles died of coronary thrombosis on February 20 three years later. Both were buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Ingham County.

### **Frederick "Doc" Graves [Greaves] I [1835-1921]**

Frederick Graves was born into slavery in Orange County, Virginia on October 16, 1835 [1840]. On December 25, 1857, when they were slaves on the same plantation in adjacent Madison County, Fred and Isabella Washington were married. She was born in March 1840 [1834]. Fred escaped his bondage and made his way north, where in 1862 "he allied himself with the Union Forces" during the Civil War, after working as a servant in a Confederate army unit. Apparently Fred did not enlist, but he stated that he was at the first Battle of Bull Run on the Confederate side and joined the Union side in time to witness the



second Battle of Bull Run. He also was with General Burnside at Fredericksburg and with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. Fred, Isabella, and their one child came to Spring Lake in December 1866, not long after his return to Virginia at the end of the war. The one child, Lena, was born in Virginia in May 1866. Their other children were Edward F., who was born in Spring Lake on June 13, 1869 and died on March 6, 1881; Frederick II, born in Spring Lake on January 13, 1872 [1866/1870/1871]; Hannah Hector, who was born in Spring Lake on August 15, 1873 and died a month later; William Jackson, who was born in Spring Lake on August 14, 1874, died two months later, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Robert, born in Spring Lake on October 9, 1875; Eva, who was born in Spring Lake on December 18, 1879; Edwin, born in Spring Lake on February 1, 1880; Etta, who was born about 1880, died in 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Charles, who was born about 1882, died in 1883, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Ruford B., born in Spring Lake on June 30, 1882. Lena married Jessie [Jesse] Williams, also African American, in Grand Haven on November 30, 1899. Jessie, born in January 1868 in Virginia, was from Chicago, where he had been a wagon maker. After their marriage, the couple relocated to Chicago and Jessie worked as a “day laborer.” On October 12, 1903 Jessie was a witness to the marriage in Grand Haven of his sister-in-law, Eva Graves, to William H. Pulley. William, also African American, was born in New York about 1882. There is no evidence that William and Eva remained in Ottawa County.

The Frederick Graves family was not located in the census of 1870, but the next year they were still residing in Spring Lake. The 1880 census listed Fred as a resident of Spring Lake and working as a laborer. Sometime after that census he and Isabella moved to Grand Haven and both worked at the Sheldon Mineral Springs [233 Washington Street], giving massages and helping guests with mineral baths. Fred also was reported to be a gardener, or yardman, at the resort. His work at the resort earned him the nickname Doc. Living with the Graveses in 1880 was Frederick’s mother, Frances, who was born in Virginia about 1780, according to the census. However, when she died on January 9, 1885 her age was reported as 112, although Ottawa County death records cited it as 105.

Frederick and his family lived at 627 Madison Street in Grand Haven between 1890 and 1930. In 1910 Frederick’s niece, Rebecca Thomas, was living in the family home on Madison Street. Rebecca was born in Pennsylvania about 1891 and had no occupation at the time of the census. Residing in the same household in 1920 were Frederick, Isabella, Frederick II, and William McKinley Graves, the Graves’s grandson. Frederick I died on June 29, 1921. Isabella, her son Frederick, and a woman named Alice Burns were living in the family homestead in 1930. Alice was born in Tennessee about 1868 and worked for a Grand Haven family as a servant. Isabella said that her mother and four children, including Isabella, became the slaves of Tom Aler, who owned a plantation in Virginia. Her father, Lawson Washington, was said to be a slave on George Washington’s Virginia plantation. Isabella’s family were taken from their home on the Island of Madagascar.

Isabella, who was said to enjoy smoking a corncob pipe, passed away in Muskegon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. L. Thompson, on April 30, 1932. Alice, Fred, Frances, Hannah, William, Etta, and Charles were buried in Potter’s Field at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 29 and June 30, 1921 and May 2, 1932; *Tribune* article “Fifty Years Ago in Old Virginia,” December 24, 1907.]

Fred was known as something of an orator. In January 1898, as the main speaker at a meeting of the Woman’s Club in Grand Haven, Fred narrated the story of his life as a slave and freeman. He recounted an occasion when 500 slaves were advertised for sale. Chained to one another, they were taken to a slave market where Fred and his mother were sold for \$1,200. It was then, undoubtedly, when he was taken to the plantation in Madison County. He escaped from his owner in 1860, when he was about 25, but was found and returned. Two years later he and several companions escaped again, this time by hiding in a haystack for five days. He eventually joined the federal forces at Warrenton Junction, Virginia. There he was attached to the commissary department of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Cavalry. Later he became a bodyguard for General Phillip Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. At war’s end he returned home to find two of his children had died. He and Isabella lived in Washington, D.C. before relocating to Grand Haven. [*Tribune* article, January 11, 1898.]

### **Frederick R. [William] Graves II [1870-1940]**

Frederick R. Graves II on February 27, 1896 in Grand Haven married Cora N. Williams. In the Ottawa County Marriage Registry, she was listed as both Cora N. Williams and Cora N. Burrill [Burrell/Berrel], and she also went by the name Nellie. Cora was born about 1868 in Springfield, Ohio, but had moved to Kalamazoo by the time she married John Williams, her first husband, on August 15, 1888. Her father's name James or Robert Burrill, and her mother was Mary Grayson, according to the 1896 marriage license. [Apparently Mary's mother had remarried.] John was born in Chillicothe, Ohio about 1850 [1853] and worked as a cook at the Cutler House in downtown Grand Haven. At a meeting at his house in Grand Haven, John Williams was one of several local Blacks elected as delegates to the Equal Rights convention held in Grand Rapids in 1894. He died of pneumonia on August 31 that year, leaving Cora with an 18-month-old child. James and Robert Burrill were the same person.

At the time Fred Graves II and Cora were married in 1896, he was a farmer in Grand Haven Township. Cora's name at that time was given as Nellie Thompson. Fred had a son, Fred [William] McKinley, who was born in Grand Haven on October 26, 1896. Presumably, Cora was the mother. In 1908 Fred II was living with his parents at 627 Madison Street, apparently without Cora, and working as a laborer at the Nat Robbins warehouse and dock at the foot of Washington Street. Fred in the 1910 census was divorced and still a laborer, but in the Federal Census of 1920 he was said to be widowed and working at Eagle Ottawa. He remained with his mother and father in the family home on Madison Street until at least 1930, when he was working as a servant for a Grand Haven family. The *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that Frederick William Graves passed away on April 15, 1940. The article said that for nearly 50 years, Fred W. Graves worked for the Savidge and Robbins families in Spring Lake and Grand Haven, which conflicts with the occupations cited for him in various censuses. Fred W., the obituary continued, was born in Spring Lake on January 13, 1870 and moved to Grand Haven with his family eleven years later. Fred II died at his home in Muskegon, the article continued, and had no surviving children. At the time of the 1920 Federal Census, Nellie was married to Richard Thompson, living in Muskegon, and working as a "nurse baby," possibly a wet nurse. On McKinley Graves's birth registration, the mother was listed as unknown, but his death certificate listed Nellie Burrell. Fred was the son of Frederick and Isabella Graves I. He was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Robert R. B. H. Graves [1875-1921]**

Robert, the son of Frederick and Isabella Graves I, in early 1900 was working as a servant for and living with the Lester Tripp family in Spring Lake Township. Around 1905 he became an employee of the Dake Engine Company, where he was employed for the last fifteen years of his life. On December 25, 1900 in Grand Haven, he married Fanny Molson. Fanny, the daughter of Ephraim and Adelia Molson, was born in Grandville in 1881. Robert and Fanny resided at 411 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. In the summer of 1907 Robert was convicted of simple assault and battery, committed against Alvirda Ragland. Alvirda was employed as a domestic for a St. Louis couple by the name of Marks, who owned a cottage in Highland Park. Three years later Robert was working at a Grand Haven foundry. Living with him and Fanny on Seventh Street that year were John and Mable Swanson, both Mulattoes. John Swanson, who also worked at the foundry, was born in Tennessee about 1889. Mable was born in Michigan about 1881. The Swansons do not reappear in any Ottawa County censuses. In the 1920 census Fanny's husband's name was given as Frederick, but that may have been an alternate name Robert used. He died of tuberculosis on December 12, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1921; *Tribune* articles July 15, July 20, August 7, August 15, and August 16, 1907.]

### **William McKinley "Doc" Graves [Greaves] [1896-1935]**

William Graves, usually known by his middle name McKinley, was the son of Frederick and Nellie Burrell of Grand Haven. His name at birth was Fred McKinley Graves. His name at birth was Frederick Graves. It is likely that "Fred" was changed to "William" and the "McKinley" added when President William McKinley was assassinated in September 1901. Born in Grand Haven on October 26, 1896 [1897],

McKinley was the sole African American attending Grand Haven High School when he graduated in 1917. McKinley played on the high school football team from 1913 to 1915. He also took part in the 1915 junior play and was elected mayor of the Student Council. McKinley went by the nickname "Doc," as did his grandfather, Frederick Graves I. In 1910 and 1920 McKinley was living with his grandparents at 627 Madison Street. In 1918 he was working for the Pere Marquette Railroad in Grand Rapids but residing with his parents in Grand Haven. Two years later he was still working for the railroad and living with his parents. On December 25, 1921 in Grand Rapids, McKinley married Helena J. Ebba. Helena, an African American, was born in Lansing in 1904. Her parents were Emory and Ella Robison Ebba. In Grand Rapids, at the time of his wedding, McKinley was working for an insurance company. McKinley and Helena were divorced on March 17, 1925 in Kent County. He next married Lillian Chapman. McKinley died of cardio renal disease and hypertension in Muskegon on April 26, 1935 and was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in that city. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1921.]

### **Almira J. Gray [1830-1919]**

A native of Connecticut, Almira Gray arrived in Grand Haven in 1872. She taught Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church until her retirement in 1906. She was born in 1830, died in 1919, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Curtis W. Gray [Grey] [1802-1893]**

Born near Brookfield, Connecticut on December 15, 1802, Curtis Gray at the age of 16 learned the tanner's trade. He was listed in the 1840 Federal Census for Calhoun County. In 1850 he and his family were residing in Grand Rapids. They came to Grand Haven in 1852, when Curtis went to work at Clark B. Albee's tannery for the next three years. From 1855 to 1863 he was county sheriff and later deputy United States Marshall. By 1870 he was once again a tanner. Curtis also was county coroner for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Pioneer Association of the Grand River Valley. Living with him in Grand Rapids in 1850 were Emily Gray, who was born in Massachusetts about 1820; Edgar L. Gray, who was born about 1832 and became a prominent attorney in Newaygo; and Jane Esther Gray, who was born in October 1834 and married William Wallace of Grand Haven. Edgar and Jane were born in New York. On January 4, 1860, in Kent County, Curtis married Louisa Mary Girard Raymond, a widow and native of Montreal, Canada [New York]. Louisa lived from 1815 to November 19, 1894. In 1870 and 1880 she was a milliner and dress maker in Grand Haven. Louisa had several children by an earlier marriage: Euphemia Raymond, who was born on October 8, 1835, married Lewis Bon of Grand Haven, and died in 1919; Mary Raymond, who was born about 1837 and married Edward Lesperance [1828-1911] of Muskegon; Mrs. Roberts of Denver; and Benjamin F. Raymond, who was born about 1846 and lived in Grand Rapids. Curtis died in Grand Haven on March 8, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Louisa.

### **Jedidiah [Jededish] Gray [1801-1876]**

Jedidiah Gray was lighthouse keeper at Grand Haven from 1858 to 1861. He was born in Sandgate, Vermont on May 7, 1801. On January 22, 1825, he married Patience Shepard, who was born on April 9, 1805 and died in December 1845. They had nine children. Jedidiah served in one of the Seminole Wars, probably the second. After Patience's death, Jedidiah married Rhoda Shepard. On May 7, 1854 Jedidiah married Mary Barber in Grand Rapids. She was born in New York in 1822. Jedidiah died in Grand Rapids on February 5, 1876. [Obituary, *Grand Rapids Eagle*, June 16, 1876.]

### **William Richard Gray [1879-1945]**

One of ten children of Matthew Nelson and Phebe Ann Jubb Gray, William was born in Crockery Township February 26, 1879. His parents were married in Quincy, Branch County in 1864. William's first marriage was to Emma Rollenhagen on July 16, 1906 in Nunica. Following her death sometime after 1918, he married Anna E. Wintermeyer of Chicago. William's brother Mark died in the Grand Haven Infirmary

in 1897. William, who worked as a butcher in Nunica, died in 1945 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with Anna.

### **Archibald Veryl Green [1922-1973]**

In the early 1950 Archie and Mildred Green resided at 1139 Slayton Street. Archie was employed by Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He was born in Texas on February 2, 1922 and married Mildred Neitring in Grand Haven on November 15, 1941. Mildred, the daughter of Albert John and Angie Roossien Neitring II, was born in Grand Haven on November 6, 1922. After their divorce in the mid-1950s, Archie married Viola Grace Matzke, who had previously been married to Marvin Frederick Guy [1919-2002]. She lived from September 22, 1928 to August 12, 1975. In the mid-1960s Archie bought the Beechtree Inn from Paul Lampe, who had operated it since the early 1940s. Archie changed its name to the East Side Tavern. It was located at 207 South Beechtree. John Jerovsek was a later owner. Archie died in Grand Rapids on April 14, 1973, and Mildred passed away on July 22, 1991. Archie and Viola were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mildred was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Arthur Frederick Green [1899-1981]**

Arthur Green owned acreage at 1316 Beechtree in Grand Haven Township. He was born on February 4, 1899 in East Tawas, Iosco County and died in Grand Haven on October 12, 1981. He married Mildred M. Pittman in Holland, Michigan on October 25, 1919. Mildred, also a native of Michigan, was born on March 13, 1897 and died in Grand Haven on March 31, 1976. Arthur was a draftsman at Dake's. Their children, all born locally, were Raymond Jack Green, born on August 9, 1920; Loretta Green, born about 1929; and Dorothea Green, born on May 12, 1922. Raymond died in Livonia, Wayne County, on October 23, 2008, and Dorothea passed away in Muskegon on October 2, 2009. Loretta married Jack Hoebeke [1927-2012].

### **Bobby T. Green [1935-1986]**

Bobby Green was born in Memphis, Tennessee on November 21, 1935. He was president of Green Finishing Company located in a leased building at 313 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. His brother, William L. Green, started Green's Finishing in 1964 at 721 West Savidge in Spring Lake and was its treasurer and secretary in 1969. He previously had worked at ASP Company of Grand Haven. On April 5, 1974, the *Muskegon Chronicle* announced that the company's new location would be Mt. Garfield Road in Norton Shores, but evidently it remained on Pine Street, since on May 18, 1977 a fire caused an estimated \$300,000 damage to the building and put Green's Finishing out of business. Bobby married Edith Louise Scott. The daughter of Delbert and Frances Scott, she was born in Grand Haven on April 15, 1932 and was previously married to Edward Eugene Jacobs [1929-1982]. Edith and Edward had at least one child, Wanda Jacobs, who was born in November 1949. In 1950, the Jacobs lived on Oak Street in Ferrysburg. Bobby passed away on April 26, 1986, and Edith died on August 22 the same year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Francis M. Green [1836-1914]**

Born in Ohio on February 22, 1835 [September 28, 1836], Francis Green on February 22, 1865 enlisted as private in Company D of the 195<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. He was mustered out on December 15 the same year. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on January 17, 1887. Francis was a resident of Crockery Township. Francis married Elizabeth Piekel [Bickel] in Ottawa, Ohio on December 31, 1860. She died on March 20, 1900 at the age of 54. Their children, all born in Ohio except the last one, included Earl C., born about 1865; Ulysses G. who was born about 1868, died in 1910, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; Elizabeth Ella, born in July 1874; Vernon P., who was born in July 1876, died in 1911, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Amy B., born in Michigan in January 1881. On September 24, 1901 in Nunica, Francis married Helen Smith Cathcart. He died in Nunica on October 28, 1914 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **George Allen Green [1854-1934]**

George Allen owned and operated a 40-acre potato farm in Section 6 of Polkton Township. His property and residence abutted the Crockery Township line. He was born on April 16, 1854 in Lake County, Indiana. He married Hannah Gibbs, who was born on November 10, 1860 in Batavia, New York. Her parents were Joseph and Mary Pennoyer Gibbs of Crockery and Polkton Townships. George died on September 10, 1934, and Hannah passed away in Ravenna on January 29, 1941. As late as 1940, she was still living on the family property in Polkton Township. She and George were buried at Coopersville Cemetery. They had one child, Max Green, who lived from 1897 to 1949.

### **Joseph Green [1824-1869]**

Born on July 19, 1824 in Ohio, Joseph Green died in Crockery Township on July 11, 1869. On April 4, 1853, he married Hannah Elvira Maxwell, who was born in New York on April 13, 1837. Joseph and Hannah had at least one child, James Wilson Green, who was born in Hobart, Indiana on February 10, 1860 and died in Grand Rapids on February 11, 1942. Joseph died in Crockery Township on July 11, 1869. After his death, Hannah on May 6, 1883 married Perley Lawton, a widower. Hannah was born on August 17, 1828.

### **Loveless [Loveliest] Green [1820-1881]**

Frederick "Loveless [Loveliest]" Green was born about 1820 [1824/1834] in Virginia. In Grand Haven in 1870 he was a servant in Galen Eastman's home on Franklin Street. Jennie, Loveless's wife at that time, was born in Virginia about 1825 and, like her husband, was African American. In the 1880 census Loveless was listed as 46 years old, which would put his birth year at 1834. In that census his wife's name was listed as Elizabeth. Born about 1839 [1834] in New York, Elizabeth was White. Loveless and Elizabeth resided on Franklin Street in Grand Haven. They were murdered on August 15, 1881 and buried in Potter's Field, Lake Forest Cemetery. John Alguire, Elizabeth's son by a previous marriage, confessed he killed his stepfather, but he claimed he did it after Loveless had murdered his mother. A jury acquitted John of the murder, letting him go "Scott free," as the *Tribune* phrased it. He fled west when the trial ended. At the time of the murder, Loveless and Elizabeth were residing in a house on Beechtree Street. That house was destroyed by fire in late March 1893. [*Tribune*, February 10, 1893 and March 28, 1893.]

### **Norma Venese Green [1920-2005] and William L. Green [1915-1977]**

Norma Green was a well-known artist in the Grand Haven area. She helped start Lakeland Painters [now known as Lakeland Artists] and was a member of the Gallery Upstairs and its successor Gallery Uptown for 20 years, serving as its president twice and as its treasurer several times. Norma was born in Quincy, Illinois on December 16, 1920 to Henry and Gladys Grimes Willing. She entered her works in many juried exhibits and won a number of awards. On January 29, 1944 she married William Green in Chicago. Born on September 26, 1915, he entered the U.S. Army in 1945. In Grand Haven, he worked as personnel manager. William died on July 29, 1977. Norma passed away in Muskegon on July 23, 2005. They had a daughter, Linda, who was born on December 2, 1951 and married Mark Watts of Spring Lake.

### **Hial Hazen Grey [Gray] [1824-1905]**

Hial Grey was born in Barton, Vermont in 1824 and was enumerated in the 1860 Ottawa County census as a resident of Crockery Township. In 1874 he purchased the machinery of the Weston, Dudley, and Soule brickworks on the south side of Cornelius Bayou, along the northwest shore of Spring Lake. Hial moved the machinery to the east shore of nearby Stahl's Bayou, just over the Muskegon County line, and opened his works in 1874. He married Charlotte Sheffield, who lived from 1826 to 1901. One of their children, Clara, died on January 27, 1865, not quite six, and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. They had two other daughters and a son. The Muskegon County *Directory* for 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890 listed Grey as a resident of Fruitport Township. In 1880 he was residing in Spring Lake. Hial died in Snohomish County,

Washington in 1905. He was buried at the American Legion Cemetery in Snohomish County, as was Charlotte.

**Curtis W. Grey [Gray] [1802-1893]**

See Curtis W. Gray.

**Morris Griep [1912-1976]**

Morris Griep, born on August 19, 1912, was responsible for the tennis courts in Highland Park, promoting their care and scheduling tournaments during the 1950s. It was during this period that 16-year-old Bobby Riggs played a warm-up tournament on the already historic courts prior to participating in the Junior Davis Cup in Kalamazoo. On October 1, 1938, Morris married Beryl Ann Albers in East Overisel, Allegan County. She was born on November 14, 1913 in Chicago. They owned the cottage at 100 Poplar Ridge. The 1960s saw the courts fall into disrepair after Morris's death and were neglected for many years. He died on April 27, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Beryl died on November 10, 1997, more than twenty years after Morris.

**Elizabeth Olivia Griffin [1833-1930]**

Born in Grimsby, Ontario, Canada on December 14, 1833 [1834], the daughter of Henry and Rachel Griffin, Elizabeth moved with her parents to Eastmanville in 1838 [1840] and in 1844 to Grand Haven. She lived the remainder of her life in the Griffin home at 301 Franklin, except for the years spent at Misses Hill's School in Buffalo. As a child she helped Mary A. White in the first Grand Haven school. She was closely affiliated with the Presbyterian Church and was among the Grand Haven women who worked with the Women's Aid Society during the Civil War, and she was a member of the Order of the Daughter of the King, whose mission was to "spread the Kingdom of Christ among women. She and her sister Eleanor McNett, executive secretary of the local Red Cross, shared the family homestead during their later years. Elizabeth died at the family home March 26, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 26, 1930 and *Tribune* articles, "Miss Griffin Ninety-Four Wednesday," December 16, 1927, "Pioneer Paid Last Tribute, Dr. De Kraker," March 31, 1930, and "In Memory of Elizabeth Griffin, a Tribute," April 4, 1930.]

**Henry Griffin [1807-1891]**

Born in Smithville, Canada on December 30, 1807, 30-year-old Henry Griffin left Ontario and arrived in Ottawa County on the steamboat *Governor Mason* on her first trip down the Grand River. In 1838 he settled in Scranton [Eastmanville]. He moved to Grand Haven as the county's second sheriff from 1844 to 1850. His jurisdiction covered the area along Lake Michigan all the way to Mackinaw. He was credited with planting the first fruit trees in Ottawa County, many of them along Franklin Street in Grand Haven. In 1849 he went into merchandising, building a store in on the northwest corner of Washington and First Streets, where the *Grand River Times* was printed on the second floor. He advertised in the July 1851 edition of the *Grand River Times* that he was a "Dealer in Staples and fancy Dry Goods, Ready made Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, Crockery and Glass, Drugs, Chemicals, Medicines, Paints and Oils, and Provisions. Also Lumber, Shingles, &c. &c."

In 1847, at the request of Dr. Van Raalte, Henry walked the 22 miles to Holland to hear the minister's sermon and to swear in the new Dutch citizens. He was chosen Grand Haven's first superintendent of Schools in 1851. In 1862 Henry became school inspector for the new Grand Haven Union High School, in 1852 he was named treasurer of Ottawa County, and in 1871 he was elected mayor of Grand Haven and representative to the State Legislature. Griffin Street and Griffin Elementary Schools are named in his honor. In 1852 Griffin owned the schooner *Pioneer*, built in Spring Lake and commanded by Captain Chaloner. Henry attended the Presbyterian Church.

On May 30, 1830, Henry married Rachel Eastman, born December 10, 1810. She was the daughter of Rev. Daniel Ward Eastman, a Presbyterian minister of Canada, and Elizabeth Hopkins Eastman. The Griffin

residence was located at 301 Franklin Street. Among the Griffins' children was a son Hannibal, who died young around October 10, 1838 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rachel died on July 30, 1868 and was buried near her son. The Griffins had at least two surviving children, including Eleanor, who was born in Grand Haven in 1850 and married De Forrest McNett. Another child, Elizabeth Olivia, was born in Ontario, Canada on December 14, 1833 and died on March 26, 1930. She was listed in the 1908 *City Directory* as Henry's widow. Elizabeth Olivia was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituary and article, July 16 and 18, 1891, and *Memorial Report of Ottawa County*, pp. 221-223.]

#### **Richard Frederick Griffin [@1848- ?]**

R. Frederick Griffin was born about 1848 in Canada, moved to New York State, and came to Michigan in 1869. In 1876 he became a saw filer at the Sisson & Lilley Mill. The 1893 *Compendium* listed him as Frederick Griffin, still a saw filer, living in Spring Lake Village. His wife Almira, also a native of Canada, was born around 1848. Richard continued to work in the mill reside in Spring Lake until at least 1880. Almira was with him that year, as was her 25-year-old sister, Eugenie Fell

#### **Ferdinand Griffith [1851–1887]**

Ferdinand Griffith was born in Ontario County, New York in 1851. He moved to Canada when he was seven, came to Michigan about 1867, and went into business for himself five years later. He was a manufacturer of harnesses at a shop located on Washington Street. On November 15, 1877 he married Dell [Adell] Page in Ionia. Dell was born in Michigan around 1858. They had one daughter, Mertie A., born in Michigan around 1879. Ferdinand died in Eaton County on August 10, 1887.

#### **T. Griffith [? - ?]**

Griffith was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

#### **Dick Gerrit Gringhuis [1907-1963] and Alice Vink Gringhuis [1911-1999]**

Alice, one of nine children, was born on October 10, 1911 in Spring Lake, the daughter of Jennie [Jantje] Werkman and Claus [Klaas] Vink. As a teenager Alice walked from her home on Buchanan Street in Spring Lake to attend high school in Grand Haven. She graduated from Davenport College in Grand Rapids. On June 30, 1934, she married Dick G. Gringhuis at the First Reformed Church [Christ Community] in Spring Lake. They resided at 416 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. She was active in the Grand Haven Woman's Club, the Spring Lake Country Club, the Free Bed Guild of North Ottawa Community Hospital, the Girl Scouts, and the Red Cross blood program. The Gringhuises had two daughters, Marcia and Wanda, both of Spring Lake. Wanda married Len Anderson, and Marcia became the wife of Arnie Dreher. Dick Gringhuis, who was born on December 24, 1907, died on September 28, 1963. Alice passed away on November 27, 1999 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **Geert [Gerrit] Gringhuis [1850-1915]**

Born in Buffalo, New York [The Netherlands] on April 17, 1850, Geert Gringhuis moved to Grand Haven when he was still an infant. He and his mother, Trientje [Catherine], were listed in the Federal Census of 1860 under the name Greenhouse as residents of Grand Haven. Catherine was born in The Netherlands about 1824. Also in the house was Harmon Benhart [Bejmholt], the same age as Catherine, and presumably her husband, and Henry Benhart, apparently Catherine's brother. [There is evidence that Harm and Catherine were married in Groningen, The Netherlands, on June 19, 1847. The 1860 census taker may have confused names.] Harm and Catherine moved to Lancaster County, Nebraska under the name Gringhuis, but Geert remained in Michigan. He married Cornelia "Kate" Visser [Fisher] on April 27, 1876 in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of Leonard and Wilhelmina De Vlicker Visser. Geert and Cornelia had a daughter, Teresa, who was born in Grand Haven on October 23, 1876. Geert attended Grand Rapids Commercial College and was a clerk in Grand Haven at the Mieras & Brothers Grocery Store. The family of three was residing on Franklin Street in Grand Haven in 1880. Living with them was Cornelia's brother,

Martin Visser, born about 1859. In 1881 Geert and his family moved to Lamont, where he opened a store. The 1882 *History of Ottawa County* gives Geert as much credit for being an artist as a reputable merchant: "Mr. Gringhuis is a natural artist, having had but three lessons in portrait painting from Orchison [Charles Orchardson], the artist of Chicago, and one week's instruction in landscape painting from [Frank] Selzer [1849-1916] of Grand Rapids." [p. 110] Charles Orchardson, a portrait painter, who lived in Spring Lake and Chicago. The Gringhuises' son, Leonard John Gringhuis, was born on January 28, 1890 in Grand Rapids and died there on March 8, 1956. In 1893, still in Grand Rapids, Geert was working in a bakery. Ten years later he was listed as being in the "cooking business" in Grand Rapids. He died on May 26, 1915 in Grand Rapids. Cornelia, who lived from September 13, 1855 to March 2, 1920, was buried near her husband at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids. She was born in The Netherlands.

### **Gerrit "Dick" Gringhuis II [Geert Gringhus] [1831-1902]**

Born in The Netherlands on November 17, 1831, Gerrit Gringhuis in 1853 sailed for the United States on board the *South Carolina*, continued to Chicago, and sailed on the schooner *Pioneer* to Grand Haven. Anthony Bottje sailed with him. Gerrit was the son of Gerrit and Annie Juistema Gringhuis. Annie lived from January 1, 1792 to January 31, 1874 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick's sister, Henrietta, married Anthony Bottje of Grand Haven.

Gerrit II was in the clothing business in Grand Haven for many years. He owned the G. Gerrit Gringhuis Clothing Store at [approximately] 15 South First Street and another one in Holland. He married Janna "Jennie"/"Jane," the daughter of Albert and Annie Northouse [Northuis/Nordhuis]. Jennie was born in The Netherlands on July 11, 1838 and died in Grand Haven on August 30, 1907. The Gringhuises' children included Martje "Martha," who was born in 1858 in Grand Haven, married Jan Raak in 1877, and died in 1914; Gerrit III, who was born in 1867, married Eliza Little [born about 1884], and moved to Muskegon; Alderit "Albert," who was born in November 1870, married Dena Lamer [Dina Lamar, born about 1871, died before 1920], worked at Story & Clark, and died in 1955; Arend, born about 1872; Hendrika "Reka," who was born in April 1875 and married Dick Cleveringa of Grand Haven; Peter, who lived from May 1876 to March 30, 1880; Derk "Dick," who was born November 20, 1878; Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1880, died in Seattle, Washington on December 13, 1912, and who was married twice, first to Harry Koopman of Grand Haven and then to Martin Vyn, also of Grand Haven; and Ann, who was born about 1882 and married Klaas Borgman of Holland. The Gringhuis family resided on Fulton Street, but eventually retired to a 56-acre fruit farm near Holcomb Hills. The land later was sold to Nellie Terry and became known as Terry Trails. Gerrit II died on December 18, 1902 from injuries suffered while cutting down dead peach trees in the orchard. The axe he was wielding slipped and the handle struck him on his side, causing severe internal injuries. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 18 and 19, 1902.]

### **Gerrit "Dick" Gringhuis III [1878-1907]**

The son of Gerrit and Janna Northuis Gringhuis, Gerrit III was born in Grand Haven on March 20, 1878. On March 6, 1907 in Grand Haven, he married Margje "Marge" Van Doorne, who was born on February 8, 1882 in The Netherlands. Among their children was Gerrit "Dick" Gringhuis IV, who was born in Grand Haven on December 24, 1907 and died on September 28, 1963. Dick III died accidentally on October 27, 1907 from wounds received while chopping down a tree. Marge married Johannes "John" Tans in Grand Haven on December 24, 1913. He died at Pine Rest Sanatorium in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1952. Marge passed away on September 18, 1945. She, John, and Dick were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Amos Griswold [1788-1843]**

Born on March 12, 1788 in Hartford, Connecticut, Amos Griswold married Eleanor Staat [Stott] in Elizabethtown, Ontario on August 12, 1811. Among their 14 children was Apollos, who was born on September 4, 1818 in Elizabethtown and settled in Ottawa County in 1842. Amos died on October 18,



1843 [1845] in Kent County. Eleanor lived from December 22, 1792 to December 17, 1848. They had 19 children.

### **Apollos [Apollus] Griswold [1818-1872]**

Apollos Griswold, a lumberman, was settled in Spring Lake Township by 1842 and in Robinson Township ten years later. The son of Amos and Eleanor Staat Griswold, he was born in Elizabethtown, Canada on September 4, 1818 and died on December 3, 1872. He married Sarah Cole, who was born in England on March 5, 1825 and passed away on February 15, 1899 [1898]. Both Apollos and Sarah were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. Their children, all born in Ottawa County, included Mary, who was born on November 23, 1844 and died, apparently in what is now Ravenna, Muskegon County, on December 11, 1853; Francis, who was born on August 29, 1847; Asher W., born on April 5, 1853; Edgar W., born on May 1, 1855; Nathan William, born on April 23, 1857; Peter, born about 1859; Sarah, born on June 11, 1867; Fred Raney, born on February 1, 1871; and Mortimer, born about 1872. [The 1882 *History of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties* noted that the first birth in Ravenna, then in Ottawa County, was the child of Apollus Griswold; the baby died in infancy.] Nathan and his wife Isabel [Isabella] had a son Appolos, who died on January 7, 1883, three months before his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday. Isabel was born in Crockery Township on April 9, 1865. By 1870 the Griswold family was farming approximately 160 acres in Section 36 of Crockery Township. [Personal correspondence with Rodney Griswold.]

### **Apolis Griswold [1874-1936]**

Apolis Griswold owned and operated a trucking business in Crockery Township. He was the son of Francis and Margaret Fonger Griswold. On June 7, 1917 in Muskegon, Apolis married Florence E. Withey. She was born in Michigan on January 8, 1894 and passed away in Grand Haven on March 19, 1977. Florence was the daughter of William H. and Rebecca Rainsboro Withey, who owned a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Crockery Township. Both William and Rebecca were born in Michigan, William in November 1866, and Rebecca in March 1867. The Griswold children, all born locally, included William A., born in 1920; Francis L., who was born on June 4, 1922 and died in Spring Lake on January 26, 1986; Percival James Griswold, born on April 27, 1924; Margaret F. Griswold, born about June 1926; and Lisa A. Griswold, born about March 1929. Apolis, born in Nunica on February 10, 1874, passed away in Grand Rapids on February 6, 1936.

### **Francis “Frank” Griswold I [1847-1920]**

The son of Apollos and Sarah Griswold, Frank was born in Ottawa County on August 29, 1847. After briefly living in Robinson Township with his parents, he moved with them to Section 36 of Crockery Township. He married Margaret [Mararette] Fonger. By 1900, as residents of Grand Rapids, he and Margaret had a son, Apolis Griswold, who was born on February 10, 1874. Another son, Francis Griswold II, was born in Crockery Township on December 18, 1877. Still residents of Grand Rapids at the time of the 1910 Federal Census, Francis and Margaret had a third son, Arthur, living with them. Arthur was born in Nunica on December 14, 1876 and married Ida Marks Ida. They and their two children, Francis Griswold [1909-1993] and Harold Arthur Griswold [1904-1990], were living with Frank and Margaret. The Griswolds also had lumbering interests in the Upper Peninsula. Margaret was born in Hamilton, Ontario on June 12, 1850, died in Oroville, California on February 1, 1938, and was buried at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oroville. Frank died on June 3, 1920 and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

### **Percival James Griswold**

On July 31, 1947, Percival James Griswold married Elaine Jean Sovis in Grand Haven. Jim, the name Percival preferred to go by, was born on April 27, 1924 in Nunica. His parents were Apolis and Florence Withey Griswold. James and Elaine had three children: Barbara Griswold Banta, Rodney Lee Griswold, and Beverly Griswold Singerling. Jim worked at Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg for 47 years. In 1948 the Griswolds resided on the second floor of 1302 Columbus. Jim passed away on December 1, 2009. Elaine lived from August 4, 1930 to May 9, 2009. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery

### **Frank Lee Groat [1900-1988]**

Born in Crosswell, Sanilac County on April 19, 1900, Frank Groat in 1930 was a teacher at a junior high school in Detroit. On June 26, 1926, he married Florence Johanna Klockow, who lived from May 11, 1903 to March 7, 1987. They had a son, Gerald Lee Groat, who was born in Detroit on August 12, 1933 and died on February 2, 2008 in Lake Havasu, Arizona. The Groats were residents of Detroit in 1940, when Frank was listed as "Head of Department" at a public school. He worked one year at Providence Hospital in Detroit and then served with the U.S. Army for two years during WWII. Frank, who was raised in East Lansing, graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and in 1945 from Wayne State University of Medicine.

Frank came in 1948 to Grand Haven as a general practitioner in an office with Dr. John Kitchel. Frank became chief of staff at North Ottawa Community College. In 1950, while studying at Wayne State, he met and married Virginia "Ginny" Barber. Frank and Virginia had five daughters: Nancy Groat, who resided in Grand Rapids; Barbara Groat, also of Grand Rapids; Elizabeth "Beth Groat," who married Bill Maschewske and lived in West Olive; Kathy Groat, who married Ken Herman of Suttons Bay; and Virginia "Ginger Groat," who married Rick Toomey and moved to Pecatonica, Illinois. The family resided at 631 Franklin and later at 1624 Gladys. The Groats remodeled the house on Franklin Street, hiring Kris Grants as the architect. Frank's medical office was on the west side of the structure. The family attended the First Presbyterian Church, and Frank was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club. He closed his office in Grand Haven on March 15, 1981 and moved to Toccoa, Georgia. Frank died in Lake Havasu, Arizona on July 31, 1988. Virginia was born on September 12, 1922 and passed away on Mary 24, 2015 in Grand Rapids. She was notable for being a teacher, pilot, radio broadcaster, reporter, and giving lectures overseas and at home. [*Tribune* articles, "Dr. F. L. Groat to Practice Here," July 19, 1948, "Dr. Groat moving practice to Georgia," February 9, 1981, "Focus on People," September 2, 2009, and *Grand Rapids Press* obituary, March 29, 2015.

### **Dirk "Dick" Groen [1909-1995]**

Known as the Cider Man," Dick Groen for more than 50 years delivered apple cider door to door in communities from Grand Haven to Grandville. When he arrived at a customer's house he announced, "Cider Man" and siphoned off the requested amount from the barrels of cider he carried on his pickup truck. A serious automobile accident in 1974 ended the cider deliveries that he had made since 1924. He and two brothers also ran a poultry business. Dick sold eggs on his cider route until 1960, as well as sweet corn, melons, berries, and vegetables. Dick, the son of Hendrik "Henry" [1862-1929] and Trijntje Theresa Smit [1867-1942] Groen, was born in Allendale on May 28, 1909 and remained in his birth town most of his life. On December 12, 1938, he married Sylvia Vander Wal in Jenison. They had four children, including Kathryn Jane Groen Meyer [1915-1984]. Dick passed away in November 1995. Sylvia lived from 1915 to 1984. Both were buried at Allendale Township Cemetery, where Henry and Theresa also were interred.

### **Tys Groenendal [1833-1911]**

In 1892 Tys Groenendal went into partnership with Folgert Van Zanten and started a coal and wood yard at 520 Elliott Street in Grand Haven, which they named Groenendal & Van Zanten. A little later Tys sold out to Van Zanten. Tys and his wife Clara, who was a milliner, lived at 521 Elliott. Their daughter Etta, a dressmaker, resided at the same address in the early 1900s. She married Gerrit Balgooyen in Grand Haven on June 22, 1912. Another daughter, Della [Dora], was born on September 21, 1870 and married Louis Ver Duin of Grand Haven. Tys was one of the founders of the Second Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. Clara lived from April 1840 [1839] to 1913, and Tys, who was born in January 1833, died in 1911. Both were natives of The Netherlands, and both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Derk [Derek] Groenevelt I[Groeneveld, Groenvelt] [1828-1911]**

Derk Groenevelt was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on May 23, 1828. He first married Anna Borgman, who lived from September 17, 1826 to March 10, 1908. After her death, he married Swaantje [Zwaantje] Hoffman, who also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born on January 24, 1827. Derk was a carpenter. Among Derk's and Anna's 10 children, all born locally, were Lucy, who was born on April 27, 1853 and married Klass [Claus] Leninga; Gerritt, who was born on December 21, 1856 and died on July 23, 1878; Jane, born about 1856; Frederick, born in June 1860; Jantje, born about 1860; Dirk "Dick," born in Grand Haven on September 13, 1865; Ida, born about 1866; and Kate, who was born on September 19, 1886 and married John Teunis of Ferrysburg. Swaantje passed away on January 29, 1885 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Derk then married Trijntje Sluiter, who lived from January 1, 1850 to March 22, 1888. Derk died in Ferrysburg on May 9, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Derk [Derek] Groenevelt I [Groenvelt] [1860-1930]**

Born in The Netherlands in August 1860 [1854], Derk Groenevelt came to the United States in 1880 and at different times lived in both Grand Haven and Ferrysburg. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "drayman" in Grand Haven, but by 1908 he owned an eight-acre farm in Spring Lake Township, and he was listed in the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a building contractor. In his obituary, the *Tribune* referred to him as "one of the best known builders and contractors in the city." [August 20, 1930.]

Derk's wife Sarina, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in May 1852 and died on April 7, 1903. Their children, all born locally, were Enno, born in March 1883; Derk II, born on March 15, 1888; and John, born in June 1896. The elder Groenevelt was an active member and leader of the First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven. He died in 1930.

#### **Derk "Dick" Groenevelt II [1888-1986]**

Dick was born in Grand Haven Township on March 15, 1888, the son of Derk and Sarina Groenevelt. [Dick also was known as DD Groenevelt.] On October 27, 1908 Dick married Jennie Ruiter in Ferrysburg, where they made their home and where their children were born. Jennie, the daughter of Ralph [Roelof] and Jane [Jennie] Borgman Ruiter of Ferrysburg, lived from March 1890 to 1918 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Groenevelt's children were Kathryn Groenevelt [1909-2005]; Russell Groenevelt [1911-1988]; Jeanette "Janet" Groenevelt, who was born on July 15, 1913 and married Maurice Rosema of Ferrysburg; and Richard Groenevelt [1915-1996].

In 1921 Dick married Ann Rosema. She lived from 1890 to 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had one child, Hazel Groenevelt, who lived from 1922 to 2003.

As a young man, Dick owned a two and a half-acre-farm in Spring Lake Township. He was living at 226 South Street in Spring Lake when he died on October 15, 1986 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Frederik "Fred" J. Groenevelt I [Gronevelt] [1860-1945]**

Fred Groenevelt was a Grand Haven building contractor. Born in Michigan in June 1860, he appeared in the 1893 *Compendium* as a carpenter. In 1896 the firm of Van Dongen & [Fred] Groenevelt was awarded a contract to build Grand Haven's first electric power building. On July 31, 1878 in Grand Haven, Fred married Jantje "Jane" Rillema, who was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on April 27, 1861 and died in 1884. They had two daughters, Sarah and Sadie. After her death, Fred married Clarissa "Sena" Johanna Anotinette Jonker in Grand Haven on August 28, 1886. The couple lived at 1402 Columbus and later moved to Grand Rapids and then Detroit. Fred and his son Fred II worked together. Fred II was born on July 1, 1891 and died in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1980. The Groenevelts also had a daughter, Elizabeth Harriet Groenevelt, who lived from 1887 to 1979 and worked as a stenographer. Sena was born in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands on September 21, 1867 [1868], died in Detroit on June 4, 1922, and was

buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among the Groenevelts' other children were Clarence Groenevelt, born in September 1894; Hermina Groenevelt, who was born in September 1896 and died in 1982; and Romane Francis Groenevelt, a son, who was born in April 1900 and died in 1925. Fred I passed away in Detroit on August 11, 1945 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jane, Fred's first wife.

#### **John Groenevelt [Gronevelt] [1896-1988]**

John was the son of Derk and Sarina Groenevelt, originally of The Netherlands, but who settled in Ferrysburg. Derk lived from 1860 to 1930 and Sarina from 1854 to 1903. John was born June 27, 1896. On June 19, 1919, he married Anna, daughter of Roelof and Jane Ruiter, also of Ferrysburg. The Groenevelts lived at 1041 Franklin in Grand Haven. Anna was born June 28, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on November 2, 1981. John died in Grand Haven on January 10, 1988. Their children were John R., born about 1923; Kathleen O., born about 1925; and Donald, born about 1927.

#### **Louis J. Groenevelt [1917-1997]**

In the mid-1960s, Louis Groenevelt worked as a laboratory technician at the Gardner Denver plant in Grand Haven and resided at 315 Oak Street in Ferrysburg. By the mid-1970s he and his wife Kathy were managing the North Shore Motel at 17552 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake. Louis was born in Grand Rapids on December 19, 1917. On July 23, 1939 he married Dora Pearl Sheldon in Grand Haven. They were divorced on October 23, 1948. Dora was born on May 9, 1918 in Rogers City, Presque Isle County, married Leslie Willard Austin [1922-2015], died in Muskegon on December 8, 2000, and was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Grand Haven Township. On October 1, 1955, Louis married Virginia Brill Benedetti in Grand Rapids. She lived from 1913 to 2009. Louis passed away in Petoskey on June 6, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Richard Groenevelt [Groeneveltdt, Gronevelt] [1865–1930]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 13, 1865, Dick Groenevelt resided in Grand Haven for over 64 years and was one of the best-known contractors and builders in the city. As a youth he worked in the shipyards. Later he began building houses and worked on many of the larger buildings and private homes in Grand Haven, including 642 Pennoyer. He married Hielkedina "Dena" Westing, who was born in March 1864 and died on April 22, 1926. Their children included Jennie, born in November 1886; Harry, born in April 1889; Santa [Santie], who was born in July 1892 and married Stewart Johnson, a Grand Haven contractor; and Amelia, who married Ernest Scheel of Muskegon. Dick died at his home at 523 Jackson Street on August 19, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family had resided at 523 Jackson since at least 1900. Dick and Dena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick's parents were Derk and Swantje [Zwaantje] "Anna" Hoffman Groenevelt. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 1930.]

#### **Richard Groenevelt [Gronevelt] [1915-1996]**

Richard, the son of Derk and Jennie Ruiter Groenevelt, was born in Ferrysburg on December 20, 1915. He married Mary Ruth [Marian] Stegenga on June 24, 1940. The daughter of Frank and Marie Van Doorne Stegenga, she was born in Grand Haven on March 1, 1917 and died on November 24, 1996. Richard died on February 17, 1996 in Holland, Michigan.

#### **Egbert [Engbert] Grooters [Groters] [1848-1921]**

A farmer and stockman, Egbert Grooters owned a 120-acre farm in Section 36 of Olive Township, where he had settled in 1876. On September 21, 1889 in Holland, he married Leentjen "Nellie" Arensma [Arensman, Arinsma]. They continued to live on the farm until at least 1912, but by 1920 they had moved to the City of Holland. Egbert was born on June 5, 1848 in The Netherlands. He died in Holland on February 3, 1921. Nellie, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from August 7, 1864 to March 10, 1947. At the time of her death, she was living in Port Sheldon Township.

#### **Francis H. Grooters [1818-1893]**

Born in Utrecht, The Netherlands on July 29, 1818, Francis Grooters in 1847 immigrated to this country, arriving in Holland in 1851 and Grand Haven the next year. Francis worked for Rev. William M. Ferry, founder of Grand Haven, and he made boots and shoes for the early pioneers. About 1858 Francis built a home at the corner of Third and Columbus Streets in Grand Haven. The front of the house became a shoe shop, where he made shoes by hand and repaired others. He was a Presbyterian.

On October 10, 1852 Francis married Amelia Leenhouts of Milwaukee. She was born in 1829 and died on May 27, 1894 in Milwaukee. They had two daughters. One, Nelly, was born on January 30, 1855 and became a seamstress. She died on September 5, 1938. The second daughter was Mary, who was born on May 3, 1861 and died on October 28, 1945 and who for many years clerked at Beaudry's Dry Goods Store. Neither daughter married, and they both lived in the family house until their deaths. The two sisters were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Francis died on March 4, 1893. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 6, 1893 and September 6, 1938.]

### **Charles Grossman I [1856-1930]**

Born in Muskegon on December 16, 1856, Charles was the son of Peter and Barbara Grossman. Charles married Meentje "Minnie" Kieft in Grand Haven Township on December 16, 1890. The daughter of Adam and Cornelia Van Veuren Kieft, Minnie was born on June 12, 1871 in Zeeland and died in Grand Haven on November 11, 1939. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles worked at Grand Haven Basket Factory in the early 1900s. He and Minnie lived at 616 Elliot. They had a daughter Kate, born I 1891, and at least two sons: Charles Grossman II, who was born March 19, 1896, lived at 418 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven, and died in February 1970, and Gerrit L. Grossman, who was born on March 23, 1903, lived at 15869 Railroad Street in Spring Lake, and died on November 4, 1973. The Grossmans had a second daughter, Bernice Lucille Grossman, who was born on November 3, 1910 and married Arie Nadort [1897-1972] in Grand Haven on September 14, 1926 and on June 24, 1938 married Jacob "Jay" Enenga [Ennenga] [1906-1996] in Grand Haven. The Grossman children were born in Michigan. Charles I passed away on June 13, 1930 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest. Bernice died on December 4, 1976. She and Jay were interred at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John Grubinger [1888-1954]**

On July 12, 1913 in Grand Rapids, John Grubinger married Esther Applequist. By 1920 they owned the Style Shop at 204 Washington Street in downtown Grand Haven. John was born in Michigan on March 14, 1888, and Esther, also from Grand Rapids, was born on July 1, 1893. The Style Shop was located first at 17 Washington, and then by 1921 it was at 204 Washington. The couple resided at 308 South Fifth. John Reichardt bought the business in the 1930s. John died in 1954 in Tampa, Florida, and Esther passed away three years later. Both were buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **Janis Grundulis [1893-1972] and Marta Grundulis [1895-1991]**

Marta Pikurs Grundulis and her husband Janis were from Latvia, where she was born on June 24, 1895. Janis was born on February 27, 1893. They were married in Latvia on December 12, 1925. The couple arrived in the Port of New York on May 4, 1950 and continued on to Grand Haven, where they retrieved a wooden crate that had been shipped from Latvia and delivered to the Bernath P. Sherwood home at 512 Sheldon Road. Marta and Janis remained in Grand Haven the rest of their lives. In the 1950s, Janis was working at Michigan Plastics, and he and Marta had an apartment at 220½ South Seventh Street. Janis died on March 19, 1972 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marta passed away on April 14, 1991 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **William Carl Grunst [1887-1956]**

William was born in Grand Haven on December 14, 1887. His father, Frederick Wilhelm Grunst, was born in Germany and lived from September 16, 1848 to December 22, 1915, while his mother, Ernestine [Tena/Albertina], also German born, lived from May 1861 [1859] to November 17, 1933. Both parents

were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On September 27, 1939, William married Alice Elizabeth Kooiman in Detroit. The daughter of Peter and Cora Van Bemmelen of Grand Haven, she was born on January 17, 1907. William and his family resided at 613 North Fifth Street from the early 1900s into the 1950s. He owned a tobacco shop at 112 Washington, where he also manufactured cigars. He partnered with Paul Hostetter, who opened the Muskegon News Agency at 112 Washington about 1926 and two years later bought the business, which he renamed Hostetter News Agency. William died on March 18, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice passed away on March 9, 1959 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Olga Grunst, who married Ora Hendricks of Grand Haven, was William's sister.

#### **Bernard "Bud" Grysen [1931-1995]**

When Bernard Grysen was sworn in on January 1, 1958, he was the youngest person ever elected to the position of Ottawa County sheriff. Born in Grand Rapids on December 30, 1931, Bud married Angeline Jane Barents in Grand Rapids on November 19, 1950. He retired as sheriff in 1992 and died of a brain tumor on May 20, 1995. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He also had served 13 years as executive director of the Michigan Sheriff's Association. Angeline was born on June 15, 1932, died in 2021, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had four children. [*Tribune* obituary, May 22, 1995.]

#### **Bruno A. "Whitey" Grzyb [1915-2004]**

Born in Chicago on July 28, 1915, Whitey was the son of Frank and Bernice Depczynski Grzyb. Whitey and his brother Michael co-founded Supreme Machined Products in 1948 in Spring Lake, along with William P. Ferm. Whitey retired as president of the company. He married Pauline Dusnik on October 26, 1940. She was born on May 27, 1918 in Grand Haven. They had four daughters: Sandra, who married William Badger and moved to Scarsdale, New York; Paula, who married Skip Nissen of Kalamazoo; Donna White, also of Scarsdale; and Colleen, who married Casey Ford and lived in Spring Lake. The Grzybs resided at 120 Emmet. Whitey died in Grand Haven on September 1, 2004, and Pauline passed away on September 14 three years later. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 2004.]

#### **Michael Grzyb [1909-1972]**

Michael Grzyb was one of the founders and officers of Supreme Machined Products, started in 1948 in Spring Lake. Michael lived at 15865 Vinecrest. The son of Frank and Bernice Depczynski Grzyb, Michael was born in Chicago on September 1, 1909. On November 11, 1950 he married Martha Ann Allen in Spring Lake. She lived from July 18, 1910 to November 25, 2006. Michael died on December 5, 1972. Bruno "Whitey" Grzyb was his brother. They were raised in Robinson Township, where the family had moved in 1920. Michael and Martha were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Mary Grzyb married Denver Todd II. A son, Michael Grzyb, remained in Spring Lake.

#### **Frances D. Guillard [1892-1982] and Frederick Joseph Guillard [1880-1943]**

In the 1920s Frances Veak Guillard owned Guillard's Hat Shop at 218 Washington Street in Grand Haven. It was expanded to include women's apparel and a beauty parlor. In 1928 Frances and her husband, Fred Guillard, owned, managed, and resided at the Cupola Hotel on Savidge Street in Spring Lake, but two years later, still residing in Spring Lake, they classified themselves as actors. Around 1940 they owned Fred Guillard's restaurant at 207 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Fred, who was born in Canada on October 16, 1880, married Blanche G. Erickson on September 18, 1904 in Wilmette, Illinois. They were divorced on July 23, 1908 in Montana. He married Frances in Lake County, Indiana on April 12, 1917. Fred died in Kalamazoo on December 27, 1943 and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in that city. Frances was born in Leadville, Colorado on July 6, 1892 and passed away in Washington State on October 31, 1982.

#### **Jay W. Gunneman [1913-1972]**

Jay W. Gunneman had a barber shop at 610 East Savidge in Spring Lake in the early 1940s. He was born on February 19, 1913 in Polkton Township and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He died in Lansing on November 30, 1972.

#### **G. Adolph Gustafson [1853-1906]**

Adolph Gustafson, whose 175-acre farm was located in Section 17 of Crockery Township, raised fruit. He was born in Sweden in 1853 and came to the area in 1904. His wife, Emma, was born around 1861. Adolph was still actively farming in 1918. He passed away in Fruitland Township, Muskegon County, on December 18, 1906.

#### **Arthur Gustorf [1843-1904]**

Arthur Gustorf was postmaster at Nortonville when it reopened on April 22, 1872 and served until July 3, 1876. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, on December 17, 1843 and died in Oak Park, Illinois on October 26, 1904. On April 18, 1865 he married Ruth Ann Bishop in Grand Haven. She was born on July 28, 1846 in Painesville, Ohio and passed away in Walworth, Wisconsin on November 23, 1939.

#### **Timothy A. Gutowski [1944-2000]**

In 1975 Timothy Gutowski founded Contour Roll, a maker of roll form tooling. It soon became one of the industry leaders in roll form technology, designing and manufacturing various styles of roll forming equipment and pneumatic presses. Located at 1700 Air Park Drive, the company developed a new bumper line for the auto industry and introduced a new light duty line. Tim was born on April 1, 1944 in Detroit. He and his wife Cynthia resided at 17999 North Shore Estates Road. He died on May 26, 2000 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Olaf Trueson Gylleck [1886-1967]**

Olaf and Dora Gylleck moved to Grand Haven from Dixon, Illinois in 1918. Olaf worked for the Challenge Machinery Company. He was an accomplished pressman and was hired as part of a team to develop the Lee Press, which then was manufactured by Challenge. After the special project was completed, Olaf remained with the company and became its service and advertising manager. He retired in the late 1950s. He had been a professional magician appearing in vaudeville acts in his early years. He learned the printing trade at that time to supplement his income. After joining Challenge, he continued performing by traveling to Printing House Craftsman Clubs around the country, giving a 20-minute technical talk about Challenge products followed by a 40-minute magic show. He continued to perform for clubs in West Michigan after his retirement from Challenge. An undated brochure announced, "Gylleck's presentation is a strictly refined and educational amusement, by a personable, polished performer. You will like it!" Olaf started an "Advertising Specialties" business in Grand Haven at 623 Washington, which later merged with the Ver Duin printing business. The combination became known as Gylleck-Ver Duin and then Ver Duin's, Inc. Dora worked at the *Grand Haven Tribune*, was in charge of the office at Ottawa Steel Products for six years and joined her husband and son-in-law in the family business, as well.

The Gyllecks resided at 1302 Washington and later at 509 Colfax. Their children, both born in Dixon, were Ruth Dora, who was born about 1908 and married Gerald Pellegrom of Grand Haven, and M. Fern, born on July 12, 1909. Fern married Claude Ver Duin of Grand Haven. Olaf was born in Copenhagen, Denmark on June 6, 1886 and died on April 21, 1967. On September 19, 1906 he married Dora Mae Scheer. She was born in Pana, Illinois on January 22, 1888 and passed away on May 15, 1976. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [private correspondence from Robert Ver Duin.]

#### **William Irwin [E.] Haddix [1854-1926]**

In late 1913 William Haddix, a farmer from Hudsonville, purchased from Dell Ward the Ashley Heights Resort in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township [17800 West Spring Lake Road]. The frame structure burned down on July 20, 1918. The hotel was not rebuilt, and the Haddix family was living in Georgetown Township in the 1920s. They later moved into a cottage on the Ashley Heights property. They lived there

until 1934, when Spring Lake Bank foreclosed on the mortgage of \$2,491.35, held by the estate of William Haddix. William, who was born in Ohio on June 5, 1854, became a barber in Spring Lake. He married Henrietta "Etta" Switzer [Schweitzer], also a native of Ohio, where she was born in September 1863. She was born about 1864. William died in Spring Lake on December 6, 1926 and was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Lake Odessa, Ionia County. Etta in 1940 was institutionalized in Kalamazoo State Hospital. She passed away in Spring Lake on December 19, 1941. They were buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Ionia County.

**William "Tex" Haeck [1911-2002]**

William Haeck, a medical doctor from Grand Rapids, owned a cottage in Stickney Ridge that succumbed to high water in Lake Michigan on April 23, 1974. The cottage was built in 1922 or 1923. His wife Winifred was born on February 25, 1911 and died in Grand Rapids on February 5, 2000. Tex lived from April 16, 1911 to January 11, 2002.

**Florence "Flo" Merrill Dillingham Hagadone [1905-2006] and Richard Evans Hagadone [1904-1967]**

Florence Merrill Dillingham married Richard Hagadone in Chicago on February 17, 1926. She was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey on March 5, 1905 and he was born in Chicago on July 2, 1904. The couple moved to Grand Haven, where Richard worked as an accountant for the Dake Engineer Company and later was promoted to office manager. They resided at 416 Ottawa Avenue. Richard died on May 13, 1967. Flo was an artist, an early member of Lakeland Painters [now Lakeland Artists], its first treasurer and later its president. She was a member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, the Spring Lake Country Club, and the First Presbyterian Church, and she organized and was the first president of the Toastmasters Club. Flo passed away on April 19, 2006. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Alice Hagadone [1929-2008], who married John Fixari of Homer Glen, Illinois, and James Hagadone, who was born on June 20, 1931 in Chicago and moved to Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Emil B. Hahn [1867- ?]**

For two years, 1905 to 1907, the Wiltshire Glove Company was based in the Grand Haven area. Emil Hahn was manager. He was born in Illinois in January 1867 and married Wilhelmina "Minnie" Holt in Chicago on July 13, 1895. She was born in Wisconsin in August 1875. In 1900 the couple was still residing in Chicago, where Emil was listed as a "glover." In Grand Haven, the couple lived at 217 Washington Street. Peerless Glove Company purchased Wiltshire in 1907. By 1910 they had moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where Emil continued in the glove business.

**Harry Haines [1880-1900]**

Born in Grand Haven on January 14, 1880, Harry was the son of Henry Haines. Harry died on June 24, 1900 from burns suffered a week earlier in a fire at his mother's store, Haines Ice Cream Parlor at 14 South Second Street. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 25, 1900.]

**Henry H. Haines I [1844-1899]**

Born in Philadelphia on June 4, 1844 and a resident of Grand Haven since about 1873, Henry Haines and his wife Elizabeth ran the Haines Ice Cream Parlor at 14 South Second Street, which they sold to William and Bess Rose around October 1905. Henry was the first in Grand Haven to use a machine for the production of ice cream. Prior to owning the ice cream shop, Henry was a house painter. Elizabeth was born in Pennsylvania in September 1855. She and Henry had several children, including Henry II, who was born on January 14, 1880 and died June 25, 1900, and Jessie D., who was born in January 1885 and died young. Elizabeth passed away in 1938. The Haines's residence in the 1880 and 1900 censuses was on Third Street. Henry died on July 18, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 19, and July 21, 1899.]

**John E. Haire [Hair, Hare, Haer] [1819-1901]**



As early as 1854 John Haire purchased acreage in Section 3 of Georgetown Township and by 1864 he owned additional land in Sections 2, 9, and 10 of the same township as well as 160 acres in Section 33 of Allendale Township. Known as a farmer and lumberman in that area, he started Haire's Landing on the south bank of Grand River in Section 3 of Georgetown Township in 1851. Five years later he constructed a steam sawmill. By 1864 the Landing, in addition to the sawmill, had a store, blacksmith shop, school, nine other buildings, and a cemetery. John, the son of William and Mary Jane Hanna Haire and the brother of Robert Haire, was born in Ireland on August 22, 1819. On December 9, 1843 in Caledonia, he married Anna Marie Naylor. She lived from 1822 to December 24, 1875. The couple and their family were residing in Georgetown at the time of the 1860 and 1870 Federal Censuses, where John was listed as farmer, tanner, merchant, and lumberman. Two years after Anna's death, John married Angelina [Angelica], [last name unknown] who was born in March 1852. By the time of the 1900 Federal Census, the couple was residing in Eden, Mason County. John passed away in Traverse City on September 10, 1901.

### **Robert Alexander Haire [1836-1915]**

Robert Haire was born in Bombay [Malone], Franklin County, New York on July 20, 1836. In 1841 he moved with his parents, William and Mary Jane Hanna Haire, to western New York and five years later to Michigan, where the family settled in or near Georgetown Township. Robert entered the lumbering business in Georgetown in 1852. On August 27, 1862 he enlisted in Company B of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry as second lieutenant and was promoted to captain in September 1864. Robert was wounded at the Battle of Trevilian Station, Virginia on June 12, 1864 and was discharged on July 3, 1865. After the war, he often was referred to as Captain Haire.

The next year, on January 12, Robert married Hannah M. Rogers in Kent County. Hannah was born on October 12, 1843 in Kent County. In 1867 Robert and Edward Cole of Blendon bought the Thomas White Mill on the Grand River, near the foot of Division Street in Spring Lake. They purchased Norton's Mill in Nortonville the same year. Robert was an original director of the Spring Lake Salt Company, founded in 1870. In 1871 Robert started another lumber mill, this one in partnership with William D. Tolford of Grand Rapids. They named the mill Haire & Tolford. Robert and his partner sold that mill to Cutler & Savidge in 1874.

Robert served in the Michigan House of Representatives for the 1872-73 term. In the Federal Censuses of 1860 and 1880 he was residing in Georgetown Township, but he may also have had a home in Spring Lake in the late 1860s and remained there into the 1870s. He was a member of the first board of directors of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, founded in 1867, and in 1877 he was elected president of Spring Lake Village. He was named director of the Herald Publishing Company in 1882. Hannah died on December 13, 1889 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. On October 16 four years later, Robert married Janet Bates Boyd in Traverse City. By 1900 the couple was residing in Grand Rapids. Robert was listed as a lumberman in the Federal Census of that year. Janet was born in September 1844 in Troy, New York, passed away in Belzoni, Missouri on December 10, 1905, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City. Robert died in Carson City, Nevada, on November 29, 1915 and was buried at Lone Mountain Cemetery in that city. John Haire was his brother.

### **Andrew Jackson Hale [1832-1913]**

Born in New York on February 27, 1832, Andrew Hale moved with his family to Wisconsin and then to Nortonville, east of Spring Lake, in 1865. He was engaged in the lumber business for several years and then took up farming in Crockery Township. He built barns and houses, as well as a chapel in Nortonville and a float bridge that spanned Deremo Bayou at 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He was a carpenter and also a self-taught veterinarian. Andrew attended the Baptist Church. He married Emily De Mary at Racine, Wisconsin on July 18, 1856. Emily was born in New York in 1841. Their children included George De Mary Hale, born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on March 16, 1864; Edith Hale [1867-1953] who married Arthur Stocking; Arthur Leonard Hale [1868-1939]; Julia Katulah Hale [1856-1930], who married William Chittenden; Mrs. L. Emerald; and Isabella Sarah Hale [1858-1931], who married John Q. Deremo. By the early 1890s, Andrew

and his wife were on 20 acres in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. Andrew died on September 19, 1913 and was buried with Emily at Spring Lake Cemetery. Emily lived from September 1840 to December 18, 1893. [*Tribune* obituary, October 2, 1913.]

#### **Arthur Leonard Hale [1868-1939]**

The son of Andrew Jackson and Emily De Mary Hale, Arthur was born in Nortonville on August 3, 1868. A farmer with 40 acres in Section 5 of Crockery Township, he died on January 31, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On May 6, 1891, he married Rosa [Rose] A. Moninger in Spring Lake. A native of Wisconsin, Rosa lived from May 18, 1872 to December 4, 1956. Their children, all born locally, were Edna Lucy Hale, born in March 1892; Lloyd [Loyde] Andrew Hale, born in September 1893; and George Albert Hale, born in August 1895.

#### **George DeMary Hale [1864-1908]**

Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on March 16, 1864, George came to Spring Lake in 1865 with his parents, Andrew Jackson and Emily De Mary Hale. By 1870 George's family had settled in Crockery Township, but by the early 1890s George owned a farm in Section 13 of Spring Lake Township. He was a member of the Grand Haven Lodge of North American Union and of the Maccabees. He died of consumption on April 15, 1908 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1897, he married Alice Baxter, who was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, lived from 1850 to 1935, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Alice had three daughters from an earlier marriage to a Mr. Somerset: Josie Hale, Myrtle Hale, and Elizabeth Hale. [*Tribune* obituary, April 15, 1908.]

#### **John Henry Hale [1899-1956]**

In the mid-1920s John Hale's barber's chair was located at Middag's Barber and Beauty Shoppe at 17 North Seventh Street. Benjamin Middag was the owner/manager. On February 8, 1922, John married Nora Viola [Vyola] Pauline Case in Wood, Wisconsin. She was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on July 29, 1901. They resided at 539 Jackson Street, later at 720 Fulton Street, and in 1936, 921 Slayton was their home address. By then, John had his own barber shop at 113 North Seventh Street before moving to 106 North Seventh. Viola passed away in Grand Haven on November 4, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John lived from February 20, 1899 to December 12, 1956 and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had at least one child, James Rodney Hale, who was born on April 3, 1922 and died while on active duty with the U.S. Air Force on February 17, 1945.

#### **Ray "Dad" Hale [1879-1946]**

A native of Allegan, where he was born on February 18, 1879, Ray Hale was player-manager of the Grand Haven Athletics baseball team beginning in 1913. He remained active in baseball all his life and pitched one season [1902] for the Boston Braves of the National League and the Baltimore Orioles of the American League. On October 4, 1905 he married Kathryn Van Leewen in Saugatuck. Kate lived from October 1, 1879 to April 8, 1966. Ray died on February 1, 1946. They were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan. Apparently they never resided in Grand Haven.

#### **Amanda Harwood Ferry Hall [1828-1917]**

See Amanda Harwood Ferry.

#### **Archie Nelson Hall I [1940-1996]**

Born in Muskegon on March 26, 1940, the son of Archibald F. and Eurice Nelson Hall, Archie graduated from Muskegon Community College and in 1964 from the University of Michigan. He operated Archie Hall and Associates, was an instructor at Muskegon Community College and Aquinas College, and set up the computer center at Oral Roberts University. He moved to Grand Haven in 1965. He was a member of Spring Lake Wesleyan Church, Right to Life Group, Promise keepers, Christian Businessmen's Association, and the Republican Task Force. He married Petra Carranza on March 12, 1976 in Grand

Haven. Their children included Pat, who married Ken Ver Duin of Grand Haven; Pamela of Norton Shores; Kris, who married Edon Mestrom of Grand Haven, Kara, who married Pat Mahoney of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Archie Nelson II, who was a minister in Lansing; Josh; and Ben. Archie died of cancer at his home on January 1, 1996 and was buried at Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens in Grand Haven Township. [*Tribune* obituary, January 2, 1996.]

#### **Francis Hall [1822-1913]**

Francis Hall was born in England in November 1822 [1819] and came to Spring Lake about 1863 from Detroit. He took up fruit culture on a 92-acre fruit farm bordering on Hammond's [Petty's] Bayou in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township. He was a member of the Odd Fellows. His wife, Mary E., who was born in Canada in April 1810 [1811/1812], died in 1911. They had no children. Francis sold his property to John Linn about 1900. Francis died at the age of 94 on March 30, 1913 at the home of Charles Hyde of Spring Lake, where he was boarding. Francis and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 31, 1913.]

#### **James Hall [1850-1886]**

James Hall was born in England in 1850. He married Sabra Lyon in Jackson County on August 16, 1873. She was born in Lakeville, New York in 1855. They had at least one son, Jay Gould Hall, who was born in Grand Haven on July 9, 1884. James died in Grand Haven in 1886 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On May 5, 1888, Sabra married Edwin Herbert Poole in Grand Haven. She died on November 25, 1919 in Los Angeles, California.

#### **James Hall [1851-1932]**

James Hall, born in England in 1851, was manager of the local Western Union Telegraph office in 1877. He died on March 24, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Nettie, who lived from 1878 to 1928.

#### **Jay Gould Hall [1884- ?]**

Jay Gould Hall was born in Grand Haven on July 9, 1884 [1883]. He was the son of James and Sabra Lyon Hall. On February 27, 1905, Jay married Helen Luella Humphrey of Muskegon. Helen was born on December 3, 1884 in Beaver, South Dakota and died on September 4, 1956 in Houston, Texas. The couple was divorced in Houston in 1915. In 1920, Jay was single and working Paradise, Oregon as a farmer. A daughter, Helen Sherrill Hall Ellis, died on September 23, 1980 in Midland, Texas.

#### **John Rumbold Hall [1819-1891]**

John Hall settled in Blendon Township in 1851 and was elected the first township clerk, a post he held between 1855 and 1856. He was born in Dorset, England on November 12, 1819 and immigrated to Chenango County, New York when he was 17, where he remained until his move to Ottawa County. On September 22, 1844 he married Maria [Mariah] Fairchild, who was born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York on October 9, 1817. They owned an 80-acre farm in Section 24 of Blendon Township. While living in Blendon, John joined Company B of the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry on October 11, 1862. He was mustered out on July 28, 1863 with the rank of private. The Halls had two children: Jesse Philip Rexford [Reynolds] Hall, who was born February 16, 1847 and served as township supervisor from 1876 to 1881, and Julia, who was born March 2, 1852 and married Levant Sears. Jesse married Charlotte Abbott on November 18, 1866 in Grandville. She was born in Grandville on March 6, 1848. John died in San Diego, California on March 28, 1891 and was buried at El Cajon Cemetery. Maria passed away on January 20, 1889 in San Diego and was buried near him.

#### **Lyman Hall [1809-1877]**

Lyman Hall, who was born in Shelburne, Vermont in 1809, later in life moved to Muir in Ionia County, where he passed away on November 27, 1877. His wife, Lucinda Saxton, who lived from April 7, 1811 to

May 11, 1863, was born and died at Shelburne. Lyman and Lucinda were the parents of Lucinda Saxton Hall, who was born on July 17, 1843 and married Charles Edward Soule of Grand Haven on September 16, 1867.

#### **Timothy Hall [1813-1883]**

On April 8, 1872, Timothy Hall became the third president of Spring Lake Village and served a one-year term. Prior to that he was a trustee of the Spring Lake School District. Timothy was born in New Hampshire [Wisconsin] in 1813 in Sullivan, Tennessee. On August 28, 1836, he married Polly Dake. She was born on November 4, 1809 in Windsor, Vermont. Timothy raised fruit in Spring Lake Township. Polly died on April 1, 1882, and Timothy passed away on March 23, 1883. They were living in Hartford, Wisconsin at the time of their deaths. They moved there shortly after the Federal Census of 1880.

#### **Winfield Scott Hall [1861-1942]**

Winfield, the son of Albert Nelson and Sarah Adelia Foote Hall, was born in Batavia, Illinois, on January 5, 1861. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree a year after graduating from Northwestern University in 1887. He then attended Leipzig University, where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree. He taught at Haverford College in Pennsylvania from 1889 to 1893, returned to Leipzig, and then became Professor of Physiology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he remained for the rest of his professional life. Winfield authored numerous books on such subjects as physiology, anatomy, sex education, and marriage. On October 11, 1888, in Juniata, Nebraska he married Jeanette [Janette] Winter. Their children were Ethel, born in 1893; Albert Winter, born in Switzerland in 1895; Raymond Ludwig, born in 1897; and Muriel, born in 1903. The Halls resided in Berwyn, Illinois, but in 1900 purchased acreage on the south side of Stearns Bayou in Section 6 of Robinson Township as a vacation spot. By 1912 they owned over 132 acres in the area in three separate parcels. On this bayou property they built Wynnewood [13715 Johnson] as a place to spend their summers. After Winfield's death in 1942, son Albert and his wife, Reba, took over the property. When Dr. Albert Hall died in 1991 his son Winfield and his wife, Carol, assumed ownership of the property and constructed a new home at 13711 Johnson. A daughter Jeanette, who married Herbert Garber, occupied the original cottage.

#### **Winfield Scott Hall [1934-2005]**

Born Berwyn, Illinois on October 17, 1934, Winfield was the son of Albert and Reba Hall. Winfield and his wife, Carol Vokral, came to Grand Haven in 1997 and built a home on property that had been in the Hall family since 1901. They were married in Berwyn, Illinois on July 8, 1972. Winfield died on February 18, 2005. Carol, who was born in Chicago on January 1, 1933, worked as a dietician for 38 years in VA medical centers in Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago. For 22 years she was associated with the VA Hospital in Maywood, Illinois, where she was director of Nutrition and Food Services. She died in Grand Haven on September 8, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, September 11, 1932.]

#### **Howard Lee Halverson [1926-2003]**

Howard was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 14, 1926, the son of Etta and Harry Halverson. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Roosevelt College in Chicago, Howard joined the Naval Air Corps in 1943 and was trained as a pilot. After the war he married Norma Veenstra on October 1, 1948. Their children were Kathy, Mark, and Krag. Howard worked for the Morton Salt Company in Chicago and the Marathon Paper Company of Menasha, Wisconsin, before moving to Grand Haven, where he was Purchasing Agent for Bastian Blessing. From about 1971 to 1988 he ran his own excavating and septic system company in Grand Haven. His company, called Spinners Septic Tank Service, later became Kendall Septic Service and was located at 12841 Lincoln in Grand Haven Township. He also was manager of Christian Haven Home. The Halverson family resided at 1909 Pine Court and attended the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven. Howard was active with the local boy scouts and organized Troop 28. The Halversons retired to the Upper Peninsula in 1989. Howard died on November 24, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, November 26, 2003.]

### **Jens Jergen Halvorsen [1852-1907]**

Jens Halvorsen became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Norway. His wife, Amalia [Amelia] Bjorguften [Borgenson], was raised as a Lutheran, but she, too, joined the Adventist Church. They immigrated to Chicago in July 1887 and moved to Robinson Township. There they helped form a Seventh-day Adventist Church in May 1907, and Jens was named an Elder. The Halvorsens owned a 100-acre farm in Section 6 of Robinson Township. Jens, who was born in Norway on December 3, 1852, died on June 29, 1907, several days after falling from a scaffold and breaking his back while on a job in Saugatuck. He was buried at Robinson Cemetery. Amalia was born in Kroger, Norway on September 8 or 9, 1859. They were married in Norway on November 8, 1881. Their children were Martin, born in Norway on June 9, 1886; Thallie K., a daughter, born in Chicago, Illinois on November 7, 1888; Harturg [Hartwig] Johannes, who was born in Chicago on November 24, 1890 and died in 1982; George, born in Chicago on September 19, 1893; and Daniel, born locally on February 26, 1897. After Jens's death, Amalia moved her family to Berrien Springs, Berrien County.

### **Caslin [Carlin] Hamilton [1838-1881]**

Born in Quebec, Canada in 1838, Caslin Hamilton arrived in Crockery Township in 1862. On November 3, 1868 he married Mary Dickinson in Wright Township. Mary was born in January 1843 in New York. Their son, George, was born in Michigan around December 1869, and a daughter, Carrie M., was born in June 1872. Carrie became a nurse and in the early 1900s resided at 319 South Fifth Street in Grand Haven. Two other Hamilton children were Helen "Nellie," born in June 1873, and Charles N., born about 1876. In 1870 and 1880 Caslin was listed as a carpenter living in Nunica with his wife and son George. He later became an agent for the Detroit and Muskegon Railroad Company. Prior to that, on February 27, 1865 he went to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company G of the Michigan 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry as private. He was mustered out on November 11 the same year. He and Mary moved to Potawatomie, Iowa, where Caslin died about 1881. Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension on September 8, 1890.

### **George Hamilton [1838- ?]**

George Hamilton, an African American, enlisted in the 102<sup>nd</sup> United States Colored Infantry in Grand Haven on December 28, 1863. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana about 1838. George's military records noted that he deserted from Camp Ward [probably Fort Ward in Virginia] on March 26, 1864. A George Hamilton of the right age was living in Louisiana at the time of the 1880 census, but there is no proof the two are the same person.

### **Frank T. Hammond [1883-1936]**

The son of Thomas and Cora Hammond, Frank was born in Spring Lake on March 25, 1883. He was a mail carrier in rural Spring Lake for 30 years. He married Grace Bunker Anderson, in 1934. She was the widow of Reuben [Ruben] Anderson [1895-1930]. Frank played alto horn for the Grand Haven band on the riverboat that went to Lamont on weekends. He died in 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **George H. Hammond [1844-1920]**

George Hammond rented boats and fishing tackle in Spring Lake. Born on July 1, 1844 in Spring Lake, George was the son of William and Lucy Houghton Hammond of Spring Lake. George's wife, Caroline Hammond, the daughter of William Shirley Hammond, was born in Michigan on October 26, 1846. They were married in Spring Lake on November 1, 1868. Their children, all born locally, were: William S., who was born on May 13, 1870, married Lulu Swartz on May 20, 1891, died on May 10, 1946, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; George E., who was born on April 29, 1874 and served with Company F in the Spanish-American War; Charles E., born about 1876; Luella M., born about 1878; John, born in June 1885; and a daughter, Carrie, born in June 1887. George the son married Dora Christopher in Grand Haven on October 30, 1895. Dora was born in Denmark in 1877. John married Elsie, the daughter of Henry and

Henrietta Stap Abbinga of Grand Haven. George died on March 6, 1920, and Caroline passed away in Spring Lake on February 23, 1924.

**Shirley Hammond [1822- 1872]**

See William Shirley Hammond.

**Thomas Hammond [1851-1928]**

Born in Canada in March 1851, Thomas Hammond came to Spring Lake in 1878 and worked in the mills. Although he lived in the Village, he had a fruit farm on 144<sup>th</sup> Street in Spring Lake Township. Thomas was highway commissioner in the early 1900s and village president in 1916 and 1917. He led the group of men who tore up the Interurban tracks one night in order to hurry the paving of Savidge. Thomas served as a substitute rural mail carrier; was on the Board of Education and the Village Council, and he was truant officer.

On July 5, 1880 in Grand Rapids, Thomas married Cora Chittenden. Born in 1861 in Spoonville, she was the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Chittenden. They had two sons, Frank T. Hammond, born on March 25, 1883, and William Albert Hammond, born on November 28, 1889, and a daughter, May A. Hammond, born in November 1884. Cora died in Spring Lake on July 3, 1895. Thomas married Frances Bangle in Muskegon on October 7, 1899. A resident of Grand Rapids, Frances was born in Michigan and lived from September 1873 [1869] to 1954. She had two children from her first marriage to Albert Erhart [1866-1903]: Iva Erhart, born in June 1887, and Ethel Erhart, born in September 1889. Iva and Ethel resided with their mother and stepfather in Spring Lake in 1900. Frances and Thomas had one daughter, Maude Hammomd, who was born April 12, 1904 and married Edward Hessmer. They resided in the family home at 210 East Exchange in Spring Lake, a structure that was built prior to 1900. She died in Spring Lake on July 5, 1980 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. At one time Thomas owned part of the Spring Lake Country Club property, and he donated the land for Spring Lake Cemetery. Thomas died in 1928. [*Tribune* article, "Wm. Hammond Is Postmaster," August 4, 1939.]

**William Albert Hammond [1889-1953]**

Born in Spring Lake on November 28, 1889, William was the son of Thomas and Cora Hammond. William was a bricklayer and a veteran of World War I. He served as councilman for five years prior to becoming village president from 1933 to 1938. During his terms a new Village Hall was erected, a sewage disposal plant was built, many unpaved streets were blacktopped, Savidge Street was repaved, and lights were installed along Savidge Street in the downtown area. Like his father, who was a substitute rural mail carrier for 14 years, William worked for the post office and became Spring Lake postmaster in March 1940, a post he held for 13 years. William, who died in 1953, resided in the family home at 210 East Exchange. [*Tribune* article, "Wm. Hammond Is postmaster," August 4, 1939.]

**William Shirley Hammond [1822-1872]**

Shirley Hammond and his wife Lucy Houghton settled on a farm in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township as early as 1840. Lucy lived for a while in Grand Rapids and then with the Kanouse family at Battle Point prior to her marriage to Shirley on July 26, 1840. They were married at the residence of Captain Harry Miller in Section 10 of Polkton Township [7851 Leonard Road]. By 1870 Shirley, a hotel keeper, had moved to the Village of Spring Lake. Born in England on August 15, 1822, Shirley was killed by a locomotive on August 18, 1872 and buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lucy ran the business after her husband's death. Lucy was born in Pennsylvania in 1822 and died in Spring Lake on October 21, 1896. Among their children, all natives of Michigan, were George, born in November 1842; Charles, born about 1844; William, born about 1846; Caroline, who was born on October 26, 1846 and married George Hammond of Spring Lake; and Harriet, who was born in August 1863 and married William Welch of Spring Lake. Charles advertised himself as a paper hanger and decorator. Hammond Street was named for this family, and Petty's Bayou was at one time called Hammond's Bayou.

### **George W. Hance [1874-1944]**

Around 1900 George Hance owned a photography studio in Grand Haven. He was born in Michigan in May 1874. On November 1, 1899 in Olivet, Eaton County, he married Lillian [Lila/Leila] May Ives [Iver]. Also a native of Michigan, she was born in April 1871. They had a son, Kenneth G., who was born in California around 1904, and a daughter, Mary E., who was born in the same state about 1907. In 1910 the family lived in Detroit, where they remained until at least 1930. George died in Olivet, Eaton County in 1944 and was buried at Olivet City Cemetery. Lila had passed away in 1930 and was buried at the same cemetery.

### **Betsy [Betsey] Jenison Hanchett [1825-1901]**

The sister of Lucius and Luman Jenison, Betsy was the last member of the well-known Jenison family, pioneers of Ottawa County, where she settled in 1835. Her husband, Benjamin Samuel Hanchett, lived from 1822 to 1903, and was listed in the 1870 census for Kent County and in the 1863 *Business Directory* as a tailor and merchant in Grandville. Their son, Benjamin Sawtell Hanchett, was noted as the young “electric road man” of Grand Rapids. Young Benjamin was born in Grand Rapids on October 1, 1869 and died on February 2, 1933 in his hometown. He was the first president of the Grand Rapids, Holland, and Lake Michigan Interurban, formed in 1901. Benjamin the father was buried with Betsy at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County. Betsy, who was born in Connecticut in 1825, died in Grand Rapids on March 11, 1901. [*Tribune* obituary, March 12, 1901.]

### **John Palmer Hanchett [1820-1907]**

On November 8, 1870 John Hanchett was named the first postmaster of West Olive, the same year the town was platted. Born in Oswego, New York on June 18, 1820, he married Lucy Cole on December 24, 1868 in Allegan. She was born in New York in June 1838. By 1880 they had moved to Sacramento, California, where John passed away on January 17, 1907, and Lucy died on January 2, 1916. They were buried at Union Cemetery in Roseville, California. Their daughter Edith was born in California on May 3, 1878.

### **James Garner Hancock [1859-1941]**

James, the son of George and Joan Howard Hancock, was born in New York State in October 1856 and moved to Spring Lake with his parents around 1865. He worked at George Hancock & Son Wholesale Florists, owned by his father. For three years he was vice president of the Society of American Florists and a charter member of the American Carnation Society. James married Minnie L. [Belle] Franks, sister of James Franks. Minnie was born in Michigan in January 1859. The Hancocks' children included Frances B., born in August 1888; Fannie B. H., born in July 1890; and Miriam, born in February 1893. James Hancock was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as “gardener, florist.” He died in Dade County, Florida in 1941. Minnie died ten years later. Both were buried at Miami City Cemetery.

### **John B. Hancock [1849-1881]**

Born in England on April 5, 1849, John moved with his parents, George and Joan Howard Hancock, to Corning, New York. In about 1865 his parents came to Spring Lake, where his father had an interest in the Hopkins Sawmill. John worked in the mill, attended high school in Grand Rapids, and spent one year at the Michigan Agricultural College [MSU]. He took classes at Grand Rapids Business College, returned to Spring Lake, and was employed by Aloys Bilz as a bookkeeper and manager of the hardware store. He worked for the sawmill at Nortonville, which became White & Friant's, and then worked for Haire, Savidge, & Cutler as bookkeeper and foreman of the shipping department. When Robert Haire sold his interest to Savidge and Cutler, John became a partner in the business. In 1876 he was named secretary of the company. He was a Republican and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He attended the Baptist Church.

On October 20, 1875 John married Ruth M., daughter of Rev. Hiram and Hannah Beckwith of Spring Lake. Ruth was born about 1850 in New Hampshire. The Hancocks' son Theodore died at Gladstone,

Delta County on January 9, 1900. A daughter, Elizabeth B., was born about 1879 in Grand Haven. John died on March 19, 1881 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1890 Ruth married Thomas A. Parish of Ferrysburg. [*Tribune* article, January 9, 1900.]

### **Leslie Edwin Hanna [1897-1977]**

Born on June 23, 1897 in Buffalo, New York, Leslie Hanna by 1910 was living in Spring Lake with his parents, James and Regina Hanna. On December 1, 1922 Les married Dorothy Vanderkolk in Muskegon. The daughter of Lambert John and Ella [Ellen] Burley Vanderkolk, Dorothy was born in 1897. In 1930, the couple was living on Pine Street in Ferrysburg with their two children: Kathleen Hanna, born about 1924, and James Theodore Hanna, born on September 24, 1926. Also living with them was his mother-in-law, Ella Vanderkolk, now widowed. Les was employed by the Grand Haven Light and Power Company as a “meter tester” throughout his career. In 1950 the family was living on North Beach Road in Ferrysburg. Les passed away on June 26, 1977 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Dorothy died five years later and was buried at the same cemetery.

### **Frederick Melza Hannum [Hannen] [1843-1919]**

At his funeral on June 4, 1919, Fred M. Hannum was remembered by many friends as a “good old citizen, whose obliging ways endeared him to all.” Fred was born in Southampton, Massachusetts on March 16, 1843. On September 3, 1862 he enlisted as private in Company D of the Massachusetts 37<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was mustered out on June 21, 1865. After the war he moved west where he met and married Sarah Elizabeth Mason in Chicago on August 8, 1872. In 1902 the couple established themselves at Clarks Corners in Robinson Township, where 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersects Green Street. Fred carried the Rural Route 3 mail, and Sarah Eizabeth ran the small family-owned Hannum General Store and owned 43 acres in Section 7. When his wife died in 1912 at the age of 58, Fred assumed duties at the shop. They were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. [From an article by Marjorie Viveen.]

### **Isaac N. Hannum [Hannon, Hannan, Harmon] [1832-1897]**

Born in Ashland County, Ohio, on May 24, 1832, Isaac Hannum moved to Ditney Hill, Indiana, where he enlisted in Company K of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry as private on February 7, 1865. He was mustered out on June 12 the same year. He then located on a 40-acre farm in Section 2 of Robinson Township. He died in the township on August 14, 1897. Isaac never married.

### **David Hanrahan [1846-1911]**

In the 1893 *Compendium* David Hanrahan was listed as an engineer, working with a railroad company. Earlier he been a fireman with the same company. He was born in May 1846 [1848] in Ireland and died in 1911. His wife, Catherine [Katherine] Shay, also a native of Ireland, was born on April 16, 1844 [1846/1850] and died in Grand Haven on February 7, 1935. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Michael, born in 1871; William A., who was born on July 15, 1873; Annie, born in May 1875 [1876]; John; and David, who lived from 1878 to 1907. Michael, David, and John moved to Grand Rapids. In 1880 the Hanrahans resided on Howard Street, but by the early 1900s they had moved to 309 North Second.

### **William Albert Hanrahan [1873-1933]**

Born in Grand Haven on July 15, 1873, William was the son of David and Catherine Shay Hanrahan. William Hanrahan was a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention when the state repudiated the 18<sup>th</sup> amendment [Prohibition]. He was a member of the Harbor Commission and the Duncan Park Board, and he was one of the organizers and secretary and treasurer of the Lorraine Manufacturing & Importing Company in Grand Haven, founded in 1915. He sailed for 17 years as purser with the Crosby transportation line and was on the *Naomi* when it was destroyed by fire in mid-lake on May 21, 1907. William represented Grand Rapids Brewing Company, and he bought Edward Smith’s Saloon, located at 7



Washington, which he ran for seven years as the Silver Foam Beer Warehouse. He was a Democrat, a member of the Elks, and active with the Masons.

William married Marjorie Liscoe on June 26, 1907 in Muskegon. They lived at 403 Howard Street in Grand Haven. Marjorie, born in 1893, was the daughter of Charles [1857-1913] and Mary Smith Liscoe. Mary was born on June 1, 1858 and passed away on July 14, 1944 in Los Angeles.

William and Marjorie were divorced in 1910. At the divorce proceedings, William announced the cause was "too much mother-in-law." [*Tribune* article, November 8, 1910.] Marjorie died October 9, 1920 and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Los Angeles County, California, where her mother was later interred. About 1915 William married Eleanor "Nellie" Fons, who died on April 10, 1977 at age 83. He and Nellie had no children. William died at his home at 119 Sherman Street on May 14, 1933 from angina pectoris and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 9, 1911, May 15, 1933, and February 8, 1935.]

### **Detleff Hendrich Hansen [1838-1910]**

Born in Germany on April 30, 1838, Detleff Hansen came to Grand Haven about 1870 and was associated with James Barnes in the furniture and undertaking business for about 19 years. Later he went into business for himself, and for a number of years he operated a furniture and undertaking establishment in his building at the corner of Third and Columbus Streets. He married Johanna Jensen in 1868, the same year they immigrated to the United States. They had several children, including Julius Hansen; Emil H. Hansen, who was born in Prussia on June 4, 1869; Adele [Adelia] Hansen, who was born about 1876; and Albert C. Hansen, who was born on April 22, 1877 and passed away in Eastmanville on April 28, 1932. Johanna lived from August 12, 1843 to April 4, 1918. Detleff died at his home, 103 Third Street, on April 9, 1910. They both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 9, 1910.]

### **Emil Hendrich Hansen [1869-1944]**

Emil Hansen owned a barbershop at 28-32 Washington, although in the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as a tinsmith. He called his place "Gossip Hall." He continued as a barber into the 1930s. On May 26, 1898 he married Catherine Dornell in Grand Haven. Catherine was born in Michigan on January 22, 1875. In the early 1900s the couple lived at 312 Clinton and later at 408 Lafayette. Their children were Marian A., born in Grand Haven in March 1899; Frances, born about 1906; Catherine, who was born in 1908; Dorothy, born about 1910; and Detleff, born in 1911. By 1930 the family resided at 408 Lafayette. Emil was born in Prussia on June 4, 1869 and came to the United States when he was two. He died on February 7, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Catherine passed away on December 15, 1957 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest.

### **Harold T. "Gus" Hansen [1904-1985]**

Harold Hansen was born in Manistee on February 12, 1904. His parents were Anders and Ann Larson Hansen. On June 29, 1926, Harold married Florence Katherine Demmon in Grand Rapids. Born on April 2, 1905, she was the daughter of Elwood and Blanche Voorhees Demmon. After retirement, Harold and Florence resided at 122 Prospect Street in Grand Haven and owned a cottage nearby at 9 Grandview Avenue that they named Gutty-Sark. Florence's parents owned a cottage at 6 Grandview named Bonheur, later owned by her aunt, Olivia Demmon Bryant. Harold died on December 14, 1985 in Grand Haven, and Florence passed away on January 26 the following year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a son, David, who resided in Ohio, but retained ownership of Gutty-Sark. David more recently lived at 15502 Coleman in Grand Haven Township.

### **Burton Sorenburg Hanson I [1883-1983]**

Born in Chicago on August 17, 1883, Burton was the son of Hans Olaf and Marie Asserson Hanson. Hans was born in Trondheim, Norway in 1847 and came to Chicago as a cabinetmaker. He died on March 27, 1924. Marie was born in Stavanger, Norway in 1847 and immigrated to New York to assist her uncle,

Admiral Arthur Asserson. She died on December 23, 1940. Burton was the third of four children. He joined Challenge Machinery Company in Chicago in 1898 as an office and errand boy and moved with the company when it relocated to Grand Haven in 1903. Burton retired in 1951 after 50 years of service with the company, ending as director and secretary of the firm. He began subscribing to the *Grand Haven Tribune* in 1904 and continued it the rest of his life, including having the paper mailed to him in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1953 and to Garden Grove, California in 1963. He was the longest continuous *Tribune* subscriber at the time. Burton was noted for hitting a hole-in-one on the eighth hole at Spring Lake Country Club on August 18, 1935. He was a life member of the Shriners, Elks, Modern Woodman, Masons, Order of Eastern Star, Rotary International, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Exchange Club, Community Club, National Association of Printing Machinery Manufacturers, and War Production Board's Industry Advisory Committee.

On October 14, 1903, in Spring Lake, Burton married Ruth Mae, daughter of Phillip Emanuel and Fannie Ott Watkins, formerly of Chicago. Phillip Emanuel also was employed at Challenge Machinery and had relocated from Chicago to Grand Haven. The Hansons lived at 1214 Franklin in the early 1900s and later at 1302 Fulton Street. They had five children, all born in Michigan: Fanny Marie, who was born on June 1, 1904 and married Louis Ellingson of Grand Haven; Ruby Eleanor, who was born about 1906, became assistant superintendent at the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in St. Louis and married Russell Chadwick of Spokane, Washington; Burton II, who was born about 1908, graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1930, married Mary Margaret Gillen, had a daughter, Fair Elizabeth, and held the rank of Rear Admiral when he died in 1959; Dorothy Mae, who was born May 2, 1910 and married John C. Zuidema of Spring Lake; and Lester Olaf, who was born about 1914 and moved to Pasadena, California with his wife Bettina and their three children. Ruth Hanson died in 1963, and her husband died at Pacific Haven Convalescent Home in Garden Grove, California on September 19, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, September 19, 1983 and biographical sketch, *Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941.]

### **Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Harbeck [1870-1941]**

Frank was born in Grand Haven on November 28, 1870, the son of Casper and Maria Harbeck. Frank graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1888 and after completing a course at a business college in Chicago, he went to work for the Challenge Refrigerator Company on Seventh Street [Beacon Boulevard]. During WWI he served with the YMCA in France. He was secretary and treasurer at Challenge until his retirement in 1928. At the time of his death, he was director of the Grand Haven State Bank and a member and patron of the Tuesday Musicale, Spring Lake Country Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church. Frank was organist at St. John's for many years. He was considered artistic and with his keen sense of interior decorating was asked to oversee the decorating of the Masonic Temple and to assist with decorating City Hall, Elks Club, and Spring Lake Country Club. He never married and lived many years with his sister Minnie at the family homestead, 520 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Frank died from a heart attack on June 9, 1941 at his home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 21, 1906, February 4, 1935, and June 9, 1941.]

### **Casper Harbeck [1822-1877]**

Casper Harbeck was born in Germany on June 1 [July 3], 1822 and died in Grand Haven on July 4, 1877. His parents were Hans and Catherina Harbeck. Casper was an early settler in Northwest Ottawa County. He married Maria "Mary" Mueller, who was born in Prussia in June 1827 and died on December 21, 1906. He and Mary left their native Bramstedt, Germany and came to the United States in 1851, settling first in Milwaukee and then becoming residents of Muir, the railroad town across the channel at the foot of Dewey Hill, then considered part of Ferrysburg. He was living and working there as a cooper in 1860. It was there that their oldest son, Herman [harmon], was born on November 28, 1857. Their other children were Minnie, born in Detroit on July 19, 1853; Hannah, born about December 1859; William Ferdinand, who

was born February 3, 1867; and Benjamin Franklin, born on May 28, 1870. The Harbecks were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Note: A passport application cited Denmark as Casper's country of birth.]

### **Eugene Orr Harbeck I [1899-1986]**

Born January 12, 1899 in Grand Haven, the son of William and Mary Harbeck, Eugene attended Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He worked at Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company and later was Purchasing Agent for Eagle Ottawa Leather from 1929 until his retirement in 1962. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Grand Haven Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Country Club, Masons, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

On September 10, 1924 Eugene married Olive Hatton in Grand Haven. Olive, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Seaman Hatton, was born in Bayshore, Long Island, New York on June 22, 1900. Olive received her bachelor degree from Wellesley College in Massachusetts. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, served on the Grand Haven Public Library Board, was active in the Grand Haven Woman's Club and had served as its president, and was a major contributor to the refurbishing of Hatton Park.

The Harbecks resided at 547 Slayton. Their children included Mary Elizabeth, who was born about June 1929 and married Richard Swain of St. Charles, Illinois; Eugene II, who was born on February 14, 1927; and Richard Hatton Harbeck, who was born on November 29, 1932 and moved to Birmingham, Oakland County. Eugene I died at a local nursing home on August 2, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Olive passed away in Grand Haven on April 21, 1997. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 4, 1986 and April 25, 1997, and personal profile submitted to the *Tribune* by Eugene Orr Harbeck I.]

### **Eugene Orr Harbeck II [1927-1992]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 14, 1927, Eugene was the son of Eugene and Olive Hatton Harbeck. The young Harbeck graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to that he received a high school diploma from Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills and a bachelor degree from Princeton University, *magna cum laude*. He served in the U.S. Navy as Hospital Apprentice, Second Class. On September 1, 1958 he became president of Michigan Brass Company. He first entered the company as a cost accountant in July 1951. Later he became Trust Officer for Security First Bank and Trust [Old Kent Bank/Fifth Third]. Harbeck was appointed a trustee of the Loutit Foundation and was named president of the Plumbing Brass Institute in 1966. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Spring Lake Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce, and he was a director of the Rotary Club and the Committee for Economic Development.

On December 20, 1950 Eugene married Sarah "Sally" Louise Page in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she then lived. They had five children: Elizabeth Page Harbeck Voshel, Peter Allen Harbeck, William Hatton Harbeck, Thomas Page Harbeck, and John Drury Harbeck. Sally was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 19, 1929, the daughter of Clifton O. and Dorcas I. Allen Page. She graduated with honors from Vassar College in 1950, with a bachelor degree in English. Sally was president of the Grand Haven Woman's Club and Tri-Cities Area League of Voters. She was a charter member of Central Park Players, and a member of Ottawa Shores Humane Society Board of Directors, Grand Haven Planning Commission, Grand Haven Housing Advisory Appeals Board, Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and Holland Kennel Club. She was co-chair of a committee that raised funds for Grand Haven's first emergency rescue truck. Sally was an active member of the Episcopal Church. Their daughter Elizabeth "Betsy" Harbeck, born in October 1951, married Geoffrey Allan Voshel, who was born in Grand Haven on September 3, 1948. The Harbeck family resided at 1706 Gladys Avenue in Grand Haven. Eugene died on May 5, 1992 and Sally on December 14, 2004. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Harbeck Heads Michigan Brass," August 30, 1958, and "Michigan Brass Pres. Will Join Bank Here," May 1967, and obituary, December 16, 2004.]

### **Herman F. Harbeck [1857-1930]**

Born on November 28, 1857 in the town of Muir, across the river from the foot of Washington Street, Herman was the son of Casper and Maria Mueller Harbeck. At the age of 18 Herman began teaching at Rosy Mound School and shortly thereafter started to work for the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, becoming secretary in 1881 after James Hancock's premature death. In 1898, when the lumber business ceased to thrive, Herman went to work for Challenge Corn Planter Company in Grand Haven, which later became Challenge Refrigerator Company. In the early 1900s Herman was named president of that company. Herman served as president of Spring Lake Village in 1886 and he was elected mayor of Grand Haven in 1904 and 1905. He was a member of the Board of Trade and later director of the Chamber of Commerce; director of the Grand Haven State Bank and Spring Lake State Bank; and director and secretary of the Grand Rapids Varnish Company. Herman was a Republican and a delegate to the Republican National Committee that nominated Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency. He became captain of the Yates Light Infantry [Company F], when Captain Mower resigned. He was a member of the Masons, the Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, the Voyagers of Detroit, and the Spring Lake Country Club.

On February 8, 1882 in Grand Haven, Herman married Mabel, the daughter of William Ruel and Mary Pratt Boynton of Grand Haven. Mary was born in December 1858. The Harbecks lived at 603 [608] Lafayette. They had a daughter Bernice, who was born in August 1887 and later moved to Spring Lake, and two adopted daughters: Abigail Weldon, who was born in Chicago on October 6, 1883 and married Martin [Mortimer] Bos of Grand Haven, and Ruth Weldon, who was born in Chicago in July 1887 and married Maurice C. Shannon of Gadsden, Alabama. Abigail's and Ruth's father, William Weldon, a medical doctor died about 1891. Herman passed away on October 17, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mabel died two years later on July 2 and was buried in the Boynton plot at the same cemetery. Bernice passed away about February 16, 1943 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, October 17, 1930.]

### **Jervis [Jarvis] Ralph Harbeck [1878-1939]**

Jervis, the son of Eugene and Emma Gray Wattles Harbeck, was born in Battle Creek, Calhoun County on March 26, 1878. His parents both were born in New York about 1850. Emma died in 1954 at the age of 105. Jervis attended the University of Chicago, where he studied architecture. He married Marjorie Ewing in Chicago on June 29, 1903. Marjorie was born in Illinois on May 7, 1881. She was the daughter of Adlai and Letitia "Kate" Ewing, also of Illinois, who maintained a summer home on Spring Lake called Glenewing. It was located in the Belle Point area at the northwest corner of Spring Lake, just north of Cornelius Bayou, not far from Jervis's property. Jervis started his career in the mining business in Colorado. By 1903 he was Mechanical superintendent and treasurer of the Kemiweld Can Company in Detroit. Two years later he was general manager of Kemiweld. He also was director and treasurer of the Cresson Consolidated Mining and Milling Company in Cripple Creek, Colorado, a member of the Chicago Architectural Club, and the Detroit Boat Club. Jervis patented the "American Adding Machine" on August 27, 1912 in Chicago. In 1917 he was president of the Loew-Victor Engine Company in Chicago, and a year after that he was residing in New York City as president of American Can Company.

In the early 1900s Jervis hired Louis Sullivan [1856-1924] to design a summer home, which he built on the northwestern shore of Spring Lake [3123 Judson Road]. Frank Lloyd Wright was one of Sullivan's more famous students. An avid speedboat racer, Jervis around 1916 suffered a boating accident on Spring Lake in which a passenger was killed. Jervis and Marjorie had at least three children, all born in New York. The eldest was Catherine E., who was born in Michigan on November 18, 1905 and married Marion Moore. Marion was born in Nebraska in 1903. Catherine and Marion resided at 538 Lafayette in Grand Haven, where she died on December 28, 1973. A son, Adlai Ewing Harbeck, was born in New York on May 1, 1908, became a book illustrator, and died in Far Rockaway, New York in June 1981. Marjorie died in Grand Haven on April 16, 1911. On June 5 the next year, Jervis married Marjorie's sister Annette in Chicago. Their daughter Janeth [Janet/Annette], was born on April 5, 1915. Annette lived from November

3, 1882 to July 30, 1916. On August 9, 1917, Jervis married Dorothy Dodge in Greenwich, Connecticut. Living with them were his children from his first marriage and Janet.Dorothy, who had been previously married, was born in Connecticut on May 10, 1891. She passed away in New Jersey on September 25, 1986. In 1930 Jervis was in the banking business. He died in 1939 in New York City.

#### **Minnie Harbeck [1853-1935]**

Minnie was born in Detroit, July 19, 1853 and came to Grand Haven in 1856 with her parents, Casper and Maria Harbeck. In her adult life, Minnie resided with her brother, Frank Harbeck, at 520 Lafayette in Grand Haven. She died on February 2, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Ferdinand Harbeck [1867-1940]**

William, the son of Casper and Maria Harbeck, was one of three brothers who helped make Challenge Refrigerator a major industry in Northwest Ottawa County. The other two were Herman F. and B. Franklin. William generally was referred to by his middle name, Ferdinand. Before joining Challenge, Ferdinand was a traveling salesman. He married Mary Isabelle [Elizabeth] Orr in West Bloomfield, Oakland County on June 2, 1897. She was the daughter of James W. and Isabelle Spence Orr who lived, among other places, in Grand Haven, and her brother, James Wilson Orr, also was a Grand Haven resident. The Harbecks resided at 538 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Ferdinand and Mary had a daughter, Mary Eleanor, who was born in Grand Haven on December 15, 1902, married Herbert Lee Gaylord [1905-1999], and died on July 26, 2004 in Canandaigua, New York. Ferdinand lived from February 3, 1867 to January 3, 1940 and his wife from August 8, 1870 to August 29, 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **A. Harder [? - ?]**

Harder was superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1871 to 1875. He moved to Milwaukee after leaving his post in Grand Haven.

#### **William Harder [? - ?]**

William Harder was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

#### **Henry Harmeling [1864-1946]**

A native of Oostburg, Wisconsin, where he was born on November 8, 1864 [1865], Henry Harmeling was pastor of First Reformed Church in Grand Haven from 1909 to 1918. On June 18, 1891 in Holland, he married Jennie Verbuk. After her death in 1901, he married Marie Moendyk Ketelde in Zeeland on November 27, 1906. Following his ministry in Grand Haven, Henry and Marie moved to Chicago. He died there on September 5, 1946.

#### **Victor J. Harmon [1921-1971]**

Victor Harmon opened Vic's Snack Bar at 18 Washington Street in the early 1950s and remained there into the 1960s. Victor was born on April 10, 1921 and died in Spring Lake on March 15, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Harper [1842-1934]**

Born in Great Oakley, Essex, England on November 21, 1842, William Harper served an apprenticeship in cabinet making, and then as a youth he joined the British navy and sailed the high seas for years. He came to Grand Haven in 1865 and was a carpenter at the Clark B. Albee Tannery, after which he started in business for himself as a builder. However, most of his life was spent as a book agent, traveling over 40 years from Maine to California. He reportedly called at the White House in Washington, D.C. wearing his customary flower in his lapel. The press mistook him for a preacher. William was one of the organizers of St. John's Church in Grand Haven and was a great lover of nature. He was in charge of the gardens at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and was an annual exhibitor at the Grand Haven Garden Show. He was a member of the Masons [F. & A. M.], and Elks.

On June 8, 1869 in Grand Haven, William married Frances [Fannie] Lannigan, a dressmaker from Rochester, New York. They lived at 303 South Second Street in a home they called “Auld Lang Syne.” The decoration of the house and the yard in red, white, and blue attracted much attention. They had no children. Fanny was born in 1842 and died in 1919. William suffered a stroke and died on July 8, 1934 in Grand Haven. At the time, he was writing the last lines of a poem entitled “With Banners,” which told of his philosophy in meeting death. It read, “Though I am beaten nobody shall know, I’ll wear defeat so proudly I shall go about my business as I did before. Only when I have safely closed the door against you and the rest shall I be free to bow my head—When there is none to see. Tonight I’ll shed my tears, tomorrow when I talk with you I will be gay again. Though I am beaten nobody shall guess for I will walk as though I know success.” He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, July 9, 1934 and *Chronicle* article, “William Harper, of GH, Man of Sunshine,” May 2, 1931.]

### **William Carson Harper I [1851-1906]**

William Harper was born in Washtenaw County on November 3, 1851 [1850]. He attended Michigan Agricultural College [MSU], where he graduated in 1873 and started teaching in Eastmanville and Berlin [Marne] schools. He taught for a while in Robinson Township, and then opened a general store in the Village on January 1, 1876. He was superintendent of Schools in Robinson, as well as township clerk and supervisor at various times. On September 1, 1875 William married Nellie Eastman. The daughter of George and Aphia Parry Eastman, Nellie was born in Niagara County, New York on January 3, 1855 [1856]. The Harpers had seven children: Allie Eastman, born September 4, 1876; William C. II, born November 3, 1877; G. Ralph, born January 25, 1882; Florence S., born November 2, 1883; Julia Aphia, born October 18, 1885; Robert Mason, born November 4, 1887; and George, born May 26, 1892. By 1900 the family was residing in Wyoming, Kent County. William died in Grand Rapids on October 4, 1906 of pernicious anemia. Nellie passed away on March 3, 1943.

### **Gerard “Sam” Frederick Harring [1925-2018]**

Sam, the son of Fred and Hazel Mead Harring Harring, was born on April 20, 1925, in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School and attended Davenport Business College. During WWII, he served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater. Sam had varied interests, including music. He played several instruments and collected sheet music. He was interested in local history, astronomy, science, and engineering. A born athlete, Sam swam a mile a day and exercised regularly at the Grand Haven YMCA until his last days. He was a Catholic and served for nearly 60 years as a volunteer at St. Mary’s parish in Spring Lake. Sam also was an active member of the Spring Lake Lions Club for decades. Personally frugal, but generous with family, friends and strangers alike with his money and time. In 1990 he started a friendship with Doris Ducey that endured until his death on July 3, 2018. His children were Dan, Laura, Linda, Fred, Alice Rose, Lisa, and John. Sam was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Cyrus Harris [1818-1901]**

Cyrus, the son of Amos and Mary Casto Harris, was born in Clark County, Ohio, on November 26, 1818. He arrived in Grand Haven Township in 1866 to raise fruit on an 80-acre farm in Sections 20 and 21. He constructed a pier on his Lake Michigan shoreline to facilitate crop shipments. Cyrus married Susannah Walker [Haller] in Clark County, Ohio on January 24, 1841. She was born in Maryland in April 1814. Susannah died on July 19, 1900, and Cyrus passed away in Grand Haven on February 17, 1901. Cyrus had a brother Gideon, who also lived in the area. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1901.]

### **Frank C. Harris [1880-1955]**

Born in St. Louis, Missouri on December 24, 1880, Frank Harris was a comedian and an actor, as was his wife, Florence M. Randall, whom he married in Toledo, Ohio on January 7, 1905. Frank was on the stage for over 25 years, playing with Stair and Havelin Melodramas and for two years in “Mrs. Wiggs in the Cabbage Patch.” Later the couple formed their own vaudeville team of Harris & Randall [Florence retained her professional name], playing the Keith, Pantages, and Sun Time Theater circuits. They also

wrote plays and performed them. Frank owned a cottage on Spring Lake before moving to Grand Haven in 1917. As late as 1918 they performed their skit "A Temperate Woman" in Spokane, Washington. Frank was employed in the office of the Grand Haven Power Company, and later worked as shipping clerk for Eagle Ottawa for 18 years, retiring in 1954. He was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist. Frank and Florence resided at 318 South Fifth Street. Florence was born in Ohio about 1885 and died on November 7, 1953. After her death Frank lived with a sister, Marie Springer, at 108 South Second Street [Carriage House Apartments]. Frank died on March 20, 1955 at home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1955 and unpublished correspondence with Kevin Collier.]

#### **Frederick William Harris [1845-1910]**

Frederick Harris, born on October 23, 1845 in Michigan. He enlisted as private in Company C of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry on February 12, 1864. He was mustered out on July 3 the next year and arrived in Grand Haven shortly afterward. On December 12, 1872 Frederick married Sarah Jane Parrott in Ottawa County. He found work in 1873 as a saw filer at Boyden & Akeley's Mill in Grand Haven. The couple moved to Wisconsin prior to 1899 and by the next year they were living in St. Louis County. He died in Wisconsin on July 11, 1910. Sarah Jane, who was born in Michigan in 1848, applied for a widow's Civil War pension on August 6, 1910.

#### **George William Harris [1849-1913]**

George Harris, who was born in Michigan on October 6, 1839, owned a farm in Grand Haven Township. On November 12, 1860 he married Mary Moulton in St. Joseph. She was born on January 27, 1843 in Illinois. Their daughter Ada, who was born in 1872, married Fred Churchill of Agnew. The Harrises also had a son, Benjamin Franklin Harris, who was born on March 29, 1873 and died in St. Joseph on March 29, 1973. By 1900 the family was residing in Holland. George passed away in Holland on June 28, 1913. Mary died on February 11, 1917 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland with her husband.

#### **Gillman R. Harris 1839-1925]**

Born on June 19, 1839 [1838] in Springfield, Pennsylvania, Gillman Harris left home when he was 14, going first to Wisconsin and then to Allegan County in 1866, where he started fruit farming. On February 5, 1868 in Ganges, Allegan County, he married Emeline "Emma" Ada Morse, born on April 1, 1844 in Bolton, Vermont. Gillman reportedly served in the Civil War with a Wisconsin regiment, but his service records were not located. In 1871 he and his wife settled on 120 acres in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township, where they raised fruit. Gillman died in Allegan County on February 25, 1925 and was buried at McDowell Cemetery in South Haven. Emma passed away in Casco, Allegan County on August 27, 1930.

#### **Glenn Harris II [1898-1964]**

Glenn Harris and his wife Isabel resided at 403 Barber Street in Spring Lake. Glenn was born on August 10, 1898 and died in Spring Lake in August 1964. Isabel, who lived from July 22, 1901 to January 1981, passed away in Manistee. In 1930 Glenn managed a movie theater in Ypsilanti.

#### **Israel Victor Harris [1815-1886]**

Israel, the son of Israel and Phoebe Barker Harris, was born in Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York, on April 2, 1815. Silas Harris was his brother. Israel came to Michigan in 1836, lived in Detroit for a short time, and then continued on to Tallmadge Township, which he helped organize the same year. He owned large parcels of timbered land in Tallmadge and other townships and was successful in the lumber and real estate businesses. He also owned stands of timber in other parts of the state. On August 1, 1841 Israel bought 160 acres in Section 15 of Robinson Township and three months later purchased another 160 acres in Section 27. Thirty years later he platted the Village of Robinson, located in the center of the township. Israel formed a company, which on November 1, 1853 acquired 107.7 acres in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township, 41 acres in Section 19, and additional acreage in Section 20. The lake frontage in Section 19

became known much later as North Shore. In 1853-54 Israel served in the Michigan State Senate. In the 1880 census he was listed as a real estate agent. Israel died in 1886 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

**James Castro Harris [1818-1881]**

James was born on July 25, 1818 in Madison, Ohio, the son of Amos and Mary Castro Harris. James was married twice, first to Rachel Francis, who was born about 1820 in Ohio, and then, on July 6, 1845 in Van Buren County, he married Harriet Ball. Born in January 1825 in Ohio [Indiana], Harriet lived to be 79. On September 17, 1861 in Paw Paw, Van Buren County, James enlisted in Company C of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out for disability on November 8, 1862. By 1864 the Harrises owned a farm of about 160 acres in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township. A son named Norman W., born in 1849, married Ellen J. Myers [Meyers]. Another son, Judson, was born in July 1858 in Van Buren County. James died on May 20, 1881. He and Harriet were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**Judson “Jud” H. Harris [1858- ?]**

By 1864 Judson Harris resided with his parents, James and Harriet Harris, on a 160-acre farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township. By the late 1800s the farm had been reduced to 60 acres and was owned by Judson. Jud was one of the organizers of the Ottawa County Fruit and Vegetable Association, formed in 1896. He married Lora Churchill in Grand Haven Township on February 8, 1885. He was born in Van Buren County in July 1858, and Lora was born in May 1867, also in Michigan. By 1900 Jud was working as a carpenter, and he and Lora were residing on Fulton Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Bernace, born in March 1891; Lyn, a son, born in April 1892; and Adela, born in April 1898. Lora passed away in Sparks, Nevada, on June 10, 1909. In the Federal Census of 1910, Jud was living in Sparks and working as a carpenter.

**Kenneth A. Harris [1929-1998]**

Kenneth was born in Grand Haven on May 4, 1929 to William Raymond and Lillian Paull Harris. After serving in the Korean War, Ken became an accountant for Kloote Contractors, where he retired in 1989. Before that he was an employee of Johnson Tool in Muskegon. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven, the Jubilation Choir, and the Bells of Glory. He married Cora De Young on September 11, 1951, and they lived at 1326 Colfax. Their children were Gwen, who married John Bartels of Holland; Marcia, who married Don Bronson of Spring Lake, and Beverly, who married Larry Brown of Holland. Their one son, Craig, married Lisa Harris of Grand Rapids. Kenneth died November 22, 1998.

**Norman W. Harris [1849-1890]**

Norman, born in La Grange County, Indiana in 1849, was the son of James and Harriet Ball Harris. On February 22, 1880 in Grand Haven, he married Ella [Ellen] J Alyers, who was born in 1862. In 1870 Norman was a store clerk, but he is listed as a farmer on his 1880 marriage registration. Norman died in 1890, while Ella lived to 1935. They were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**Shurburn “Sherm” Harris [1860-1935]**

Sherm Harris, who was born on June 10, 1859, owned and operated a five and ten cent store at 107 Washington in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. It also was called Harris Bazaar Store. Sherm and his wife Martha lived at the same address as the business. By 1920 they were residents of Detroit, where Sherm died on April 22, 1935.

**Silas Gamble Harris [1817-1851]**

Silas Harris was representative from Grand Haven to the Michigan Legislature in 1847 and 1848. He arrived in Ottawa County in 1837 and on November 1, 1841 he purchased 320 acres in Sections 21 and 22 of Tallmadge Township, where he was again elected representative in 1850, the same year he became Speaker of the House. Silas, the son of Israel and Phoebe Barker Harris, was born in Pine Plains, Dutchess



County, New York, on January 6, 1817 and died in Michigan on August 4, 1851. Israel Harris was his brother.

#### **William Raymond Harris [1904-1985]**

Born in Hancock, Houghton County on August 15, 1904 to William and Elizabeth Harris, William was a piano technician at the Story & Clark Piano factory, where he retired in 1971. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes and was church organist for 40 years. In 1928 he married Lillian Paul in Grand Haven. Their children were Kenneth and Cora of Grand Haven. William died at his home, 1144 Oakes, on July 10, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 10, 1985.]

#### **August “Augie” [Augustus] Hartel I [1853-1914]**

A tinsmith, Augie Hartel came to Grand Haven from Chicago in 1883. He worked ten years at George Hubbard’s hardware store in downtown Grand Haven and then was employed for the next eight years in the tin shop of Challenge Refrigerator. In the early 1900s he opened his own tin shop at 30 [26] Washington. About 1883 he married Agnes Fralich, and the couple resided above the tin shop. Augie lived from February 1853 to about January 27, 1914 and his wife from September 1859 [1858] to about April 18, 1927. He came to the United States in 1882 and Agnes in 1885. Both were natives of Germany. A son, Frederick Henry, was born on August 14, 1883. Carl Albert William, another son, was born on July 11, 1885 [1884] and died on April 23, 1925. Other children were Alfred, who was born in August 1882 and passed away about February 10, 1942, and Agnes Clara, born on June 4, 1890 [1888]. Frederick, Alfred and William became tanners. Frederick’s shop was first located at the site of his father’s business [30 Washington]. By 1920 he had moved to 119 North Third. His brothers Alfred and William worked with him. In 1918 William, Frederick, and Alf resided at 308 South Fourth with their mother. By 1930 the Fourth Street residence was occupied by August II, who was born in Germany about 1884. He also was a metal worker. Augie, Agnes, Alfred, and William were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augie’s and Agnes’s daughter Clara married James R. McCauley in Muskegon on September 9, 1909.

#### **Ronald Dale Hartsema [1932-2021]**

Ron Hartsema, born on July 29, 1932 in Muskegon, was well known throughout the Grand Haven area as the “voice of the Musical Fountain.” For years, his opening line at the start of each performance was, “Good evening and welcome. I am the Grand Haven Musical Fountain.” Between 1962 and 2006 he created, produced, and recorded more than 200 fountain programs. He also was an announcer for Grand Haven radio station WGHN. He married Mary Lynne Wilkinson, who was born in Muskegon on October 27, 1936 and passed away on August 27, 2020 in Raleigh, North Carolina, where the couple had moved in 1980. They had two sons, Scott Ronald Hartsema and Douglas Glen Hartsema of Mooresville, North Carolina, and a daughter Nancy Hartsema, who married Larry Gittleman and moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Ron died on June 8, 2021 in Mooresville. Scott, who was born on April 29, 1957 in Muskegon, died on January 27, 2004. Doug was born on August 6, 1961. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 2021.]

#### **Albert A. Harvey [1841-1926]**

Albert Harvey was born in Buffalo, New York, on June 29, 1841. He married Martha M. Thurber at Tonawanda, New York, on August 7, 1862. Two days before the wedding he enlisted in the army and served as private with Company B of the 116<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry until March 14 of the next year, when he was discharged for disability. In October 1872, they moved to a farm in Polkton Township. On September 1, 1906, Albert and his wife arrived in Nunica, where he continued to live until his death on August 19, 1926. Martha applied for a widow’s Civil War pension on August 30 that year. She was born in West Falls, New York, on August 16, 1841 and died at her home in Nunica on August 2, 1928.

#### **John Pierre Harvey [1919-2015]**

Inventor of the “Harvey Harvester,” John Harvey was born in La Tuque, Quebec, Canada on September 18, 1919. He graduated from college at age 17 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He started the Harvey Machine Company in Spring Lake. It was there that he invented the blueberry harvesting machine that bore his name, and he held patents on many other pieces of equipment and tools. John died in Spring Lake on January 15, 2015. [*Tribune* obituary, January 17, 2015.]

### **Silas A. Harvey [1870-1952]**

By 1920 Silas Harvey owned and operated a floral shop at 920 Washington. He and his family resided at the same address. Silas was born in Michigan on May 19, 1870. On April 14, 1892 in Grand Haven, he married Annie [Anna] Hinzinga. A native of The Netherlands, Annie was born on October 12, 1874 and arrived in America in 1881. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Silas Donamore, born on December 12, 1893; Herman W., born on January 19, 1896; George A., born on June 2, 1897; James A., born in 1901; and twins Margaret B. and Margery E., born about 1908. Silas sold the business and real estate to William W. Nichols in the mid-1920s. Anna died on June 24, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 23, 1925, in Grand Haven, Silas married Henrietta Regelin Neitring, widow of Henry Gerrit Neitring of Grand Haven. She was born “on the sea” on April 4, 1865. Henry had died on April 14, 1900. Henrietta passed away on January 25, 1949. Silas passed away on March 15, 1952 and was buried with Anna and Henrietta.

### **Raymond Harz II [1915-1996]**

In 1938 Ray and Lorraine Harz of Chicago visited Grand Haven in search of a business. On August 1, 1938 they purchased the Hitching Post at 500 North Beechtree for \$400 and opened it as the Highway [Hiway] Inn. After selling the restaurant to Merle Lass, the Harzes in 1960 opened Ray’s Drive In at 20 North Beacon. In January 2002, the family sold the drive-in to Steve and Rodney Vink. The new owners maintained the familiar look of the city’s oldest continuing drive-in. On October 16, 1937 Ray married Lorraine Kunstler in Chicago. She was born in Chicago on June 17, 1913 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 17, 2012. Ray was born on May 6, 1915, died in Grand Haven on August 19, 1996, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple resided at 15008 Lakeshore Drive and attended St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Their children were Raymond Harz III of Grand Haven, Patricia Bodell of Portland, Oregon, James Harz of Pelkie, Baraga County, Joanne Stack of Grand Haven, David Harz of Grand Haven, Daniel Harz of Grand Rapids, Thomas Harz of Grand Haven, and Michael Harz, also of Grand Haven.

### **Andrew Theodore Hass [1917-2006]**

Andrew, the son of Joseph and Mary Szlenk Hass, was born in Grand Haven on November 9, 1917. He married Arlene Ione Van Hall in Grand Haven on February 7, 1948. Arlene was the daughter of Ray and Charlotte Wekenman Van Hall of Grand Haven. She was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1922. She and Andrew had seven children, including Michael Hass who died shortly after birth in 1948. The family resided at 308 Madison Street. Andrew was employed at Oldberg Manufacturing Company. He died on October 8, 2006, and Arlene passed away on August 16, 2016.

### **Joseph Hass [1893-1977]**

Born in Poland on March 19, 1893, Joseph Hass married Mary Szlenk. Also a native of Poland, she lived from March 15, 1897 to December 23, 1997. They immigrated to the United States in 1913 and were married in Muskegon on February 6, 1917. Joseph and Mary had at least three children: Andrew Theodore Hass, born November 9, 1917; Josephine, who was born on March 19, 1922, married William Seibel, and died in Grand Rapids on June 30, 1977; Mary, who married Charles Grubham and moved to Grand Rapids; and Stella, who married Steven Humy and remained in Grand Haven. Among Andrew’s children were Al, born about 1951, and Steve, born about 1953. Joseph was a machinist, but he also worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. The family resided at 2 North Beechtree Street. Joseph and Mary were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Burton Phillip Hatch [1868-1935]**

Burton Hatch, who was born in South Boston, Massachusetts on January 8, 1868, moved with his parents to Lamont in Ottawa County at the age of five. By the early 1890s he was farming in Section 6 of Tallmadge Township. Burton was elected supervisor of Tallmadge Township, beginning in 1903, and was county commissioner from 1913 to 1914. In 1914 he took a position with the State Tax Commission, which he held until moving to Muskegon. On December 24, 1891, he married Sarah Adeline "Addie" Walkley, daughter of Dr. Wyllys Walkley, a Grand Haven physician, and sister of Carlotta Bailey Walkley Ewing of Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. In 1924 the Hatches moved to Muskegon, where Burton was named City Assessor. He died at his home in Muskegon on November 13, 1935. Among their children were Bernice, wife of Maurice Buck, County Surveyor, and Olive, wife of Gregg Maxfield, who was employed by the Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon. Adeline was born in Muskegon County on May 9, 1869 and died there on January 18, 1955.

### **Milo O. Hatch II [1836-1915]**

Born in Plattsburgh New York in 1836, Milo was the son of Milo and Malinda Field Hatch. The older Milo was included in the 1850 census for Polkton Township. On August 11, 1862 Milo II went to Grand Haven to enlist as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was discharged on November 14, 1865. He married Matilda "Tillie" Martin in Detroit on August 3, 1863. They purchased a farm in Section 22 of Robinson Township. Matilda died in December 1898. Milo passed away on January 8, 1915 and was buried at the Soldiers' Home Cemetery in Kent County. They had six children.

### **Dorothy Hatfield [1930-2001]**

Dorothy Hatfield was proprietor of Papaw's Patch, a restaurant located at 930 Robbins Road. The business closed and the building was razed to make room for the new Meijer Store, which opened in May 1999. Dorothy resided at 1430 Fulton Street. She lived from February 24, 1930 to November 22, 2001. Her husband, Herbert Hatfield., lived from June 30, 1930 to October 21, 2006. He died in South Lyon, Ionia County.

### **Bert Andrew Hathaway I [1878-1925]**

As early as 1910 Bert Hathaway owned a 32-acre parcel in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 18891 Fruitport Road]. The land included frontage on Spring Lake. Bert was born in Michigan on September 16, 1878 and lived in Grand Rapids as a youth. He married Mary Jane Wiseman, who was born on June 17, 1878 in Indiana. Bert, who became general manager of the John Widdicomb Furniture Company in Grand Rapids, died in Grand Rapids on December 14, 1925. They had two children: Bert A. II, born in 1912, and Mary F., born about 1915. Mary Jane died in Beverly Hills, California on March 14, 1954. Both were buried at Graceland Memorial Park and Mausoleum, and was their son, Bert II, who died in 1973.

### **Charles Seymore Hathaway [1847-1926]**

Charles S. Hathaway, the son of Charles W. and Mary Tracy Hathway, was born in Grand Rapids on August 20, 1847. On April 21, 1906, he married Lucy Duncan Albee, the widow of James Albee of Grand Haven, who had died on August 31, 1897. Lucy, the sister of Benjamin D. Safford's second wife, Mary Belle Duncan, was born in Detroit on March 11, 1849. In 1920 the couple was living in Grand Rapids, where Charles was editor of a newspaper, but ten years later they were living in Redford, Wayne County. By then, Charles was retired. Charles was a principal in the Grand-Saginaw Valleys Deep Waterway Association, which in 1908 planned to dig a canal between Grand Haven and Bay City. Charles died on May 11, 1926. Lucy passed away on March 14, 1930 and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

### **Charles W. Hathaway [1825-1891]**

Charles was the son of Nehemiah and Lucretia Ranney Hathaway. He was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts on April 15, 1825, and came west with his parents in the early 1830s. He lived for about four years in

Spring Lake, where he was employed at the Hopkins Mill, and he also offered blacksmithing services: "All kinds of work in my line done with neatness and dispatch at my shop. Mill Point, Michigan." [*Grand River Times*, December 14, 1853.] He left Ottawa County and moved to Grand Rapids, where he became known for the production of cutting tools used in the lumbering industry. In 1856 he and a partner, Daniel Alcumbrack, purchased from William Gunn an edge-tool-making factory in Grand Rapids. Two years later he sold his interest in the Hathaway & Alcumbrack ax factory to Frederick T. Ranney, but by 1864 Charles was again a principal shareholder at the same plant and Ranney was gone. Six years later the company was turning out 240 axes per week, and about 1873 Charles again sold his interest in the company, this time to James B. Granger.

In November 1846 Charles married Mary T., daughter of Addison Tracy of Grand Rapids. She was born about 1826 in Ohio. They had at least one child, Charles S., who was born in Grand Rapids on August 20, 1847. Charles died at Detroit February 22, 1891, where he had moved around 1873. Son Charles was a principal in the Grand-Saginaw Valleys Deep Waterway Association, which in 1908 planned to dig a canal between Grand Haven and Bay City.

#### **Flavius [Josephus] Hathaway [1815- ?]**

Born December 5, 1815 in Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Flavius [Josephus] was the son of William and Sela Briggs Hathaway [Harthowey], the brother of William II, and cousin of Nehemiah Hathaway, early arrivals in Ottawa County. Josephus settled in Crockery Township in 1839 and was included in the Ottawa County censuses for 1850 and 1860. His wife Electa was born in 1829 in Massachusetts. They were married in Montague, Massachusetts on November 3, 1845. Her family name also was Hathaway. Flavius and Electa had at least four children: Caroline, born in December 1849; Emma, born about 1853; William, born about 1856, and Frank, born in January 1860. At some point the family moved to Norton Township in Muskegon County, where Electa died on June 11, 1913. Flavius died before 1900.

#### **Hiram R. Hathaway [Hatherway] [? - ?]**

On October 24, 1835 Hiram Hathaway bought 160 acres in Section 5 of Robinson Township and 160 acres in Section 6. Three years later, on September 1, 1838, he purchased approximately 234 acres in Sections 6 and 17 of Robinson Township. William Butts and William Hathaway II also were involved in the purchase. On May 1, 1839 Hiram bought an additional 86 acres in Section 6 of Robinson and 160 acres in Section 33 of Crockery Township, and on February 12, 1856 he purchased another 85.8 acres in Section 6. No other reference to Hiram Hathaway was found in Michigan. Despite his substantial land purchases in Michigan, he may never have lived in the state.

#### **Nehemiah Hathaway [1794-1844]**

Born April 10, 1794 in Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Nehemiah was the son of Josiah and Tryphena Newhall Hathaway [Harthowey] and cousin of William II and Josephus Hathaway. In 1832 Rev. Ferry visited his hometown of Ashfield and convinced Nehemiah, among other citizens, to make the five-month trip from Ashfield, through Canada and on to the Grand River Valley and Grand Haven. Nehemiah heeded the advice, and he and his family arrived at the mouth of Grand River on October 15, 1836. Nehemiah built his residence on Lot 133, the northeast corner of Second and Fulton Streets, and went to work as agent for the Grand Haven Company, founded by Rev. Ferry. Later he built a sawmill and bought acreage in Crockery and Spring Lake Townships. His business failed in 1840 and he moved his family to Wyoming Township in Kent County. [Everett cited his arrival in Wyoming as 1837-38.] Hathaway often was addressed as "colonel."

On April 29, 1821 in Franklin County, Nehemiah married Lucretia Ranney at her parents' home. She was born on June 17, 1796, the daughter of Samuel and Polly Stewart Ranney [Rauney] and brother of Frederick Ranney, an early Ottawa County settler. Stewart, who was born January 9, 1747, settled in Ashfield, Massachusetts with his wife, Polly Stewart. Polly was the daughter of Captain Robert and Mary

Adams Stewart of Branford, Connecticut. In Grand Haven the Hathaways were charter members of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. Their daughter, Caroline Lucretia Hathaway, was born in Ashfield on March 10, 1822 and married Clark Albee of Grand Haven. Their other children were Mary Stewart Hathaway [1823-1894], Charles William Hathaway [1825-1891], and Emily Agnes Hathaway [1827-1906].

Nehemiah died on September 11, 1844 in Grand Rapids, and Lucretia passed away in 1881 at the home of her daughter Mary Freeman in Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County. Lucretia was buried beside her husband at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [Handwritten biographical sketch in the files of Loutit District Library.]

### **William Hathaway II [1806-1874]**

William, who was born in Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts, on November 18, 1806, was the son of William and Sela Briggs Hathaway [Harthowey]. On November 1, 1828 in Charlemont, William married Sarah S. Scott. She was born in Hartford, Vermont on June 22, 1804. The couple, accompanied by William's cousin Nehemiah, arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 by way of Canada. A brother, Josephus, arrived a few years later. She and William moved by canoe from Grand Haven to the mouth of Crockery Creek in November 1839, where they built a log cabin, farmed, and did some lumbering. Sarah was said to be the first White woman to settle permanently in Crockery Township. William went into partnership with William Butts to build the first sawmill in Grand Haven at the foot of Columbus Street. On September 1, 1838, Butts and Hathaway purchased approximately 234 acres in Sections 6 and 17 of Robinson Township. Hiram A. Hathaway also was part of the transaction. In addition, William owned about 360 acres in Sections 14, 15, 16, 22, and 27 of Crockery. William was elected to the first County Board of supervisors in 1838. The inaugural meeting of the county commissioners, as it came to be called, was held at William's house on December 6, 1838, when he filled the role of secretary. The next year he moved to the town of Norton [Nortonville], in southeast Spring Lake Township [Section 23]. Between 1839 and 1845 he farmed, cut timber, and made shingles. William also was known for planting fruit trees in Crockery Township as early as 1849. In 1848 he was named postmaster of the Crockery Creek Post Office. A year later he became the township's first supervisor, and in 1852 he was elected a county supervisor and judge of probate, a post he held for 12 years. He often was addressed by the title "Judge." In 1860 he was a "Hotel Keeper" in Crockery. Sarah was noted for ministering "at the bedside of the sick and dying

In Ottawa County the Hathaways lived at 11352 Leonard Road in a home occupied by the Roger Holmes family in more recent years. Roger Holmes was a descendant of William and Sarah. Sarah was born on June 22, 1804 and died on May 21, 1893, nearly 20 years after her husband's death on September 21, 1874 [1871]. They both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery in Crockery Township. William III of Crockery Township was their son. By 1854 William II was judge of probate for the county.

### **Julian Burroughs Hatton I [1898-1952]**

Born on December 16, 1898 in East Orange, New Jersey, the son of William and Elizabeth Hatton, Julian graduated from Harvard in 1920 and began work at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company on January 10, 1910. He became the company's president, taking over when his father retired in January 1936. In 1939 he resigned his presidency to go into the finishing of leather with his brother-in-law, Edmund Ellis. They started the Hatton Leather Company in Grand Haven and erected a new building at 743 Park Avenue. Three years later Julian bought out Eagle Ottawa and combined operations. He also had interests in the American Hair & Felt Company, Clinton Carpet, and Dry Zero, all of Chicago. He was director of the Tanner's Council; director of the Michigan Manufacturing Association as Grand Haven's industrial representative; member of NRA code committee of the National Association of Manufacturers; and president of the Hatton Hospital board, spending much of his time in promoting the municipal hospital. Julian was a promoter of recreation for employees and created Hatton Recreation Hall, a \$25,000 building for the Eagle Ottawa Athletic Association in Grand Haven and one in Whitehall, where the company had another tannery. Hatton was a supporter of St. John's Episcopal Church.

On January 2, 1924 Julian married Grand Rapids resident Charline [Charlene] Stansbury Leonard, who was born in Grand Rapids on April 12, 1903, died in Grand Haven on October 22, 1987, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charline was the daughter of Harry Carr Leonard of the Leonard Refrigerator Company family in Grand Rapids. Julian and Charline had three sons: William L. of Wellesley, Massachusetts, who was born locally on December 16, 1924 and died in Newton, Massachusetts on February 5, 1999; Julian B. II, who was born in 1927 and became president of Eagle Ottawa Leather; and Harry Leonard, who was born on August 2, 1931 and passed away on July 15, 2011 in Mequon, Wisconsin. In 1927 the Hattons built and resided in the home at 910 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Julian I died in an automobile accident on August 3, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest. Young Julian, at the age of 25, then took over leadership of Eagle Ottawa. [*Tribune* article, "J B. Hatton Heads New Leather Co. Here," November 7, 1939, "Taxi and Truck Collide," August 4, 1952, and *Tribune* obituaries, October 22, 1987 and July 20, 2011.]

### **Julian Burroughs Hatton II [1927-2013]**

The son of Julian B. and Charline Leonard Hatton, Julian II was born in Grand Rapids on June 6, 1927 but raised in Grand Haven. Julian did not anticipate a career in music, but apparently he had some latent talent. During the years of World War II qualified musicians were often difficult to locate, and at one point the West Shore Symphony Orchestra [West Michigan Symphony] lacked an oboist. Mrs. Hatton recruited Julian when he was in his mid-teens to fill the gap. That summer he attended Interlochen Arts Camp and spent six weeks learning the instrument so he could play during the ensuing season. Many years later Julian commented that he simultaneously had to learn French, because his oboe teacher was a native speaker of that language and knew little English. That experience engendered a life-long love of French food and culture. Julian played oboe during the 1941 to 1942 season, and he was still playing with the symphony as late as 1955 to 1956. During his years at Harvard, he played for Boston Pops and the Boston Symphony.

Julian graduated from Cranbrook Academy and served with the U.S. Navy in the post-WWII years. He attended Harvard University, where actor Jack Lemmon was his classmate. He graduated with a bachelor degree in history and later earned an MBA at the same institution. His father, Julian I, died in an automobile accident on August 3, 1952. Young Julian, at the age of 25, then took over leadership of Eagle Ottawa. Although the company was sold in 1961, Julian continued as president for another six years. At that point he co-founded a manufactured housing company named Stiles-Hatton. Later he purchased and operated Systel, a telephone equipment company based in Grand Rapids. Julian's interests and commitments were varied, ranging from support of the Republican Party, to the Western Michigan Opera Association, St. John's Episcopal Church, Elks, and Spring Lake Country Club.

On December 27, 1952, Julian married Beverly Joyce Verplank of Spring Lake. Joyce, the daughter of Vernon and Lydia Secory Verplank, was born in 1932. They lived at 1821 Doris Avenue in Grand Haven. Their marriage ended in divorce. On February 11, 1978 Julian married 48-year-old Nancy Ellyn Grigware in Hennepin, Minnesota. At the time of his death on September 5, 2013, he left Nancy, who was born on February 3, 1930, a daughter Lydia, sons Mike, Fritz, Julian III, and Brett, and two stepdaughters, Tracey and Jamie Grigware. [*Tribune* obituary, September 7, 2013.]

### **William Hatton II [1864-1944]**

One of eight children, William Hatton was born on a 60-acre farm near Dublin, Ireland, on October 4, 1864. His parents were William and Mary Jane Burroughs Hatton. In 1886 young William immigrated to New York City to be with his uncle, L. Z. Hatton. The one-way passage cost \$24. His first job was as sales agent for the Brewster Carriage Company, and William then became a sales agent for the P. T. Howell Company. About 1910 [1911, 1912] William moved from Long Island, New York, to Grand Haven, to become general manager of the Eagle Leather Company. In 1916, under his leadership, the Grand Haven and Whitehall tanneries were combined under the name of Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. In 1913 William sold 87,000 hides to Ford Motor Company, but when the auto industry switched to cloth interiors

in 1920, William turned to the manufacture of shoe leather, which brought a better price. William remained president of the company until he retired in January 1936. Upon his retirement, William filled the role of chairman of the Board of Directors and turned over the company's leadership to his son Julian. In 1924 William was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention.

William was one of the organizers of the Community Chest, forerunner of United Way. He was named honorary president of the Ottawa Boy Scout Council. He was active in the Republican Party locally and statewide, and he chaired the Ottawa County Republicans for more than 16 years. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where he was a vestryman for many years.

William and his first wife, Elizabeth Seaman, were married on June 5, 1895. They had several children, including Julian B., born in New Jersey on December 16, 1898; Olive, who was born in New York on June 22, 1900 and married Eugene Harbeck of Grand Haven; Kathleen, who was born in Bay Shore, New York on July 17, 1901 and married Edmund Ellis of Grand Haven; and Kathleen's twin sister, Genevieve, who died about 1903. The Hattons' residence was located for a short time at 614 Lafayette and later at 482 Sheldon Terrace, property they purchased from Nelson Howlett. After Elizabeth's death, William underwrote the cost of converting the former Loutit residence at 114 South Fifth Street to the Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital. In 1923 he married Frances Whiting, who was born in Michigan around 1889 and graduated from Vassar in 1910. She taught in Grand Haven schools from 1910 to 1919, when she joined the faculty of Northwestern High School in Detroit. She returned to Grand Haven to marry William. Frances was chairman of the Ottawa County American Red Cross for 28 years and a member of the hospital board from 1939 to 1946 and again from 1951 to 1958. William died on December 11, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William Hatton Park, near the former Pere Marquette Railway Station on Jackson Street, was named in his honor. [*Tribune* articles, "William Hatton Arrived in This Community 25 Years Ago Today," January 10, 1935, "Mrs. Hatton Resigns from Local Board," December 2, 1958, and "Resigns After 28 Years," June 27, 1968.]

#### **Georgia Gail "GG" Havens [Reid] [1951-2022]**

Born on June 23, 1951 in Carrolton, Illinois, GG Havens graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Elementary Education in 1973. While teaching elementary school she married Robert Reid in 1974. They moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, and then, in 1994, to Grand Haven. GG fabricated stained-glass windows and kitchen cabinet doors. Later she focused on making glass beads for necklaces and bracelets. She joined the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven and exhibited her art there. She died on September 15, 2022. GG was a licensed hot-air balloon pilot and participated in several stage plays in Brighton. She died on September 13, 2022. She and Bob made their home in Robinson Township.

#### **William C. Hayden [1821-1901]**

William Hayden married Cora Ann Freeman De Witt on June 22, 1876 in Spring Lake. Cora was the widow of Peter De Witt, who had died on April 21, 1873. She was born on September 2, 1846 in Crockery Township, died in Spring Lake on September 11, 1930, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. William was listed as a ship builder in the 1867 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* for Ferrysburg. Still in Ferrysburg in 1880, William at that time was classified as a carpenter. In 1900 William and Cora were living in Spring Lake. With them were Peter De Witt, born in September 1873; Wilford Hayden, born in June 1882; and Frances Hayden, born in March 1887. William was born in Ohio on June 11, 1821, died in Spring Lake on March 15, 1901, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Alvin Gage Hayward [Haywood] [1846-1908]**

On February 8, 1864 Alvin Hayward enlisted in Company F of the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Sharpshooters as private. He was wounded at the Battle of Boydton Plank Road on October 27, 1864, during the Siege of Petersburg. On January 30, 1865 he transferred to Company H of the 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Infantry. Alvin was discharged for disability on June 16, 1865. He was born in Concord, New Hampshire on July 4, 1846. On September 21, 1865 he married Almira Abbott in Sanbornton New Hampshire. Around 1870 he married

Julia Adams. They owned an 80-acre farm in Section 9 of Crockery Township. On April 24, 1908 Julia applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born on April 4, 1846 in Massachusetts [New Hampshire]. Their surviving children were Ella, born in New Hampshire [1867-1938]; Alta A. [1873-1948]; Delbert [Adelbert] [1877-1967]; Bertha R. [1879-1970]; and Charles J., born in November 1883. The last four children were born locally. Alvin died in Nunica on March 3, 1908. Julia passed away in Nunica on November 26, 1918 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with Alvin.

### **Baldwin Headley [1818-1898]**

Born in Morris, Pennsylvania in 1818, Baldwin Headley on February 13, 1841 married Julia Marett Phelps in Steuben County, Indiana. By 1867 they had moved to Olive Township, where they owned a 129-acre farm in Section 3, adjacent to the Village of Ottawa Station. Baldwin's and Julia's children were Mary Headley [1842-1899]; Martha Headley [1844-1897]; Frasure Wesley Headley [1846-1930]; Frances Headley [1846-1897]; Baldwin Fletcher Headley [1848-1867]; Julia Headley [1853-1912]; and Aletha "Alice" Almire Headley [1861-1925]. The children were all born in Steuben County. Baldwin the father died on November 28, 1898 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. Julia was born in Franklin County, Indiana about 1817 and died in Olive Township on January 16, 1893. In 1876 Olive Township purchased a parcel of land from the Headleys and moved Ottawa Station School in 1876 from Joel Fellow's farm in Section 2 to its new site, where it still stands today.

### **Cecil Robison Heap [1882-1933]**

The son of William and Sarah Jane Hanley Heap, Cecil was born in England on October 7, 1882. In the early 1900s he worked at his father's business, William Heap & Sons, first located in Muskegon and later in Grand Haven. During WWI Cecil served with the medical corps in France. He married Mary Louise Bugat. By 1930 they and their three daughters resided on Liberty Street in Spring Lake. At that time, Cecil was a salesman for Heap & Sons, which went out of business two years later. He died in Daytona, Florida on March 4, 1933 and was buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Lake City, Florida.

### **William Heap [1851-1929]**

Heap & Sons Company, which manufactured plumbing supplies, opened in Grand Haven at the corner of Fulton and Hopkins Streets in 1907. William Heap was owner and general manager of the company, which produced plumbing supplies. About the same time, William was president of the Heap-O'Brien Mining Company with "Lead and Zinc Properties Located at Quapaw Reservation, Indian Territory." The reservation was located in Oklahoma.

William was born in England on April 12, 1852 and married Sarah Jane Hanley in Dublin, Ireland on February 12, 1875. She was born in Dublin in 1850 [1853]. The Heaps first made their home in England, before moving to Canada, and then to Muskegon around 1885. Their son, William Lionel Heap, born in Liverpool, England on July 23, 1880, served as mayor of Grand Haven in the mid-1930s. Sarah Jane died on August 7, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Buried near her were a son, Robert Reginald I, who was born in Ontario, Canada on September 15, 1884 and died in 1925; a grandson, Robert Reginald II, who lived from 1915 to 1937; and her mother, Emma Hall Hanley, who lived from 1819 to 1912. The Heaps other children were Kathleen, who was born in England on February 15, 1876; John Hall, who was born in England in 1877 and died two years later; Cecil Robison, born in England on October 7, 1882; and Muriel Vera, who was born in Ontario, Canada on March 26, 1886. William and Sarah resided in Spring Lake. He died about July 27, 1929, while in France and was buried there. [*Chronicle* obituary, August 9, 1918.]

### **William Lionel Heap [1880-1953]**

In the early 1900s, Lionel Heap worked for his father as business manager at the William Heap & Sons Company, manufacturer of plumbers' woodwork, which first was located in Muskegon and later in Grand Haven. On June 28, 1904 in Detroit, Lionel married Mary Altha Robison [Robinson], who was born in that



city on January 31, 1875. In Grand Haven, Lionel and Mary lived at 1407 Washington and by 1915 they were located at 536 Slayton. They had a son, George Francis Robison Heap, who was born in Muskegon on April 7, 1908 and died in Bethesda, Maryland on February 25, 1975, and a daughter, Jane Eleanor Heap, born in Muskegon on July 29, 1909. Lionel was mayor of Grand Haven from 1933 to 1934 and gave his approval to Chuck Bugielski's enthusiastic request for \$150 to fund a birthday party for the Coast Guard in 1934, the first of the annual Festivals. Lionel, who was born in Liverpool, England on July 23, 1880, died in Detroit on November 24, 1953 while visiting family. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary passed away on June 20, 1970 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Leroy Dewitt Clinton Heath [1829-1923]**

Born in Oswego County, New York in July 1829, Leroy Heath came to Michigan in 1849, settling first in Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, and then in Rockford, where he lived with his aunt. The aunt's husband, a Mr. Wetmore, was in the lumber business, and Leroy worked with him, learning the trade. Leroy came to Grand Haven in 1850 and worked for Gilbert & Company for six years. He was foreman at the Bell Sawmill in Spring Lake, then business manager of the Grand Haven Lumber Company, which was dissolved in 1886. He spent the rest of his working life tending to his real estate holdings in central Michigan. Leroy was Spring Lake postmaster from 1897 to 1901, when the office was situated in John B. Perham's store. Leroy assisted in the formation of the Spring Lake State Bank and was one of its directors at the time of his death in 1923.

Leroy married Susanna Gross of Rockford in 1856. They lived in Illinois and Middleville [Lamont], Ottawa County, and moved back to Spring Lake in 1865. Their daughter, [May] Agnes, was born in Spring Lake on May 8, 1877. On January 14, 1896 she married William Trotter, also of Spring Lake. After Agnes and William died when quite young, the Heaths raised their grandson, Clinton Trotter. The Heaths resided at 312 East Savidge. Susanna became treasurer of Spring Lake Baptist Church. During the extensive fire of 1893 Susanna put all the church records in a covered pail and buried it in her vegetable garden to protect the historic papers from the flames. Susanna, who was born in Pennsylvania in March 1837 [1836], passed away in 1925 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Leroy, who died in 1923.

#### **Floyd Robert Heksel [1917-2006]**

Floyd Heksel was born on September 19, 1917. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII. On June 5, 1948 he married Jean Andringa in Grand Rapids. She lived from 1916 to 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On September 8, 1964, he married Gertrude Vink in Spring Lake, who previously had been married to Earl Bishop [1911-1960]. She was born on July 15, 1910 and died on June 26, 2006. Floyd, Jean, Gertrude, and Earl were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Thomas Hefferan [Hefferman] [1831-1915]**

Born in Washington County, New York on July 28, 1831, Thomas Hefferan came to Michigan in 1842 [1840] and continued on to Eastmanville in 1848. His parents were Patrick and Mary Grogan Hefferan. Thomas was employed by Dr. Timothy Eastman for three years, then by Galen Eastman as clerk and manager of his timber business in Chicago. Later Thomas returned to Eastmanville and remained an employee of the Eastmans until he went into business for himself as a manufacturer and dealer in various kinds of lumber and farm wagons. In 1868 he sold land to be used as a site for a new Eastmanville school and purchased for \$75 the land and building where the old school had stood. On January 1, 1865 in Lamont, he married Emily Amelia Kent Eastman, the widow of Mason Eastman. They had three children, including George, who was born in Eastmanville on April 19, 1866 and died on February 9, 1916; Mary, born on June 24, 1873, also in Eastmanville; and Thomas W., born in Polkton Township on July 22, 1876. Emily was born in Vermont on March 19, 1831 and passed away on October 28, 1910. In October 1889, Thomas moved to Grand Rapids, where he became president of Peoples Savings Bank. He died on January 31, 1915. Thomas, Emily, and George were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Ernest Hein [1842-1902]**

Ernest Hein was born in Germany on April 24, 1842 and immigrated to the United States when he was 16. At the time of the Civil War, he was living in Massachusetts. On August 24, 1861, he enlisted as private in Company H of the 18<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. He was discharged honorably with a disability on September 7, 1863. On February 22, 1898 he married a widow, Maria [Mary] Drescher [Drischer/Treasher], who was born in Austria on February 28, 1858 and arrived in the United States in 1890. She brought two children to the marriage: Annie Drescher, born in August 1891, and Franklin Drescher, born in March 1892. In 1900 Ernest and his family were living in Grand Haven Township, where they had a farm. Annie died in 1901 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his marriage to Maria, Ernest was earning his living as a tailor. Ernest died on May 21, 1902 and was buried at Lake Forest. Maria married Andrew Rank, died on November 19, 1937, and was buried at Lake Forest under the name Mary Rank. Andrew, who lived from 1853 to 1930, was buried at the same cemetery.

#### **Irene Marie Ruster Heinritz [1935-2016]**

On December 30, 1983 in Grand Haven, Irene married John Heinritz. John founded H & H Enterprises in Grand Haven in 1983 and served as president. Robert Lee House, vice president, was co-founder of the company, located at 16828 Hayes Street in Grand Haven Township. The company specialized in gymnasium bleachers and fluorescent lighting. Irene and John resided at 15937 O'Brien Court in the township before moving to 17183 Berkshire, also in the township. Irene, who was born on October 4, 1935, worked for Gardner Denver in Grand Haven until it closed permanently in 1982. Her mother, Irene Johnson Ruster, died from childbirth complications on the day of Irene's birth at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon. Irene's father, Maurice Ruster, married Pearl Nielsen. Irene died on March 23, 2016 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Irene and John had three children: Gayle and Bradley of Grand Haven and Christopher of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

#### **Edsko Hekman [1914-2000]**

Edsko Hekman purchased the Judson property on Spring Lake [3123 Judson Road, Spring Lake Township]. By the 1970s he was president of Hoby Bell, Inc., located at 220 North Beacon. On June 17, 1938 he married Claire Kuiper in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Rapids on July 29, 1914 and passed away in Grand Rapids on September 26, 2007. They had three children: Elizabeth, who married Philip Gordon and resided in Spring Lake; Rosemary, who married David Good and moved to St. Louis Park, Minnesota; and Edsko Henry, who died in 2003. The elder Edsko was born on May 25, 1914 and died in Spring Lake on September 15, 2000. Claire and Edsko were graduates of Calvin College. He founded Import Motors in Grand Rapids, was part owner of WOOD radio, and served as president of Meridian Corporation.

#### **Willem [William] Helder [1828-1910]**

Born in Zuurdijk, The Netherlands on March 28, 1828, William Helder came to Grand Haven about 1870 and started raising celery. His wife, Anje Freerks Cleveringa, was born in Maarslag, The Netherlands, on January 7, 1832 [1834] and died in Grand Haven on March 17, 1873. Their children were Rieka, who was born about 1862 and married John Dronkers of Holland; Maggie, who was born about 1871 and married Thomas Ruiten of Grand Haven after the death of her first husband, Jacob Bouwman; and Henrietta, who married John H. Vandyk of Grand Haven. The Helder family lived at 606 Elliott, but William died at Henrietta's home at 322 North Seventh Street on December 15, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, December 15, 1910.]

#### **Brouwer Helmers [1856-1922]**

Brouwer Helmers, a native of Groningen in The Netherlands, lived from March 12, 1856 to November 3, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On March 11, 1885 he married Jantje "Jennie" Wiebenga in Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands on February 27, 1864 and passed away on August 20, 1907. Among their children, both born in Grand Haven, were Charles, who was born on November 29,

1885, and Peter, born on October 10, 1887. Brouwer was a laborer. In 1900 the family was residing on Jackson Street.

### **Charles Helmers [1885-1967]**

The son of Brouwer and Jennie Helmers of Grand Haven, Charles was born in Grand Haven on November 29, 1885. He married Pearl De Graff, who was born in The Netherlands in 1883. They resided at 1041 Franklin Street. They had at least five children, all born locally: Jennie, born on October 19, 1909; John, born in 1911; Bernard, born in 1913; Arend, born in 1915; and Lewis, born in 1917. Charles passed away on February 4, 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Pearl, who had died on July 15, 1954.

### **John Charles Helmers [1911-1983]**

Born on March 26, 1911 in Grand Haven, John Helmers owned and operated Helmers Electric, which he founded in 1938. The business was located at 914 Grant. John was the son of Brouwer and Jennie Helmers of Grand Haven. John attended the Reformed Church. In 1934 he married Margaret Bosma, who was born on August 23, 1907 and died on May 27, 1969. Their children included Frances Helmers, who married Donald Kodhl of Grand Haven, and John K. Helmers of Jenison. The family lived at 17743 Jordan Lane in Spring Lake. John died on January 7, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Margaret.

### **Peter Helmers [1887-1973]**

Peter Helmers was born on October 10, 1887. As a youth, he worked at Story & Clark Piano Factory, but later became a barber. His shop was located at 531 Fulton, and he lived at 721 Fulton. On July 28, 1917 in Grand Haven, he married Wilhelmina "Minnie," the daughter of Boudewijn and Antje Veenstra Boomgaard. Minnie was born on July 25, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on January 31, 1977. Peter passed away on March 19, 1973. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter Wilvera died the day she was born, January 12, 1919, and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Clyde E. Hendrick [1893-1981]**

A native of Muskegon, where he started a real estate business in 1920, Clyde Hendrick opened a Grand Haven office in 1966, managed by his son Robert. Clyde, who was born on July 19, 1893, died on September 30, 1981. The Grand Haven office was located at 415 South Beacon.

### **Marjorie M. "Marj" Meyers Hendricks [1922-2003]**

Marj, born on March 1, 1922 in Muskegon Heights, was the daughter of Henry C. and Mabel Naomi Chard Meyers. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1939, Marj received a degree in nursing from the Hurley School of Nursing in 1943. She continued her studies at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, where she was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Geography in 1979. Marj worked as an operating room nurse at North Ottawa Community Hospital, and also was on the staff of the Visiting Nurse Association. She was active with several local non-profit groups, including the American Cancer Society, the Environmental Action Council, and Girl Scouts. She worked as a reporter for the *Muskegon Chronicle*, as well. She was active politically, especially in regard to environmental issues. Marj was a long-time member of the Grand Haven Parks and Recreation Board and helped develop East End Grand River Park. The Marjorie Hendricks Trail in Kitchel-Lundquist Dunes Preserve was dedicated in her honor in October 2000, in recognition that her "tireless efforts and expertise made it possible to save these dunes from development." ["Trail Guide."] Marj also was the first recipient of the Amy Neuman Environmental Award in 1977.

Marj on October 12, 1943 married Raymond Handt in Flint. He was born about 1922. In May 1952, she married Matthew Leighton Hendricks. He died in 1963 at the age of 40 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. She and her husband had a daughter, Martha Boomgaard, who resided in Grand Haven. The family resided at 1120 Columbus and later at 1250 Washington. Marj passed away in Grand Haven on March 24, 2003 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, March 26, 2003.]

### **Omri Lawrence Hendricks [1859-1927]**

Omri Hendricks married India Etna Craig in Richmond, Indiana on April 12, 1882. They resided at 21 North Sixth Street. Omri was associated with the Square Drug Store at 635 Fulton. He was born in Attica, Indiana on October 27, 1859 and died in Grand Haven on February 1, 1927. A machinist, India lived from 1859 to January 26, 1917. After India's death, Omri married Olivia C. Berry in Detroit on June 18, 1918. She was born about 1882. Omri and India were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son Orange "Orrie" Hendricks and his wife. Orrie was born in Indiana on September 27, 1888. Another son, Charles E., who was born in Indiana in 1885, married Blanche Stanley in Grand Haven on January 31, 1905, and a third son, Arthur Elbert Hendricks, lived from 1883 to 1969.

### **Orange "Orrie" Willard Hendricks [1888-1934]**

Orange was the son of Omri and India Hendricks, who resided at 21 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. In 1908 Orrie was a store clerk. By 1912 he and his business partner Raymond Presley owned the Square Drug Store at 635 Fulton. Orrie was sole proprietor by the time he sold the business to John Mulder in 1916. Orrie married Olga "Ella" Johanna. Grunst in Detroit on September 12, 1908. She lived from 1886 to 1933. William Carl Grunst of Grand Haven was her brother. Orrie was born in Indiana on September 27, 1888, died in Orlando, Florida in 1934, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and parents. Orrie and Ella had three daughters: Dorothy Lorena Hendricks [1909-1998]; Helen Lucille Hendricks [1910-1972]; and Eleanor Louise Hendricks [1918-2015].

### **Frank Hendrych [1877-1962]**

Frank Hendrych was born in Czechoslovakia on December 23, 1877 and came to the United States when he was three. Frank married Anna "Annie" Roder in Chicago on September 25, 1901. Annie, a native of Czechoslovakia, was born on July 9, 1879, came to the United States when she was five, and died on September 4, 1948. They owned a 40-acre fruit farm near the intersection of Warner Street and 168th Avenue in Grand Haven Township. He purchased the German Lutheran School, located on the southeast corner of that intersection. Frank also was a carpenter. Their son George was born on December 6, 1907 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 22, 1985. Their other children were Bessie, born in Illinois about 1903; Annie, born in Illinois about 1906; and Helen, born in Michigan around 1909. Frank died on February 4, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Annie.

### **Esther Cross Henning [1900-1996]**

When a teacher at Eastmanville, Esther Cross Henning in 1951 composed an historical pageant with text titled "Voice of the River" about the history of Eastmanville. She composed another historical book, "The Soil Speaks," for the West Ottawa Soil Conservation program presented at the Marne Fair Grounds about 1955. She was one of four people who compiled the 1963 booklet *Rosy Mound Memoirs*. Esther taught fifth and sixth grades at Rosy Mound School. She was the author of "Indian Tales of Rosy Mound," also written in 1963.

The daughter of Edward [1877-1959] and Ida Mae [1874-1944] Cross, Esther was born on March 15, 1900 in Cash, Sanilac County. She taught at schools in Ravenna, Eastmanville, and Rosy Mound. On December 30, 1918 she married Burr Oak Schellenbarger [1898-1982] in Allendale. They had at least one child, Henry Schellenbarger, who was born in October 1919 and died in 1997. Henry at the time of the 1930 and 1940 Federal Censuses was living with Esther's parents in Ingham County. Burr married for the second time in California in 1925. On April 4, 1930 in Fennville, Esther married Edward Charles Henning. Esther and Edward had two children: Robert Henning [1931-2015], and James Henning, born in 1938. Between 1935 and 1940 Edward, Esther, and their two sons moved to Hillsdale County, where they operated a farm. By 1950, they had returned to the Grand Haven area. Edward was born in Coopersville on April 19, 1899 and passed away in Zephyrhills, Florida on October 21, 1990. Esther died in Allendale on June 7, 1996.

### **Frederick Henning [1838-1918]**

Frederick Henning was born in Germany in 1838. He married Caroline Amelia Witcop [Wittcomb], who lived from 1846 to November 13, 1887. Their daughter Elizabeth Henning was born in 1877 and married George

Westerhouse. Another daughter, Grace Rose Henning, was born on August 21, 1880 in Coopersville and married Thomas J. Johnston. Caroline was buried at Coopersville-Polkton Cemetery. On September 6, 1894, Frederick married Maria Theresa Thielmann Behm, the widow of Wilhelm Behm who had died on November 12, 1884 in Grand Haven Township. Maria was born in Germany on November 18, 1848. Frederick lived until 1918 and was buried at Coopersville-Polkton Cemetery. Maria passed away on November 3, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She and Frederick had one child, Mary Henning, who lived from 1872 to 1902. The family resided at 526 Pennoyer Avenue.

#### **Charles Hensley [Hinsley] [1825-1899]**

See Charles Hinsley.

#### **William Henry Albert Herbst [1915-2001]**

William, the son of William E. and Frances Herbst, was born on April 10, 1915 and, except for his tours of duty, spent most of his life in Grand Haven. Bill joined the Coast Guard in 1934, after spending three years with the National Guard. His first duty was at the South Haven life saving station, where he served as a surfman. During World War II he saw duty on the Coast Guard cutters *Escanaba* and *Gentian*, and also on the *Joseph T. Dickman*, and *Longbeach*. He participated in major operations, such as the battles of Leyte Gulf and Admiralty Islands. After the war Bill was assigned to South Haven, where he assumed command of the local Coast Guard Station. In the late 1950s he was commanding officer of the cutter *Ojibwa* in Buffalo, New York. Bill retired from the service in 1965, while serving as commander of Group Ludington. Returning to Grand Haven with his wife Beulah Hope "Hoppy" Scott, he devoted many years to the Coast Guard Festival and to the Tri-Cities Area United Way. Hoppy owned and operated Time and Tide Antiques at 18 Washington. Their residence was at 1300 Sheldon Road, and they owned a cottage in Highland Park at 119 Poplar Trail for many years. Bill died in Florida on January 7, 2001. Hoppy lived from November 7, 1917 to April 3, 1995. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Emil Herbst [1890-1947]**

William Herbst was born in Illinois on July 18, 1890. On February 20, 1912 he married Frances Neitring in Grand Haven. The daughter of Henry and Henrietta Regelin Neitring of Grand Haven, Frances lived from September 4, 1894 to January 23, 1975. They had two children, William, born on April 10, 1915, and Frances, who was born on September 3, 1918 and married Henry Van Agtmael of Grand Haven. The Herbsts resided at 8 Columbus around 1930 and later at 130 Columbus. William the father was a machinist. He died on December 21, 1947. William and Frances were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Thomas Henry Herron [1927-1996]**

Ferrysburg's postmaster from 1974 to 1988, Thomas Herron was born in Detroit on April 17, 1927. Around 1965, he married Edna Lorraine Rouwhorst, the widow of Charles Rouwhorst [1934-1965]. Thomas worked for six years as distribution clerk in the Grand Haven and Grand Rapids offices before taking the position in Ferrysburg in 1974. He and Edna lived at several local locations, including 429 East River Street in Spring Lake and 17980 Cove Street in Ferrysburg before leaving the postmaster's post in 1988. He spent a total of 22 years with the postal system. Thomas died in League City, Texas on November 28, 1996 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Edna was born in Robinson Township in October 1934.

#### **Baldwin Hery [1865-1942]**

Born in Switzerland on July 10, 1865, Baldwin Hery married Laura Saul in Grand Haven on September 16, 1896. The daughter of Heinrich and Mary Bredehoft Saul, she was born on April 22, 1875. The Herys owned a 165-acre farm in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township. They had two children: George, who was

born on June 22, 1897 and died on August 3, 1920, and Esther, who was born on May 3, 1913 and first married Mink Dykhouse, was divorced, and then married Jacob “Jack” Witteveen. Laura passed away on March 30, 1939, and Baldwin died on August 9, 1942. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Bernard Hesse [1916-1983]**

Bernard Hesse was born in Muskegon on March 15, 1916. On May 27, 1937, he married Kathryn Kieft in Grand Haven. The daughter of Mink and Allie Roossien Kieft, she was born in 1914. He bought Abel Holtrop’s Economy Market at 313 Pine Street in 1945. A few years later he changed the business name to Hesse’s Super Market. Hesse closed the store and in 1950 was working for the Adams Potato Chip Company. Bernard and Kathryn were living at 113 North Fifth Street in 1950, but prior to that made their home at 109 Fourth Street in Ferrysburg. Bernard passed away on March 24, 1983, and Kathryn died in 2003. Both were buried at Jefferson Cemetery in Jefferson, Oregon, where they had been living for a number of years. They had two sons.

### **Carl A. Hetzel [1890-1960]**

The son of a minister, Carl Hetzel was born in Emmet County on July 3, 1890. He studied for the ministry but dropped out after two years and in 1910 went to work for Grand Haven druggist Van I. Witt. Carl graduated from Ferris Institute [Ferris State University] and spent some time in Michigan City, Indiana, and Grand Rapids before opening his own store at approximately 13 North Seventh in Grand Haven. In the 1920s Carl bought one of Witt’s drugstores, this one located at 1125 Washington. He sold the business in 1952 to Clifford Pfaff, who changed the name to Pfaff’s Pharmacy. On May 5, 1911 in Grand Haven, Carl married Anna Clara Ott, who was born on August 16, 1891, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1909, and died in Grand Haven on October 21, 1974. In 1930 the Hetzels resided at 509 South Seventh, but later moved to 15127 Lakeshore Drive. Their children were Flora, born about 1912, and Vivian, born about 1918. Carl died on July 7, 1960. He and Anna were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Anne Mathilde Kingston Heyl [1918-2015] and Henry Bradshaw “Brad” Heyl I [1918-2009]**

In 1953, Grand Rapids residents Brad and Anne Heyl for the first time visited the Wilderness, a second home development along the lakeshore about four miles south of Grand Haven. When they learned a lot was for sale, they contacted Walkley Ewing, and on May 10, 1954 they bought from Walkley’s mother, Carlotta Ewing, a large parcel of wooded land atop a dune in the Wilderness for \$3,500. The house plan the Heyls purchased from the Bellaire Log Cabin Company consisted of a living room, kitchen, three bedrooms, and a bathroom with shower. They named their cottage Pinetree Lodge, which had the address 12571 Wilderness Trail. Over the years, the Heyls added to the original structure, made a few cosmetic alterations, and planted dozens of pine seedlings to stabilize the sand dune in front of them. The Heyls’ daughter Nancy married Steve Minard in the Wilderness on June 14, 1975.

Anne Kingston was born on October 14, 1918. She married Henry Bradshaw “Brad” Heyl in Grand Rapids on April 26, 1941. He was born in Tyrone, Pennsylvania on February 18, 1918 and died in Grand Rapids on October 27, 2009.

Inspired by Walter McBride, director of the Grand Rapids Art Museum from 1954 to 1970, Anne began to paint when she was well into her 80s. McBride also taught a watercolor class at Porter Hills, where teacher and student were living. Anne passed away on September 30, 2015. She and Brad were buried at Westminster Presbyterian Church Columbarium in Grand Rapids. Daughters Virginia “Ginny” Heyl Beaugard, born in Atlanta, Georgi about 1945, and Janet Heyl Vail, born in Grand Rapids about 1948, continued to spend summers at the Wilderness cottage after their parents’ deaths. Anne and Brad also had a son, Henry Bradshaw Heyl II, born in Atlanta on August 17, 1942. He died in Grand Rapids on February 11, 1984.

### **Hugh Heward [? -1803]**

In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, Hugh Heward paddled a canoe across most of the State of Michigan, primarily on the Grand River and into Lake Michigan. His well-documented journey started in Detroit and headed west across the lower peninsula in his canoe and portaging where necessary. Eventually he found the Grand River and paddled downstream. At the time of his trip, he was clerk and bookkeeper for William and David Robertson in Detroit. Toward “Sun Set” on April 27, 1790, he beached his canoe near the mouth of the Grand River. As Hugh recorded in his journal:

“Tuesday Ap1 27th 1790 Embarked after getting some Sturgeon & passed a plain to the East in about an Hour where it appears to be a wintering place the River still larger & a good smooth Current but a North Wind strong against us the Course West & the River larger & larger to the Mouth & surrounded with Pine on all Sides with Meadows & small Lakes & very wide at the Entrance of the Lake where we arrived at Sun Set & found Mr. Langlade who appear’d to be very friendly & promised to get me some Gum. Encamped on the other [north] Side there being many Indians with him. Wednesday Ap1 28th 1790. Got from Mr. Langlade Gum for 20/ [shillings] & gave him an Order on G. Meldrum Exchanged with him two Bushels of unhull’d for hull’d Corn & setoff the Wind North & by West under Sail but before Mid Day the Wind forced so as to oblige us to put into the River a [at] Barbu [Pigeon Creek or Black River] & with Difficulty got in & got some Sprays of the Swells & we there camped & unloaded to [the] Gum the Cannots [canoes]. Mr. Langlade says he has 15 Men & we saw several Cannots as he was preparing to set off for Michl [Michilimackinac]. . .”

Fur trader Charles Langlade had a post near the foot of present-day Washington Street. Hugh needed the “gum” to patch his canoe, and he bartered with the fur trader for other supplies. He left his campsite at the mouth of the Grand River the next day to complete his journey to the south tip of Lake Michigan.

Hugh died in June 1803. [“Hugh Heward’s Journal from Detroit to the Illinois: 1790,” part of the John Askin papers on file at the Detroit Public Library.]

#### **Bruce A. Hewitt [Hewett] [1871-1918]**

In 1900 Bruce Hewitt ran a saloon that bore his name at 1 Washington Street. The establishment was owned by the Muskegon Brewing Company. Bruce was born on October 4, 1871. He married Nellie May Ross in Holland on December 9, 1914 [1913]. She was born on January 20, 1885 in Trowbridge, Allegan County. He died of cirrhosis of the liver on April 2, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1920 Nellie was living with her brother and their parents in her birthtown of Trowbridge. She was still in Trowbridge in 1930.

#### **George William Hewitt [Hewett] [1847-1903]**

Born in New York on May 17, 1847, George Hewitt was working in a Benzie County sawmill as early as 1870. He joined Boyden & Akeley’s Shingle Mill in Grand Haven in 1879 and became a saw filer in 1881. His first wife, Charity, was born in New York about 1846. They had a daughter Hattie, also a native of New York, where she was born around 1868. George’s second wife, Mary Jane “Jennie” Gould, was born on April 30, 1855 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and was listed with George in the 1880 Federal Census as a resident of Grand Haven. They lived in a boarding house on Third Street, operated by Herbert and Ellen Ballgoyen. A son Charles was born in Benzie County on April 28, 1873 and died on November 21 the same year. The Hewitts’ daughter Grace Hewitt was born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1880. She married George F. Seek in Kalispel, Montana on December 15, 1898. George Hewitt died in Montana on October 8, 1903. Jennie passed away on May 17, 1924. Grace died in 1971.

#### **Zeger [Zegar] Heyblom [Heibloom] [1897-**

Zegar Heybloom owned and operated Grand Haven Baking Company at 214 Washington Street from the 1940s into the 1950s. He was born in The Netherlands on May 6, 1897. He married Gerarda Gerritje Den Boggende. Born in Utrecht, The Netherlands, she lived from December 14, 1899 to April 16, 1971. A son and daughter, John Heybloom and John Heybloom, worked with their father at the bakery. Another

daughter, Mary Ann Heybloom, was born about 1925. They had a total of six children. The family resided at 514 Jackson Street. Zeger died on January 1, 1979 in Florida.. They were buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Grand Haven Township.

### **Maynard Heyboer I [1910-1990]**

The Grand Transformers Company in Grand Haven was established in 1948 by Maynard Heyboer I, Kenneth C. Retzlaff, and Orry Charles Retzlaff., Kenneth's father [1882-1971] The first plant was located at 232-234 Washington, but later was moved to 1500 Marion. Maynard was born April 14, 1910 and died September 15, 1990. He married Anna Lydia Weigl in Grand Haven on July 20, 1933. Anna lived from February 3, 1910 to July 1995. She and Maynard were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their home was at 14230 Lakeshore Drive. They had a son, Maynard II "Bud" Heyboer.

### **Frank Heyer [1864-1935]**

Frank Heyer was born in Buffalo, New York [Ohio] on July 1, 1864. On October 18, 1892, he married Cora Webb [Peck] in Lucas, Ohio. She was born in Pennsylvania in May 1872. Frank and Cora had a daughter Alice, who was born in Ohio in July 1896 and married a Mr. E. Pepper. While living in Toledo, Ohio around 1900, Frank worked as a printer. Ten years later he was listed as a widower and osteopath with an office in Muskegon. On March 4, 1909 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania he married Dora Barlow Steele. He and Dora moved to Spring Lake sometime after 1920. Dora had been married previously and had a son, Robert Steele, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1894. Frank died on November 11, 1935. Dora was born in Pennsylvania in 1868 and passed away on March 27, 1918 in Muskegon. [*Tribune* obituary, November 12, 1935.]

### **Betty Kathryn Olsen Hickey [1918-2005]**

The daughter of George L. and Kathryn Dickinson Olsen, Betty was born in Grand Haven on March 7, 1918. Her first husband, Donald James Misner, was born on November 5, 1917, died on December 1, 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Donald and Betty had a son, Charles D. Misner, who resided in Grand Haven. Betty married Fredric Ernest Hickey in Grand Haven on December 3, 1948. He was born on October 23, 1915 and died on May 31, 2001. Betty graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1935 and attended Michigan State University. She was librarian at Central Elementary School and Children's Librarian at Loutit District Library. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where she taught Sunday School and was active with the Altar Guild. She was a member and president of the American Legion Charles Conklin Post Auxiliary. The Hickeys had four children: Ann E Hickey of Muskegon, born about 1950; Mary E., who married Charles Gren and moved to Fruitport; Fredric E. Hickey II, born about 1951; and Nora F. Hickey, who was born about 1952 and remained in the Grand Haven area. The Hickeys resided at 14451 160<sup>th</sup> Street in Grand Haven Township. Betty passed away in Grand Haven on January 15, 2005. The Hickeys were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 19, 2005.]

### **John Vidler Hickmott [Hicknott] [1820-1900]**

John Hickmott was the first pastor of the Congregational Church in Grand Haven, built at the northwest corner of Sixth and Washington Streets, later the site of the Grand Haven Fire Department [525 Washington]. It was dedicated on May 12, 1874. The first Congregational Church, located at 134 Washington, burned down in 1868. Rev. Hickmott was born on July 8, 1820 in Brenchley, England and died on May 14, 1900 in Mendon, St. Joseph County. His wife, Sarah Maria Hickmott, lived from June 14, 1822 to November 4, 1908. Both were buried at Mendon Township Cemetery. A son, William John Hickmott, was born on February 6, 1858, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1877, and died in Mendon in 1934. The Hickmotts' daughter, Jennie Harriet Hickmott, lived from March 25, 1852 to November 23, 1893. Sarah and the children were born in Staplehurst.

### **Albert "Finny" Hicks [1851-1882]**



On May 11, 1871 in Grand Haven, Albert “Finny” Hicks married Helen J., daughter of Virgil and Celeste Bennett. Albert was born in Rawford, South Carolina in 1851. The 1870 census listed a Finny Hexin, who was born in Kentucky about 1852 and worked as a domestic in the John Leggat home. It is likely that Finny Hexin and Finny Hicks are the same person. Also listed in 1870 was John Hexin, born in Kentucky about 1854, another domestic in the Leggat homestead. Although their relationship was not stated, Finny and John probably were brothers. John does not appear in later records for Ottawa County, but Finny does. By 1880 Finny was an engineer and worked for such local lumbering companies as Squier & White and White & Friant. Finny and his family were residing on Franklin Street at the time of the 1880 census. On October 26, 1882 he fell off the passenger boat on which he was engineer and drowned near Pentwater. [Another report said he drowned in White Lake.] His wife Helen was born in Delhi, New York [Delaware] on July 1845 [1847]. She was the daughter of Alfred and Louisa Bennett, who moved to Grand Haven sometime in 1845. Finny and Helen had at least three surviving children, all born in Grand Haven: James Edward, born on April 18, 1872; Bertha, James’s twin, died on April 27, 1890, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Emerson, born on March 6, 1876; and Blanche Nellie, who was born on January 30, 1879, married Isaac H. Coats [Coates] of St. Louis, an African American, in Grand Haven on April 28, 1915. She later married a Mr. McNeal of Muskegon Heights. Isaac, who worked as a teamster, was born about 1881 in Missouri. On September 10, 1884 Helen married Hezekiah Smith in Grand Haven. Apparently they were divorced, because on September 8, 1894, Hezekiah married another woman and Helen resumed use of the Hicks name. She died on December 1, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Albert.

#### **Edward O. Hicks [1872-1905]**

See James Edward Hicks.

#### **Emerson [Emmerson] Hicks [1876-1936]**

In the early 1900s Emerson, the son of Albert and Helen Bennett Hicks, was a teamster at Henry Sprick’s livery stable in Grand Haven. Later he was employed at Eagle Ottawa, where he suffered a permanent arm injury on one of the machines. He became a truck driver at Eagle Ottawa and worked there for a total of 25 years. He lived at 1208 Franklin with his mother and sister, Blanche Coats, and remained in the house until at least 1930, although by 1918 Helen had moved to Muskegon. By 1930 he was living in the house alone. Emerson died in Muskegon Heights on March 13, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He had recently moved to the Heights with his sister, Blanche. Emerson never married. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 1936.]

#### **James Edward [Edward O.] Hicks [1872-1905]**

The son of Albert and Helen Bennett Hicks, James Edward married Olie [Wyatie] A. Watts [Wats] in Grand Haven on July 3, 1901. Olie, born about 1878, was from Byron Center. Her father’s name was John Watts. After James’s father died when he was about 10, he lived with Dr. John N. Reynolds of Grand Haven for many years. James was a local representative to an Equal Rights convention that met in Grand Rapids on April 10 and 11, 1894. He started work for Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa] about 1895 and was promoted to Engineer, a position he held at the time of his death. The Hicks family home was on Fulton Street at the time of James’s death. He was elected Constable of his Ward several times, according to the *Tribune*. James died of pneumonia on June 5, 1905. James was survived by his wife and a son, Kennets [Kenneth] Albert Hicks, who was born on June 27, 1902. No definite information was uncovered of James’s widow and son, although a Kenneth Hicks, born in Michigan about 1903, was living in an orphan’s home in Chicago in 1910. Ten years later he was still residing in Chicago, this time in a household with Viola McGhee listed as his mother and John A. Watts listed as Viola’s father. Viola was born in Michigan about 1879 and would seem to be the woman James Edward Hicks married in 1901. The three were noted as being Mulatto. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 5 and June 7, 1905.]

#### **Andrew Uitermarkt Hieftje [1895-1969]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 11, 1895 [1896], Andrew was the son of Louis [Lewis] [September 24, 1866-February 24, 1921] and Jennie Uitermarkt [August 13, 1866-April 18, 1947] Hieftje. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Andrew opened a meat shop at 7 North Seventh Street and then moved to 15 North Seventh, where he operated the Central Food Market. By 1928 Andrew resided at 725 Columbus, where his mother also lived after her Louis's death. On June 4, 1931 he married Sophia Bierman in Grand Haven. The daughter of Charles and Bertha Saul Bierman, she was born on December 6, 1903. In 1942, their home address was 519 Woodlawn. Sophia died on September 5, 1957 and also was buried at Lake Forest, as was Andrew, who died on March 23, 1969.

#### **Jacob Hieftje [1863-1941]**

Jacob Hieftje, a Grand Haven builder and contractor, lived at and ran his business from 15 North Sixth Street and in the early 1900s from 434 North Seventh. In the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as "Carpenter." Jacob married Elizabeth [Elisabeth] Ver Berkmoes in Grand Haven on April 23, 1884. She was born in Goes, The Netherlands on October 10, 1863 and passed away in Grand Rapids on January 31, 1932. Her parents were Adriaan and Dirkje Schippers Ver Berkmoes. Jacob was born in Zeeland Township, Ottawa County, on September 10, 1863 and died in Grand Haven on March 30, 1941. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Gertrude, born in October 1885; Andrew, who was born in November 1889, married Lillian V. Saunders in Grand Haven on January 16, 1909, and eventually moved to Detroit; Daisy E., born in July 1892; and John Frederick [Frederick John], born on June 29, 1896.

#### **John Frederick [Frederick John] Hieftje [1896-1964]**

Fred Hieftje opened the 12-unit Grand Motel in 1951 at the corner of Hayes Street and Lakeshore Drive. He advertised it as "Western Michigan's Finest Ultra Modern Motel." Fred, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Verberkmoes Hieftje, was born in Grand Haven on June 29, 1896 On October 10, 1915 in Lansing, he married Nellie Richardson. Born on January 4, 1894 in Robinson Township, she was the daughter of William and Elva McMillan Richardson. In 1940 John was a life insurance salesman. He, Nellie, and their four children resided at 633 Franklin Street. The children were Frederic Garth Hieftje, 17 years old; Marion R., 15; Carol E., 12; and Nellie J., 8. Also in the household in 1940 was James Richardson, 24 years old, Nellie's son. Nellie died on May 31, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died on October 9, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Martin Hiemstra [1892-1949]**

Martin Hiemstra was born in Friesland, The Netherlands on September 5, 1892 and came to the United States in 1912. A woodworker, he eventually settled in Grandville and opened a business called Hiemstra Wood Products. He married Hattie Ratterink in Georgetown on November 9, 1916. She was born in Jamestown on October 26, 1900. On June 5, 1949 Martin was killed in an accident in Spring Lake. Hattie passed away in Ferrysburg on June 5 two years later and was buried at Grandville Cemetery with Martin. They had five children.

#### **Arthur "Roy" Hierholzer [1911-1995]**

Arthur Roy, the son of John Joseph and Susanna Shuey Hierholzer, was born in Grand Haven on February 8, 1911. On October 6, 1934 he married Pearl Landon, who was born in Manistee on September 23, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on October 26, 1997. Roy was Grand Haven postmaster and a supporter of the Democratic Party. Roy passed away on May 16, 1995. He and Pearl were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of their deaths, they were residing at 628 Fulton Street. The family attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and Roy was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

#### **John Joseph Hierholzer I [1876-1955]**

John Hierholzer was born in Chicago on February 25, 1876 and died in Grand Haven in 1955. On July 27, 1904 he married Susanna Shuey in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of William and Katherine Bartel

Shuey. Susanna was born on April 13, 1874 in Lemont, Illinois and passed away in Grand Haven on August 5, 1958. John was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery and Susanna was interred at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was a farmer, but in 1930 was classified as a laborer. In the mid-1920s he was working for Grand Haven Brass Foundry as a machinist. Later he became supervisor at Story & Clark Piano Company. Their children were Kolman William, who was born on May 12, 1905 in Grand Haven; Arthur Roy, who was born in Grand Haven on February 8, 1911; and John Joseph Herbert, who was born in Grand Haven on July 31, 1913. Roy became postmaster at the Grand Haven office. By 1908 John's mother, Adeline Hiltman Hierholzer, owned a 66-acre fruit farm in Grand Haven Township, near Peach Plains School [Section 35, north Grand Haven Township]. Adeline was born in Switzerland on March 24, 1848 and came to the United States four years later. Some years later John owned a 40-acre farm in the township. By 1928 the family, including Adeline, lived at 716 Sheldon. They attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

#### **John Joseph Herbert "Herb" Hierholzer II [1913-2004]**

The son of John and Susanna Shuey Hierholzer, John Joseph Herbert "Herb" was born in Grand Haven on July 31, 1913. After her husband's death, Fran, resided on 160<sup>th</sup> Street but later returned to the family home at 514 Monroe Street. Herb was a supervisor at Story & Clark Piano Company. In St. Joseph, Indiana on September 28, 1935, John married Frances Irene, the daughter of Cornelius and Della Westhoff Boomgaard of Grand Haven. Frances was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1917. In 1937, the couple moved to 514 Monroe Street, where they remained most of their married lives. Their children were Patsy Mae, born on July 11, 1936 and married Ronald Fojtik [1937-1994], and John Norman, born on April 16, 1949 in Grand Haven. Herb died on February 13, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fran died in St. Joseph, Indiana, on August 18, 2015. She and Herb were community-centered and contributed time and money to the preservation of Hatton Park.

#### **Kolman "Bill" William Hierholzer [1905-1981]**

In 1949 Kolman Hierholzer opened the Hierholzer Machine Company, located at 120 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Bill was born in Grand Haven on May 12, 1905, died in the same city on April 1, 1981, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He resided at 1615 South De Spelder at the time of his death, but around 1930 he and his wife lived at 724 Fulton and by 1932 they were located at 120 Elliott. His parents were John and Susanna Shuey Hierholzer. In 1935 Bill married Frances King, who was born in Michigan on April 20, 1907. Before 1930 he was employed as a lathe operator at an engine factory [probably Dake Machinery]. In 1949 Bill formed the Hierholzer Machine Company, located at 120 Elliott. The family attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Frances died on September 23, 1965 and also was buried at Lake Forest. John Joseph Hierholzer and Arthur Hierholzer were Bill's brothers.

#### **Edward McCrea Hiler [1895-1918]**

Edward was the son of Giles and Caroline Lucy Hammond Hiler. On August 10, 1915 he enlisted as private in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. On July 31, 1918, during an Allied offensive in France, Edward was severely wounded by an enemy shell and died on the way to a first aid station. He was born in November 1895.

#### **George Washington Hiler [1822-1902]**

George Hiler was born in Phelps, New York on April 21, 1822. On July 2, 1846 in Geneva, New York, he married Amanda Maria Parker. She was born in Geneva, New York on January 21, 1829. About 1853 George, Amanda, and their family moved to Coldwater, St. Joseph County. They returned to New York State the next year because of an epidemic of fever but came back to Michigan in 1871 and settled in Spring Lake. Five years later the Hilers moved to Grand Haven, where George was in the lumber business. Among George's and Amanda's children were Edgar Francis, who was born in Penfield, New York on November 12, 1847 and died near Muskegon on August 8, 1926; George Augustus, who was born on December 6, 1848, became a house painter, married Ella Biggs Parker in Grand Haven in 1880, was

divorced from Ella sometime before 1900, died on October 18, 1916, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Giles Parker, born in Michigan on March 5, 1854; Charles Herbert, who was born on March 10, 1859 in Monroe County, New York, died in Grand Haven on October 3, 1880, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Caroline Amanda, who was born on May 18, 1861 in Monroe County, New York, first married Frank H. Clements [who died in 1888 in Grand Haven Township], next married Edward Bowen in Olive Township on May 23, 1889, and died on July 25, 1926 in Fowlerville, Livingston County; Florence Lillian, who was born on November 3, 1866 in Monroe County, New York, married Charles T. Connell [who died on July 13, 1894] on April 6, 1881 in Grand Haven, died on March 29, 1892, and was buried at Lake Forest; John Tyler, who was born on October 3, 1868 in Penfield, New York, and died on March 28, 1963 in Grand Rapids;; and Helena Balmanno, who was born in Penfield, New York on November 1, 1870, became a teacher, married Washington L. Smith on November 10, 1910, died in Spring Lake on July 7, 1939, and was buried at Lake Forest. John T. was indicted for bigamy, tried in Illinois, and the indictment reversed. He was also known as a singer. George died at his home at 827 Elliott Street on March 15, 1906. Amanda passed away in Grand Haven around September 5, 1913. George, Amanda, and other Hilers were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 16, 1908 and September 6, 1913.]

### **Giles Parker Hiler [1854-1912]**

Giles was born in Michigan on March 5, 1854. He was the son of George Washington and Amanda Marie Parker Hiler. Giles married Caroline "Carrie" Lucy [Lucy Caroline] Hammond on May 5, 1877. She was born in Michigan in August 1856. They lived at 609 Jackson Street in Grand Haven. Giles was a member of Company F during the Spanish-American War in 1898, and he was a plasterer and varnisher by trade. The Hilers' children, all born in Grand Haven, included Giles L., born on February 15, 1878; Cyril [Sidney], born on February 9, 1880; Shirley George [George Shirley], born on January 19, 1883 in Spring Lake; Robert, born in July 1886; Sylvia, who was born on February 26, 1891, married Daniel Brady on June 28, 1911, and died in Spring Lake on January 4, 1917; and Edward McCrea, born in November 1895. Giles, the father, died on April 30, 1912. Caroline died on October 30, 1925. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members.

### **Cyril [Ciril, Sidney] Brown Hiler [1880-1959]**

Cyril Hiler worked at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. The son of Giles and Caroline Hammond Hiler, Sidney was born in Grand Haven on February 9, 1880. In 1920 he was residing at the family home at 609 Jackson. By 1928 he had moved to 415 North Sixth, and in 1945 he was living at 211 North Seventh Street. Cyril passed away about November 24, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

### **Earle E. Hill [1899-1971]**

In April 1936 Earle Hill and his wife, Nondus Margaret "Sammy" M. Clark, moved from Marion, Indiana to Grand Haven to open Hill's Hardware Store at 119 Washington. They sold the business in 1955. Earle was born in Rapid River, Delta County on March 14, 1899 and married Sammy on March 14, 1935. She was born in Lafontaine, Indiana on May 29, 1912, the daughter of Robert and Lillie Schellenberger Clark. After selling the hardware store, Sammy was employed by the Ottawa County treasurer's office from February 1957 until retirement in March 1975. Earle and Sammy lived at 413 South Street in Spring Lake. Their daughter, Roberta Hucklabee, lived in Sacramento, California. After Earle died on March 30, 1971, Sammy married Wesley E. Abel. The Abels resided at 424 Orchard. Sammy passed away in Spring Lake on January 7, 2003. Earle and Sammy were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 8, 2003.]

### **Charles L. Hilliard [1836-1905?]**

Around 1880 Charles Hilliard owned a company in Nunica, Crockery Township that produced broom handles. He was born in Prescott, Ontario, Canada on March 10, 1836. His wife Marian was born in

Illinois in 1843 and died in 1894. They had three children: William L., born locally in 1867; Jessie M., born about 1869; and Ida Sarah, born in Illinois about 1876. Charles died on August 24, 1905 in Toulon, Illinois.

#### **Russell M. Hilliard [1923-1976]**

President of Ottawa Electric in the 1970s, Russell Hilliard was born in Michigan on March 11, 1923. In 1930 he resided with his parents in Muskegon. Ottawa Electric was first located at 112 Washington, followed by 110 Washington, then 217 South Beechtree, and finally 1051 Jackson Street. Russell died in Norton Shores on October 18, 1976.

#### **Herbert Henry Hillman [1879-1936]**

From 1925 through 1928 Herbert Hillman served as mayor of Grand Haven. He married Edna Frances Blish in Grand Rapids on June 1, 1905. They had three daughters: Beatrice W., born about 1912; Arlene E., born about 1917; and Jean E., born about 1925. A son, Robert, lived from 1914 to 1927. In 1930 the Hillman family resided at 427 Columbus. In the 1910s Herbert was superintendent at Challenge Refrigerator. After WWI he ran a service station at the southeast corner of Franklin and Water [Harbor] Streets, later known as Wessel's TBA. Herbert offered Gulf Gasoline. Herbert and his son were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Herbert was born in Wayne County on November 11, 1879 and died in 1936. Edna was born in Wisconsin about 1884.

#### **Corydon Cromwell Hinckley [1823-1892]**

Corydon was born in Schuyler County, New York, on October 9, 1823, the son of Lewis Davis and Ann Chase Hinckley. While still in Schuyler County, Hinckley married Eliza L. Allen on February 10, 1850. Eliza was born in 1830, also in New York State, and died on June 12, 1893. A daughter, Frances, was born in Huron County, Ohio, on March 31, 1851 and married Norman S. Finch of Spring Lake. Seven years after her birth the family moved to Robinson Township, where they settled on eight acres in the Village of Robinson. In the 1880 census, Corydon was listed as a landlord. He died on February 16, 1892.

#### **Andrew Lawrence Hindal [1879-1951]**

Andrew Hindal was born in Norway on May 7, 1879. He married Olene [Olina] Regina Oldsdatter, also a native of Norway, who was born in 1882. Andrew was employed as a tool maker at the Keller Company. The Hindals' children were: Dorrin, born in Minnesota about 1904; Alice, born in Illinois in 1911; Ellen, who was born in Illinois on March 28, 1913, married Cass J. Potter on February 9, 1938, and died in Grand Haven on October 4, 2001; Dorothy, born in Illinois about 1917; and David B., who was born in Michigan on November 17, 1919 and died in Muskegon on April 7, 1986. Cass Potter was born in Durand, Shiawassee County on June 10, 1905. The Hindal family lived on Prospect Street in Spring Lake. Olene passed away in 1935. Andrew died on January 11, 1951 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **David B. Hindal [1919-1986]**

David Hindal was one of three local businessmen who took over Follen Tool Company in 1959, started by James Follen in 1941. He served in the Army during WWII. Prior to joining Follen, David was a draftsman at Anderson Bolling. David and his wife, Dorothy M., resided at 1002½ Madison. They later moved to 226 South Prospect in Spring Lake and then to 14440 Bayou Drive. David was born on November 17, 1919 and died in Grand Haven on April 7, 1986. He was the son of Andrew and Olene Hindal of Spring Lake. Dorothy lived from August 9, 1922 to March 9, 1994. She and David were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Charles Hinsley [Hensley] [1825-1899]**

Charles Hensley, born in England in 1825, was included in the 1860 census for Polkton Township, but he was in Crockery Township when he enlisted as private on December 5, 1861 in Company F of the 14<sup>th</sup>

Michigan Infantry. On July 25, 1864 he transferred into the U.S. Army Engineers, and on January 1, 1865 transferred again, this time to Company G of the Veteran Reserve Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Engineers. After Charles was mustered out on September 26, 1865, he resumed farming in Crockery, where he also used his blacksmithing skills. Charles died on February 12, 1899, and later that year his wife, Clarissa Jane Skinner, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. A monument was erected in Nunica Cemetery with his name. Clarissa, the daughter of Benjamin and Emily Perrin Skinner, was born in Battle Creek in 1829 and died on September 14, 1901. A daughter, Libby, was born in Canada about 1849 and married Joseph Farmer in Durand, Shiawassee County on March 29, 1893.

### **Thomas E. Hitchcock [? - ?]**

In July 1876, the *News Journal* was started at Grand Haven by a union of the *Grand Haven News*, under the control of Thomas Hitchcock, and the *Spring Lake Independent*, owned by John G. Lee. Both these men published the *News Journal* until January 1877, when Hitchcock retired and sold his interest to Lee.

### **Albertus [Albertina, Albert] "Bert" L. Hite [1870-1929]**

Albertus Hite was part owner of the Mallery & Hite Boat Livery, located on Spring Lake at the corner of Lake and Beach Road in the early 1900s. His partner was Davis M. Mallery of Grand Haven. Later Bert became a brick layer in Spring Lake. The son of John and Mary Hite, he was born in Charlotte, Eaton County on September 11, 1870 and was living with his grandparents, Samuel and Rebecca Leshner, in Benton, Eaton County by 1880. Bert married Lena "Mary" Richmond on November 12, 1894 in Portland, Ionia County. By 1900 they were residing in Grand Ledge, Eaton County, where Bert was a mason. Mary was born in Michigan in January 1870. Her parents, Henry and Melissa Martin, lived in Spring Lake. In Grand Ledge, she was a dressmaker. By 1920 Bert was laying brick for a living. He died on November 28, 1929. The next year Mary was living alone in Spring Lake.

### **George Arthur Hitsman [1873-1955]**

The foster son of William and Emma Brady of Robinson Township, George Hitsman was born on October 1, 1873. On July 15, 1894 in Robinson Township, he married Beatrice "Birdie" Beckett. She was born on July 3, 1877 and died on November 11, 1977. The Hitsmans owned a 40-acre farm in Section 9 of Robinson Township. They had 15 children, including Guy, born in December 1896, and David, born in January 1899. Guy and David were born locally. George died in 1955.

### **Antonie Hoebeke [Hobeke] [1822-1891]**

Born in the Netherlands about October 5, 1822, Antonie Hoebeke settled in Grand Haven in 1866. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Antonie, a laborer, died on December 8, 1891. His wife, Antonia, also a native of The Netherlands, was born about 1831. Their children were James, born about 1861; Henry John, born about 1866; Nellie, born about 1869; and Cornelius, born about 1873. James and Henry were born in The Netherlands, and the other children were born locally. The family home was on Washington Street.

### **Anthony Hoebeke [1885-1959]**

Tony Hoebeke was partner with Melle Poel when they started Poel & Hoebeke Clothing Store at 702 Washington in the 1920s. The shop remained there into the late 1930s, when Tony was elected treasurer of the City of Grand Haven, a post he held from 1939 to 1944. Tony married Kate Van Zanten in Grand Rapids on June 24, 1925. Kate, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne of Grand Haven, was born in November 1886 and became a milliner. She had been previously married to Martin Van Doorne II, who died in 1922. The Hoebekes resided at 905 Washington. Kate passed away about December 15, 1950 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Tony, the son of Henry and Cornelia Hoebeke, was born in Grand Haven in 1885, died in 1959, and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Henry John Hoebeke I [1865-1929]**

Henry, born in June 1865 in The Netherlands, was the son of Antonie and Antonia H. Hoebeke. In the early 1900s he was a house painter and wallpaper contractor in Grand Haven. On July 23, 1884 in Grand Haven, Henry married Cornelia Vander Boomgaard. She lived from December 18, 1867 to December 5, 1905. They lived at 516 Fulton with their children: Anthony, who was born on January 15, 1885; Johanna, who was born in December 1885 and married Hio Dornbos of Grand Haven; Jeanette, who was born on January 15, 1895 and married Joseph Zeimet of Grand Haven; Henry II, who was born on September 20, 1898; Antonnette, born in 1888; and James. Henry passed away about June 15, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

#### **Henry Hoebeke [Hobeke] II [1898-1977]**

Henry Hoebeke served with the Grand Haven Fire Department and was chief from 1937 to 1963. He was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1898 and died on July 11, 1977. His parents were Henry and Cornelia Hoebeke. Young Henry resided at 306 North Fifth, not far from the fire station. On May 27, 1919 in Spring Lake, he married Roelvina, the daughter of John and Grietje "Ella" Homes Hoffman. Roelvina was born on July 14, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on December 15, 1995. Henry and Roelvina were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Harriet C., who was born on July 14, 1912, on May 27, 1939 married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven [September 28, 1918-June 13, 1998], and died in Grand Haven on August 13, 1988; Evelyn, who married Howard Bailey [April 8, 1919-February 22, 1999]; and Jack. [*Tribune* obituary, June 15, 1998.]

#### **Andrew N. Hoegh [1900-1995]**

Andrew Hoegh in the 1940s owned Andy's Auto Shop at 319 North Third Street in Grand Haven. His shop offered "Complete Motor Repairing." Prior to that he was an auto mechanic in another garage. Andy was born on February 5, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on December 17, 1995. In 1948 he resided at 1220 Washington. His wife Enger was born on July 9, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on March 10, 1988. Both Enger and Andy were natives of Iowa.

#### **Elmore Jacob Hoek [1895-1946] Cathryn Ruth Boer Hoek [1897-2002]**

On October 13, 1920 in Detroit, Elmore Hoek married Cathryn Ruth, the daughter of John J. and Jennie Bolt Boer of Grand Haven. The newlyweds lived in Detroit until Dr. Hoek moved his dental practice to Grand Haven in 1923. They resided at 634 Lake Avenue. Elmore was born in Holland, Michigan on November 21, 1895 and died on October 15, 1946, just after moving his dental office from the second floor of Presley's Drug Store [700 Washington] to space at the corner of Franklin and Third Streets. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter Jane was born about 1925 and married architect Derk Vyn of Grand Haven in 1946. The Vyns moved to California. The Hoeks also had a son, Robert B. Hoek, who was born on November 7, 1921. The family resided at 1028 Washington. Ruth, who was born in Grand Haven on February 27, 1897, died in Napa, California on February 10, 2002, and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. Ruth was the sister of Cornelia Boer Wagener of Spring Lake. A fund was established in their names at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 2002.]

#### **Robert B. Hoek [1921-1974]**

Robert, born on November 7, 1921 in Detroit, was the son of Grand Haven residents Dr. Elmore and Ruth Boer Hoek. Robert graduated from the University Michigan in 1945, served in the U.S. Navy until December 1946, when he joined the Navy Reserve, and in the early 1950s reenlisted for active duty after operating a dental office in Grand Haven since January 1947. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Spring Lake Country Club, and the Spring Lake Yacht Club, where he served as treasurer in 1950 and 1951 and became Rear Commodore in 1952. He was an avid sailor, and entered and won many yacht club races aboard the *Jane Ann*. He also maintained an office for oral surgery in Grand Rapids. In 1963 he was elected president of the West Michigan Dental Society. On September 22, 1945, Robert married Mary

Carolyn Ulrich in Grand Rapids. She was born in that city on October 3, 1923. Robert died on May 20, 1974 in East Grand Rapids. Mary passed away on December 27, 2005.

### **John Clarence Hoekje [1885-1959]**

John Hoekje served as superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1913 to 1916. It was during his term that Grand Haven's first Parent Teacher Club was organized in 1915. By 1918 he was on the faculty at Western State Normal School [WMU] in Kalamazoo, where he met Helen Irene Poel. They were married in Grafton, Ohio on September 11, 1920. Helen lived from 1894 to 1969. John was born on February 1, 1885 in Cauker City, Kansas, and died on January 21, 1959 in Detroit. Helen and John had seven children.

### **John Hoeksema [1828-1919]**

John Hoeksema was born in The Netherlands in July 1828 [1833] and died in Grand Haven in 1919. He married Trientje "Kate" Koning. She also came from The Netherlands, where she was born on February 22, 1849. John and Kate immigrated to the United States in 1881. Their son, Johannes, was born in The Netherlands in June 1876. A daughter, Elsie, was born in The Netherlands on June 30, 1878 and married Reijer Beekman of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Della, was born in September 1882 and married Henry Arkema II of Grand Haven. A third daughter, Fredricka, was born in September 1885. Della and Fredricka were born locally. John worked at the Eagle Ottawa tannery and the family resided at 909 Fulton Street. Kate passed away in Cutlerville, Kent County on February 20, 1939.

### **Harm "Harry" Hoendervanger I [1920-1982]**

In the mid- to late 1960s, Harry Hoendervanger bought Grand Haven Home Bakery from John De Vries, who in 1949 had moved the business from 214 Washington to 1115 Washington Street. Harry was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on February 18, 1920. On August 14, 1941, still in Groningen, he married Rijknkina "Irene" Jantje Pijning [Pyning]. She was born on January 20, 1940, also in Groningen. They had at least five children: Fredrik "Frits" Hoenderveranger, born on September 30 [15], 1947; Johannes Hermanus Hoenderveranger, who lived from August 14, 1949 to 2020; Ann Hoenderveranger, who remained in The Netherlands; Grace Hoenderveranger, who moved to Sparta, Kent County; and Harry Hoenderveranger II, the youngest, who was born on June 3, 1958, lived for a while in Grand Haven, and then moved to Colorado. The four older children were born in The Netherlands, but Harry II's place of birth is unknown. Harry and Irene were living at 127 Henley Drive in Grand Haven by 1966. Harry died in Grand Haven on October 28, 1982. After his death, Jeff Butler owned and operated Grand Haven Home Bakery. Irene passed away on December 4, 1995 in Grand Rapids. She and Harry were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son Frits remained in Grand Rapids, where he became known for his art.

### **August Fredrick Hoerich [Hoerick] [1884-1970]**

August Hoerich's 120-acre farm was located in Section 23 of Grand Haven Township. He was the son of August and Henrietta Behm Hoerich. The older August was born on March 21, 1853 and died on January 7, 1931. Henrietta lived from March 16, 1862 to March 30, 1944. August the son was born in Wisconsin on Christmas Day, 1884 and died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1970. A sister, Dorothea Maria, was born on July 15, 1881 and passed away on July 15, 1903. The family was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

### **George Vincent Hoffer [1906-1953]**

George Hoffer [originally Schultenhofer] was born on December 11, 1906 in Petoskey. He moved to Grand Haven in 1927 and married Eleanor, the daughter of Cornelius and Nellie Vander Noot, on March 1, 1935. Eleanor was born in Grand Haven on December 16, 1908. The Hoffers lived at 720 Washington, where George also operated his insurance office. George died in Grand Haven on February 7, 1953. Eleanor died, also in Grand Haven, on September 21, 1962. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Hoffers had at least two children: Janice Ruth Hoffer, who lived from 1936 to 1999, and Ralph Hoffer, who was born in 1947 and died in 1988.



### **Derk “Dick” Hoffman [Hofman] [1867-1941]**

A general farmer who also raised livestock, Richard Hofman lived in Section 32 of Olive Township. He was born in Olive Township on August 4, 1867. On March 30, 1898 in Crisp, Ottawa County, he married Trytje “Kate” Berghorst. She was born about 1878 in The Netherlands. They were still living in Olive Township as late as 1930 but ten years later were located in Holland. They had at least one child, Jennie Hoffman, born about 1899. Dick died on April 3, 1941, and Kate passed away in Holland on July 17, 1945. Both were buried at North Holland Cemetery.

### **Jan “John” Hoffman [Hofman] [1829-1910]**

Jan “John” A. Hoffman was born on January 1, 1829 [1828], died on January 21, 1910, and buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Grietje [Gretsie], was born on January 11, 1838 and passed away on April 20, 1908 at their home at 532 Monroe Street.

### **Jan “John” Hoffman I [Hofman] [1842-1887]**

A native of Groningen, The Netherlands, John Hoffman was born on November 8, 1842. On August 2, 1866, he married Roelfa [Rolfien] “Maggie” Ennenga, who also was a native of Groningen, where she was born on January 23, 1843. John Hoffman II, their son, was born in 1867. They also had daughter, Alice Hoffman, who was born in The Netherlands in May 1867 and married Corneil N. Addison of Grand Haven. A second daughter, Jennie Hoffman, was born in The Netherlands on November 5, 1869 and married John A. Fisher of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Rena Hoffman, was born in February 1872 and married Henry J. Bolt II, also of Grand Haven. In 1880 the Hoffman family resided on Franklin Street. John died on July 9, 1887. On January 7, 1889, Roelfa married John Glerum in Grand Haven.

### **John Hoffman [Hofman] II [1867-1918]**

John, the son of Jan and Grietje Hoffman, lived from December 1867 to 1918. He and his wife Ella lived at 503 Elliot. John learned the meat business working for Cornelius Bos when he was 14 and continuing for 10 years. He operated a grocery store at 427 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven and delivered groceries in a horse-drawn wagon. John Hoffman III was born in September 1891. John and Ella also had at least three daughters, Angie, who was born in December 1892, Roelvina, who was born on July 14, 1900 and married Henry J. Hoebeke [Hobeke]; and Jennie, who was born on April 10, 1910, married Henry Lutz [May 29, 1905-August 4, 1990] of Grand Haven, and died on March 17, 2005. Ella was born in The Netherlands in July 1869 [1868] and died in 1933. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 20, 1908.]

### **Peter Hoffman [Hofman] [1833- 1925]**

Peter Hoffman was a 19-year-old orphan when he immigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven in 1852 to work in the sawmills. Antje “Anna” Dobbenga, also born in The Netherlands in 1834, became his wife on August 1, 1855. They continued to live in Grand Haven for a while, and then moved to Coopersville and later Muskegon where Hoffman became a dairyman in the 1870s. Peter and Anna had six children. She passed away on March 29, 1879 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Peter on December 24, 1887 married Wiebedina “Dina” Werkmen, who lived from 1845 to July 1, 1926. They had three children. Peter next married Peter lived from May 1, 1833 to August 21, 1925. He and Dina were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **August P. Hoffmeister [Hofmeister, Hoffmaster] [1855- ?]**

Born in Germany in 1855, August Hoffmeister immigrated to the United States in 1859. In the early 1880s he was employed at Grand Haven Wagon Works, owned by August Hubert. August Hoffmeister was put in charge of the woodwork. Dora Regelin [Regalin], August’s wife, also was from Germany. The Hoffmeister family moved to Muskegon around 1889. The daughter of Louis and Mary Schultz Regelin, Dora was born in Germany in 1856 and died in Muskegon on March 30, 1899, following the death of a newborn boy, who had died unnamed on March 10, 1899. Their surviving children included Louisa

“Lizzie” Hoffmeister, born on September 22, 1878, and Ernest Arnhardt “Arnold” Hoffmeister, who lived from July 2, 1879 to February 12, 1949. Both children were born in Grand Haven. On July 12, 1899, Louisa married Louis Beerman [Bierman] in Muskegon.

### **Edward Hofma [1859-1936] and Elizabeth Pruim Hofma [1859-1938]**

Edward was born in Vriesland, near Zeeland on April 12, 1859. He was the son of Simon R. and Maria Ullberg Hofma and brother of Martin, Betje, Lawrence, Sybella, Agnes, Effie, and Clara. Simon and his family lived on a 60-acre farm in Zeeland on the southeast corner of Perry and 64<sup>th</sup> avenue. Edward attended Holland Academy [Hope College] from 1878 to 1881 and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1884. He practiced in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. He took a special course of study with Dr. Robert Koch [1843-1910] in Berlin in 1892 and visited hospitals in Vienna, Heidelberg, and Leyden. He was granted his request to join Walter Wellman’s expedition to the North Pole in 1898-99 as the group’s physician. The expedition fell 565 miles short of its goal. In 1899 Edward again studied in Paris and London. He was one of the original members of the Duncan Park Board of Commissioners, founded in 1913, and worked at conservation, being one of the first to plant trees on Dewey Hill. In 1907, he was on the Board of Education and served as its president from 1913 to 1914. From 1914 to 1916 he was a state senator. Edward was one of the founders of Peoples Savings Bank, and he was president of the bank from its start in 1910 until his death. Edward was one of the founders of the Ottawa County Medical Society, and he was elected by his fellow physicians as the first doctor to serve on the Board of Trustees of the new Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital, organized in 1919.

On June 30, 1886, Edward Hofma married Elizabeth Pruim of Spring Lake. Edward and Elizabeth had no children but raised Katie Feringa as a daughter and for many years cared for Isaac Dowlyn, Elizabeth’s stepbrother, and Mary Dowlyn, her stepsister. Elizabeth was born in Spring Lake [then Mill Point] on November 17, 1859, the daughter of Peter and Maria Regina Louis Pruim. Peter was an early immigrant who worked as a day laborer. He died when she was two years old, and her mother married a widower, Abraham Dowlyn, who had two sons. Maria and Abraham had seven more children, including Isaac and Mary. The Dowlyns lived in a rented house near Summit and River Streets in Spring Lake. Elizabeth graduated from Spring Lake High School, was certified to be an elementary teacher in 1882, and joined the Spring Lake School system. In 1891, five years after marrying her physician husband, she graduated from Northwestern University Medical School. After working as assistant to the Chair of Gynecology at Northwestern, she returned to Grand Haven in 1893 and became the area’s first female doctor.

The Hofmas, especially Elizabeth, were active in civic affairs and contributed to community improvement, urging development of parks, tree lined streets, pure water, and sewerage systems. She was instrumental in establishing a local library, served on the library board from 1913 to 1933, and supported the construction of the Carnegie Library building on Third Street, which opened in 1914. In 1917 she served as the first director of the newly chartered Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

On May 26, 1934, the Hofmas deeded 40 acres on Ferris Street to Grand Haven Township, which was named Hofma Park [Preserve]. Dr. Hofma died on December 15, 1936, and Elizabeth passed away at her home on Washington Street, two years later, on July 2, 1938. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Hofmas provided sufficient funds to establish an endowed chair of Biology at Hope College. The Hofma Trust was set up in 1936 to care for the remaining family members and after the death of Katie in 1960, the trust was to be dispersed over a 20- to 25-year period to “causes that would likely have interested the Hofmas.” Over the years the grants ranged from a few hundred dollars to many thousands. Many were one-time grants, while others became annual affairs. With the exception of help given to various Michigan colleges, the money largely stayed in the Tri-Cities area. The final money was dispersed in 1985. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 2, 1938, July 6, 1938 and December 16, 1936, and *Tribune* article, “Hofma Heritage Told in Book,” July 30, 1984, and *The Hofmas, Edward and Elizabeth, 1859-1938.*”]

### **Alvin Lee Hoksbergen [1928-2014]**

Alvin Hoksbergen was born in Pella, Iowa on October 22, 1928 and served with the United States Army during the Korean War. Following his military duty, he enrolled at Calvin College and went from there to Calvin Seminary. He studied at the Free University of Amsterdam before taking pastorates at Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church, River Terrace Church, and Ferrysburg Community Church, where he served from 1990 to 1994. Al continued his ministry in a variety of venues during retirement. He married Shirley Vander Schaaf. Also from Pella, she was born on January 27, 1930. Al passed away on January 17, 2014. They had six children.

#### **Calvin Holcomb [Hocum] [1819-1888]**

Born in Orleans County, New York, on August 28, 1819, Calvin Holcomb came to Lapeer, Lapeer County, where he worked for three years in a drug store. While in Lapeer, Calvin enlisted as corporal in Company I of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers. He was discharged for disability on March 2, 1863, in Nashville, Tennessee. On August 31, 1864, again in Lapeer, he enlisted in Company G of the Michigan 14<sup>th</sup> Reorganized Infantry. He was reported as a deserter in New Orleans on July 5, 1865. After he returned to Michigan he was employed as an engineer.

Calvin married Geneva Sophia Perkins in Detroit in 1854. Sophia was born in New York on March 30, 1831 and died February 29, 1912. Calvin and Sophia had three sons, all born in Michigan: Locksley E., born August 26, 1857; John G., who lived from November 1, 1858 to July 30, 1924; and Frank H., who lived from November 20, 1860 to July 2, 1884. In 1870 the family was living in Polkton Township, and by 1880 it was located in Robinson Township. John married Julia King in Berrien County on March 9, 1880. She was born on October 7, 1860 and died on September 2, 1898. Calvin died on November 25, 1888. The following February 15 Geneva applied for a widow's Civil War pension. All family members were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Frank Robert Holcomb I [1873-1951]**

Frank, the son of Henry and Anna Cook Holcomb, was born in Grand Haven on November 1, 1873. On December 20, 1915, he married Irma Heath Tillemann in Grand Rapids. She was born in Walker Township, Kent County on November 17, 1873, married Vladimir Tillemann in 1904, and was divorced nine years later. In 1920 Frank and Irma resided in Grand Rapids, and ten years later they were in Spring Lake, where Frank worked in real estate. Frank and Irma had two children: Frank R. Holcomb II, born in 1916, and Stephen H. Holcomb, who lived from 1916 to 1998. Frank's brother William Holcomb owned 56 acres in Section 32, Grand Haven Township. On August 29, 1928, Frank and Irma filed Holcomb Hills Subdivision plat consisting of 249 lots, indicating they were the owners of record at the time. The plat was vacated in 1948. Frank and Irma were divorced in Grand Haven on June 18, 1932. Frank died in Ann Arbor on March 18, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Irma passed away in Traverse City on January 19, 1945 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Henry "Harry" E. Holcomb [1841-1900]**

Born in Joliet, Illinois on April 16, 1841, Harry was the son of Louis M. and Elector Edmunds Holcomb. The Holcomb family resided in Wisconsin before moving to the Grand Haven area. Harry enlisted on June 17, 1861 in Company E of the 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry as a Wagoner. He was wounded at the Battle of Gainesville, Virginia, on August 28, 1862 and was discharged for disability on July 6, 1865 with the rank of corporal. Harry and his family were in the Grand Haven area by 1880. He died of Bright's Disease at his father's home near Rosy Mound on February 20, 1900. He married Anna [Maria] M. Cook in Hancock, Wisconsin on October 31, 1866. On March 5, 1900 she applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Anna was born in Vermont about 1845. Harry was a farmer in Grand Haven Township. Their other children, born in Wisconsin, were Bertha Holcomb, who lived from 1867 to 1959; William Louis Holcomb, who was born on July 5, 1869 and died in 1951; Frank Robert Holcomb, born in Grand Haven on November 16, 1873; Harry Myron Holcomb, who lived from 1875 to 1958; and Anna Holcomb, who was born in 1878. All the children except Frank were born in Wisconsin. [*Tribune* obituary, February 21, 1900.]

### **Locksley E. Holcomb [1857-1905]**

The son of Calvin and Geneva Sophia Perkins Holcomb, Locksley was born in Michigan on August 26, 1857. He married Lavina Becket of Canada on May 17, 1879. Locksley, who was a railroad station agent, died April 9, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lavina, who was born on March 22, 1857, died on September 28, 1919 and was buried near her husband.

### **Louis M. Holcomb I [1814-1904]**

Born in New York on March 4, 1814, the brother of Charles Holcomb of Connecticut, Louis moved to Illinois as a newly married man. He was a stonemason by profession and followed the trade at quarries near Joliet, Illinois. He became a partner and friend of Eben [Ebenezer] F. Mansfield, who in 1870 was residing in Grand Haven. The pair entered various enterprises, including participation in construction of an Illinois canal. Eben Mansfield was the father of Frederick A. Mansfield of Grand Haven. Louis then went to Wisconsin and became a timber locator employed by Senator Philetus Sawyer [1816-1900]. Louis was a close friend of Alexander Juneau, the French trader whose name was linked with Wisconsin history. Louis ran a hotel and gristmill in Hancock, Wisconsin. In the 1870s he came to Grand Haven Township, where he settled on 45 acres in Section 32, stretched along the Lake Michigan shoreline, and raised fruit.

On February 4, 1838 Louis married Elector [Electra/Electha] Edmunds, who was born in New York on April 9, 1817 and died on October 17, 1912. Their children included Emma E., who was born in New York in December 1838 and died about August 5, 1919; Henry "Harry" E., born in Illinois on April 16, 1841; William L., who was born in Wisconsin about 1845; and Louis II, who died at Gettysburg [not verified by service records]. Louis I died on November 18, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Holcomb Hills, south of Grand Haven, was named for this family. [*Tribune* obituary, November 18, 1904.]

### **William Louis [Lewis] Holcomb [1869-1951]**

William, the son Henry and Anna Cook Holcomb, inherited 56 acres in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township in the early 1900s. In 1928, William's brother Frank and Frank's wife Irma filed Holcomb Hills Subdivision plat, consisting of 269 lots, indicating they were the title holders at that time. William was born in Hancock, Wisconsin on July 25, 1869, died on November 26, 1951, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Martha Taft, who was born in Wisconsin on July 26, 1868, died on March 1, 1961, and was buried near her husband. Their children were Carroll Frank Holcomb, who was born on August 8, 1909 and died in November 1987; Kenneth William Holcomb, who lived from 1912 to 1997; Elwood B. Holcomb, who was born in 1915 and died in 1981; and Marilyn "Molly" E. Holcomb, who lived from 1927 to 1990.

### **Albert Holleboom [1849-1946]**

Albert Holleboom, who had a farm in Section 29 of Allendale Township, arrived in the area in 1880. He was born in The Netherlands on October 11, 1849 and died on January 19, 1946. His wife, Jantes Jansen [Jansenden], also a native of The Netherlands, lived from July 25, 1850 to 1931. Both were buried at Allendale Cemetery. They had seven children, including Jennie, who was born in 1876 and married William Ossewaarde of Zeeland on September 30, 1893 in Allendale.

### **Egbert [Hubrecht] "Ed" H. Hollestelle [1856 –1927]**

Egbert, who was born on March 23, 1856 in Grand Haven, was the son of Peter and Jane Hollestelle, who immigrated to the United States in 1848 and settled in Grand Haven. In the spring of 1880 Egbert started a meat business with Richard Bottje. By 1893 Egbert was in the grocery business with his future father-in-law Gerrit Van Westrienen I at the corner of Fifth and Franklin [434 Franklin]. Egbert later became sole owner of the store. On November 22, 1882 in Grand Haven, Egbert married Alice [Aartje], the daughter of Gerrit and Hester Van Westrienen. Alice was born at the Franklin Street address on December 29, 1858 and lived there until her death, about August 20, 1943. Their son Peter H. was born in March 1884 and worked with Egbert in the grocery store. Egbert died on October 12, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest

Cemetery. From the time of his death until her own passing, Alice ran the grocery store. A daughter, Gertrude, who was born on March 19, 1891, occupied the home at 430 Franklin until her death on October 8, 1969. She taught at Grand Haven High School from 1928 to 1957. Other Hollestelle children were Esther, who was born in August 1885 and married Richard Vyn of Grand Haven, and Edna, who was born on December 8, 1896 and died on February 17, 1970. The Hollestelle family continued to reside in the Van Westrienen house after Gerrit and Hester died.

### **Peter Hollestelle [1812-1893]**

Peter Hollestelle, who was born in 1812 and died in Grand Haven on February 27, 1893, emigrated from The Netherlands in 1848. His wife, Jane [Annie/Jennie], was born in 1822 and died on March 27, 1897. Nellie, a daughter, was born around 1855. Egbert H., their son, was born on March 23, 1856 and opened a grocery store in Grand Haven. In the 1880 Federal Census Peter was listed as a church janitor. Peter and Jane were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Harvey J. Hollister [1830-1909]**

Harvey J. Hollister, teller at First National Bank in Grand Rapids, was born in Macomb County on August 30, 1830. In 1873 he joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and enter the silver mining business. He died in 1909 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County with his wife, Martha C., who lived from 1833 to December 25, 1901.

### **Friedrich "Fred" Wilhelm [Willelm] Holman [Hollman, Hoellmann, Hallman] [1859-1897]**

Fred Holman was born in 1859 in Germany. He married Amelia Cards, who was ten years younger, and the couple immigrated from Germany in 1883. They settled in Grand Haven, where Fred's cousin Charles Holman, resided. Fred worked as a farm hand and a sailor. He and Amelia were members of St. Paul's German Lutheran Church. They had a daughter, Minnie, who was born on April 11, 1883 and died on August 31, 1886. Amelia died on November 12, 1887 during childbirth. She and the stillborn baby were buried next to Minnie. Fred left Grand Haven to move in with a brother named Julian Holman in Ripon, Wisconsin. Fred married Augusta "Gusta" Pauline Rohde in Grand Haven on August 9, 1888. Gusta was born in Germany on November 27, 1868. The couple settled in Princeton in Green Lake County. On June 3, 1889 the couple had a daughter, whom they named Minnie Augusta after Fred's first daughter. On July 16, 1891, their second child was born, a son they named Herman August Holman.

In 1892 Fred left his second wife and two children. In early 1897 he was arrested and convicted of the murder of Wiebke Geddes, the wife of Fred Geddes, and was a suspect in several other murders. Fred, one of the first recorded serial killers in the United States, was executed on May 14, 1897 at the Ford County jail house in Paxton, Illinois. Following his execution, this hand-written poem was found in his cell:

My name is Frederick Hoellmann,  
I come from a far off country,  
Which follows the river Rhine,  
To America I journeyed  
In honest to toil,  
And now they gonna hang me,  
And raise a great turmoil.  
On 14 day of May  
When flowers are in bloom,  
Between sunrise and sunset,  
I must meet my **final doom**.  
They said I did a murder,  
but that I will deny . . . .

On February 5, 1903 in Princeton, Wisconsin, Gusta married Herman Boetcher. In the marriage papers her name was given as Auguste Hallman Rode. She died in Ripon on January 3, 1945 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Ripon. [Thanks to Kevin Collier for much of Fred's biography.]

### **Jay E. Holmes [1898-1983]**

Born May 21, 1898 in Bloomingdale, Van Buren County, Jay Holmes came to Spring Lake from St. Louis, Gratiot County in 1923, following his service as an Army Medical Corps master sergeant during WWI. Jay was superintendent of Spring Lake schools from 1923 to 1958. He was a charter member of the Spring Lake Ex-servicemen's Club; American Legion; Ottawa County Michigan Education Association; Spring Lake Business and Professional Association; Kiwanis; Rotary; and the Spring Lake Reformed Church. He and his wife volunteered for VISTA [Volunteers in Service to America, a federal anti-poverty program], and in 1965 Jay appeared on the NBC "Today" show for the organization. He retired from education in 1958.

On June 12, 1922 in Bloomingdale, Jay married Dorothy Meeker, who was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 26, 1902. They were teachers at the time. Their children were Sue, who was born about 1924 and married Paul De Witt of Spring Lake, and Ruth, who was born on January 5, 1926, married Howard Shinn of Clearwater, Florida, and died in Bradenton, Florida on July 18, 1999. The Holmes family lived at 402 East Exchange in Spring Lake. Dorothy served on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa County Red Cross in the mid-1930s. She passed away in Miami, Florida on May 9, 1983. Jay died at Eustis Hospital in Tavares, Florida of a "heart ailment" on July 28, 1983 and was buried in that state. Holmes Elementary School in Spring Lake was named for him. [*Tribune* obituary, July 29, 1983.]

### **Henry "Terry" Holmes [1862-1930]**

Born in Sweden on February 13, 1862, Terry Holmes immigrated to the United States in 1883. He married Ida Peterson, also a native of Sweden, who was born on July 27, 1862 and arrived in America the same year as Terry. They owned or leased two parcels, one of 40 acres in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, and an abutting 60 acres in Section 12. They had at least two children, Algert, who was born about 1891, and Hazel, who was born about 1895. Both children were born in Illinois. Algert married Ruth Richardson in Crockery Township on November 18, 1914 and moved to Grand Rapids. Hazel became the wife of Clarence N. McMillen in Grand Haven on February 14, 1922. By the time of his death in 1930 Terry was widowed, working at Challenge Refrigerator Company, and living at 9½ Second Street in Grand Haven. He passed away on October 31 that year, and Ida died on May 2, 1925. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **James Holt [1857-1912]**

A farmer, James Holt raised fruit on 40 acres in Section 11 of Grand Haven Township. On January 1, 1880 he married Mary Jane Amy in Port Huron. They arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1902. James was born on January 29, 1857 in England and committed suicide on December 28, 1912. His wife Mary, a native of Canada, was the same age. She moved to Newberry, Luce County after James's death.

### **Abel "Abe" Holtrop [1892-1978]**

Born on November 2, 1892 in Ferrysburg [Muskegon], the son of John and Effie Bishop Holtrop, Abel at 16 began working with his father as a carpenter. By 1918 he was employed at Eagle Ottawa, and when he was 30 years old, he became a rural mail carrier for two and a half years. In 1923 Abel purchased a grocery store in Ferrysburg. In 1925 he erected a new one at 313 Pine Street that he called Holtrop Economy Market. Abe was director of the Muskegon Wholesale Company. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce; National Association of Retail Grocers; Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association of Michigan; Tri-Cities Grocery Association; Spring Lake Country Club; Citizens Historical Association; and the Christian Reformed Church.

On June 26, 1913 in Ferrysburg, Abe married Katherine Rosema, who was born in Ferrysburg in 1892. One of their five children Margaret Holtrop, born on May 8, 1915, married Harold Bolthouse. Margaret and Harold had twin daughters, Sharon and Karen, who were born on September 19, 1939. A second Holtrop daughter, Ella Mae Holtrop, was born February 13, 1918. She became the wife of John G. Albertie of Spring Lake, who lived from May 2, 1917 to February 24, 2000. The Alberties had one child, Roger. Unice, the third Holtrop daughter, was born on November 4, 1923. A son, Claus Holtrop, was born August 9, 1926, followed by Hugh Robert Holtrop, born on February 26, 1931. Katherine died on May 13, 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Abe later married Jean, daughter of Jacob and Dora Tieman Westmaas. [After Dora's death Jacob Westmaas married Effie Doorn Rapp.] The Holtrop family lived at 1014 Sheldon Road, 533 Hillcrest, and other addresses in Grand Haven. Abe died in Muskegon on June 14, 1978 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Jean lived from February 21, 1901 to July 12, 1986 and passed away in Muskegon. She, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Citizens Historical Association.*]

### **Corneal Holtrop [1894-1968]**

Corneal, the son of John and Effie Bishop Holtrop of Ferrysburg, was born on August 20, 1894. Corneal, a minister with the Christian Reformed Church, married Jennie Kruizenga in Spring Lake on August 11, 1921. Jennie lived from August 1, 1894 to July 19, 1983. Jennie and Corneal had four children. Corneal served churches in Michigan and Iowa. He died in Muskegon on June 19, 1968. Jennie, who lived from August 1, 1895 to July 19, 1983, also died in Grand Rapids. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Mary Jeanne Holtrop lived from 1929 to 2000.

### **Gert John [John Gert] Holtrop [1887-1957]**

Gert, born on November 1, 1887, the son of Klaas and Ruth J. Kraak Holtrop, immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1893. Gert became trackman for the Interurban line. He married Nellie Moore in Grand Haven on August 29, 1917. They owned a house and lot in Nunica. Gert passed away in Nunica on August 29, 1957. A native of Crockery Township where she was born on June 14, 1888, Nellie died on November 6, 1977 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband.

### **Henry Holtrop [1900-1964]**

Henry, the son of John and Effie Bishop Holtrop, was born in Ferrysburg on March 16, 1900. He attended Calvin College. On August 24, 1926, Henry married Gertrude Vanderlaan in Spring Lake. She was born on May 4, 1905. The Holtrops lived at 420 Oak Street in Ferrysburg. Henry died on January 5, 1964 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Gertrude passed away on March 13, 1988 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two daughters, Crystal and Lillian.

### **Jan "John" Klaas Holtrop [1884-1967]**

On April 8, 1911, in Ottawa County John Holtrop married Josephine Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry Stark of Nunica. John was born on June 8, 1884 in The Netherlands. Josephine was born on March 6, 1886 and died in September 1965. By 1918 John and Josephine owned a house and four lots in Nunica. John was track foreman for one of the local railroad companies. Among their children, all born in Nunica, were Margaret Pearl Holtrop, who was born March 6, 1912 and married Anthony Wolf of Robinson Township; Dorothy Della Holtrop, born January 15, 1915; Hazel Helen Holtrop, born on March 17, 1917; Clare Holtrop born about 1923; and Marilyn Joyce Holtrop, born on September 15, 1927. John died in Spring Lake in 1967 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John Holtrop [Haldrop] [1871-1948]**

Born March 28, 1871, in Ferrysburg, John was the son of Cornelius and Grietje De Vries Holtrop, who had a farm in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. John specialized in residential construction. He advertised in the 1914 *Ideal Directory* for Grand Haven that he was a "General Contractor and Builder, Manufacturer of Cement Blocks." He was listed in the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a cement

block manufacturer in Ferrysburg. On December 15, 1890 he married Effie [Ethel] Bishop in Spring Lake. The daughter of Abel [1849-1934] and Altje Fijit [1845-1876] Bishop, she was born in Muskegon on December 15, 1872 and passed away on January 20, 1949. John and Effie had seven children, all born in Ferrysburg, including Grace Holtrop, who was born on August 3, 1891, married Henry Van Oordt Visser, and died on December 30, 1983; Abel Holtrop born on November 2, 1892; Cornelius [Corneal] Holtrop, born in August 1894; Otto Holtrop, born in June 1896; Aren Holtrop, born in April 1898; Henry Holtrop, born on March 16, 1900; Elize Holtrop, who was born on July 28, 1905, married Albert Wezeman on January 2, 1928 in Ferrysburg, and died in Grand Haven on May 30, 2001, thirty-one years after Albert; and John Jay Holtrop, who was born on October 14, 1914. The family resided at 15835 Fall Street in Spring Lake. John the father died on December 26, 1948. He and Effie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 29, 1983 and December 30, 1983, and *Citizens Historical Association*.]

### **John Jay Holtrop [1914-1985]**

John, the son of John and Effie Bishop Holtrop, was born on October 14, 1914. He graduated from Grand Haven Haven High School, where he played the cornet with the band and cello with the orchestra. By 1950 he was president of Holtrop Concrete Products at 540 Maple Street in Ferrysburg, a company founded by his father. On August 3, 1938 he married Ruth Helen Cooper in Fremont, Newaygo County. Ruth, the daughter of John W. and Kathryn Eckelcamp Cooper, was born in Spring Lake on August 3, 1919. She served as librarian for the Spring Lake Township Library from 1966 to 1976. She and John were members of Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Their children were Janis R. Holtrop, who married Ron Bross of Spring Lake; Larry J. Holtrop, also of Spring Lake; and Thomas C. Holtrop, who moved to Muskegon. The Holtrops resided at 721 Fall Street. John died in Spring Lake Township on October 22, 1985, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ruth passed away in Spring Lake on July 16, 2002 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 17, 2002.]

### **Klaas Holtrop [1854-1934]**

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Klaas Holtrop came to the area in 1894. His 60-acre farm was located in Section 11 of Crockery Township. Around 1883 he married Rieuwkje "Ruth" J. Kraak. A native of The Netherlands, Ruth was born in August 1863. They immigrated to the United States in 1893. Among their children were John, born in June 1884; Gertrude, born on February 17, 1886; John Gert, born on November 1, 1887; Nellie, born in April 1892; Sylvia, born in December 1893; Bennie, born in March 1898; and Margaret, born June 14, 1900. The first four children were born in The Netherlands, the others in Michigan. Klaas was born in Friesland, The Netherlands, on October 12, 1854 [1855] and died in Grand Rapids on November 22, 1934.

### **Anthony K. Holzinger [1894-1958]**

In the 1920s Anthony Holzinger and a Mr. Potter operated the Yellow Cab Company from 8 North Harbor. By 1930 Anthony was driving for Greyhound Bus Lines. He married Margaret E. Draeger in Grand Haven on September 14, 1921. She was born in Grand Haven in 1896. They resided at 320 Madison [Jackson] Street. Their children, all born locally, were Berma, born about 1924; Joyce, born about 1926; and Doris, born about 1928. Margaret was born on February 17, 1896 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 28, 1984. Anthony was born in Michigan around 1894 and passed away about December 30, 1958. Anthony and Margaret were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Emery Holzinger II [1900-1958]**

In 1935, Emery Holzinger II purchased Ottawa Electric from Max Krueger. The business then was located at 110 Washington Street in Grand Haven. Emery was born in Germany [Austria] in 1900. In 1928 he owned the Electric Shop at 703 Washington, and two years later, on April 16 in Grand Haven, Emery married Margie Scheffers. She was born on March 30, 1910. Emery and Marjie had at least one child, Emery III, who was born about 1933. When the elder Emery died on July 3, 1958, Margie married Charles



Bournique [1897-1990] and moved to Marion, Indiana. She died there on June 25, 1992. Emery and Margie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Emery [Emerick] Holzinger I was born in Austria on October 15, 1862. He and his wife, Elizabeth, immigrated to the United States in 1902 and purchased a farm in Robinson Township. Emery I died on January 16, 1923, and Elizabeth lived from 1866 to 1942. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Emery II was their son.

#### **Alexander William Hompe [1865-1938]**

When a new building at the Spring Lake Country Club was dedicated on May 31, 1926, Alexander Hompe was one of the directors. He was born in Auburn New York on May 24, 1865. By 1924 he held the title of vice president at Kent State Bank in Grand Rapids. On August 1, 1889, he married Florence Emma Lees in Chicago. She was born in New York City on February 16, 1867 and died in Detroit on November 24, 1919. Alexander passed away on April 15, 1938 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He and Florence were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **David Honeywell [1815-1895]**

On June 22, 1848, April 5, 1849, and April 15, 1849, David Honeywell bought from the United States government acreage in Section 9 [Smiths Bayou] of Spring Lake Township. The next year, on April 5, he purchased another 80 acres in Section 9. David was born in 1815 in New York State [Canada]. Living with him in Spring Lake Township at the time of the 1850 Federal Census was his wife Polly [Mary], a native of Yukon, Canada, and their six children, all born in Michigan and ranging in age from one to fifteen. By 1852, the family had relocated to Mower County, Minnesota. Polly, who was born in 1818, passed away in Olmsted County, Minnesota on January 29, 1893 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester, Olmsted County. David died in Osceola, South Dakota on August 29, 1895.

#### **Herman Honholt I [1839-1915]**

Herman Honholt, a native of Germany, lived from August 1839 to 1915, and his wife, Mary "Minnie" Bolthuis, a native of The Netherlands, lived from June 1845 [1846] to 1907. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Herman, who immigrated to the United States in 1860, by 1870 was living in Ferrysburg with Mary and working as a carpenter. By 1876, they owned a 36-acre farm bordering Smith's Bayou in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. In the 1887, 1891, 1893, 1903, and 1909 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, he was listed as a "fruit grower." Their children were John, born in September 1876; Clara, who was born in Ferrysburg in May 1880 and married Minno Klouw of Spring Lake; May [Mattie], who was born on April 17, 1882 and married John Kruizenga of Spring Lake; Derk, born in March 1886; and Herman II, born in December 1888.

#### **George William Honner [1866-1936]**

George was the son of Edward William and Mercy Bailey Honner. Edward, born on June 3, 1833 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, was the brother of Thomas Honner, who settled in Grand Haven. Mercy was born on November 17, 1834 in Sussex, England. George was born on April 16, 1866 in Essex, Ontario, Canada. On January 28, 1896 in Grand Haven, he married Mary Agnes, the daughter of Michael and Ellen Collins Maher of Grand Haven. Mary Agnes was born in Grand Haven on July 3, 1873 and died on January 24, 1962 in Detroit. The Honners had three children: George Edward, who was born on December 8, 1896 in Essex, Ontario and died in California on July 28, 1972; Winifred, who was born in Milwaukee on July 6, 1899; and William McKinley, who was born in Grand Haven on September 6, 1901 and died on February 9, 1974 in Detroit. The Honners returned to Grand Haven about 1911. George was a Great Lakes ship's captain.

#### **Thomas Honner I [Honor, Honnor] [1845-1905]**

Thomas, born in Coburg, Ontario, Canada on March 2, 1845, was the son of Edward and Maria Howard Honner. Edward was born in Ireland on August 28, 1798 and Maria was born in the same country in 1811.

After settling for a while in Utica, New York, the Honner family moved to Canada. In 1862 Thomas started his career as a sailor aboard the schooner *Narragansett* and followed that profession for the rest of his life on the Atlantic and the Great Lakes. He became captain of the *Wisconsin*, owned by the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad until it was sold in 1896 to the Crosby Transportation Company. In April 1898, Thomas was named a United States inspector of hulls, with an office in Grand Haven. He married Elizabeth Duffy of Milwaukee. She was born there in November 1868 and died in Grand Haven after her husband's death. They resided on Columbus Street and had at least five children: Isabelle [Belle], born in Milwaukee in October 1887; Thomas II, born in Michigan in June 1896; Doris, born in Grand Haven in March 1898; William M. "Bennie," born in Grand Haven in 1900; and Elizabeth. Thomas lost his life when the *Owen* sunk in Lake Superior on November 28, 1905. His nephew, George William Honner, married Mary Agnes Maher of Grand Haven.

#### **David Honeywell [1814-1895]**

On June 22, 1848, David Honeywell purchased land in Section 9 [Smiths Bayou] of Spring Lake Township. He was born about 1814 in New York State. On October 4, 1835, he married Mary "Polly" [last name unknown] in Ontario, Canada. Polly, also a native of New York [Canada], was six years younger. They had at least six children, all born in Michigan: Ezra, born about 1835; Perry [1838-1892]; Persillen [Priscilla] [1842-1925]; Martha [1844-1905]; Eliza [Harriet] [1849-1930]; and Emma [1855-1939]. By 1860 the family had moved to Olmsted County, Minnesota, where Polly died on January 29, 1893 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. David died in Osceola, South Dakota on August 29, 1895.

#### **Donald Roy Hoogenstyn [1920-2011]**

In mid-May 1961, Don Hoogenstyn opened the Art Center and Gallery at 22 South Second Street in order to provide the Lakeland Painters [Artists] and other area artists a place to exhibit their works. He planned to include a Fine Arts School that would offer lessons in painting, ceramics, sculpture, and enameling on copper. The gallery closed within a short time. Don was born in Michigan on February 17, 1920 and passed away August 23, 2011 in Muskegon. He married Leona [last name unknown] on December 23, 1942 at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Leona was born in 1923 in Standish, Arenac County, and died in June 2022.

#### **Peter Hook [1873-1944]**

Peter Hook's farm was located in Section 18 of Allendale Township, where he settled in 1886. He was born in The Netherlands [Grand Rapids] on November 10, 1874 [1873]. On February 18, 1913 in Grand Haven, he married Marie Cornelia Schult. Marie [Mary] was from Canada, where she was born about 1884. She died in 1968 and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery with Peter, who passed away on August 25, 1944 in Kent County.

#### **Eric R. Hoover [1893-1963]**

Born in Hamilton, Canada on February 28, 1893, Eric was the third of four children of Byron and Florence Roop Hoover. His father, Byron, was associated with a street railway company in Canada and died in 1922. His mother, Florence, who was born in Ontario, Canada moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Eric attended business college and was variously employed until 1912 when he became associated with Otis Steel Company of Cleveland. In 1914 he became purchasing agent for the Oldsmobile Motor Works of Lansing. From February 15, 1921 to August 1, 1927, he served as Associated Purchasing Agent for the Pontiac Motor Company, and then Purchasing Agent for the Franklin Motor Company until 1931. Eric next became a sales agent in the Detroit office of Otis Steel. In November 1936 he was assistant general manager at the Oldberg Manufacturing Company in Detroit. In June 1937 the company was moved to Grand Haven, and in February 1938 Eric was named vice president and general manager of Oldberg. He was an independent in politics and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Country Club, and Citizens Historical Association. Eric retired from Oldberg in 1958.

On January 24, 1916 in Lansing, Eric married Eva, born on September 14, 1892 at Smith's Falls, Canada. She was the daughter of Edward and Annie Drouchen. The Hoovers' children included Eric Joseph, who served as assistant chief inspector of Oldberg Manufacturing. Eric Joseph was born October 18, 1916 and died November 29, 1980 in Muskegon. Another son, Edward, was born April 29, 1918 and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. The Hoovers also had a daughter, Helena Catherine, who was born April 30, 1922, and a third son, Richard Charles, born January 18, 1927. Eric died in July 1963 of a heart attack while resting in his garden and was pronounced dead upon arrival at a Pontiac hospital. Eva died in Brevard, North Carolina, in February 1986. [Biographical sketch by the *Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941.]

### **Jan "John" Hop II [1863-1944]**

John Hop II owned a 140-acre farm in Section 29 of Olive Township. He was born in The Netherlands on November 8, 1863. He married Geertje "Gertie" Vander Zwang in Holland on May 7, 1885. Gertie was born in Michigan in August 1867. John's father, John [Jan] I, had an 80-acre farm across the road in Section 29 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. John's and Gertie's children, all born locally, were John III, born in March 1886; Renie, born in May 1888; Rekie, born in June 1891; Gracie, born in November 1893; Bertie, born in August 1898, Margaret, born about 1906, and Wilma, born about 1912. John died in Olive Township on November 11, 1944 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery. The Hop family came to the area in 1877.

### **Hope [? -1913]**

The *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* carried this sad story on Monday, July 14, 1913: "Hope, one of the handsome Third Ward fire horses, died this morning at about eleven o'clock of inflammation of the bowels. The horse was taken sick Friday night, and little hope had been held for his recovery since. Dr. Charles Nelson Nye [1848-1925], the Coopersville veterinary, was called, but he held out no hope for the handsome animal. The death of the horse breaks up the handsome team of grays which had been used for some time at the Third Ward [fire] house."

### **Benjamin Hopkins [1782-1847]**

Born in Tompkins County New York on February 20, 1782 and a veteran of the War of 1812, in which he served as captain, Benjamin Hopkins moved from Tompkins County to Canada in 1831. Following the unsuccessful Canadian Rebellion of 1837, he arrived in Eastmanville, then called Scranton. By 1846 he was one of four farmers who had erected barns, and he also planted one of the first fruit orchards in the county. Benjamin was elected to the first Board of county commissioners in 1842, which in the same year elected him chairman. Benjamin was elected supervisor and school inspector. Between 1846 and 1849 he moved to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. There he built and ran a general store and mill that became known as Hopkins Mill, which later was sold to the Spring Lake Salt Company as the site for the Spring Lake Hotel.

In 1807 Benjamin married Catherine, daughter of Cornelius and Catherine McKinney Lowe. Catherine the daughter was born in New York on March 11, 1784. Her sister, Agnes Bodine Lowe, married Captain Hannibal M. Allen at Smithville, Canada, and later lived in Eastmanville. Catherine's and Benjamin's children, all born in New York, included five sons, and three daughters: Mary [Marcia], who was born about 1812 and became the first teacher at Eastmanville; Cornelia, who was born about 1816 and married Rev. William C. Comfort of Eastmanville; Silas, born in 1817; Bridget Ann, who was born in 1818 and married Lemoyne Smith of Grand Haven and Spring Lake; John Vincent, born in 1819; Hannibal A., born in 1821 and named for his uncle Hannibal Allen; Franklin, born about 1825; and Mordecai, born in 1827 and named for his uncle, Mordecai Lowe. Benjamin died on February 11, 1847, and Catherine passed away five years later. Hopkins Street in Grand Haven was named for the Hopkins family. [Letters in Loutit District Library files from Blanche B. Lane Lowe, and excerpts from Catherine Lowe Hopkins (1817) and Esther E. Henning, dated November 15, 1965, from Coopersville, *History of Ottawa County*, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

### **Claude C. Hopkins [1867-1932]**

Born at Hillsdale, Hillsdale County on April 24, 1867, Claude Hopkins graduated from Ludington High School. After trying teaching and picking fruit on his uncle's farm in Spring Lake, he entered Swensburg's Business College in Grand Rapids. He became a bookkeeper for Grand Rapids Felt Boot Company and later head bookkeeper for the Bissell Company, where eventually he was put in charge of sales and advertising. Mr. Bissell encouraged him to leave Grand Rapids and take advantage of his talents elsewhere. In Chicago he worked for Swift & Company. When he was 41, Albert Lasker of Lord & Thomas, an advertising agency, asked him to write copy for Van Camp Packing. Claude created advertisements for such automobiles as Reo, Cadillac, Overland, Hudson, and Studebaker, and he wrote for Miller and Goodyear Tire Companies. He became president of Lord & Thomas and later chairman of the Board. Claude was closely connected to Pepsodent and Edna Wallace Hopper Cosmetics, later becoming president. He coined such slogans as "So Pure It Floats" [Ivory Soap], "Keep That Schoolgirl Complexion" [Palmolive Soap], and "It Chases Dirt" [Old Dutch Cleanser]. After retirement he ran an advertisement agency from his home. He wrote an autobiography *My Life in Advertising* and another one titled *The Sport of Kings*. Another book, *Scientific Advertising*, was largely autobiographical. In 1927 he published another autobiographical book titled *My Life in Advertising*. He was a director of the Volunteers of America and Hope House in Chicago, a home for prisoners released on parole. His annual salary at Lord & Thomas exceeded \$185,000 prior to 1920.

Claude's first wife, Clara, was born in Michigan about 1868. Claude and Clara had a daughter, Addie, who was born in Kentucky about 1885. While married to Clara, Claude built Pinecrest [7437 South Walker Road, Fruitport] in 1909 [1912] at a cost of \$50,000, the most expensive home on the lake at that time. After divorcing Clara, Claude married the widow Harriet Bentley Moon on July 14, 1914. She was born November 29, 1870 in Prairie City, Illinois. She attended the Jacksonville Female Academy of Music and studied music in Illinois. Harriet was an avid gardener, and also wrote such stories as "My Symphonic Garden" and several articles for *House and Garden* magazine related to her garden. She attended a luncheon at the White House in 1934 given by Eleanor Roosevelt, where she was honored for helping to organize many garden clubs in Michigan. Each spring she hosted a spring festival on her estate for Tuesday Musicale, to which she would bring outstanding artists for concerts. About the time of his marriage to Harriet, Claude adopted her 15-year-old daughter, Helen B. Moon. Claude died of apoplexy at his home, Pinecrest, on Spring Lake on September 21, 1932 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Helen, who lived from December 26, 1898 to June 29 1986, married Conrad Thornquist after Claude's death. Helen and Conrad lived at Pinecrest. Harriet Moon Hopkins died at Sylvan Nursing Home in Grand Haven on April 2, 1975 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 22, 1932, and *Spring Lake Clipper* obituary, September 22, 1932.]

### **David Sprague Hopkins [1834-1918]**

Born in Fort Edward, New York on September 5, 1834, David Hopkins moved to Grand Rapids in 1864, where he became an architect of note. In the late 1890s he designed and built Highland Castle at 27 Crescent Hill Drive in Highland Park, where he and his wife spent several summers. David drew the plans for the Hackley and Hume homes in Muskegon, now historical sites, but he was best known for originating a mail order system for selling house plans to homeowners throughout the United States and Canada. David married Mary Patterson in Kalamazoo on December 9, 1858. He died on April 21, 1918. Mary was born in 1836 and died in Grand Rapids on December 1, 1922. She and David were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. They had three sons: George, who lived from 1859 to 1933; Irving, who lived from 1861 to 1919; and Charles, who lived from 1865 to 1928.

### **[Benjamin] Franklin Hopkins [1824-1855]**

Franklin, the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born on October 10, 1824 in New York and came to Eastmanville in 1837 with the family. By 1850 he and his brothers, all sharing living quarters, were listed as lumbermen in Spring Lake Township. Living with Franklin in Spring Lake Township in

1850, were Mary, born about 1812; Silas C., born about 1817; Hannibal, born on September 5, 1821; John Vincent, born in June 1819; and their mother, Catherine, born in 1784. Their father had died three years previously. All household members were born in New York State. Franklin died in Eastmanville on May 13, 1855 and was buried in the family plot at Eastmanville Cemetery. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

### **Hannibal Allen Hopkins [1821-1871]**

Born in Ulysses, New York on September 5, 1821, Hannibal was the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins. He was involved in lumbering and also agricultural pursuits, probably fruit growing, which by 1874, took up half of the improved land of the village. In 1848 Hannibal was elected Ottawa County sheriff. When the Village of Spring Lake was incorporated in 1869, Hannibal was elected its first village president and held that position until his death. In 1870 he was present at the first borings of the Spring Lake Salt Company at the Hopkins Mill site, and when the drillers struck water at 200 feet, he identified it as magnetic waters, and the Magnetic Mineral Springs tourist boom was inaugurated. An 1882 history of Ottawa County noted he served as representative to the State Legislature. Aside from lumbering operations, Hopkins engaged in fruit growing.

In 1851 Hannibal married Emma C., the sister of Reverend William Comfort of Eastmanville. Emma was born in New York 1825. Benjamin and Emma had five children. One of their children, Frances H., became a teacher and in 1882 she was teaching 63 students in the primary department of Spring Lake School. Fannie, who married Fred Brown of Spring Lake, lived from 1860 to 1899. The other children, all born in Michigan, were Frank, who was born about 1857; Louisa, born about 1859; Emma H., who lived from 1862 to 1889 and was the wife of Wilber Smith; and William C., who lived from 1866 to 1871. Hannibal died on July 1, 1871. His widow was living in Spring Lake in 1882 and died of pneumonia in Lansing on May 16, 1891. Hannibal and Emma were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with their three youngest children. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265, and *Tribune* obituary, May 21, 1891.]

### **John Vincent Hopkins [1819-1868]**

Born in Ulysses, New York, in June 1819, the son of Benjamin Catherine Lowe Hopkins, John immigrated with his family to Canada in 1831 and left in 1837 after the disastrous rebellion. In 1848, with two of his brothers, he built a sawmill at Spring Lake, where he moved after his father's death. John was elected clerk for the organizational meeting of electors of Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1849, John was put in office as supervisor in 1851 and then from 1858 to 1866. In 1857 John married Sarah Gillette of Ionia County. They had four children. Just prior to his death on September 1, 1868, he and his wife moved to Detroit. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

### **John William Hopkins I [1814-1883]**

Born near Providence, Rhode Island in 1814 John W. Hopkins came to Grand Haven in 1836. He was elected alderman of the Second Ward of Grand Haven's first City Council in 1867 and again in 1868. With George Friant, John operated a lumber and shingle company in Grand Haven during the 1850s and into the 1870s. John was reputed to be "an extensive dealer in lumber and shingles." In October 1860 he married Harriet Morinda Eldred, who was born in Hector, New York, on December 14, 1834, and educated at the Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, New York. She died on February 18, 1904. John and Harriet had four children: Charles, who died in infancy; Hattie, who was born in March 1862 and married George Jenner of Grand Haven; John W. II, who was born about 1864 and moved to Chicago; and Laura, who was born in April 1872, married John Harvey of Grand Haven, and died in May 1902. John Harvey was born in Canada in February 1867. Prior to 1864, John the father built a home on Third Street, just south of Washington Street [15 South Third]. After John's death, the house was sold to Stephen L. Munroe. John I

died on February 11, 1883 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Harriet. Fannie Eldred of Grand Haven was Harriet's sister. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1904.]

### **Mordecai [Mordica, Mordicai] Lowe Hopkins [1827-1894]**

Mordecai, the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born in New York in 1827 and arrived in Eastmanville in 1837 with the family. He worked as a clerk in a Grand Haven store, and then joined his brothers at their sawmill in Spring Lake. On April 2, 1849 he was elected clerk when Mill Point electors met to organize the village. Mordecai was reelected and later became County Judge. He represented the district in both the House and the Senate of the Michigan legislature in 1855 and 1856. He enlisted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry as Quartermaster on September 7, 1861 and was discharged the following year on June 1. [Hopkins was listed as "Mortimer L. Hopkins" in his service record.] During the remainder of the war, he was senior editor of the *Chicago Times*, under editor Storey. He returned to Michigan in 1871 and engaged in law.

Mordecai married Sarah Frances Rathbone [Rathbun], then 18, on September 21, 1857, in Grand Rapids. Sarah was the daughter of Alfred Day Rathbone, an early attorney of that city. Mordecai and Sarah had at least two daughters: Emma, born in Michigan about 1859, and Anna, also a Michigan native, born around 1861. Mordecai died in Grand Rapids on May 19, 1894, the last member of Benjamin's family. At the time of his death, he owned some acreage along the shore of Spring Lake, part of which became the site for the Spring Lake Yacht Club. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265, "The Voice of the River," by Mrs. John Ball, and *Tribune* obituary, May 21, 1894.]

### **Moses Barreth Hopkins I [1820-1869]**

Born in Huron County, Ohio on June 16, 1820, Moses Hopkins studied law in Geneva, Illinois, where he became a member of the bar in 1849 and came to Grand Haven in September 1851. He was justice of the peace, circuit court commissioner, prosecuting attorney for Ottawa County, and circuit court judge. A staunch Republican, Moses was elected to the Michigan State Legislature for the 1867-68 term. On February 13, 1840, in Milan, Ohio, he married Lamira Cockran, born March 2, 1823 in Cambridge, Vermont, one of 16 children. In 1834 Lamira had moved with her parents to Milan. Moses and Lamira had four children: Amanda, Augusta, Harry, and Moses Barreth II. Amanda, who was born in 1843 in Ohio, married Henry Bigelow of Grand Haven. Moses and Lamira resided on Third Street. After Moses died in Grand Haven on October 24, 1869, Lamira married William Irons. She died on December 3, 1891. [*Tribune* obituary, December 4, 1891.]

### **Silas C. Hopkins [1817-1855]**

Silas, the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born in New York on May 8, 1817 and came to Eastmanville in 1837 with the family. With Thomas W. White, Silas platted the Village of Mill Point [Spring Lake] on December 10, 1849. On April 2, 1849 Silas was elected supervisor when Mill Point electors met to organize the Village. He died on November 17, 1855 and was buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

### **Duane K. Hoppe [1929-1975]**

Hoppe Pharmacal Corporation produced vitamins, antacids, and fluoride tablets. The business was located at 1634 Marion in Grand Haven. The company's founder, Duane Hoppe, formerly of Grand Rapids, died of accidental causes in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida in July 1975. He was born on December 2, 1929. His wife, Norma A., was vice president-secretary and ran the business with George Tilton, president, after Duane died. The Hoppes resided in Muskegon.

### **Gordon G. Hornby I [1914-1999]**

The son of Frederick and Pearl M. Hall Hornby, Gordon was born in Detroit on January 11, 1914. He married Anna Marie "Irene" Kirk on April 6, 1936 in Chicago. The Hornbys moved from Chicago to

Spring Lake in 1949, when Gordon became the owner and operator of West Michigan Rubber & Supply Company in Muskegon. The Hornbys lived at 308 North Park. He was a Rotarian, a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, and secretary/treasurer of the Spring Lake Yacht Club. Their children included Judy Ennenga of Spring Lake; Gordon II, who married Mary, the daughter of Kenneth and Lois King; and moved to Muskegon; and Michael of Traverse City. Gordon died on September 5, 1999.

#### **Albert “Bert” Hornstra [1885-1966]**

On June 20, 1918, Bert Hornstra married Magdalena “Lena” Sellin Alderink in Allendale. He was born on June 4, 1885 in Coopersville, and she was born in Illinois on August 24, 1891. In the mid-1910s, Bert owned and operated Hornstra’s Barber Shop at 113 Washington Street in Grand Haven. By the mid-1920s, the couple had moved back to Coopersville, where Bert owned a plumbing business. He died in 1966, and Lena passed away in Grand Haven on August 1, 1972. Both were buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. They had a son Raymond Hornstra, who was born about 1920.

#### **Paul Haverstick Hostetter [1899-1968]**

Paul Hostetter was founder of the Hostetter News Agency, located first at 112 Washington before moving in 1938 to 135 Washington. Paul moved from his home state of Pennsylvania to Muskegon in the early 1920s. He arrived in Grand Haven in 1926 as an employee of the Muskegon News Agency, which he bought two years later. In the early years of the business, Paul partnered with William Grunst of Grand Haven. William owned a tobacco shop at 112 Washington. On October 2, 1923, Paul married Grace Agnes Hume in Muskegon. Grace, the daughter of George Hume, was born about 1901 in Muskegon. Around 1930 he married Mildred A. Taylor. That year they resided at 222 Lafayette Street. Their children were Carol Ann, who was born on May 24, 1933 and remained in the Grand Haven area, and Judy, who married Paul Fuller and moved to Illinois. Judy and a son, Paul II, were residing in Illinois in 2011. Paul was born April 9, 1899 in Manheim, Pennsylvania and died towards the end of October 1968. Mildred remained in their home at 1000 Sheldon after his death, but eventually moved to Sandpiper Adult Foster Care Home at 16908 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Crockery Township. Mildred lived from August 13, 1903 to July 7, 1996, and their home on Sheldon was sold the next year. Paul and Mildred were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Carol died on July 8, 2012 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 16, 2012.]

#### **Caroline “Carrie” Hotchkiss [1856-1902]**

In 1880, Carrie Hotchkiss was a teacher in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. By 1900, she was 43 years old and teaching in the Grand Haven schools. Born in 1856 in Michigan, she died of breast cancer in Hudson, Lenawee County on December 14, 1902 and was buried at Medina Village Cemetery.

#### **Frank Leonardo Hough [1858-1938]**

Frank Hough owned a 29-acre fruit farm in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. In the 1880 census he was listed as a “Horticulturist.” By 1912 he had sold 18 of his westernmost acreage to Olaf Dahlman, who owned an adjacent farm. Frank retained 11 acres with frontage on Spring Lake. Frank was born in Lenawee County on July 6, 1858. In 1880 he married Zoe McLain. She was born in Minnesota on January 26, 1863. They had two sons: Roy Byron Hough [1886-1934] and Rudolph Frank Hough [1891-1971]. Zoe passed away in Fprt Wayne, Indiana on January 1, 1892. On January 11, 1893 in Ft. Wayne, Frank married Eugenia Anna Heinlen, who was born in Fort Wayne on December 8, 1865. They had one son, Harold F. Hough [1903-1979]. Frank died in Ypsilanti on December 21, 1938 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian, Lenawee County. Eugenia died in Adrian on January 14, 1942.

#### **Moses Henry Houghton [1846-1910]**

The Unitarian Church in Grand Haven was organized in April 1875, when Moses Houghton arrived as pastor. Prior to his arrival the church had a series of temporary clergymen. When Rev. Houghton left Grand Haven about eight months later, he was replaced by Rev. George W. Cook. Moses answered several calls in the east and Midwest after serving in Grand Haven. He was born in Locke’s Mill Maine on March

17, 1846, graduated from Harvard School of Divinity in 1873, and had his first pastorate in Bath, Maine. After the death of his first wife, Agnes Abbott, he married Ida Langdon. Moses died in Springville, New York on May 16, 1910. He and Agnes had one child, Clifton Elwell Houghton, who was born in 1868.

### **Edwin M. Hovey [1837-1917]**

Ed Hovey was noted in the 1873 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a “soap manufacturer” in Ferrysburg. Ed was born in 1837 in Farmington, Oakland County. On August 16, 1862, while living in Fenton, Genesee County, he enlisted in Company C of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry with the rank of corporal. He was wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness and was mustered out on May 6, 1864 with the rank of second lieutenant. In 1884 he married Mary Matilda Rymer, daughter of Sampson and Barbara Lovie Rymer, originally of Ontario, Canada and later of Fruitport. Mary was born in Ontario on November 25, 1844. Ed and Mary were living in Fenton by 1870, where he was a druggist. Ed died on April 28, 1917 in Fruitport and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton. Mary passed away on March 29, 1920 and was buried at the same cemetery. They had two children, both born in Fenton: John Mortimer Hovey [1887-1964] and William L. Hovey [1888-1973].

### **Henry Horace Howe [1840-1912]**

Henry Howe, born in New York in February 1840, enlisted in Company K of the 13<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry on August 22, 1862. He transferred to Company I of the 140<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry on June 23 the next year. On the following July 13 Henry was listed as a deserter. After the war he and his family moved to Portland, Ionia County. Henry next became a saw filer in the Grand Haven area and began operating heavy equipment in 1875. In 1876 he was employed as an engineer at the Bell Sawmill in Spring Lake, a trade he continued into the 1880s, but in 1887 he was listed in the *Michigan State Gazetteer* in Ferrysburg as a poultry breeder. Henry was born about 1840 and married Caroline Earl in 1866. She was born about 1844 in Michigan. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a resident of Spring Lake Township. By 1900 he and Caroline were residents of Charlevoix, and ten years later they were in Lakeport, California, where he died on September 2, 1912. They had at least four children. Henry often was referred to by his middle name, Horace.

### **John Howlett [1834-1903]**

John, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Thompson Howlett and the brother of Nelson Howlett, was born in Plymouth, Wayne County, on March 10, 1834. He was one year old when his parents moved to a farm in Grandville. John died at the home of his sister Ann on January 26, 1903. Ann was married to William R. Loutit of Grand Haven. John was interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Nelson Robert Howlett [1840-1920]**

Born in Grandville on March 29, 1840, Nelson was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Thompson Howlett. Nelson had an active interest in the Munroe, Boyce & Company Sawmill, in which Stephen L. Munroe and Sherman H. Boyce were partners. In 1876 he was elected secretary of the Ottawa County Booming Company. Nelson was president of the National Bank of Grand Haven in the early 1900s. It was Nelson who owned the toll bridge between Spring Lake and Grand Haven, the subject of substantial controversy in 1902. He was a Mason.

On May 1, 1867 in Grand Haven, Nelson married Sarah Cordelia, daughter of Leonard and Amarilla Wheeler Munroe. Sarah was born on March 16, 1841. Dr. Stephen Munroe of Grand Haven and later Albion was her uncle. The Howletts had two daughters, both born in Grand Haven: Orpha Howlett who was born on August 16, 1868, and Marian Cordelia Howlett, who was born on September 27, 1870. Following their divorce in 1872, Sarah and the two children moved to Albion, where she lived for a year with her uncle Stephen Munroe, who later provided her and his grandnieces with a home in that city.

Orpha married Dr. Herman Frederick Ratte [1864-1938] of Los Angeles, California, where she died on April 17, 1947. Marian on April 25, 1895 married David Albertson Garfield I [1866-1949] in Chicago. She



passed away on January 10, 1940 in Jackson, Michigan. Sarah, who made Albion her home for the rest of her life, died on January 9, 1913 while visiting Orpha in Los Angeles and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Albion.

On November 14, 1893, in Spring Lake, Nelson married Frederika Mathilde [Mathilda] Schneider Baker, the widow of William Chapman Baker III. Frederika and William had a son Looe, who was born in Detroit on January 18, 1884. Looe spent his youth in Spring Lake, and opened a medical practice in Minneapolis, where he resided with his wife and children. Mathilde was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 11, 1861 [1855]. She died on June 19, 1913 at Yonkers, New York, following a stroke that left her paralyzed while on a trip to New York City. Nelson and Mathilde spent summers at a 45-acre estate in Sections 15 and 10 of Spring Lake Township [17600 West Spring Lake Road, just east of today's Spring Lake Yacht Club], owned by William Chapman Baker II. The Howletts' primary residence was 482 Sheldon Terrace in Grand Haven. Nelson sold the Sheldon Terrace home to William Hatton and moved to 17 North Fourth Street, where he died on March 28, 1920 and was interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery. Interred with him were his wife Mathilde and her son Looe, who died on July 16, 1954. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 19, 1913 and March 29, 1920.]

### **Robert Howlett I [1805-1896]**

Born in River Trent, England on June 10, 1805, Robert Howlett in 1830 immigrated to Geneva, New York, then to Plymouth, Wayne County, and finally to Grand Rapids, where he arrived in 1832 with 30 head of cattle. That year he purchased 293 acres in Wyoming, Kent County. The next year he married Elizabeth Thompson of Plymouth, Wayne County. She was born in Carlton, England on May 24, 1810 and died in Grand Haven on April 17, 1887. George Thompson of Grand Haven was her brother.

In 1854 Robert sold his Kent County farm and settled in Grand Haven. On March 1, 1856 he bought 27 acres in Section 22 of Spring Lake Township. In Grand Haven he purchased the schooner *Heligoland*. William R. Loutit, became the ship's captain. In 1862 William married the Howletts' daughter, Ann Elizabeth, who was born in Grandville on March 12, 1838. Robert Howlett bought the tug *Mary Bell* in Buffalo, New York, and for eight years operated it out of Grand Haven, acting as captain. It was the first tug brought to Grand Haven harbor. He also owned at various times the schooners *Japan*, *Little Bell*, and *Minerva*. Later he purchased the *Pentland*, which carried ore to the blast furnaces in Fruitport, again with himself as master. Robert also was secretary of the Ottawa County Booming Company when it was organized in 1865, a post his son would later hold. Robert constructed the building at 201-203 Washington in 1872, which was known for decades as the Howlett Block.

Robert and Elizabeth lived at 704 Pennoyer. He died on October 24, 1896, honored with a Mason's funeral, and interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. They had several children in addition to Ann Elizabeth. Their first born, Robert Howlett, lived from 1832 to 1903; John Howlett, another son, was born in Plymouth on March 10, 1834; and Nelson Howlett, a third son, was born in Grandville on March 29, 1840.

### **Birney G. Hoyt [1885-1916]**

Birney, the son of Charles and Esther Hoyt of Grand Haven, was born on June 26, 1885 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1905. He entered the insurance field in the early 1900s, sharing an office with his father on the second floor of 208 Washington and later at 100 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. On November 26, 1911, he married Bessie Gunther Aepens in Grand Haven. She was born in Mississippi about 1889. In Grand Haven, he and his parents lived at 528 Lake Avenue. Birney died of pneumonia in Detroit on May 14, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his death, he was working as a railroad clerk in Detroit.

### **Charles Keeler Hoyt [1859-1918]**

Born in Jackson on June 18, 1859, Charles was next to the youngest child in a family of six. His father was Nelson Hoyt, born on January 16, 1820 in Manlius, New York. His mother Elizabeth "Betsy" was the daughter of Peter Barber. Elizabeth died on August 4, 1863 at the age of 31. Charles taught school in Jackson, Hanley, and Hudsonville, and then left teaching to start a general store in Hudsonville, which he operated until 1893. He served as postmaster for four years. He also was a member of the bar and had a law office in Grand Rapids in the late 1880s. In 1893 he represented Ottawa County in the State Legislature. From 1895 to 1901 he was Ottawa County clerk, in 1902 and 1903 he was mayor of Grand Haven, and in 1904 he became justice of the peace and chief deputy game warden of Michigan. In 1904 he opened a general insurance office in Grand Haven, which included real estate and collections. He was a Republican and member of the Congregational Church.

On November 18, 1880 in Jamestown, Charles married Esther M., born on March 19, 1863, the daughter of William H. and Anna Barber McEachron of New York. The Hoyts had eight children, all born locally: Birney J., who was born in January 1885; Ralph, born in July 1888; Harold, born in May 1891; Marjorie [Madge/Maggie], born in August 1893; Victor H., born in May 1896; Esther, born in December 1899; Mary, who lived from 1900 to April 26, 1989; and Nelson Charles, who was born in 1902 and relocated to Detroit. Esther, the mother, who had taught at the Belle Schoolhouse, died of congestive heart failure on June 15, 1906 at the family home at 528 Lake Avenue. Charles married Selina Fannie Shaw [Snow] on December 24, 1907 in Grand Haven. She was born on September 30, 1877 in Ontario, Canada. Charles died on July 29, 1918 in Lansing and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Selina married Clifford Dale Coffey [1892-1973] in Detroit on January 24, 1920. It was her third marriage, his second. [*Tribune* obituary, June 15, 1906 and *Tribune* article, April 1907.]

#### **Alonzo Hubbard [1810-1860] and Elvira Poole Hubbard [1812-1894]**

Alonzo Hubbard married Elvira Poole on March 13, 1832. She was born in Goshen, Massachusetts in 1812. She and Alonzo were living in Cleveland in 1850. Elvira moved to Grand Haven not long after Alonzo died in 1860. A native of New York, Alonzo was born in 1810. He and Elvira had a son, George E. Hubbard, who was born in Hamilton, New York on May 13, 1833, and two daughters, Henrietta "Nettie" Hubbard, who was born in 1839 in Cleveland, Ohio, married Walter Talbot [1844-1919] in Grand Haven on January 23, 1872, moved to Phoenix, Arizona, and died there on December 18, 1922, and Ellen "Nellie" Hubbard, who was born in December 1850, also in Ohio, and married Heber Squier II of Grand Haven. In 1860 Elvira and her two daughters were living in Grand Haven. Ten years later the three still resided in Grand Haven, although Nettie also was listed simultaneously in the 1870 Federal Census as a teacher in Chicago. In Grand Haven, Elvira worked as a dressmaker. Ten years later, in the Federal Census of 1880, Elvira and Nettie were living in Chicago. Elvira, who was born in Goshen, Massachusetts on April 27, 1812, died on February 17, 1894 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In March 1863, Nettie had a part in the "Tableaux," organized and directed by Mary Ann Hubbard. It was a tribute to the soldiers in blue who fought for the north in the early years of the Civil War. While living in Phoenix, Nettie served as second regent for the State of Arizona from 1902 to 1911.

#### **George Edward Hubbard [1833-1891]**

Born on May 13, 1833 in Hamilton, New York, George was the son of Alonzo and Elvira Poole Hubbard and brother of Henrietta "Nett" Hubbard, wife of Walter Talbot of Phoenix, Arizona, and Nellie [Ellen] Hubbard, who married Heber Squier of Grand Haven. After George's birth, the family moved to Detroit. From there George was sent to Cleveland to live with his grandparents and attend school. By 1847 George's parents were in Cleveland, and he finished high school there. After a successful start in the hardware business in Cleveland, George went to Chicago in 1854, where he pursued the same line of work for two years before coming to Grand Haven in 1856. A tinsmith himself, he opened the first tin and hardware store in Grand Haven at the northeast corner of Washington and First Streets, specializing in stoves, hand-wrought tin, copper, and iron products. In 1859 the American Express Company opened an office in Grand Haven and appointed George its first agent, the first to serve west of Grand Rapids. An

1863 business directory listed George as an express and insurance agent, as well as a hardware and cutlery dealer. In the 1870 census George was listed as a hardware merchant, and in 1871 he completed construction of the first three-story brick building in Grand Haven to house his tin and hardware business. George was elected mayor of Grand Haven in 1872, in 1873, and again in 1880. He served as city alderman of the First Ward in 1883. In 1882 he was vice president of the Herald Publishing Company. Two years later he was in the wholesale and retail tobacco trade and a producer of cigars with James C. Avery. He was a charter member of the Masons, and he was part of the Grand Haven Concert Band when it was formed in 1868.

On March 16, 1856, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, George married Christiana, daughter of John Landreth. She was born at Clayton, New York on August 16, 1836 and died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1920. Her family came to Dexter, Washtenaw County, then moved to Cleveland. The Hubbards had three children: George, who was born in 1858 and moved to Chicago; Mamie [Marion] F. "May" who was born in 1861 and married Edward P. Dake of Grand Haven; and Henrietta "Nettie," who was born on December 25, 1867 and married Will [William] Weston of Grand Haven. The Hubbards resided at 220 Columbus Street and 114 South Fourth. George died in Phoenix, Arizona on July 25, 1891. Both Hubbards were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 27, 1891, March 12, 1894 and August 25, 1920.]

### **Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard [1802-1886]**

In spring 1819, a team of fur traders traveled from Chicago along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, arriving at the mouth of the Grand River in early May that year. Gurdon Hubbard was a member of the party, which was led by Antoine Deschamps. Gurdon, the son of Elizur and Abigail Sage Hubbard, was born in Windsor, Vermont on August 22, 1802. At the time of his voyage out of Chicago, he was in the second year of his five-year indenture with the American Fur Company. He and the others wanted to witness the Indian "Feast of the Dead," which would start on the day of the full moon in early May [May 10] and last eight to ten days. Toward the close of the annual event, the fur traders witnessed the execution of an Indian. The Indian had slain another Indian and was unable to atone for his misdeed. Gurdon quoted the doomed Indian as saying, "I fled to the marshes at the head of the Muskegon hoping that the Great Spirit would favor me in the hunt, so I could repay you for your lost son. I was not successful. Here is the knife with which I killed your son, by it I wish to die. Save my wife and children. I am done." The chief took the knife, handed it to his oldest son, and said, "Kill him." The knife went into the victim's heart. Gurdon concluded his story, ". . . and the tragedy was ended."

Gurdon settled permanently in Chicago in 1834 and was credited with building that city's first stockyard. In Chicago he bought a cabin near Lake Michigan from Billy Caldwell [Sauganash], who may have had ties to the Grand Haven area. [Edmunds located Gurdon in Danville in south central Illinois in 1834.] Gurdon married Elaner Berry. Gurdon died in Chicago on September 14, 1886. [For a detailed account of the execution, see Lillie, pages 94-97.]

### **William Henry Hubbard [1831-1861]**

On February 17, 1858 in Grand Rapids, Mary Ann Mixter Cutler married William Hubbard. The couple in 1860 was living in Grand Haven, where William worked as a forwarding agent. He was born in Leverett, Massachusetts in 1831 and died in San Francisco of consumption on November 6, 1861. He had gone to California for his health. His body was returned to Grand Rapids for burial the next summer. He and Mary Ann had one child, a daughter Kate, who died on June 6, 1861, three weeks before her first birthday. In 1870 Mary Ann was living in Grand Haven with Isaac Hunting and his family. Isaac had married Mary Ann's older sister, Nancy Hastings Cutler, but after they divorced Nan relocated to Grand Rapids for the remainder of her life.

At the start of the Civil War, Mary Ann Hubbard had an idea. Despite her grief over losing a child and a husband within a span of months, in March 1863, she organized and directed a series of "Tableaux" as a

tribute to the soldiers in blue who fought for the north. Her original plan called for 19 acts, but four of those were eliminated. The remaining 15 starred many Grand Haven residents with family names such as Ferry, White, Leggat, Howlett, Munroe, Jones, Slayton, and Sanford

Mary Ann, the daughter of Robert [1807-1890] and Julia Leonard [1809-1975] Cutler, was born in Amherst, Massachusetts on October 8, 1833 but relocated to Grand Rapids with her parents in 1856. She died after a fall from the front porch of her home at 114 Madison Street on February 8, 1912 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids with William and their daughter. Dwight Cutler, Grand Haven mayor and businessman, was Mary Ann's uncle.

#### **Herald L. Hubbell [1894-1984]**

The family of Herald L. and Mabelle N. Hubbell owned the cottage at 90 Poplar Ridge in Highland Park for 50 years before selling it to William and Julie Beaton. Herald was born on September 28, 1894 and died in Zeeland on June 19, 1984. Mabelle lived from June 7, 1896 to October 24, 1982. Norwood Hubbell, born on September 4, 1918, was their son.

#### **Norwood E. Hubbell [1918-1973]**

In 1946 Norwood Hubbell and Henry T. Parker formed Harbor Industries for the manufacture of "point of purchase" advertising equipment. In June five years later Norwood, Henry, William Wendell Vivian, and John Wierenga started Fleetwood Furniture Company. Located at 8 North Seventh Street, the company specialized in the manufacture of juvenile "Swing-Line" furniture. The son of Herald and Mabelle Hubbell, Norwood was born on September 4, 1918 and passed away in Holland on August 27, 1973. Norwood resided in Zeeland with his wife, Helen.

#### **Carl August Gustave "Gus" Hubert [1846-1911]**

Born in Germany on November 14, 1846, Gus was the son of August Hubert, who was born in Breslan, Germany on January 18, 1822 and died in Grand Haven on March 5, 1900. Gus's mother, August Amelia [Emelia], was born about 1825 and died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1921. Gus's siblings included Carl of Blendon; Herman; Anna Barhe of Lisbon; and Matilda "Tillie," who married Lachman Kolberg of Grand Haven. Gustave immigrated from Germany to the United States in 1869 and settled in Grand Haven.

Hubert was known for his skill in mechanics and his many inventions. In 1872 he established the Grand Haven Wagon Works at the corner of Third and Elliott Streets [255 Third Street]. His father, August Hubert, sometimes helped him, and he also hired Mr. Hoffmeistert to do the woodwork and Mr. Teunis for the ironwork. By 1892 the name of the business had been changed to Grand Haven Manufacturing Company. That year he patented the celery plow, used successfully in Michigan. In addition to the celery plow, the company produced wagon jacks, shears, and punches, and did general blacksmithing and wagon repair.

On April 9, 1874, in Grand Haven, Gus married Augusta Hubert. The daughter of August Hubert, she was born in Johnsburg, New York on July 1, 1856. August was treasurer of the Grand Haven Manufacturing Company. Gus's and Augusta's children, all born in Michigan, included Matilda, who was born about 1875 and married Lawrence Breitels; Bertha M., who was born in October 1877 and married Richard Huizenga; Henry G., who was born in April 1880; Anna "Annie," who was born in November 1882 and married Henry Van Dongen of Grand Haven; and Frederick William, who was born on December 14, 1889. Henry became superintendent of the John F. Corl Piano Company in Grand Haven. Henry and his wife, Jennie, lived at 1103 Washington. The Hubert children all lived in Grand Haven. Gustave died of "kidney trouble" at his home at 212 North Third Street on March 19, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augusta passed away on June 16, 1935 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 6, 1900, March 20, 1911, and March 24, 1912.]

#### **Charles Albert Hudson [1830-1870]**

Charles Hudson, born on June 13, 1830 in Ohio, married Susan Cross about 1853. She was born in 1834 in New York State. Their daughter, Abba "Abbie" Hudson, was born in Ferrysburg on October 23, 1856. She married Frederick Willie, also of Ferrysburg. Another daughter, Clara Hudson, was two years older than Abbie. On March 31, 1863, Charles enlisted in Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters. The family relocated to Tallmadge Township, where Charles passed away on April 16, 1870. Susan died on February 7, 1881 and was buried with Charles at Maplewood Cemetery in Lamont.

#### **Homer Edson Hudson [1827-1914]**

In 1872 South Georgetown was renamed Hudsonville in honor of its first postmaster, Homer Hudson. He held the post until 1881. Homer was born in Cleveland, Ohio on June 6, 1827. He moved to Ottawa County in 1848, purchased land in Georgetown Township from the Jenison brothers [Hiram, Lucius, and Luman Jenison], and settled there. He was among the first in Ottawa County to plant fruit orchards. In 1848 he married Clarinda "Clara" Burt, who was born in Ohio on October 2, 1829. They had at least five children, including Horace Hudson, the eldest, who lived from October 18, 1849 to December 10, 1912. Horace owned a general store and hotel in Hudsonville and was the local express agent. Clara died on October 19, 1888 and was buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery. Homer married Marietta Manning on March 7, 1890 in Plainfield, Kent County. She lived from 1828 to January 17, 1904 and also was buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery. Homer passed away on November 26, 1914 in Belding, Ionia County, and was buried near his two wives.

#### **J. P. Hughes [? - ?]**

J. P. Hughes opened a photography studio in Grand Haven in January 1865. William Cass may have been co-owner or an employee, but the two men shared the photography business in some manner. [In an advertisement that appeared in the *Grand Haven News* in March 1865, Hughes was listed as the sole owner.] See also William Cass.

#### **Wilbur Oren Hughes [1919-2000]**

In the 1950s Cope's Hardware Store, owned by Earl A. Cope, did business at 820 East Savidge Street in Spring Lake. It was followed in the late 1970s by Village Hardware, owned by Wilbur O. Hughes. On November 16, 1940, Wilbur married Mary Zurkewich in Grand Haven. He served with the United States Army during WWII. Wilbur was born in Muskegon on September 1, 1919. He died on August 20, 2000. By 1989 John Klingensmith owned the business. Mary, who was born in Robinson Township, lived from July 11, 1917 to May 3, 2001. She and Wilbur were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

#### **Henry Huisman [1905-1962]**

Born in Grand Rapids on August 9, 1905, Henry was the son of Klaas and Gertrude Brandt Huisman. Klaas died on March 25, 1963. Henry became a registered civil engineer in 1939 and was city surveyor for over 20 years, as well as surveyor for Ottawa County. His employment included work on the Memorial Bridge, the harbor survey for the Corps of Engineers, the Sewage Disposal Plant, and the Colfax-Sheldon sewer line. He was a partner in T & H Associates [Terrill & Huisman], a private engineering firm. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and Grand Haven Christian School Board. Henry was scoutmaster for the Boy Scout troop and was interested in youth activities. On October 2, 1934 he married Jennie Hoebeke. They had three sons, James of Saginaw, Gary, and Donald. Henry died at his home, 1875 Doris, on July 21, 1962. Jennie passed away on July 5, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, July 21, 1962.]

#### **John Huisman [1911-1977]**

The son of Klaas and Gertrude Brandt Huisman, John, in 1953 started Haven Harness at 234 Washington. His company produced wiring for home appliances and other items. He sold to Electrical Assemblies in 1956. John resided at 830 Slayton. He was born on September 24, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on October 22, 1977. He married Dorothy Schoonbeck in Muskegon on October 1, 1936. Born on April 1,

1915, she continued to reside at the home on Slayton after John's death. She was a lunchroom worker with the Grand Haven Public Schools. Dorothy passed away on November 22, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

### **Klaas Huisman [1878-1963]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on June 13, 1878, Klaas Huisman and his wife, Gertrude, immigrated to the United States in 1901 and eventually settled in Grand Haven. In 1930 the Huismans resided at 529 Madison Street. Klaas worked as grounds keeper at Spring Lake County Club. He died on March 25, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who was born in The Netherlands in 1880 and died in 1937. Among their children were: Henry, who was born in Grand Rapids on August 9, 1905; Margaret, who was born in Holland on February 21, 1910, married Clarence J. Ruiter [1905-1977], and died on August 13, 1991, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and John, who was born on September 24, 1911.

### **Harm Huizenga [1849-1921]**

Harm Huizenga and his wife Bertha had a small farm at 1245 Washington. Harm, a native of The Netherlands, lived from April 1849 [1848] to 1921 and his wife from March 1846 to 1925. She also was born in The Netherlands. They had two sons: Richard, born in The Netherlands on May 14, 1877 and passed away on April 2, 1937, and Cobert, who was born locally on April 12, 1883 and died on January 31, 1905. Bertha lived from 1846 to 1925. She and Harm and their two sons were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Huls I [1893-1955], Edward Huls [1917-1980], and John Huls II [1926-1994]**

Brothers Edward and John Huls owned Huls Garage at 122 North Ferry at least as early as 1940. By the late 1940s the garage was located at 321 North Seventh and later at 1441 Slayton. Their father, John Huls I, also participated in the business. He was born in Illinois on February 28, 1893. His wife, Jessie, was born in The Netherlands on October 1, 1895 and passed away on March 27, 1977. In 1920 the family resided in Crockery Township, but by 1930 it was located in Spring Lake. In the mid-1920s, John was a mechanic with the Vyn Transportation Company. He and his family were then living at 133 Elliott Street and later moved to 529 Madison. John passed away on April 22, 1955.

Edward lived from June 21, 1917 to April 21, 1980 and. Edward married Alice J. Bastianes on May 21, 1941 in Grand Rapids. They resided at 15213 160th Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Alice lived from July 20, 1917 to July 8, 2009.

John Huls II lived from July 11, 1926 to April 20, 1994. On June 17, 1949 he married Helen Warber in Grand Haven. The daughter of William and Augusta Gross Warber, she was born on December 9, 1928 and died on March 22, 2019. John and Helen lived at 1210 South Griffin. The Hulses and their spouses were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Alexander H. Hume [1871-1962]**

A native of Canada, where he was born on January 19, 1871, Alexander Hume moved to Grand Haven, worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad, and later was employed as traffic manager at Challenge Machinery. He was a lifetime member of the Masons and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. Alexander married Minnie Waters in Grand Haven on July 21, 1898. They resided at 1304 Pennoyer. Minnie was born in England on October 25, 1874, immigrated to the United States when she was 7, and died on March 5, 1955. Alexander died on May 9, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

### **Seymour [Seymor] B. Humphrey [1848-1911]**

Seymour was born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on May 31, 1848. His parents were Samuel B. and Annie M. White Humphrey. Seymour worked at his father's flour mill after completing his formal education in Milwaukee when he was 17. In 1871 he left the flour mill business to work as bookkeeper for the

Engelman Transportation Company in Milwaukee. Two years later the company transferred him to Grand Haven. In 1875 Engelman Transportation was purchased by Northwestern Transportation Company of Milwaukee. Seymour was secretary and treasurer of the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Rowing Company. On July 13, 1881 in Milwaukee, Seymour married Alice A. Yates in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He died on October 8, 1911 and was buried at Wauwatosa Cemetery in Wisconsin. Alice, a year younger than Seymour, was born in Grand Rapids. She died on July 8, 1925 in Stowe, Vermont and was buried at Riverbank Cemetery.

#### **William Miles Humphrey [1831-1909]**

On February 21, 1856 in Erie, Ohio, William Humphrey married Marion Cornelia Kanouse. Born in October 1834 in Ohio, she was the daughter of William and Delia Cullinan Kanouse, later of Spring Lake Township. William was born in New York State on January 17, 1831. A millwright, he arrived in Ferrysburg in 1860 and worked in one of the sawmills. While living in Ferrysburg, they had a son, Edward James Humphrey, who was born on March 4, 1861. William and his family had moved to Muskegon by 1870. He died in Portland, Oregon on August 3, 1909. Marion passed away on July 12, 1921 in the same city.

#### **Henry Harrison Hungerford II [1857-1945]**

In 1877 Henry Hungerford and Charles Alton Pearson started the Pearson & Hungerford Hardware and Cutlery business in Spring Lake. They advertised that they were “Dealers in Heavy & Shelf Hardware, Paints and Oils. Plumbing and Steam Fitting a Specialty. Jobbers in Tin, Copper, and Sheet Iron.” It apparently closed not long after 1880. On October 11, 1882 in Spring Lake Henry married Eveline [Evaline/Evelyn] Gee. She was born in Palmyra, Ohio on February 5, 1861, passed away in Saugatuck on August 15, 1936, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Henry, who lived from September 22, 1857 to October 1945, worked as a tinsmith. He died in Saugatuck and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Horace Harrison and Rosina Miller Hungerford I were his parents.

#### **Horace Harrison Hungerford I [1804-1857]**

Horace was born on October 23, 1804 in Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, the son of Amos and China Harrison Hungerford. He moved to Nortonville in 1845 and then to Spring Lake, where he became a tinsmith. On November 8, 1843 he married his second wife, Rosina [Rosanna] Miller, who was born in France [Germany], lived from December 25, 1826 to March 7, 1895 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1880 Rosina was a servant in the Hunter Savidge home. Horace was one of the charter members and officers of the Grand Haven Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows in 1850. Horace evidently had a son from his first marriage, Horace II, who died in Spring Lake on January 18, 1855 at the age of 19 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Horace and Rosina had a daughter Mary, who was born locally about 1844, and a son John T., who was born locally about 1846. Another son, Henry Harrison Hungerford, was born on September 22, 1857. Rosina and Horace’s other children were Mary Elizabeth, born about 1844; Jenny, born about 1846; and Frederick John, whose birth date was unknown, but was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Grant Hunter [1834-1906]**

Grant Hunter was born in New York on August 19, 1834. He married Sarah Gesaw [Gerow], who was born in Canada in September 1833 and immigrated to the United States in 1856. By 1880 Grant and Sarah were settled in Ferrysburg, where Grant was first a laborer and later a farmer. Their son, Robert, was born in Ontario, Canada on June 3, 1856, and a daughter Catherine was born in Ottawa County in November 1871 [1868] and married James B. Johnston of Ferrysburg. Grant and Sarah had another daughter, Kate, who was born in 1869. Grant passed away on June 27, 1906 in Spring Lake.

#### **Robert Grant Hunter [1856-1935]**

Robert was born in Callander, Ontario, Canada on June 3, 1856, the son of Grant and Sarah Gesaw Hunter. Robert first married Alice L. Larraway in Grand Haven on January 18, 1879. Alice, the daughter of Wallace and Julia Larraway, was born in 1860. Robert and Alice had one child, Jessie, who was born in Grand Haven in 1879. Then, on February 15, 1883, in Grand Haven, Robert married Mary Christina Lang, who was born in Canada in April 1859. Robert and Mary lived in Ferrysburg and had a son, William L., who was born in May 1884, married Mary E. Penn [1894-1967], and died on July 19, 1955 in Silver Lake, Indiana; a daughter, Mary Loutit, who was born on June 12, 1889 in Ferrysburg, married Howard W. Kaar [1887-1977], and died in Louisiana in 1981; and a second son, Arthur Leroy, born in Ferrysburg on May 10, 1899, married Maudie May Sickafus [August 3, 1907-March 18, 1995], and died in 1952 in Indiana. Robert G. died on October 21, 1935 in Winona Lake, Indiana, and his wife, Mary, died on September 30, 1940 in Gary, Indiana. The Hunters were buried at Warsaw. Robert had a sister, Kate, who married James B. Johnston of Ferrysburg. Alice's second marriage was to Rudolph C. Schriber [Schriver/ Schneider].

#### **Theron F. Hunter [1815-1892]**

A native of Brownsville, New York, where he was born on July 25, 1815, Theron Hunter moved to Marshall, Calhoun County in 1856 and came to Crockery Township the next year, where he established a 160-acre farm in Section 25. On January 13, 1842, he married Priscilla Becker, who was born in Onondaga County, New York. Theron died on November 13, 1892 and was buried with his wife at Ottawa Center Cemetery in Crockery Township. Priscilla [Percilla] lived from August 13, 1823 to August 7, 1882.

#### **David Dyer Hunting I [1892-1992]**

The son of Edgar and Emma Grace "Daisy" Dyer Hunting, David was born in Grand Rapids on August 26, 1892. In 1870 Edgar, who was born in Grand Haven, his parents [Isaac and Nancy Hunting], and his brother, Robert [1867-1868], were living in Grand Haven, where they had been since 1856. By 1880 the family had moved to Grand Rapids. David served overseas as first lieutenant with the 85<sup>th</sup> Division during WWI. He returned to Grand Rapids after the war and found employment with the Metal Office Furniture Company, later known as Steelcase. David was with the company for 77 years, retiring as vice chairman in 1991. On May 25, 1925 David married Mary Virginia Ives in Ann Arbor. In 1936, David and other investors bought Stow & Davis Furniture Company in Grand Rapids. The company's business had declined during the Great Depression. David and Mary had at least one child, David II, who was born on July 8, 1926 and died in Grand Rapids July 10, 2007.

David and his parents were regular summer visitors to Highland Park. David died in East Grand Rapids on April 19, 1992. Mary lived from 1900 to 2002. She was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Edgar White Hunting I [1862-1944]**

The son of Isaac and Nancy Hastings Cutler Hunting, Edgar was born in Grand Haven on August 7, 1862. In 1885, Edgar, his mother, and his brother Robert were living at 301 North Ionia Street in Grand Rapids. Edgar was working as a clerk for the Grand Rapids & Ionia Railroad Company. On June 4, 1891 in St. Louis, Missouri Edgar married Emma Grace "Daisy" Dyer Hunting. Dwight Cutler was best man. The Dyers, a prominent St. Louis family, were frequent summer visitors in Grand Haven. Edgar and Daisy met on one such occasion. Among their children was David Dyer Hunting, who was born in Grand Rapids on August 26, 1892, but, with his parents, regularly visited Grand Haven, where they were joined by members of the Dyer family from St. Louis. The combined families rented a cottage at Highland Park each summer. Edgar and Daisy had two children in addition to David: Robert, born in 1893, and Edgar II, born in 1894. Daisy lived from May 23, 1868 to June 7, 1939. Edgar died in Grand Rapids on June 14, 1944 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery with Daisy.

#### **Isaac Gurnsey [Guernsey, Garnsey] Hunting [Huntting] [1825-1910]**

A native of Chatham, New York, where he was born November 17, 1825, Isaac Hunting on June 28, 1856 married Nancy Cutler, in Amherst, Massachusetts. Nan, the daughter of Robert and Julia Narcissa White



Cutler, was born in Amherst on January 31, 1832 [1831]. Robert Cutler was Dwight Cutler's oldest brother. The federal census of 1860 placed Isaac, Nan, and their one-year-old son William in Grand Haven. Living with them was Nan's sister Helen Cutler, who was 17 years old. Isaac was listed as "Lumberman." On June 15, 1854, Isaac bought 80 acres in Section 32 of Polkton Township and the next year, on December 15, bought an additional 40 acres. Within ten years, Galen Eastman owned most of the land in that section and in others that surrounded Eastmanville. By 1864 Isaac owned 160 acres in Section 34 [North] of Grand Haven Township and an additional 80 acres in adjacent Section 27 [North].

During the Civil War, Isaac held the rank of major with Company F of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He enlisted on August 21, 1862 and was discharged on January 23, 1863 for disability. For the rest of his life, Isaac suffered from chronic liver disease as a result of his military service. He and Nan were divorced around 1883. Isaac returned to his birth town of Pine Plains, New York in 1876 and on January 15, 1889 married Anna Maria Lockwood in Monroe County. She was born about 1825 in New York State. They were residents of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, in 1900, where they apparently settled shortly after marriage. Isaac was known as a local historian and genealogist, and he had studied the language of Michigan's Indians while living in that state. Anna died in 1902. Isaac passed away in Abbott, Florida on October 23, 1910. A few months before he died, Isaac purchased 10 acres in Abbott and moved there. Isaac was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Dutchess County, New York, as was Anna.

The Huntings' children were Neddy Hunting, who was born in January 1857 and died in Grand Haven on July 25 the same year; William E. Hunting, who lived from about 1859 to January 11, 1887; Edgar White Hunting, who was born in Grand Haven on August 7, 1862 and died in Grand Rapids on June 14, 1944; Helen Hunting who was born in 1865 and died the next year on October 5; and Robert Hunting, who was born about 1867 and died in 1888. Neddy, William, Edgar, and Robert were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. In 1885, Nan, Robert, and Edgar were living at 301 North Ionia Street in Grand Rapids. Nan died in Grand Rapids of chronic myocarditis on May 31, 1923 and also was buried at Oakhill.

Nan's other sister, Mary Ann Mixer Cutler, born on October 8, 1833, married William Hubbard, who died young. In 1870 Mary Ann, a widow, was living with Isaac and Nan in Grand Haven. After that date Mary Ann spent most of her remaining years as a resident of Grand Rapids.

### **Pope Catlin Huntington [1835-1920]**

The half-brother of Martha McKee Huntington Duncan, Pope Huntington was born in Rome, New York on July 30, 1835. He married Jane [Jennie] Benedict, a native of Hoosick Falls, New York. Pope worked as an advertising agent and in an insurance office in Chicago. In 1886 he wrote a book titled *The True History Regarding Alleged Connection of the Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons with the Abduction of William Morgan in Western New York in 1826*. Pope and Jane lived in Grand Haven with Martha and Robert Duncan for a short time before settling in Chicago permanently. Pope died in Chicago on September 30, 1920 and was buried at Oak Woods Cemetery in that city. Jane lived from June 6, 1837 to December 6, 1922 and also was buried at Oak Woods.

### **David Fletcher Hunton [Hunten, Huntoon] [1829-1915] and Frances White Hunton [1851-1883]**

Born in West Wadsworth, Vermont in 1851, Frances White came to the Grand Haven area about 1867 with her parents, William S. [1806-1884] and Hannah Ames White [1815-1886]. She was a member of the Methodist Church. On December 6, 1869 she and David Fletcher Hunton were married in Grand Haven. David's first wife was Eliza [Elizabeth] Kelley, whom he married on May 28, 1854. She was a native of Vermont, where she was born about 1833. They had at least two sons. Charles Hugh Hunton was born in Vermont in 1855 and died in 1928. A second son, Fletcher David Hunton II, was born in January 1862, also in Vermont. On June 21, 1858, David was appointed postmaster of Barnard, Vermont. Eliza died in Barnard on August 31, 1868.

David was born on February 2, 1829 in Sullivan County, New Hampshire, had a law practice in Lowell, Massachusetts in the early 1860s and arrived in Grand Haven in 1866, apparently without Charles or

Fletcher. David remained an active lawyer until shortly before his death. David and Frances resided in a large home at 231 Howard Street, part of an eight-and-a-half-acre estate. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Bertha Angela, who was born in 1870, married Reuben C. Graves, and died December 24, 1894; Frances C., who was born in 1873, died on March 9, 1893, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Clara F., who was born about 1874; Meilita [Miletta] E., born in 1875; and Rothie [Rothsus] F., born in 1886. After Frances's death on March 5, 1893, David married Ida J. Flagle on January 1, 1895 in Grand Haven. Ida was the daughter of James Richardson of Robinson Township. David and Ida were divorced in Grand Haven on February 5, 1901. On December 21, 1902 in Grand Haven, he married Helen Mary Bradey [Braddy], his fourth wife. Helen, a widow, was born in Indiana in April 1832 and moved to Grand Haven from Pontiac, Illinois shortly after 1900. She died in 1918. David still was practicing law in Grand Haven in 1908. He also was known locally as a poet and wrote in excess of 500 poems, some of which were published. He passed away on December 5, 1915 at the Ottawa County Poor Farm [Infirmery] in Eastmanville. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 9, 1893 and December 6, 1915.]

### **Martin O. Hurless [Hurliss] [1843 -1929]**

In 1864 Martin Hurless served for 100 days as private with Company A of the 140<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. While living in Spring Lake, he held various offices with Weatherwax Post #75 of the Grand Army of the Republic between 1921 and 1927. On October 25, 1866 in Whiteside County, Illinois, Martin married Minerva Jane Nance. Martin was born in Ohio in September 1843, and Minerva was born in Indiana around 1841. They were living in Fenton, Illinois in 1880. Martin was then a merchant. At that time Martin and Minerva had five children. Twenty years later they were in Chicago with eight children, three born after 1880. On July 24, 1909 in Chicago, he married Maria [Marie/Mariah] Stephens Piper. They were still in Chicago in 1910 and 1920. She was born in Louisville, Kentucky about 1854 and was married to a Mr. Piper before she married Martin. He died on October 22, 1919 in Chicago. Maria died in Spring Lake on June 15, 1924. A son, Elmer C. Hurless, also lived in Spring Lake from at least 1920 into the 1930s. Born in Illinois about 1875, he married Myrl Bache in Muskegon on March 19, 1916. Myrl was born in Coopersville on March 16, 1893 and died in Spring Lake on April 6, 1956. Elmer and Myrl had remained in the family home at 215 East Savidge until her death. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 16, 1924 and April 7, 1956.]

### **Wilbur "Ted" Husted [1914-2013]**

Born in Benton Harbor on December 6, 1914, Ted was the son of Truman [1883-1958] and Jenny Harrell [d. 1955] Husted. Ted's brother, Everett, was born about 1912. By 1920 the family was residing in Muskegon and ten years later they were in Grand Haven, living at 406 Howard Street. Ted graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1933, and went on to earn a bachelor degree at Western Michigan College [WMU] and later a master degree from Colorado State University. He married Elizabeth Jane Adams in Grand Haven on August 18, 1940. Born on August 2, 1918, Jane became a teacher at Rosy Mound School.

After teaching Industrial Arts in Camden, Hillsdale County, Onekema, and Three Rivers between 1939 and 1945, Ted joined Grand Haven Schools, where he remained until his retirement in 1977. He also coached junior high school football and basketball, assistant principal and principal at the junior high from 1960 to 1977. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes, Grand Haven Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, which awarded him the Distinguished Service Award. In addition Ted was scoutmaster and district commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America. He was given the Silver Beaver Medal, the Scout's highest honor for adult volunteers.

Ted and Jane had three children: Carol, who married Fred Finke and remained in Grand Haven; David, of Plant City, Florida; and a son who died when an infant. Ted passed away on October 6, 2013. Jane died in Grand Haven on December 30, 2013. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 11, 2013 and January 2, 2014.]

### **George Hutchinson [@1842-1902]**

George Hutchinson was head sales agent for the Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa], prior to 1900. He was 60 years old when he died on March 12, 1902.

### **Berdean Huttenga [1913-1998]**

See Howard Folgert Rose.

### **Alfred Heber Hutty [1877-1954]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 15, 1877 [1878], Alfred was the son of Joseph and Susan Squier Hutty. The family resided at 215 Franklin Street. Alfred's artistic talent was apparent at an early age, and when only 15 he was awarded an art school scholarship in Missouri at the Kansas City School of Fine Arts. He did go to Kansas City, but because family finances were limited, he found employment in a stained glass factory instead. In Missouri, he met and married Bessie Burriss Crafton on April 15, 1902 in Jackson County Missouri. They moved to St. Louis, where Alfred attended the St. Louis School of Fine Arts. When Alfred learned about the Art Students' League in Woodstock, New York, he moved there in 1907 with Bessie and their son Warren. At that time, he was known as an oil and watercolor artist. While in Woodstock, he met and studied with the American landscape painter, author, and teacher Lovell Birge Harrison, and he was a glass designer for Tiffany Studios in New York City. During World War I, he served as a painter for the Camouflage Corps making ships less visible to German U-boats. Following the war, he visited and was entranced by Charleston, South Carolina. He sent a telegram to Bessie, saying "Come quickly. Have Found heaven." They remained in Charleston for a number of years. Between 1920 and 1924 he taught at the Carolina Art Association [renamed the Gibbes Museum], and he was the first professional director of the Carolina Art Association School. In 1923 he was one of nine local artists who started the Charleston Etchers' Club. He helped the group to find and purchase an etching press. Two years earlier, in 1921, seven of his works were featured at an exhibition sponsored by the Scarab Club at the Detroit Institute of Art: Two paintings: "Indian Summer" and "Early Snow;" four etchings: "St. Michael's Portico, Charleston;" "At Low Tide," "An Old Gateway, Charleston," "Manni Anni;" and one pencil drawing: "Monday Morning in Charleston." The Scarab Club of Detroit exhibited works of Michigan artists.

The Huttys divided their time seasonally between Charleston and Woodstock, where they purchased an old farm and maintained a summer home.

Alfred belonged to the Society of American Etchers, Allied Artists of America, National Arts Club, and the American Watercolor Society, among others. He is considered a central figure in the Charleston Renaissance, the city's cultural renewal that occurred between 1920 and 1940. He held numerous exhibits nationwide: Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C.; the Art Institute of Chicago, the National Academy of Design, and the American Watercolor Society. The Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston holds the largest collection of his works, but they also can be found at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Greenville, South Carolina County Museum of Art, the and the Cleveland Museum of Art. Additional works are in many museums in the United States and abroad. Alfred's awards are similarly plentiful, including the Scarab Club Medal of the Detroit Institute of Art and the Logan Prize awarded by the Chicago Institute of Art. He has a long citation in *Artists of Early Michigan* under the name Alfred Heber Hutty and a shorter one as Alfred Heber Nutty.

Alfred died on June 27, 1954. Bessie, who was born in Liberty, Missouri, lived from 1880 to May 25, 1963. A son, Warren C. Hutty, was born in Kansas City, Missouri on November 14, 1904 and died in 1979. The three were buried at Artists Cemetery in Woodstock, New York, as was Warren's wife, Winifred Day Hutty [1901-1973].

### **Frederick Acheson Hutty I [1860–1917]**

Born in Ontario, Canada in 1860, Fred was the son of Peter and Margaret Gray Hutty. Fred was postmaster of the Grand Haven office from 1898 to 1915. He married Birdie Miranda Squier about 1886. The

daughter of Heber I and Miranda Rose Squier, she was born in August 1867 in Grand Haven and died on January 15, 1920 in Lansing. Birdie's sister, Susan, married Fred's brother, Joseph W. Hutty. Fred and Birdie lived at 215 Franklin. The Huttys' children included Clarence Bernard, who was born on July 17, 1888 in Michigan, served with the U.S. Coast Guard in Whitehall during WWI, and died on March 1, 1954 in Santa Clara County, California; Margaret Gray, who was born in Grand Haven on October 17, 1889, did not marry, and died on September 14, 1973 in East Lansing; and Helen and Fred A. Hutty II, who were born January 20, 1901. Helen married William J. Trickey of East Lansing, where she died in April 1985. Fred married Orpha Exner on April 25, 1925 in New York City and lived in Lansing before moving to Wayne County, where he died on June 19, 1978. The elder Hutty died in Grand Haven on June 17, 1917, and he and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1920.]

### **Joseph Warren Hutty [1840-1893]**

Born in Toronto, Canada on September 3, 1840, Joseph was the son of Peter and Margaret Gray Hutty and brother of Fred A. Hutty of Grand Haven. Joseph went to Yonkers, New York when he was 26 to learn the telegraph and railway business. He was employed by the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad and the Chicago & West Michigan Railway for about nine years. Around 1876 he opened a drug and stationery store at 135 Washington in Grand Haven. Otis Dickinson was his partner for a few years, at least. Frederick was a member of the I.O.O.F. [International Order of Odd Fellows] and was Past Grand of Ottawa Lodge, No. 45, the Royal Arcanum, A.O.U.W., Knights of Honor, Chosen Friends, and Fraternal Protectors. He and his family moved to Leavenworth, Kansas about 1885. His wife Susan was born in New York around 1848. She was the daughter of Heber and Miranda Rose Squier and sister of Fred Hutty's wife, Birdie. Joseph and Susan had a daughter, Alice M. Hutty, who was born about 1870; another daughter, Jesse Hutty, born about 1873; a son, Alfred Heber Hutty, who was born September 16, 1878 in Grand Haven and died in 1954; and a second son, Roland Hutty, who was born in May 1880. Joseph died of Bright's Disease in Leavenworth on June 9, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 10, 1893.]

### **Charles Hyde [1842-1921]**

Born in Ontario, Canada on March 16, 1842, Charles Hyde came to the Spring Lake area in the 1880s. He first married Margary Wills in Canada. They had five children, all born in Canada: George, who was born in August 1866 and resided in Spring Lake;; Mary, who was born on May 6, 1869, married D. W. Jones, and died in Los Angeles on April 29, 1940; Adelaide [Addie], who was born in Canada on April 5, 1873 and married James D. Proudlove of Spring Lake and later of Los Angeles; Anna [Annie], who was born about 1876, married Frank Rylander, and moved to Chicago; and Caroline [Carrie], who was born about 1879 and married Earl K. Gardner in Chicago on July 14, 1903. On May 18, 1889 in Chicago, George, who worked as an engineer at Story & Clark Piano Company, married Sabina E. Flower. She was born in London, England on January 28, 1870 and died in Bradenton, Florida on December 23, 1958. George had died on February 1, 1952, also in Bradenton. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Addie's husband, James Proudlove, was born in Trenton, New Jersey on February 28, 1874 [1875], died in Spring Lake on September 4, 1930, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Addie died in Los Angeles, California on January 4, 1948.

The family moved to Spring Lake in 1879, where Charles worked in a sawmill. Margary ran the Nortonville Boarding House for the sawmill employees. She died on January 7, 1882 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles built several cottages along North Lake Avenue in Spring Lake, which he rented out. In the 1893 *Directory*, he was listed as a carpenter with property in Section 15 of Spring Lake Township, which would be west of Lake Street and north of State [Savidge] Street. According to his descendants, Charles grew apples, peaches, and pears, which he sold to Andy Fall's grocery store in Spring Lake.

On April 7, 1882, Charles married Eliza “Liza” Ann Wills in Grand Rapids. Eliza and Margery may have been cousins. Charles died at his home in Spring Lake on December 18, 1921. Eliza, born in Canada in November 1850 [1851], died in 1926. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 19, 1921.]

#### **John “Jack” Fredrick Hyde [1921-1990]**

John Hyde and Edward Schewe started Ottawa Laboratories on Taylor Street in Grand Haven to produce DDT-based insecticides. The business closed two years later. During WWII, Jack served as private with the U.S. Army. In 1950 he was foreman at the Camfield Company in Grand Haven. He was born on May 4, 1921 in Allendale. On January 21, 1942 he married Edith Lavina Schoemaker in Saugutuck. She was born in Port Sheldon on May 24, 1921. They resided at 310½ Franklin. John died in Grand Haven on February 18, 1990, and Edith passed away on February 9, 1993. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least two sons, John Hyde, born about 1943, and Garry Hyde, born about 1949.

#### **Daniel James Hyland [1880-1948]**

Father Daniel Hyland served as pastor at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Grand Haven from September 15, 1911 until his death on September 25, 1948. He was born in Wyoming, Kent County on April 27, 1880 and ordained on June 26, 1907. His father Michael was born in Ireland about 1845 and his mother Sophia was born in Pennsylvania around 1849. Rev. Hyland resided at the Catholic manse at 812 Fulton.

#### **Burton Imig [1917-1983]**

In the 1960s Burton Imig and Arnold Redeker took over the Ford dealership at 12-16 North Third in Grand Haven and named it Imig & Redeker. When Burton sold his interest, his name was dropped. Burton was born on May 6, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on July 3, 1983. He and his wife Gladys A. resided at 15765 Ronny Road in Grand Haven Township. Gladys lived from September 9, 1920 to January 24, 1986.

#### **Charles W. Ingraham [1834-1897]**

Born in Dutchess, New York in October 1834 [1835], Charles Ingraham came to Michigan in 1838 and to Ottawa County in 1863. He owned a 28-acre farm in Section 6 of Allendale Township, on the banks of the Grand River [Bass River]. Charles was supervisor of Allendale Township, town clerk, school inspector, and justice of the peace, and in 1891 he was elected county register of deeds. He moved his family to Grand Haven that year. For 15 years he was country schoolmaster. He was a Republican and later a member of the People’s Party, and he also was a Spiritualist for 30 years. On March 23, 1864, in Jackson, Charles married Adele [Adelia/Delia] Harper, who was born on March 12, 1844 in Michigan and died on March 13, 1918. They had three daughters: Edith [Ednah], who was born in 1865 and on June 18, 1890 in Jamestown Township married William H. Ralya of Allendale; Lulu [Lou], who was born in August 1868 [1869] and became a teacher in Grand Haven; and Rose W., who was born in November 1881 [1882]. In 1893 the *Tribune* reported that Charles was “running a restaurant at the Highland Park Hotel for the benefit of guests at the beach” [July 9, 1893]. Charles died on January 24, 1897. He and Adele were buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 25, 1897.]

#### **Lulu “Lou” Ingraham [1868–1959]**

Born in Ottawa County on August 1, 1868 [1869], Lou was the daughter of Charles W. and Adele Harper Ingraham. Lou started teaching in 1886 in a one-room schoolhouse in Allendale Township. She became a second grade teacher at the Columbus Street School [also known as the Second Ward School] in 1896. Later she had a combined classroom of second and third graders, at one time totaling 63 students in the one room. In the early 1900s she was appointed principal of the school but continued to teach fourth grade. She continued in that capacity until the school closed in 1913, when the Fourth Ward School [Ferry School] opened. Lou then began teaching at Central School. She was active in the Red Cross and the Free Bed Guild. She lived with her widowed mother at 406 Howard and 540 Lake Avenue. Lou was honored at a Columbus Street School Reunion on November 16, 1956. The building was razed in 1930. Lou died on

October 14, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her parents. [*Tribune* obituary, October 15, 1959.]

#### **Robert S. Innes [Innis] [1836-1924]**

Robert Innes was born on April 17, 1836 in Perth, Scotland. He was located in Grand Rapids by 1860, living with his brother, William Power Innes. On September 12, 1861 he enlisted as quartermaster [first lieutenant] in the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and Mechanics but resigned on December 6 the next year. Like his brother William, Robert was a Civil Engineer and returned to Grand Rapids after the Civil War. His only known connection with Northwest Ottawa County was through his brother. He died in Muskegon on November 19, 1924. He was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. His wife Margaret lived from 1841 to January 30, 1917. She also was buried at Oakwood. Their only surviving child, Nettie, lived from 1877 to 1947. She married John Zeldenrust [1873-1953] of Muskegon in 1903.

#### **William Power Innes [Innis] [1826–1893]**

William Innes, born in Albany, New York in 1826, arrived in Grand Haven in the spring of 1853 to supervise a railroad survey between Ada and Grand Haven for the Oakland & Ottawa Railway, as it was called then. In 1860 he was residing in Grand Rapids, but he purchased acreage in Sections 16 and 21 of Crockery Township prior to 1864. He was credited with building the first store in Nunica in 1859 and running a general merchandise outlet with his brother, Robert S. Innes. On September 12, 1861 William enlisted in Company S of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers as colonel. He was promoted to brevet brigadier general and was mustered out on October 26, 1864. After the war William returned to Grand Rapids, where he was listed in 1870 and 1880 as an insurance and real estate agent. William died on August 2, 1893 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. He married Adrianna [Arianna, Ariana] Tinkham, who was born in New York about 1831 and died in Grand Rapids on July 3, 1881. She also was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. William and Adrianna had at least four children, including Eliza, born about 1857 in Michigan, and William, born about 1859, also in Michigan.

#### **James Edward Ireland [1920-1998]**

James was born on December 22, 1920 in Spring Lake to Madison and Lucy Ames Ireland. He married Phyllis Henry in Fruitport on December 30, 1966, his second marriage. James was Caretaker at the Spring Lake Cemetery, where he retired in 1982. He served with the Army Air Corps during WWII. Children by his first wife included Roger of Muskegon and Michael of Nunica. His two stepdaughters were Helen Haring of Grant, Oceana County, and Bonnie Hudson of Spring Lake. James died on December 4, 1998 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Frank Henry Irish [1862-1919]**

The son of Henry D. and Abba J. Nash Irish, Frank was titled the “junior” proprietor of the new Cutler House in 1897. Starting in about 1861 he and his father worked together managing various hotels throughout West Michigan, including the “New Livingston” Hotel and Sweet’s in Grand Rapids, the Spring Lake House in the early 1890s, and the Wright House in Alma. Frank was born on March 3, 1862 and died on September 6, 1919. He and his father returned to run the rebuilt Cutler House in the middle 1890s.

Frank married Lillie May Cook on September 27, 1892 in Grand Rapids. Lillie lived from May 9, 1863 to May 9, 1921. She and Frank were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Henry D. Irish [1834-1914]**

Henry Irish was manager of the Cutler House as early as 1884 until it burned down in 1889. He next managed the Spring Lake House and then the Wright House in Alma for short periods. In the early 1890s he managed the “New Livingston Hotel” in Grand Rapids for three years. Before returning to the rebuilt Cutler House, Henry spent a year at Sweet’s, also in Grand Rapids. He was still at the Cutler House as late as 1897. Evidently he and his son Frank worked together in the hotel business from about 1881 on. Henry

was born in Vermont on January 17, 1834 and moved to Lyons, Ionia County with his parents when he was a boy. His father, David, was born in 1810 and died in Ionia on November 12, 1881. His mother, Leonora Lyon, was born in Shelburne, Vermont in 1812 and died on January 24, 1899. She and David were buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Ionia. Henry married Abba J. Nash on February 14, 1854. Abba was born on May 26, 1829 and died on October 6, 1912. Henry died on April 21, 1914.

#### **Jerry W. Iser [1941-1996]**

Jerry Iser and his younger brother Ronnie Iser, both blind, were tuners at the Story & Clark Piano Company. Jerry was born on March 26, 1941. In 1966 Jerry was living at 601 Fulton Street with his brother and Ron's wife Lorna. Jerry later moved to 602 Jackson and Ron and his wife to 539 Jackson. Ron and Lorna were divorced in September 1873. Jerry and Donna moved from Grand Haven, but Ronnie was still working as tuner at the piano company in 1979. He died on July 1, 1996 in Pinellas, Florida.

#### **Maude A. Isherwood [1872-1923]**

Born in Michigan in June 1872, Maude Isherwood was a member of the Grand Haven High School faculty. In May 1905 she was appointed principal of the high school. She taught German and Latin. Maude also taught at the Ottawa County Normal School in Grand Haven. She lived at 312 South Fifth Street with Margaret Lewis. Maude died August 31, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 1, 1923.]

#### **Andrew Jackson Itsell [1837-1920]**

Andrew Itsell was born in Detroit in 1837. On July 27, 1863 he went to Howell, Livingston County to enlist in Company K of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry and was given the rank of captain. He was mustered out on October 24, 1865. Andrew was superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1867 to 1869. Prior to 1880 he and his wife Agnes "Aggie" moved to San Francisco, California, where he was a teacher. She was born in 1848 in Pennsylvania and died on October 13, 1922 in San Francisco. In 1892 Andrew applied for an invalid's pension. He died in San Francisco on March 2, 1920. On April 13 that year, while still living in California, Aggie applied for a widow's pension. The Itsells had two daughters and a son: Ida May, William F., and Aggie Maud.

#### **Chauncy [Chancy] Ives [1837-1918]**

Born in July 1837 in New York, Chauncy Ives owned a wholesale and retail butcher business in Coopersville. He came to the Ottawa County area in 1863. In 1870 he provided a "testimonial" to the "curative properties" of the magnetic waters at the Spring Lake Hotel. His wife Mary Amanda, also a native of New York, was born in 1841. Chauncy and Mary had two sons and one daughter, including Cleora Olive, who was born about 1869 and first married Amos Walling and then Ferdinand "Fred" Behm. Edward Wilbur Ives, their son, was born on July 21, 1863. In 1900 Chauncey and Mary still resided in Coopersville. Chauncey died on June 21, 1918.

#### **Macy Jones Ives [1864-1934]**

Macy Jones was born in Nunica on June 12, 1864. On June 3, 1883 in Nunica, she married Edward "Eddie" Wilbur Ives, who was born on July 21, 1863 and died on December 23., 1948. Macy was a prolific artist who worked with pastels and other mediums. She was listed as an artist in the 1930 Federal Census. She also was a spiritualist and held seances at her house. Macy passed away on February 12, 1934. They were buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Macy and Edward had three children. [Personal correspondence with Mary Modderman.]

#### **Humphrey Jackman [1879-1900]**

Bert Tibbetts was accused and convicted of slaying Humphrey Jackman of Grand Haven on December 31 [21], 1900. Bert was sentenced to life imprisonment. Humphrey was born in Michigan on October 12, 1879.

### **George Alan Jackoboice I [1941-1999]**

George Jackoboice graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1963 and later served in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Unit. In 1963 he joined the family hydraulics manufacturing business in Grand Rapids and was put in charge of finance and general administration. In 1985 he was named president of the company, which had been founded in 1856. Under Jackoboice's leadership, Monarch Hydraulics became a world leader in the mobile hydraulics business. He was joined by brothers John Stephen Jackoboice and Thomas Joseph Jackoboice and a cousin, Edward James.

George and his wife, Sherry Ann Flanagan, lived at 18051 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. She was born in February 1944. Their children included a son, George Alan II, who remained in Spring Lake, and daughters Julia Anne Miller of Zurich, Switzerland, and Janna Kathleen of Spring Lake. The Jackoboices were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake, and George belonged to the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids, the Spring Lake Country Club, the Rotary Club, and the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post in Grand Haven. In 1998 he received the Notre Dame Club of Grand Rapids Award of the Year and was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club. George, who was born on December 20, 1941, died on November 26, 1999, while vacationing in Salzburg, Austria. [*Tribune* obituary, December 1, 1999.]

### **Joseph L. Jackson [1844-1912]**

Born in Wayne County, New York in 1844, Joseph Jackson on May 22, 1861 enlisted in Company B of the 33<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry. He was mustered out on June 2, 1863, and then on March 2, 1865 he entered Company F of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Cavalry. He was mustered out of that unit on September 11, 1865. Joseph, a carpenter, came to Grand Haven about 1876, but moved to Nortonville in 1880. He worked for the White, Friant, & Company sawmill in Nortonville in 1882, but was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "ship carpenter."

On June 3, 1867 in Grand Haven, Joseph married Caroline Andres. Caroline was a year younger than her husband. They had three sons and three daughters, including Henry, who attended theological college, spent his life as a missionary and preacher, and died of consumption at the age of 27 in Fresno, California on September 21, 1897. Another child, Julia, also died in California. Their other children were Charles Laman, Mathilda, Alvin, Walter, who died in Grand Haven on July 17, 1883, only four days old, and Viola. Joseph applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on March 8, 1883. At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, Joseph was living as a widower in Seattle, Washington with two of his children, Charles and Viola. Joseph died in Seattle on June 25, 1912. [*Tribune* obituary, September 22, 1897.]

### **James Hurum Jacobs [1909-2013]**

James Jacobs was born in Van Buren County on May 3, 1909. On September 14, 1930, he married Elsie Mae Swihart in Calhoun County. In the late 1930s and early 1940s, James worked as baker for Dee-Lite Bakery at 9 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven and owned and managed the Dee-Lite Sandwich Shop at 24 Washington. Elsie also worked at the bakery. The couple lived at 702 Franklin Street. By 1950 James owned a bakery business in Dowagiac, Cass County. James passed away in 1969 and was buried at Lakeside Cemetery Decatur, Van Buren County. Elsie lived from July 13, 1902 to December 31, 1996 and was buried at the same cemetery.

### **Alvin Emmanuel Jacobson I [1892-1976]**

In 1919 Alvin Jacobson I and Paul A. Johnson I founded Grand Haven Brass. In the mid-1920s Bernath Sherwood I joined the group, and they purchased Grand Haven Stamped Products. On April 24, 1940 the three men bought Dake Engine Company. Al was president of the firm from 1940 to 1971. In 1970 the principals, Johnson, Sherwood, and Jacobson, formed the JSJ Corporation, which included Grand Haven Brass Foundry, Grand Haven Stamped Products, Dake, Michigan Plastics, and Carlon Meter Company.



On February 22, 1917, Al married Edna Victoria Nelson Johnson, who was born in Michigan on March 14, 1892. They had six children, all born locally: Charles, who was born on April 1, 1918 and died in 1977; Alvin E. II, born on May 30, 1922; Edna Mary Jacobson, born on November 2, 1923, married Jack Preston Richardson [1914-2007], and died in Bloomfield Hills, Oakland County, on December 11, 2013; David J. Jacobson, who was born January 21, 1926 and died in Grand Haven on December 11, 1974; Marilyn Hilma Jacobson, who was born on June 12, 1927, married Richard Brooks in Detroit on August 29, 1953, died in Rochester Hills, Oakland County, on May 13, 2009, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Muriel R. Jacobson, who was born on April 25, 1929 and married Robert B. Mersereau of Grand Haven. The family lived at 618 Lafayette. Al, who was born in Grand Haven on February 7, 1892, died on August 1, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Edna died in June 1984 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, July 2, 1984.]

#### **Alvin Emmanuel Jacobson II [1922-2008]**

The son of Alvin E. and Edna Johnson Jacobson, Al II was born in Grand Haven on May 30, 1922. He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Grand Haven High School, where he was captain of the football and basketball teams. While attending the University of Michigan he joined the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and in 1943 was commissioned as Ensign. The next year he graduated from Submarine School in New London, Connecticut and served aboard the submarine *Flier*. Al was one of eight crewmen that survived when their submarine hit a mine in the Philippine Islands on August 13, 1944. Three months later he boarded the USS *Ling* and was en route to the Pacific when the war ended. He returned to the University of Michigan and received his bachelor degree in 1947. After a year working in Chicago, he returned to his hometown and started work at the Grand Haven Brass Foundry with his father, where he remained until his retirement. He served 13 years as its president. He was a founding director of the JSJ Corp. and served as chair from 1989 to 1992. He was director of several financial organizations, including Old Kent Bank [Fifth Third], and he served the community by being a founder, member, or president of many enterprises, such as the Committee for Economic Development for Grand Haven, the United Way, the YMCA, and the Great Lakes Naval Memorial Museum. He also was active in a wide array of civic organizations, such as Rotary and Spring Lake Yacht Club.

On July 9, 1955, Al married Mary Eileen Chace in Pilger, Nebraska. They had three children: Christine Marie, Nelson Chace, and Steven Grant. The family attended the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. Al passed away on October 16, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Charles N. Jacobson [1918-1977]**

Born April 1, 1918, Charles was the son of Alvin E. and Edna Johnson Jacobson. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Engineering and was employed by Ingersoll-Rand. Charles served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. After the war, Charles took over management of Dake Engine Company with Paul Johnson II in 1946 and was its president from 1972 to the time of his death in 1977. In 1970 the JSJ Corporation was organized. It combined the enterprises of the Jacobson, Sherwood, and Johnson families in such a way that the individual companies could maintain their own identities. Charles's wife died of a "CVA" on June 29, 1984. The couple resided in the Jacobson family home at 618 Lafayette before moving to 18769 Fruitport Road. Charles died in Spring Lake on July 4, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Dake, The First One Hundred Years, 1887-1987.*]

#### **Richard Albert Jager I [1905-1987]**

Rev. Richard Jager started Sylvan Dell Nursing Home at 1615 South De Spelder in Grand Haven. His son, Richard II, was president-treasurer, and Richard II's wife, Marilyn R., was vice president-secretary. The home eventually was taken over by North Ottawa Community Hospital and renamed North Ottawa Care Center. Rev. Jager was born in Chicago on June 5, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on March 31, 1987. He attended North Iowa Community College in Mason City, and he served as pastor at the First Reformed Church in Byron Center from 1944 to 1950. On October 23, 1931, Richard married Marie Estelle Clark in

Holland. She was born in Holland on February 12, 1909. In Grand Haven, Richard and Marie resided at 1005 Ohio Street. Marie died in Grand Haven on July 18, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **Jake [? -1900]**

Jake was a white bulldog known for boarding the Dummy line from downtown Grand Haven to the lakeshore at one o'clock most afternoons of the summer. He rode to Captain Walker's pavilion, today the location of Noto's Restaurant. There he waited for somebody, anybody, to throw a stick into the lake. He retrieved it and waited for someone else to throw the stick, a trick he could perform all afternoon. When the last car for Grand Haven left the pavilion in the evening, Jake jumped on and returned to the home of his owner, Marinus Kamhout. The first article in the *Tribune* about Jake appeared on August 26, 1895. Jake died on November 5, 1900. The notice of Jake's death appeared in the *Tribune* on the day he died, November 5, 1900.

#### **Dale Edward Janke [1942-2012]**

Born in Benton Harbor on May 16, 1942, Dale was the son of Edward and Lillian Stelter Janke. A graduate of Western Michigan University, Dale went on to earn a master degree from Wayne State University. He married Mary Beth Robinson on August 24, 1968. Dale taught in Grand Haven Junior High School for nearly 30 years. After retirement in 1994, he raised grapes, vegetables, flowers, and was a regular vendor at Holland Farmer's Market. Mary Beth also was a teacher in the Grand Haven Schools. Dale and Mary Beth had two children: Sarah Janke of Holland and Eric Janke of New York. The family resided at 710 Fulton Street and 1836 Waverly Avenue in Grand Haven. Dale died at home on August 13, 2012 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 17, 2012.]

#### **Clare Frank Jarecki [1909-2004]**

In 1952 Clare Jarecki of Grand Rapids purchased 85 acres from the estates of the Fisher, O'Beck, and Van Zanten families and developed North Shore Marina, which continued in business into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The marina was located at 18275 Berwyck Drive. He was born on June 8, 1909 and passed away in Grand Rapids on October 21, 2004.

#### **Alexander Henry Jaudon [Jandon] [1812-1886]**

Alexander Jaudon helped organize the Port Sheldon Land Company in 1835. The group intended to establish a resort at Port Sheldon, and had invested in building homes, businesses, a hotel, and other necessary features of the proposed settlement, but the serious financial "panic" of 1837 to 1838 caused its failure. Lawrence subsequently purchased 720 acres in Olive Township on August 10, 1841 at the same time he took title to more than 117 acres in Grand Haven Township. Born on August 3, 1812, Alexander died in New York on January 16, 1886, and was buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Philadelphia.

#### **Pierre du Jaunay [? -1781]**

Leo Lillie [p. 87] claimed that Father Pierre du Jaunay was the first missionary to operate on the Grand River, arriving there as early as 1741. He came to Michilimackinac in 1735 and remained there for thirty years. A Jesuit priest, du Jaunay died in Quebec in 1781. He was of French origin.

#### **Alexander L. Jeffers [1838-1908]**

Alexander Jeffers was born in Watertown, New York, in 1838. On October 9, 1861 Alexander enlisted in Company E of the 7<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. He was mustered out of that unit on March 31, 1862. On August 26, 1864 he enlisted as private in Battery L of the 5<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery. He was discharged on June 25, 1865. Alexander moved from New York to Nortonville in 1880, where he was employed as a blacksmith at White, Friant, & Company. In 1863 he married Mary Ann O'Hara, who was born in Canada about 1844. She died in 1871 in Lewis County, New York, leaving three children, all born in New York: George, born about 1864; Charles, born about 1867; and Edward, born about 1870. The next year

Alexander married Mary A. Holley, who was born in New York about 1843. Alexander died on December 12, 1908 in Lowville, New York. Mary filed for a widow's Civil War pension on January 7, 1909.

#### **Harrison William Jeffers [1842-1923]**

Harrison Jeffers was a member of the Maccabees and Spring Lake Baptist Church. Born in New York State on May 7, 1842, he died at his home in Spring Lake on April 23, 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. By 1870 Harrison was working in a Spring Lake sawmill. With him was his 30-year-old wife Ella and their son, Harry Jeffers, one year old. Harrison maintained a dairy farm on almost 30 acres in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. A school, later known as Jeffers School, was already on the site when they bought the land. Harrison's wife, Nellie [Ella], also from New York, lived from December 11, 1839 to May 28, 1900. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Hally lived from 1876 to 1894 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 1923.]

#### **Charles Jefferson [@1876- ?]**

Charles Jefferson, born in Louisiana about 1876, was classified as Negro in the 1930 Federal Census for Spring Lake. At that time he was a butler in the home of Clarkson and Mabelle Rollins, a White family. Charles's wife Betty was born in Arkansas about 1888. Also Negro, she worked as a cook in the same household. Charles and Betty were married about 1914.

#### **Mortimer Winsor Jeffords [1822-1894]**

During the Civil War, Mortimer Jeffords served as private with Company B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry from 1862 to 1863. Listed as "Principal Musician," he later was transferred to Company S of the same regiment. Mortimer was born in Vermont in 1822. On June 1, 1854, he married Julia Ann Evans [Evens] in Grand Haven. She was born in Ontario, Canada on October 11, 1833. In 1879 Mortimer was proprietor of a hotel in Ferrysburg, probably the Ferrysburg Hotel. By 1880, the family had moved to Whitehall. He died in Grand Rapids in 1894 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery. Julia passed away in Detroit on June 15, 1922 and also was buried at Oakhill. They had at least one child, Mary Jeffords Stone, who was born in Muskegon on November 19, 1873, died in Detroit on March 30, 1952, and was buried with her parents at Oakhill. Her husband, Ralph Stone, lived from 1868 to 1956 and joined the Jeffords at Oakhill.

#### **Cornelius Jelier [1879-1910]**

Cornelius Jelier was part-owner of the Vaudette Theater, located at 16 Washington Street. His partner was Charles Davis. On December 5, 1901 in Racine, Wisconsin, Cornelius married Bertha Weill. The couple resided at 109 Clinton Street. Cornelius, the son of Richard and Maria Toolenar Jelier, was born in Ferrysburg on June 10, 1879 and died in Racine on January 2, 1910. Bertha lived from 1874 to 1941 and was buried at Mound Cemetery with her husband.

#### **William Charles Jenerou [1938-1995]**

Born on June 22, 1938 [1937] in Manistique, William Jenerou by 1979 was managing Barnett's Motel and Housekeeping Cottages. Located at 17838 North Shore Drive, the motel was owned by Delmar and Gladys Barnett, who opened it in the mid-1950s. William served with the United States Army from September 10, 1958 to August 17, 1961. He married Linda Ann Wickwire on December 28, 1963 in Manistique. She was born on September 29, 1944 and died in Spring Lake on May 1, 2009. William and Linda had two children: Bill, who lived in Manistique, and Jack, who resided in Spring Lake. William was a resident of Ferrysburg when he died in Ann Arbor on October 28, 1995.

#### **Betsy Jenison [1825-1901]**

See Betsy Jenison Hanchett.

#### **Hiram Jenison [Jennison] [1813-1889]**

Born in Canton, New York, on May 11, 1813, the son of Lemuel and Sarah Sanderson Jenison, Hiram came with his family to Michigan in 1835. He helped his father stock the Brown & Britton Sawmill on Buck Creek with logs and in 1837 took over, with the help of his 14-year-old twin brother and continued the work. In 1838 he purchased, in behalf of himself and his brothers, Lucius and Lyman, 1,600 acres for \$1.50 per acre of white pine timberland located on Rush Creek, where two mills had been built in 1835. Hiram was considered the founder of Jenison. He married Mary Birdsley on October 4, 1838. She was born about 1817 and died on May 25, 1892. Hiram died in 1889. [*Tribune* article, "Story of Ottawa Twins in Early Years," April 18, 1923.]

#### **Lemuel Jenison [1783-1837]**

Lemuel Jenison was born in Montpelier, Vermont, on June 3, 1783. He married Sarah [Sally] Sanderson in Shrewsbury, Vermont on February 19, 1807. Sarah was born on March 17, 1784 and died on June 26, 1841. In 1835 Lemuel, Sarah, and their three sons and four daughters came to Michigan from Canton, New York. They made the trip to Detroit by water from Buffalo and by ox team and on foot from Detroit to Grand Rapids. When a sawmill was built on Buck Creek [Jenison] by Brown & Britton, Lemuel and his oldest son, Hiram, agreed to stock it with logs. The children included Hiram, who lived from May 11, 1813 to November 11, 1889; Altha, born in 1827; Harriet, born April 18, 1821; Annie, born in 1829; twins Lucius and Luman, born on April 25, 1823; and Betsey, who married Benjamin S. Hanchett of Grand Rapids. On September 24, 1837, in Byron Township, Lemuel was killed while felling a tree. He was buried at Jenison Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* article, "Story of Ottawa Twins in Early Years," April 18, 1923.]

#### **Lucius Jenison [1823-1899] and Luman Jenison [1823-1899]**

Born in Canton, New York on April 25, 1823, the sons of Lemuel and Sarah Sanderson Jenison, twin brothers Lucius and Luman came with the family to Michigan in 1835. Lucius managed the farms and Luman directed the affairs of the mills and store. When 16 years old, Luman took the first raft of lumber from the Rush Creek area down the river. Thomas D. Gilbert purchased the load of lumber at \$6.50 per thousand feet. Luman and Lucius became prosperous. Instead of abandoning the land from which they had stripped the timber the Jenisons lived on the old homestead and converted the wilderness into substantial farms, either for themselves or for sale to other settlers. Some of the land was found to have a rich deposit of gypsum and the quarries were energetically developed. In 1864 a large flourmill was built, and cozy homes gradually were assembled around a foundry, machine shop, hotel, and a general store. The Jenisons were Democrats. The twins never married. They remained inseparable and "parted only when past the allotted three score and ten." They always divided the profits of business in equal shares. Lucius died on March 21, 1899 and Luman died on October 6, 1899 at his home in Jenison. Both were buried in a mausoleum at Jenison Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 9, 1899, and *Tribune* article, "Story of Ottawa Twins in Early Years," April 18, 1923.]

#### **Robert Morris Jenkins [1882-1944]**

In 1918 Robert Morris Jenkins registered for the World War I draft. He was born in Missouri on January 2, 1882. A Black man, he worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and resided in Grand Haven Township, where he operated a farm. Living with him was his wife Zola, also Black. Robert died in San Bernardino, California on March 12, 1944. Neither Robert nor Zola appeared in any censuses for Ottawa County.

#### **George William Jenner [1857–1931]**

George Jenner was one of the original organizers of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company in 1895. By 1908 he was retired. He and his wife, Hattie M., the daughter of John W. and Harriet Eldred Hopkins, lived on Franklin Street in 1900 and later at 106½ Washington. Hattie was born in Michigan on March 8, 1862. They were married in Grand Haven on November 25, 1886 and had a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth Jenner, who was born in October 1871 and lived until 1905, and a son, Frank Leroy Jenner, who was born in 1899 and died the next year. George, who was born in September 1857 in Michigan, died in Los

Angeles, California on January 4, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hattie died on August 4, 1935 and was buried with her husband.

**Robert Byron [H.B.] Jennings [1835-1921]**

Robert Jennings settled in Crockery Township in 1855. He was born in New York on August 21, 1835 [1834] and died in Cadillac on February 17, 1921. He put his many memories of pioneer life in Crockery Township in a 1906 article "Pioneer Life in Ottawa County." He married Mary Morris, who was born in Michigan about 1838. They had at least three children, all born in Michigan: Marion, who was born on April 24, 1861 and died in Detroit on December 21, 1921; Edward, born about 1866; and Caroline "Carrie," who was born on March 31, 1872 and died in Ann Arbor on July 8, 1936. The Jennings family owned a 120-acre farm in Section 26 of Crockery Township. By 1895 they were located in Big Rapids and later in Cadillac.

**John J. Jerovsek I [1914-2002]**

Born on February 27, 1914, John was the son of Frank and Mary Jerovsek, who lived in Trimountain, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. After working four years at the Trimountain Copper Mines, John moved to Grand Haven with his wife Kay and their two children. He first was employed by Keller Tool Company and then opened a cleaning/painting business called Jerovsek & Son., located at 120 Eastern in Grand Haven. The business expanded to include property management, moved to 826 Washington, and was renamed John L. Jerovsek Property Management. John served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for six years and on the Housing Board of Appeals for the same number of years. He was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club for 26 years and was elected sergeant-at-arms. In the mid-1970s he became owner-operator of the East Side Tavern at 207 South Beechtree. The tavern previously had been owned by Archie Green

On February 26, 2000 John married Jane Watson and moved to Marinette, Wisconsin, where he died on April 20, 2002. John was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His children were John L. II and Sharon, who married David Seaver of Grand Haven. Ann Klintworth [March 14, 1918-August 5, 2003] of Spring Lake was his sister. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2002.]

**Albert W. Jeske [1862-1944]**

Albert Jeske, who was born in Germany on July 18, 1862, immigrated to the United States in 1881 and came to the Grand Haven area in 1908. He owned a 160-acre farm in Section 10 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. On December 1, 1889 in Chicago, he married Bertha Knuth. She also was a native of Germany, where she was born on March 4, 1865, and came to the United States in 1884. A daughter, Amanda A. Jeske, lived from 1891 to 1954, and a second daughter, Edith Ida Jeske, was born in 1899. A son, William Albert Jeske, was born in Illinois in 1892 and died in 1956. The family was still residing in Olive Township in 1920. Albert died in 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Bertha died in Port Sheldon on March 2, 1944. Albert died on July 8 the same year. Both were buried at Grand Haven Township Historic Cemetery. Albert Jeske and August Jeske were brothers.

**August Herman Jeske I [1872-1937]**

August Jeske lived from August 10, 1872 to February 17, 1937. He was a farmer with 90 acres in Section 10 of Olive Township. He settled in the area in 1906. August also raised livestock. He married Emilie Knuth, who was born on February 19, 1874 and died on August 3, 1955. Both August and Emilie were born in Germany, and both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Augusta and Robert, twins born in 1911, and a daughter, Mabel, born in 1916. Another son, August II, was born in Illinois in 1900. He married Frances B. Peters in Grand Haven on June 12, 1920. The young couple lived next to August and Emilie in Olive Township. August Jeske and Albert Jeske were brothers.

**Jim "Little Jim" [? -1915]**

In its edition of May 10, 1915, the *Grand Haven Tribune* told its readers, “There is general sorrow around the courthouse square these days because little Jim is gone.” Jim was a squirrel that lived in a large maple tree on the grounds. He was run over by a car the previous day “when he tarried too long in the street.”

#### **George Washington Jocelyn [1820-1898]**

See George W. Joscelyn.

#### **Frank Martin Johnson [1935-2017]**

Martin, the son of Paul A. and Matilda Nelson Johnson I, was born in Grand Haven on March 8, 1935. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering at Stanford University. After serving with the U.S. Navy as lieutenant, he attended Harvard University’s Business School and worked for American International Oil Company in New York City. He left that position to return to his hometown as an employee of Grand Haven Stamped Products, one of JSJ Corporation’s companies. His career with JSJ covered 40 years as director, president, and CEO. In addition to his membership with the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church, Mart served on the Board of Pacesetter Financial Corporation and a variety of non-profit boards, including North Ottawa Community Hospital, Grand Rapids Symphony, Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, Princeton Seminary, and Alma College. He was a member of Grand Haven Rotary for 50 years. He and his wife, Dottie, had two daughters: Dee, who married David Stokes of St. Louis, Missouri, and Melinda, who married Ben Bechner of Ada. Martin died at home on February 27, 2017. [*Tribune* obituary, March 1, 2017.]

#### **George B. Johnson [1888-1953]**

George B. Johnson was born in Grand Haven on January 7, 1888. He married Dena Musk in Grand Haven on January 8, 1909. Dena was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1889. In 1914, George worked at the Story & Clark Piano Company. They then resided at 514 Adams. Around the mid-1920s they hired Stuart L. Johnson to build a house at 1035 Pennoyer Street. George died on June 2, 1953. Dena passed away on January 4, 1963. They had three children: Ruth Ann Johnson [1919-2007]; George J. Johnson [1921-1999]; and Charles R. Johnson [1924-2012].

#### **George M. Johnson [1900-1971]**

Born on September 24, 1900 in Chicago, Illinois, George Johnson owned the local Locomobile agency in 1916, started in the oil business in 1924, and built several gasoline stations while with Old Cardinal Petroleum Company. One of his stations was at Waverly and Beechtree. George took over the Studebaker agency in 1939, and with his sons as partners, he established Northwestern Auto Sales at 334 Madison [Jackson], with additional space at 317 North Fourth. In August 1956 he joined the sales staff at Thieleman Auto. He was a member of the Elks, Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce and the Presbyterian Church.

George’s wife, Mabelle King, came from Manton, Wexford County. She lived from April 25, 1902 to October 23, 1997. The couple was married in Madison, Indiana on June 7, 1919. They had four children: George Stewart, born about 1921; Clarence Leroy, born about 1925; and twin girls, Lila May and Lola Kay. The Johnsons resided at 1300 Pennoyer, 1213 Beechtree, 15941 Lake Road, and 1111 South De Spelder. George died about February 2, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mabelle. [*Tribune* articles, December 29, 1948 and “Joins Sales Staff at Thieleman Auto,” August 11, 1956.]

#### **Gustave Johnson [1861-1948]**

Born in Sweden in 1861, Gus Johnson immigrated to the United States in 1880. On November 11 five years, later he married Wilhelmine Caroline Kohloff in Grand Haven. Born in Mecklenberg, Germany, she lived from October 4, 1868 to April 6, 1954. Gus worked eight years helping build the Grand Haven piers and later was employed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers as a bucket dredge operator. They had two sons, both born in Grand Haven: William Gustav Johnson, who lived from April 13, 1890 to October 2, 1964, and Stewart Lewis Johnson, who was born in on October 9, 1892, and Walter Johnson, born about 1892.

The family resided at 513 North Sixth Street. Gus passed away in Grand Rapids on June 2, 1948. He and Minnie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Henry Webb Johnson [1848-1912]**

Rev. Henry Johnson was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven from 1880 to 1886. He left Grand Haven to take a similar post in Big Rapids, and then on to Auburn, Indiana, where he served at the Presbyterian Church for 28 years. He married Cidney Hare, who was born in Auburn, Indiana on August 20, 1857 and died in Auburn, Indiana on May 28, 1935. They had at least four children: Virginia, who married Philip Hamilton, lived in Grand Haven, and died in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 6, 1964; Emily, who was born in Auburn, Indiana, on September 20, 1877; Edgar, who was born in Auburn, on April 3, 1880; and Webb, who was born in Grand Haven on March 30, 1882. Henry was born in Naples, New York on June 13, 1848 and died in South Bend, Indiana, on April 10, 1912.

#### **Herman K. Johnson [1897-1972]**

Born in Vastervik, Sweden, on May 29, 1897, Herman Johnson came to this country when he was 16. He lived in Chicago, where he attended night school and Roosevelt College. Herman married Elsa [Elsie] Lundquist on July 5, 1917 in Chicago. He worked for the Knight Soda Fountain Company and moved to Grand Haven in 1935 to work for Bastian Blessing, from which he retired on September 1, 1963 as assistant Work manager. Herman served 21 years on the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. He was director of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was a member of the Rotary Club, Elks, and Grand Haven Stag Club. Herman died in Grand Haven on March 11, 1972 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elsie passed away on July 28, 1985 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Hilding L. Johnson [1902-1973]**

Hilding Johnson owned a grocery store at 328 Madison that bore his name. He ran the store from at least 1941 to 1957, when he sold it to John and Paula Montgomery of Grand Haven. Hilding lived next door at 324 Madison, a structure he also owned. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 15, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on July 27, 1973. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his death, he resided at 14543 Lakeshore Drive.

#### **John Johnson [1846-1921]**

John Johnson arrived in Crockery Township in 1884, where he had a 40-acre farm in Section 9. He was born in Sweden in March 1846. His wife, Ada [Edith], also from Sweden, was born in March 1850. Their children were Mona, born in October 1878; Sadie, born in April 1885; Paulina, born in June 1889; Maud, born in November 1890; and Ada, born in December 1893. Mona was born in Sweden, the rest of the children were born in Michigan. John passed away in 1921, and Ada died in 1936. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John Albert [Albert John] Johnson [1883–1938]**

In the early 1900s, Albert Johnson was agent for the Crosby Transportation Company. He moved to Holland when he became agent for the Graham & Morton Line. He married Iva Nannette Greenfield on September 26, 1905 in Athens, Calhoun County. She was born in Athens on December 20, 1885. They had three surviving children: Harold Laverne [Lawrence] Johnson, who died on August 4, 1923 at the age of 17 when he was crushed by an elevator at the Heinz Pickle Plant at Holland Helen Louise Johnson., who was born on July 12, 1911 and died on May 12, 1934 in an automobile accident; Paul George Johnson, who lived from May 19, 1928 to September 16, 1987. The Johnsons resided at 128 Fulton in Grand Haven. Albert, who was born in Muskegon on September 5, 1883, died on September 25, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Iva passed away in July 1969. [*Tribune* obituary, August 6, 1923.]

#### **John W. Johnson [1865-1949]**

A native of Karlskage, Sweden, John Johnson was born in 1865 and immigrated to the United States in 1896. His wife, Anna Christine, also was a native of Sweden, where she was born in 1860. She came to the United States in 1879. John was a carpenter. In 1930 they owned 39 acres in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township, directly south of Carl Bowen's property. Earlier, the Johnsons held title to a 44-acre parcel on the west side of Fruitport Road, just north of Prospect Point Manor. Anna died in 1942 and John on July 19, 1949. Both Anna and John were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Lee Robert Johnson [1920-2006]**

Lee Johnson was born in Muskegon on July 23, 1920. He married Jean Louise Emens in Muskegon on December 24, 1943. By the mid-1960s, Lee owned Great Lakes Welding Company at 100 North Jackson Street in Spring Lake. He died in Dallas, Texas on June 2, 2006.

#### **Leonora [Lenora] Davidson Johnson [Braak] [1888-1975]**

Leonora Davidson Johnson, born on January 9, 1888, was Ferrysburg's acting postmaster from November 16, 1931 to February 12 the next year, when she was named postmaster. She held the position until April 20, 1949. She married George Emanuel Johnson in Muskegon on January 16, 1918. George, a mechanic, worked at Johnston Brothers Boiler Company. He was born in Illinois on May 28, 1888, died in Grand Haven on May 16, 1941, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On January 19, 1949, Leonora married Jacob Sake Braak of Spring Lake and resigned from her position as postmaster the same year. He was born in The Netherlands on June 19, 1882 and died on January 25 the year following the marriage. Leonora passed away on February 16, 1975 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery under the name Johnson.

#### **Mony [Mena, Minne] Johnson [1878-1956]**

A farmer and fruit grower, Mena Johnson's 80-acre farm was in Section 5 of Crockery Township. He was born in Oslo, Norway on October 8, 1878 [1879], the son of John [1846-1921] and Ada [1850-1936] Johnson. The family settled in Crockery Township in 1883. On August 9, 1911 Mony married Pauline Anderson in Grand Haven. Sheho was born in Sweden in 1879, passed away in 1965, and was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, both natives of Michigan, were Elna Violet Johnson, born in 1914, and Agnes Gloria., born in 1922. By 1940, the Johnsons lived in Crockery Township. Mony passed away in 1956.

#### **Nels Johnson [1838-1915]**

The clock on the First Reformed Church on the corner of Washington and Third Streets has been a familiar landmark in downtown Grand Haven for more than a century. After the church burned down for the second time, the remains of the old timepiece were sold and clockmaker Nels Johnson was approached to rebuild the structure and install a new clock, which he completed in 1908. Johnson was also hired at \$50 a year to maintain the clock. After a third fire in 1913, Johnson returned to again rebuild the tower clock. He also installed the chimes.

Nels Johnson was born on the island of Zeeland, Denmark, on November 26, 1838. He was the oldest child of a poor family and had five siblings. When Nels was seven years old, he left home since his parents could no longer support a large family. He supported himself by working for farmers and caring for sheep, geese, and cattle. Nels came to America with a group of 100 immigrants who were on their way to America in the 1850s. It is likely that Johnson's first clock work began around 1865 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but his most serious timepiece construction began after he moved to Manistee in 1871. His first order for a large tower clock was for a business block in downtown Manistee about 1888. His reputation for quality tower clocks spread, and he soon was receiving new orders, including one from the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven in 1907. Nels returned to Grand Haven one more time to adjust the clock for the church dedication on September 18, 1914. It was his final visit to the city. He died on January 13, 1915, four months after the dedication. Two days after his death the First Reformed Church of Grand



Haven tolled at 2:30 p.m. to mark the time of the last rites for Johnson. He was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. [Adapted from an article by Kevin Collier.]

### **Paul Aaron Johnson I [1892-1956]**

Born in Ferrysburg, February 3, 1892, Paul Johnson took special studies at the University of Wisconsin. He started working at the age of 12 as a machine tender at Stewart Hartshorn Company and served a four-year apprenticeship with Shaw Electric Crane Company before becoming a toolmaker, tool room foreman, and superintendent. Paul and Alvin E. Jacobson I shared an industrial partnership in the Grand Haven Brass Foundry since 1919. On April 24, 1940 Paul, Al Jacobson, and Bernath P. Sherwood I bought and operated the Dake Engine Company. Paul was also president of Grand Haven Stamped Products for 31 years, treasurer of Dake Corp., director of RapidsCast Corp. of Grand Rapids, director of the Grand Haven State Bank for 28 years, director of the Ravenna State Bank, director of the Public Welfare Board, and president of the Library Board. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was active in boy scouting. He was a member of Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Elks, Masons, and Knights of Pythias. His son, Paul II, was trustee of the Loutit Foundation when it was first established in 1957 and served almost 30 years as chair of the Foundation after Kate Loutit died in 1962.

On March 29, 1919 Paul married Matilda “Tillie” G. Nelson of North Muskegon, where she was born about 1902. Her father, Albert, was born about 1859. The Johnsons had six children: Paul II, born on December 23, 1919; Margaret J., who was born about 1923 and married Charles Baribeau of Grand Ledge; Doris, who lived from October 8, 1924 to July 15, 1984 and who taught physical education at the University of Texas, University of Wyoming and the University of Utah, where she retired after 25 years; Esther J., who was born about 1927 and married Philip Frandsen of San Francisco; Donald A. of Spring Lake; and F. Martin of Grand Haven, who was born on March 8, 1935. Paul suffered a heart attack and died at his home, 526 Clinton Street, on November 27, 1956. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituaries, November 28 and November 29, 1956, and *Loutit Legacy*.”]

### **Paul Albert Johnson II [1919-2003]**

Born in Muskegon on December 23, 1919, Paul was the son of Paul A. and Matilda Nelson Johnson I. Young Paul graduated with a degree in engineering from the University of Michigan in 1941. He subsequently became lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during WWII. In Las Vegas, Nevada on September 5, 1942 he married Charlotte Mary Albertine of Hartford, Connecticut. They had two daughters, both born in Grand Haven, Bari S. Johnson and Jo Ann R. Johnson. The Johnsons resided at 375 Woodlawn and were members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Paul worked for the Dake Corporation in Grand Haven following WWII. He was one of the founders of the JSJ Corporation, which was organized in 1970, and was its first secretary/treasurer. He eventually served as its chairman. Paul retired from the Corporation in 1979. He was on the Board of Directors of many local businesses, including Carlon Meter, Grand Haven Stamped Products, Pacesetter Bank [Fifth Third], Barrett Boat Works, Dunmore Company of Racine, Wisconsin, and American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers Association of Cleveland. Paul also served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, such as Grand Haven School Board, Grand Haven Light and Power, Chamber of Commerce, and he was the third president of the Loutit Foundation. He was a member of the Board of Grand Valley State University from 1968 to 1994 and served two terms as chairman. He was awarded an honorary degree from the university in 1994 while chairing the organization’s foundation. The conference room at Eberhard Center was named in his honor, also. Paul was a member and president of the Spring Lake Country Club, and he belonged to the Spring Lake and Chicago Yacht Clubs. Paul was active in community affairs and helped in the development of the Boardwalk and Musical Fountain. He also was a member of Elks and American Legion. Paul died in Grand Haven on December 18, 2003. [Tribune obituary, December 19, 2003, *Tribune* article, “JSJ Corp. founder Paul Johnson dies,” December 19, 2003,

and *Chronicle* article, "Leader of industry, community, GVSU, Paul A. Johnson dies," December 19, 2003.]

### **Ray Ernest Johnson [1899-1969]**

On April 21, 1923 Ray E. Johnson married Emily Rycenga. The daughter of Peter and Henrietta Rycenga, Emily was born on September 6, 1904 in Grand Haven and died on August 4, 1998. Ray, who was born in Nunica on November 2, 1899, died in Grand Haven on November 23, 1969. The Johnsons lived at 1032 Columbus. Ray owned a Texaco Service Station at 403 North Seventh Street. Ray and Emily were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Kenneth Marvin Johnson, lived from February 16, 1929 to December 13, 1992. He, too, was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Raymond M. Johnson [1905-1993]**

Raymond Johnson was born on November 16, 1905 in Chicago to George W. and Idabell McNeal Johnson. His sister Andrea married Frank Glafcke of Spring Lake. Raymond lived in Grand Haven for over 40 years and owned and operated Abrasive Engineering in Spring Lake. On February 3, 1946 he married Marie E. Sonnega in Muskegon. Their children included Helen of Spring Lake, Roy and Wendy Johnson of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and Lewis and Gilda Johnson of Ann Arbor. Raymond died on June 18, 1993 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, June 19, 1993.]

### **Robert Andrew Johnson [1920-1995]**

The son of Walter and Katherine Van Loo Johnson, Robert was born in Grand Haven on February 25, 1920. Robert's parents were divorced in 1926. Robert married Mamie Jewel Lovelady, who was born in Arkansas on December 28, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on June 30, 1985. She had previously been married to Garland Louis Lovelady [1925-1968]. After Mamie's death, Robert married Margaret Curry. He was self-employed as a painter and attended the Christian Fellowship Church. He died in Grand Haven on September 1, 1995 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mamie. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1995.]

### **Stewart Lewis Johnson [1892-1976]**

Born on October 9, 1892, Stewart was the son of Gustave and Wilhelmine Kohloff Johnson. Stewart built rowboats and oars and constructed burial vaults for most of the funeral homes in the area. He built over 100 houses in the Grand Haven area from 1921 to 1959, the first of which was for George B. Johnson at 1035 Pennoyer, across from Ferry School. Stewart enjoyed building brick homes and the block of fine homes on the west side of Sheldon Street, south of Woodlawn, represented some of his craftsmanship.

Stewart married Santa Groenevelt, daughter of Dick and Dena Groenevelt of Grand Haven. Santie was born in July 1892 and died in June 1962. Stewart and Santie had three sons: Howard, who died on June 24, 1985; George, who worked for Continental Motors in Muskegon for 35 years; and Jack, who was maintenance man for Russ Baltz at the Bil-Mar Hotel in Treasure Island, Florida. Stewart died on May 17, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, October 9, 1975.]

### **Walter [Wildred] Harold Johnson [1898-1973]**

On September 29, 1919 in Muskegon, Walter married Katherine Van Loo. Katherine, the daughter of Josiah and Minnie Fisher Van Loo of Grand Haven, was born on April 9, 1900. Walter and Katherine had one child, Robert Andrew Johnson, born in Grand Haven on February 25, 1920. They were divorced in Muskegon on February 9, 1926. Katherine next married Cornelius Roon in Grand Haven on March 5, 1932. Born in Grand Rapids on October 4, 1900, Cornelius died in Grand Haven on August 4, 1986. They had two sons: Marvin Jay Boon [1933-2019] and Francis Wayne Boon [1936-1988]. Katherine passed away on November 20, 1941. Walter married Bessie Vander Meiden in Grand Rapids on February 27, 1928. Bessie, the daughter of Orrie and Jennie Boyink Vander Meiden, was born in Grand Haven on June 16, 1901. She first married Arthur Edward Stang on September 11, 1918; they were divorced in Grand Haven on January 10, 1921. She and Arthur had two sons: Gerald Louis Stang [1919-1969] and Arthur

Stang II [1920-1985]. Walter was born in Muskegon on September 8, 1898 and died in Zeeland on January 12, 1973. Bessie passed away in East Grand Rapids on August 17, 1950.

#### **David Kirkland Johnston [1919-1996]**

David Johnston was one of the last family members to maintain ownership and management control of the Johnston Boiler Works in Ferrysburg. The son of James H. and Elizabeth Johnston, David was born on August 23, 1919 and served as captain with the U.S. Army during WWII. He and his wife Marian resided at 18809 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. He died in Spring Lake on February 9, 1996. Marian lived from January 1, 1920 to May 6, 1994. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Area's oldest industry," November 2, 1984.]

#### **Hamilton Watt Johnston I [1821-1898]**

Hamilton Johnston was born in Scotland on July 8, 1821 and immigrated to the United States, arriving in New York City from Glasgow on August 19, 1850. He died on March 9, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His death certificate listed him as a plumber. He married Janet Speir, who was born in Scotland in 1822 and died in Chicago on April 14, 1900. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. John Watt Johnston was Hamilton's brother. Hamilton's and Janet's son, Hamilton Watt Johnston II, was born in Ontario, Canada on October 19, 1859. He married Mary C. Branch [1850-1937] in Grand Haven on November 26, 1889 and died in Los Angeles on March 17, 1942.

#### **James B. Johnston [1864-1896]**

The son of John Watt and Ann Baud Johnston, James was born in Detroit around 1864 and died in Ottawa County on May 9, 1896. In 1888 he married Catherine "Kate," the daughter of Grant and Sarah Gesaw Hunter of Ferrysburg. Born in Michigan on November 2, 1868, she served as Ferrysburg's postmaster from 1916 to 1920. She lived with her parents after James's death. The Johnstons had a son, Robert G. Johnston, who was born in November 1889. James joined the family business with his brother, Thomas, in 1880, the same year his father retired, and the name of the family business was changed to Johnston Brothers Boiler Works. In 1897 James went to Chicago to manage the Johnston Brothers Boiler Works of Chicago. Catherine drowned when the ship she was aboard, *City of Muskegon*, sunk in a Lake Michigan storm on October 28, 1919. She and James had one child, Robert Grant Johnston, who lived from November 17, 1889 to June 27, 1955. [*Tribune* article, "Area's Oldest Industry," November 2, 1984.]

#### **James Howard Johnston [1890-1967]**

James Johnston joined the Ferrysburg boiler works firm in 1911 to serve as executive vice president and treasurer of Johnston Brothers. He represented the third generation of Johnstons to manage the business. He was president of Dake Corporation from 1936 to 1940. James was born in Ferrysburg on April 30, 1890, died on April 26, 1967, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 6, 1915 in Grand Haven, he married Elizabeth Josephine, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven. The Johnstons resided at 403 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven around 1930 and later at 423 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. Elizabeth was born in Grand Haven around 1893. Their children included Marshall E. Johnston, born on December 28, 1917, and David K Johnston., born on August 23, 1919. James was a member of the Masons, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He also served as president of the Board of Light and Power. Elizabeth lived from March 13, 1893 to 1981. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Industrial Hi-Lites*, January 1955 and *Dake, The First One Hundred Years, 1887-1987*.]

#### **John "Jay" Franklin Johnston I [1878-1964]**

The son of Thomas B. and Sonora Eames Johnston, Jay joined the family firm in 1897 as president of Johnston Brothers and he also was treasurer of the Dake Engine Company. He belonged to the Masons, Grand Haven Rotary, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Spring Lake Country Club, and was a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He married Marie E. Howe on June 22, 1904. She was born in Illinois in 1879

and died on January 20, 1960. They resided at 504 Sheldon Road and 900 Sheldon. Jay, who was born in Ferrysburg, lived from May 12, 1878 to July 1964. Their children were John II, who was born on June 6, 1905, and Edith "Boots," who was born on December 30, 1917 and married Arend Vyn II of Grand Haven. Jay and Marie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Industrial Hi-Lites*, January 1955 and *Tribune* article, "Area's Oldest Industry," November 2, 1984.]

#### **John Franklin Johnston II [1905-1991]**

Like his father, John F. Johnston I, John II became president of Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg. He was born on June 6, 1905. On September 24, 1935 he married Margaret A. Hume in Grand Haven. Born on September 10, 1908, she was the daughter of George and Anne Hume of Muskegon. The Johnstons resided in Spring Lake Township. John died in Grand Haven on December 31, 1991, and Margaret passed away on March 1, 2005 in Fruitport.

#### **John Watt Johnston I [1814-1895]**

Born about 1814 in Scotland, John Johnston was a direct descendant of James Watt [1736-1819], inventor of the rotary steam engine. John was the brother of Hamilton W. Johnston, James B. Johnston, and Robert Johnston. In the 1840s John was hired by the Cunard line to serve on the company's first steamship, the *Brittania*. His job was to repair the boilers that were in danger of causing injury due to the use of saltwater to feed them. He came to America about 1844. In 1864 John bought out the Thomas Turnbull Boiler Works, which had operated between 1859 and 1862. Located in Ferrysburg, the business became known as Johnston Boiler Works. John left the business in 1880, and his two sons, Thomas and James, took over.

John's wife, Ann Baud [Bauld], was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. She lived from about 1817 to May 24, 1897. Their children included Thomas B. Johnston, born in Detroit in November 1851; James B. Johnston, born around 1856 in Michigan and later a resident of Chicago; Jennie [Jane] Johnston, born in Michigan on May 19, 1858; Isabelle Johnston, who was born in Canada on August 27, 1862 and married Henry Baar of Grand Haven; and John Watt Johnston II, born about 1873 in Canada. Jennie married Dr. Cyril Brown on June 11, 1901, after the physician's first wife died in 1898. John died on February 4, 1895 at his home in Ferrysburg. The family residence was located on the northwest corner of Third and Pine Streets.

#### **Marshall E. Johnston [1917-2011] and Opal Correll Johnston [1918-1978]**

Opal, the daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Westerhof Correll, was born on August 5, 1918 in La Porte, Indiana. The family lived in Lamotte, Illinois when Opal was a child. She married Marshall E., son of James and Josephine Elizabeth Johnston of Ferrysburg. Marshall was born on December 28, 1917. He graduated from Principia Junior College in Elsah, Illinois, and Babson Institute [College] in Boston. After serving four years with the Air Force during WWII and achieving the rank of captain, Marshall returned to Grand Haven and became secretary/treasurer of Johnston Bros. in Ferrysburg. Marshall was named president of the corporation in 1972. He was active with the Boy Scouts and belonged to the First Church of Christ Scientist. Later, he and Opal attended the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. The couple had two children: Marsha Johnston, who married Larry Tester and moved to Grandville, and Jim Johnson, who moved to Ann Arbor. The Johnstons resided at 426 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. Opal died in Spring Lake on August 30, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marshall moved to 520 Orchard Street in Grand Haven. He passed away on January 30, 2011 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Robert G. Johnston [1889-1955]**

Robert, the son of James B. and Catherine Hunter Johnston of Ferrysburg, was born in November, 1889. On September 2, 1912 he married Grace May Baxter, who was born in Montague on October 12, 1886. Robert was a marine engineer on a Lake Michigan steamboat. He died on June 25, 1955, and Grace passed away on February 20, 1964. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least two children,

Maryellen Johnston, who was born about 1919, and James Baxter Johnston, who was born on April 22, 1926, died on May 12, 1997, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Robert W. Johnston [1834–1880]**

Robert, born in Scotland on January 14, 1834, was John Watt Johnston's brother. In the 1880s, Robert was an engineer and master builder. His wife, Belle [Isabelle], was born in England about 1841 and died on September 21, 1891. Their home was in Ferrysburg. They had a daughter and three sons: John H. Johnston, born in Michigan about 1862, James G. Johnston, born in Michigan about 1864; Thomas W. Johnston, born about 1865 in Illinois; and Anne A. Johnston, born about 1871 in Michigan. Robert died on October 16, 1880 when the boat *Alpena*, on which he was First Engineer, went down. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife for a time was postmaster of Ferrysburg. [*Tribune* obituary, September 21, 1891.]

#### **Thomas B. Johnston [1851–1924]**

The son of John Watt and Ann Baud Johnston, Thomas by 1870 was working at the Ferrysburg firm of Johnston Brothers as a boiler maker. He was a full partner by 1875, when the company name was changed to John W. Johnston & Sons. In 1876 Thomas bought out his brother James's interest and became sole owner of the boiler company. The all-steel *C. J. Bos* fishing tug, built by Johnstons, was launched in 1898 and they added dredges, floating cranes, scows, towing tugs, and gold mining dredges to the Johnston line. Between 1884 and 1891 the company operated a branch business in Muskegon, under the name Muskegon Boiler Works, and in 1892 the Johnston Boiler Works of Chicago started production. The Ferrysburg plant suffered a serious fire on June 6, 1917 but was quickly rebuilt. Thomas also was president of Dake Engine Company from 1905 to 1924, and he was vice president of the Spring Lake State Bank when it was organized in 1914. He also owned stock in Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa].

Thomas married Sonora "Nora" B. Eames in 1876. Nora, the daughter of Benjamin F. Eames of Ferrysburg, lived from June 1856 to 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family lived at 209 Franklin in Grand Haven. Thomas was born in Detroit in November 1851 and died in 1924. Their children, all born locally, included John "Jay" Franklin Johnston, born in May 1878; Nellie V. Johnston, who was born in November 1885 and married Ford Barnett; James "Jay" H. Johnston, born in April 1889 [1890]; and Robert E. Johnston, who died on January 30, 1945. Thomas was a Republican, and a member of the several social organizations, including the International Order of Odd Fellows.

#### **Thomas Frederick Johnston [1921-1959]**

Tom, the son of Thomas and Grace Henning Johnston, was born in Grand Rapids on July 3, 1921. After the elder Tom died on August 5, 1959, his son Tom was named president of the Tom Johnston Gravel Company, founded by his father in 1921 with Captain Duncan Angus McDonald as a partner. The company opened an office at the foot of Fourth Street in Ferrysburg. Young Thomas was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, his sisters, Grace Johnston Scholtz and Jean Johnston Fant, inherited the business. Tom was living in the family home at 114 Lafayette Street at the time of his death.

#### **Thomas James Johnston [1873-1948]**

Tom Johnston was born in Robinson Township on August 7, 1873. After working for the Army Corps of Engineers, Tom and Captain Duncan Angus McDonald in 1921 formed a partnership and founded the Tom Johnston Gravel Company with an office at the foot of Fourth Street in Ferrysburg. Other names associated with the business were Henning, Henning, and Donahue. The "Hennings" referred to were Tom's in-laws. Donahue is not identified. The company owned large gravel beds near Bass River in Robinson Township, about 10 miles up the Grand River from Grand Haven. Duncan McDonald died on April 5, 1937, and in 1947 Tom took his son, Tom Frederick Johnston, as his partner. A year later the father died, and the younger Tom became sole owner.

On April 21, 1908 in Ravenna Township, Tom married Grace Rose Henning. Grace was born on August 21, 1880 in Coopersville, the daughter of Fred and Caroline Witcop Henning. Two of Tom's and Grace's children, both born in Grand Rapids, were Grace Johnston, born on August 12, 1915, and Thomas James Johnston, born on July 3, 1921. Another daughter, Jean Aileen Johnston, who was born on March 3, 1911, married Howard Fant of Grand Haven. The Johnston family resided at 114 Lafayette. Grace the mother died in East Grand Rapids on October 1, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On August 30, 1941, Tom married Ida Leinenga Boomgaard [1888-1967] in Grand Haven.

Grace the daughter married Harold "Hock" Scholtz. After her brother Tom died on August 5, 1959 of a heart attack, Grace and her sister Jean Johnston Fant inherited Tom Johnston Gravel Company, and Hock assumed its management.

### **William "Bill" Johnston [? - ?]**

Bill Johnston for Ferrysburg's postmasster from March 27, 1889 to October 28, 1891. No additional information was found.

### **Lambert Joldersma [1848-1921]**

Lambert Joldersma, a farmer, was born on May 8, 1848. He married Geertje [Gertrude] "Gertie" Mulder, who lived from January 1, 1845 to July 28, 1925. Both were natives of The Netherlands. Among their children were Ralph, born in 1872; Nellie, born in August 1873; Anna, born in March 1876; Hattie, born in January 1880; Jennie, born in February 1883; Leonard, born in May 1884; and Gertrude, born on September 15, 1885. Only Leonard and Gertrude were born locally, the others in The Netherlands. The family immigrated to the United States in 1883 and resided at 415 Monroe Street. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Lambert passed away on April 6, 1921. He and Gertie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Lloyd Bascum Jolly [1900-1994]**

Lloyd Jolly was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on April 29, 1900 and died in Bradenton, Florida on April 28, 1994. He married Ethel Earl on May 30, 1930 in Detroit. She was born on July 22, 1897 in Watertown, New York, and died in Palmetto, Florida on December 16, 1977. The Jollys were members of St. John's Episcopal Church. Lloyd was employed by Story & Clark as a woodworker. He also belonged to the Grand Haven Masonic Lodge 139, and she was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 245. They resided at 945 Washington Street in Grand Haven. Lloyd and Ethel were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Benjamin Jones [@1821-1913]**

Benjamin Jones was born a slave in Elkhorn, Tennessee [Kentucky/Virginia] on August 15, 1822 [1821]. He enlisted in the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry in Detroit on December 1, 1863 as private. [Other records noted that he enlisted in Grand Haven on that date.] His hometown was given as Grand Haven, where he had come in the early years of the war to work for Reverend William Ferry. He apparently was not assigned initially to a specific company but wound up in Company B. Benjamin was discharged in Charleston, South Carolina on September 30, 1865 and returned to Grand Haven. By 1870 Benjamin, listed as single, was working as a domestic servant at Amanda Ferry's home in Grand Haven. Amanda's husband, Rev. William Ferry, Grand Haven's founder, had died three years earlier. Also living in Mary's house were other members of the Ferry family. In 1876 and until at least 1880, Benjamin was classified as a farmer residing on a five-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Pennoyer and Griffin Streets.

Benjamin Jones was enumerated in a 1902 census for the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers located in the City of Milwaukee. This Benjamin Jones was only 49 years old at the time of the census, but nevertheless was listed as a veteran of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. His health problems included a hernia and incontinence. He was receiving a Civil War pension of \$20 a month. He was admitted to the Home on July 1, 1902 and was released on October 25, 1907. In a 1905 census taken by the State of Wisconsin, he was living as an inmate in a Soldier's Home in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County.

The Home's records gave his age as 81. He was listed as a widower, but no other records indicate he ever was married. Despite the age discrepancy, the two Benjamin Joneses undoubtedly are the same person. On March 9, 1912 Benjamin Jones was admitted to the Ottawa County Poor Farm, located a few miles east of Grand Haven, as a private charge, not charity. He had the distinction of being the first Black ever admitted to the Farm. Benjamin died there on April 30, 1913 and was buried in the G.A.R. [Civil War] plot at Lake Forest Cemetery "with the honors accorded to the Grand Army dead." His obituary in the *Tribune* put his age at the time of death as 92. [*Tribune* obituary, May 1, 1913 and article, "Ottawa Colored Soldiers," May 2, 1913.]

### **Frank Jones [1840-1928]**

Frank Jones of Coopersville on August 2, 1861 enlisted in Company F of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. A battle wound in his right shoulder led to his discharge on December 30, 1862. On August 9, 1863 he married Mary Gibbs, the daughter of Charles and Hannah Gibbs of Crockery Township. Mary was born on May 26, 1846. She and Frank had one daughter, Macy, who was born on June 12, 1864, married Edward Wilbur Ives. In 1883 Frank was given a Civil War pension of \$6.00 a month. He worked as a carpenter. Mary died on March 20, 1913. Two years later, on June 12, Charles married Sarah Allan Low in Kent County. Sarah was born in Ann Arbor on July 22, 1853 and died in Grand Rapids on May 13, 1943. The couple continued to reside in Polkton Township. Frank was born on June 8, 1840 in Oakland County, died in Stanton, Montcalm County on January 28, 1928 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery with Mary and Macy.

### **Hamilton Jones [1807-1888]**

Hamilton Jones, who lived from 1807 to November 1, 1888, built a steam mill at Grand Haven, featuring a large circular saw and siding mill. The mill was located on the Grand River, near the west end of Fulton Street. Hamilton was appointed to serve as Grand Haven's third postmaster, a position he held from April 9, 1861 to September 14, 1866. His wife, Jerusha Roberts, lived from 1814 to 1883. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter Melissa was born in New York on April 17, 1841 and married Benjamin Safford of Grand Haven.

### **J. A. Jones [? - ?]**

A native of New York State, Jones came to Spring Lake in 1868 as a millwright. In 1872 he built the Sisson & Lilley sawmill and was employed by the owners as a millwright.

### **Jonker**

See also Yonker.

### **Alvin Jonker [1894-1918]**

The son of Fred and Anna Verhoeks Jonker, Alvin was born in Grand Haven on May 17, 1894. On September 3, 1917, he enlisted in Company F in Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. Alvin held the rank of supply sergeant. He was killed during the Battle of the Argonne on October 9, 1918.

### **Fred H. Jonker [1866-1948]**

Born on June 1, 1866 in The Netherlands, Fred was the son of Hartger and Elizabeth Henrietta Jonker. At the age of 11, Fred began working in the Boyden Shingle Mill and at 13 joined his father as contractor, primarily masonry and concrete, under the name Jonker & Son. They helped construct the Story & Clark building, the Congregational Church on the northwest corner of Washington and Sixth Streets, Cutler House, Akeley Institute, part of Challenge Refrigerator, Dake Engine, and Eagle Ottawa. Fred was a Democrat and member of Second Reformed Church. He retired from the contracting business in 1927.

On December 30, 1891, Fred married Grand Haven resident Anna V., the daughter of Solomon and Mary Verhoeks of Grand Haven. Anna lived from November 19, 1866 to March 17, 1955 and was buried at

Lake Forest Cemetery. They had five children: Alvin, who was born on May 17, 1894 and lost his life in France during WWI; Marie, who was born about 1897 and married Ello Emery II of Grand Haven; Hartger S. [named for his grandfather], born in 1899; a daughter who married William A. Patterson; and a son who died young. The Jonker family lived at 1112 Columbus and later at 514 Columbus in Grand Haven. Fred died October 10, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 1, 1923, October 12, 1948, and March 17, 1955.]

### **Hartger Jonker I [1837-1923]**

Hartger Jonker was born in The Netherlands on January 17, 1837 and came to America about 1872. He married Elizabeth Henrietta Albers, who was born in the same country on June 14, 1836 and died on June 15, 1919. Their children were: Minnie, who was born about 1869 in The Netherlands, and married Abraham Borgman, who died in 1914; Marie A., who was born in August 1876, married Egbert Winter, and moved to Holland; and a daughter who married John Tietz of Goshen, Indiana. Hartger started a concrete and masonry business in Grand Haven with Ello Emery, which they named Jonker & Emery Construction Company. When his son Hartger II joined him about 1880, they changed the business name to Jonker & Son. Hartger I died on February 27, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Elizabeth.

### **Hartger Sylvester Jonker [1899-1947]**

The son of Fred and Anna Ver Hoeks Jonker, Hartger was born in Grand Haven in 1899 and named for his grandfather. In 1920 Hartger worked at Eagle Ottawa. In the mid-1920s Hartger and Ello Emery formed the firm of Jonker and Emery, Building Contractors, operating from the Jonker family home at 513 Columbus. Later, with Peter Robinson as his partner, Jonker purchased the Boomgaard Hardware Store. The new owners moved the business from 335 Fulton to 212 Washington and then in the early 1960s to 208 Washington. Hartger's son, Al, started working in the store in the early 1940s and took over in 1947, operating it with his wife, Phyllis until they sold it in the 1990s to Godwin Hardware. Hartger died on April 13, 1947. He married Irene Webster on October 16, 1920. Their children were Alvin Leroy, who was born about 1925, Nancy Lou, born about 1930, and Kenneth Webster, born about 1938. The family attended the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, and Hartger belonged to the American Legion, V.F.W., Masons, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, and Grand Haven Stag Club. He also served on the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, the Hospital Board, and the Memorial Airport Commission. They resided at 534 Clinton. Irene lived from June 19, 1899 to October 17, 1990. She died in Grand Haven and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Hendrikus "Henry" F. Jonker [1854-1928]**

Henry Jonker was born in The Netherlands in June 1854 and came to the United States in 1869. He married Berdena [Berendina] Langland [Langeland], who was born January 20, 1854 in Spring Lake. His sister Lena married Fred Krause of Grand Haven. Henry owned 10 acres in Spring Lake Township and worked as a carpenter. The Jonkers' ten children, all born locally, were Katie, born in April 1881; Jeanette [Jantje], who was born in December 1882 and married Jay Vander Wall of Grand Rapids; H. Phillip, who was born in December 1884 and served as pastor at a church in Paterson, New Jersey; Minnie, who was born in December 1886 and remained in Spring Lake; L. John, born in August 1888; William, who was born on October 13, 1890, lived for a time in Chicago, and passed away in Spring Lake in April 1973; G. Elizabeth, who was born on December 12, 1892, married Charles [James] Frontjes, and passed away in Grand Rapids on May 9, 1981; Ella Martha, who was born in December 1895 [1894] and relocated to Grand Rapids; Bernice, born in June 1898; and John S. of Grand Haven. The Jonkers were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Henry died on November 17, 1928. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 1930.]

### **John "Jack" A. Jordan [1925-1979]**



Jack Jordan, born in Ohio on November 5, 1922, was a dentist in Grand Haven, with an office at 223 Washington. Joining him at the office were dentists William and Ken Creason. Jordan bought Barrett's Boat Works in Spring Lake and was its president/treasurer. He also was instrumental in helping organize the Ski Bowl in Mulligan's Hollow in 1960. Jack and his wife Patrica resided at 1818 Doris. After Jack passed away on January 11, 1979 in Orange County, Florida, he was replaced by Walt Weber at the dental office. Jack was born on April 15, 1925. After his death, his children, Jeff and Mitch, donated the former Barber School building to the Village. The structure had been part of Barrett's Boat Works.

### **Noreen Brown Perry Jordan [1922-2006]**

Recalling her childhood, Noreen Jordan said "All I ever did was draw, draw, draw." Noreen adhered to that passion for the rest of her life. She was a charter member of the Gallery Upstairs, now known as the Gallery Uptown, and she joined Lakeland Painters in 1960. Primarily a watercolorist, her favorite subjects were landscapes, wildlife, florals, beaches, and seashells. Her home at 18450 North Shore Estates Road in Ferrysburg offered ample opportunity to observe and paint scenes that surrounded her. She told a reporter, "If you're an artist, you paint anything. That's a challenge."

In a statement she made for the 1990 Summer Blooms exhibition at the Muskegon Museum of Art, she wrote:

After being exposed to all other media during my student years, I discovered watercolor and became completely addicted to the challenge of the medium and its soft, transparent, unpredictable beauty.

Each new painting can be compared to a trip into the unknown. The work never turns out exactly as I visualize it at the beginning. Along the way, the paint, the brushes, the dampness and the constant struggle for control takes over. The moment the first brush stroke touches the paper, the excitement begins and never ends until I can sit back and view the completed work.

Each time I walk past it, I might see an area that can stand to be refined or changed. When I no longer find flaws or areas that irritate me, I assume it is time to part with the painting.

She adeptly combined impressionistic and realistic styles. The clarity of her watercolors accentuated Noreen's emotional tie with the natural world she loved.

In 1964, her watercolor "Winter Green" was exhibited at the second annual juried art show sponsored by the Holland Friends of Art and won a Juror's Merit Award. Two of her watercolors, "Trillium" and "Winter Green," were accepted into the Holland Friends of Art Juried Competition in 1984 and received a Juror's Merit Award. Her oil painting "Winter Green" was accepted into the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual West Michigan Juried Competition, sponsored by the Muskegon Museum of Art in 1984. In early summer that year, the Muskegon Museum of Art sponsored an exhibition of West Michigan Watercolors. Noreen's "Money Plant" was accepted into the show. Her watercolor "May Day Trillium" appeared in the Muskegon Fine Arts Guild Annual Show in 1985 and won Best of Show. The same year two of her watercolors, "Sand Dollars" and "Egg Shell Study," were exhibited Festival of Visual Arts held at the Grand Rapids Art Museum and won awards. Her watercolor "Pine Patterns" was included in the Muskegon Museum of Art 58<sup>th</sup> Regional Exhibition, also held in 1985. "Irises II" won the Paul A. Johnson Foundation Award at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeland Painters Exhibition in 1989. In September 1989, a dozen or so pieces of her art were exhibited at the Gallery Upstairs. She won the Oakes Realty Award for her watercolor "Sunset Money Plant" in Lakeland Painters 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Show, held at the Grand Haven Community Center in April 1985. She experimented with a variety of other mediums, such as charcoal and fabric, particularly batik dye-wax.

Born in Royal Oak in 1922, Noreen graduated in 1940 from the creative arts program at Cass Technical High School in Detroit. After moving to Grand Haven in 1958, she joined Lakeland Painters [now

Lakeland Artists], Muskegon Fine Arts Guild, Holland Friends of Art, and the Michigan Watercolor Society. The Detroit Institute of Art selected her painting “Trillium Grandiflora” as the official poster for an exhibit there. Her watercolors were accepted into numerous national and regional juried exhibitions.

On May 30, 1942 Noreen married James Jordan in Wood County, Ohio. He was born on October 30, 1910, served as sergeant with the U.S. Army during WWII, died in Grand Haven on September 3, 1988, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In Grand Haven, he worked as a building contractor. In addition to their home on North Shore, the couple resided at 511 Ohio Street in Grand Haven and later at 18061 West Spring Lake Road. Noreen moved to Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County in 2004, where she passed away on May 10 two years later. She and James had two children, Philip Jordan of Harrietta, Wexford County, who was born about 1948, and Kaye Jordan of Delton, Barry County, who was born about 1959.

### **Jorgen “John” C. Jorgenson [Jorgensen] [1870-1952]**

Born in Denmark in June 1870, John Jorgenson came to the United States in 1880, settling first in Chicago. By 1903 he was in Grand Haven. That year he opened Grand Haven Realty Company, located in the Cutler [Witherell] Building at 232-234 Washington. John offered building lots for \$1.00 down and 50 cents a week payment. He owned Grand Haven Realty, and as early as 1908 he operated Jorgenson’s Auto and Cycle Service Station at 105 Washington. After World War I John installed the area’s firsthand-operated gasoline pump. On March 1, 1894 in Chicago, he married Katherine Jacobsen. She was born in May 1874 in Denmark and immigrated to the United States in 1881. Their children were Benjamin A., born in Chicago on December 4, 1896; Robert Carter, born in Illinois on December 13, 1897; Henry, born in Illinois in October 1899; Edwin, who was born on March 11, 1902 and died in Muskegon in January 1978; Irene, born about 1906; and George H., born about 1915. The three youngest children were born locally. The family resided at 532 Lake Avenue around 1920. Prior to that they resided at 500 Wallace. By 1930 the family had relocated to Middleville, Barry County and were still there in 1940. Jorgen died in Middleville on July 18, 1952.

### **George Washington Joscelyn [Jocelyn] [1820-1898]**

On April 1, 1861, George Joscelyn purchased 160 acres in Section 34 of Olive Township. Six years later, on June 25, he bought another 166 acres in Section 3 of Holland Township [now Park Township], just to the south. George owned a general store in Ventura, a small community near the boundary between Holland and Olive Townships. George was born in New York in 1820 and died on January 21, 1898. He was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Park Township. His wife, Maria, was born about 1825 in New York, died on December 16, 1911, and was buried near her husband. Marquis Joscelyn, born in New York in 1845, was their son. They also had a daughter, Anne M., born in Michigan about 1872.

### **Marquis [Marzius] Lafayette “Feyt” Joscelyn [1845-1917]**

In the 1912 *Atlas* Marquis Joscelyn was listed as owner of a 160-acre farm a farmer and a cider mill in Section 34 on the west side of Olive Township. His parents, George W. and Maria Joscelyn, bought the land in 1861 and later farmed 166 acres in Park Township, just to the south. Marquis was born in January 1845 in New York. On November 24, 1889 in Holland, he married Nellie R. Eaton Conduis. She was born in Maryland on September 17, 1845, died in Holland Township on September 19, 1901, and was buried at Ventura Cemetery. Marquis passed away on December 17, 1917 and was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Holland.

### **Asa Wood Joy [1859-1915]**

Asa Joy owned an 85-acre fruit farm in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township. He was listed in the 1891 and 1893 *Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directory* for Ferrysburg as having a vineyard on his farm. Asa was born in Plymouth, Wayne County on October 6, 1839. On June 8, 1862 in Plymouth, he enlisted as sergeant in Company C of the 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He lost a leg at the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863 and received a \$30 per month pension for his injury. He was mustered out on October 16, 1863. About

1863 he married Helen E. Safford, who was born about 1843. From 1881 to 1886 they lived in Kansas, before moving to Spring Lake. They had three surviving children: Evelyn "Eva" Sarah Joy [1867-1949], who married Sherman Ulysses Bosserman [1865-1950]; Mary Joy [1870-1969], who married Walter Brown [1860-1941] in Spring Lake on May 4, 1892; and Margaret [1876-1961], who married Isaac Newton Dickerson [1881-1953]. Asa was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He and Helen returned to Wayne County, where she passed away on June 28, 1896 and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, Wayne County. Asa died on October 13, 1915. After Helen's death, Asa married Elizabeth "Eliza" Stewart. Following Asa's passing, she applied for a widow's pension. Eliza lived from 1850 to 1927. She and Asa also were buried at Riverside.

### **John Joyce [1832 -1897]**

A sea captain born in Ireland in 1832 [1844], John Joyce and his wife Catherine Brewster, also a native of Ireland, moved to Grand Haven from Milwaukee about 1870. Captain Joyce died on May 26, 1897, not long after the couple's move to Chicago around 1894. Catherine died at their home in Chicago on January 6, 1913. Of their six sons, two were born in Wisconsin and four in Michigan.

### **Charles E. Jubb [1866-1956]**

The son of Orange and Lucinda Bartholomew Jubb, Charles lived from May 14, 1866 to February 17, 1956. He served in the Spanish-American War and was Motorman on the Interurban from 1908 to 1931. He also was a rural mail carrier in Crockery. He married Grace Nash in Nunica on September 2, 1900. Grace was born on January 17, 1879 and died in Nunica on July 15, 1969. They had two sons, Oren and Edward, and a daughter, Hattie, who was born in 1901. Hattie taught in several area schools, including Nunica from 1947 to 1962. She married Otha Plews in 1921. Otha died during WWII.

### **Edward C. Jubb [1909-1998]**

The son of Charles and Grace Jubb, Edward was born on July 21, 1909 and raised in Crockery Township. He married Lillian Borchers on July 25, 1931 in Grand Haven. Lillian was born on May 16, 1910 in Hammond, Indiana, the daughter of John D. and Emma J. Borchers. The Jubbs resided at 113 South Division in Spring Lake. Lillian graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1928 and from Grand Rapids Beauty College the next year. She became a buyer of children's wear at Steketee's Department Store. She was a member of the Nunica Methodist Church and Ladies Aide Society. The Jubbs had two daughters: Bonnie Jubb and Shirley Wamby. Edward was a grinder at a local steel company. He passed away on November 2, 1998 and Lillian on April 25, 2003.

### **Orange Allen Jubb [1839-1905]**

Orange Jubb, a resident of Crockery Township since 1850, enlisted as private in Company M of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry on April 1, 1863. He lost a leg in the Battle of Sheppardstown, Maryland and was discharged at Harper Hospital in Detroit on August 9, 1865. Years later he wrote, "My leg is in such a condition that I cannot wear an artificial leg, so have to use a peg leg, and will have to peg it all the days of my life." On April 7, 1865 he married Lucinda Thessa Bartholomew, who was born in Michigan in January 1844 and died on July 13, 1907. She was the daughter of Arza and Isabel Mumy Bartholomew of Crockery. The Jubbs owned a farm of more than 100 acres in Sections 25 and 35. Around 2010, 97 acres of the farm was dedicated as Jubb Bayou County Park. It included a half-mile along the bayou and a mile of Grand River frontage.

A native of Ingham County, Orange was born on August 27, 1839 and in 1850 came to Crockery Township with his parents, Edward and Moline Jubb. Orange was postmaster at the Nunica Post Office from March 11, 1889 to March 18, 1890. He passed away on April 18, 1905. Lucinda applied for a widow's Civil War pension on May 24, 1905, not long after her husband's death. The couple was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. A son, Charles E., lived from May 14, 1866 to February 17, 1956; a daughter, Emma, was born about 1872 and married Fremont Brown of Nunica; another daughter, Celia M., was born

April 3, 1870; a third daughter Carrie, was born about 1878 and married Floyd Witham in Nunica on January 28, 1897; and another son, Orange Ray, was born on May 18, 1880 in Nunica and died in Kent County in October 1968. The children were all born locally. [“When I Lost My Leg,” Orange A. Jubb, from *Personal and Historical Sketches and Facial History of and by Members of the Seventh Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Cavalry.*]

#### **Ross Whitcombe Judson I [1881-1946]**

Ross Judson, who was born in Minnesota on September 1, 1881, founded Continental Motors with plants in Muskegon and Detroit. His father, Whitcombe L. Judson, invented the zipper. On April 26, 1904 Ross married Belle Kendall in Chicago. Belle was born in Missouri on March 24, 1882 and died in Carmel, California on February 6, 1973. Ross and Belle were divorced on August 25, 1939, and the next day in Fredericksburg, Virginia, he married Sarah Alice Baker Evans, a widow. Sarah was born in Kentucky on October 8, 1899. Over the years the Judsons resided in several places, including Muskegon and Grosse Pointe Park, near Detroit. For a while they owned a summer home on the north end of Spring Lake [3123 Judson Road]. Ross and Belle had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Ross II, who was born on March 15, 1914 and died in North Carolina on July 30, 2004, and Arthur W., who was born on July 13, 1917 and died in Monterey, California in June 1976. Ross’s parents were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Ross passed away in Miami Beach, Florida on March 11, 1946.

#### **Carl Juhl [1937-2002]**

Carl Juhl was born on May 8, 1937 in Johnson City, New York. His parents were Hans and Thelma McDowell Juhl. Carl graduated from Ferris State University and served in the U.S. Navy. On July 7, 1962 he married Marjorie “Marji” A. MacGinnis in Binghamton, New York. They moved to the Tri-Cities area about 1968. Carl was a member of Christ Community Church, and he volunteered with Hospice and The Little Red House. The Juhls resided at 15771 Margaret in Spring Lake. Carl died on April 22, 2002 after a two-year battle with a benign brain tumor. Marjorie passed away on November 17, 2009 in Spring Lake. She was born November 13, 1937. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2002.]

#### **Justema.**

See Juistema.

#### **Albert Juistema [Justema] [1862-1931]**

The son of Simon and Anna Gringhuis Juistema, Albert was born on August 17, 1862 [1861]. He married Gertrude Donker on August 31, 1886. They resided at 116 North Third Street, above his retail business, the Excelsior Shoe Store. By the mid-1910s they lived in a duplex at 517 Lafayette. By that time, he and John W. Verhoeks owned and operated the Juistema & Verhoeks Shoe Store at 222 Washington. Ten years later, Albert was doing shoe repair at his home at 322 Franklin Street. Albert’s brothers, John and Gerrit, owned the Juistema Brothers Shoe Store at 207 Washington. Gertrude was from The Netherlands, where she was born on September 25, 1867. A daughter, Katheryn “Kate,” was born in Grand Haven on April 24, 1887 and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 14, 1950 under the name Johnston, and a son, Seymour, was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1889. Albert died on January 17, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gertrude passed away on December 23, 1950 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Gerrit Juistema [1859-1931]**

With his brother John, Gerrit Juistema owned and operated Juistema Bros. Shoe Store at 207 Washington in downtown Grand Haven for many years. Their brother Albert owned Excelsior Shoe Store at 116 North Third. Gerrit’s and Albert’s father Simon had been a pioneer shoe retailer in the Grand Haven area. On January 30, 1879 in Grand Haven, Gerrit married Jantje “Jennie” Schimpen. Gerrit and Jennie resided at 521 Lafayette. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Simon “Sam,” who was born in May 1877 [1879], learned the printing trade from Horace Nichols, worked in the printing department of the *Tribune*, moved to Grand Rapids, died of typhoid fever on March 27, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest

Cemetery; Alberta, who was born on April 28, 1881 and became a teacher; and Herman, who was born on April 12, 1883 and died in San Diego, California on May 9, 1973. Jennie was born in The Netherlands on August 4, 1860 and died on April 26, 1905 at the age of 44. Gerrit, who was born in Grand Haven in September 1859 [1858], died about December 9, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Simon and other family members. Jannie was from The Netherlands, where she was born in January 1859.

#### **John J. Juistema [Justema] [1866–1947]**

John, born in Michigan in September 1866, was the son of Simon and Anna Gringhuis Juistema. With his brother Gerrit, John owned and operated Juistema Bros. Shoe Store at 207 Washington in downtown Grand Haven for many years. In March 1892 the owners made changes to the store in preparation for sharing space with Klaus Valom's Tailor Shop. Its location at that time was not specified. Their brother Albert ran the Excelsior Shoe Store at 116 North Third. John was credited with building 205 Washington with Gerrit Bottje in 1889 [1887].

On December 25, 1889, in Grand Haven, John married Joost Kooiman's daughter, Antje "Anna," who was born on January 7, 1867 and died on December 10, 1953. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1893 the Juistemas built their residence at 120 South Fourth Street. Their son Sidney was born on October 13, 1890; Antoinette was born in December 1893; and Elmer was born on August 5, 1900. The children were born in Grand Haven. John died on January 27, 1947 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 19 and 20, 1904.]

#### **Seymour Juistema [Justema] [1889-1982]**

Seymour was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1889, the son of Albert and Gertrude Donker Juistema. In 1918 Seymour was a mining engineer for the Brule Mining Company in Iron County. By 1935 he was Grand Haven's City Manager. On December 22, 1915 he married Daisy May La Prairie. Born in Milwaukee on August 20, 1889, she died on January 27, 1928 in Menominee County and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Glenn Rowland Justema, who lived from 1917 to 2005; Kenneth Justema, who was born in 1919 and died in 2012; Wayne D. Justema, who lived from 1921 to 2001; and Eugene A. Justema, was born in 1924 and passed away in 2010. On December 28, 1937 Seymour married Ruth Joy in Elkhart, Indiana. They were divorced in Grand Haven on December 18, 1939. On December 28, 1940 in Grand Haven, he married Willene Conrad. She lived from 1892 to February 17, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest. He died on November 6, 1982 in Grand Haven and also was buried at Lake Forest. They lived at 1119 South De Spelder.

#### **Sidney Juistema [Justema] [1890-1951]**

Sidney, the son of John and Anna Kooiman Juistema, was born on October 13, 1890. On July 11, 1912 he married Adriana Wilhelmina "Jennie" Prins in Grand Haven. She was born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on April 14, 1890. Sidney started work at the family shoe store but before 1930 opened a real estate and insurance office at 119 South Fifth, which also was the family's residence. They earlier had lived at 409 Clinton. A son, John Richard Justema, was born in Grand Haven on July 11, 1915 and passed away in Carmel, California on January 8, 1994. Sidney died on January 7, 1951. Adriana passed away about June 28, 1954. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Simon Juistema [1825–1899]**

Simon Juistema, born on June 25, 1825 in The Netherlands, was a pioneer shoe dealer in Grand Haven. In 1856, in Ottawa County, he married Antje "Anna" Gringhuis, who was born in The Netherlands on April 4, 1834. She died at the home of her son, John, in Grand Haven on May 18, 1914. Simon and Anna had at least ten children beside John, all born in Michigan: Gerrit, who was born in 1859; William, born about 1860; Jane, who was born around 1861 and died about May 13, 1947; Albert, who was born in 1862; Anna, who was born on September 25, 1864 and died January 19, 1904; Rev. Harm [Herman] S. of Merrill, Wisconsin and later San Diego, California, who was born on November 26, 1868 and died

November 27, 1957; Hannah, Herman's twin; Hendrika, who was born September 17, 1873; Mrs. E. V. Blair of Chicago; and Sena, a clerk, who was born about 1878. The family lived at 209 South Fourth. Simon died May 2, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 18, 1914.] [Note: Some of the later family members dropped the "i" from Juistema, making it Justema; for the sake of consistency, they are listed in this *Directory* with the original spelling.]

### **Karel Justian [1906-1988]**

Karel Justian boxed under the professional name of Jackie Reynolds. On September 8, 1935 he married Martha Emma Briske in Manistee. About the same time, the newlyweds moved to Grand Haven, where Karel worked for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and later for Challenge Machinery. He and Martha had a son Ronald Karel Justian who died in 1983 at the age of 45 and a daughter Gloria Sue Justian, who was born about 1936, married, and lived in Grand Haven. Karel and Martha bought a home at 745 Park Street, where they lived for 49 years. Karel was born in Vienna, Austria on May 12, 1906 [1907] and died from cancer on February 4, 1988. Martha was born on September 8, 1905 and passed away in Arlington Heights, Illinois on March 31, 2008. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1988.]

### **Franz "Frank" Kaatz [Katz] I [1833-1920]**

Frank Kaatz, a native of Germany, lived from June 1, 1833 to February 8, 1920. He married Pauline Wilmer, who, was born in Germany on June 20, 1839 and died on July 28, 1917. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Emil George, who was born locally on April 11, 1865, became a saw filer, married Johanna Tripp in Grand Haven on May 20, 1920, and died on February 13, 1936; Alexander, who was born on December 2, 1868, married Cornelia O'Beck Fetz in Grand Haven on April 3, 1920, worked as a teamster for a beer company, and passed away on September 28, 1936; and Frank II, who was born on January 8, 1872 and passed away on September 3, 1935. The family resided at 221 Elliott. Cornelia lived from April 3, 1868 to October 12, 1938. Her first husband was Christopher Fetz, who lived from 1874 to 1913. Frank and Cornelia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Franz "Frank" Kaatz II [1872-1935]**

In the early 1900s Frank and Henrietta "Hattie" Kaatz II lived at 218 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Hattie, the daughter of Henry and Mary Bredehoft Saul, was born on August 12, 1873. Frank was born on January 8, 1872. He and Hattie were married in Grand Haven Township on December 13, 1897. Their children, both born in Grand Haven, were Myrtle M., who was born in 1898 and married Willard Kieft in Grand Haven on June 9, 1923, and Arthur F., who was born in December 1899. Frank was listed as a carpenter in the 1900 census and in the 1908 *Directory*, but two years later he was employed at Eagle Ottawa. By 1928 he was working as a repairman for the Grand Haven Board of Power and Light. The family resided at 322 Columbus. Frank and Pauline Kaatz were his parents. Frank II passed away on September 3, 1935 and Hattie died on November 30, 1959. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Jack [Jacob, James] Maurice Kaden [Kadan, Kodansky] [1877-1950]**

Born in Berlin, Germany in June 1877, Jack Kaden immigrated to the United States in 1890 and became a Grand Haven jeweler and optician. On August 5, 1901 in Grand Rapids, he married Mae Cohen. Mae was born in Missouri on June 4, 1881. Jack's first store was located at 113 Washington in Grand Haven. He advertised himself as "The Reliable Jeweler." Around 1911 Jack purchased the building at 220 Washington and moved his business there. They lived in Grand Haven at 216 Howard Street. By 1920 the Kadens were living in Oxford, Ohio, where Jack owned a dry goods store. In 1930 they were residing in Chicago and operating a department store in Morgan Park, a southside suburb of Chicago. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Marceil, born about 1903; Howard Joseph, who was born on March 20, 1905 and died in Florida on January 22, 1976; and Lester, who was born on June 11, 1910 and passed away in Florida on June 1, 2005. Jack passed away in Miami, Florida in 1950 and was buried at Zion Gardens Cemetery in Chicago. Mae passed away on September 17, 1975 and was buried at the same cemetery.

**Adam Art [Arthur A.] Kahn [1898-1977]**

Hobby Shop Jewelers, which opened at 109 Washington Street in the early 1940s, was owned and operated by Adam Kahn. Later his shop was known as Art Kahn's Jewelry and as Art's Jewelers. In 1946 he was working as a bartender at the Harbor Inn and residing with his wife Erma [Emma] at 123½ Washington Street. By 1950 they had relocated to 515 South De Spelder Street, and Adam was employed as bartender at a private club. In 1966 he was retired and living at the same address with Erma. Adam was born in Brooklyn, New York on April [March] 30, 1898. Under the name Adam L. Kahn, he married Erma Edith Bayer [Weber] in Michigan City, Indiana on April 30, 1939. She was born in Chicago on June 16, 1897 and passed away in Palm Beach, Florida on June 14, 1972. He died in Palm Beach on February 9, 1977.

**Michael J. Kalogerakis [1931-2015]**

See Michael James Blodgett.

**Christian [Chrstiaan] Pieter Kamhout [Kamout] [1865-1947]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 3, 1865, Christian Kamhout married Bouwina Zeldenrust in Grand Haven on June 18, 1887. She was the daughter of Albert and Frentje Zeldenrust of Grand Haven. Bouwina died on April 19, 1888 after giving birth to Bouwinas, who was born on April 2 and died the following August 4. Mother and child were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the Zeldenrust plot. After Bouwina's death Christian married Myrtle Musselman, who was born in 1881. Their son, Carl H., was born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1905. In the early 1900s the family lived at 822 Washington. Christian was a polisher at Story & Clark. He died in Muskegon on April 20, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Myrtle passed away on January 28, 1961 and was buried with Christian at Lake Forest, where Bouwina also was buried.

**Marinus Kamhout [Kamout] [1862-1906]**

Marinus Kamhout ran the Bank Saloon at 133 Washington Street in Grand Haven in the 1890s and into the early 1900s. He advertised that he was a dealer in "Choice Wines, Liquors and Cigars, also Agent for the Celebrated Guckenheimer Rye Whiskey." Prior to that he was a laborer at the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill. On April 22, 1884 in Grand Haven, Marinus married Mary Jane Tourville, who was born in New York on December 6, 1865. Their children included Louis De Boe Kamhout, who was born on August 30, 1884, married Grace Marian Hamilton in Grand Haven on October 17, 1910, and died in Grand Haven on March 27, 1937, Matilda [Mamie] Kamhout, who was born on February 11, 1886 and married Thomas McCambridge of Grand Haven; Marinus Clarence Kamhout, who was born on June 6, 1892, married Gertrude Grunst, and died in Detroit in August 1973; William Bryan Kamhout, who was born in July 1896; married Margaret Houston in 1914, and died in April 1967 in Detroit; and Ruth I. Kamhout, who was born on March 8, 1899, married John Rue in Grand Haven in April 1914, and died in Bradenton, Florida on July 3, 1995. Marinus the father was born in Grand Haven on October 31, 1862 and died on August 5, 1906. He also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marinus owned a white bulldog named Jake, famous for riding the Dummy line, to the delight of the passengers. Marinus and Rhine Kamhout were brothers.

**Rhine [Ryn, Wright] J. Kamhout [1860-1948]**

Rhine Kamhout was one of the first in Grand Haven to retire under the Social Security system. He had been an employee of Keller Tool Company since 1918. Prior to that, he was employed at Grand Haven Brass Foundry, which started production in 1907, and before that he was a laborer at the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill. He was born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1860 and didn't retire from Keller until 1940. Rhine married Anna "Annie" Siebelink in Holland, Michigan on January 23, 1886. They lived at 327 Columbus from the early 1900s into the 1930s. Anna was born in December 1866 [1867] and died in 1939. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rhine died on July 1, 1948 and was buried with Anna. The

Kamhouts' children were Morris C. Kamhout, born in May 1889, and John G. Kamhout, born in January 1891. Rhine and Marinus Kamhout were brothers.

**Albert A. Kaminske [Kaminski] [1854-1930]**

In the early 1900s Albert Kaminske owned and operated Robinson Farm Resort on 80 acres in Section 2 of Robinson Township. The northeast corner of the property provided access to the Grand River. The two-story, frame home with a wrap-around porch burned to the ground in May 1920. Alfred Robinson, an early settler, built the home around 1870. Albert immigrated to the United States in 1884, about five years before his wife. They were married in Chicago and settled in Robinson Township around 1897. Albert was born in Germany in 1854, died in 1930, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. His wife Ottilie [Aurilia] H. Wirsing, also a native of Germany, lived from 1863 to 1928 and was buried near her husband. The family attended the German Lutheran Church in Robinson. The Kaminskes had nine children.

**Aart "Arthur" Kammeraad [1884-1964]**

Art Kammeraad was born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1884. On June 24, 1905 in Holland, he married Alice Vander Meiden, the daughter of Joe and Janie Scholten Vander Meiden of Grand Haven. Art and Alice lived in a home, later razed, one block south of the main entrance to Lake Forest Cemetery. Later they moved to 1006 Colfax. Alice was born on May 30, 1886 and died on October 26, 1965. Art was Sexton at the cemetery for more than 30 years. The Kammeraad had four sons and one daughter, each of whom helped with grounds maintenance: Bernard Kammeraad, born on March 17, 1906; Joseph E. Kammeraad, born on January 25, 1908; Lester Kammeraad, born on April 3, 1909; Ruth Kammeraad, born on March 3, 1916; and Robert Kammeraad, born on January 7, 1918. Ruth married John Smoes of Coopersville. Art passed away on April 26, 1964. He and Alice were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Bernard A. Kammeraad [1906-1962]**

The son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, Bernard was born in Grand Haven. He was one of five children who helped their father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Bernard also served as Sexton at the Spring Lake Cemetery for a few years. He later sold real estate from his home at 229 Lafayette in Grand Haven, where he lived with his wife, Sena. Sena was born October 15, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on May 23, 1999. The Kammeraad had three children: Ellis Ronald, who was born September 6, 1926; Keith, who was born on October 2, 1931 and passed away on June 30, 2002; and Craig, born February 28, 1934. Bernard died on January 10, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Davison Kammeraad [1932-2012]**

See Elizabeth "Betty" Dobbie.

**Ellis Ronald Kammeraad [1926-2006]**

Ellis, the son of Bernard and Sena Kammeraad, was born in Grand Haven on September 6, 1926. He married Ann, daughter of Henry V. Koppel, on July 15, 1952 in Muskegon. Ellis and Ann, continued to reside in the family home at 129 Lafayette. Ellis passed away on May 18, 2006 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ann was born in Muskegon on October 17, 1932, died on January 22, 2020, and was buried at Lake Forest.

**James Neil Kammeraad [1931-1997]**

James Kammeraad was a real estate agent with Prudential-Clyde Hendrick Realtors at 415 South Beacon for 27 years. He was born in Muskegon on September 7, 1928, the son of Lester and Sylvia Dykema Kammeraad. From 1951 to 1954 he served with the Coast Guard aboard the *Escanaba II* during the Korean Conflict. Jim married Phyllis Ruth Van Doorn of Coopersville on August 7, 1956 in her hometown. Jim and Phyllis lived at 1000 Park Street in Grand Haven. They attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Jim was a member of the American Legion and the North Ottawa Board of



Realtors. The Kammeraads had a daughter, Connie Gordon, and two sons, Thomas and Steven. Jim died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1997. Phyllis lived from April 7, 1934 to November 22, 2018. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 7, 1997.]

### **Joseph E. Kammeraad [1908-1980] and Hannah Van Doorne Kammeraad [1908-2012]**

The son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, Joseph was born in Grand Haven on January 25, 1908 and died in Manatee, Florida on March 24, 1980. He was one of five children who helped their father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Later Joseph owned and operated funeral homes in Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Coopersville during a career that spanned 40 years. The Grand Haven funeral home was located at 208 Franklin, which also served as the Kammeraads' residence. On December 1, 1966 Joseph purchased from Don Barbier the Barbier Funeral Home in Spring Lake. Two years later he sold both the Kammeraad and Barbier Homes to the Van Zantwick Funeral Home. Joseph was County Coroner for 14 years. He married Hannah Van Doorne in Grand Haven on September 23, 1930. The daughter of Martinus and Reka Laman Van Doorne, she was born in Grand Haven on April 19, 1908 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 15, 2012. Hannah worked with Joseph at the funeral home. The Kammeraads had one son, Kenneth Jay, born in Grand Haven on April 18, 1931. Joseph and Hannah were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Kenneth J. Kammeraad [1931-2013]**

Ken Kammeraad was born in Grand Haven on April 18, 1931, the only son of Joseph and Hannah Van Doorne Kammeraad. He married Elizabeth "Betty" Davison on April 11, 1952, not long after their graduation from Grand Haven High School. Ken attended Hope College from 1949 to 1951, finished his Mortuary Science degree at Wayne State University in 1952, and served in the United State Coast Guard from 1952 to 1956. Back in Grand Haven, he worked with his father at Kammeraad Funeral Home before starting a long career with Security First Bank & Trust [today's Fifth Third Bank]. He retired from Old Kent Bank in 1996. Ken was one of the founders of the local AMBUCS organization, participated in the activities of the Kiwanis Club, and was associated with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. He was a member of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association and was president and director of the Chamber of Commerce from 1971 to 1975. From 1967 to 1977 he served as treasurer and trustee of the North Ottawa Hospital Authority, and he was an elder at the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church from 1967 to 1970. He and Betty founded the Guild of Shakers Crafts in Spring Lake, which was in operation for 18 years. They adopted a daughter, Lisa Marie, in February 1959. Three years later, in March 1962, they brought Joel Davison into the family. Ken passed away in Grand Haven on May 20, 2013 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 24, 2013.]

### **Leonard [Leendeert] Kammeraad I [1858-1914]**

Born in The Netherlands on September 22, 1858, Leonard was the brother of John, Ben, Annetje, and Lena Kammeraad. Lena married Jacob Essenberg, and Annetje married John Bolthuis of Holland. Leonard arrived in the United States in 1870 and lived in Holland until he was about 25 years old, when he moved to Grand Haven. He worked at Ottawa Leather for several years before going into business for himself. By 1891 Leonard operated a saloon at 9 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. In 1892 he married Tenntje "Tillie" Donker of Grand Haven. Their children included Arthur, Franz, Cornelius, Peter, Henry, and Leonard II, all of Grand Haven. The family lived at 635 Washington. Leonard died at his home on July 9, 1914. Tillie, who was born in November 1859, passed away on August 17, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, July 10, 1914.]

### **Lester Kammeraad [1909-1962]**

Born in Grand Haven on April 3, 1909, Lester, the son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, joined Homer Benedict and started Grand Haven Screw Products in 1947. Like his three brothers and one sister, young Lester helped his father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Lester and his wife, Sylvia, lived at 1003 Colfax. James Neil Kammeraad, born on March 28, 1931, was

their son. Lester died on September 9, 1962 in Ohio, and Sylvia, who was born on November 4, 1909, passed away in Grand Haven on November 5, 1982. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Peter Adrian Kammeraad [1900-1949]**

Peter Kammeraad was city manager of Grand Haven from 1932 to 1934. He was born on February 11, 1900, passed away about February 15, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter drew several maps of Ottawa County that appear in Leo B. Lillie's book I. He was the son of Arthur Henry Kammeraad, who resided at 635 Washington.

**Robert Kammeraad [1918-1992]**

The son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, Robert was Ottawa County Register of Deeds for more than 34 years. Like his three brothers and one sister, as a youth Robert helped his father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Robert also became Cemetery superintendent. He lived from January 7, 1918 to June 28, 1992 and was buried at Le Forest Cemetery. He married Marian J. Hoagerland. The couple resided at 1031 Waverly in Grand Haven and later at 17034 Robbins Road. Marian was born on May 30, 1912 and passed away in Spring Lake on March 16, 2003.

**Raymond Kamp [1910-2001]**

The son of Cornelius and Jennie De Redder Kamp, Raymond was born in Grand Rapids on March 12, 1910. Raymond attended the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Wolverine, Cheboygan County. On June 29, 1935 Raymond married Margaret "Jennie" A. Kossuth in Grand Rapids. She was born on December 21, 1913 in Chicago. The couple settled in Grand Haven, where Raymond worked for Bastian Blessing for 40 years. He and Jennie were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake. The Kamps had four children: Marlene Braun of Muskegon; Paulette, who married Dan Goheen of Huntington, West Virginia; Barbara, who married David Redmon and lived in Nunica; and Tom, who also lived in Nunica with his wife, Sheril. The Kamps lived at 12414 State Road in Nunica. Raymond died in Nunica on June 11, 2001 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Jennie passed away on January 8, 2009 in Norton Shores and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 2001.]

**Russell J. Kamper [1907-1975]**

A dentist and resident of Spring Lake, Russell Kamper served as village president for seven consecutive terms between 1963 and 1969. He lived from October 5, 1907 to September 6, 1975. Russell married Margaret Smith in Holland, Michigan on June 18, 1935. Russell's dental office was located at 119 West Savidge and his home was at 111 Mason, where Margaret continued to live after his death. She was born on August 14, 1909 and passed away in Spring Lake in June 1995. She and her husband were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Gerrit Kamphuis I [Kamphouse] [1844-1913]**

Gerrit Kamphuis was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on November 12, 1844 and came to Grand Haven in 1867. He worked for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company most of his life. He was a brother of Jacob Kamphuis of Grant, Newaygo County, Mrs. Orrie Dykhuis of Ventura [probably Mrs. Arend Dykhuis of Section 28, Olive Township], and Mrs. H. Meyers of Grand Haven. On August 9, 1873 in Grand Haven Gerrit married Grietje "Katie" Ammaal, another native of The Netherlands, where she was born in August 1853. Katie came to the United States in 1872. Their children included Elizabeth "Lizzie," who was born in June 1879 and married William Byl of Grand Haven; Jannie [Jennie], who was born in August 1881 and married Gustave Fett of Grand Haven; Gerrit Kamphuis II, who was born on June 30, 1883 and died in Grand Haven on March 1, 1972; and Ida, born in April 1890. Gerrit I died at his home at 406 North Fifth Street on April 23, 1913. Katie died in 1922, two years after marrying Klaus Lenenga, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Gerrit. [*Tribune* obituary, April 23, 1913.]

**Henry Kamphuis [1921-2011]**

Henry Kamphuis lived at 21 North Fourth Street from 1950 to 1960, where he also offered watch repair. In December 1960 he opened Standale Jewelry. Ten years later he returned to Grand Haven and opened a store at 112 Washington Street, which he vacated toward the end of the 1970s. At that time, he and his wife resided at 334 Columbus Street. He married Angeline Hassevoort on February 29, 1944 in West Olive. Born on April 5, 1926 in Olive Township, she passed away on July 7, 2013, two years after Henry. They had eight children, including Roger, Donald, John, Robert, Phyllis, and Beverly. Henry served in the U.S. Army until his early discharge because of a heart ailment. He was born on September 7, 1921. He died in Walker, Kent County on February 13, 2011, not quite 90 years old. He and Angeline were buried at River Bend Cemetery in Walker.

### **William Wallace Kanouse [1809-1895]**

Although he was accustomed to traveling on water, Captain William Kanouse came from Toledo to Grand Rapids by foot, after the steamer *Don Quixote* he was on, bound for West Michigan, was wrecked in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Upon his arrival in Grand Rapids in 1837, he was made second in command of the steamboat *Governor Mason*, under Captain William Stoddard, the year that service was inaugurated. Built by James Short for Richard Godfrey, the steamer ran the river between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. William became the second captain to pilot the boat, and he was followed by Captain Willard Sibley.

William was born about 1810 in Newfoundland, New Jersey. He and his family were in the 1840 census for Norton Township, which was then part of Ottawa County. According to Franklin Everett, William moved to Grand Haven around 1841. On June 2, 1834 in Wayne County, he married Delia [Deliah] Cullinan, who was born in Ireland about 1814. Among their children were Marion Cornelia Kanouse, who was born in Ohio in October 1834 and married William Humphrey; Helen Julia Kanouse, who was born in Ohio in September 1836 and died in 1909; George Montague Kanouse, who was born in Grand Haven on November 27, 1842 and died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 13, 1881; Edward Kanouse, born in 1844; and John B. Kanouse, who was born in February 1849 and died in 1905. William and Delia may have been divorced around 1860. She was listed as a widow that year and twenty years later, still listed as widowed, she was residing in Saginaw with her son John and his family. On December 14, 1861 William married Cinthia McGee in Kaufman, Texas. On June 13, 1872, still in Kaufman and working as a carpenter, he married Nancy Walters [1834-1899].

It was a fist fight with James Collins that gave William his local fame, and it is one of several local legends that explain the name Battle Point. [Everett cited Henry Dusenbury as Kanouse's opponent.] The fight arose over a dispute regarding the boundaries of their preemptions in Section 31 of Crockery Township and had nothing to do with Indians. Only a few log houses had been erected in the dense forest along the banks of the Grand River near Grand Haven. One particular spot on the river looked more attractive to Captain Kanouse than any other on which to build his cabin. Since the government had not completed surveying the land north of the river, a person wishing to own part of it could do so by obtaining a preemption title. Later in 1839 the government put the land up for sale and the person holding the preemption had the first chance at buying that particular piece of land. William availed himself of the opportunity. Some other people also had their eye on the same spot, including James Collins. A desperate fight with words and fists ensued, after which the place was called Battle Point. Since Captain Kanouse's name was the first entry in the abstract of the property, it appears that he wasn't the loser. The abstract read: "United States to William W. Kanouse, August 5, 1837. Patent issued on August 1, 1841." The land in dispute consisted of 59 acres. William did, however, sell the land to Pierre C. Andre on October 29, 1839, before he had absolute title to it. Andre then transferred the land to four Indians, including Magobie.

William died on December 24, 1895.

### **Joseph Karafa [1871-1935]**

Like his brother Steven, Joseph Karafa was a farmer in Section 12 of Crockery Township. He was the son of Alexander Karafa and was born in Szarfold, Hungary November 28, 1871. Presumably he settled in

Crockery Township the same time as his brother, 1907, but by 1930 he was located in Detroit with his wife, Brigitta Nemeth, and their children. She also was from Szarfold, where she was born September 12, 1874. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Komlasi [Komlosi] Nemeth. Joseph and Brigitta had at least one daughter, Anna. Joseph died in Detroit on May 23, 1935.

### **Steven Karafa [1877-1950]**

Listed as a “Farmer and Stockraiser” in the 1912 *Atlas*, Steven Karafa owned 120 acres in Section 12 of Crockery Township. The son of Alexander Karafa, Steven was born in Szarfold, Hungary on September 14, 1877 [1875] and settled in the Crockery area in 1907. His brother Joseph lived nearby. In 1905 Steven married Mary Margaret Szerence [Szerenche], who was born April 18, 1881 [1882] and died in late December 1969. They had six children, all born in Michigan: Alex, born in 1909; Andrew, born in 1911; Chris, born in 1913; Eva, born in 1917; and James, born in 1921. Steven and Mary were still in Crockery Township in 1930. Steven passed away about August 4, 1950. He and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Winfred J. “Bud” Karsten [1921-1984]**

Born in Moline, Allegan County, on November 1, 1921, Bud was the son of Jacob and Hattie Schans Karsten. Other members of the family were his brother Martin Karsten of Kentwood and his sisters: Grace Nuyenhuis; Pauline, who married Sydney Bos of Grand Rapids; Anita, who married Ernest Pettinga, also of Grand Rapids; and Harriet, who married Edward Venema of Florida. Bud lived in Holland for many years and moved to Grand Haven in 1966. He was a teacher and principal at Ellsworth Christian School for four years; at Holland Christian School for 12 years; and at Grand Haven Christian School for 13 years. Bud also was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church, the principals Club of Christian Schools, Magnachards of Holland, and the Holland YMCA

Bud married Elizabeth Oosse on June 28, 1945 in Grand Rapids. Their children included Joann, who married Edward Tysman of Grand Haven; Judith, who married Gary Buttery of New London, Connecticut; Esther, who married Andrew Waid of Ada; and Jack of Kalamazoo. Bud died on December 25, 1984 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth was born on March 12, 1924 and died in Grand Haven on August 29, 1998. [*Tribune* obituary, December 26, 1984.]

### **Martin Kartheus [Karthaus, Karstens] [1870-1913]**

Martin Kartheus, who was born in 1870, owned an 80-acre farm in Section 23 of Grand Haven Township. He and his wife, Anna Berg, had eight children: Cynthia, born September 11, 1896; Anna, April 4, 1898; Alfred, February 14, 1900; Clara E, February 15, 1902; Carl; Martha, March 6, 1907; Isabel, December 18, 1910; and one other child. After Martin’s death in 1913, Anna married Gustav Goldberg. Anna lived from 1875 to 1958.

### **Frederick Kasperson [1897-1929]**

Fred Kasperson drowned when the *Andaste* went down in Lake Michigan on September 9, 1929. He was born in Milwaukee in 1897 and lived in Grand Haven with his brother Ernest Kasperson and family at 205 Clinton. Fred was a member of *Andaste’s* crew.

### **Irma M. Kasischke [1909-1989]**

Irma Kasischke and Elaine Jansen owned BeLane’s Clothes Horse at 4 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. Irma lived from October 15, 1909 to November 18, 1989. She resided at 1621 Sanford Street in Grand Haven. She passed away in Free Soil, Mason County.

### **Claus [Klaus] Katt [1872-1936]**

The son of Ferrysburg pioneers John and Stientje Wieringa Katt, Claus in 1900 was working as a boiler maker at Johnston Brothers. Soon after that, he started his ship-building career at the Giles Shipyard in Ludington. It was at Giles that he designed the *Johanna*, a 42-foot steel tug built at the shipyard in 1912

for Roy and Martin O'Beck of Grand Haven. Claus started his own shipbuilding business in Ferrysburg the next year, producing riveted, steel pleasure boats, such as *Easy Life*, *Black Cat*, and *Mary*. Claus's shipyard was located north of Johnston Brothers, at the site of the former Pearson Ship Yard. By 1920 he was working as a fitter in a Chicago shipyard. In 1930 they owned and worked at a grocery store in Muskegon. Claus was born on June 10, 1872 and died on April 29, 1936. He married Mary Klaus in Ferrysburg on June 14, 1893. She was born in Spring Lake on August 4, 1871 and passed away on March 9, 1943. She and Claus were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Donald George Katt [1925-2017]**

When Holtrop Concrete Products of Ferrysburg shut down permanently in 1996, Donald Katt was secretary/treasurer. Prior to that he was office manager for the firm. The son of John J. and Reka Katt, Donald was born in Ferrysburg on November 28, 1925. On November 3, 1950 he married Lois Wezeman in Spring Lake. Lois was deputy treasurer for Spring Lake Township and served one term as treasurer. They lived at 303 Beech Street in Ferrysburg and attended the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Lois was born in Grand Haven on July 6, 1929 and passed away in Spring Lake on November 11, 2012. He died in Spring Lake on March 11, 2017 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Lois. They had three children: Linda Katt, who married Paul LaMaire of Grand Haven; Pamela Katt, who married Mike Huggins and moved to Kalamazoo; and Leslie Katt, who moved with his wife Luann to Kalamazoo.

#### **Harm [Hiram] Katt [1849-1887]**

On August 12, 1876 Harm Katt married Arentje "Anna/Annie" Kruizenga in Ferrysburg. Harm was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on September 3, 1849 and immigrated to the United States in 1873. Annie was born in The Netherlands on March 17, 1860. They had six children. After Harm's death on May 10, 1887 in Spring Lake, Annie married Walter Streeting of Spring Lake.

#### **Henry John Katt [1884-1923]**

Henry Katt and his brother John assumed ownership of a general store on the northeast corner of Beech and Third Streets in Ferrysburg that included groceries and feed. Their father, Jan Heeres Katt, had founded the store. Henry listed himself as a painter when he registered for the draft in 1918. Henry was born on November 19, 1884 in Ferrysburg. He married Sarah Newell Toogood in Ferrysburg on March 21, 1921. Henry died the following January 9 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The daughter of Myron [1829-1904] and Mary Michael [b. @1836] Toogood, Sarah was born in Coopersville on December 14, 1869.

#### **John [Jan] Heeres [Harley] Katt [Cat] [1843-1907]**

Born in December 1843 in The Netherlands, John Katt came to the United States in 1869 and first worked in the sawmills in Northwest Ottawa County. In 1872 he lost an arm in an accident at the Glover & White Mill in Ferrysburg. He opened a feed business in 1880 and owned 56 acres of farmland. In 1894 he opened a grocery, flour, and feed store, where he was assisted by his daughter, Aldie [Allie], who was born in 1880. The building was located on the northeast corner of Third and Beech Streets in Ferrysburg. It burned down in 1931. On September 28, 1869 in Grand Haven, he married Stientje "Kate" Wierenga. Kate was born in The Netherlands in May 1849, died in 1919, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Claus, born about 1872; Jennie, who was born in December 1873 and married John Bonema; Peter, born in 1875; Harry, who was born in December 1882 and married Jenny Bosch; Henry J., who lived from November 1884 to 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; John J. I, born in December 1886; Hannah, who was born in November 1889 and married Dick Bosch; Hilda, who was born on September 2, 1891 and married Henry Bolthouse of Spring Lake; Tina, who was born in November 1893 and married Dick Westerhof; and Aldie, who also married a Bonema. John died in 1907 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 11, 1923.]

#### **John Harry Katt [1913-1996]**

John was born on June 21, 1913 in Ferrysburg to Harry and Jenny Bosch Katt. His brothers and sisters included Stena [Chris] Postema; Ann Hommes; Nellie Herlein of Grand Haven; Ralph, whose wife Josephine was from Muskegon; Clarence, whose wife's name was Betty; and Jeanette Van Dep, who died in 1922. John was a toolmaker for Standard Automotive in Muskegon until he retired in 1977. He was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church, and he was on the Board of West Michigan Christian High School. On January 28, 1938 he married Henrietta Meeusen in Muskegon. She was born in Robinson Township on May 23, 1916. Their children included Janet Smallegan, who was born about 1940 and moved to Zeeland and Gordon, born about 1944, who lived in Spring Lake with his wife Merle. John died on October 10, 1996 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henrietta passed away in La Porte, Indiana on July 10, 2000. [*Tribune* obituary, October 11, 1996.]

### **John J. Katt I [1886-1931]**

John was born in Michigan on December 13, 1886, the son of John and Stientje Wierenga Katt. He and his wife, Reka "Mike," were residents of Ferrysburg. Mike was born in Michigan on February 3, 1892, died in Grand Haven on September 25, 1973, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with John, who passed away in 1931. John took over his father's general and feed stores in Ferrysburg. He was listed in the 1891 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as owner of a flour and feed store and in the 1893, 1903, 1909, and 1921 of the same publication as owner of a "general store." Their children, all born in Michigan, were John II, born on January 12, 1913; Gerrit [Garreth], who was born on January 28, 1915 and died in Norton Shores on July 11, 1974; Claude, who was born about 1917 and predeceased his father; Swannie, who was born about 1918 and married Orrie Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven; Stella, born about 1920; Marguerite, born about 1922; Harold [Herald], born about 1924; Donald, born on November 28, 1925; and Edwin E., who was born on April 7, 1929, moved to Muskegon, and passed away in Summerfield, Florida on February 8, 1998.

### **John J. Katt II [1913-1985]**

Born in Ferrysburg on January 12, 1913, John was the son of John J. and Mike Katt of Ferrysburg. Young John retired from Holtrop Concrete Products and was a charter member of the Ferrysburg Christian Reformed Church. He married Bernice Anderson on November 30, 1938. Bernice was born on January 26, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on July 27, 2002. The Katts' children included Nancy, who married Bill Tysman of Grand Haven, and Steven J. of Cloverville. John died on June 11, 1985 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 1985.]

### **John Paul Katt [1894-1987]**

John was born in Ferrysburg on January 22, 1894, the son of Peter and Clara Start Katt. On October 27, 1915 He married Clara Westhoff in Cutlerville. The daughter of Petrus and Fenna De Groot Westhof of Ferrysburg, Clara was born on August 29, 1895. In 1930 John was an electrician and later owned his own business. He died at his home, 508 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in Ferrysburg on August 30, 1987. Clara died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1991 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. Their children, all born in Ferrysburg, were Clarissa Ruth, born on August 24, 1916; Frances Jean, born on October 14, 1919; Jack Herbert, who was born on September 29, 1921 and died in Ferrysburg on March 17, 2010; and Howard Peter, born on April 16, 1933. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 1, 1987 and March 19, 2010.]

### **Marjorie J. Katt [1914-1993]**

Marjorie Katt, who was born on August 28, 1914, died in Grand Haven on February 25, 1993. She resided at 127 Clinton in Grand Haven.

### **Merzo "Michael" Katt [Cat] [1852-1931]**

Merzo Katt, a farmer with 10 acres in Section 17 in Spring Lake Township, was born on October 14, 1852 [1854] and died on September 3, 1931. He married Tutje "Anna" Ostermeke, who lived from May 6, 1863 to September 6, 1907. Both were natives of The Netherlands. Their children were Lizzie, born in January

1882; Anna, born in March 1884; Otto, born on January 30, 1887; Kate, who was born in June 1890 and died in 1913; Allie, born in May 1894; Stena, who lived from 1896 to 1898; and Johnnie, who was born and died in 1900. Merzo and Anna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Kate, Stena, and Johnnie.

### **Peter Katt [1875-1963]**

Peter was born in Ferrysburg on February 21, 1875, the son of John and Stientje Wierenga Katt. Peter was employed at Johnston Brothers Boiler Company. On September 28, 1893 in Spring Lake, Peter married Clara, the daughter of Hilbrant Start of Spring Lake. Clara lived from May 4, 1874 to about November 20, 1954, and Peter died on November 13, 1963. Clara and Peter died in Ferrysburg and were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. A daughter, Stena Katt, was born on January 2, 1902 and died in Kalamazoo on April 20, 1955. A son, Claus Peter Katt, born on April 19, 1908, was hit by an automobile and died on July 12, 1922. Peter and Clara had at eight children in all.

### **Ina Pearl Morrison Kaufman [1943-1967]**

Ina Morrison was born in Rothwell, Kentucky on April 14, 1943. She married William Howard Kaufman on June 10, 1967 in Newport, Kentucky. He was born in Kenton, Kentucky on 8, December 1943. In 1989 Ferrysburg and Spring Lake merged their police departments. Spring Lake was designated operations headquarters. Leon Langeland stepped down as chief of police of the combined departments on July 10, 1993. His position was filled by William, who had been police chief in Ferrysburg before the two forces were combined. Ina passed away on December 2, 2010 in Spring Lake and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. A few years after her death, Bill moved to Grand Rapids. They had two sons, Scott Kaufman and Dan Kaufman.

### **Charles M. Kay [1831-1913]**

Born in Kentucky on March 20, 1831, Charles Kay studied law and was admitted to the bar in Quincy, Illinois. In 1868 [1869] he came to Spring Lake, where he opened a law office. He held Village and township offices in Spring Lake for forty years. He was first elected to the office of village clerk in 1873 and held the post until his death. In addition, at the time of his death, he was township clerk, justice of the peace, and a member of the Spring Lake Board of Education. He was Spring Lake supervisor from 1880 to 1881. Charles also was a farmer.

In 1860 Charles married Elizabeth "Lizzie" F. Scott of Aledo, Illinois. She was born in Virginia in March 1843, died on October 11, 1920, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lizzie's mother, Mary Scott, born in Pennsylvania in 1821, was residing with the Kay family in 1880, and koppel March 22, 1895. The Kays' children included Mary I., who married George A. Seagrove of Chicago and Spring Lake; Minnie, who was born in Illinois about 1864; Bessie, who was born in Illinois about 1864; Nettie, who was born in Illinois about 1866 and married W. B. Mayhew of Chicago; Frances C., "Frankie," who was born in January 1871 in Illinois and married William D. Spencer of Spring Lake; Robert H., who was born about 1872 in Michigan and moved to Bay City; and Louisa [Louise] R., who was in born in Michigan on May 2, 1876 and married Edward P. Cummings of Grand Haven and Lansing. Charles died at his home at 403 East Savidge in Spring Lake on August 23, 1913. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 23, 1913 and October 12, 1920.]

### **John Kedgnal [Kedgnol, Kedgnot] [1842-1926]**

See John Duvernay.

### **Andrew Stewart Kedzie [1814-1899]**

Born on August 23, 1814 in Stamford, New York, Andrew came with his father, William Kedzie, to Monroe County in May 1826. His brother, Robert C. Kedzie, joined the faculty at Michigan Agricultural College in East Lansing [MSU] as Professor of Chemistry. In 1839 Andrew obtained his first degree from Western Reserve College at Hudson, Ohio, which later moved to Cleveland under the name Adelbert College. In 1842 he received a master degree in the ministry. He pastored Congregational churches in

Kalamazoo, Union City, Clinton, Somerset, Dexter, and Dowagiac. He was on the Board of Directors of Chicago Theological Seminary. Andrew served on the Christian Commission during the Civil War. [His brother Robert served in the military during the same conflict.] In May 1880, while living in Berrien County, Andrew and his son Donald formed the firm Kedzie & Kedzie. Andrew came to Grand Haven in March 1881, where he was appointed pastor of the Congregational Church. At the same time he purchased the *Grand Haven Herald* from Marvin H. Creager. Donald worked with him. Marvin had operated the newspaper in behalf of the Benham estate from October 1880 to the time of Adam's purchase. [Lillie wrote that Kedzie & Kedzie bought the *Herald* from Guy Weber and Horace Nichols, who had purchased it from the Benham estate in early 1881.] He also bought the *Spring Lake Republican* and merged it with the *Herald*. The older Kedzie was author of several books and articles, district oil inspector for several years, and a Republican.

On November 13, 1855 in Washtenaw County, Adam married Henrietta G. Hixon, who was born in Michigan on December 11, 1833. The daughter of Daniel Hixson, Henrietta was born in Michigan on December 11, 1833. Adam's and Henrietta's children were Donald, who was born in Michigan in 1857, later moved to Lordsburg, New Mexico for health reasons and published a newspaper there; Katherine [Katherine] J., who was born in 1864 in Somerset, Hillsdale County, married a Forrest E. Buswell in Grand Haven on November 14, 1882; Mary A., who was born in Bridgeport, Saginaw County on February 16, 1866 [1860], married Joseph F. Hixon [Hixson] in Grand Haven on September 20, 1882, died on November 26, 1890, and was buried at Lake Forest; Robert Mark Kedzie, who was born on February 19, 1871, married in Chicago in 1898, and later moved to Los Angeles, where he passed away on October 25, 1941. Forrest was born about 1860 in Macedonia, Ohio, and Joseph was born in Ithaca, New York in 1858. All the Kedzie children were born in Michigan. Henrietta died on September 28, 1910 at a hospital at Evanston, Illinois. Andrew passed away on February 4, 1899. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 6, 1899 and September 29, 1910.]

#### **Peter [Patrick] Albert Keefer [Kiefer, Kieffer] [1884-1966]**

Peter Keefer on June 17, 1908 married Edith Nesbitt Hall. The couple moved to Grand Haven from Raymond, Washington to open Keefer's Restaurant at 15 Washington in the 1920s. Peter was born in Indiana [Michigan] on June 27, 1884, and Edith was born in Michigan about 1880 and passed away around September 22, 1954. They lived above the restaurant. Georgia Keefer, a daughter who was born about 1901 in the State of Washington, filled the role of assistant manager and resided with her parents. Sometime after 1938 the Keefers sold the business to Earl and Esther Gier, who continued to operate the restaurant under the Keefer name. Peter died in Grand Haven on October 7, 1966 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Edith.

#### **Alexander Keeler [1833-1899]**

Born on December 8, 1833 in New York, Alexander Keeler enlisted with the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. Alexander died on September 17, 1899. On October 11 that year his widow, Polly, filed for a widow's pension. Polly, also a native of New York, lived from September 15, 1829 to March 6, 1901. Alexander and Polly were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. They had six children: Charles, born in 1855; George, born in 1857; John, born in 1860; Richard, born in 1862; Phebe, born in 1865 and Lada, born in 1868. In 1870 the family lived in Polkton Township. By the early 1890s they were residing on a 40-acre farm in Section 15 of Robinson Township.

#### **Brian Frank Keenan [1949-2023]**

Founder and owner of Keenan Marina at 526 Pine Street in Ferrysburg, Brian Keenan was born in Grand Rapids on February 24, 1949. He owned and operated a Saab dealership called Keenan Car Company in Grand Rapids. In 2000 he sold the business to Fox Motors and opened the marina in Ferrysburg in the same vicinity as Claus Katt's shipyard in the early 1900s. In 2024, the marina had 200 slips, a clubhouse, pool, and hot tub. Plans were announced in the fall of 2024 to add 60 more slips that could handle craft up



to 150 feet in length. Kyle Haan was general manager at the time. Brian retired from that business in 2018. He died in Spring Lake on September 27, 2023. He had two children.

#### **George Joseph Kehoe [1893-1976]**

George Kehoe was born in Ohio on September 29, 1893 and came to the Grand Haven area in 1915. On his birthday in 1921 he married Caroline "Carrie," the daughter of Fred and Helen Goodman Palmer. She was born on September 29, 1893. In 1925 the couple built a summer home on Grand River at 15085 Mercury Drive. The house eventually was winterized for year-round living. Carrie died on July 31, 1964. George, who remarried, was an employee of Gardner-Denver. He died on May 14, 1976 in Grand Haven. He and Carrie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William T. Kelley [1847–1895]**

William Kelley was born in Ireland on August 20, 1847. His wife Mary was born in the same country on December 13, 1849 and died on February 26, 1909. Their children, all born locally, included John L. who was born in December 1873, married Natalie F. Fritz of Grand Haven, and died about May 1, 1953; Josie B., born in December; 1877; Mary, born about 1877; Johanna, born about 1878; Margaret H., who was born in September 1879 and married John A. Mulholland; Katheryn, born in June 1881; William, born in August 1883; and Esther, born in March 1886. Katheryn, William, and Esther all relocated to Bay City. In Grand Haven, the family resided on Howard Street. William the father, who worked on the railroad, died on November 25, 1895 and was buried with Mary at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 25, 1909.]

#### **Kellid [Kallid] Abdul Kellizy [Kelliz] [1897- ?]**

Kellid Kellizy ran a grocery store at 326 Fulton around 1940. He was born in Damascus, Syria on June 3, 1897 [June 2, 1898]. He was sworn in as a naturalized citizen in Grand Haven on April 15, 1924. Sometime after that date he visited his home country and returned to the United States on October 20, 1929. In 1918 Kellid resided at 12 Washington and worked at Eagle Ottawa. His wife Aysheit was born about 1912 and arrived in the United States in 1929. By 1936 he owned a grocery store at 326 Fulton Street that he was still operating in 1945. He and Aysheit resided at 1107 Pennoyer.

#### **John Kelly [1879-1933]**

As commander of the Tenth Coast Guard District from 1930 to 1933, John Kelly coordinated the development of the mooring area for Coast Guard ships, which was later named Kelly Memorial Park in his honor and then Escanaba Park. Born in 1879, Lt. Commander Kelly died on November 11, 1933, just before the landing and park area was completed. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Louis Kelly [1873-1953]**

A blacksmith by trade, in 1908 John Kelly's business was located at 416 Fulton. His residence was on North Second Street and later at 212 Lafayette Street. He became a machinist and in 1918 was foreman at Dake Engine Company. John was born in Detroit on December 15, 1873. On October 7, 1902 he married Natalia [Natalie] Fritz in Grand Haven. Natalia lived from December 2, 1878 to August 31, 1950. John passed away on April 28 three years later. They had three children: John W. Kelly [1904-1979]; Mary Kelly [1911-1918]; and Francis Patrick Kelly [1906-1961]. John the father and Natalia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John S. Kelly [1830-1910]**

Born in Ireland in 1830, John Kelly arrived in America at age 11 with his parents, eventually becoming a mechanical engineer for the New York & Erie Railroad. In 1853 he moved to Grand Rapids and three years later settled in Ferrysburg, where he and his family were counted in the Federal Censuses of 1860 and 1870. In the latter census, he was listed as an engineer. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he reportedly organized a company of sharpshooters and was commissioned captain. His official service records were

not located. John he was listed in the 1863 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* for Ferrysburg as a blacksmith. In 1865 he made his home at Port Sheldon and had charge of three sawmills, one at Ferrysburg, another at Johnsville [Agnew], and the third at Dennison, near Coopersville. By 1880 he and his family had returned to Ferrysburg, and a year later they were in Muskegon. A blacksmith by trade, he invented appliances for use in sawmills. He was designated by the federal government to go to Panama when the plan for the canal was first conceived as an American enterprise [unverified].

He married Mary McNamara, who was born in Ireland around 1830. Their children, all born in Michigan, included John T. Kelly, who was born about 1857 and moved to Lowell; Mary Kelly, born about 1855; Frances "Fannie" Kelly, born in December 1860; Alice G. Kelly, born around 1863; Edward and Willie Kelly, born about 1866; Margaret A. Kelly, born about 1868; and Joseph Kelly, born in 1870. After marrying J. D. Sheridan, Frances moved to Muskegon, as did her sisters, Alice and Margaret. Mary the mother passed away in Muskegon on January 23, 1899. John died in Muskegon on December 13, 1910. [*Tribune* obituary, December 13, 1910.]

#### **Saidee Hadden Kelly [1889-1984]**

Born on January 24, 1889 in Grand Rapids, Saidee was the daughter of Frank W. and Mary S. Bentley Hadden and the granddaughter of William T. and Sarah Ann Stonehouse Bentley. William, who built one of the earliest cooperage plants in Grand Rapids, lived from 1826 to 1905, and Sarah Ann lived from 1833 to 1906. Saidee married Jerry J. Kelly, who died in 1959. They had a son, Colonel Wilkes D. Kelly of the United States Air Force, who lived in Arlington, Virginia. He was born on February 15, 1907 and died in Fargo, North Dakota, on December 20, 1994. Saidee died in Grand Haven on March 17, 1984 and was buried in the Hadden family plot at Garfield Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 19, 1984.]

#### **Park Benjamin Kelsey [1849-1920]**

Born on May 17, 1849 in Maine, Park Benjamin Kelsey attended Oberlin College in Ohio. He married Julia Lydia Munroe in Grand Haven on November 20, 1872. He had married Helen Gage on January 4, 1871 in Romeo, Macomb County, although his residence was listed Grand Haven at the time. Helen, who was born in 1848, died in Port Huron on October 24, 1871. Julia was born on November 27, 1853 in Parma, New York. The daughter of Leonard [1804-1901] and Amarilla [1818-1904] Munroe, she was living with her uncle Dr. Stephen Munroe in Grand Haven in 1870 but attending school in Albion. In 1873 Park was a lumber dealer in Grand Haven. In 1880 Julia was living in Albion with her parents. She was noted as being married, but Park was not a member of the household. However, she also was listed as living in Detroit with Park the same year. They were divorced in Detroit on February 10, 1905. In 1910 and 1920 Park was living in Sault Ste. Marie. In the 1910 Federal Census, he claimed to be a widower. The census taker on January 16, 1920, noted he was "sick." He passed away of prostate cancer in Sault Ste. Marie nine days later and was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron, where his first wife, Helen, was interred. At the time of his death, Park was working as a hotel clerk. Julia died in Los Angeles, California on August 1, 1927. She was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Albion.

#### **James David Keltie [1887-1963]**

James Keltie served with the Life Saving Service and Coast Guard, primarily at the Chicago Station. The son of William and Elizabeth Walker Keltie, James was born on September 13, 1887. On July 13, 1916 he married Emelie Streng, the daughter of John and Cora Chamberlain Streng. Emelie was born in Grand Haven on December 3, 1891. She passed away on February 10, 1954 and James died on June 30, 1963. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Keltie [1842-1915]**

William Keltie married Elizabeth Slagle Walker, whose husband John died when quite young. Elizabeth was born in Ohio on April 19, 1842. William was born in Scotland on March 15, 1842 and immigrated to

the United States in 1865. He was a cook on a Lake Michigan steamer. Their children included James David Keltie, James lived from September 13, 1887 to July 1963. Other children were Caroline, born in October 1880, and Bessie, born in February 1884. Also residing with the Keltie family was William “Captain Billy” Walker, Elizabeth’s son by her first marriage. William died on December 23, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Elizabeth, who died on September 15, 1911.

#### **Frederick Kendrick [1845-1918]**

Born in England in December 1848 [1845], Frederick Kendrick came to the United States in 1851 and entered government service in 1873. He was in charge of the harbor tug *Colonel Graham* at Ludington and was instrumental in a dramatic rescue. “A [Congressional] gold medal was awarded to Captain Frederick Kendrick, master of the government harbor tug at Ludington, MI, in recognition of an act of magnificent gallantry, resulting in the saving of forty-four persons from the large grain barge, *J. H. Rutter*, on the first of November 1878.” He was later transferred to Grand Haven, where he was put in charge of government ships that wintered in Government Pond. He resided at 106 Franklin with his wife Emma, who was born in Michigan in May 1860. Frederick died on September 1, 1918. [“Magnificent Gallantry of Local Sailor.” Tri-Cities Historical Society, September 5, 1981.]

#### **James A. Kennedy [1842-1923]**

James Kennedy was pastor at the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church from 1892 to 1902. He also was vice president of American Brass Company in Grand Haven. His wife Mattie A., who was born in 1849 [1846], died on August 13, 1895. In the 1890s Mattie Kennedy owned and operated the “Millinery and Fancy Goods” store in Grand Haven. James left his pastorate in Grand Haven to move to Sault Ste. Marie. Born in 1842, James passed away in 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Mattie.

#### **Francis Julian Kennett I [1847-1911]**

In the early 1900s F. J. Kennett owned a cottage named Glen Ella on the west shore of Spring Lake, near Belle Point and Stahl’s Bayou. F. J. probably is Francis Julian Kennett who was born in Missouri on December 10, 1847. On June 23, 1874 he married Ella Frances Durand in Chicago. She was born in Milwaukee on November 29, 1851 and died in Inglewood, California on November 10, 1952. Francis died in Cornado, California on December 1, 1911. Both were buried at the Kennett Family Mausoleum at Inglewood Cemetery, as were their children: Francis Kennett II, Isabel Kennett, Luther Martin Kennett, John Durand Kennett, and Mabel Kennett.

#### **Harold Kenyon [1896-1967]**

Harold Kenyon owned Kenyon Autoelectric at 418 Franklin. He was born in Michigan on July 31, 1896 and died in Muskegon in March 1967. His wife, Rhuie, was born April 17, 1901, also in Michigan, and died in Muskegon on February 12, 1981. They had two daughters, Geraldine, born about 1922, and Marylianna, born about 1925. The family resided at 321 Barber in Spring Lake.

#### **Johannes [John] Kerkhof [Kerkhoff, Kirkhof] [1839-1880]**

In 1867 Johannes Kerkhof immigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven. With him were his brother, Berend Reenders Kerkhof, and Berend’s son, Hendrikus [Henry] Kerkhof, who settled in Muskegon. Johannes married Elke [Eilke] Reenders. By the time of the 1870 Federal Census, Johannes, Elke, and their two children, Antje and Alida [Ida], were residing in Grand Haven. Antje was born in The Netherlands about 1865, and Alida was born in Michigan on May 4, 1871. At least three other children died in infancy, but another child, Anna [Hannah], was born about 1875 and survived. She married Fred Boschma in Grand Haven on May 19, 1910.

Johannes, who was born in 1839, died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1880. He worked as a laborer. After his death, Elke, Alida, and Anna lived in a house on Fulton Street. Elke, a native of The Netherlands, was born on December 11, 1835, died on December 19, 1912, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

According to the 1880 Federal Census, Antje, known as Anna, was working as a domestic for the Thomas Vandenbosch family in Grand Haven. On August 16, 1892, Alida married John Bottje in Grand Haven.

#### **Donald Alan Kerr [1930-2017]**

In the early to mid-1970s Don Kerr played an active role in the art scene in Grand Haven. Born in Saginaw on July 10, 1930, he graduated from Michigan State University in 1952 and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Iowa four years later. His teaching experience included several years as an instructor in the School of Fine Arts at The Ohio State University, nine years as Assistant and Associate Professor of Art at the University of Nevada, and 30 years with Grand Valley University and was chairman of its Art Department. After retirement, he taught drawing classes at Aquinas College.

Donald's work was exhibited in numerous art centers across the country, and he participated in invitational shows in Minnesota, Colorado, Utah, Massachusetts, and Grand Haven, and he has had one-man exhibits in Iowa, Ohio, Nevada, and Idaho. In 1971 Lakeland Painters invited him to teach a continuing education class in acrylic and oil painting. He also exhibited, lectured, and taught in London, United Kingdom, Europe, and Japan.

On June 14, 1952, Don married Enid Lou Albertson in East Lansing. Also an artist, she was born on June 3, 1929 in Lansing and died on June 21, 1995 in Nevada. Around 1977, Don married Sharon Sandberg, who was born in Oak Park, Illinois around 1949 and was a member of the Art Department at Grand Valley State University and later at Aquinas College. He died in Grand Rapids on December 21, 2017. He and Enid had four children: Evan, born about 1953; David, born about 1955; Andrea, born about 1956; and Lisa, born about 1960. In Grand Haven, the family resided at 520 Orchard Avenue.

#### **Janet Ann Lehman Keur [1937-2018]**

On June 24, 1955, Janet Lehman married Lawrence Peter Keur. She was born in Muskegon on June 5, 1937, and he was born in January the previous year. Lawrence started Keur Associates in Grand Haven in 1974 but later moved to Spring Lake. The name of the business was changed to Keur Industries. The Keurs resided at 2999 West Fruitport Road in Fruitport and later moved to 17736 Cobblestone Lane in Spring Lake. After Janet's death on July 2, 2018, Lawrence continued to live in the house on Cobblestone.

#### **Louise Paige Keur [1913-2011]**

On March 7, 1935 Louise Paige married Peter Keur in Muskegon. She was born in Wisconsin on March 7, 1913. Louise was an employee of Ottawa County for more than 25 years, working for the county treasurer and registrar of deeds. Peter lived from September 18, 1901 to April 1, 1991 and was buried at Fruitport Cemetery. Louise passed away on November 22, 2011 and also was interred at Fruitport Cemetery. They had at least one child, Lawrence Peter Keur, who was born in January 1936 and married Janet Ann Lehman.

#### **Joseph W. Kibbler [Kibler] [1838–1916]**

Born in 1838 in Ohio, Joseph Kibbler enlisted as private with Company B of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry on June 5, 1861. He was discharged to enter Battery A of the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Artillery on October 18, 1862. Joseph was wounded at Gettysburg and in 1865 returned to Ohio. He moved to Niles in 1870, and then to Grand Haven in 1874. Joseph was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. On December 25, 1879 in Grand Haven, he married Margaret McCambridge, who was born in Chicago in 1858 and died about July 3, 1911. She was the sister of Thomas McCambridge of Grand Haven. The Kibblers had two sons: William, who was born on October 8, 1881 and died on April 2, 1950, and James, who was born on February 14, 1880 in Michigan and died on February 3 two years later. In 1880 the Kibblers were residing with Margaret's mother, Catherine McCambridge, in Grand Haven. At that time Joseph was a hotel clerk. He died on July 28, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

#### **Abram [Abraham] T. Kieft [1870-1952]**

The son of Frederick J. and Kryntje Nederveld Kieft, Abram was born in Grand Haven on August 16, 1870. With Paul A. Johnson I, Bernath P. Sherwood I, Emil Gaul, and Alvin E. Jacobson I as partners, Abram took over Bolling Manufacturing Company at 201 South Harbor in 1927 and renamed it Grand Haven Stamped Products. Ten years later, with his brother Fred II and Franklin Kieft as partners, he founded Screw Machine Specialties. It was started in a garage on Waverly Road, later moved to 1251 Fulton, and then to 14080 172<sup>nd</sup> in Grand Haven Township. His wife, Mary S., was born in Sweden in September 1875. They had a daughter, Katie, born in September 1897. The family lived in Robinson Township around 1900, but late in life Abram and Mary lived at 417 Buena Vista in Spring Lake, where Mary continued to reside into the late 1970s. Abram died on June 19, 1952 in Grand Haven.

#### **Adam Kieft [1841-1879]**

Adam Kieft was born August 24, 1841 in Groningen, The Netherlands. On August 5, 1869, in Allegan County he married Cornelia Van Veuren, who lived from 1849 to 1916. In 1870 they had a farm in Allegan County. Among their children were William A., Fred, and Marguerite, who was born in Grand Haven about 1877. Another daughter, Martje, married William Beekman of Grand Haven and a third daughter, Minnie, married Charles Grossman. Minnie was born in 1871, probably in Grand Haven, and died there in 1939. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Adam died on July 18, 1879, also in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Alford [Alfred] “Alf” Kieft [1920-2000?]**

From the late 1940s into the early 1950s, Alford Kieft owned the Keniston Brothers Ice Cream store at 623 Washington Street. He married Vivian Childers Henry in Grand Haven on September 13, 1941. She was born in Kentucky on August 27, 1922. They lived at 1153 Fulton Street. Vivian moved to Oregon, and on February 27, 1947, married Henning Garmo [1908-1995] in Portland. She died 2009 in Spokane, Washington. On October 16, 1948, Alf married Betty Jane Simantz in Steuben, Indiana. They were divorced in Alameda, California on June 23, 1983. Betty lived from May 17, 1924 to March 1, 1998. The son of Fred and Della Beekman Kieft, Alford, who served with the United States Army during WWII, was born on July 8, 1920, died on July 26, 2000, and was buried at Chapel of the Chimes Cemetery in California.

#### **Alvin “Al” Frederick Kieft [1920-2005]**

Alvin, the son of Peter and Katherine Cook Kieft, was born in Grand Haven on April 14, 1919. He married Josephine Poel on December 5, 1941 in Grand Haven. Josephine was the daughter of Edward and Sena Casemiere Poel. Al served nearly five years in the Army during WWII and was awarded the Bronze Star. He became foreman at Challenge Machinery and later worked at Puffer Hubbard. Among Al's and Josephine's children were Jillaine Gallagher of Muskegon and Yvonne Smith of Louisville, Kentucky. The family resided at 1140 Washington Street and later at 1225 Grand Avenue. Josephine lived from June 10, 1921 to December 31, 2001. She died of cancer, and during the last 13 years of her life, Al was her personal nurse. He passed away on April 2, 2005 in Muskegon. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Anna Frances Kieft [1906-1935]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 18, 1906, Anna was the daughter of Peter Kieft, who lived at 513 Madison Street. Peter Kieft, an employee of Van Zylens Lumber Company, died after World War II. Anna's mother, Katherine Cook, later married Thomas Vanden Bosch. Anna taught in West Olive and was a teacher in Ferrysburg for four years. She was a graduate of Western State Teachers College in Kalamazoo [WMU]. She was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church, the Good Hope Mission Circle, and the Grand Haven Teachers Club. She died June 23, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 24, 1935.]

#### **Clyde Kieft [1915-1993]**

Clyde Kieft was president of the Kieft Insurance Agency, which started business in 1937. It was located at 226 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Garry Kieft was vice president and Lloyd Kieft, secretary-treasurer of the business. Clyde was born on March 17, 1915 and died on September 8, 1993. He and his wife, Helen, resided at 17804 Channel View Drive in Spring Lake Township. Helen lived from February 23, 1917 to December 1990.

#### **Edward Kieft [1885-1960]**

Edward, the son of Frederick J. and Kryntje Nederveld Kieft, was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1885. On November 26, 1908 in Grand Haven, he married Henrietta Fase, the daughter of Jacob Fase and the sister of Dena, who married Peter Van Zylén of Grand Haven. The Kiefts had a celery farm at 923 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. Their son, Thomas F. Kieft, owned the adjacent celery farm at 901. Edward died December 15, 1960 in Bradenton, Florida and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Henrietta, who died on June 29, 1953. She was born on December 5, 1885 in Michigan.

#### **Franklin E. Kieft [1906-2001]**

The son of Frederick and Della Beekman Kieft, Franklin was born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1906. On June 4, 1927 he married Gladys Conant, who died on September 4, 1984 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Franklin and Gladys had a son, David, who died on May 7, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest. Franklin married Wilma Corbett on February 1, 1991. Wilma, the daughter of George and Nellie Speelman Corbett, was born in Grand Haven on May 2, 1922. On September 8, 1939 she married Everett Corbett, who died on October 18, 1989. Franklin was one of the founders and owners of Screw Machine Specialties, established in 1937. He was a member of the Hope Reformed Church in Grand Haven, president of the Michigan Blueberry Association, and served on the board of Audio Scriptures International. Gladys died on September 4, 1984. Franklin died in Bradenton, Florida on December 28, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest. His second wife, Wilma, passed away on April 8, 2012. She, also, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, April 10, 2012.]

#### **Frederick J. Kieft I [1846-1913]**

Born in Zuid, The Netherlands on March 8, 1846, Frederick Kieft came to Grand Haven with his parents in 1853 as a child of seven. He was the son of Jan and Trintje Meyer Kieft. Jan died May 18, 1874, and Trintje lived from December 21, 1815 to June 28, 1900. In the 1880 census Frederick was listed as a dock worker in Grand Haven. Frederick subsequently moved to Peach Plains until about 1908, when he returned to Grand Haven.

On September 18, 1868 in Grand Haven Frederick married Kryntje [Grietje] "Katie" Nederveld. The daughter of Abraham and Nelltje Rychel Nederveld, Kryntje was born in The Netherlands on July 11, 1848 and came to the United States in 1863. Frederick was employed at the Challenge Company. He and Kryntje lived at 520 Jackson Street and had 14 children, all born in or near Grand Haven: Tena, who was born on March 31, 1869 and died on May 1, 1934 in Grand Rapids; Abram T. [Abraham]; Thomas Frederick, born March 10, 1872, married Christine Petersen [January 3, 1875-February 22, 1931] in 1893 in Manistee, where he died on April 25, 1936; Nellie, who was born on January 25, 1874 and died in Muskegon on February 26, 1944; Katie, born on October 8, 1875 and died April 8, 1948 in Grand Haven; John F.; Martin, born November 16, 1878 and died April 9, 1929; Phoebe, who was born on July 13, 1880, married Edward Nederveld, and died on August 9, 1939; Susan, born September 9, 1882; Frederick II, who was born on April 6, 1884; Edward, born on September 14, 1885 and died December 15, 1960 in Bradenton, Florida; Jacob, who was born on October 18, 1887, married Minnie Maria Johanna Albrecht, and died in Grand Haven on May 22, 1931; Paul, who was born on September 6, 1890 and died March 27, 1963 in Big Star Lake, Lake County; and Gertrude, born March 22, 1892. Frederick I passed away on July 11, 1913 and his wife died on October 25, 1928. [*Tribune* obituary, June 28, 1900.]

#### **Frederick J. Kieft II [1884-1964]**

The son of Frederick and Katie Nederveld Kieft, Frederick II was born in Grand Haven on April 6, 1884. He married Dirkje "Della" Beekman on February 10, 1906. Born on September 5, 1884, Della was the daughter of Elbert and Alice Van Den Hoek Beekman of Grand Haven Township. The Kiefts, who lived at 505 South Ferry, had 10 children, including: Franklin; Arthur Cornelius, who lived from February 25, 1908 to June 5, 1979 and was the husband of Beatrice Fox; Raymond Edward who was born on July 15, 1913; and Catherine, who lived March 21, 1918 to July 21, 1975 and was married first to Sidney Keniston and then Darward Finkbeiner. Della died on July 17, 1959 and Frederick passed away died in Bradenton, Florida on February 28, 1964.

#### **Frederick J. Kieft [1904-1958]**

The son of John F. and Mabel Deremo Kieft and grandson of Frederick J. Kieft, young Frederick was born in Grand Haven in 1904. Fred was in the contracting business until 1948, when he assumed ownership of the Kieft Concrete Products Company in Spring Lake. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, Optimist Club, Masons, Eastern Star, Eagles, and Shriners. On April 16, 1923 he married Helen Marks, who was born on April 1, 1902 and died in La Mesa, California, on February 16, 1971. They had a daughter, Lois, who married Dwight Naas of Fullerton, California. Frederick died at his home, 505 South Ferry Street, on August 29, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 29, 1958.]

#### **Frederick M. Kieft [1842-1904]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands in August 1842, Frederick was the brother of Wilford and Robert Kieft and Martha Blink, all of Muskegon. Fred came to Grand Haven about 1869. For over 30 years he had a grocery business at the corner of Fulton and Fifth Streets. He was also in the ice business. After retirement he worked his farm on Ferry Street. He married Anna Van Zanten, also from The Netherlands, where she was born in July 1856. Their children included Minke, who was born on July 1, 1875; Katherine, who was born about 1874, married John T. Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven, and died about December 20, 1955; Hattie, born in July 1879; Claudia, born in July 1881; Margaret, who was born on May 3, 1883 and married Harris L. Darbee; Frances, born in June 1885; Phester, who was born on February 28, 1888 and died on August 11, 1961; Wilford [Wilfred] Folgert, who was born on January 3, 1895, married Myrtle in Grand Haven on June 9, 1923, and died on November 10, 1975; Cora; Martha, born in April 1891; and Folgert W., born in January 1895. Wilford and Phester opened Kieft Brothers Men's Store in the mid-1920s. Frederick died on July 13, 1904, probably from a heart seizure while cultivating his farmland, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 14, 1904.]

#### **Henry Kieft [1881-1958]**

Henry was born on October 30, 1881 in The Netherlands, the son of Reintje and Rena Dykstra Kieft. In 1905 he married Elsie Kraai, who was born October 6, 1884 in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of John and Marta Anne Rienks Kraai of Grand Haven. Sometime before 1917 Elsie married Charles Washington Smith. Henry and Elsie resided at 1150 Fulton Avenue. One of their children was Raymond Henry Kieft, who was born on November 10, 1907 and died in Los Angeles County, California, on June 23, 1978. Henry worked at the Grand Haven Basket Factory. He died on October 15, 1958 and Elsie passed away on November 6, 1960. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Jan "John" Kieft [1811-1874]**

Jan Kieft was born in The Netherlands about January 8, 1811 and came to Grand Haven in 1853. His wife, Trintje [Tryntje/Katherine] Meyer, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on December 21, 1815 and died June 28, 1900. In the 1870 census John was classified as a laborer. He died May 18, 1874. Among their children, were Frederick J., born about 1846, Martin, born in April 1856, and Kate, who was born about 1860 and married Hiram Pruim of Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituary, June 28, 1900.]

#### **John Frederick Kieft [1877-1971]**

The son of Frederick J. and Krytnje Nederveld Kieft, John was born in Grand Haven on April 4, 1877. He owned 30 acres in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township [16344 Comstock] and was a mason by trade. He built the addition to the Ottawa County Poor Farm in 1928. On May 3, 1897, in Ottawa County, John married Mabel Gertrude, the daughter of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo. Frederick J. Kieft, who was born in 1904 and named for his grandfather, was their son. Other children were [Florence] Isabella, who was born about 1898 and married Edward Mastenbrook in Grand Haven on August 26, 1922; Maurice E., born about 1911; Chester A. Kieft, born about 1913; Ronald K. Kieft, born about 1914; Alvin Jay Kieft, who was born on March 9, 1916, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934, on November 10, 1940 married Thela Amanda Hill [August 26, 1920-December 22, 2011] in Alma, Gratiot County, her hometown, and moved to Ashland, Ohio, where he died on May 4, 2013; Gertrude Kieft, born about 1917; and Howard Kieft, born about 1919. John Frederick Kieft died in Grand Haven on July 19, 1971.

#### **Martin Kieft [1856-1944]**

Martin was born in Michigan in April 1856, the son of John and Trintje Meyer Kieft. He started a celery business in Grand Haven in the late 1880s. Martin was living with his mother in Grand Haven in the 1880 census. He married Den Roossien, who was born in Michigan on July 25, 1873 and died on October 23, 1958. Their children were Marian K., born in February 1895; James Peter, born in January 1897; John, born in August 1898; Gerald, born about 1904; Frank, born about 1907; and Lester, born about 1913. The family resided at 327 Fulton. Martin passed away around February 8, 1944. He and Dena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Martin Kieft I [1878-1929]**

Martin, the son of Frederick and Kryntje Nederveld Kieft, was born in Grand Haven on November 16, 1878. He and his wife, Dena, lived in the early 1900s at 327 Fulton, and a few years later were owners of a large parcel on the northeast corner of Fulton and Ferry Streets, at one time the location of the Maurer Glove Company. Martin was a gardener and celery farmer. Among the Kiefts' children were Garret, John, Katie, Martin II, and Peter. The young Martin was born on September 8, 1900 and died in December 1978. Martin I died on April 9, 1929.

#### **Minke Kieft [1875-1955]**

Born on July 1, 1875 in Grand Haven, Minke was the son of Frederick and Anna Van Zanten Kieft. On January 28, 1903 in Grand Haven, Minke married Allie Roossien, daughter of Harm and Dena Roossien. Minke worked as a truck driver. He and Allie resided in a house they built in 1906 at 1008 Fulton Street not long after they were married. He died on December 15, 1955 in Orange County, California. Allie passed away on June 5, 1979. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter Annafred on October 27, 1927 married Muskegon resident George J. Kroeze, who died in August 1931 at the age of 25, apparently in an accident. Annafred next married Sherman Palmer on July 1, 1936 in Grand Haven. Annafred was born in Grand Haven on May 13, 1903 and died on November 29, 1993. Sherman lived from March 21, 1900 to January 13, 1951. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Another daughter, Kathryn, was born in 1914 and married Bernard Hesse of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg.

#### **Peter Kieft I [1880-1952]**

In 1903, when Peter Kieft was an employee of the Van Zylen Lumber Company, he married Katherine, the daughter of Peter and Martje Sluiter Cook, who was born on July 4, 1883 and died on April 15, 1981. She attended the first Christian School located at 513 Jackson Street, where one of her teachers was Elizabeth McMillan. Katherine worked at the Basket Factory, located at Sixth and Madison in Grand Haven, and later she was employed by the Hancock Cannery on Washington Street. She was 20 when she married Peter on June 9, 1903. The Kiefts, who lived at 513 Madison, had one daughter, Anna, a teacher at Ferry School, who was born about 1906 and died at age 29, and a son, Peter, who was born about 1897. Peter I had another son, Alford [Alfred/Alvin], who was born in Grand Haven on April 14, 1919 and in the late



1940s into the early 1950s owned Keniston Brothers Ice Cream Store at 623 Washington. Peter I left the lumber company and worked for either Grand Haven Brass Foundry or American Brass Novelty. The family resided at 513 Madison. Peter, the son of Fred D. and Kate Kieft, was born in Grand Haven on November 14, 1880. He died on November 19, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. [*Tribune* obituary, April 4, 2005.]

#### **Phester “Phes” C. Kieft [1888-1961]**

Starting in the 1930s until approximately 1950 Phes Kieft and his brother Wilford owned Kieft Brothers Clothing, first located at 230 Washington, later at 220 Washington, and finally at 125 Washington, when Wilford was the sold owner. Phes married Jeannie Fisher on August 17, 1911 in Grand Haven. Born about 1888 she was the daughter of Thomas and Florence Venema Fisher. They resided at 614 Washington. Jeannie was born about 1887. They had at least two children, Ruth Frances, born about 1913, and Helen Louise, born about 1922. On March 31, 1949 in Grand Rapids, Phes married Lucy Brower Oom. Around 1950 Jack Reichardt bought the clothing business. Phes, born in 1888, passed away around August 14, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Frederick and Anna Kieft of Grand Haven.

#### **Reintje Kieft [1846-1916]**

Reintje Kieft married Rena Dykstra in The Netherlands, where he was born in 1846 and she in 1849. They immigrated to Grand Haven, where Reintje was employed at Ottawa Eagle. The Kiefts lived at 1150 Fulton, which they shared with their son, Henry, and his wife, Elsie. Reintje died in 1916 and Rena two years later.

#### **Thomas F. Kieft [1909-1991]**

Thomas, the son of Edward Kieft and the grandson of Frederick J. Kieft, owned a celery farm at 901 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard] that in 1983 became the site for Grand Haven Garden House. He also acquired 923 Wallace, his father's property. Thomas was born October 24, 1909 and died in Harlingen, Texas on January 31, 1991. He married Harriet C Bol, who., lived from July 14, 1912 to August 13, 1988. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least one son, Lloyd Richard, who was born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1930. Lloyd married Lois Ann Huizenga on March 29, 1957 in Grand Rapids. Lloyd died in Grand Haven on April 18, 2010 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 19, 2010.]

#### **Wilford Folgert Kieft [1895-1975]**

Born on January 3, 1895 in Grand Haven, Wilford Kieft died in Grand Rapids on November 10, 1975. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his death, he resided at 109 Prospect Street in Spring Lake. On June 9, 1923 in Grand Haven, he married Myrtle, the daughter of Frank and Hattie Saul Kaatz. Born in 1898, Myrtle passed away on December 1, 1992 and was buried near her husband. With his brother Phester Kieft, Wilford owned Kieft Brothers Clothing, first located at 230 Washington and later at 220 Washington. Around 1948 Wilford was sole owner of a men's clothing store that bore his name, located at 125 Washington. After Jack Reichardt bought the shop in the early 1950s, it became now as Reichardt's In the early 1950s His parents were Frederick and Anna Kieft of Grand Haven.

#### **William Adam Kieft I [1877-1954]**

William, the son of Adam and Cornelia Van Veuran [Verney] Kieft, was a building contractor who worked from his home at 1003 Fulton in the early 1900s. He served with Army during the Spanish-American War. By 1920 William was located at 1201 Sheldon Road, where he also resided with his family. William's first wife, Catherine, was born in Illinois in 1873, died in 1916, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William and Catherine had at least two children, a daughter, also named Catherine, who was born on August 13, 1906 and died on April 7, 1920, and a son, Louis O., born about 1915. His second wife, Gertrude Klamar, whom William married on October 11, 1920, was born in The Netherlands on April 29,

1885. William and Gertrude had two children, William A. II, born on November 10, 1923, and Katherine G., who was born on May 13, 1926 and married Clyde Arkema of Grand Haven on May 1, 1946. William I was born in Grand Haven on March 10, 1877 and died there on April 13, 1954. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gertrude passed away on November 20, 1941.

#### **William Adam Kieft II [1923-1993]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 10, 1923 to William and Gertrude Kieft, young William was active in governmental affairs, having served on the Grand Haven Township Board and several terms on the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. He was Building and Zoning Administrator for Grand Haven Township when he retired in 1988. On March 26, 1942 he married Ruth Briegel in Grand Haven. Their children included Dennis Lee and Jane of Nunica, William A. III, who was born on March 10, 1877 and died on April 13, 1954, and Charlene, who married Wayne Merz. Both William III and Charlene lived in Grand Haven. William died on November 30, 1993 at his home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 1, 1993.]

#### **William James Kieft [1909-1982]**

The son of Frederick and Della Beekman Kieft, William was born on August 25, 1909. In 1930 he was employed as a grinder in a local print shop. He married Anna Bramer on June 22, 1933. Anna, the daughter of Frederick and Elsie Bosch [Bush] Bramer, was born on April 1, 1911 in Spring Lake and died there on November 24, 2000. The Kiefts resided at 17599 North Shore Drive in Spring Lake Township. William died on March 8, 1982.

#### **Albert Kiel [1841-1930]**

Born in The Netherlands on November 8, 1841, Albert Kiel came to Grand Haven about 1861. Within a short time, he established a furniture and undertaking business that he conducted until his death in 1930. The business was located at 123-125 Washington. For many years he was one of the best-known businessmen in the state.

On September 16, 1872 in Grand Haven, he married the widow Lucy De Keep [De Kiep]. The daughter of Louis and Sarah vanden Berg, Lucy was born in The Netherlands about 1844 and came to Grand Haven with her parents in 1847. Lucy died April 26, 1908 at her home. She and Albert had at least five children: Jennie, who was born in May 1869; Thomas John, who was born in Grand Haven on September 13, 1875; Sarah Henrietta, who was born in January 1879 and at age 55 became J. Edgar Lee's second wife and lived in Grand Haven; and Eleanor, who married Louis Bissonette of Durand, Shiawassee County, and died in 198

Following his father's death, Thomas took over management of the furniture store and retired shortly afterward. Albert was a member of the City Council from 1895 to 1898. He was one of the earliest advocates of the city electric lighting plant, and it was largely through his efforts that the municipal power plant was established and kept in operation in Grand Haven.

The Kiels resided at 315 Columbus Street. Living with Albert and Lucy at that address in 1880 were Lucy's brother, Henry, and her mother, Sarah, the widow of Louis vanden Berg of Grand Haven. Also residing with Albert and Lucy in 1880 were Lucy's children by her earlier marriage: Margaret De Keep, born in Michigan about 1865; Louis De Keep, who was born in Michigan in 1867, died in 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Jane De Keep, born in Michigan about 1869. Albert died June 6, 1930 at his home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 27, 1908 and June 7, 1930.]

#### **Thomas John Kiel [1875-1946]**

Born in Grand Haven September 13, 1875, Thomas was the son of Albert and Lucy Kiel. Thomas worked at his father's store, the Kiel Furniture and Undertaking Store at 123-125 Washington Street in Grand Haven and took over management when his father died in 1930. Thomas retired that year and closed the

business. He attended St. John's Episcopal Church and was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, Masons, Elks, Foresters, and Eastern Star.

On June 6, 1901 in Grand Haven Thomas married Eleanor "Nellie" J. Kermode, who was born in 1874. Nellie came alone from her home on the Isle of Man [England] at the age of 12 to live in Grand Haven with her uncle, John W. Callister, at his home at 626 Clinton Street. About the time they were married, Eleanor and Thomas built the house at 535 Clinton. They had two children: a daughter, Bertha, who was born on May 19, 1903, graduated from the University of Michigan, taught at South Bend, Indiana, retired in 1968 after 43 years, and died at South Bend on January 27, 1996, and Eleanor, who was born around 1905, became a teacher in Dearborn and married Elgin Wright. Thomas was a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. Nellie died in August 1928. Thomas died on April 29, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 30, 1946.]

### **Silas Kilbourn [Kilbourne] [1848–1919]**

Silas Kilbourn, born in Massachusetts in September 1848, bought out the A. and A. D. Fessenden Company in 1882 and expanded operations along the South Channel of the Grand River, north of Adams Street, between the today's U.S. 31 and the Chesapeake & Ohio train depot. His son, Benjamin, worked with him. The firm employed 125 men. The company manufactured fish pails, kits, pickle and cider barrels, and kegs. In addition, the firm operated a large sawmill with a capacity of several million feet. Silas owned three freight cars that he used to ship his wares to market. Sometimes the spring floods would partially flood the Kilbourn yards. Silas recalled one year when men were forced to use a rowboat to take feed to the barn where the plant's three teams of horses were kept.

On April 21, 1878 Silas married Amanda M. Jones in Bay City. In Grand Haven, they lived at the corner of Franklin and Sixth Streets. Amanda was born in October 1854 in Dorchester, Canada and died on May 30, 1907. Their children included a son, Clare W. Kilbourne, born in March 1883; Arthur Cornelius Kilbourne, who was born on August 30, 1884, joined Company G. of the National Guard, and died from appendicitis on June 10, 1903; and Grace Laura Kilbourne, who was born on March 2, 1879 and died on January 27, 1967. Silas died on August 13, 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and daughter. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 31, 1907 and June 10, 1903.]

### **Joseph Kilgore [1868-1920]**

Joseph Kilgore replaced Frank Fraga as lighthouse keeper in 1911 and served until 1920, the year he died. He was born in Door County, Wisconsin on March 10, 1867. He married Alice Marie Cooney, who was born in Manistee in January 1874. Among their children were Gladys, who lived from 1900 to 1967; Lester, who lived from 1901 to 1983; and Charles, born in 1905. Like all keepers, Joseph and his family resided in the residence provided for them at 900 South Harbor. Joseph died on February 11, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By 1930 Alice and her children were residing in Milwaukee. She died in Lucas, Ohio on February 17, 1957.

### **Cornelius "Con" Killean [1850-1915]**

Cornelius Killean married Catharine [Katherine] "Kate" Kelley in Grand Haven on July 22, 1885. They resided at 14 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. Catherine's sister Mary married Charles A. Lyman of Spring Lake. Con's and Kate's children were Arthur J., born in August 1887; May C., born in June 1886; and William, born in April 1890. Arthur served with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan National Guard and saw active duty during the Border War with Mexico in 1916. Cornelius was born in Ireland on June 8, 1850 [1853] and died on July 14, 1915 in Grand Haven. He worked as section foreman for a railroad company. Kate lived from July 10, 1852 [1854] to August 25, 1917. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Edward Killean [Killen] [1838-1896]**

Born in Hamburg, New York on December 19, 1838, Ed was the son of John and Mary Killean, who settled in Grand Rapids. Ed came to Grand Haven as a young man, and in 1860 he was hired by Ernest

Andres to manage the Milwaukee House, also called Western Hotel, in Muir, a fledgling, short-lived village at the foot of Dewey Hill. After the Milwaukee House was destroyed by fire in 1861, Killean continued to work for Andres, who built another hotel with the same name, this one in Grand Haven. After Ferry's original residence on the southeast corner of Washington and Harbor Streets [2 Washington] burned down in 1866, the lot remained vacant until 1873 when Ed and Captain Kirby began construction of the Kirby House at a cost of \$50,000. In the 1870s Ed was proprietor of City Hotel at 114 Washington. In 1880 he took over the Rasch House at the corner of Bridge and Canal Streets in Grand Rapids and renamed it the Clarendon Hotel. Ed managed the Clarendon until he went to Manistee in 1892 to take charge of the Dunham House.

Ed married Margaret Sullivan, who was born in 1839. Margaret's sister Mary married Myron Scott of Grand Haven. In the 1890s, Margaret Killean was proprietor of the Central House in Spring Lake. Charging \$1.00 per day for a room, the hotel was located on the northeast corner of Savidge and Division Streets. Ed died of cancer of the tongue at the Dunham House in Manistee on May 6, 1896 and was buried at Grand Rapids. Following his death, Margaret and a son, John E. Killean, took over the Hotel Bucklen at Elkhart, Indiana. John was born in 1860, died on November 1, 1906, and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Margaret passed away on January 17, 1910 at the home of her daughter, Nettie Seymour, who lived at 51 Lake Avenue in Grand Rapids. Margaret was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. Nettie, who was born in Grand Haven in 1865, married Edward B. Seymour in Grand Rapids on March 9, 1886, and died on January 10, 1922. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 6 and 7, 1896 and January 11, 1922.]

#### **Everett Earl Kimball I [1881-1929]**

Everett Kimball I was born in Montague on August 12, 1881 and on April 24, 1909 in Grand Haven married Uarda [Euarda/Widia] Melissa Conant. In 1918 they resided at 1321 Franklin with Everett II and their five other children. Everett II was born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1912. Everett I worked at Dake Engine Company as a fireman. He passed away in Robinson Township on November 11, 1929 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Uarda was born in Robinson Township on November 23, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on January 4, 1971. She was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

#### **Everett Earl Kimball II [1912-1965]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1912, Everett was the son of Everett and Uarda Mosher Kimball. Everett II left Grand Haven in 1941 when he entered the ministry, first serving the Church of the Nazarene in Potterville, Eaton County. On May 6, 1930, he married Irene Lyons of Grand Haven, who was born in Michigan around 1913. He died in Charlotte, Eaton County, on April 12, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Robert Putnam Kimball [1919-2016]**

Robert, the son of Daniel W. and F. Winifred Kimball, was born in Grand Rapids on July 27, 1919. Daniel lived from 1881 to July 16, 1955, and Winifred was born in 1885 and died on August 22, 1980. They were residents of Grand Rapids. In 1907 Dan was hired as civil engineer by the Hauser-Hayden-Owen company of Grand Rapids. He became president of the company in 1927, the same year the name was changed to Owen-Ames-Kimball Construction Company. Today it is the oldest commercial contracting business in Michigan.

In 1927 John and Hester Belknap bought a waterfront lot on Lake Michigan from Alvin and Carlotta Ewing for \$1,950 and built a cottage on it three years later. Located in a second home development called the Wilderness, about three miles south of Grand Haven, the cottage later was given the address 12749 Wilderness Trail. An addition to the north side of the cottage was completed in 1942. On October 26, 1946 in Grand Rapids, Bob married their daughter, Katherine Hester Belknap. After her parents' deaths, she and Bob took ownership of the cottage. The Kimballs were residents of East Grand Rapids. On June 12, 1971, their son Dan and his wife Kit were married on the beach at the Wilderness. Five years later John

Kimball, another son, married Dyan in the living room of the cottage. Now, 94 years after Jack and Hester bought the Wilderness lot, it remains in the hands of their descendants.

Four years prior to their purchase in the Wilderness, Winifred and her husband bought a cottage named Breezy Rest in Highland Park and later added two more Highland Park cottages to their inventory, Three Twins and Glendale. In 1955, they conveyed title of one cottage to each of their three children. Breezy Rest went to Bob and Kate. It remained in the family until 2017.

Bob earned his bachelor degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan. He served as first lieutenant during World War II in the European and African theaters interpreting aerial photographs. She was born in Grand Rapids on March 28, 1921. Bob and Kate had three sons: Thomas Kimball, George Kimball, and Daniel Kimball.

During World War II, Bob Kimball decided to attend weather school, scheduled to be held at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids. From then on, he was a weather *aficionado*. The family television was consistently tuned to the Weather Channel, and in 1962 Bob posted a weather board on the beach in front of the cottage, primarily to record water temperatures. Soon other weather details were added. Bob passed away on May 12, 2016, exactly four years after Kate. The family has continued the tradition since Bob's death on July 12, 2016. By 2020 Robert and James Kimball held title to the property.

### **Samuel M. Kimball [1869-1943]**

Samuel Kimball was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1869. In the summers of 1897 and 1899 Sam worked as a marine engineer [Fireman] aboard the steamer *Hancock*. According to the 1900 Federal Census, Sam was a marine engineer and living with his wife Mary on Elliott Street. Living with them was an "adopted son" Harry Baggott. Harry, the son of Samuel and Elida Baggott, lived from, 1891 to 1955. Both his parents died in December 1896. On December 1, 1903 in Muskegon, Sam married Margaret F. Allison. Born about 1875, Margaret died on April 29, 1909. On February 11, 1911 Sam married Mary L. Seacott in Muskegon. They were divorced in Grand Haven on December 26, 1918. On February 18, 1919, Sam married Katherine "Kit" C. B. Leindecker in Muskegon. Previously married, she was the daughter of Alexander McKenzie and born about 1875. The Kimball family lived at 534 Fulton Street, which had been Kit's parents' home. Jane and Katherine were living in the Fulton Street house at the time of the 1920 Federal Census. Sam was not included, and Katherine's family name was listed as McKenzie. Sam died at the Infirmary in Eastmanville on December 7, 1943 of cardiac disease. At the time of the 1880 Federal Census, Sam was working in a shingle mill in Grand Haven and claimed he was 19 years old, which would push his birth to 1861.

### **Earl Delery King [1889-1972]**

Earl King was born in Coopersville on December 14, 1889. He married Johanna "Anna" Kamhout in Ferrysburg on October 29, 1910. The daughter of John and Elizabeth Bulthuis Kamhout, she was born on September 29, 1890 in Muskegon. Earl worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in Grand Haven and elsewhere as a pile driver. The family resided at 223 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. Earl passed away in Grand Haven on June 4, 1972 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Anna died on January 24, 1978 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son Earl M. King was born in Ferrysburg on October 20, 1898. They also had three daughters.

### **Frederick Joseph King I [1878-1945]**

Fred, the son of Joseph and Ellen [Helen] Bailey King, was born on November 14, 1878 in Olive Township. He took over the family farm in Section 3 of Olive Township [later Port Sheldon Township]. His brother, John, was co-owner. The farm grew to 200 acres by 1918. Fred married Fannie [Fanny] Correll in Grand Haven on October 4, 1905. They had eight children, all born in Michigan, including Clarence, who was born about 1906; Frances, who was born in 1907 and married William K. Hierholzer of Grand Haven; and Frederick II, who was born about 1909, passed away on April 14, 1975, and was buried

at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fannie was born in Indiana about 1886. She and Fred were married about 1903. Fred continued farming after his brother moved to Grand Haven. Fred died on August 16, 1945.

### **John Edward King [1881-1919]**

John, the son of Joseph and Ellen [Helen] Bailey King, was born on September 13, 1881 in Olive Township. He and his brother Fred took over the family farm in Section 3 of Olive Township. In 1913 John was living at 1200 Pennoyer, and five years later he was a truck driver, residing with his wife, Henrietta Neitring, at 531 Madison. They were married in Grand Haven on December 12, 1908 and had at least five children, all born locally, including Maxine, born about 1909; Henry; who was born on February 25, 1910 and died in Grand Haven in March 1967; and Vernon, who was born on June 5, 1914 in West Olive and died in Grand Haven on January 20, 1998. John died at home on January 22, 1918 of complications from influenza. Henrietta was born in Michigan about 1888.

### **Joseph King [1830-1907]**

Born in Rochester, New York in March 1828, Joseph King resided in Grand Haven before settling on an 80-acre farm in Section 3 of Olive Township, where he lived for the next 30 years. He was one of the veteran ship carpenters in Grand Haven and he worked for a number of years in both the Kirby and the Robertson Ship Yards. About 1865 he married Ellen Bailey in Chicago. Ellen was born in April 1847 in Ireland. Their children included: Ida, born about 1865 in Illinois; Anna, born about 1870 in Illinois; Charlotte M., who was born 1871 in Olive Township; Loretta, born about 1875 in Illinois; Ellen born about 1877 in Olive Township; Frederick J., born on November 14, 1878 in Olive Township; John E., who was born September 13, 1881; and Lulu, born in February 1882. In the early 1900s Fred and John owned the 120-acre family farm in Olive Township. John later moved to Grand Haven. Ellen died at her home, 1200 Pennoyer Avenue, on April 21, 1913. Joseph died June 1, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charlotte married George C. Caughey of Chicago. He was born in Illinois about 1856 and died before 1920. Charlotte continued to reside in Chicago after her husband's death. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 3, 1907 and August 1913.]

### **Kenneth A. King [1906-1993]**

Born in Croswell, Sanilac County on January 5, 1906 to Archid and Anna Armstrong King, Kenneth taught drafting and mechanical drawing for 42 years at Grand Haven High School, retiring in 1969. He started the Rifle Club and Golf Team at the high school and was a counselor and coach for many years. In 1934, as part of the town's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, he drew a graphic map showing historic and current buildings in Grand Haven. In 1971 he chaired the committee charged with developing remodeling plans for the conversion of the Grand Trunk Depot to an historical museum. Kenneth was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a charter member of North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club. On June 26, 1932 he married Lois B. Brashear in Detroit. Lois also taught at the high school. Their children included Mary, who married Gordon Hornby of Grand Haven, and Jean R. King, who was born about 1938 and moved to Anchorage, Alaska. When she was 41 years old, Jean started studying law and became a noted attorney for women's rights. The Kings resided at 512 Leggat and later at 11133 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. Ken died on May 21, 1993. Lois lived from June 24, 1905 to May 6, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, May 22, 1993.]

### **Louis M. King [1914-1993]**

Born on July 29, 1914 in Ferrysburg to Earl and Johanna Kamhout King, Louis was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired from Construction Aggregates and was a life member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Louis belonged to the Sergeant Alvin Jonker V.F.W. Post, Muskegon Moose Lodge, and Grand Haven Eagles. On June 21, 1941 he married Nadie Domanchuk in Grand Haven. She was born April 22, 1913. They resided at 625 Summer Street in Spring Lake. Louis died on November 29, 1993 in Grand Haven and Nadie passed away in Spring Lake on August 4, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, November 30, 1993.]

### **Vernon Frederick King [1914-1998]**

Born on June 5, 1914 in West Olive, Vernon was the son of John and Henrietta Neitring King. Vernon started work as a commercial fisherman at the age of 11. In 1933 he began a 44-year career as a crane operator with his uncle, Henry Neitring, in the earth moving business [Neitring-Sluka Excavating]. He and his wife Veronica had seven children. They lived on Lake Avenue near Potawatomie Bayou [15108 Lake]. Vernon died on June 20, 1998 and was buried at Grand Haven Charter Township Historic Cemetery. Veronica was born in Illinois on October 27, 1915 and died on May 13, 2003 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* article, "44 years of Swinging Bucket," September 26, 1977, and "The King Family of Ottawa County."]

### **Edward Dean Kinkema [1904-1965]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 10, 1904, Edward was the son of Edward P. and Jan Van Zanten Kinkema II. For five years he worked for John J. Boer & Son at 121 Washington. He then became a partner with the Addison, Pellegrom & Colson Furniture and Undertaking Company at 304-306 Washington. The store later became known as Pellegrom & Kinkema. On October 28, 1931, he married Marie Catherine Krueger, the daughter of Max and Molly Krueger. Their children were Edward Max, born about 1935, and Molly Marie, born about 1937. The family resided at 127 South Seventh Street. Edward passed away on February 8, 1965. Marie lived from 1905 to 1989. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Edward P. Kinkema II [1870–1946]**

Edward Kinkema, born in The Netherlands on January 22, 1871, came to the United States when he was eleven. Edward worked as a cooper for a while, and then became interested in the fishing industry in Grand Haven. For over 36 years he operated a cold storage and fresh and smoked fish market at 1034 Fulton in Grand Haven. For a short time, he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, John J. Bolt. Edward was one of the original stockholders of the People's Savings Bank, Grand Haven State Bank, and Keller Took Company. He attended the Christian Reformed Church and served on the Christian School Board. His father, Edward P. Kinkema I, lived from 1825 to November 3, 1891.

On November 28, 1894 Edward II married Jan [Jane] Van Zanten, who was born in Grand Haven on November 15, 1865. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Frieka Wierenga Van Zanten. The Kinkemas had seven sons and one daughter, all born in Grand Haven: Peter E., who was born in September 1896 and died on June 5, 1921; Cornelius, who was born on June 15, 1897, opened a medical practice in Milwaukee, and died in April 1975; Alfred C., who was born on January 14, 1899, lived in Chicago, but died in Grand Rapids on January 15, 1992; Ferdinand J., who was born February 8, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on February 18, 1973; Gerald J., who was born on July 26, 1902, joined the Michigan State Police at Newberry, and died in Oakland County on November 9, 1976; Edward Dean, who was born August 10, 1904 and died in Grand Haven in February 1965; James N., who was born on June 13, 1908 and died in Lordsburg, New Mexico on November 1, 1978; and Frances O., who was born about 1910, married Reginald Ricketts, and relocated to West Englewood, New Jersey. Edward and his wife lived at 920 Fulton and later at 923 Washington. Jane died on September 9, 1930 after surgery at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Edward then married Lena, the daughter of Gomer and Jane Vette of Grand Haven. Lena lived from 1871 to 1935. Edward died at his home on Washington on January 5, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Jane and Lena. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 9, 1930 and January 7, 1946.]

### **James Kinney I [1855-1909]**

Born in Ireland in 1855, James Kinney came to Grand Haven about 1864 and later was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad and Crosby Steamship Lines. In 1881 he married Hattie, who lived from 1857 to 1927. Their children, all of Grand Haven, included James II, who was born on April 24, 1886 and died on July 9, 1959; May; Edward; and Margaret. James died at his home on Elliot and First Streets on February 24, 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest, where his wife also was interred. [*Tribune* obituary, February 24, 1909.]

### **Edward Percival Kirby I [1875-1935]**

Born in Grand Haven on March 28, 1875, Edward was the son of Captain Thomas W. and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby. Captain Kirby was founder of Kirby Shipyards and among the best-known pioneer residents in Grand Haven, Edward graduated from the University of Michigan Law College with honors. He had a law office in Grand Haven with Paul Cunningham. He was residing in Minneapolis in December 1901, when he was appointed probate judge to succeed John Goodrich of Coopersville, who had resigned. He held the office until 1917 and then went to Detroit and engaged in the real estate business. Kirby was a Republican.

Edward's first wife, Loyola A., was born in Illinois about 1889. His second wife, Katherine C., died about February 5, 1965. Edward and Loyola had four children, all born in Michigan: William G., born about 1917; Edward P. II, born about 1922; Elizabeth J., born about 1925; and Alice L., born about 1927. The family lived in the Kirby family home at 514 Washington. After moving to Detroit, the Kirbys returned to Grand Haven to summer in Highland Park where the family established Indian Village, a group of cottages that marked the enlarging of the resort south of Highland Park. Edward died in Detroit on May 8, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Judge E. Percival Kirby," October 10, 1902 and *Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1935.]

### **John O'Brien Kirby [1872-1920]**

The son of Captain Thomas W. and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby, John was born in Grand Haven on November 15, 1872. Like his brothers, John entered the business field and was the local agent for the Hamburg-Bremen Insurance Company. His office was at 220 Washington. Early in his career he lived with other family members at 514 Washington. Later he and his wife, Katherine, resided at 522 Washington. They owned a cottage at Indian Village, on Lake Michigan slightly south of Highland Park. John was killed in an auto accident near Lansing on June 28, 1926. [*Tribune* obituary, June 28, 1920.]

### **Joseph H. Kirby [1880-1934]**

Joseph, another son of Captain Thomas and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby, was born in Grand Haven in June 1880. The family business office was located at 220 Washington Street, and he lived in the family home at 514 Washington. Joseph died in 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Maurice S. Kirby [1871-1925]**

Maurice, the son of Captain Thomas and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby, was born in Grand Haven in August 1871. On February 12, 1896 in Grand Haven, he married Miriam, the daughter of Edward and Clara White Ferry. She was born in Grand Haven on August 17, 1874. In 1900 Maurice was living alone in Chicago, where he worked as a chemist. By 1910 he was still living alone, listed as single, and working as an accountant. He died in 1925. By 1910 Miriam had married Charles C. Reynolds and moved to Los Angeles, California. By 1930 they were divorced. Miriam died in Los Angeles on December 18, 1955. Apparently she was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery three years later. Her children were Katherine, born in Illinois in November 1896, Virginia, who born in Illinois on September 25, 1898, married Karl B. Schurz, and died in Los Angeles on August 25, 1985; and Charles "Ferry," who was born in California on June 8, 1906, and passed away in Los Angeles on February 7, 1955. The children are listed with the name Reynolds, although only Ferry was Charles Reynold's natural child and Maurice was the father of the two girls.

### **Thomas Edward Kirby [1868-1940]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 1, 1868, Thomas was the son of Captain Thomas and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby. Thomas attended business college in Grand Rapids, and in 1890 he graduated from the University of Michigan Pharmacy Department. He practiced law in Detroit for four years, and then returned to Grand Haven to take charge of "The Fisheries," which included a fleet of fishing boats operated by his father. When Captain Kirby died, Thomas and his three brothers, John, Edward, and Joseph organized the Kirby



Coal and Insurance Company in the building later occupied by the Kieft Brothers Clothing Store at 220 Washington. Thomas was city clerk from 1898 to 1899. He resided at 520 Washington. He died on April 5, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Thomas Waters Kirby [1832-1896]**

Born on his father's sailing ship in the China Sea in 1832, Thomas Kirby had an Irish heritage. After his father drowned, Kirby went to sea at the age of nine and served in all the positions on shipboard until he finally became a shipmaster. In 1857 he came to America, where he sailed the Great Lakes. In the early years of lumbering in Grand Haven he met with an accident that cost him the use of his left arm. It happened at Spoonville, when a tree being felled struck him and rendered his arm useless. He had charge of the Kirby-Furlong Barge Company, later the Michigan Barge Company. In 1867 Captain Kirby, John W. Callister, and John Neil organized Mechanics Dry Dock and Shipyard and built the tugs *J. G. Campbell*, *H. W. Warner*, *Centennial*, *Blanche*, *Deer*, *Elk*, *Callister*, and *Sprite*. They were built near Government Basin on Harbor Avenue. He and his partner Healy C. Akeley owned the Kirby & Akeley shipyard. Thomas manufactured such vessels as *major Pickands*, *Samuel Marshall*, and the 230' *H. C. Akeley*, which was built in 1881 at a cost of \$110,000. In 1872 Captain Kirby donated funds to build the first Roman Catholic Church [St. Patrick's] in Grand Haven on the south side of Fulton Street, about one block east of Seventh. Thomas joined with Ed Killean in building the Kirby House in 1873 at the southeast corner of Washington and Harbor Streets. Thomas was mayor of Grand Haven in 1887 and 1889 and 1892. He was chairman of the Board of Public Works.

On September 25, 1867 Thomas married Mary Ellen O'Brien in Chicago. Mary was born in New York on November 25, 1841 [1845] and died on October 13, 1927. They resided at 514 Washington and later at 520 Washington. Their children included Thomas Edward, who was born on August 1, 1868 [1869]; Maurice S., who was born about 1871; John O'Brien, who was born on November 15 1872 [1873]; Edward Percival., who was born on March 28, 1875 [1876]; Mary Winifred, who was born in April 1879 and studied dentistry; and Joseph H., who was born in June 1880. Thomas died on September 29, 1896 at the Hotel Cadillac in Detroit. Husband and wife were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 30, 1896.]

### **Harry Pilkington Kirk [1885-1948]**

Born on November 25, 1885 in Leeds, England, Harry Kirk was called the "father of dushzneing" in Ottawa County because he organized the first troop at St. John's Episcopal Church in 1914, the year he arrived in Grand Haven from Canada. Harry started the first Boy Scout camp in the county, a 30-acre site known in the 1920s as Camp Shawondossee and later as Camp McCarthy. The 30 acres was carved out of a 399-acre farm owned by Patrick McCarthy in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. In 1944 the name of the camp was changed to Camp Kirk in Harry's honor. Harry held the highest adult rank, silver beaver, and was an Eagle Scout. He held continuous membership in scouting from 1914 to his death. He also was a high-ranking Mason. In 1930 he was shaver at Eagle Ottawa. Later he became foreman of the Splitting Department at the leather company. On August 23, 1919 he married Mabel Cunstead, who was born on February 28, 1896 and died about June 1, 1970 in Miamisburg, Ohio. They resided at 1223 Washington Street and at 501 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Harry died on August 21, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mabel. Their daughter, Stella P., was born in Grand Haven on November 8, 1921 and died on July 5, 1996. [*Tribune* obituary, August 21, 1948.]

### **George Kirkby I [1856-1925]**

George Kirkby, who was born in England, lived from January 1856 to February 16, 1925. He resided on a farm bought by his parents, Joseph and Ann Dawson Kirkby, in 1882. Joseph was born in England in 1824 and brought his family to the United States in 1873. The Kirkby farm originally consisted of 40 acres in Section 27 of Crockery Township [11123 Wren Drive], and eventually grew to 160 acres. George's wife, Augusta, was born in Michigan on June 16, 1870. They had a daughter, Elizabeth, born in Ottawa County

in August 1893, and two sons, George II, who was born in Crockery on April 11, 1902 and died on June 17, 1984, and Lloyd W., who was born about 1906. Augusta died on November 12, 1951. George II took over the farm and with his wife Frankie and raised wheat, oats, corn, and cattle. Frankie Alice Nash and George were married in Fremont on August 17, 1940. She was born on September 15, 1911. In 2001 she sold the Centennial Farm to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the property soon was designated an Ottawa County Park. Frankie passed away on September 16, 2005. George I and II, Augusta, Frankie and other Kirkbys were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

#### **George F. Kirkland [1819-1869]**

George Kirkland was born in England in 1819. On December 26, 1862, as a resident of Saline, Washtenaw County, he enlisted as private in Company M of the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on June 6, 1865. George died on August 17, 1869 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On June 29, 1880, his wife, Elizabeth, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. In 1870 she managed a restaurant in Grand Haven. Elizabeth, also a native of England, was born in December 1819 and died in Grand Haven on September 4, 1901. A daughter, Martha "Patty," was born in England in October 1850 and married Daniel F. Miller of Grand Haven. Patty's twin, Jeanette "Jennie" Maria, married William John Saunders of Grand Haven. William H. Kirkland of Grand Haven was George's brother.

#### **Joseph Kirkland [Kirkland, Kirtland] [1852-1926]**

Joseph, who was born in September 1852 in New York, accompanied his parents, William and Elizabeth Kirkland, to Grand Haven, where he became a machinist. Joseph died on October 30, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Bidgood in Grand Haven on December 3, 1879. She was born in Michigan in August 1856. They resided at 608 Clinton as early as 1880. They had at least six children, all born locally: Mildred De Etta Kirkland, who was born on December 1, 1880 and married William Bilz of Spring Lake; Miriam [Marian] Kirkland, who was born on October 20, 1882 and married Walter Bloeser; George D. Kirkland, who was born in July 1885 and married Anna C. Borkenhagen in Grand Haven on July 3, 1916; Walter F. Kirkland, born in August 1887; Stuart [Stewart], who was born in September 1889 [1890] and died in 1916; and Elizabeth Josephine [Josephine Elizabeth] Kirkland, who was born in March 1893 and married James H. Johnston of Grand Haven. Stuart was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his father. Elizabeth and her sister Emily Bidgood were still residing at 608 Clinton as late as 1932.

#### **Walter Fred Kirkland I [1887-1961]**

On June 21, 1921, in Grand Haven, Walter Kirkland married Vera L., the daughter of Frederick and Clara Gale Little Pfaff of Grand Haven. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth Bidgood Kirkland of Grand Haven. Vera was born in September 1889. She died around February 21, 1957, and Walter, who was born on August 2, 1887, died on May 30, 1961. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1910 Walter and his brother George were living as lodgers in Milwaukee, where they were working as shoemakers. By 1920 Walter was still in Milwaukee, continuing his career as a cobbler. Ten years later he and Vera were residing in Milwaukee, and Walter now was foreman at a shoe factory. They had at least two children, Clarissa A., born in Wisconsin about 1923, and Walter F. II, born in Wisconsin about 1924.

#### **William H. Kirkland [1823-1904]**

William Kirkland was born in England in November 1823 and arrived in the United States in 1845. In 1867 he operated the Railroad House Hotel, located at the railroad terminal at the base of Dewey Hill, across the river from the west end of Washington Street. He also owned an icehouse. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in England about 1820, died on September 4, 1901, and was buried at Lake Forest. William moved to Detroit, where he worked as a chef on the railroad. He passed away on March 31, 1904. They had a son Joseph, who was born about 1852 and lived in Grand Haven; another son, George W., who was born in Canada in March 1859, became a railroad clerk and after 1880 moved to Detroit; and a daughter,

Mary, who was born in December 1861, married a Mr. Thompson, and also moved to Detroit. George F. Kirkland of Grand Haven was William's brother. [*Tribune* obituary, June 23, 1893.]

### **Everett Dean Kisinger [1912-1990]**

Everett Kisinger was born in Battle Creek on May 6, 1912 and died in Colorado Springs, Colorado in January 1990. He graduated from Muskegon High School and earned bachelor and master degrees from the University of Michigan. Everett attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen, where he played under the baton of John Philip Sousa. He was high school band director at Grand Haven in the mid-1940s. In 1948 he joined the University of Illinois, where he was Professor of Music until retirement in 1976. During his time at Illinois, Everett was director of the University of Illinois Football Band and three concert bands and taught several academic courses. Under his direction, the Marching Illini performed in two Rose Bowl games in 1952 and 1964, the Tournament of Roses Parades those same years, and the inaugural parade in Washington D. C. in 1957. Everett married Eleanor Warneke in Muskegon on August 20, 1938. She lived from November 16, 1916 to April 13, 1991. His second wife, June moved to Clearwater, Florida after Everett's death. A son, William Dean, played horn with the Marching Illini band for four years. Everett also had two daughters: Kay Blouke, who moved to Oregon, and Ann Schuldt, who remained in Illinois.

### **Jacob Julius Kisosondi [1886-1955]**

A native of Austria [Hungary], where he was born on July 25, 1886, Jacob Kisosondi arrived in America on January 27, 1910 aboard the *SS New York*, out of Southampton, England, first settling in Chicago. On November 6, 1905, he married Eva Jandrosic. In 1917 Jacob was employed by International Harvester in Chicago. The family still resided in Chicago in 1920, when Jacob was listed as a grocery salesman. Ten years later, and he and his children were living at 528 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Jacob owned Grand Haven Motors, a business he sold to Jim Ledinski of Grand Haven in 1937. Prior to the sale, Jacob managed Harbor View Chicken Inn at 10 Franklin. Eva, who was born in Austria on May 15, 1889, passed away on October 30, 1924, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jacob and Eva had five children: Theresa, born about 1912; Matthew G, who was born on February 3, 1914 and died in Grand Haven on September 25, 2004; Edward J., who was born on January 3, 1916, enlisted in the Army on April 10, 1942 while a resident of Michigan, and died in August 1967; Katie, born around April 1, 1919; and Francis Anthony., who was born on October 12, 1920 and died in Rochester, Oakland County on August 5, 2006. The two oldest children were born in Austria, the other three in Illinois. Matthew's wife, Irene, who was born on January 1, 1916, passed away in Grand Haven on February 12, 1993. On October 27, 1934, Jacob married Elva Christina Martin, who had a daughter, Betty, born about 1927. Jacob died in Hillsborough County, Florida in 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest with his first wife.

### **Grace Olsen Kistler [1899-1967] and John J. Kistler I [1894-1963]**

Born in Marion, Kansas on February 24, 1899, Grace Olsen graduated from the University of Kansas and earned a Master Degree in Journalism from Columbia University. She served on the North Ottawa Community Hospital Authority; Michigan Federation of Woman's Clubs; Grand Haven War Memorial Committee; Ottawa County Red Cross; Support Council of Grand Valley State College; and First Presbyterian Church Women's Association. A dormitory on the campus was named the Grace Olsen Kistler Living Center in her honor. She had been on the Board of Control of the group that sought to establish a four-year college in the area. The college opened in 1960.

On August 11, 1923 Grace and John J. Kistler I were married. They moved to Grand Haven in 1940, where John was office manager and later president of Challenge Machinery Company. They lived at 815 South De Spelder. John, who was born in Kansas on November 1, 1894, died on December 14, 1963. They had three children, all born in Kansas: Joan, who was born about 1925 and married Allen M. Bosworth III of Farmington, Oakland County; John J. II, born about 1927; and James O., who was born about 1929 and relocated to Bakersfield, California. Grace died at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon on November 18, 1967

and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her sons and daughter established the Grace Olsen Kistler Memorial Scholarship Fund for Grand Valley State College [GVSU]. [*Tribune* obituary, November 18, 1967 and *Tribune* articles, “Mrs. J. J. Kistler, Devoted Leader” and “GK Scholarship Fund Announced,” November 20, 1967.]

### **John H. Kitchel [1910-1975]**

Born June 14, 1910 in Deer Creek, Indiana, John Kitchel graduated from Ball State University and Indiana University School of Medicine in 1940. He came to Grand Haven in 1941 and, with his physician wife Dr. Mary Kitchel, opened an office at 320 Washington in Grand Haven and later moved to 414 Franklin Street. He was a member of the Ottawa County Medical Society, North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Water Resources Commission, the American Academy of General Practice, and Grand Haven School Board from 1956 to 1962.

In 1935 John married Mary Spurgeon in Terre Haute, Indiana. They had six children: Carolyn, who married Richard Titus of Las Vegas, Nevada; Jane, who married D. Mac West of Berkeley, California; Charles S. of Grand Rapids; Elaine, who married William De Vries III of Walker, Kent County; Daniel S. of Lansing; and Kim of Ferrysburg. John’s wife, known as Dr. Mary, after WWII concentrated primarily on anesthesiology. John died of an apparent heart attack on December 20, 1975 in Lansing. The John H. Kitchel Dune Preserve, named in his honor, consisted of 52 acres of North Shore duneland and was set aside by his wife to be a land preserve and nature study area. The Preserve later was combined with an adjacent parcel to form the Kitchel-Lundquist Dunes Preserve. [*Tribune* obituary, December 22, 1975, and *Tribune* article, “Duneland Name Honors Kitchel,” May 26, 1976.]

### **Mary Spurgeon Kitchel [1912-2002]**

Mary Spurgeon was born in Noblesville, Indiana on January 18, 1912. She and her parents moved to Springfield, Missouri, and then to Terre Haute, Indiana. Mary graduated from Indiana State Teachers College [Indiana State University] and, in 1939, from Indiana University School of Medicine. She and John Kitchel met at Indiana University and were married in 1935 in Terre Haute. After having two of her six children, Mary attended Medical School at Indiana University, where she graduated in 1939. She and her husband, also a physician, opened their medical practice in Grand Haven in 1941 at 320 Washington before moving to a building they erected at 414 Franklin Street. Following WWII Mary specialized in anesthesiology. She was deeply interested in local history and supported the work of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. In 1969 she authored the book *Spring Lake Community Centennial—1869-1969*. Dr. Mary retired from her practice in 1980 but took on the responsibility of medical director at North Ottawa Care Center in 1983, a position she held for 13 years. She served in a similar capacity for Glenwood Christian Nursing Home until 1991, and she also was State Nursing Home Inspector for Ottawa and Muskegon Counties. In 1969 Dr. Mary was named “Tri-Cities Career Woman of the Year” and in 1987 the Rotary Club honored her as a “Paul Harris Fellow.” In 1990 she was the first recipient of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum “Historian of the Year” award. Dr. Mary died in Grand Haven on March 10, 2002. The Kitchels had six children: Carolyn, who married Richard Titus of Las Vegas, Nevada; Jane, who married D. Mac West of Berkeley, California; Charles S. of Grand Rapids; Elaine, who married William De Vries III of Walker, Kent County; Daniel S. of Lansing; and Kim of Ferrysburg. [Personal correspondence with Elaine Kitchel De Vries and Carolyn Kitchel Titus and *Tribune* obituary, March 12, 2002.]

### **Ross Brehm Kittleman [1940-2019]**

After graduating from Michigan Technological University in Houghton with a degree in civil engineering, Ross Kittleman was employed by the United States Corps of Engineer. He retired from the Corps after 34 years, serving as the engineer for the west half of the Lower Peninsula, including Grand Haven. Ross was part of the team that planned and completed the Boardwalk. He was born in Cadillac on October 6, 1940. He and his wife Mary Linda had two sons, Even and Josh. Ross passed away in Grand Haven on July 22, 2019. [*Tribune* obituary, July 29, 2019.]

### **Jacobus Klanderman [1814-1905]**

Jacobus Klanderman and his family immigrated to the United States in 1867 and located their farm on 40 acres in Section 19 of Blendon Township. He founded a Dutch settlement in Blendon Township in 1868. At first called Klandermanstadt, in a short time the village's name was changed to Borculo, the name of Jacobus's hometown in the Netherlands. Herman Wiegink was appointed the town's first postmaster in 1882. The post office closed permanently 31 years later on the last day of December. Although the town's population in 1902 was only 45, it had two dry goods stores, a creamery, harness and shoemaker shop, and a sawmill. General farming remained the dominant occupation for most residents. It was predominately a Dutch community with a scattering of German immigrants. In the early years, the settlers gathered for Sunday service at the Klanderman home. Other worshippers met at the Borculo School, which was built in 1876. In 1883 the two congregations merged to form the Holland Christian Reformed Church of Borculo.

Jacobus was born in Borkulo [Dutch spelling], Gelderland Province, the Netherlands on October 29, 1815. He was 23 years old when he married Gesina Kistemaker, who was two years older than he. She passed away in 1855. They had one child, Gerrit, who lived from 1839 to 1876. Gerrit and his family had a farm a short distance just north of his father. In 1865 Jacobus married Aaltjen Rietman, also from the Netherlands. They had at least three children, all born in the Netherlands: Johanna, who lived from 1857 to 1926; Derk, who was born in 1859 and died in 1935; and Mary, who died in 1933 at the age of 74. Jacobus died in Borculo on February 2, 1905. He and Aaltjen were buried at Borculo Cemetery.

### **Joseph J. Klaassen [Klaasen, Klaussen, Klasen, Klassen, Claussen] [1857-1935]**

Born in The Netherlands on February 3, 1857, Joseph J. Klaassen immigrated to Grand Haven and, after working as a cooper [barrel maker] opened a grocery store at 601 Fulton Street. Called Klaassen & Company, the store advertised that it carried a "fine line of staple and fancy groceries." At some point after 1914, Joseph sold the store to Vincent Bomberski. By 1920 Joseph was working as a watchman for one of the railroad companies. The 1930 census listed him as retired. from served as alderman for the City of Grand Haven from 1899 to 1904.

About 1883 Joseph married Mary Newhouse, also a native of The Netherlands, where she was born in 1863. They had three children: Kathryn [Catherine], who lived from January 11, 1884 to September 1965; Cornelius [Carl/Nace], who was born on August 13, 1886; and Marian, who was born on March 27, 1898 [1899] and passed away on October 15, 1973. The family resided at 606 Columbus Street as early as 1900. Mary was president of the Ladies Aid Society. Joseph died on February 21, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After Mary's death around September 13, 1946, Marian continued to live in the family homestead until her death on October 11, 1973. She worked as a bookkeeper at Prui Music House, originally located at 135 Washington and later at 201 Washington. Kathryn married Isaac Vanden Beldt [Vanden Belt], who lived from 1873 to 1961. On December 16, 1931 in Battle Creek, Cornelius married Doris Dexter Davis, who was born in 1897. They resided in Battle Creek, where he passed away on December 1, 1967. Kathryn, Isaac, Mary, and Marian were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Joseph.

### **Peter Klaassen [1918-2006]**

Peter, the son of Arie and Alida Boone Klaassen, was born in Grand Rapids on September 5, 1918. Peter married Jane Lois Casemier in Grand Haven on August 4, 1940. She was the daughter of Henry and Nan Boomgaard Casemier. David Jay Klaassen, their son, was born in Grand Haven on July 22, 1941, a daughter, Susan Key Klaassen, was born on October 20, 1946, and a second son, Donn Alan Klaassen, was born on August 20, 1952. In 1950, the family lived at 520 Waverly Street in Grand Haven. Peter was then working as a retail office supply salesman. Later he was employed by Henry Casemier's Super Market. Peter died on April 22, 2006. Jane lived from September 19, 1919 to December 10, 2010. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Cecil Arnold Klages [1919-2003]**

Rev. Cecil Klages was installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grand Haven on May 12, 1957 and served there until his retirement in 1987. Rev. Klages was born in Marmion, Ontario, Canada on March 9, 1919. His parents were Theodore and Clara Schwatz Klages. The Reverend married Clara Esslinger on March 10, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri. On September 29, 1964 he became a U.S. citizen. He earned a master degree in counseling from Western Michigan University in 1981, and he served on the Michigan District Mission Board and Missouri Synod Adjudication Board. He also was Chaplain to the Armed Services Commission. In the Grand Haven area, the pastor served on the boards of North Ottawa County Council on Aging and the Tri-Cities YMCA. After retirement, he served as Chaplain at Hackley Hospital. He and Clara had five children: Kenneth James Klages, who was born on January 5, 1946 in Saskatchewan, Canada, married Ruth Koenig in Chicago on December 26, 1971, and passed away on December 31, 2020; Ronald Klages, born about 1947; Lois Klages Eich; Carol Klages Spoelma, born about 1950; and Ross Klages, born about 1953. Cecil was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 2003.]

#### **Kenneth James Klages [1946-2020]**

Kenneth James Klages was born on January 5, 1946 in Saskatchewan, Canada. His parents were Rev. Cecil and Clara Esslinger Klages. Kenneth graduated from Grand Haven High School and married Ruth Koenig in Chicago on December 26, 1971. In 1979 they bought the house at 307 South Fourth Street from James and Vicki Lantz. Ken at that time worked as a tuner for Story & Clark Piano Company. They lived in the house until 1983, when they moved to Saginaw, where Ken became Director of Music at Peace Lutheran Church. He passed away on December 31, 2020. Ruth was born on July 1, 1947. They had one child, Kristen Ruth Klages, who was born in November 1975.

#### **Jacobus [Jakobus] Klanderman [1815-1905]**

Jacobus Klanderman founded Borculo in 1867 and named it for his home village in The Netherlands. Jacobus was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on October 29, 1815. On May 23, 1839 he married Gesina Kistemaker, who lived from 1813 to 1855. They had one surviving child: Gerrit Klanderman [1839-1876]. In 1855 Jacobus married Alltjen Rietman, also from The Netherlands. She lived from December 16, 1825 to November 9, 1907. They had at least three children: Johanna Klanderman [1857-1926], who married Berend Zevalkink [1843-1918]; Derk Klanderman [1859-1935]; and Mary Klanderman [1859-1933], the wife of Evert Zevalkink [1848-1903]. Jacobus and his family immigrated to the United States around 1867. He died in Borculo on February 2, 1905.

#### **Arend Jan "John" Klaver [1856-1943]**

A native of Grand Haven, John was born on October 14, 1856 when his parents, Gerrit Jan and Jennike Bolt Klaver, lived at 326 Franklin Street. John and Peter Klaver were brothers. John, a painter by trade, was elected city marshall in 1892 and 1893, and he was court officer as well. In 1892 he became the first Grand Haven policeman to wear a uniform., and he was an Ottawa County deputy sheriff. At one time he owned a half interest in "Turk," a trotter with a good record. The other half interest belonged to Edward Vaupell, sheriff of Ottawa County. On November 1, 1897 John married Augusta Grambante in Grand Haven. A native of Germany, she lived from August 1859 [1860] to 1928. John died in Grand Haven on December 14, 1943. Both were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Jennie R., was born on January 4, 1885.

#### **Gerrit [Geert] Jan Klaver [1824-1862]**

Gerrit Jan Klaver, born in The Netherlands in 1824, first settled in Holland, Michigan, and then, sometime before 1850, moved to Grand Haven with his brother Pieter. In the 1850 census Gerrit was classified as a turner [someone who works on a wood lathe], and six years later he was listed in the *Michigan State Gazetteer* as a carriage maker. Gerrit became a U.S. citizen in 1854. He married Jennike [Jenneken] Bolt, in Ottawa County on October 11, 1852. They lived for a while at 326 Franklin before purchasing a one-acre site on Beechtree near Washington Street, where they built a home and raised their family. Their

children were John, born on October 14, 1856; Margaret, born about 1858; and Peter, born on December 21, 1861. Both Peter and John were house painters in 1880. Gerrit died in 1862. Jennike lived from 1831 to 1911.

### **Peter Klaver [1861-1918]**

Born in Grand Haven on December 21, 1861, the son of Gerrit and Jennike Bolt Klaver, Peter was a painter by trade and was in business for seventeen years, making a specialty of everything in the decorating line. Shortly after his father's death in 1872, Peter dropped out of the sixth grade and began work in a local shingle mill. Peter later became Constable for one term and served as City alderman in 1896 and 1897, and also was on the Board of Education. Peter owned a grocery and meat market, originally at 101 North Third and then across the street at 106. His son, John, later ran the grocery.

On October 20, 1891 Peter married Egberdena "Dena" Boer, a Grand Haven teacher, who was born in Grand Haven in December 1866. Dena was the daughter of Jan and Lammigye Van Dam Boer and the sister of John J. Boer. The Klavers had two sons, John B., born in April 1893, and Eugene G., born in November 1896. About 1905, the Klavers built their residence of many years at 618 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Peter died on July 29, 1918. Dena was born on September 10, 1865 and died on December 6, 1935. Both were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Charles L. Klein II [1904-1996]**

Born in Wright Township on May 14, 1904 to Charles and Catherine Meier Klein, young Charles became superintendent of Grand Haven Brass Company. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Supervisors Club. On January 5, 1926 he married Margaret M. Dudick, who died August 25, 1996. They had three daughters: Sharon, who married Sherman Vink; Maxine, who married Eugene Rooker of Grand Ledge; and Arlene, who married Bill Gavin. Charles died on January 8, 1996 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 9, 1996.]

### **Carl Fred Kleist [1891-1961]**

Carl Kleist was named head of the welding department at Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company in Grand Haven when it was organized in 1929. He later worked for Paragon Pattern in Muskegon, and then in 1958 started his own business, Quality Pattern, located at 1555 Marion in Grand Haven. Carl was born in Grand Rapids on January 24, 1891. On June 30, 1917 in Grand Rapids, he married Gertrude Taugenberg, who was born in Michigan on November 28, 1897 and died on May 28, 1950. They had three children, all born locally: Jean Mildred, born about February 1918; Louise C., born about 1921; and Frederick Carl, born about 1926. Frederick Carl joined his father's business. The Kleist family resided at 911 Pennoyer. Carl passed on around September 13, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

### **Frederick Carl Kleist [1925-2012]**

The son of Carl and Gertrude Taugenberg Kleist, Frederick was born in Grand Haven on November 25, 1925. On September 4, 1947, he married Marilyn Kramer in Grand Haven. Frederick worked as a pattern maker at the Dake Company. The family resided at 921 Fulton Street. Frederick died on September 19, 2012. Marilyn, who was born on July 28, 1925, passed away on October 11, 2008. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children was Mark Kleist, who was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1950, married Elizabeth Fortino in Grand Haven on September 28, 1984, died on November 5, 2023, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **August G. Klempel [Klumpel, Kluempel, Klemke] [1855-1930]**

See August Klumpel.

### **Emil Herman Klempel [1889-1965]**

See Emil Herman Klumpel.

### **Richard Klempel [1924-2013]**

Richard Klempel served 37 years with the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety [Police Department] and was its chief from 1954 to his retirement in 1984. Richard, the son of Otto and Mary Alman Klempel, was born in Grand Haven on August 16, 1924. He married Lois Schulz in 1948. They had six children: Lynda, who married Steve Spears and moved to Oregon; Gayle, who married Walker Parmalee; Janna, who married Barry Houghton; Deb, who married Russell Rymal; Jim Klempel; and Scott Klempel. Richard and Lois were members of the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

Richard graduated from Grand Haven High School and served with the Army during WWII. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star, and a Badge for Heroic Achievement. He joined the Police Department as a patrolman in 1947 after a short stint with Camfield Manufacturing. Richard died in Grand Haven on September 15, 2013 and was buried at Lake

### **Joseph Klepac [1878–1959]**

Born in Bohemia on December 3, 1878, Joseph Klepac at an early age served four years as an apprentice in a piano factory. He became a student in the Berlin Technical School for Piano Builders and later was associated with Bechstein, who along, with Steinway, was known as one of the world's finest piano builders. Joseph received training as a journeyman in every factory of importance on the continent and in England. After working for Bechstein in Berlin for seven years, he was named superintendent and acoustical engineer for the British Piano Factory of Sir Herbert Marshall & Sons. When World War I broke out in 1914 he came to the United States and on August 7, 1921 became a naturalized citizen. By 1918 he was associated with Kohler Brambach Piano Company, New York City, and for 15 years was acoustical engineer and factory manager for that firm. He became acoustical adviser to the American Steel Wire Company in Chicago, manufacturers of steel strings for most of the American and Canadian piano factories. Soon after 1930, piano builders became conscious of the need for a smaller piano. Joseph was credited with conceiving the idea of the small piano of today, called spinets, consoles, or other names, for use primarily in residences. In 1935 he came to Grand Haven and for eight years was superintendent and acoustical engineer for Story & Clark Piano Company. He then joined the Laughead Piano Company, also in Grand Haven. Joseph was hailed by many as the "father of the small piano in America." In 1939 *Fortune* magazine credited him with being responsible for the positive evolution of the industry. His work as a paid consultant required him to go to cities in the East, and his latest design was a small, five-octave spinet piano with an aluminum plate. Joseph also maintained an acoustic laboratory in Grand Haven.

Joseph's first wife's name was Kristiana. She was born on April 7, 1879, died on September 25, 1937, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Joseph then married Cora Voshel [Voshol], who was born on January 24, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on July 6, 1971. Many factories tried to induce Joseph to move East, but he and his wife loved West Michigan with its lakes and sand dunes, and they remained in Grand Haven. Joseph carried out experimental work for his own pleasure and for several large piano firms in the basement of his home at 111 Franklin Street. The couple attended the Second Christian Reformed Church. He died on May 25, 1959. He and Cora were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle*, March 3, 1949.]

### **Leslie E. Kline [1897-1987]**

In the mid-1930s Leslie Kline, a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, had an office at 700 Washington in Grand Haven. He continued working from that address until the late 1960s. Leslie was born on December 10, 1897 and died in Fruitport on June 30, 1987. He resided at 180 North Third in Fruitport.

### **Effie Klinge [Wick] [1906-1957]**

Born in West Olive on December 22, 1906. Effie Klinge in the late 1930s became part owner of Dee-Lite Bakery at 9 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. On April 12, 1945 she married Earl Elton Wick [1903-1969] in California. By 1950 they were residing in Los Angeles, California, where she worked as server in



a “malt shop.” She died on January 7, 1957 in Orange County, California and was buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

**Philip J. Klingman [1864-1914]**

Philip Klingman founded Klingman Furniture in Grand Rapids in 1886. He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio in May 1864 [1863]. He married Josephine Dunsing in Hamilton, Ohio on April 21, 1887. By 1910 Philip and his wife Josephine owned and resided in a waterfront residence located on 66 acres in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, possibly part of the property later designated as 15735 Littlefield Lane. The house cost a reported \$100,000 to build. Philip passed away at the age of 50. Josephine was born in Ohio in March 1867. In 1930 she was living in the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids. She died in Grand Rapids on January 4, 1953 and was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Portsmouth, Ohio.

**Ann Jerovsek Klintworth [1918-2003]**

Ann was born in Trimountain, Houghton County to Mary and Frank Jerovsek I on March 14, 1918. John Jerovsek of Grand Haven was her brother. She married Raymond F. Klintworth. They resided at 15919 Leonard Road. Ray, who was born in Crockery Township on April 23, 1917, died in June 1980. The Klintworths had one daughter, Denise Mentalewicz. Ann died in Grand Rapids on August 5, 2003. Ray’s sister, Myrtle Rose, married John Von Albade of Flint. Myrtle lived from June 20, 1925 and died in Florida on December 17, 2003.

**William Carl Klockstein [Klocksein, Klocksien] [1878-**

In the 1920s Klockstein & Nay’s Meat Market was open for a short time at 124 Washington Street. One of the co-owners was Cassius Nay, the other was William Klockstein. The partners sold to Eldean Nixon, who continued the meat market business. William was born in Michigan on August 16, 1878. On March 20, 1901 he married Jennie Zeldenrust in Coopersville. She was born in Grand Haven on June 26, 1877 and on March 26, 1928. By 1930 William and his second wife, Margaret, were living in Jackson, where he was proprietor of a meat market. William passed away in 1955 and was buried at Woodland Cemetery in Jackson, where Jennie also was interred. Margaret was born about 1882 in Missouri.

**Adrian Klop I [1875-1954]**

Adrian, the son of Eimert and Hendrika Geertje Van Ameijden Klop, was born in Zaltbommel, The Netherlands, on January 19, 1875. On May 27, 1902, while still in his native country, Adrian married Agenieta Breidels, who was born March 28, 1875. Their children were Elmer P., who was born in The Netherlands on July 6, 1903, married Margaret Krystal, and died May 5, 1977; Lena, who was born November 17, 1904, in The Netherlands, married Gerrit Van Eck, and died in 1976; Arie P., who was born in The Netherlands on January 9, 1906 and died on April 30, 1981; Adriana, who was born November 5, 1907, while the family still was in The Netherlands, and married Glen Gleason; Margaret, who was born about 1909 and married Paul Van Tol of Grand Haven; and Adrian II, who was born in Grand Haven on May 29, 1911, and died September 17, 1979. The Klops lived at 829 Elliott, where Adrian also maintained a celery farm. The younger Adrian continued to live in the family home up to his death. Adrian I died on May 15, 1954, and Agenieta passed away around December 12, 1955. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Berend “Barney” Klouw [Klow] [1861-1928]**

In 1880 Barney Klouw was employed at a sawmill. Later he owned a grocery and feed store at 211 West Savidge in Spring Lake, which he sold about 1923 to William Spencer. Barney was born in Eenrum, The Netherlands in August 1861, died in 1928, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Barney married Katie De Bruine in Spring Lake on March 17, 1886. A native of The Netherlands, she was born in August 1865, died in 1935, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They both immigrated to the United States in 1867. They had a son, Leroy, born in Spring Lake in February 1888.

**Cornelius [Kornelis] Klouw [Klow] 1864-1943]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on June 2, 1864, Cornelius Klouw immigrated to the United States and married Dena Johnson. Among their children were Menno K., who married Ruth Voshel on July 7, 1939 in Grand Haven; Louis, who was born on June 13, 1899; Richard, who was born on January 30, 1903; and William, who was born on March 25, 1910, died on August 14, 1932 of cerebral meningitis, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Dena, who lived from 1877 to 1937, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Cornelius, who died in 1943. Cornelius served as private with Company C of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry from Spetmeber 3, 1862 to October 30, 1864.

**Gerrit Jeltes Klouw [Klaauw] [1835-1913]**

Gerrit Jeltes Klouw was born on November 10, 1835 and died in Spring Lake in 1913. His wife, Frouwke "Florence/Flora" Cleveringa, lived from September 3, 1834 to April 18, 1931. They both emigrated from The Netherlands in 1867. They owned a 30-acre farm in Spring Lake Township. Among their children, all born locally, were Berend "Barney," born in 1861; Richard, born in July 1870; Ella, who was born in September 1874 and married Otto Fokke Woltman, originally of Chicago; and Menno [Minnow], born in August 1877. Gerrit and Frouwke were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Ella, who passed away in 1914. Otto lived from 1877 to 1917 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Minno [Menno, Minnow] Klouw [Klaw, Klauw] I [1877-1960]**

On May 15, 1902 in Spring Lake, Minno Klouw married Clara Honholt. Clara, the daughter of Herman and Mary Bolthuis Honholt, was born in Ferrysburg in May 1880. Minno, the son of Gerrit and Frouwke Klouw, was born in Spring Lake on August 16, 1877 and worked as a carpenter. Clara taught in the Spring Lake elementary school. A daughter, Florence M., was born locally about 1904, another daughter, Mildred, about 1912, and a son, Minno II, who was born on February 3, 1914, died in Spring Lake on April 29, 1994. Minno and Clara were residents of Spring Lake as late as 1930. Minno passed away on March 5, 1960.

**Richard "Dick" Klouw [1903-1978]**

On November 10, 1927, Dick Klouw married Margaret Van Loo. She was the daughter of Josiah [Joseph] and Minnie Fisher Van Loo of Grand Haven. Margaret, at the time of her marriage, was librarian at Grand Haven Carnegie Library. Dick lived from January 30, 1903 to April 30, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret, who was born on December 27, 1905, died on January 27, 1992 and was buried at Lake Forest. Also buried there was a daughter, Betty, who lived from 1936 to 1956.

**Henry F. Klugas II [1893-1934]**

Henry, the son of Henry and Henrietta Klugas, was born in Grand Haven in February 1893. Henry I, a stevedore, was born in Germany in February 1860 and Henrietta was born in the same country in April 1864. They came to the United States in 1883. Henry II's wife, Ann [Anna], was the daughter of Cornelius and Nellie Vander Noot of Grand Haven, where she was born on November 30, 1900. The family resided at 117 Elliott. In 1918 Henry was employed as an auto mechanic at Thielman Ford in Grand Haven, and by 1930 he was working as a truck driver. Henry drowned in Lake Superior on November 10, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ann, who died on April 11, 1980, was an early supporter of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and helped raise funds to remodel the Grand Trunk Depot. She passed away in Muskegon, but her home was at 15037 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township at the time of her death. Henry Leon Klugas was their son.

**Henry Leon Klugas [1925-1995]**

The son of Henry and Ann Klugas, Henry was born in Grand Haven on November 1, 1925. In the 1950s he and his wife, Margaret A., resided at 710 South Ferry Street in Grand Haven and later at 1015 Orchard. Henry died on August 17, 1995 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Sandra and Nancy.

**August G. Klumpel [Klempel, Kluempel, Klempel, Klemke] [1855-1930]**

Born in Posen, Germany on December 5, 1855, August Klempel married Amelia Fenner. Amelia was born in Germany in June 1855. They immigrated to the United States in 1884 and settled in on a 120-acre farm in Section 24 of Grand Haven Township. Their children, all born locally, were Paul, who was born in June 1881 and drowned off a fishing tug near Grand Haven; Augusta, who was born in August 1885 and married Henry Kolberg; Leonard August who was born on May 1, 1886 and operated a dairy farm in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township; William Richard who was born on October 20, 1887; Herman Emil, born on March 18, 1889; Amelia, born in March 1890; Helena, who was born on March 20, 1891 and married Frank Riemer of Grand Haven; Frederick, who was born on September 18, 1892 and moved to California; Otto, born on August 18, 1896; Vanda, who was born in August 1898 and married Arthur Brosseit of Grand Haven; and Emma, who was born in April 1899 and married Dexter De Weese. Paul was born in Germany, and the other Klempel children were born locally. Amelia passed away around November 1, 1917, and August died on June 3, 1930. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Emil Herman Klumpel [1889-1965]**

The son of August and Amelia Fenner Klumpel, Emil was born on March 18, 1889 in Grand Haven. On May 21, 1913 in Olive Township, he married Mary Schreiber. Their daughter Pauline lived February 16, 1915 to August 12, 1921, and a son Herman was born on February 27, 1917 and died on July 21, 1983. The family resided at 413 Jackson Street. Emil served with the Grand Haven Police Department from March 12, 1917 to October 1, 1953. He died on August 15, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary lived from June 3, 1888 to December 10, 1954. She also was buried at Lake Forest, as were their two children. Emil's nephew, Richard Klempel [1924-2013] was chief of the department from 1955 to 1984. [The name Klumpel often appears as Klempel.]

#### **Helena Klumpel [Klempel, Kluempel] [1891-1971]**

See Helena Kluempel [Klempel] Riemer.

#### **Leonard August Klumpel I [Klempel, Klimpel] [1886-1942]**

Leonard Klempel I was born in Michigan on May 1, 1886 and died on May 24, 1942. Jennie, also a native of Michigan, lived from November 4, 1886 to January 5, 1956. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were August and Amelia Kluempel of Grand Haven Township. Leonard and Jennie owned a 40-acre farm in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township, on the southeast corner of Robbins Road and 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the City's southern boundary. Leonard II, born on January 15, 1918, was their son.

#### **Leonard August Klumpel II [Klempel], Klimpel] [1918-2001]**

Leonard was born in Grand Haven to Leonard A. and Jennie Beekman Klempel on January 15, 1918. His grandparents were August and Amelia Kluempel of Grand Haven Township. Leonard and Jennie owned a 40-acre farm in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township, on the southeast corner of Robbins Road and 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the City's southern boundary. The younger Leonard graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1936, and on June 8, 1940, he married Beverly E. Pippel. Leonard owned and operated Klempel's Dairy in Grand Haven until 1965. It was located on the site of his parents' farm. The Klempels' children were Ellen, who married Larry Reis of Grand Haven, and David J. of St. Joseph. Leonard died in St. Joseph on January 3, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 2001.]

#### **William Richard Klumpel [Kluempel, Klempel, Klemke] [1887-1962]**

William and Edith Klumpel owned a farm at 1606 Waverly Road. William, the son of August and Amelia Fenner Kluempel, was born on October 20, 1887. About 1916 he married Edith Ann Wacker, who was born on March 25, 1897. She was the daughter of John and Anna Zacker Wacker of Grand Haven. Among their children, all born locally, were Claire [Clara], who was born in 1917, married Leonard Graham [1912-1969], and died in 1984; Elizabeth [Bettye] Helena, who was born in 1918, married William Regelin [1915-1990], and died in 2001; Ruth Elaine, who was born in 1920 and married Richard H.

Hansen [born 1917]; and William John, who was born in 1922 and married Margaret Reeths [1924-2001]. William passed away on July 7, 1962. Edith died on June 7, 1984 in Crockery Township. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Leon Knapp [1889-1975]**

Leon Knapp was born in Grand Rapids on September 28, 1889. He became known in Grand Rapids during the vaudeville era as a stage performer, conductor, and teacher, and for almost 20 years he was a “pit” drummer in local movie theaters. He was considered an excellent percussionist. Leon also wrote and lectured about religious topics. In 1920 he was working and living in Grand Rapids with his wife Esther and their only child, 14-year-old Clifford. In the 1930 Federal Census Leon was listed as “Musician.” By 1942, he was part owner of the Knapp-Poole Music Company in Grand Rapids. By the end of the 1940s, he owned a music store in Spring Lake, where he and Esther also made their residence. In 1949 Leon inaugurated the Little Shrine of Truth in Spring Lake, and nine years later he published a book titled *Rehearsal for Heaven*. He died at a nursing home in Grand Haven on February 5, 1975. Esther was born in New York about 1884 and died in Spring Lake around February 13, 1966. Clifford [1905-1980] moved to San Bernardino, California.

### **Adrian J. Knight [1861-1931]**

Adrian, the son of James and Caroline Knight, was born in La Grange, Wisconsin on July 13, 1861 and by the time he turned, he and his parents were living in Robinson Township. Eventually Adrian became a farmer and stockman with 260 acres in Sections 7 and 18 of Robinson Township, where he also was township supervisor from 1907 to 1917. In addition, Adrian was director and secretary of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau for ten years. He also helped organize and was vice president of the Grand Haven Farm Bureau. In 1930 his sisters Lillian [Lillie] Knight and Ella Norcross, a widow, resided with him in Robinson Township. Adrian died on December 16, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **James W. Knight [1826-1897]**

James Knight operated a 92-acre farm in Section 18 of Robinson Township. He served as township supervisor from 1879 to 1881. James was born in New York on April 10, 1826 and died on October 24, 1897. On August 24, 1851 in La Grange, Wisconsin, he married Carolina [Caroline] Harford. Carolina, also a native of New York, was born in 1831. For 24 years they lived in Wisconsin, where their children were born: Ella in 1856; Emma in 1858; Lillian, on June 29, 1858; and Adrian, on July 13, 1861. Ella married Warner A. Norcross of Grand Haven. The Knight family moved to the Peach Plains area in 1867. Carolina passed away in 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

### **Lillian Knight [1858-1935]**

Lillian, the daughter of James and Carolina Harford Knight, was born in Wisconsin on June 29, 1858. In 1880 Lillian was boarding with the Hiram Kelly family in Olive Township. She became a teacher, and among her assignments was Peach Plains School, where she taught in a one-room schoolhouse from 1886 to 1887. She also taught at Knight School, located on her parents’ land in Robinson Township. Knight School, later replaced by West Robinson School, was in operation between 1886 and 1958. In 1910, 1920, and 1930 Lillie was unemployed and living with her brother Adrian Knight in Robinson Township. She died on December 7, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Gerrit Knoll [1889-1977]**

Born on September 18, 1889, Gerrit Knoll had a painting business and worked from his residence at 314 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. On September 14, 1917 in Grand Haven, he married Tiena Wierenga, who was born about 1895. They also resided at 826 Grant and later at 704 Pennoyer. She died on November 6, 1964 and he passed away on May 14, 1977. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Klaas Knoll [1858-1915]**

Born on November 14, 1858 in The Netherlands, Klaas Knoll immigrated to the United States in 1881. He owned a farm in Section 16 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. His wife's name was Janna "Jennie." She was born May 28, 1863 and died on April 13, 1943. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Gerrit, born on September 18, 1889; Jan, born in August 1890; Katie, born in March 1892; Peter, born in June 1895; Derk, born in September 1897; and Andrew, born in October 1898. Klaas and Jennie were buried at West Olive Cemetery.

#### **Hiram Butler Knowlton [1844-1934]**

Born in Chesterfield, Maine on August 14, 1844, Hiram Knowlton in 1860 was living with the George and Eliza Rice family near Bass River, Allendale Township [Section 18]. His parents apparently were deceased. On August 14, 1862, Hiram Knowlton was mustered into Company F of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry as a private. He cited Lamont as his home. Mustered out on June 3 three years later, Hiram reportedly participated in General Sheridan's raids, the Battle of Winchester, and the Kilpatrick raid. Records show he was taken prisoner at Frying Pan, Virginia in June 1863, released, and captured again near Richmond, Virginia in March the next year. He spent part of his imprisonment in Libby Prison in Richmond, when his daily fare consisted of "small portions of johnny cake and pea soup." and was taken prisoner "several times." After the war he became a member of Thurkettle Post No. 388 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Allendale and Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395 of Grand Rapids. On November 11, 1866 he married Emma, the daughter of Joel and Maria Fellows of Olive Township. She was born in New York State on October 10, 1848. Hiram and Emma lived in Robinson Township until 1877, when he was hired to manage George Rice's farm at Bass River. Six years later he purchased the farm and 105 acres, later increased to 147 acres/ In 1911 they built a house at 11080 68<sup>th</sup> Street in Allendale Township. In 1926 they donated the home and approximately a half-acre of land to the City of Allendale; the property is on the list of Michigan Historic Sites. Hiram and Emma adopted five children: Eldrich of Jenison, Fannie Thayer of Allendale, and Maude Zwiers, Elsie Scott, and Leah Geldof of Grand Rapids. Hiram died on February 6, 1934 in Allendale, and Emma passed away on February 10, 1937. Both were buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. [*Coopersville Observer*, February 9, 1934.]

#### **Andrew [Anders, Andreas] Polsen Knudson [Knutson] [1822- ?]**

Andrew Knudson on February 17, 1868 married Inger Georgine Reem in Grand Haven. Her name also is recorded as Inger G. Larsen. She previously had been married to Knut Larsen, born in 1813. Also from Norway, she was born in 1814. In the 1870 Federal Census, Andrew was enumerated as a blacksmith living in Ferrysburg with his Inger. He also was included in the 1883 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a gunsmith, still living in Ferrysburg. He was born in Norway in 1822.

#### **Frederick Albert Koats [1893-1959]**

On March 8, 1924 in Spring Lake, Fred Koats married Adeline, the daughter of Nicholas and Mary Klintworth Mergener of Crockery Township. Adeline was born in Illinois on January 30, 1901, and Fred was born in Grand Haven on August 12, 1893. Adeline passed away in Grand Haven on May 10, 1978. In 1930 Fred worked at Story & Clark as a crater. He and Adeline resided at 416 Jackson. Fred's parents were William, who lived from 1850 to 1927, and Christina [Regelin], who was born in Hamburg, Germany and lived from June 24, 1857 to December 19, 1936. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fred was born in Grand Haven on August 12, 1893 and died on August 12, 1959. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He had served in the Army during WWI.

#### **Johann Henrich Adolph Koch I [1837-1905]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on January 10, 1837, Adolph Koch came to America in 1882 [1879]. He was a jeweler by profession and was the leader of the Baptist congregation of Grand Haven. In 1898 he built a Baptist chapel on Fulton Street, maintained it, and conducted some of the services. He married Gesina [Geesje] Bakker on May 9, 1863. She was born on April 15, 1825 and died in Muskegon on November 13, 1913. Their children, all born in The Netherlands, included Johann Henrich Adolph Koch

II, who was born on March 2, 1864; Fennechien “Fannie” Koch [1866-1933], who married Albert Scholten of Muskegon; and Derk Koch [1869-1956]. Adolph died on December 6, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 6, 1905.]

### **Johann Henrich Adolph Koch II [1864-1941]**

Adolph Koch II was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on March 22, 1864. He came to the United States in 1882 [1879 with his parents, Adolph and Gesina Bakker Koch, and siblings, where he also went by the family name Cook. On April 10, 1889 in Spring Lake, he married Jenna “Jane” [“Jennie”] Wierenga, who was born in Groningen on August 20, 1869. They had seven surviving children, all born locally: Alfred L. Cook [1890-1971]; Jacob Cook, who was born on April 24, 1893; Grace Cook [1895-1980]; Marinus Cook [1897-1969]; Maria Fanny Cook [1901-1989]; Richard Cook [1904-1970]; and James E. Koch [1912-1987]

### **Otto Karl [Carl] Koch [1905-1992]**

The son of Wilhelm and Sophia Koch, Otto was born in Grand Haven on May 8, 1905. In 1930 Otto was “assistant advertising person” in a local factory and resided with his wife at 320½ Elliott. He started the firm of Koch and Moran in 1933 with his partner, Charles Moran of Grand Haven. Otto’s wife, Ethel, was born in Canada in June 1905, and died in San Francisco in March 1995. Otto passed away in Bannock, Idaho on May 17, 1992.

### **Wilhelm C. Koch [1854-1939]**

Born in Wurttemberg, Germany, on August 17, 1854, Wilhelm Koch came to this country in 1871 and plied his trade as a machinist. He became a naturalized citizen in 1877. He studied for the ministry in Switzerland and on January 6, 1882 was ordained in the Evangelical Church at Hall. Wilhelm intended to enter the missionary field in Africa, but his frail health prevented him from doing so, and he returned to this country. He held pastorates in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Three Oaks, Berrien County, and Casco, St. Clair County, and Urbana, Indiana before coming to Grand Haven in November 1913. He was pastor of St. Paul’s Evangelical Church for 22 years.

Wilhelm and his wife, Sophia, were married on November 1, 1883. Sophia was born in June 1866 in New York. Wilhelm and Sophia had ten children, all born in Wisconsin: Dora, who was born on January 27, 1884 [1885], married Rev. Charles F. Kayser of Ann Arbor, and died in Detroit in August 1977; Paul, who was born in June 1887, became an organist at St. Matthew’s Evangelical Church in Detroit, and also was proprietor of a job printing shop; William, who was born in August 1888 and became a farmer near Urbana, Indiana; John, who was born in September 1890 and became a high school teacher in Valparaiso, Indiana; Frederick, who was born in March 1893 and became a naval officer; Theophile H., who was born in August 1894 and became an electrician in Detroit; Margaret, who was born in September 1896 and became a musician; Walter C., who was born in September 1898 and became a telephone employee in Jackson; Arnold, a teacher in Charlotte; and Otto Karl, born on January 4, 1904 in Grand Haven. In 1936 Wilhelm and his wife and daughter, Margaret, moved to Dexter, Washtenaw County to live with another daughter, Dora. Wilhelm died in 1939. [*Tribune* article, May 13, 1936.]

### **Joseph Koeltz [1840–1926]**

In the early 1900s Joseph Koeltz manufactured cigars at 130 Washington, including the “Little Bessie, Havana Filler.” He also made cigars in Grand Rapids. He and his wife, Mary, lived at 134 Franklin. Joseph served on the City Council from 1886 to 1889 and again from 1892 to 1894. He was elected mayor of Grand Haven in 1895 and served one term. Joseph was born in Bavaria on June 16, 1840, died on March 13, 1926, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary was born on May 8, 1857 and died on January 26, 1909. One daughter, Elizabeth, was born in May 1878, and another daughter, Flossie, was born in May 1884. Both were born in Michigan.

### **Harm Koenes [1875–1957]**

Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in December 1875 [1876] Harm was the son of Joseph Koenes. The elder Koenes was born on February 6, 1853, in Warffen, The Netherlands, and he died on June 9, 1930, in Kenosha. Harm's brother, Thomas, also lived in Grand Haven. In 1893 Harm was employed as a clerk at the Corner Grocery at 701 Washington, which he bought in 1901 and closed in 1916, when he moved to 9 North Seventh. Harm was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Grand Haven.

In 1899 in Ottawa County, Harm married Hattie M., daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Godhardt. Joseph Godhardt was a Grand Haven junk dealer. Hattie was born on May 11, 1879 and died on March 12, 1937. Harm and Hattie lived at 106 South Seventh Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Gertrude, who was born in 1902, married Ivan Head, and moved to Detroit, and Joseph E., who was born about 1907 and moved to Milwaukee. Harm died on December 26, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1930.]

#### **Thomas Koenes [1878-1932]**

Thomas, the son of Joseph Koenes, was born in Michigan in 1878. He married Edna Blakley in Grand Haven on June 24, 1903. Born in Ohio, she lived from February 2, 1881 to January 1, 1926. They lived at 727 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Their children, both natives of Michigan, were Helen, born about 1906, and Marie, born about 1908. In 1920 Thomas was a fire extinguisher salesman. He and Harm Koenes were brothers. He died in Kenosha, Wisconsin in August 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Edna.

#### **Henry Kohloff [1869-1855]**

The son of Friederich and Carolina Kohloff, Henry was born in Germany on August 26, 1869. Henry arrived in the United States with his parents in 1882. On January 1, 1891 in Grand Haven, Henry married Ella Kamp, who often went by the name Alice and Allie. They lived at 220 Madison Street and had at least four children, all born in Grand Haven: Katie, born August 14, 1891; William, who was born on May 2, 1896, died on August 24, 1920, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Clarissa, born on December 24, 1899, and Elsie, who was born on April 22, 1911 and married Lewis Henry Dornbos of Grand Haven. Henry, who worked as a custodian, died on March 12, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest. His wife passed away about August 6, 1953.

#### **Herman Charles Kohloff [1877-1913]**

Born on April 24, 1877 in Germany, Herman was the son of Friederich and Carolina Kohloff. Friedrich was born March 26, 1836 and died July 23, 1912, while his wife lived from February 9, 1841 to April 9, 1908. Both mother and father were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Herman and his parents arrived in the United States in 1882. Herman was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having served as a member of Company F of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry in 1898. About 1898 he married Ada Colson. Herman died on August 29, 1913 in the hospital of Michigan Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids from malaria contracted while in the military and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Ada married Oscar Seastrand [1889-1930]. Ada was born in Sweden on June 16, 1881 and died on August 3, 1952. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, August 30, 1913.]

#### **Howard Charles Kohloff [1902-1962]**

Howard, the son of Herman and Ada Colson Kohloff, was born in Grand Haven on April 24, 1902. On May 8, 1920 he married Jeanette Wills in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of Henry and Jeanette Wills of Spring Lake. Howard was a barber with a shop at 129 Washington Street in Grand Haven. He and Jeanette resided at 15658 Chestnut Lane in Spring Lake. Howard died on April 29, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jeanette lived from November 12, 1902 to June 28, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Ernst Kolberg [Kollberg] [1845-1925]**

As early as 1876 Ernst Kolberg owned 40 acres in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township, and by 1898 he added another 40 acres in Section 11. On December 1, 1868 he married Wilhelmina “Minnie” Bargert [Parker, Parkhurst] in Grand Haven. She lived from June 2, 1848 to August 17, 1909. Ernst was born in Germany in December 1845. They immigrated to the United States in 1867. Henry, one of their children, was born on October 25, 1874. Another son, Ernest Elias Kolberg, was born on May 26, 1879 and passed away in October 1965. Cordelia, wife of the younger Ernest, was born on September 13, 1884, died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1973, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Another son, Harmon [Herman], was born on October 4, 1881, and a fourth son, William, was born in February 1886. After his first wife’s death, Ernst married Wilhelmina Scheddell in Grand Haven on September 24, 1912. He died in 1925 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Cemetery.

### **Henry Ernest Kolberg [1874-1968]**

Henry, the son of Ernst and Wilhelmina Bargert Kolberg, was born October 25 [27], 1874 in Grand Haven Township. Henry worked for Story & Clark, the Heap Company for eight and a half years, Keller Tool, and Challenge. He then went out on his own as a contractor and worked on many houses and major buildings in the area, including Grand Haven City Hall, an early St. Patrick’s Church, and the power plant. He attended St. John’s Lutheran Church. About 1905 he married Augusta, the daughter of August and Amelia Fenner Klempel of Grand Haven Township. Augusta was born on October 9, 1884. The Kolbergs had eight children, all born locally: Harold [Henry], who was born on June 29, 1906 and died on November 16, 1913; Ernest, who was born about 1908 and owned a dairy farm near Nunica; Frances, born about 1910; Mary C., born about 1911; Florence, born about 1912; Emily, who was born about 1915, married Henry Neitring II of Grand Haven, and predeceased her father; Arnold, born about 1917; and Kenneth, born about 1918. The Kolbergs resided at 1342 [1360] Pennoyer for over 54 years. Henry died in Grand Haven on December 10, 1968, and Augusta passed away on September 10, 1970. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, “Veteran Carpenter Foils ‘Father Time,’” October 11, 1962.]

### **Michael [Mickle] “Mick” Alexander Kolkes [1878-1956]**

Michael Kolkes was born on February 12, 1878 in Evanston, Illinois. On February 7, 1906 he married Margaret [Magaretha] Diestelow in Chicago. She was born in Germany in 1877 and immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was four years old. In 1918 Michael was working as a chauffeur in Chicago. Two years later, still in Chicago, he continued to be employed as a chauffeur, but by 1930 he had moved to Spring Lake Township but was unemployed. Five years later, Margaret joined him on a farm they had bought in Spring Lake Township. By 1950 the couple had separated, and Margaret and her daughter-in-law Evelyn Halligan Kolkes were sharing a house in Chicago. Evelyn also was separated from her husband. Michael and Margaret had a daughter Marie Kolkes, born on February 27, 1908, and a son Richard Edward Kolkes, born on February 27, 1912. Richard married Evelyn Halligan in Chicago on May 14, 1940. She was born in Chicago on July 5, 1916 and died in Los Angeles on November 3, 1962. Marie married Fredrick Joseph Friend, who was born in Chicago on June 17, 1908. They later settled in Jenison. Fred passed away on October 17, 1970, and Marie died on February 9, 1993.

Michael died in Chicago on March 27, 1956. Margaret had passed away in the same city on March 16, 1954. Their son Richard died in Spring Lake on September 8, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Richard’s wife at that time, Lorraine Gertrude Ziemann Kolkes, a native of Chicago, lived from June 10, 1922 to June 26, 1998 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Joseph Kooiker [1884-1964]**

Joseph Kooiker was a jeweler and optician with a store and office at 116 Washington. His wife Grace lived from March 7, 1886 to June 24, 1974. She was living in Holland, Michigan at the time of her death. Joseph, who also was from Holland, lived from December 15, 1884 [1883] to May 13, 1964. He was born in Allegan County, died in Elyria, Ohio, and was buried at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Holland.

### **Aart “Arie” [Ora, Orrie] Kooiman [1876-1945]**



Arie, the son of Joost and Antonia Donker Kooiman, was born on December 20, 1876. With his brother Peter, he operated the Kooiman Brothers Flour and Grain Store at 421 Fulton. In the 1920s Arie owned and managed the Fulton Street Variety Store at 408 Fulton. Arie married Jennie Dykhouse in Grand Haven on July 29, 1902. The couple lived at 426 Fulton in the early 1900s, later at 206 North Fifth Street, and by 1918 they were located at 209 South Fourth. Jennie, the daughter of Menke and Henrietta Van Zanten Dykhouse, was born July 28, 1877 and died on May 4, 1964. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Arie, who died on February 8, 1945. [*Tribune* obituary, August 19, 1975.]

#### **Adrian “Ade” W. Kooiman [1894-1973]**

Adrian Kooiman was born on June 30, 1894. He began his business in Grand Haven at 216 North Seventh in 1915, starting with a battery and tire vulcanizing shop, and he also sold some guns and other hunting equipment. Later he was awarded an auto dealership, and in 1928 he took down two houses across the street at 217 North Seventh and erected a large building on that site. In 1958 he moved to 300 North Seventh, and he devoted all of his time and floor space to sporting goods. Overall, Ade was in the auto business for 31 years. In 1929 Ade earned the distinction of being the first local resident to own an airplane.

On October 18, 1916 in Grand Haven, Ade married Geziene [Gezina/Jezine] the daughter of Captain William and Cornelia Ver Duin. Geziene was born on December 27, 1898, died on April 16, 1956, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William A. Kooiman, born about 1922, was one of their children, and Robert L., born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1928, was another. The family resided at 727 Fulton Street. Ade died in Grand Haven on December 3, 1973. Kooiman Street in Grand Haven was named for him. [*Tribune* article, November 5, 1963.]

#### **Henry A. Kooiman [1903-1994]**

Born on July 2, 1903, Henry was the son of Arie and Jennie Kooiman. His father and his uncle Peter were partners in Kooiman Bros. Feed Store at 421 Fulton. Henry got his first retail experience driving a Panhard Truck, built in Grand Haven, to deliver feed for the family store. In 1922 he graduated from Grand Haven High School and then took a business administration course at McLaughlin Institute in Grand Rapids. In 1925 Henry became a partner with George Swart in the shoe business at 207 Washington. In 1942 Henry bought George’s interest and called his business Kooiman’s Footwear. His shop had an X-Ray machine that allowed buyers to see how their feet fit in new shoes. He retired in 1987.

Henry married Elizabeth Fisher, who was born on October 6, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on February 22, 1977. They had one daughter, Mary, who married Jack Ligtenberg of Kalamazoo. Henry died on November 20, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, August 19, 1975, and *Tribune* obituary, November 21, 1994.]

#### **John Kooiman [1863-1901]**

Born in Grand Haven in July 1863, John was the oldest son of Joost and Antonia Donker Kooiman. After his father’s death he managed the Kooiman Brothers Flour and Grain Store at 421 Fulton. He was a member of the Maccabees. On February 9, 1886 in Grand Haven, he married Elizabeth Leenhouts. She was born in Michigan in August 1867. They had four children: Joe, born in September 1886; Jeanette, born in July 1892; Elizabeth, who was born on June 24, 1895 and married Clarence Markoff of Spring Lake; and Arthur, born in July 1899. John died at Kalamazoo Infirmary on March 15, 1901 at the age of 37. [*Tribune* obituary, March 15, 1901.]

#### **Joost “Joe” Kooiman [1834-1894]**

Born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on January 17, 1834 Joost Kooiman came to Grand Haven in 1855. In 1860 in Ottawa County he married Antonia Donker, who died “of neuralgia of the heart” on September 17, 1901. She was born in The Netherlands on April 20, 1844. Their children, all born in Michigan, included John, born in 1863; Antje “Anna,” who was born January 7, 1867 and married John Juistema of

Grand Haven; Aart, who lived from 1861 to 1934; Peter, who was born in July 1870; and Arie [Orrie], who was born on December 20, 1876. Anna married John Juistema of Grand Haven. Joost was a laborer. He died on December 1, 1894 and was buried with his wife and other family members at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 3 and 4, 1894 and September 19, 1901.]

**Joseph Kooiman [1862-1905]**

Born in Vriesland, Ottawa County on November 22, 1862, Joseph Kooiman moved to Grand Haven as a boy. He left Grand Haven about 1886 and was a pastry cook in a mining camp in Cripple Creek, Colorado. He died on December 27, 1905 and was buried at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Cripple Creek. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1906.]

**Marinus Kooiman [1831-1908]**

Born in The Netherlands in April 1831, Marinus Kooiman came to Grand Haven in the 1860s and was in business in Grand Haven for many years. In 1880 he was a commercial fisherman, in the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as “peddler,” and by 1900 he was employed as a cooper. He married Mary Jakoba in 1857. Their children included a daughter Cornelia, who was born in The Netherlands about 1866 and married John Schouwenaar of Grand Rapids. The family lived at 333 Elliott. Mary Jakoba, also a native of The Netherlands, was born on January 19, 1836 and died on January 27, 1908. Marinus died August 27, 1908 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 27, 1908 and August 27, 1908.]

**Peter Kooiman [1870–1943]**

The son of Joost and Antonia Donker Kooiman, Peter was born in Grand Haven on July 1, 1870. With his brother Arie he owned and operated the Kooiman Brothers Flour and Grain Store at 421 Fulton, where he and his family also resided. On January 30, 1903 Peter married Cora Jacoba Van Bemmelen in Grand Haven. The daughter of Walter and Jacoba Vander Meiden Van Bemmelen, Cora was born on January 30, 1879 and died on November 29, 1928. Peter and Cora lived at 415 Fulton and had five daughters: Antoinette Cora, who was born on October 31, 1904 and died on July 21, 1941; Jemima, who was born about 1906 and died in 1953; Alice, who was born on January 17, 1907 and married William Carl Grunst of Grand Haven; Genevieve, who died at the age of one month on January 21, 1909; and Angie May, who was born on December 29, 1909 and died on October 9, 1957. Antoinette and Angie were single and living with their parents above the feed store in 1930. Peter died on December 7, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. His daughters also were buried there. [*Tribune* obituary, January 21, 1909.]

**Robert Lloyd Kooiman [1923-2002]**

The son of Adrian and Geziene Ver Duin Kooiman, Robert was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1928. He married Norma C. Lowder in Grand Haven on October 11, 1963. Robert served as an army platoon sergeant in the Pacific Theater during WWII and was taken prisoner by the Japanese and he contracted malaria while in the service. In Grand Haven he owned an automobile sales and car wash business, and he operated the Sportsman’s Bar at 6 South Beechtree in Grand Haven for 32 years, before retiring from the business in 1987. He attended the First Reformed church and was a member of the local VFW Post 2326, the American Legion, Eagles, and Elks. The Kooimans had two daughters, Robin Kooiman and Roberta Campbell. Robert’s stepchildren were Michael and David Cross. The family resided at 309 Barber Street in Spring Lake. Robert died in Spring Lake on November 7, 2002.

**William [Willem] Kooiman [1830-1896]**

William Kooiman was born on August 24, 1830 in The Netherlands. On July 22, 1864 in Grand Haven, he married Adriana “Jane” Takken. The daughter of Evert and Cebella Horst Takken, she was born in The Netherlands on September 1, 1845 and died on July 1, 1909, thirteen years after her husband. They owned a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Polkton Township. William died on April 24, 1896. Both he and Jane were buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. Their son Ryk Kooiman lived from 1878 to 1913.

### **Harry Koopman [1877-1909]**

Harry, the son of Johannes and Clara Pruijm Koopman, was born in Grand Haven on February 27, 1877. Harry a well-known marine cook on Lake Michigan ships, lost his life March 15, 1909, when the *Duncan City* burned in the Calumet River at South Chicago. His wife was Nellie Gringhuis, whom he married on October 18, 1899. The daughter of Gerrit and Jane Nordhuis Gringhuis, Nellie was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1880 and died in Seattle, Washington on December 13, 1912. Their children included Harold James, who lived from September 12, 1900 to May 9, 1976, and Clifford Garret, who was born on December 7, 1901 and died in West Jordan, Utah on March 26, 1974. After Harry's death, Nellie married Martin Vyn of Grand Haven.

### **Johannes "John" Koopman [1839-1879]**

Johannes Koopman was born on July 19, 1839 in The Netherlands and died in Grand Haven on August 23, 1879. His wife was Clarina "Clara" Pruijm, born in The Netherlands in 1835. She died in Grand Haven in 1916. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Irene Nellie, who was born May 9, 1868, married Charles M. Hatch on December 3, 1887, and died on September 5, 1832; Charles was born about 1864. Another of their children, Kate, was born February 28, 1870, married Cornelius Marsman on September 18, 1895, and died May 27, 1946; Cornelius was born about 1866. Marinus, a son of the Koopmans, was born October 10, 1871, married Amy Warren on March 29, 1901, and died on March 6, 1943; Amy was born about 1875. Another daughter, Minnie, was born November 24, 1875, married Walter Der Heiden on October 24, 1893, and died May 30, 1957. Peter, born on April 7, 1873, and Harry, born on February 27, 1877, were two other sons. Johannes was a teamster. The Koopmans were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Peter Koopman I [1873-1949]**

On November 30, 1922 Kate, the wife of Peter Koopman, I was found dead with a bullet wound in her back at her home at 310 Fulton. [The house number occasionally was cited as 308 Fulton.] She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter was charged with the shooting. Ultimately he confessed to the killing and served the minimum sentence of seven years.

Born in Grand Haven on April 7 [10], 1873, Peter was the son of Johannes and Clara Pruijm Koopman. Peter was proprietor of the Eagle Saloon at 120 North Third in Grand Haven. In Grand Haven on October 23, 1897 he married Cornelia Johanna "Kate" Van Dongen, who was born July 25, 1877 in Grand Haven, the daughter of John and Ida Erkes Van Dongen. The Koopmans' children included Clyde J., who was born on May 8, 1898 in Grand Haven and died in Battle Creek in September 1967; Helen, born about 1903, and Peter II, born about 1916. In 1930 Peter was a boarder in the home of Robert and Nina Conant at 19 ½ Washington. The Conants owned and operated the Conant Restaurant at that address. Peter was working as a janitor. He died July 19, 1949. He and Kate were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Thanksgiving Brings Tragedy," December 1, 1922, and *Tribune* obituaries, March 16, 1909 and December 2, 1922.]

### **Henry V. Koppel [Henry Vandekoppel] [1901-1955]**

The son of Jan and Johanna Vandekoppel, Henry was born in The Netherlands on April 24, 1901 and raised in Muskegon. Both parents were natives of The Netherlands, where Jan was born about 1867 and Johanna approximately a year earlier. The family immigrated to the United States in 1911. Henry moved to Grand Haven and in 1946 opened a Western Auto store at 127 Washington, where he also resided. He married Ann Christine, who was born in Chicago on April 9, 1906 to John and Anna Sofia Bergklint. The Bergklints moved to Muskegon, where Ann graduated from Muskegon Heights High School in 1924. She then attended Western Michigan, where she received her teaching degree and taught in Battle Creek and at Angel School in Muskegon. While working summers at Continental Motors she met Henry, whom she married on December 25, 1931 in Muskegon. At the time of his death Henry and Ann lived at 301

Sherman. Ann passed away on December 29, 1993 in San Jose, California. Their daughter Ann was born on October 17, 1932 and married Ellis Kammeraad of Grand Haven.

#### **Max Joseph Kortlander [1890-1961]**

Born on September 1, 1890 in Grand Rapids, pianist Max Kortlander became a composer, performer, and manufacturer of piano rolls for player pianos. Early in his career he played with bands at Grand Haven's waterfront dance halls. On January 11, 1913, her married Jean Jones in Chicago. Born on April 14, 1886, she was 26 years old at the time of her marriage. By 1920 Max and Jean had moved from Chicago to White Plains, New York. On December 7, 1932 in Mamaroneck, New York, he married Gertude Williams Begoon. She was born in New York City on March 3, 1891. Max died in Bronx, New York on October 11, 1961. He was buried at Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye, New York. Gertrude passed away in Rye, New York in March 1981. Max's first wife, Jean, died in Los Angeles, California on December 1, 1975.

#### **Andrew Kosch [1885-1960]**

In 1928, Andrew Kosch moved his family from Chicago to Robinson Township. There he opened a small grocery store and gas station. Andrew married Anna Potucek, who lived from 1893-1978. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their first four children, all born in Chicago: Paul Kosch, who was born on May 25, 1916; Anne Kosch, who was born on June 28, 1919; Susanne Kosch, who was born on June 18, 1919 and married William Osner, and died in 1985; and Helen Kosch, who was born in 1922, married Otto Grunow, and died in 1925. Their last child, John Kosch, was born in Robinson Township on July 14, 1931 and died in Georgetown Township on March 15, 1990. He, too, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Anne [Anna] E. Kosch [1919–1942]**

A sergeant in the Women's Army Corps, Anne [Anna] Kosch died on July 25, 1944 in England, the first WAC from the Grand Haven area to die while on duty during World War II. The daughter of Andrew and Anna Potucek Kosch, Anne was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 18, 1919. She was nine years old when the family moved to Robinson Township, where Andrew operated a small grocery store and gas station. Anne attended South High School in Grand Rapids and Howell Business School in Muskegon. After graduating from Howell found employment as a bookkeeper at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. She enlisted in the WACs on December 18, 1942 as an aviation cadet. After several assignments stateside she was sent to southern England. There she was assigned to the Eighth Air Force. She died while on active duty on July 25, 1944. [Cemetery records note that Anne Kosch was buried on July 31, 1948 at Lake Forest Cemetery. It's probable that Anne's remains had been moved from England to Lake Forest.]

#### **Paul Kosch [1916-2005]**

Paul Kosch, a tool and die maker, in 1952 started Weldon Services at 520 Elm Street in Ferrysburg for the manufacture of high production precision stampings, tool and die work, jigs, fixtures, and samples. Paul was born in Chicago on May 25, 1916, the son of Andrew and Anna Potucek Kosch. Paul married Gertrude Marian Neitering in Grand Haven on May 6, 1938. The daughter of Albert and Angie Roossien Neitering, she was born in Grand Haven on July 21, 1916. He and Gertude lived at 315 Sherman Avenue in Grand Haven. Gertrude died on January 31, 1966. Paul passed away in Grand Haven on August 2, 2005. He was interred at St. Paul's Church Memorial Garden with Gertrude. They had three children: Paul J. Kosch, born about 1950; Yvonne M. Kosch, born about 1944; and Anne E. Kosch, born about 1946. The Anne E. Kosch born in 1919 was Paul's sister.

#### **Agnes "Aggie" Louise Koster [1889-1975]**

Born on December 23, 1889, Agnes was the only child of Louis J. and Agnes Stark Koster. The family moved permanently to Grand Haven in the summer of 1890. Agnes graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1907 and from the Grand Rapids Kindergarten Training School in 1910. She later received her Bachelor of Science degree from Western State Teachers College [WMU] and studied at Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She taught elementary

grades at Central School in Grand Haven from 1911 to 1955. The Kindergarten Mothers Club was organized during the early years of her teaching. Baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, she was a member of the church since 1903. Agnes also was a Church Elder, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, was a Circle Leader, and she was president of the Ladies Social Society [United Presbyterian Women]. She served as president of the Grand Haven High School Alumni Association and of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, where she was a continuous member for 60 years and became an honorary member. She was a Charter Member and president of the Free Bed Guild in 1926. The Koster Group was named for her. Agnes also was a Charter Member of the Tuesday Musicale. She was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, where her family were Charter members; and she was a member and president of Eta Chapter in Grand Rapids, Delta Kappa Gamma Society; National Education Society; Michigan Education Association; National Education Association; and the National Retired Teachers Association. Agnes lived in her parents' house at 514 Franklin Street in Grand Haven but resided at 518 Franklin at the time of her death. She died on August 13, 1975 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Autobiographical sketch dated December 18, 1969 in the *Tribune* files at Loutit District Library and *Tribune* obituary, August 14, 1975.]

### **Agnes "Aggie" Stark Koster [1864-1931] and Louis "Louie" John Koster [1856-1931]**

Agnes, the daughter of John and Sarah Morse Stark, was born in Detroit but was living in Grand Haven with her parents by 1869. Agnes was well known for her musical ability and social activities, and she was the first secretary of a local Red Cross guild when it was formed in Grand Haven in the fall of 1909, eight years before the chapter was officially chartered by the national organization. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where she was organist, choir director, president of the Ladies Social Society, and a member of its Executive Committee for 37 years. On April 2, 1889 Agnes married Louis J. Stark in Grand Haven. The next year, Agnes and Louis relocated to 311 Franklin Street in Grand Haven and later moved to 514 Franklin Street. Louie was treasurer at the Presbyterian Church.

Louis was a traveling salesman for 52 years with the Edson-Moore Company of Detroit, a wholesale dry goods distributor. He was a member of the Old Time Salesman Association and each year was a prominent figure at its meetings. Two years prior to his death he was honored by his firm for serving them for half a century. He was also a member of the Knights of the Grip. Agnes and Louis had one child, Agnes Louise Koster, who was born in Detroit on December 2, 1889. Agnes the mother lived from October 31, 1864 to April 8, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest. Born in Detroit on March 28, 1856, Louie died on April 21, 1931, less than two weeks after Agnes, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Death of Mrs. Koster Saddens Many in City," and "GH Social Leader Succumbs," April 1931, and autobiographical sketch of Agnes Louise Koster at Loutit District Library.]

### **Edward William "Bill" Koster [1912-1999]**

Bill, born on November 12, 1912, was the brother of John Koster of Spring Lake. Bill began his career at the A&P Grocery Store in the 100 block of Spring Lake. He worked there until 1933, when he and Gail Olger started the O-K Grocery in Spring Lake. In August 1928 he was named superintendent of Public Works. He started with the volunteer Fire Department the next year and was assistant chief for ten years and chief for 34 years. In 1937 he became township clerk and missed only one meeting in the next 37 years. He retired as clerk on November 20, 1974 and as fire chief on April 1, 1983. He and his wife Kathryn were members of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. They were married about 1935 and resided at 350 De Witt Lane. They had two children, Donna and James Edward. Bill died in Spring Lake on March 21, 1999. [*Tribune* articles, "Edward (Bill) Koster retiring 2 of 3 hats," November 16, 1974, and "Koster ends 54 yrs with SL Fire Dept.," April 1, 1983.]

### **Etta Koster [1878-1974]**

See John Bolt and Etta Koster Bolt.

### **George Koster I [1909-1981]**

In 1925 George Koster began work at Braak's Bakery in Spring Lake when he was 16. He was honored by the company after 25 years of continuous employment at the bakery. He and his wife, Marian L., had one daughter, Kate, who married Ben Stehouwer, farmer from the Coopersville area, and two sons, Donald and George II. The family resided at 207 Parkhurst. George was born in Spring Lake on September 24, 1909 and died in Spring Lake on May 20, 1981. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Marian lived from April 7, 1911 to April 2, 1991. [*Tribune* article, December 18, 1951.]

#### **Jan "John" Koster [Coster] I [1845-1931]**

John Koster was born in The Netherlands in January 1845 and arrived in Spring Lake at the age of 24. He spoke only Dutch and went to work for John B. Perham shortly after his arrival. In 1894 he purchased Perham's store at 213 West Savidge, gradually reducing his inventory of dry goods and concentrating on the sale of groceries. In 1904 he sold the store to John Bolt, who married his daughter, Etta, five years later.

In 1871 John married Gertrude [Geertruida], who was born in The Netherlands [Detroit] in September 1856 [1847], the daughter of Eilke and Grietje Smit Ekster. John's and Gertrude's home, built in 1882, was located at 221 Liberty in Spring Lake. John died April 21, 1931 in Grand Haven of heart disease. His wife died the same year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were John II, born in June 1873; Grace [Lucretia], who was born in 1876; married Edward Ritsema on July 1, 1916 in Spring Lake, and subsequently moved to Kalamazoo; Etta, who was born on October 11, 1878 and married John Bolt; Mary, who was born in September 1881; Gertrude, born in February 1883; and Anna [Hanna], who was born on January 4, 1885 and married Henry Ringelberg of Grand Haven; and Ella, born in June 1889. [*Tribune* article, "Death of Mrs. [Louis] Koster Saddens Many in City," April 11, 1931.]

#### **John G. Koster [1907-1983]**

Born on March 16, 1907 in Spring Lake, John was the brother of Edward [Bill] Koster. He went into real estate and developed Evergreen Park, Ranch House Acres, and Spring Acres. He was a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. In 1929 he married Hermina, the daughter of Henry and Frances Freese of Crockery Township. The Kosters had several children, including Kay, who married Norm Brown of Jackson; Robert of Rapid River, Delta County; and John [Jack] and Bruce, both of Spring Lake. John died at his home, 229 East Savidge, on June 6, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hermina was born on January 9, 1909 and passed away in Spring Lake on April 15, 1980. [*Tribune* obituary, June 6, 1983.]

#### **Louis John Koster [1856-1931]**

See Agnes "Aggie" Stark Koster and Louis J. Koster.

#### **Michael John Koteles II [1927-2008]**

Michael Koteles served with the U.S. Navy during WWII. After the war he graduated from the University of Michigan School of Architecture and started work with Magnuson and Sumner architectural firm in Muskegon in 1951. There he met John Vander Meiden II. In 1955 Michael co-founded and became president of the local architectural firm of Vander Meiden Koteles & Associates at 1203 Beacon. He was a member of the Masonic order, the Elks, and Spring Lake Country Club. The firm designed more than 200 schools all over the state; the GTE Office building across from the Muskegon Airport; the Grand Haven YMCA; the 1964 Ottawa County Building; Ottawa County Jail; two outstate community colleges; the Adrian City Hall; Grand Haven Junior High School; Mary White and Griffin Schools, the Senior High School [Middle School] addition on Cutler; and the Peoples Bank expansion. The firm closed with his retirement on December 31, 1988 and the building was sold to Grand Transformers. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake.

On February 11, 1956, in Muskegon, Michael married Shirley M. Simonson. They had four children: Mary Koteles, who was born about 1956 and married Jeff Buzuma and moved to Norfolk, Virginia; Martha

Koteles, who was a secretary for Batts, Inc. of Zeeland; Jane Koteles Ladley, who was born about 1961 and lived in Spring Lake; and Michael Koteles III, who was born about 1963 and attended Grand Valley State College. Shirley and Michael resided at 1510 Wisconsin. Born in Muskegon on June 28, 1927, he passed away on November 16, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was the son of Michael and Helen Mikola Koteles. Shirley passed away on January 11, 2022 at the age of 86. [*Tribune* article, January 30, 1989, "Closes Architectural Firm," and *Tribune* obituary, November 19, 2008.]

#### **Antone "Tony" Dennis Kowalski [1942-2020] and Gail Francis Anderson Kowalski [1943-2023]**

Tony Kowalski was born in Muskegon on May 6, 1942. He and Gail Anderson were married in Muskegon on September 14, 1962. Also from Muskegon, she was born on November 28, 1943. Her parents, Conrad and Laura Martin Anderson, owned a grocery store in Muskegon. Gail worked at the store during her growing-up years. The couple moved to Grand Haven where they raised two children: Kyle Kowalski, who was born about 1968, and Lisa Kowalski, who married Mike Mancaraella.

In Grand Haven Gail was active in the real estate business for 25 years. Tony was employed for 30 years as an architectural draftsman before starting Kowalski Granite & Quartz Company with his son Kyle. Working as a team, Tony and Gail renovated several older homes in Grand Haven, including the Boyden House at 301 South Fifth Street, which they operated as a bed and breakfast.

Tony died of Covid-19 complications on December 6, 2020. Gail passed away on January 26, 2023.

#### **Walter Edward Koziicki [1894-1953]**

By 1930 Walter E. Koziicki had a grocery store at 1492 Washington. In the next decade the business was located at 21 South Beechtree Street. It was called the L & M Market by the mid-1950s. Walter, who was born in Poland on October 30, 1894, died on November 23, 1953. He married Otylia Davidoski in Grand Haven on November 29, 1916. Among their children were daughter Wanda Henrietta Koziicki, who lived from 1918 to 1997, and another daughter Elizabeth Koziicki, who was born on July 26, 1922, married John Raymond Stephens [1916-2008], and died on December 17, 1991, and Otylia was born in Michigan on August 22, 1896 and died on October 11, 1977. She and Walter were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Elizabeth and her husband.

#### **Elsie Kraai [1884-1960]**

See Henry Kieft and Charles Washington Smith I.

#### **Enne E. Kraai [1832-1908]**

Enne Kraai was born in The Netherlands on November 29, 1832. He arrived in the area in 1855. In 1876 he was manager of the Central Hotel in Spring Lake, and by the 1890s he operated a flour, feed, grain store, and boarding house at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets [309 Fulton] in Grand Haven, where he also resided. In 1905 he sold the business to Anne Stap of Grand Haven. In 1862 in Ottawa County Enne married Detje "Dets" Bakker, who lived from February 27, 1829 to May 28, 1901. She was the daughter of William J. and Etje Bakker and sister of Derk and Jeltz Bakker. Enne's and Detje's daughter Maud married William Howlett Loutit. They also had a son Marten, who was born July 12, 1868, and a second daughter, Julia, who lived from January 16, 1871 to January 5, 1875. Enne died August 2, 1908 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Kraai [1847-1929]**

John Kraai was born in The Netherlands in August 1847. Sometime before 1878 he married Marta Anne Rienks, who also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born on November 3, 1850. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were: Martha, who was born on April 12, 1878 and married William Van Wormer of Grand Haven; Henrietta, who was born about 1880 and never married; Elsie, who was born on October 6, 1884 and married Henry Kieft and Charles Washington Smith; Louis, who was born on December 29, 1892 and died on April 1, 1962; Flora, born in July 1896; and Mary, born in August 1898.

Louis married Rachel Schaff, who was born about 1896. Marta Kraai died on January 21, 1892 in Grand Haven, and her husband followed in 1929. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Martha Maude Mandi Kraai [Van Wormer] [1878-1968]**

Martha was born in Grand Haven on April 12, 1878, the daughter of John and Marta Anne Rienks Kraai. She married William Van Wormer in Grand Haven on October 22, 1908. William, the son of Edmund and Julia Van Wormer of Flint, was born on February 29, 1872. Martha and William had two children: Jack, born March 4, 1917 in San Bernardino, California, died in Wolf Creek, Oregon, on May 15, 1964, and was buried at Shasta, California; and Edwin John, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on August 21, 1899, died on January 7, 1993, and was buried at Shasta County, California. William died and was buried in the same county in 1964, as was Martha, who died on September 26, 1968.

**Thomas Kraai [1844-1864]**

On February 15, 1864 Thomas Kraai, a resident of Grand Haven, enlisted as private in Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. During the Siege of Petersburg, he incurred severe wounds to his left leg, which had to be amputated and led to his death on September 1, 1864. He was buried at the National Cemetery in Philadelphia. Thomas was born in The Netherlands on May 22, 1844.

**Hugh “Bud” Krampe [1925-2016]**

See Hugh O’Brien.

**Gustave “Joe” Krause [1852-1927]**

Born in Germany on October 3, 1852, Joe Krause came to the United States in 1865. He became a fisherman for Captain Thomas W. Kirby of Grand Haven, and he also served with the first Volunteer Life Saving crew in Grand Haven. He passed away on December 28, 1927. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Germany in 1857, died in 1924, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least two sons: Karl H., who was born in Michigan on April 11, 1888, and Theodore, who was born in Grand Haven in 1899. They family resided at 115 Fulton Street.

**Harold “Harry” John Krause [Krouse] [1905-1984]**

In the 1960s Harry Krause owned property at 18464 Main Street, Grand Haven. It is said to be the shortest main street in the country. Harry, the son of William and Emma Brems Krause, was born in Grand Haven on May 3, 1908. He married Leola Bertha Darby in Coopersville on December 8, 1928. She was born in Milwaukee on September 20, 1911. Harry was a truck driver and eventually had his own hauling business, although he ended is career as a finisher at Story & Clark Piano Company. The family’s principal residence was at 1200 Washington Street. Harry died on September 24, 1984. Leola passed away in Grand Haven on February 21, 1986. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had four children.

**William A. Krause [1886-1939]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1886, William Krause earned his captain’s papers and operated local fish tugs and tugs for Construction Aggregates Company. On July 26, 1907 in Grand Haven, he married Emma Brems. They were divorced on June 24, 1924. Emma, who was born in Chicago in 1883, died around October 7, 1933. The couple resided at 17 Franklin Street. They had two sons, Harold, born on May 3, 1908, and Robert, born about 1911. After his wife’s death, William moved to 123 Fulton Street. He died on February 1, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Emma.

**James Kremer [1934-2014]**

The son of Charles E. and Angie Dykema Kremer, Jim was born in Watseka, Illinois on February 17, 1934. He married Barbara Pennings in Rochester, New York on September 8, 1955. After serving with the Army during the Korean War, Jim and Barbara came to Grand Haven, where he joined the public schools as a teacher and later as principal at Ferry Elementary School. He was a member of Trinity Reformed



Church in Grand Haven, and he volunteered with Kids Hope and Love, INC. Jim painted a mural in honor of Grand Haven's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1984. It was a prominent feature on the Second Street side of Steiner's Drug Store at 136 Washington Street for several years.

Jim's and Barbara's children were Chuck of Spring Lake, Kevin of Holland, Cherrie, who married Jeremy Bitchneno of Jenison, Anne, who married Brent Kieft and moved to Littleton, Colorado, and Carolyn, who married Ted Breimeyer of Grand Haven. Jim passed away in Traverse City on September 5, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, September 8, 2014.]

### **Arthur Edward Kromer [1861-1931]**

Born in 1861 in Michigan, Arthur Kromer, a tinsmith, was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He and his wife, Margaret, were residents of Grand Rapids. His parents, Napoleon and Hannah Kromer, and his sister, Sarah, in the summer of 1883 or earlier, camped in Highland Park, pitching a tent on the wooded ridge where Beech Holme was built. Arthur was a frequent visitor to Grand Haven. An item in the *Tribune* on April 12, 1894 read, "Art Kromer has made his best run so far this year. He rode to Grand Haven Monday over rough roads, covering thirty-six miles in four hours' actually [sic] riding time." Arthur and his wife, Margaret Manby, resided in Grand Rapids. Margaret, a native of Canada, was five years younger than her husband. By 1930 the couple was residing in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Arthur passed away in Pinellas County, Florida on July 29, 1931. Margaret died in the same county in 1952.

### **Max C. Krueger [1870-1950]**

Born in Berlin, Germany on August 6, 1870, Max Krueger was an electrician with an office at 112 Washington in Grand Haven. He married Molly Kappas in Chicago, Illinois on January 12, 1897. She was born on March 10, 1874 in Chicago. They were married on January 12, 1897 and had three surviving daughters: Marguerite [Margaret], who was born on November 10, 1901 and died on April 27, 1918; Marie, born about 1906; Madeline, born on December 16, 1909 in Spring Lake; and Ruth, born about 1912. The family had moved from Chicago to 40 acres on what is now Krueger Street in Spring Lake Township in 1904.

Max graduated from the University of Berlin with a degree in electrical engineering. His first job was with the Siemens Company in the London office. He traveled to Chicago in 1893 to take charge of the Siemens exhibition at the Columbian Exposition. While in the Windy City, he met Molly. After moving to Spring Lake, Max did electrical contracting and sold Hurley and Thor appliances and lighting. Max founded Ottawa Electric in 1907 at 112 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. In 1935 he sold the business to Emery Holzinger.

Max and Molly were members of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, the Spring Lake Masonic Lodge, and the North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. Max served for 22 years as justice of the peace in Spring Lake Township.

The Kruegers' daughter Marie married Edward D. Kinkema, a Grand Haven mortician. Madeline married Ray Sullivan, a sergeant in the Michigan State Police. Ruth married Charles D. Nash, office manager at Bastian Blessing in Grand Haven.

Molly passed away on August 24, 1948, and Max died on June 19, 1950. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with their daughter Marguerite.

### **Henry Kruithoff [1883-1953]**

A farmer and stockraiser, Henry Kruithoff owned 80 acres in Section 25 of Olive Township, where he arrived in 1891. He was born in The Netherlands in 1883 and died in Holland, Michigan in 1953. Henry married Minnie Caauwe in Holland. Born in Holland in 1884, Minnie died there in 1940. Their three sons and one daughter all were born in West Olive between 1906 and 1914.

### **William Kruithoff I [1849-1916]**

William I, the son of Walter and Neeltje Kruithoff, owned a farm in Section 13 of Olive Township as early as 1893. He lived from December 17, 1849 to March 23, 1916 and was buried at Olive Cemetery, while his wife, Elizabeth Woldinga, lived from January 1847 [1846] to March 22, 1940 and also was buried at Olive Cemetery, although she died in Allegan County. Their children were Henry, born in August 1883; Mary, born in January 1888; and William II, born in July 1889. William I immigrated to the United States in 1882, followed by his wife and oldest son the next year. William II and Mary were born locally. William II later owned an 80-acre farm in Section 24 of Olive Township.

### **Albert Kruizenga [1873-1906]**

Born in Ferrysburg on February 9, 1873, Albert was the son of Derek [Derk] Kruizenga. He lived on his parents' farm in Section 10 near the village until just shortly before his death, when he moved into town. On October 22, 1893, he married Frances Start. Frances, the daughter of Hilbrant [Hildebrandt] [Hilbrant] and Anna Dobb Start, was born in Spring Lake on September 25, 1872 and died there in October 1954. She is listed in the 1909 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as postmaster of the Ferrysburg post office, a position he held from 1907 to 1916. Albert died of Bright's Disease on June 19, 1906 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. One of their three children, Anna Kruizenga, was born in Ferrysburg on February 22, 1895 and died on August 12 the same year. Another daughter, Stena Kruizenga, was born on March 3, 1893 and married Alfred Ruiter. A son, Richard Kruizenga, was born on June 30, 1896. [*Tribune* obituary, June 22, 1906.]

### **George F. Kruizenga [1924-1999]**

George Kruizenga joined Quality Pattern at 1555 Marion in Grand Haven in 1969. The son of Richard and Millie Kruizenga of Spring Lake, George was born October 24, 1924 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 5, 1999. He and his wife, Grace, resided at 927 Franklin.

### **John Kruizenga [1881-1954]**

John Kruizenga was born in Spring Lake on January 23, 1881. He married Meta [May/Matie], the daughter of Herman and Mary Honholt. Meta was born on April 17, 1882, also in Spring Lake and passed away about October 15, 1965. Among their children, all natives of Michigan, were Richard James, born about 1904; Herman, who was born around 1907 and moved to Roosevelt Park in Muskegon; Stella, born on January 11, 1910; and Marvin, who was born around 1911 and remained in Spring Lake. John and Meta were still residing in Spring Lake in 1930, where John was a carpenter. He died on July 12, 1954. John and Meta were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Stella died in Grand Haven on January 19, 2005. She worked for the Grand Haven Gas Company for 17 years, before being transferred to the company's general office in Coldwater. After retirement, Stella returned to Spring Lake and resided at 210 North Division. She was a member of Christ Community Church, where she also volunteered. [*Tribune* obituary, January 20, 2005.]

### **Richard Kruizenga [1896-1981]**

Richard, the son of Albert and Frances Start Kruizenga, was born on June 30, 1896 and passed away in Grand Haven on August 13, 1981. He married Millie Braun about 1922. Millie lived from December 28, 1895 to December 9, 1979. Their children were a daughter, Eleanor, born about 1923, and a son, George, born on October 24, 1924. The family resided on Second Street in Ferrysburg in 1930 and later at 1326 Columbus and 714 Pennoyer in Grand Haven. Richard and Millie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Richard James Kruizenga [1904-1986]**

Born June 14, 1904 in Spring Lake, Richard was the son of John and May Honholt Kruizenga. Richard graduated from Grand Haven High School and in 1922 became associated with Bastian Blessing Company of Grand Haven, where he was promoted to assistant manager. He also was a building contractor in Spring

Lake. Richard was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Stag Club, Citizens History Association, and the First Reformed Church.

On September 18, 1928 Richard married Kathryn, who was born June 13, 1904 in Spring Lake, the daughter of George and Adrianna Oggel Mulder. George Mulder owned a grocery store. Richard and Kathryn had three children: Dorothy Jean, born August 7, 1929, who married Gordon Boelens; Richard John, born September 25, 1930 and later a resident of New York City; and Georgia May Van Weelden, born February 24, 1933. Richard died in Grand Haven on May 28, 1986 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Kathryn died in Spring Lake on March 11, 1996. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 27, 1941, and *Tribune* obituary, May 29, 1986.]

### **Fred C. Kuhnle [1883-1977]**

In 1929 Kuhnle-Winslow Company moved to Grand Haven from Chicago, where it had been in operation since 1914, and occupied a building on Harbor Avenue, near the Nat Robbins building at 1 South Harbor. Fred C. Kuhnle of Grand Rapids was one of the founders of the company, which started in Grand Haven to manufacture plumbing supplies and oil heaters with ten employees in 6,000 sq. ft. of floor space. In 1931 it merged with American Brass Novelty, later known as Michigan Brass Company, and began the manufacture of plumbers' brass goods. In 1944 Fred became associated with Grand Haven Harbor Industries. He was born in Indiana on January 20, 1883 and passed away in Grand Rapids on May 13, 1977. His wife, Louise, was born in 1885.

### **Harm [Herman] Kornelis Kuiper [Kueper] [1837-1920]**

Harm Kuiper, listed as Herman Kuiper in the *Michigan State Gazetteer*, was a shoemaker in Ferrysburg in 1875. Five years later, he was working in a local sawmill. Harm, born in Groningen, The Netherlands on February 25, 1837, married Albertje [Alberta] Tulp in Groningen on December 3, 1870. They immigrated to the United States in 1873. They were members of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, founded in 1882. Harm was a member of the first consistory. Also a native of Groningen, Alberta lived from June 23, 1846 to May 13, 1903. Harm died on December 20, 1920 in Groningen. Among their children was Harm "Harry" Kuiper, born in Ferrysburg on December 7, 1878.

### **Harm "Harry" Kuiper [1878-1967]**

Harm Kuiper on June 29, 1905 in Ferrysburg married Aagtje "Aggie" Laning. Harry, the son of Harm and Abertje Tulp Kuiper, was born in Ferrysburg on December 7, 1878. Aggie was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on December 8, 1878. In the mid-1920s Harry and his partner, Klaus Voogt, owned a concrete block building business in Ferrysburg. Harry passed away in June 1967, and Aggie died on October 30, 1969. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had five surviving children.

### **Klaas Kuiper [1841-1921]**

Rev. Klaas Kuiper was pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church when it was moved from 400 Fulton to 418. Rev. Kuiper, who immigrated to America in 1891, is generally considered the father of the Christian school movement in the CRC. He married Martje [Maika] De Bruyn, who lived from 1848 to around August 25, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Klaas died on March 9, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest. Two children were buried with their mother and father: Anton, who lived from December 4, 1882 to March 28, 1937, and Romke [Rolena/Meena], a daughter, who died on September 23, 1893 at the age of 24.

### **Werner Kullack [1896-1966]**

In January 1953 Ajax Tool and Die of Muskegon moved to Grand Haven and occupied the former Wolverine Table Company building at 803 Taylor Avenue. Werner Kullack was general manager at the time and later became president of the company. In 1962 the firm changed its name to Automatic Spring Products Corp. Werner resided on Valley City Street in Ferrysburg. He was born in Germany on August 21, 1896 and died in 1966. His wife, Ida O., was born in Illinois about 1898.

### **Henry Kuyers [1867-1935]**

A farmer and stock raiser, Henry Kuyers owned 80 acres in Section 34 of Robinson Township. He settled in the area in 1910. His wife's name was Katie. One of their seven children died as an infant on September 13, 1914 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery with other Kuyers. Henry was born in Michigan in October 1867. By 1900 Henry and Katie were residing in Iowa. He died in 1935. Katie lived from 1879 to 1946. Both were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

### **Peter La Belle [Labelle, Labell] [1810-1894]**

Born in Canada in 1810, Peter La Belle settled in Alpine Township [Kent County] as early as 1837. There he and two other men of French descent put up a mill, but all three were gone within two or three years. Peter appeared in the 1850 census for Ottawa Township [Grand Haven Township]. Two years later he was licensed to provide the first ferry service between Grand Haven and Ferrysburg. The fare was three cents until 1856, when he successfully petitioned to raise it to a nickel, with tickets for fifteen fares or more available at three cents each. Teams of horses were taken over the river on scows and pedestrians were transported in rowboats. Peter operated his ferry until 1867, when the first bridge was finished. He married Mary [Maria] Gerard on November 20, 1849 in Grand Haven. She was born around 1828 in Canada. They had eight children. Peter passed away in Mason County on September 18, 1894 and was buried at Pere Marquette Cemetery.

### **Burrel Wilford Ladd [1897-1975] and Charles Archibald Ladd [1870-1925]**

Charles Ladd and his son Burrel Ladd owned Ladd & Son photography studio at 22 South Second Street from at least 1908 to 1915, and perhaps longer. They were residents of Muskegon, where Burrel was born on August 26, 1897. He died in Muskegon on June 17, 1975 and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. His father Charles lived from July 6, 1870 to June 24, 1925. Born in Herkimer, New York, Charles was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Charles "Carl" F. Ladewig [1839-1917]**

Charles was born in Gruenberg, Prussia, on September 25, 1839 to Carl F. and Maria Christina Dobbert Ladewig. With his parents, brothers August F. and William F., and sister Charlotte, Charles sailed from Hamburg and arrived at Castle Garden, New York, on January 20, 1857, aboard the ship *Johan Gutenberg*. The family first settled in Lockport, New York before moving to Grand Haven Township in 1863.

Charles married Wilhelmenia Behm at her home in Grand Haven Township on February 12, 1863. Wilhelmenia was born at Johannesburg, New York on January 13, 1844. Following their marriage, the couple purchased a 160-acre farm in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. Charles was Deacon at the newly founded German Lutheran Emanuel Church, which he helped organize in 1870. The Ladewigs' children, all born locally, were Anna, who was born December 4, 1863 and married William Tietz; Sarah, who was born about 1860 and married Max Glazat; Adolph, born about 1868; Carl H., born about 1870; Paul [Paulus] J., born about 1876; John [Johannes] F., born about 1879; Alfred H.; Henry W.; and Hattie. The family later moved to a farm in Georgetown Township. Wilhelmenia died on January 18, 1892 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Her husband died on January 19, 1917 in Grand Rapids, where he was buried.

### **Michael Laffin [1841-1913]**

Although a blacksmith by trade, Michael Laffin in 1877 managed the National Hotel, owned by Phillip Rosback. The hotel was located on the southeast corner of Columbus and Harbor. Born in New York in May 1841, Michael enlisted in Company A of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry on July 19, 1862. He was mustered in with the rank of sergeant, was wounded at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee on November 30, 1864, promoted to lieutenant in December. He was mustered out on June 28, 1865. He filed for a disability pension on March 12, 1880. He married Mary Brodrick, who was born in Canada on October 12, 1847. Michael died on February 15, 1913 in Valparaiso, Indiana. He and Mary had been in Indiana since at least

1900. Michael by then was a “keeper of rooming house,” as recorded in the 1900 Federal Census for Central, Indiana. In 1870 and 1880, the couple lived in Spring Lake, where Michael worked as a blacksmith. In 1922, Mary was residing in Minot, North Dakota. She died there on June 27, 1926, and was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had one daughter, Catherine, who was born in Michigan about 1868.

### **Earl La Fave I [1928-1970]**

On October 5, 1956, Earl La Fave married Diana, the daughter of Herbert and Emma Clark Fase of Grand Haven. She was born on March 5, 1929. Earl was born on December 21, 1928 and died on March 12, 1970. Diana passed away in Grand Haven on June 13, 2015. She and Earl were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two children, Earl II and Arthur. Before marrying Earl, Diana was the wife of Fay Parsons. They had three children: David, Gerri Lynn, and James. Fay lived from September 27, 1920 to December 4, 1983. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Earl and Diana.

### **Joseph La Framboise [1765-1809] and Magdalene [Madeline] Marcotte “Madame” La Framboise [1780-1846]**

Madame La Framboise, as Magdalene Marcotte came to be known, was born in February 1780 [1779] at Fort St. Joseph, Berrien County. Her father, a French fur trader, was Jean Baptiste Marcotte, of French, German, and Scot heritage. Her mother was Marie Neskech [Nekesh/Timothee], the daughter of a French woman and Kewinaquot, “Returning Cloud,” an Ottawa chief, who were from a village near the mouth of Grand River. Madgalene’s father died when she was three years old, and she was raised in an Ottawa village on Crockery Creek near Nunica, not far from Fort Village. On July 4, 1796 [July 11, 1804], she married Joseph La Framboise at Eglise Catholique Paroisse de Saint Ignace in Michilimackinac. [Another source says they were married at Ste. Anne’s Church on Mackinac Island.] He was a successful and wealthy fur trader in charge of the Indian trade in western Michigan, working first for the British Fur Company and later for the American Fur Company. Joseph was born in Trois Rivieres, Quebec on April 16, 1765. Magdalene’s Indian name was Shawwenoqua. [*Battle for the Soul*, Keith R. Widder, 1999, 50.]

Joseph started making annual fur trading trips to the Grand River as early as the summer of 1783 but made Michilimackinac his winter home. Among other posts in the Grand River Valley, he established one at Crockery Creek. In the fall of 1809, he started a trip to his usual wintering place. About half-way between Muskegon and Grand Haven the party pulled ashore to camp for the night. Nequat, a young Indian, was angry that Joseph refused to provide him with liquor. He stabbed [shot] and killed the fur trader, allegedly while Joseph was at prayer in his tent. Other Indians later captured the assassin and asked Magdalene to decide his fate. Her malice, she said, had passed and she forgave him. Nevertheless the assassin’s body subsequently was found with his own dagger protruding from his chest. Magdalene carried her husband’s body to the mouth of the Grand River and buried him somewhere in the vicinity.

After her husband’s death Madame La Framboise continued eastward along the Grand River to her deceased husband’s fur trading post at Ada. She assumed supervision of the 20 or more West Michigan trading posts that Joseph had managed, including one in Crockery Township. Like her husband, Madame La Framboise worked for John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company and “at her own risk,” meaning she could sell pelts to other companies, as well.

Madame La Framboise adhered to her Catholic faith but always dressed in Indian clothing. She was described as being “of commanding form, agreeable manners and excellent deportment; and highly esteemed by both whites and Indians.” She had a constant companion, her servant Angelique, who was with her at the time of Joseph’s murder and remained with her until Magdalene’s death. Robert Stuart, who was manager of the American Fur Company Mackinac at the time of her retirement, invited Rix Robinson to take charge of the Company’s posts on the Grand, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon Rivers. Rix Robinson took over her trading posts in 1821, but he and Madame La Framboise worked together that year.

She retired to Mackinac Island, self-educated, acute in business affairs, and wealthy. Juliette Kinzie, a visitor to Mackinac Island in 1830, remembered Madam La Framboise as being tall and having a commanding appearance. According to Mrs. Kinzie, Joseph taught his wife to read and write. She could speak Ottawa, Ojibway, French, and English fluently. The retired fur trader took the time to teach local students basic subjects and religion. [*Mackinac Island*, p. 20.]

Joseph's and Magdalene's daughter, Josette [Josephine], was born on Mackinac Island on September 24, 1795. On April 2, 1816, she married Captain Benjamin Kendrick Pierce [August 29, 1790-April 1, 1850], Commandant of Fort Mackinac and the brother of President Franklin Pierce. She died on Mackinac Island on November 24, 1820, leaving two children, Harriet [1818-1854] and Daniel [1819-1866]. She passed away after giving birth to her third child, Benjamin Langdon, who also died.

The La Framboises also had a son, Joseph Pierre La Framboise, who was born on Mackinac Island in 1805, educated in Montreal, and became a fur trader. He died in 1854 [1856] in West Newton, Minnesota. Magdalene died on April 4, 1846. Her home, which she bequeathed to Ste. Anne's Church, and the crypt beneath the altar, where she and her daughter were buried, can be seen on Mackinac Island. [In 2013 her remains and those of her daughter and grandchild were moved to a crypt in the church's museum.] When the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame was founded in Lansing in 1984, Madame Magdalene La Framboise was one of the first to be inducted. [*Famous American Homes*, "Island Home of Michigan's Great Woman Pioneer," *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, "Early Days on Mackinac Island, 1809," and *Tribune* article, "Woman Indian Trader Here in Early Days."]

#### **Peter Laidal [Laitel] [1866-1940]**

A farmer with 80 acres in Section 11 of Crockery Township, Peter Laidal also raised livestock. Peter, who came to the area in 1910, lived from 1866 to 1940. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1871 and died in 1941. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, along with a son, Andrew, who died as an infant in 1895.

#### **Arend Klaas Laman I [1833-1891]**

Born in T'Zandt, The Netherlands, on January 10, 1833, Arend Klaas Laman in 1856 married Hendritje Ruiters in their hometown. Hendritje, the daughter of Imke [Emma] Jans Lanting and Tonnis Bartolds Ruiters, was born on October 10, 1831. With eight of their ten children, ranging in age from two to 25, the couple emigrated in steerage class from Rotterdam to New York and then traveled by oxcart to Grand Haven in 1878. They spent the next year building their home at 527 Monroe while living with nearby friends. Their two oldest sons joined them in Grand Haven in 1882. The Lamans completed the purchase of their homestead in 1887 for a total of \$150. Their children were Emke, who lived from 1853 to 1941 and married Jacob Bronsema; Klaas, who was born in 1857, married Anna Uihorn, and died in 1933; Tonnis [Teunis], who lived from 1860 to 1944; John, who was born in 1862 and married Sadie Greer; Eda [Ida/Ada], who was born in 1866 and died in 1963; Arend II, who was born in 1869 and married Mattie Swarts in Grand Haven; Hendrika [Reka], who lived from 1871 to 1931; Pieter, who lived from 1873 to 1956 and was first married Dena Biereme and then Jessie Hyma Zaagman; and Bartold, who was born in 1876 and died in 1891. Arend I died of kidney disease on December 10, 1891, and Hendritje died many years later, on January 19, 1923.

#### **Leonard L. Lamb [1927-1997]**

Leonard Lamb was born on August 3, 1927. Before starting an estate appraisal business, he was manager of the Collections Department for Security First Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. He and his wife, Jerry, moved from 820 Lake Avenue to 309 South Second Street, where Jerry continued to live after her husband's death. He died January 16, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Johan "John" Lampe [1879-1957]**

Johan "John" Lampe I, who was born in Yugoslavia on October 8, 1879, passed away on November 19, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Mary Frajan, who was born in the same country

on December 7, 1884, died on July 4, 1950, and also was buried at Lake Forest. They and their three children immigrated to the United States in 1912. Before moving to Grand Haven around 1921, John was a copper miner in the Upper Peninsula. In 1922 John and Mary opened Lampe's Grocery at 1452 Pennoyer. Mary ran the store, while John worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather.

A son, John Lampe II, was born in Yugoslavia on October 16, 1906. His wife, Edna Laura, was born on February 29, 1908 in Missouri and passed away in Grand Haven on April 21, 1994. John II died in Grand Haven on July 23, 1990. A second son, Paul Joseph Lampe I, was born in Yugoslavia on June 29, 1910. John's and Mary's two other sons were [Fred] R. Lampe, who was born in Michigan on May 15, 1913, passed away on June 20, 2003 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Mirko [Mirk] M., who was born in Michigan in 1916 and served in the Army during WWII. The family resided in Grand Haven Township. A daughter, Mary A. Lampe, who was born in Michigan about 1919, owned a neighborhood grocery store at 1452 Pennoyer Avenue in the early 1940s and into the 1950s.

### **Paul Joseph Lampe I [1910-1966]**

Paul Lampe assumed management of Lampe's Grocery at 1452 Pennoyer around 1935, and he operated Lampe's Beechtree Inn next door at 207 South Beechtree Street from the early 1940s to December 1962. The inn later became known as the East End Tavern, owned by Archie Green. Paul ran the grocery store and Conoco gasoline station at or near the same address until 1965. His parents were Johan "John" and Mary Lampe. On May 1, 1937, in Spring Lake, Paul married Gladys, the daughter of Harry and Gertrude Eckelcamp Bolton of Spring Lake. She was born on August 20, 1914 in Grand Haven. Paul and Gladys had two sons, Paul II; a contractor of Grand Haven, and Ken, an attorney, who resided in Spring Lake. Paul I was born in Yugoslavia on June 29, 1910, passed away on October 25, 1966, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Gladys died on June 12, 2007 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 2007.]

### **Alfred E. Landon [Landen] [1834-1905]**

Alfred Landon was an early resident of Crockery Township, where he settled on 80 acres in Section 26 and owned another 80 acres in Section 35 before 1860. By 1893 he was "watchman" for the City of Grand Haven. The son of Benjamin and Mary Caroline Deerdorff Landon, Alfred was born in August 1834 in Canada and died on February 12, 1905. His wife Lydia, also a native of Canada, was born on October 22, 1844. She passed away on August 26, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. The Landons moved to the United States in 1864.

### **Arza E. Landon [Landen] [1861-1889]**

Arza Landon's mother, Lucinda, the daughter of Arza and Isabel Mumy Bartholomew, was born in January 1844. On January 2, 1860 in Crockery Township, Lucinda married Almond [Almon] Landon, who was born about 1831. On September 10, 1861 in Nunica, Almond enlisted as quartermaster sergeant. Three weeks later, on October 2, he transferred to Company D of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was promoted to full first sergeant on May 26 the next year. Almond died of disease at Hamburg, Tennessee on May 30, 1862 and was buried at Shiloh National Military Park. Their son, Arza, was born in Crockery Township on February 1, 1861. On April 7, 1865 Lucinda married Orange Jubb of Crockery. Arza lived with them. At the age of 20 Arza bought a half interest in William E. Gordon's hardware business in Nunica and shortly after that became the sole proprietor. On May 4, 1884, in Crockery Township, Arza married Lizzie Lawrence. Lizzie, born in Nunica in February 1863, was the daughter of Sidney and Thankful Lawrence. Arza died on April 8, 1889, and by 1893 his widow held title to their farm in Section 24. On August 17, 1899, she married Earl Oscar Cilley in Muskegon. Divorced from Frances Angell [1866-1956], Earl lived from March 1865 to January 26, 1943. Lizzie died on December 3, 1943 in Bellingham, Washington and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Earl.

### **Dwight A. Lane [1866-1939]**

Dwight, the son of Albert and Delia E. Andrews Lane, was born on June 3, 1866 on a farm near Hopkins, Allegan County. On August 6, 1889 he married Jennie Barnes, sister of James and John Barnes of Grand Haven. Jennie was born in Grand Haven on August 17, 1864. The couple resided at 120 South Second. Dwight was listed in the 1908 *City Directory* as a stereopticon operator. He also was credited with operating the first bookstore in Grand Haven from 1896 until around 1900. About that time, he sold the business, located at 129 Washington, to Charles Boyden II, who moved it to 222 Washington. Dwight managed the Reichardt Bookstore at 222 Washington for a number of years, too. Dwight and his wife moved to California, where he died on February 20, 1939. Jennie passed away in Los Angeles on June 5, 1941. Their daughter, Marian F. Lane, was born in Grand Haven on January 6, 1896 and died in Los Angeles on December 23, 1977.

#### **Francis Herman “Pinky” Lange [1908-1980]**

Francis Lange owned a candy store on Savidge Street in Spring Lake in the 1930s. By 1940 he was operating a Lange’s Service Station on Pine Street in Ferrysburg. The son of H. Rowland and Gala E. Lange, Pinky was born in Muskegon on June 16, 1908 in Michigan and passed away in Spring Lake on September 15, 1980. On March 14, 1929 he married Edna M., daughter of Ed and Nellie Fons of Spring Lake. Edna was born on August 4, 1909 and died in Spring Lake on October 29, 1979. They had a son, James Francis Lange., who was born on September 25, 1929 and died on May 28, 2003. Pinky and Edna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Adrianna Sall Langeland [1928-2018]**

The daughter of Albert [1906-1991] and Winnie Ensing [1906-1991] Sall, Adrianna was born in Jenison on May 29, 1928. She married Lester Eugene Langeland on August 27, 1948 in Allendale. Lester, the son of John and Jennie Stroven Langeland, was born in Coopersville on September 24, 1927. They owned a farm at 5085 Garfield Street in Polkton Township and additional substantial acreage in the area. Lester raised egg-laying hens and grew wheat, corn, and alfalfa, all for commercial sale. Lester on June 2, 1982 opened Coopersville Hardware and Farm Services and operated it for 20 years. He still owns Langeland Farms, Incorporated, which specializes in poultry and eggs, also is in Coopersville. Adrianna and Lester had seven children: Marcia Langeland, who married Rick Draft; Mary Langeland, who married Morrie Dieleman; Melinda Langeland, who married Mike Dyskstra; Merle Langeland, who married Lori Johnson; Margo Langeland, who married Steve Kol; Melody Langeland; and Marlin Langeland, who married Glynda Hanenburg. Adrianna died on September 27, 2018. Her sister, Joyce Sall, married Leon Langeland, Lester’s brother. Merle and Marlin to ownership of the family farm after Adrianna’s death.

#### **Leon Jay Langeland [1930-1999]**

On January 1, 1965 Spring Lake Village appointed Leon Langeland to head up its new Police Department. Leon had served in various capacities with the Grand Haven Police Department and the Ottawa County Sheriff Department from 1957 until he became chief of the Spring Lake Police Department. In 1989 Ferrysburg and Spring Lake merged their police departments in 1989, Leon continued as chief. Spring Lake was designated operations headquarters. Leon stepped down as chief of the combined departments on July 10, 1993. His position was filled by William Kaufman, who had been police chief in Ferrysburg before the two forces were combined. Leon stepped down as chief of police of the Spring Lake and Ferrysburg Police Department on July 10, 1993, after serving for 28 years.

On February 29, 1952, Leon married Joyce Elayne Sall in Allendale. She was born in February 1934. They had four children: Darlene Langeland, who married Gerald Boscher; Larry Langeland, who married Michelle Blue; Shari Langeland, who married Rick Van Dyke; and Mark Langeland, who married Wilma Brands. The family resided at 904 East Savidge and then at 15962 Beach Drive in Spring Lake Township. Born on July 10, 1930, Leon died in Spring Lake on May 7, 1999 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His parents were John and Jennie Stroven Langeland. On May 7, 2002, a baseball field at



Spring Lake's Central Park was named Langeland Field in his memory. Lester Langeland of Marne was his brother, and their wives were sisters.

### **Charles-Michel Mouet de Langlade [1729-1802]**

Charles Langlade was born in May 1729 and baptized on the ninth of that month at Michilimackinac. His mother, an Ottawa Indian, was the sister of Chief Nissawakwat of L'Arbre Croche. [*Our People, Our Journey*, p. 7.] Charles became a fur trader and military officer. He was headquartered at Michilimackinac, a word of French origin, referring to a broad area spanning the Mackinac Straits and including both Mackinac Island and a northern portion of the mainland. Langlade recruited Ottawas, Ojibeways [Chippewas], and Potawatomis, and led them to Fort Duquesne [Pittsburgh] in 1755 to help the French defeat the British army under General Braddock and George Washington, during the French and Indian War. Langlade told the Indians, "Brothers, the red coats threaten your lives and lands. The chief beyond the ocean has sent them to prepare for colonists. They will build roads, towns, and farms. They will frighten away the game and drive out the Indians. You will perish. The French do not want your lands, only your furs. We only want to trade with you. Come with me, help fight the red coats. There will be many scalps and prisoners for those who help the French."

In return for his success, Charles in 1755 was given rights to trade for furs at "Gabagouache" [the mouth of Grand River] and elsewhere in Michigan. One of his posts was on the south bank of the Grand River near the north end of today's Beechtree Street. In the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, Grand Haven historian Paul Trap wrote, "In October 1755 [Langlade] had been ordered by the commandant at Michilimackinac to establish a trading post at the mouth of the Grand River (Grand Haven, Mich.) and to use it to help maintain control of the Ottawas and Potawatomis along the western shore of Lake Michigan. Charles continued to do his winter trading at this site through 1790, having as many as 15 men working for him." When the French surrendered to the English at the conclusion of the French and Indian War, Charles was instructed to ask all Indians in the Grand River Valley to report to Mackinac in person in order to take an oath of allegiance. The Ottawa Indians loaded their canoes and slipped down the river past Dewey Hill, resolute and sober faced, wrapped in their blankets. They paddled out of the mouth of the Grand River into Lake Michigan and headed north for Mackinac Island."

Charles was married twice: to Charlotte Ambrosien Bourassa, a French woman whom he married in Montreal on August 12, 1754 and who lived from about 1738 to 1818, and to Nonnongana, whom Charles married about 1773, and who lived from about 1750 to 1835. Charles and Charlotte arrived at his post on the Grand River in the fall of 1755. Their daughter Charlotte was born at the Grand Haven trading post and baptized by Father Le Franc on January 29, 1756. Charles died in January 1802 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. [*Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, Vol. IV, p. 564.]

### **Edward Milton [Melton] Langrell [1863-1936]**

Edward M. Langrell and his wife, Malvina, managed the Highland Park Hotel, which they bought in 1921. On June 2, 1947, 11 years after her husband died, Malvina sold the hotel to Mell Wright, who owned Wright's Grill on Washington Street. Edward was born in Canada in December 1863 [1862], came to the United States in 1880 [1883]. On December 3, 1885, in Milwaukee, Edward married Mary Sprague. By 1900 they were residing in Buffalo, New York, where for 18 years he was chief purser for Goodrich Transit Company. Mary was born in Wisconsin in September 1861 and died on November 26, 1909. Their daughter Gertrude was born in Wisconsin in June 1892. On February 15, 1912, Edward married 49-year-old Maud Y. Grass, who had been married previously. Maud died in Chicago on March 20, 1915. Edward in 1922 married Malvina Steiner, who was born in Missouri in May 1892 and had married Ward Clifton on May 20, 1912 in Clayton, Missouri. She died on August 29, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Edward, who had died on July 25, 1936. Malvina's mother, Lena, was born in Missouri in September 1863. Her father, Henry, was born in Missouri in June 1862 and died after 1900.

### **Clarence "Jake" Laning [1909-2002]**

The son of Jacob and Nellie Stahl Laning, Jake was born in Ferrysburg on November 17, 1909. On April 23, 1937 he married Harriet L. Spoelma in Grand Haven. Harriet was born on March 15, 1911 and died on January 30, 2000. Jake was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and was employed at Challenge Machinery, Van Zantwick Funeral Home, Grand Haven Christian School, and the City of Grand Haven, where he retired in 1972. The Lanings had a daughter, Marilyn, who married Donald Schippers of Grand Haven. The family resided at 827 Waverly. Jake passed away at home on June 6, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, June 8, 2002.]

**Johannes “John” J. Lappinga [Lappenga] [1847-1913]**

Johannes Lappinga was born in The Netherlands in February 1847 and came to the United States aboard the *Duisberg*, which landed in New York on June 16, 1866. He settled in Olive Township in 1868, where he owned a 60-acre farm in Section 28. Klaas Lappinga was his brother. They owned jointly another 40 acres in the same section. Johannes died on November 20, 1913. He married Schovia “Sofia” Papping in Grand Haven on May 31, 1872. She was born in The Netherlands in November 1853. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Jennie, born in December 1883; Reakes, a son, born in June 1886; Gracey, born in August 1890; and Clara, born in June 1896.

**Klaas J. Lappinga [Lappenga] [1843-1929]**

Klaas Lappinga was born in The Netherlands in 1843 and came to the United States aboard the *Duisberg*, which landed in New York on June 16, 1866. Like his brother Johannes, he arrived in Olive Township in 1868, where Klaas owned 94 acres in Section 28. He and his brother owned jointly another 40 acres in the same Section. In 1873 Klaas married Pederke Bronkema [Pederke Hahn] in Ottawa County. She died on October 17, 1904. On November 19, 1905, in Holland, Michigan, Klaas married Jennie [Jane] Assink Bartering, who was 50 years old and a native of The Netherlands. They were still residing in Olive Township in 1910. Living with them at that time was Klaas’s son, Bert, who was born locally about 1896. Klaas passed away on January 24, 1929. He and Pederke were buried at Ventura Cemetery in Park Township.

**Frederick Abram Larkin [1850-1919]**

Born on December 2, 1850 in Mason, New Hampshire [Massachusetts], Frederick Larkin was junior partner in the Fessenden & Company barrel factory, which operated in Grand Haven from 1881 to 1882. Frederick came from Townsend, Massachusetts. Aaron Fessenden, founder of the company, was from the same city. Frederick later was employed by the E.P. Ellis Company and lived in Flatbush, Long Island, New York. He married Alice Amanda Proctor in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on June 24, 1886. Frederick died on October 19, 1919.

**Julia Duvernay Larraway [Laraway] [1841-1901]**

Julia, the daughter of Pierre and Julia Duvernay, was born in Grand Haven on November 6, 1841 [1839] and married Wallace Larraway of Grand Haven on November 5, 1859. The older Julia was the daughter of a Ojibwa chief. Wallace, a sailor, was born about 1838 in Royal Oak, Oakland County and died in Detroit about May 16, 1914. In 1860 Julia and Wallace were living with her parents in Grand Haven. Julia in the 1870 Federal Census and Annuity Roll received \$61.20 as a member of Chief Penayse’s Grand River Band of Ottawas. In the 1880 Federal Census she was residing on Clinton Street in Grand Haven with her husband and their three daughters: Alice, who was born in Grand Haven on December 12, 1860, first married Robert Grand Hunter and then Rudolph Schriber [1860-1942], and died in Grand Rapids on December 2, 1934; Jennie; born about 1868; and Hattie, born about 1871. Also in the household at that time was a granddaughter, Jessie Hunter, born about 1879. All family members were listed as White.

Two other children were John Edward Larraway, who was born in Grand Haven on October 7, 1883 and moved to Detroit, and Frank Larraway, who was born on December 9, 1887 [1888] in Grand Rapids, married Catherine Van Portfliet in that city on November 2, 1907, and died in Grand Rapids on May 16,

1971. In all federal censuses from 1910 on John and Frank and their children were classified as White. Julia died on November 4, 1901 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her obituary put her birth year as 1839. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 4 and 5, 1901 and May 16, 1914.]

#### **Howard B. Larsen [1915-2005]**

Howard Larsen managed Royal Dry Cleaners at 33 Franklin in Grand Haven for 34 years. The son of Otto and Olga Larsen, Howard was born in Chicago on August 19, 1915. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII and worked for the Postal Service in Chicago before coming to Grand Haven. He married Ethel Gronseth on May 23, 1942. She lived from July 8, 1916 to July 8, 1980. The Larsens resided at 214 South Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. They had a daughter, Roxanne, who married Rick Robinson and moved to McMinnville, Oregon. Howard was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and the YMCA. In the fall of 2004, Howard moved to be with his daughter in McMinnville, where he died on April 1, 2005. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 6, 2005.]

#### **Andrew Larson [1851-1925]**

Born in Sweden in 1851, Andrew Larson worked as a sailor before coming to Spring Lake in 1881, where he was employed in the sawmills. He married Louise Urbom, also born in Sweden, who lived from 1857 to 1889. They had two sons, Oscar and August A., and in the 1880s lived in a house built for mill workers on the corner of Park and Mason Streets that later was moved to 206 North Buchanan. Their son August who lived from 1885 to 1909, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After Louise died, Andrew married Augusta Johansson, also a native of Sweden, who lived from 1862 to 1945. They bought a farm on 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Section 12 of Spring Lake Township, where they raised crops and livestock and also reared their six children. Andrew died in 1925.

#### **Charles Larson [1869-1922]**

Charles Larson and his wife, Christina, owned the Log Cabin Club on Potawatamie Bayou. While residents of Chicago, they purchased the five-acre plot in Grand Haven Township for \$500 in 1908, a site that later was given the address 15197 Lake Avenue. In 1910 Charles built a cabin on the site, and a year later he added to it, creating the first summer resort business on Potawatamie. It was called Lakeside Resort. Their specialty was chicken dinners, but they also catered and offered fishing, boat rentals, and picnic grounds. Charles was born in Sweden on January 5, 1869 and immigrated to the United States when he was 17. His future wife, Christina Lundquist [Ericson], was born in Sweden around 1867 and arrived in the United States in 1888. They were married in Chicago on January 6, 1890. In 1910 Charles was a farmer residing in Grand Haven Township, and in the early 1920s he was listed as a carpenter. A son, William "Will," in 1916 organized the first Marathon race in the area. It was a success, but WWI kept Will from repeating the contest. Will was born in Chicago on June 11, 1892. The Larsons also had a daughter, Ruth, born in Escanaba on March 30, 1900. Charles died on October 2, 1922 of chronic nephritis. Less than a year later, Christina sold the Grand Haven property to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wahlberg of Chicago. Will died in Chicago on July 21, 1941. [Adapted from an article written by Marjorie Viveen, "Etched in Stone: Pottawattomie's Log Cabin Club," *Grand River Packet*, October 2010.]

#### **Eleanor Larson [1936-2001]**

See Eleanor Larson Ostradick.

#### **Oscar W. Larson [1886-1960]**

Oscar Larson was born in 1886 in Spring Lake, and became carpenter's apprentice to Chauncey Blakeslee, a local contractor. Oscar stayed in the construction trade all his life and with Blakeslee built many lovely homes in Spring Lake. On July 22, 1911 in Grand Haven, he married Anna Gunneson, who was born in Kent City, Kent County on September 13, 1888. The Larsons lived in a house built by Chauncey Blakeslee at 120 Lake Street. Oscar died on December 15, 1960, and his wife died four years later. The Gunnesons were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Carl V. La Rue [1910-1969]**

Carl V. La Rue and Ed Zenco started Ace Manufacturing in a former filling station at 200 South Harbor Street in 1945. Two years later Arnold Fredrickson and Jaime Giangrande took over the business. Carl lived at 15690 Comstock Street in Grand Haven Township. He was born on April 2, 1910 and died on August 1, 1969. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Louise [Louisa] “Lisette” Constant Lasley [1812-1907]**

Franklin Everett quoted a sketch by Rev. Ferry stating that the first fur trader in the area was Frenchman Pierre Constant, who in 1810 established a trading post for the British Fur Company on the south side of the Grand River, about two miles west of Lamont, another a short distance from the mouth of the Grand River, and a third on Muskegon Lake. After Pierre’s death in 1828 the business was taken over by his oldest child, Lisette [Louise], who was born in Muskegon on August 15, 1812 and who had been acting as his clerk since she was 12. Her mother, an Indian, was named Popamansaouekoue. Lisette carried on her father’s fur trading business for six more years but switched from British Fur to the American Fur Company, owned by John Jacob Astor and headquartered at Mackinac Island. She worked at least for a while with Rix Robinson and is on his 1830 Roster of Aliens. Lisette married William Lasley of Muskegon, whose mother was an Ojibway. William, who was born about 1800, established a trading post in 1846 at the east end of Muskegon Lake. Their son, Henry Lasley [Samuel Henry Lasley], born in Muskegon on November 21, 1840, became a prominent merchant in Muskegon, and died there on March 1, 1921. Their other children, as listed in the Federal Census of 1860 for Mackinac County, were Rachel, born about 1843, George, born on May 10, 1846, and Louisa, born about 1852. Lisette’s occupation, according to the census, was “merchandizing.” By 1869, Lisette was a widow and living with her son in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She passed away there on September 13, 1907 and was buried at St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery in Poygan, Wisconsin. Her son George had died the previous year on March 19 in Poygon. [*Memorials of the Grand River Valley*, p. 525.]

### **Deborah Ann Teas Gier Lass [1941-2016]**

The daughter of Jean Paul and Hazel Scott Teas, Deborah was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 21, 1941. She studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art, specializing in graphic and textile design. She worked in magazine layout, free lance illustration, and art gallery management, and she was a member of the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven. On April 10, 1965 she married Curtis Ripley Gier [1940-1972], and then on October 12, 1974 in Summit, Ohio, she married James Robert Lass. Born in Glenview, Illinois, he lived from December 25, 1940 to March 17, 2007. He was buried at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Glenview. Deborah passed away on August 3, 2016 in Spring Lake.

### **George Ashley Latham [1825-1901]**

George Latham owned a farm in Section 23 of Allendale Township. An early settler in the area, George was born on September 25, 1825 in New Hartford, New York. By 1850 he was living in Kent County, where he worked as a laborer. Starting in about 1860 he spent seven years handling lumber for Ferry & Son of Grand Haven. In 1869 he began contracting with Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company and was employed by that firm for the next six years. He then returned to farming. George served as township supervisor for three terms, highway commissioner for 12 years, and he also was a director for his school district. George died on September 23, 1901. His first wife, Mary A., lived from September 28, 1840 to August 21, 1872. She also was a native of New York. On June 13, 1875 in Allendale, George married Susan Pixley, who lived from 1835 to 1916. George, Mary, and Susan were buried at Allendale Cemetery.

### **Herman Laug [1907-1992]**

Herman Laug was born in Coopersville on December 18, 1907 and remained a lifelong resident of the community. In 1943 he started Coopersville Flour and Feed Mill and operated it for at least 30 years. He served as president of the board of Child and Family Services of Michigan. His wife Flora lived from

November 25, 1902 to June 6, 1988. She was buried at Polkton Cemetery. Herm passed away on April 8, 1992 and was buried with his wife.

### **Gordon Laughead I [1893-1969]**

Born on August 2, 1893 in Nelsonville, Ohio, Gordon was the son of Edward Rankin Laughead, a piano builder and tuner. He served as first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Transport Corps during WWI and was credited with capturing two German soldiers. On December 21, 1918 he married Orlo Lea Mays in Paris, France. She was born in Denver, Colorado on March 9, 1892, died in Grand Haven, on March 30, 1974, and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Denver. Gordon and Orlo had two children, Mary Frances Laughead, who was born in Chicago on May 5, 1920, married William Stites, and died in Scottsdale, Arizona on November 6, 2004, and Gordon Laughead II, who lived from March 22, 1922 to May 22, 1979.

Before coming to Grand Haven in 1941, Gordon worked for the Wurlitzer Piano Company and was sales manager for the Story & Clark Piano Company in the United States and Canada. In Grand Haven, Gordon worked at the Story & Clark Piano factory. On April 13, 1942, he started his own business at 122 Washington Street to manufacture spinet pianos and aeronautic toys. He began with two employees, and by 1943 he had added Joseph Klepac, chief piano engineer at Story & Clark. His factory was located at the corner of Elliott and Seventh Streets [633 Elliott]. In 1941 he married Joan [Josephine/Johanna] Locke [Lock/Loek]. Joan was born on December 17, 1891 in Grand Haven, the daughter of James and Mary Locke. The Laugheads resided at 20 South Fifth in Grand Haven. Gordon was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, the Masons, the American Legion, and Delta Phi Lambda Fraternity. He died on February 28, 1969 of a heart attack while at work. Joan passed away in Grand Haven on January 19, 1989. Gordon was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Ohio, Joan at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 1, 1969 and January 20, 1989.]

### **Dale Thomas "DT" Lavercombe [1952-2010]**

Dale, the son of David and Helen Van Burgel Lavercombe, was born on August 20, 1952. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. One of his art teachers and mentor was Professor John Metheney. In 1980 DT and his first wife Denise decided to move to Denver, Colorado. DT opened a commercial graphic arts studio with his college friend Christopher A. Boyer as partner. They were divorced there on August 23, 1982. After the divorce, DT married Amy Lake. They moved back to Grand Haven and in 1996 formed Vivid Imagination, Inc. Amy started a theater program called Kids at Play. DT was her set designer. They bought the Grand Theater on Washington Street and opened a dinner and theater venue. In addition, DT painted murals in stores, salons, the children's care center, and the First Presbyterian Church. After three years, they closed the business and sold the real estate to Steve and Carole Loftis, owners of Snug Harbor, and moved to Hayesville, North Carolina in 2000. There DT further developed his culinary skills. The couple next moved to Florida, where DT opened a gallery and continued to paint. He died in Palm Coast, Florida, on January 5, 2010. Amy, who was born in February 1953, returned to Grand Haven before moving to Florida. DT had two sons: Elliott Lavercombe and Maddison Lavercombe. He also had a daughter, Cheryl Lavercombe, who married Charles Hagyard.

### **David Winston Lavercombe [La Vercombe] [1928-1994]**

David Winston Lavercombe, who was born in Highland Park, Wayne County on October 28, 1928, died on March 18, 1994 while residing in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was the son of Harley and Mabel Huff Lavercombe. On August 29, 1950 in Spring Lake, David married Helen Annette Van Burgel of Grand Haven. They resided at 217 Alden in Spring Lake and on Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. David and Helen had three sons: Dale Thomas "DT" Lavercombe, who was born on August 20, 1952; Donald Lavercombe, who was born on April 11, 1959 and remained in Spring Lake; and David Lavercombe, who was born on December 28, 1960 and relocated to Salida, Colorado. DT and David were artists.

### **Harley Harrison Lavercombe [La Vercombe] [1882-1961]**

Harley Lavercombe, born on August 24, 1882, originally was from Piqua, Ohio. By 1910 he was residing in Detroit, where he became general manager of Peninsular Tool Salvage Company. Harley started two businesses in Spring Lake: Abrasive Products [Abrasive Engineering] in 1929, followed twenty years later by Forged Reamer. Both companies were originally located on the southeast corner of Savidge and Lake Streets [606 East Savidge] before moving to 911 East River. Harley first married Ruby Gordier in Detroit on September 22, 1903. Ruby was born on July 23, 1883 in Dawn, Canada and died on February 5, 1978 in Jackson. They had a daughter, Gertrude E., who was born in Michigan about 1905. Apparently the Lavercombes were divorced after 1918, and Harley next married Mabel F. Huff of Cleveland. Harley and Mabel had two sons: Lyman H., who was born in October 1924 and settled in Coopersville, and David Winston, who was born in Highland Park, Wayne County on October 28, 1928. Harley and Mabel lived at 209 Barber Street in Spring Lake from the mid-1940s to the late 1950s. Mabel passed away on May 20, 1952, and Harley died on March 1, 1961. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **E. Irene Ross Lawrence [1863-1949]**

She was born December 20, 1863 in Oswego, New York. On May 1, 1885, she married Carlisle Lawrence in New York State. He was born in Chicago on November 7, 1863 and died in Chicago on March 6, 1940. In 1900, the couple was living in Chicago with Irene's parents. They remained in Chicago until after Carlisle's death. Irene passed away in Grand Haven on August 23, 1949. Apparently she owned land in Section 5 of Grand Haven Township, which she sold to Nellie Terry on August 5, 1918.

### **Sidney [Sydney] Lawrence [1821-1900]**

Sidney Lawrence was born in New York on July 16, 1821. He arrived in Crockery Township in 1849 and by 1860 he operated a water-powered mill on Crockery Creek in Section 12. Within the next four years he acquired 160 acres in Section 1. He died January 25, 1900 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Thankful, also was buried there. A native of New York, she was born on July 28, 1828 and died on March 27, 1911. Their son, Abraham, was born in Ottawa County in May 1865. A daughter Lizzie married Azra Landon of Crockery Township. The Lawrences' other children were Edward, born about 1864, Minnie, born about 1867, and Kittie, born about 1869. All the children were born locally. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 27, 1900 and February 2, 1900.]

### **Erwin Perley Lawton [1842-1926]**

Erwin Lawton was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, on December 18, 1842. He came to Ottawa County with his parents, Perley and Nancy Ferguson Lawton, in 1846. Erwin married Marion M. Craig on October 30, 1867. A native of Ontario, Canada, Marion was born on April 4, 1846. She came to Coopersville in 1865. Erwin and Marion had two surviving children: Miner, who was born on September 23, 1877, and Milo, who was born on November 8, 1879. Marion passed away on May 13, 1914 in Wright Township. Erwin died on January 26, 1926 and was buried at Advent Cemetery.

### **Estella "Stella" M. Lawton [1904-1985]**

The swing bridge over the Grand River, connecting Grand Haven to Ferrysburg, opened on November 11, 1924 with great fanfare. Stella Lawton, elected by ballot to be Miss Grand Haven for the occasion, "cut the gold string which let down the barriers and opened the new bridge between Grand Haven and Ferrysburg to traffic." Born on February 12, 1904, Stella was the daughter of Minor [Miner] Earl and Leila Perham Lawton. Stella married Russell Sharp, who was eight years older. She died in Milwaukee in 1985.

### **Miner [Minor] Earl Lawton [1877-1969]**

The son of Erwin Perley Lawton, Miner was born in Ottawa County on September 23, 1877. He married Leila Rose Perham in Spring Lake on March 20, 1899. She was the daughter of Loren and Hester Rose Perham of Spring Lake. Miner was born on May 30, 1878 and died in Alma, Gratiot County on February 1, 1969. Leila, the daughter of Loren and Hester Rose Perham of Spring Lake, was born on March 20,

1878. They were married on March 23, 1898 in Spring Lake. Their other children were Stewart [Stuart], who was born in Wright Township on August 9, 1902 and died in Battle Creek on March 21, 1975; Erma, born on March 18, 1905; Gerald, born on June 8, 1908; and Hester, born on February 8, 1911. All family members were born in Michigan. In 1918 Miner was a salesman for the Metzger Register Company. In 1920 he and Leila resided in Spring Lake Township. At that time, Miner was unemployed. By 1930 Miner, Leila, and Hester were still residents of Spring Lake. Miner then was a traveling salesman again. By the mid-1930s the family had moved to Zeeland, and by 1938 they were living in Coopersville.

#### **Perley Lawton [1818-1899]**

Perley Lawton was born in New York on August 24, 1818. His parents were Josiah and Betsy Bradley Lawton. Josiah was born in Rhode Island on December 5, 1785 and died in Polkton Township on May 18, 1863. Betsy lived from March 5, 1786 to August 19, 1856. Both were buried at Polkton Township Cemetery. Josiah and Betsy were married on November 26, 1809.

On May 9, 1841, Perley married Nancy Ferguson. She lived from November 6, 1821 to June 4, 1882 and was buried at Advent Cemetery in Wright Township. Perley, Nancy, and their children were living in Wright Township by the time of the 1850 Federal Census. Perley was a farmer. Their children were Erwin Perley Lawton, who was born on December 18, 1842; Lenor "Nora" Lawton Coe, who lived from 1850 to 1895; Wellington R. Lawton, who lived from 1852 to 1919; and Chester Lawton, who lived from July 14, 1856 to 1940. Nancy passed away on June 4, 1882. On May 6, 1883, Perley married Hannah Maxwell Green [Greene]. Hannah, whose husband Joseph Green died in 1869, was born in New York on April 13, 1837. Perley passed away on September 6, 1899 and was buried at Advent Cemetery. Hannah, who was born on August 17, 1828, passed away on December 10, 1919 in Grand Rapids.

#### **Frank Glen Leach [1940-2001]**

Frank Leach came to Grand Haven as president of Dake Manufacturing in 1986. He retired five years later. Prior to the move to Grand Haven, he was located in Naperville, Illinois. After leaving Dake, he owned and operated West Michigan Flocking in Fennville from 1993 to 1999 and then was employed by Andrie, Inc. of Muskegon until his death. Leach received a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University in 1968. He was born in Akron, Ohio on May 10, 1940, the son of John T. and Eleanor A. Horice Leach. He married Margaret A. "Peggy" Fulwider on July 28, 1962 in Columbus, Ohio. While residing in Grand Haven, Frank belonged to the First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven Sailing Club, Muskegon Museum of Art, and Grand Haven Rotary. He and Peggy had two children: Susan E. Leach, who married Robert Negen of Spring Lake, and Richard A. Leach of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Frank died in Grand Haven on November 28, 2001.

#### **Vernon Arthur Leatherman [1920-2003]**

Vernon Leatherman was born on July 21, 1920 in Muskegon Heights. He owned and operated Leatherman's Used Cars at 5 South Beechtree Street. Vernon also was a notary public. On May 12, 1942 he married Phyllis Isabel Styx in Richmond, Virginia. The daughter of William and Phyllis Budgick Styx of West Olive, she was born on October 26, 1921. Phyllis and Vernon resided at 305 Sherman in Grand Haven. Vernon passed away in Grand Haven on October 7, 2003. A graduate of Muskegon High School, he served with the U.S. Army during WWII.

#### **Walter Louis Le Boeuf [1892-1964]**

The son of Eugene and Dora Le Boeuf, Walter was born in Muskegon on November 8, 1892. For a short time in the late 1920s he managed a clothing business called Liquidating Sales Company at 102 Washington. On June 2, 1922 in Negaunee, Marquette County he married Rosamond [Rose] Lorraine Senical. They resided at 639 Pennoyer. Walter died on April 21, 1964. Rosamond lived from November 25, 1895 to December 1979. They were buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon.

#### **James Ledinsky [1902-1975]**

Born in St. Kiral, Hungary on November 9, 1902, James Ledinsky came to this country in 1908 with his parents, a brother, and four sisters, first settling in Passaic, New Jersey. His father, Steven, was born in 1860 and his mother, Mary, was born in 1863. About 1906 the family moved to Section 5 of Robinson Township, where his father cleared a 40-acre farm and built a house. James played baseball with the Robinson Independents. He worked for seven years as a cabinetmaker, and from 1928 to 1929 he was employed at the Keller Tool Company, where he played baseball on the company team. After briefly operating a Roosevelt Auto Sales Company in Grand Haven in 1929, James moved to Chicago after the stock market crash that year. There he sold real estate and insurance. Upon returning to Grand Haven James went to work for Grand Haven Motor Company, which he bought from Jacob Kisosondi in 1937. During World War II he moved to Detroit, where he was production manager at a defense plant, but he returned to Grand Haven after the war and again opened a Packard dealership. In 1949 James built the structure on the southwest corner of Ferry and Fulton Streets [1050 Fulton], and he was recognized in 1952 for leading the country in Packard sales. He operated the dealership until 1957, when Packard stopped production.

James was elected alderman on February 19, 1951 and served two terms. As a member of the City Charter Commission in 1956 and 1957, he helped defeat the proposed City Charter on the grounds that it put too much authority in the hands of the new City manager form of government. In 1955 and 1956 he was president of Spring Lake Country Club. He worked for Don Rosso Olds-Buick in 1959 and for Redeker Ford from 1962 to 1975. James was elected to the Grand Haven Board of Power and Light from 1958 to 1962 and helped plan the new Sims plant. He was elected president of the Board in 1963 and served until his death. He also was a director of the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

James married Clara Alderman on May 4, 1930. Clara was born in Manton, Wexford County on October 14, 1912 to Frank and Cora Edith Weston Alderman. James and Clara made their home at 1133 Columbus with two sons, Dale and James, and two daughters, Mrs. Howard Behm and Mrs. Stephen Roberts. Dale was born May 21, 1946, married Janice Lynn Bowmaster in Muskegon on June 22, 1974, and passed away on June 25, 2006. Clara also participated in many community activities, including the Grand Haven Woman's Club, where she was president in 1955 and named its Woman of the Year in 1989. She was a volunteer, board member, and vice president with the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She also served as a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, the Tri-Cities Girl Scout Council, and the Tri-Cities Drug Abuse Council, and she spent many years as a legal guardian for local elderly. James died on March 21, 1975. Clara passed away in Grand Haven on February 5, 2007 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* article "Vander Veen Given Award," April 24, 1951, and *Tribune* obituary, June 28, 2006.]

#### **Floyd H. Lee [1879-1939]**

Spring Lake resident Floyd Lee was born in 1879. He was employed in advertising. On June 30, 1903, he married Ida, daughter of Richard and Elize Trotter of Spring Lake. Ida was born in January 1878, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1896, and became a teacher in the Spring Lake schools. After their marriage, the Lees resided in New Jersey, but vacationed locally for fifty years before returning to stay. A daughter Elizabeth married Cornelius Brongersma of Spring Lake. Floyd died in 1939. Ida lived from 1879 to 1981 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband.

#### **Hilma Swanty Lee [1893-1990]**

See James Wesley Lee.

#### **James Edgar Lee [1866-1958]**

Born in Chicago on January 7, 1866, James was the son of James Longbottom and Sarah S. E. Gadsden Lee. James the father was a pioneer Midwest printer and founder of Shniedewend & Lee of Chicago, which manufactured paper cutters, printing industry equipment, and precision equipment for the machinery trade. At the age of 18, J. Edgar, as he came to be known, was associated with his father in business. He



stopped in Grand Haven on October 3, 1902, on his way to look at a plant site in Muskegon. Instead, members of the Grand Haven Board of Trade convinced him that Grand Haven offered unbeatable features, such as easy access to rail and ship lines. On December 18 that year, he signed a contract to bring the Challenge Machinery Company to Grand Haven from Chicago. Schniedewend & Lee, which was destroyed by fire in 1887 and rebuilt, but the depression of 1893 brought further setback. On June 29, 1903 the owners opened a new factory at Fulton and Beechtree, later designated Plant No. 2 of the firm. The company at one time had three plants in the city and employed more than 200 people. On September 15, 1917 J. Edgar became its president and served as such for 41 years. He was City alderman in 1906 and 1907, president of the Board of Trade from 1906 to 1916, and president of the Chamber of Commerce from 1933 to 1935. He was active in the crippled children's program of the Rotary Club, and he was a director of the Grand Haven State Bank and a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Rotary Club Community Service Committee, Spring Lake Country Club, Masons, Shriners, and Presbyterian Church. J. Edgar was editor of the *Printers' Album*, a well-known house magazine published by Challenge Machinery. He completed a history of industries in the Tri Cities area up to 1900.

J. Edgar married Ida Estelle McKee, who lived from 1875 to 1929. They had two children, the youngest being a son, James Wesley, born on November 30, 1892 in Chicago. The other, Sara, was born in Chicago in September 1888. Ida passed away, and on May 5, 1934, J. Edgar married Sarah Henrietta Kiel, who was 55 at the time. The daughter of Albert and Lucy Kiel, she had attended Muskegon Business College and was a secretary at Challenge. The Lees lived at 321 Washington. Sarah died on April 3, 1958, just 17 days before her husband. He left a considerable amount of his estate to many local organizations, such as the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which he had helped get underway in 1917. J. Edgar and Sarah were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941, *Tribune* articles March 1, 1932 and April 1958, and *Tribune* obituary, 1958.]

#### **James Longbottom Lee [1839-1917]**

Born July 19, 1839 in Yorkshire, England, James Lee in 1853 reached Le Claire, Iowa. His training was in printing, but the town had no printing shop, so he worked in a boat yard. In 1855 he worked for the *Daily Iowa State Democrat* in Davenport, Iowa. In 1856 he became publisher of *The Express*. He worked in St. Louis, Memphis, and, in 1860, in Denver, at the *Denver Mountaineer*. In 1862 he joined his father-in-law in the packing business at Dyersville, Iowa, but the firm failed. James continued in various printing positions. On November 1, 1870, he was in partnership with Paul Schniedewend. The firm, Schniedewend & Lee, an electrotyping business, was destroyed in the Chicago Fire of 1871. In October 1893 Paul Schniedewend withdrew from the firm and James, his son, James Edgar Lee, and James's son-in-law, Charles R. Shupe, organized the Challenge Machinery Company. The company re-located to Grand Haven in 1903.

On June 1 1861, James married Sarah S. E., daughter of Richard Gadsden of England and later of Dyersville, Iowa. Sarah was born in England in 1839. The Lees had five children: Fannie G., who was born in Illinois around 1863; James Edgar, who was born in Chicago on January 7, 1866; Lizzie A., who was born in Illinois about September 1869 and married Charles Shupe of Grand Haven; Laura Ann; and Ruth M., born in Illinois about 1872. In 1880 James and his family were residing in Jefferson, Cook County, Illinois, where he was classified as an engineer. By 1900 James moved with his wife to Pasadena, California. By 1910 his wife's name was Ann Eliza. Ann Eliza was born in Michigan about 1851. James died on September 10, 1917. He and Sarah were buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Pasadena. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941.]

#### **James Wesley Lee [1892-1966]**

Born on November 30, 1892 in Chicago, James was the son of James Edgar and Ida Estelle McKee Lee. He studied mechanical engineering at the Lewis Institute in Chicago, and then became associated with the Challenge Machinery Company as vice president and general manager. His inventions helped bring improvements to the company. James was a director of Peoples Bank & Trust. He was a Republican, a

member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Kiwanis Club, YMCA, Grand Haven Stag Club, Citizens Historical Association, Spring Lake Country Club, and the Presbyterian Church.

On July 15, 1916, James married Hilma E. of Allegan, the daughter of Anna Nelson and John Swanty, a farmer. She lived from September 23, 1893 to September 10, 1990. Hilma served on the Grand Haven Board of Education from 1929 to 1945, including a one-year term as the Board's first woman president, and she was vice president of the Board from 1935 to 1945.

The couple had three children, including James Lawrence, who was born September 28, 1917 and graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology. James, a bomber pilot during WWII, was killed in action in January 1943. Lee Memorial Chapel at the entrance to Lake Forest Cemetery was built in his memory. Their daughter, Alice Elaine Lee, who was born August 26, 1919, married Robert C. Gould. Robert joined Challenge Machinery at the end of WWII. Another daughter was Sarah Gadsden Lee, born August 28, 1920. James died on August 3, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Hilma also was interred. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941.]

### **John G. Lee [1831-1912]**

John Lee was born in England in 1831. He immigrated to Grand Rapids, where he put out the *Labor Union* from 1868 to 1869. That year he came to Spring Lake and, with the assistance of Aloys Bilz, established the *Spring Lake Independent*, a newspaper based in Spring Lake, from 1869 to 1876. He then moved to Grand Haven and published the *Grand Haven Journal*, which adhered to the policies of the Democratic Party. In May of that year he became a partner with Mr. Hitchcock and bought the *Grand Haven News* and started the *News-Journal*. In 1877 John bought Hitchcock's share, and in July 1881 he leased the business to Horrace Nichols and Whitman Benham, who changed the name of the paper to the *Republican*. A few months later, in October John took back the newspaper and reverted to the name *News-Journal*. In 1880 John and his wife resided on Second Street in Grand Haven. They moved to Grand Rapids and prior to 1890 John founded the *West Side News*. At the same time, he operated a job printing office at Front and Bridge Streets. In the spring of 1897, the Lees moved to Chicago.

John married Sophronia Lake. Born in Illinois about 1854, she died at home, 877 Jackson Boulevard in Chicago, on August 28, 1897. John died in Grand Rapids on December 20, 1912 and was buried at Garfield Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 29, 1897 and December 21, 1912.]

### **Roswell H. Lee [1826-1915]**

A native of Ohio, Roswell Lee moved to Wisconsin where, on May 7, 1864, he enlisted as private in Company C of the 41<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, was promoted to first lieutenant on June 9, 1864, and was discharged on September 23 of the same year. On the following April 16 he enlisted as captain with Company B of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He was mustered out on July 28, 1865 and arrived in Spring Lake in 1866. Roswell owned a jewelry store in Spring Lake as early as 1869 before opening one on the northeast corner of Washington and Second Streets. He advertised in the *Spring Lake Independent*: "All work done in this line Done with neatness and dispatch and warranted." In Spring Lake, his shop was located in Messinger's Drug Store [Kitchel, page 93]. He was elected treasurer of the Village Council in 1870. Roswell was born in 1826 and died in 1915. He was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County. He married Lorinda [Lorilla/Lucy] E. Learned in Port Washington, Wisconsin on December 25, 1851. She lived from 1831 to 1912 and was buried at Oakhill. Their daughter Ettie, who was born in 1858 and died in 1908, also was buried at Oakhill.

### **James Thomas Leet [1930-2023]**

James Leet served with the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952, during the Korean War. He married Joan Marlene Garman in Manistee on June 13, 1953. She was born in Manistee on January 29, 1933. They had three children: Duane Leet, Dennis Leet, and Janyce Leet, who married Hugo Mulacek. Jim was born in Manistee on January 2, 1930. After his military service, Jim worked as an instrumentation engineer. He

was a member of the American Legion in Grand Haven. After Joan passed away in Grand Haven on August 29, 1995, Jim the next year married Marilyn Anderson. Jim died on November 15, 2023 in Grand Haven.

### **John Alexander Leggat [Leggatt, Legget] [1832-1903]**

Born in Wigtownshire, Scotland on November 30 [28], 1832, John Leggat arrived in the United States in 1834 with his parents and siblings. The family settled in Albany, New York., but John moved to Connecticut before coming to Grand Haven in 1856. [Lillie cited both 1840 and 1856.]

On May 6, 1857, John married Elizabeth [Sarah Elizabeth] Cooke in Adams County, Illinois, where he owned land. At the time of the 1860 Federal Census, he was listed as a farmer living in Honey Creek, Adams County. With him were his wife Sarah Leggat, 23 years old, John's 19-year-old brother William, Sarah's brother Samuel Cook[e], one year older than she, and three others, apparently not related to either of them. In 1870 John and Sarah were living in Grand Haven. In the same dwelling were his mother Margaret Leggat, his widowed brother Robert Leggat, and Robert's children: Jennie, Fannie, Willie, and [Ellen] Cornelia. By 1871 John owned a quartz mining operation in Butte, Montana. The mine extended under the city, causing extensive litigation. Five years later he and his brother Robert were living in Butte. Both were listed as miners. John was in Butte at the time of the 1900 Federal Census, still in the mining business. Sarah Leggat presumably died in 1870.

After the Civil War John had several business enterprises, including his real estate investments. Lillie wrote that the "Leggat Brothers of Grand Haven" leased a sawmill at Ottawa Center [Section 36, Crockery Township] from Benjamin Smith in 1860, and John ran a gristmill in the same decade. The wooded property along the road from downtown Grand Haven to Lake Forest Cemetery was a portion of the Leggat Addition added to the city around 1872. He had purchased the 30 acres from James C. Brayton in February 1870. Working with Robert Duncan and Galen Eastman, John in 1873 extended Second Street over the dunes and through the woods to the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Called Lake Avenue, the extension of Second Street was the first road cut through to the waterfront. The city agreed to reduce the steep grade on the Second Street hill between Clinton and Lafayette to make the new road more accessible. Between 1873 and 1875, he built a 10-room home at 520 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. In 1875 he sold the house and some other lots in Leggat's Addition to his twin brother Alexander John Leggat [1832-1886], who lived in St. Louis.

John served as mayor of Grand Haven in 1874, 1875, and 1877. He and his brother Robert managed the Washington House at 12 Washington Street.

John formed a partnership with his brother Alexander and his brother-in-law James Gay Butler. James, born in Saugatuck on January 23, 1840, married Margaret [last name unknown] in Grand Haven on October 15, 1868. Margaret was born in Albany on December 27, 1841. The partners formed the Leggat & Butler Tobacco Company, headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. Its slogan was "Chew Gilt Edge Tobacco." James and Margaret moved to St. Louis, where he died on August 22, 1916, and she passed away on July 16 two years later.

John in 1876 married Claribel, daughter of Winfield and Emily Ament. She was born in Owosso on February 7, 1850. John's and Claribel's son Alexander was born in Owosso on December 22, 1876 and died on January 10, 1961 in Butte, Montana. John and Claribel must have returned to Grand Haven, because after their marriage Claribel became a teacher in the Grand Haven Public Schools. The Leggats also had a daughter Clara [Claribel], who was born in Butte on August 23, 1881. On September 3, 1881, following Clara's birth, Claribel died of blood poisoning and was buried at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Butte. Clara on January 6, 1910 married Maclane Couse in Butte. [*Owosso Times*, September 16, 1881.]

John was a member of the Masons. His parents were William [1801-1852] and Margaret Main Leggat. Margaret in 1860 owned a millinery shop at the corner of Washington and First Streets. She was born in Wigtownshire, Scotland on June 9, 1812, died in St. Louis on January 6, 1882, and was buried at Lake

Forest Cemetery. John's other brother, Roderick Leggat, was born in Albany, New York on June 14, 1839 and lived in Butte, Montana, where he died on March 15, 1920. John died on October 9 [8], 1903, in Butte. His Butte obituary credited him with serving as sutler with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. A sutler was a civilian merchant who sold provisions and other wares to military personnel. Often addressed as "General," John was offered the position of territorial governor of Montana during President Grant's term but declined. John was buried with Claribel at Mount Moriah Cemetery. Leggat Street in Grand Haven was named for him. [*Tribune* obituary, October 9, 1903. Thanks to Karen Lowe for much of the detail regarding John Leggat and other members of the family.]

### **Robert Leggat [Leggatt] [1835-1906]**

The brother of John Leggat, Robert was born March 16, 1835 in Albany, New York and eventually moved to Grand Haven. On April 14, 1861 in Grand Haven, he married Ellen Cornelia Avery, who was born in New York on August 2, 1841 and relocated to Grand Haven around 1846 with her parents, Edward Jones Avery and Eleanor Jane Murray Avery. The Leggats had four children, all born in Michigan: Jennie M. Leggat, born on April 1, 1862, Fannie Elizabeth Leggat, born on February 16, 1864; William Avery Leggat, born on February 5, 1866; and Ellen Cornelia Leggat, born on September 30, 1869. Ellen died in Grand Haven on October 1, 1869 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. After her death, Robert joined his brother John in Butte, Montana and entered the quartz mining business. Robert died in 1906 in Wyoming. [For more information about the Leggat family, see John A. Leggat.]

### **Edith Garlick Lehman [1890-1917]**

Edith, born on March 22, 1890, was the daughter of Daniel and Emma Garlick of Grand Haven. She married Walter Lehman I on August 12, 1908 in Grand Haven. The son of Louis and Alice Van Bemmelen Lehman, he was born in Grand Haven on July 28, 1886. The 1908 Durant Roll listed Edith as a member of the Grand River Bands of Indians, as were other members of her family. She resided at 221 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven with her mother, Emma Garlick.

Edith and Walter had two children: Kenneth Walter Garlick, who was born in Grand Haven on April 10, 1909, and Dorothy Louise, who was born in Grand Haven on January 21, 1917. The Lehman family resided at 729 Columbus Street in Grand Haven. Edith died on January 26, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

On May 23, 1919 in Grand Haven, Walter I married Edna M. Van Pelt, who was born in 1899. They were divorced on April 22, 1921. Walter I died on July 3, 1964. Walter II on February 12, 1927 married Frances Vander Noot in Grand Haven. Frances, born on August 7, 1893, was the daughter of Cornelius and Nellie Vander Noot of Grand Haven. Walter and Frances resided at 312 North Seventh Street. Walter worked as a tinsmith at a hardware store. Frances passed away on September 26, 1928, and Walter died on July 3, 1964 in Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dorothy married Joseph Michael Crane [July 18, 1913-September 25, 1990]. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dorothy passed away on December 28, 1996 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven.

### **Joshua "Josh" Clarke Lehman [1869-1948]**

Born in Markham, Ontario on December 10, 1869, Josh was the son of Jacob K. and Sarah Clarke Lehman. Jacob lived from 1830 to 1906, and Sarah was born in England in 1835 and died in 1920. Josh arrived in Grand Haven when he was 16 years old to learn the barber trade from his brother Louis at their shop located at 12 Washington. Two years later they established Lehman Barber Shop in the basement of the Cutler House, located on the southwest corner of Washington and Third Streets. Their shop, which included "The Only Bath Rooms in the City," became one of the finest in the area. When the building was remodeled Josh moved to 209 Washington, where he was active until 1945. He sold his business to his nephew, Joseph Lehman, who operated a shop at 132 Washington.

An ardent believer in temperance, Josh was made an honorary member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. A man who loved children and youth, he brought speakers to the area, and gained the support of civic organizations in establishing the first playground system in Grand Haven about 1925. As a youth Josh excelled in fancy skating and many youngsters thrilled to his antics and learned tricks from him. For ten years he was a parole officer and there were some in this vicinity who owed their rehabilitation to his guidance and his example of fine citizenship and moral living. He served with the Salvation Army. A man of modest means all his life, he believed that the best in life was gained from service to others. For 53 years he was superintendent of the First Methodist Church Sunday school. He was a member of the official board of the church for a number of years and gave generously to its financial support, and he belonged to the Men's Brotherhood.

On September 25, 1887 in Grand Haven, Josh married Minnie Frances Thompson. The daughter of Gilbert and Sara Jane Spruce Thompson, who was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1869 and died on April 30, 1934. The Lehmans resided at 112 North Second Street and 207 North Second before moving to 112 Franklin. At the latter address, the couple opened a guest house around 1920 that they called The Frances. Later, Josh and his daughter Ethel in the 1930s changed the name to Rock Garden Inn, and later they dropped the proper name entirely and just offered "furnished rooms."

Josh and Minnie had two daughters, Ethel Sarah [Sara], who was born on September 14, 1888, and married Rev. Frank Day, and Marian. Marian was born in December 1889, and on August 16, 1912 in Grand Rapids married Ralph Ketchum of Lansing. The Ketchums moved to Miami, Florida. The Lehmans also had a son, Chester C., who was born on September 21, 1894, died on July 19, 1905, and was buried at Lake Forest. In 1930 Josh, Minnie, and young Frank were residing at 112 Franklin Street, with other family members. Josh and Minnie were divorced on September 30, 1925. In 1930 Minnie was still running The Frances at 112 Franklin, while Joshua had moved to 227 Howard Street and was living with other family members. He moved back to 112 Franklin Street after Minnie's death.

Josh died on October 6, 1948 at his home on Franklin Street and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* article "Days of Shaving Mugs Recalled," September 2, 1948, and *Tribune* obituary, October 7, 1948.]

### **Louis C. Lehman I [1856-1897]**

Born July 4, 1856 in Altona, Ontario, Louis was the son of Jacob K. and Sarah Clarke Lehman. Jacob lived from 1830 to 1906, and Sarah was born in England in 1835 and died in 1920. Louis came to Grand Haven in 1881, went into barbering, and eventually was joined by his brother Josh, who arrived a few years later. Louis was a member of the Maccabees and the Ideal Club. His active connection with the local baseball team made him known all over the state. On February 5, 1884 in Grand Haven, he married Alice, the daughter of John W. and Jacoba Van Bemlen [Van Bemmelen]. The Lehmans' children included Frank, who lived from 1884 to 1966; Walter, who was born on July 28, 1886; Joseph J., who was born in 1891 and died in 1976; Louis II, who lived from August 31, 1896 to November 1978; Cora; and another daughter. Louis died at his home on Eighth Street near Washington on January 12, 1897. Alice then married Stephen Senn of Grand Haven. She was born in 1865, died in 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Stephen. [*Tribune* obituary, January 12, 1897.]

### **Walter Lehman I [1886-1964]**

Walter, the son of Louis and Alice Van Bemmelen Lehman, was born in Grand Haven on July 28, 1886. On August 12, 1908 in Grand Haven, he married Edith, the daughter of Daniel and Emma Speidel Garlick. Edith was born on March 22, 1890, died on January 26, 1917, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Walter II [Walter K., Kenneth Walter], was born in Grand Haven in 1909. On May 23, 1919 Walter I married Edna M. Van Pelt in Grand Haven. In 1927, he married Frances Vander Noot in Grand Haven on February 12. Frances, born on August 7, 1893, was the daughter of Cornelius and Nellie Vander Noot of Grand Haven. She passed away on September 26, 1938. The Lehmans also had a daughter,

Dorothy L. Walter was a sheet metal worker at a hardware store. The Lehmans resided at 729 Columbus. Walter died on July 3, 1964 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **George Spence Leland [1816-1885]**

George Spencer Leland, born in Role Valley, New York on April 3, 1816, was married twice. With his first wife Jane M., born in 1821 in New York, they had two children, George born in 1854 and Mary born in 1858. In 1870 George was a farmer in Oakland County, but by 1880 he had opened a physician's office in Grand Haven. He was married a second time to Harriet Elizabeth Perkins on March 3, 1874 in Rockwood, Wayne County. Harriet was born in 1843 in New York to Miner G. and Sallie B. Perkins of Grand Haven. They had a son, Ora Miner Leland, born in Grand Haven, on June 28, 1876. Ora became a civil engineer and a member of the faculty at Cornell University. He was a representative for the U.S. Government responsible for surveying the demarcation of the international boundary between Alaska and Canada in 1904-1911. Ora died on March 30, 1962 and was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. George died on February 27, 1885 and was buried at Brookins Cemetery in Oakland County. [Adapted from information provided by Kevin Collier.]

### **Aloysius Stanislaus [Stanley] Lemanski [1917-1998]**

Al Lemanski was with the U.S. Army during the Battle of the Bulge in February 1945, where enemy fire caused him to lose his right leg. Prior to that he earned the Combat Infantry Badge and three bronze battle stars for his part in campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes. He achieved the rank of sergeant. Al was fitted for a prosthesis, which allowed him to become a golf pro at Spring Lake Country Club, a position he held until his retirement at age 64, 28 years later. Born on October 17, 1917, Al passed away in Grand Rapids on April 18, 1998 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in his birth town.

### **Carl Lemke [Lempke] [1839-1930]**

Carl Lemke owned a 20-acre dairy farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township, near the northwest corner of Robbins Road and Beechtree. Carl was born in Prussia on August 16, 1839. On February 20, 1870, in Grand Haven, he married Wilhelmina "Minna" [Mina], Ellmann. Also from Prussia, Minna was born in April 1848. They came to the United States about the time of their marriage. Their children, all born locally, were Amanda, born about 1873; Gustave, born on November 4, 1875; Anna, born about 1877; Minna, born about 1879; William Albert, born on July 24, 1880; Charles, born on May 16, 1882; Edward, born in March 1884; John, born on October 21, 1889; and Frank W., born on May 4, 1891. The family resided at 1202 Columbus. Carl died on March 31, 1930, and Minna passed away about January 22, 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Gustave Lemke [1875-1953]**

The son of Carl and Minna Ellmann Lemke, Gustave was born locally on November 4, 1875. On April 28, 1904 he married Millie Keuken in Grand Haven. Millie was born in Michigan about 1874. On April 27, 1919, again in Grand Haven, Gustave married Alline Hepner Petzold. Among Carl's and Alline's children was Raymond A., who was born on October 31, 1924 and died on December 22, 2006 in Grand Haven, Ray and his wife, Loretta, moved into 608 Clinton about 1957. The Lemkes also had two daughters, Francis, born about 1906, and Margaret, born about 1907. Gustave, who was a packer at Story & Clark, passed away about June 2, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Frank W. Lemke [1891-1985]**

Frank was born in Grand Haven Township on May 4, 1891 to Carl and Wilhelmina "Minna" Lemke. He married Augusta Petzold in Grand Rapids on June 14, 1919. Born in Russia on October 14, 1898, Augusta died on June 18, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frank took over management of the family dairy farm near the northwest corner of Robbins Road and Beechtree. He eventually sold it and moved to 1229 Franklin with his second wife, Jessie Irene Harvey, whom he married in Grand Haven on October 16,

1935. Jessie lived from February 12, 1898 to July 1, 1990. They had a daughter Edith, who was born in November 1936. Frank passed away on May 16, 1985. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John E. Lemon [1857-1925]**

John Lemon owned a barbershop at 211 North Seventh Street from at least 1914 into the 1920s. He and his wife Elizabeth resided at 720 Washington. Born in Canada in 1857, John died in 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth was born in Kentucky about 1861.

#### **Klass [Klaas, Klaus, Claus] Leninga [Lenninga, Lennenga, Laninga, Luininga, Luinenga, Lanning] [1849- 1941]**

Klass Leninga, a Grand Haven mason, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on October 1, 1849 and immigrated to the United States when he was 17. On August 19, 1876 in Grand Haven, he married Lucy, the daughter of Derek and Swantje Groeneveld [Groeneveld] of Grand Haven. She was born in Grand Haven Township on April 27, 1853, died on January 19, 1920, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Leningas resided at 216 Elliott Street. Klass was an engineer, although his obituary reported he owned and operated a retail meat business in Grand Haven. At the time of 1920 Federal Census, taken in early January that year, Lucy still occupied the house on Elliott Street, but Klaas was not included. Living with her at that time were her daughter, Ida, and Ida's husband, William Boomgaard [1892-1971], a Grand Haven jeweler and watch maker. Ida and William were divorced on September 30, 1938. Ida, who was born about 1888, married Thomas Johnston in Grand Haven on August 30, 1941. Another daughter, Angie, who was born about 1892, married Robert J. Johnston of Grand Haven, and died about May 18, 1944. Klass and Lucy had another daughter, Ethel, who was born in 1885 and married Fred Schwontek [1885-1953] of Grand Haven and died about April 13, 1968. Henry Walker, whose deceased wife, Anna, was Lucy's sister, boarded at the Elliott Street house. Lucy, who was born April 27, 1853 in Grand Haven, died on January 19, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On February 10, 1920 in Grand Haven, Klass married Grietje "Katie" Ammaal Kamphuis, the widow of Gerrit Kamphuis [1844-1913]. Katie passed away two years after the wedding and was buried at Lake Forest. Klass died on January 7, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 8, 1941.]

#### **John Leppink [1901-1971]**

John Leppink, who was born in The Netherlands on December 15, 1901, founded Leppink's Food Center in 1928. The Ferrysburg store opened in 1983. On June 2, 1925, John married Hattie Stryker in Grand Rapids. She lived from 1900 to 1978. John died on August 20, 1971. Both were buried at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Belding. They had three sons, who continued the business.

#### **Willard [William] H. Le Roy [@1864- ?]**

Willard Le Roy was born in March 1864. He opened a business at 123 Washington in Grand Haven in June 1906 and advertised himself as a "Dealer in Pianos." He also offered "Organs, Talking Machines and Records. A complete line of MUSICAL MERCHANDISE." Willard provided a piano tuning service and musical instrument repair. He married Jennie Deshon Malby in Defiance, Ohio on December 14, 1899. She was born on December 7, 1863. It was her second marriage. In Grand Haven, they lived at the same address as his business. Jennie was born in New York in December 1863. Willard came from Garrett, Indiana, where he had 15 years experience in pianos. In 1900 he was a piano salesman residing with his wife and children. By 1910 Willard, still in the piano business, was located in Benton Harbor, listed as married but living in a rooming house by himself. Jennie passed away in DeKalb, Illinois on March 17, 1930.

#### **August Lessien [Lissien] [1833-1899]**

Born in Prussia on April 29, 1833, August Lessien immigrated to the United States in 1857. He married Christine Bahre, who was born in Germany in 1840 and died in Grand Haven Township on February 15, 1923. They owned a 200-acre farm in Section 12 of Grand Haven Township. Among their children was

Louisa [Louise], who was born in 1864 and married Martin Melcher of Grand Haven Township. Another daughter, Rosina, was born in 1867 and married Rudolph Moll of Grand Haven. A son, Theodore, was born on August 29, 1869, and another son, David, lived from 1871 to 1910. Christina Lessien who was born in 1881, married Phillip Fahling in Grand Haven on November 30, 1905, moved to Conklin Township, and died in 1963. By 1912 Theodore and his wife, Lena, were farming 120 acres in Section 18 of Robinson Township. Theodore died in 1954. August passed away on November 12, 1899. He and Theodore were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

### **Albert Roy Lett [1881-1970]**

Albert Lett, who was born on May 26, 1881, worked as a furniture polisher at the Piano Factory in Grand Haven. His father's name was Elijah. On May 7, 1901 Albert married Jethro Henderson Weaver in Belding, Ionia County. She was born on August 19, 1879 in Greenville, Montcalm County. All family members were born in Michigan. Their children were Howard, born around 1903; Clancy, born about 1905; Leta, born about 1907; Harold [Harrold/Herold] A., who was born on April 6 [5], 1908; Merton, born in late 1909; and Arvin [Arven] M., born about 1911.

In 1910 the Lett family resided in Greenville and the family members then were listed as Mulatto. On his draft registration card, dated September 12, 1918, Albert listed himself as White. He was residing with his wife in a house at the corner of Albee and Slayton Streets in Grand Haven. He stated that he had lost the lower part of his left leg in an unexplained way. In the 1920 census the family was classified as Black and was residing at 1170 Slayton Street. Ten years later they were located at 1321 Franklin Street and listed as Indian. Jethro and her son Arvin continued to reside at the Franklin Street address in 1940, but Albert was not part of the household. In the 1940 census, mother and son were noted as being Negro. Jethro passed away in Chicago on December 16, 1946. Albert died on July 25, 1970 in Chicago, where he had been living since at least 1942. [Other Letts in West Michigan were clearly African American. It appears that Albert's father, Elijah Lett, was first cousin of Samuel Lett, an African American who served in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Colored Infantry during the Civil War. See *Slaves Soldiers Citizens*, pp. 267-28 for more information on the African American Letts.]

### **Harold [Harrold] A. Lett [1908-1990]**

Harold, the son of Albert and Jethro Henderson Weaver Lett, was born in Grand Haven on April 6 [5], 1908. He moved with the rest of the family to Greenville, Montcalm County when he was two. In the 1910 census he and the rest of his family were listed as Mulatto, in 1920 they were Black, and in 1930 they were considered Indian. By the mid-1930s Harrold had moved to Chicago, where he worked in a steel mill. The Federal Census of 1940 listed him as White.

Harrold, noted as being a "Professional Boxer," participated in Golden Gloves competition, and was the heavyweight champion of Michigan. Harold also boxed under the name of Ray Vegas and his nickname, Big Lett. His first match was against Ward Archer at the Muskegon Armory on April 20, 1928, and his final round was with Jack Kranz in Chicago on March 12, 1934. Over the six years of his professional career, his record was 12 wins and 9 losses. Harold cited Grand Haven as his hometown. He served in the Army as military policeman and retired from the Chicago Fire Department. Harold died in Chicago on December 23, 1989. His obituary noted that he was "survived by his companion, Cora Beal and her children of Chicago." [*Tribune* obituary, June 6, 1990.]

### **Samuel Lett [1839-1903]**

Samuel Lett enlisted as private in Company G of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry in Grand Rapids on August 31, 1864. He was mustered out on September 30, 1865 in Charleston, South Carolina. Samuel, an African American, was born in Morgan County, Ohio in May 1839. He moved with his parents and siblings to Berrien County, where he was living in 1860. On April 2, 1863 in Kalamazoo, Samuel married Henrietta Taylor, who was born in Ohio about 1846. At the time of his enlistment, he was living in Tallmadge Township in Ottawa County, but by 1880 he had moved his wife and children to Bloomer in



Montcalm County, where he was a farmer. The Letts' children, all born in Michigan, were Rosanna, born about 1864; Bertrum, born about 1867; Fred, born about 1870; Alice, born about 1874; Lurinda, born about 1876; and Ira, born about 1882. On July 11, 1882, Samuel applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died and was buried in Bloomer on February 24, 1903. On June 22, 1908, Henrietta applied for a widow's Civil War pension. By 1927 she had moved to Ashland, Ohio. She died in Bloomer on October 14, 1932.

Samuel had a brother Joseph, who enlisted in Kalamazoo in Company H of the 102<sup>nd</sup> on January 14, 1864 and, like his brother, mustered out in Charleston, South Carolina on September 30, 1865. Joseph, who was born about 1847, also settled in Bloomer. [Another Samuel Lett enlisted in Company I of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Regiment in Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County on October 5, 1864. However, no additional information was uncovered about a second Samuel Lett old enough to serve during the Civil War. The two entries may pertain to the same person, despite the discrepancy in their ages and dates of enlistment. In all, ten men with the last name Lett and two with the name Letts served in the 102<sup>nd</sup>.]

### **James Lewis [1832-1897]**

In 1871 James Lewis, Otto Gronberg, and John Bryce purchased the Iron Works from F. Spence and Archibald Brown. It was located on the northwest corner of First and Elliott Streets [Lot 85]. James was born in New York on December 20, 1832 and died on December 27, 1897. His wife Julia was born about 1838 in Vermont and died on July 30, 1893. James and Julia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Milton M. Lewis [? - ?]**

Milton Lewis was publisher of the *Weekly Herald* in Grand Haven in 1872. It evidently was separate from Crinis H. Du Bois's *Grand Haven Daily Herald*, published at the same time. Milton also was owner of the *Spring Lake Independent*, another local newspaper, published in that period, but John G. Lee was listed as owner of the *Independent* between 1869 and 1876.

### **Richard Lewis [1824-1902]**

In the 1890s Richard Lewis was pastor of the Grand Haven Congregational Church. He and his wife Margaret lived at 312 South Fifth. Richard was born in Scotland on November 25, 1824, came with his family to the United States in 1872, and died on July 22, 1902. Margaret, also from Scotland, lived from August 24, 1821 to June 26, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their two daughters, both born in Canada, were Jannie K., born in 1862, and Marguerite "Maggie" A., born in September 1865 [1864].

### **John Phillip Lex [1889-1956]**

John Lex, the son of Peter and Leondra Kinney Lex, was born in Michigan on August 8, 1889. On May 14, 1913 he married Sarah "Sadie" Ann Matthews in Grand Haven. She was born in 1882. She and John had a daughter, Lenora Kathleen "Peggy" Lex, who lived from 1916 to 1998. Their home was in Spring Lake. After their divorce, John married Dorothy [Dorothea] Lick in Grandville on January 2, 1937. She was born on August 29, 1908, died on August 23, 1992, and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. John passed away in 1956 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Peter Lex [1861-1945]**

A native of Heidelberg, Germany, Peter Lex was born on November 15, 1861 and immigrated to the United States in 1881. Two years later, he married Leondra [Leonora/Lenora/Nora] Kinney, who was born in Michigan in 1865 and passed away in 1936. Their daughter, Eva Lex, was born in Spring Lake in June 1884 and married Stanley Worthing of Grand Haven. Peter and Leondra also had two sons, William Lex [January 12, 1888-1940] and John Lex, who was born on August 8, 1889. The family lived in Crockery Township. Peter died on November 13, 1945.

### **Simon Liefers [1857-1936]**

Simon Lieffers was keeper of the first bridge built over the Grand River at Eastmanville in 1917. He illuminated the bridge every night with a lantern. In 1900 he owned a general store in Eastmanville, where he and his family also resided. Simon was born in The Netherlands on December 5, 1857, immigrated to the United States at the age of seven, and became a naturalized citizen in 1890. His wife Jennie was a Michigan native, born in Grand Rapids on August 4, 1864. They were married in 1886. Their children, all born locally, included Gracie, born on September 16, 1886; Josephine, born on September 20, 1887; Harry, born about 1900; Peter, born about 1893; Eunice, born about 1895; Kate, born about 1898; Ruby, born about 1901; William, born about 1904; Jewel, born about 1907; Margarete, born about 1908; Clara, born about 1909; and Raymond, born about 1914. Ruby was a teacher in one of the district schools. By 1930 Simon, Jennie, and four of their children had moved to Grand Rapids. Simon passed away in Grand Rapids on February 13, 1936. Gracie married Harry Wallinga [1886-1956]. Jennie was living with them in Allendale in 1940. She died on March 10, 1942 and was buried at Rest Lawn Memorial Park in Grand Rapids with Simon. Gracie passed away on August 20, 1953.

#### **Carol Lietzke [1941-1985]**

Carol Lietzke, a Realtor, started with the J. L. Bolthouse Real Estate office and later joined the Re-Max organization. Her husband Gerald Paul Lietzke worked for the City of Grand Haven. They resided at 1100 South Harbor Drive. Carol was born on July 9, 1941, died on December 16, 1985, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gerald was born about 1940.

#### **Charles Henry Lilley [Lillie] [1865-1952]**

Charles, the son of Henry and Frances Williams Lilley, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December 1865. He married Ella Belle Finley on August 11, 1891 in Grand Haven. Born in Buffalo, New York on November 13, 1869, she was the daughter of Mary Finley, who in 1878 married Thomas Scott of Grand Haven. Charles took his father's place at the American Express office in Grand Haven in 1887. died in Kalamazoo on 11, February 1967. She and Charles moved to Grand Rapids before 1900, where he continued working as an express agent. Charles passed away around September 18, 1952. He and Ella were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles and George Lilley were brothers.

#### **Francis E. Lilley [1844-1923]**

Born in Essex County, England on June 23, 1844, Francis was the son of Samuel and Helen Lucking Lilley. At the age of 11 Francis came to the United States with his parents, who left behind one son and two daughters. The family lived for a while in Milwaukee, then settled in Spring Lake in 1867, where Francis worked in the lumbering business. When the Village of Spring Lake was incorporated in 1869, Francis was elected marshal. In February 1874 he purchased Thomas Seymour's interest in a sawmill on the Grand River and the firm of Sisson & Lilley was formed with George Sisson as his partner. As the timber disappeared from the area, Lilley purchased mills on railroad lines so that the lumber could be hauled directly to the consumers.

Francis married Elizabeth Ballinger in Toronto, Canada in 1866. She was born in Canada in 1842. Their children included Helen [Hellen] R., who was born in Wisconsin about 1867, married William J. Shanks, and resided in Muskegon, and Maude M., born locally in 1868. Francis built and lived in the house at 319 East Savidge, and he also built the home at 325 East Savidge. Francis later moved to Grand Rapids, and in 1891 he lived at 430 Cherry Street. His wife died there on February 10, 1904 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery [later named Oakhill Cemetery] in Grand Rapids. Francis died in Muskegon at the home of his daughter Helen on March 13, 1923 and was buried with his wife at Valley City Cemetery. Maude died on June 2, 1942 and was buried at the same cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 16, 1891, January 8 and 10, 1897, and March 14, 1923.]

#### **George William Lilley [1869-1948]**

George Lilley attended the Peoria School of Optics and the Chicago Optical College before opening an optician's office in Grand Haven around 1900. Born on January 29, 1869, he was the son of Henry and Frances Williams Lilley of Grand Haven. On June 15, 1905 in Grand Haven, he married Ada Pearly Cairns. The daughter of Averille Thomas and Flora Darling Cairns of Grand Haven, Ada was born in Grand Haven on January 1, 1871. By 1910 the Lilleys resided in St. Joseph, Berrien County, where George worked as an express agent. Ada passed away in South Haven on February 21, 1932. George died in Alma, Gratiot County on April 18, 1948. He and Charles Lilley were brothers.

### **Henry Lilley [Lillie] [1839-1897]**

Born in Essex County, England, March 20, 1839, Henry was the son of Samuel and Helen Lucking Lilley and the brother of Francis Lilley. Henry came to Montreal, Quebec, Canada when 15, then moved to Milwaukee, where he was employed as purchasing agent by the Northern Transportation Company, which operated a number of fine passenger and freight boats between Chicago and Ogdensburg, New York. Later Henry became the company's chief steward. In 1860 he went to Detroit and worked for the American Express Company's office there and in Grand Haven, a job he held for 27 years until he was incapacitated by rheumatism. In Grand Haven, Henry operated an office at the rear of Vanderveen's Drug Store as agent for the American Express Company from 1872 to 1887, when he lost the use of his legs. He married Frances G. "Fanny" Williams, who was born in New York and lived from February 22, 1847 to September 14, 1884. Their children included Charles E. Lilley, who was born about 1866. Henry and Frances had another son, George William Lilley, who was born in Michigan in 1869 and resided in Grand Haven. Henry, a Republican, in his later years resided at the City Hotel until January 8, 1897, when he died in his sleep. He and Frances were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 8, 1897.]

### **Samuel Lilley [1803-1891]**

Samuel Lilley, who was born in England, lived from 1803 to December 16, 1891. He married Helen Lucking in Essex, England on August 17, 1827. Around 1855 Samuel and Helen immigrated to the United States, leaving behind one son and two daughters. Samuel became a naturalized citizen in 1865. He was an employee of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway for 16 years. Henry Lilley was his brother. The family lived for a while in Milwaukee, then settled in Spring Lake in 1867. Francis Lilley of Spring Lake was his son. Helen was born in England in 1803 and died on December 15, 1871.

### **Colon Columbus Lillie [1859-1942]**

Colon C. Lillie was president of the Co-Operative Creamery in Coopersville. His farm was located in Section 5 of Tallmadge Township, probably the same place his parents had owned. In 1908 Colon claimed a total of 206 acres in Tallmadge and Wright Townships. From 1907 to 1908 Colon was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention for the 23<sup>rd</sup> District. The son of Joel B. and Sarah C. Augur Lillie, Colon was born in Tallmadge Township on January 6, 1859 and died in Muskegon on November 30, 1942. He married Julia A. Lawton in Coopersville on June 24, 1890. Julia was born in Michigan about 1861. She was the daughter of Albert and Mary L. Lawton. Walter Irving Lillie was Colon's brother.

### **Harold Irving Lillie [1888-1957]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 6, 1888, Walter and Ella Lillie's oldest child, Harold started the ear-nose-throat department and was chief of staff at the famous Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. A graduate of Grand Haven High School in 1906, he was a member of the football team called the Grand Haven Independents. Harold was one of four sons of Walter I. Lillie, a Grand Haven attorney. The family lived at 200 Franklin. Prior to graduating from the University of Michigan in 1910, Lillie was a substitute surfman at the U.S. Life Saving Station in Grand Haven. He was given credit for rescuing a young woman from the Channel who nearly drowned. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, Harold continued at the University of Michigan and was awarded a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1912. Like his brother Leo, Harold served in World War I as lieutenant.

On September 10, 1913 Harold married Oda Kittredge, who was born on May 17, 1889. They had two children, including John Canfield I, born January 31, 1915 in Ann Arbor. John married Eleanor Peschke on April 8, 1939, and they had five children, among them John Canfield Lillie II, born April 26, 1946. John I, a veterinarian, married Janice Richardson. John and Janice lived in Roseville, Minnesota, but summered regularly in Grand Haven. Harold died in 1957.

#### **Hugh Edward Lillie [1893-1967]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1893, the youngest child of Walter E. and Ella Lillie, Hugh was the brother of Leo C. Lillie. Like Leo and his other brothers, Hugh graduated from Grand Haven High School and the University of Michigan. He was a World War I veteran. He moved to Kansas City, and later was named Senior United States Attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission in Columbus, Ohio. On May 2, 1916, he married Florence Carpenter, who was born in March 1898 and died about February 1, 1967. Hugh died on August 15, 1967 in Florida and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Walter I., born about 1918; Owen Patrick, born about 1920; Maryellen, born about 1924; and Sybil, born about 1933.

#### **Joel B. Lillie [1823-1893]**

Around 1853 Joel B. and Sarah C. Augur Lillie moved from St. Lawrence, New York to a 40-acre farm in Section 5 of Tallmadge Township. Sarah was a sister of General Christopher Columbus Augur [1891-1898]. One of the Lillies' son, Walter Irving Lillie, was born in Tallmadge Township on October 9, 1856. Another son, Colon Columbus Lillie, was born in Tallmadge Township on January 6, 1859. The Lillies also had three daughters: Edith, born about 1854; Emma, born about 1862; and Anna, born about 1864. Joel was born in New York on May 16, 1825 and died in Coopersville on September 19, 1893. Sarah, also a New York native, lived from November 24, 1822 to November 5, 1879. Both Joel and Sarah were buried at Marne Cemetery.

#### **Leo Cecil Lillie [1889-1949]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1889, the son of Walter I. and Ella Lillie, Leo graduated from the University of Michigan in 1911. In 1914 he shared law offices at 218½ Washington Street with his father and his brother Hugh. He was Grand Haven city attorney from 1915 to 1922. A life-long resident of Grand Haven, Leo was best known for his 1931 book *Historic Grand Haven and Ottawa County*, covering the early history of the Grand Haven area. He served in World War I as lieutenant and was active in the organization of the Charles Conklin Post of the American Legion. From 1937 to 1938 he presided over the Grand Haven Rotary Club. On December 31, 1914, he married Sybil E. Coughlin from Big Rapids. She died at age 92 on July 11, 1980 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. Leo died of a heart attack at his home, 508 Sheldon Road, on June 11, 1949. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 1949.]

#### **Walter Irving Lillie [1856-1921]**

Born on a farm in Tallmadge Township on October 9, 1856, Walter was the son of Joel B. and Sarah C. Augur Lillie. Walter graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in 1881, studied law under George A. Farr of Grand Haven, and was admitted to practice in 1884 by Judge Daniel J. Arnold. In 1884 he was elected circuit court commissioner, in 1886 and 1888 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and he was city attorney at various times. He opened his law office on the second floor of 218 Washington, where his sons, Leo and Hugh, joined him. In 1901 Walter was appointed to the post of assistant U.S. District Attorney, and from 1906 to 1913 he served as the last collector of customs for the Port of Grand Haven. He was a Republican and was affiliated with the United Workmen, the Maccabees, and the Elks. In the mid-1880s he was part owner of the Grand Haven Broom Company.

On September 28, 1886, Walter married Ella M. McGrath, who was born on May 26, 1861. The couple resided at 200 Franklin in Grand Haven. They had four sons, all born in Grand Haven: Harold I., born on May 6, 1888; Leo C., born on November 18, 1889; Walter Ivan, born in 1891; and Hugh E., born on

October 1, 1893. Harold and Walter became well-known medical doctors, and Leo and Hugh became attorneys. The elder Lillie died in Grand Haven on May 20, 1921, and his wife died six years later on October 27, 1927. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries September 20, 1893 and May 20, 1921, and *Tribune* article, "Early GH Residents," November 2, 1984.]

### **Walter Ivan Lillie [1891-1963]**

Born in Grand Haven in 1891, Walter was the son of Ella McGrath and Walter I. Lillie. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1909 and in 1915 received his medical degree from the University of Michigan. Walter became a successful eye specialist at Mayo Clinic and in 1933 was appointed Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at Temple University in Philadelphia. Like his brothers Harold and Leo, he served in World War I and became a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps. He married Opal Jones on August 30, 1916 in St. Johns, Clinton County. Opal was born in Michigan in 1891. Walter died about May 27, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 1949.]

### **Robert Harry Lillyblad [1910-1970]**

Russell Camfield started Camfield Manufacturing at 717 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven about 1938. On the management team with him were Robert Lillyblad and Lawrence Meyering. Robert was born in Minnesota on December 29, 1910. On October 26, 1934 in Red Wing he married Lucretia Bennett. Also from Minnesota, she was born on January 13, 1912. When they moved to the Grand Haven area, the couple at first lived in Spring Lake Township and then moved to Grand Haven. They had at least two sons: Robert Bruce Lillyblad, born on December 9, 1935, and Stephen Scott Lillyblad, born in February 1941. Bruce married Janice Arlene Zysk, who was born on April 2, 1936 and passed away in Hayward, Wisconsin on July 30, 2016. Stephen married Janet Kay Lesar, who was born on October 1, 1942 and died on January 18, 2013 in Apple Valley, Minnesota.

On March 19, 1954 Lucretia married Paul Fox [1912-1998] in Hennepin, Minnesota. Lucretia passed away in Minnesota on April 8, 1974. Robert and his wife Dale on April 20, 1954 flew from New York to Bermuda on Colonial Airlines for a ten-day vacation. Robert died in Red Wing, Minnesota on June 4, 1970 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

### **Harry L. Limbach [1904-1983]**

In the mid-1940s Harry Limbach and his wife, Laura, opened a small resort and fishing business called Oak Grove, located at approximately 14873 Mercury Drive in Grand Haven Township. Prior to opening the resort, Harry in 1938 was a sheet metal worker at Bastian Blessing. He and Laura then resided at 112 Elliott Street. Harry was born on March 3, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on December 4, 1983. Laura passed away about September 3, 1957. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Carl A. Lindgren [1894-1935]**

Carl Lindgren and Charles Schroeder owned the Schroeder-Lindgren Auto Company at 100 North Seventh Street during the mid- and late 1920s. They carried Pontiac automobiles. Born in Muskegon on November 5, 1894, Carl served during WWI in Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He and his wife, Minnie, resided at 436 North Seventh. Carl died on December 21, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Charles E. Lindh [1921-1986]**

Charles Lindh and his wife, Mildred M., owned Pine Ridge Cemetery at 17200 Lincoln Street in Grand Haven Township until they sold it to Larry Walburg in the mid-1980s. The Lindhs converted the chapel to living space and resided there during the time of their ownership. Charles was born on September 2, 1921 and died in Montmorency County on July 21, 1986. Mildred was born on December 22, 1923 and passed away in Spring Lake on August 14, 1998.

### **Constance Lindquist [1929-1980]**

See Gerald E. and Constance Lindquist.

### **Gerald E. Lindquist [1925-2017] and Constance Lindquist [1929-1980]**

Gerald Lindquist and his wife Constance combined with Harold Hartger to donate 60 acres of duneland on the North Shore of Grand Haven to the Nature Conservancy. The Lindquists resided at 19239 North Shore Drive. The large sandy tract the Lindquists and Harvey donated became known as the Kitchel/Lindquist/Hartger Dunes Preserve. Harold [1915-1986], a resident of Grand Rapids, had a summer home at 19627 North Shore Road. Drs. John and Mary Kitchel owned 52 acres, which later became part of the preserve. Gerald was a life member of the Nature Conservancy, the second chairman of the Lake Michigan Federation, and a chairman of the Michigan Shorelands Advisory Council. Gerald and Constance had two daughters, Nancy, who married Eugene Liedel, and Susan Lindquist. In the late 1970s Constance owned The Travel Place, located at 205 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Connie was born on April 17, 1929 and was killed while crossing Savidge Street in Spring Lake on March 20, 1980. After her death, Gerald ran the travel business until he sold it in the early 1980s to Karla Constantine, an employee of the company. Around this time, Gerald married Patsy Williamson, the mother of two children: Cynthia, who married Donald Brown, and Paul Williamson.

Gerald was a graduate of Ottawa Hills High School. He attended Kenyon College and graduated from the University of Michigan with a major in actuarial mathematics. Over the years he was employed as Actuary of the Michigan Insurance Department; Actuary and Benefits manager for United Airlines; executive vice president of a life insurance company; and senior consultant for three national benefits firms. He passed away in Grand Rapids on April 10, 2017. [Obituary, *Grand Rapids Press*, April 16, 2017, and *Tribune* article, "Kitchel-Lindquist Dunes Preserve -co-founder dies," April 24, 2017.]

### **Phillip Livingston Linebaugh [1914-1999] and Margaret Liggitt Linebaugh [1921-2019]**

Born on January 12, 1914 in Detroit, Phillip Linebaugh married Margaret Liggitt in York, Pennsylvania on December 10, 1943. Phil served with the United States Army during WWII. At the conclusion of the war, he and Margaret moved to Detroit. They retired to Grand Haven in 1977 and lived at 309 Terrill Street. Phillip died on April 10, 1999. Margaret was active with the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, serving as deacon, the Grand Haven Woman's Club, and Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Margaret, who was born on April 23, 1921 in York, passed away in Grand Haven on July 17, 2019. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

The Linebaughs had four children: Michael of Spring Lake; Stephen of Lake Worth, Florida; Donald of Stewartstown, Pennsylvania; and Richard of South Orange, New Jersey.

### **John P. Linn [1865-1935]**

After moving to the Spring Lake area from Illinois, John Linn bought Francis Hall's 92-acre fruit farm about 1900. The farm was located in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township, bordering Hammond's [Petty's] Bayou, on the east side of Spring Lake. John was born in Sweden in 1865 and came to the United States in 1882. He married Louise Brunsell, who was born in Sweden in May 1855. Their daughter Ruth married Benjamin H. Soule of Spring Lake. They also had three sons: Andrew V., born in Sweden on September 25, 1887, died about July 10, 1963, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Karl Julius, who was born in Sweden on December 24, 1890, died in Mears, Oceana County in September 1967, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and John A. Linn, born in Chicago on September 27, 1893. All the sons settled in the Spring Lake area. At the time of the 1930 census Karl was living with his mother. John, the father, died in 1935 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John Alfred Linn [1893-1957]**

The son of John Linn of Spring Lake, John A. was born in Chicago on September 27, 1893 and died in Solano, California on June 15, 1957. He married Sigrid M., who was born in Illinois on September 16, 1889 and died in Solano, California on April 27, 1963. She and John were living on the family property in

Section 11 of Spring Lake Township in 1930 with their two children, John H., born about 1920, and Marie L., born about 1922. John was an electrician. His father resided next door.

**Angus M. Little I [1846-1881]**

Angus Little I married Clara Gale on December 3, 1877, in Ottawa County. Clara was born in Stowe, Vermont, on October 9, 1856 and came to Grand Haven in 1874. She was the daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale. Angus, who worked as a railroad clerk, was born in New Brunswick, Canada on January 24, 1846. He died about March 1, 1881 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his “Baby,” who died on September 5, 1879. A son, Angus II, was born in May 1881. After her husband’s death, Clara married Frederick Pfaff of Grand Haven.

**Angus McNeal Little II [1881-1952]**

The son of Angus and Clara Gale Little, Angus II was born in Grand Haven on May 24, 1881. He became a conductor on the “dummy” line serving Highland Park. In 1900 Angus was living in Chicago where he was listed as an artist. On October 7, 1907 he married Harriet Elizabeth Spriggs in Chicago. Elizabeth was born in Renssenlaer, Indiana in May 1885. The 1908 *Grand Haven City Directory* listed him as a “shoe dealer, Indiana Harbor, Indiana,” where he owned a shoe store, although he was listed in the same directory as living with his mother and stepfather at 414 Howard Street in Grand Haven. After Angus’s father died, his mother Clara married Frederick Pfaff of Grand Haven. In 1920 and 1930 Angus and Elizabeth were residing in Lake, Indiana, where he was a clerk for a construction company. When Frederick passed away on October 24, 1932, Angus assumed management of the Pfaff Hardware Store. In 1938 he was working as a clerk at the William M. Ferry Hotel on Washington Street. He died in Harlan, Oregon on March 24, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On November 22, 1956, Elizabeth married Harvey Harold Stanton [1881-1959] in Polk County, Oregon. She died in Multnomah County, Oregon on January 6, 1976.

**Wilbur Lemay Little [Lyttle] [1871-1953] and Miriam “Nellie” Russell Wetmore Little [Lyttle] [1876-1952]**

Miriam Wetmore Little and her husband Wilbur managed the Ferrysburg Hotel for more than 30 years. In the 1887, 1891, and 1893 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, William was listed as running a boarding house in Ferrysburg. They owned a large boathouse across the road from the hotel, near the foot of the wooden bridge that at one time provided access to the Village of Spring Lake and later became the site of Ferrysburg Park. The Littles also owned summer rental properties around Smith’s Bayou. Miriam was born in Hillsboro, Ohio on November 25, 1876. On September 5, 1900 Miriam and Wilbur were married in Ferrysburg. The son of William and Elizabeth White Little, Wilbur was born in Ferrysburg in July 1871, worked for Johnston Boiler, and died in 1953 in Grand Haven. They had five children. Their address in Ferrysburg was 201 Pine Street, the site of Ferrysburg Hotel, now the address of the vacated Pizza Hut. Miriam died in East Grand Rapids on September 11, 1953.

**William A. Little [Lyttle] [1821-1906]**

Born in New York State in 1821, William Little by 1880 was a farmer living in Ferrysburg. On August 19, 1855 he married Elizabeth White in Yates, New York. Elizabeth, also a native of New York, was born in November 1821. They had seven children: Eugenia Little, born in 1858; Murray Little, born in 1861; William Little, born in 1866; Minnie Little, born in 1867; Wilbur Lemay Little, born in July 1871; Bertha Little, born in 1874; and Ruba Little, born in 1878. Elizabeth passed away in Spring Lake on July 16, 1906. William and Elizabeth were buried in Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Myrtle Norris Littrell [1892-1971]**

See Myrtle Norris Littrell Bronkhorst.

**Henry “Harry” J. Lock [1896-1977]**

The son of Christian [Christopher] and Frances Lock, Harry was born in Grand Haven on November 13 [30], 1897. The family then resided at 295 Griffin Street. Christian was a dairy farmer on Griffin and later at 830 Washington Street. Frances was a music teacher. By 1920 they were making their home at 830 Washington, where Christian continued in the dairy business. On November 6, 1919 in Grand Haven, Harry married Ruth McKesseeck, who was born in Nebraska on December 5, 1897. The year after their marriage Harry was a soda fountain clerk at a Grand Haven drugstore. Ruth died on October 24, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1959, in Hartford, Connecticut, Harry married Susan Green. They resided in a home they built at 14644 Ammeraal in Grand Haven Township. Harry was a realtor with Citizens Realty, located at 422 Franklin Street. Harry died on May 18, 1977 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members, including his parents.

#### **Arend Lock [1894-1975]**

Born on May 10, 1894 in Grand Haven, Arend Lock married Clara E. Sattler in Grand Rapids on July 28, 1925. By 1928 the couple was living in Grand Haven at 721 Fulton Street. Arend was chairman of the Merchants Service Bureau, part of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. By 1930 Arend and Clara were living at 1400 Sheldon Road; he was then working at Peter Van Zylens Lumber Yard. At the time of the 1940 Federal Census, he was employed as an insurance salesman. He and Clara had two children, Margaret Louise "Molly," who was born on June 27, 1932 and died on July 3, 1991, and Thomas, born on February 26, 1934. Thomas died in Mason, Ingham County, on April 18, 2012. Arend served as sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII. The son of John and Gertrude Boer Lock, Arend died on November 10, 1975. Clara was born in Grand Rapids on June 28, 1899 and died in Detroit on December 7, 1953. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Frank M. Lockage [1905-1973]**

Frank Lockage, a band leader and owner of a men's clothing store in Muskegon Heights, purchased Fruitport Pavilion in 1926. He sold it on December 24, 1962 to Alfred Lilly and Jimmy Simms. Frank was born in Austria on June 25, 1905 and died in Norton Shores on January 13, 1973. He immigrated to the United States with his mother Theresa in 1910.

#### **Cornelius [Cornelis] Locke [Lock] [1826-1904]**

Following George Hancock, Cornelius Locke was the second celery farmer to grow large crops of the product in Grand Haven. His plot was across the street from Hancock's, and he later purchased more acreage for celery on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. Cornelius was born on March 20, 1826 and died on April 28, 1904. He married Dena [Dina] Vos in Ottawa County. She lived from December 26, 1825 to October 26, 1883. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **James Locke [Lock] [1868-1954]**

James Locke was born in Michigan on July 15, 1868. He married Mary Bolt in Grand Haven on July 15, 1889. Mary, the daughter of Jacob and Johanna Bolt of Grand Haven, was born in November 1871 and died on December 27, 1943. James was a celery farmer. Their children, all born locally, included Cornelius, born in March 1890; Josephine [Joan], who was born on December 17, 1891 and married Gordon Laughead of Grand Haven; Johanna, born in December 1892; Phyllis [Sophelia] C., born in April 1893; Jay Henry, born in July 1897; James R., born on October 9, 1897; and Janette G., born in February 1899. The family resided at 1143 Washington. James passed away in 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Mary.

#### **John M. Lockie [1845-1917]**

John Lockie was born in Gananoque, Ontario, on August 12, 1845. He immigrated to the United States in 1860, and on March 17, 1862 he enlisted as a musician in Company E of the 65<sup>th</sup> Illinois Regiment. He was mustered out on July 16, 1865, shortly after being transferred to Company K. Prior to coming to Grand Haven he was with the Sargent Bank & Safe Lock Company in Rochester, New York, for four



years. John was foreman and superintendent of the Wait Manufacturing Company in Grand Haven when it incorporated in 1873. On July 12, 1872 John married Louisa R. Norcross in Grand Haven. Louisa, born in September 1851 in Ottawa County, was the daughter of George W. and Jane Taylor Norcross. The Lockies had two daughters: Nina, born in February 1882, and Nettie, born in July 1886, and two sons, Roy T., born on January 22, 1875 [1874, 1876], and Ray J., born about 1877. The brothers by 1920 had moved to El Paso, Texas. Roy passed away on June 24, 1946 in Los Angeles. By 1908 John was retired and living with Louisa at 17 North Fourth Street. He died on May 12, 1917. A Norcross-Lockie monument was erected at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Edward Robert Logan [1896-1968]**

Edward Logan, a blind man, worked as tuner at the Story & Clark Piano Company in Grand Haven. He later was hired by Gordon Laughead, owner of the Laughead Piano Company, also in Grand Haven. Edward resided at 100½ Third Street. He was born in Ottawa, Illinois on September 13, 1896. He died in Grand Haven on March 18, 1968 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Charles Edward Long [1877-1965]**

Charles Long was born in Cortland, New York on June 6, 1877. His mother Helen A., also born in Cortland in 1834, was the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Pierce. Helen married Rev. John E. Long, an Ohio native, who was a Presbyterian minister and served with the Union Army during the Civil War. Rev. Long and Helen had five children, Charles being the fifth. In 1882 the minister moved his family to St. Louis, Gratiot County, and later to nearby Ithaca, where he died in 1907. Helen died in December 1910. Charles attended Alma College of Medicine and Surgery in Detroit and graduated in 1906. He practiced in Elks Rapids, Antrim County, from 1907 to 1914, and then came to Grand Haven and opened an office at 210½ [208½] Washington Street. He served on the Grand Haven School Board for 17 years. Charles was independent in politics, and he was a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Michigan State Medical Society, Ottawa County Medical Society, Rotary Club, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Citizens Historical Association, and the Presbyterian Church.

On June 16, 1910 in Elk Rapids, Charles married Cynthia E. McAlpine. She was born on April 1, 1884 in Kalkaska County, the daughter of Daniel and Hattie McAlpine. Daniel, a blacksmith, died around August 21, 1903. The Longs resided at 222 Franklin Street. They had two children, both adopted: John E., who was born in 1916 and became a mechanical engineer, and Helen A., who was born April 7, 1911, married Albert Zeldenrust of Chicago, moved to Jackson and had one child, Anne. Helen died on January 4, 2001 in Jackson. Albert, who lived from February 11, 1912 to October 22, 1999, also died in Jackson. Charles died in Grand Haven on January 16, 1965. Cynthia passed away on September 15, 1969 in Seattle, Washington. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941.]

### **William Henry Long [1916-2005]**

Bill Long was born in Brooklyn, Jackson County on May 25, 1916 and passed away in Ferrysburg on August 2, 2005. His parents were Rev. William and Mildred Haskell Long. Bill married Helen P. Carwood in Battle Creek in 1943. She was born on December 10, 1919 and died in Spring Lake on June 14, 2004. Bill and Helen moved to Grand Haven in 1951, where he was employed by Keller Tool Company [Gardener Denver]. He retired from Cooper Industries. During WWII he served with the Army in Chile, Panama, and Stateside. Bill was a member of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder and Sunday school teacher. The Longs had two daughters: Suzanne, who married Joe Edwards, and Sandra, who married Hugh Broersma. Both children remained in the Grand Haven area. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 2005.]

### **Benjamin Loosemore [1889-1955] and Frances C. Ball Loosemore [Loosmore] [1893-1985]**

Born on November 22, 1893 in Fruitport, Frances was the daughter of Charles Ball. On December 18, 1920, Frances married Benjamin Loosemore in Fruitport. Frances was a teacher for 45 years in the

Fruitport Community School District, member of the Congregational Church in Muskegon, church organist, member of the Eastern Star and V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary, and member of the Fruitport Board of Education. The Loosemores had a son, James, who was born in Fruitport on July 3, 1921; he died on January 15, 1974. Frances died at her home at 286 West Lake in Fruitport on January 22, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Benjamin was born on October 29, 1889 in Fruitport and died on August 6, 1955. He served with the United States Army during WWI. In 1930 he worked as a gardener at a summer resort. Before that he did concrete work. Frances and Benjamin were buried at Fruitport Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 22, 1985.]

### **George Loosemore [1850-1924]**

The son of John and Jane Loosemore, George was born in 1850. On May 31, 1876 in Grand Rapids, he married Cora Ann Rymal, the daughter of Sampson and Barbara Lovie Rymal. George died in 1924 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Cora lived from 1856 to 1930 and was buried near her husband.

### **John Loosemore [Loosemoore Loosmore] I [1811–1901]**

John Loosemore was born in England on July 16, 1811. He immigrated to the United States in 1852, and in 1865 he settled on a 120-acre farm in Section 32 of Fruitport Township, Muskegon County. He married Jane Hancock, who lived from February 14, 1812 to December 14, 1889. They had at least three sons, all born in England: John Loosemore II, born on February 22, 1839, James, born 1847, and George, born in 1850. John I died at his home in Fruitport Township at the age of 89 on June 23, 1901. Both John and Jane were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James married Isabel Rymer, the daughter of Sampson and Barbara Lovie Rymer. The couple relocated to Los Angeles, where James died on October 20, 1921 and Isabel, who was born in 1854, passed away on February 22, 1923. Both were buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California. James and Isabel had one daughter, Lottie Louise Loosemore, who lived from 1885 to 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, June 26, 1901.]

### **John Loosemore [Loosemoore] II [1839-1900] and Sarah Finch Loosemore [1844-1937]**

John, the son of John and Jane Loosemore, was born in England on February 22, 1839. His wife, Sarah Finch, was born in the same country on January 17, 1844 and, after a short stay in Chicago, arrived in Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1848 at the age of four with her parents, Joseph and Lucy Webster Finch. She attended Barber School, then located on the southwest corner of Park and Mason Streets, and in her later years recorded her memories of school life. John immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1852, settled in Fruitport Township in 1865, and came to Spring Lake three years later, where he was employed by Cutler & Savidge Sawmill. In 1879 he was named Engineer at Mill # 3. The Loosemores' children, all born in Michigan, included James R. Loosemore, who was born in Spring Lake on September 7, 1868 and died on September 19, 1899; Harry A., born in August 1874; Mary A., born in October 1877; and Edgar J., born in July 1878. The family resided at a home on East Savidge Street. John passed away on June 1, 1900, and Sarah died on February 6, 1937. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other members of the Loosemore family. [*Tribune* obituary, September 23, 1899.]

### **Robert Loosemore [Loosemoore] [1838-1918]**

A resident of Spring Lake Village, Robert Loosemore worked as a sawyer at one of the mills. He was born in England in January 1838 [1839], came to the United States in 1855, and died in Spring Lake in 1918. On March 30, 1869 he married Phidelia Loretta McMaster in Grand Haven. She was born in Canada on July 1, 1851 and passed away on August 29, 1908. They had a daughter, Jennie, who was born in December 1873, married Herbert Finch of Spring Lake, and moved to Grand Rapids. One son, George, was born about 1872. Another son, William H., was born on March 28, 1874 and died in 1939. William's wife, Kate, was born about 1887. William worked at Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg. The other Loosemore children were Robert Charles, born on July 14, 1884, and Martha E., born in July 1888. The children were all born locally. Robert and Phidelia were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

### **Edward Kirk Lord [1837-1912]**

While living in Farmington, Wisconsin, Edward Lord on February 29, 1864 enlisted as corporal in Company D of the 12<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He was mustered out on July 16 the next year and found work as a bookkeeper. On November 14, 1861 Edward married Lucy Jane Goodrich in Washington, Wisconsin. By 1870 he and Lucy were living in Spring Lake, where Edward owned a dry goods and grocery store. Ten years later, they were still residents of Spring Lake; he was listed in the Federal Census as a bookkeeper. On August 8, 1891, while a resident of Michigan, Edward applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. By 1900 they were living in Chicago, where Edward continued working as a bookkeeper. On February 9, 1912 Lucy applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was then in Illinois. Also a native of New York, she lived from 1843 to 1915. Edward was born in New York on May 31, 1837 and died in Chicago on January 17, 1912. Edward and Lucy were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John Lori [1923-2001]**

Born in Germany on March 4, 1923, John Lori immigrated to the United States with his parents when he was three years old. After growing up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he became a tool maker at Keller Tool Company in Grand Haven. On April 10, 1948, he married Margaret Ruth Owen. The couple resided at 1145 South Ferry Street. Around 1970 John and Margaret bought a portion of the former Quade Resort at 14145 138<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Robinson Township and converted it to a private residence. John died in Grand Haven on September 10, 2001. Margaret, who was born in Oak Park, Illinois on November 4, 1915, passed away in Grand Haven on November 15, 1981. She was buried at Randolph Cemetery in Randolph, Wisconsin.

### **Louise Bernice Orchardson Lorimer [1864-1925] and David Hill Lorimer [1857-1904]**

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on June 12, 1864, Louise Lorimer ran the 15-room Lorimer Resort on the east shoreline of Spring Lake, in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 17901 Fruitport Road] between 1911 and 1919, the year the hotel burned down. She was the daughter of Charles and Lurissa Norton Orchardson. Charles, an artist, was the younger brother of the noted painter Sir William Quiller Orchardson. On May 10, 1884 in Spring Lake, Louise married David Hill Lorimer [Lorrimer/Losemore], who was born in Scotland on March 1, 1857 and passed away in Spokane, Washington on March 30, 1904. They had one daughter, Alice, who was born on April 25, 1885, married Adolph Stein, and moved to Chicago, where she died on November 30, 1914. The Lorimers' son Crawford, who was born in Scotland in 1886, died in infancy in Detroit on April 14, 1887. In 1920 Louise was living in a boarding house in Chicago. She passed away on March 28, 1925 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members. Louise's sister Flora Mabel Orchardson married Len Patterson of Spring Lake. Mabel and Len built their residence on the Lorimer property. [*Tribune* obituary, March 30, 1925.]

### **Louis H. Losney [1869-1931]**

Born in Germany on May 31, 1869 [1870], Louis Losney immigrated to the United States in 1888. He settled first in Braddock, Pennsylvania, where he married Ida Mae Lorenz. She was born in Pennsylvania in May 1873. By 1910 they were in St. Louis, Missouri. Around 1915 they purchased 40 acres in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, but there is no record they resided on the land. Louis was a tool maker. They sold the land to Jacob and Ida Prucha about 1930. At that time, they resided in Chicago, where Louis passed away on May 17, 1931.

### **William "Willie" Howlett Loutit [1866-1948]**

Born on December 18, 1866 in Grand Haven, William was the son of Captain William and Ann Howlett Loutit. Willie graduated from Grand Haven High School and went on to graduate from the Swensburg Business College in Grand Rapids. His first job was as an operator of the Grand Haven Gas Light Works in 1885, which he and Stephen L. Munroe later purchased. In 1891 William joined Aloys Bilz, J. Bradstetter, and George P. Savidge to form the Ottawa Fish and Game Association. From 1916 to 1920

William was mayor of Grand Haven, and he chaired the Centennial Committee, which organized the city's sesquicentennial in 1934. He also served on the Michigan State Conservation Committee from 1927 to 1941 and on the Highway Advisory Board from 1919 to 1933. He was a member of the Pike Association, a local group whose goal was to bring U.S. 31 through Grand Haven. For 30 years William was a director of Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. Working with other community leaders, William helped bring Keller Pneumatic Tool Company to Grand Haven in 1916. He was one of the original members of the Duncan Park Board of Trustees.

On September 28, 1886 William married Maude, daughter of Enno and Dettje Bakker Kraai. Maude was born on July 12, 1867. They had three children: Robert Clyde, who was born on May 24, 1887 and died on April 4, 1908 from strep throat while attending school in Boston; Blanche, who was born July 10, 1892 and died September 5, 1894, from dysentery; and William R. Loutit, born on July 12, 1895. Maude was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club and one of the founders of the Tuesday Musicale. She also served as treasurer of the first Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross, organized in Grand Haven in the fall of 1909. The Loutits' various residences were located at 110 Seventh Street, 521 Clinton, 114 South Fifth, and 333 Washington. William died on June 25, 1948 and Maude died May 3, 1952. They were interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*The Loutit Legacy*, 1979.]

### **William Howlett Loutit [1825-1921]**

Born in Scotland on October 21, 1825 at South Ronaldsay, one of the Orkney Islands, William was the son of James and Christina McKay Loutit. He immigrated to Grand Haven and became a citizen of the country in 1854. His first job in America was as captain of the schooner *Heligoland*, owned by Robert Howlett of Grand Haven. In 1871 Captain Loutit organized a crew of volunteer lifesavers that was led by Richard Connell. Their efforts saved some of the crew of the *Ironsides* when it went down on September 15, 1873, among many others. Captain Loutit was named superintendent of the 11<sup>th</sup> District [renumbered the 10<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District in 1915] of the United States Life Saving Service when the Grand Haven station formally opened on May 1, 1877, and served in that capacity until 1882, when Captain Nat Robbins IV took over. Captain Loutit was city alderman in 1896 and 1897.

Having succeeded in the lumber business, William in 1894 had the Duncan Robertson Company build a new propeller ship, the *Pentland*, named for the firth near William's boyhood home. The ship transported iron ore from the Upper Peninsula to the Spring Lake Iron Works.

In December 1862 William married Captain Robert Howlett's daughter, Ann Elizabeth, who was born in Grandville on March 12, 1838 and died on October 18, 1909. The Loutits had a son, William Howlett, called "Willie." In 1915 the captain married Anna Elizabeth Hinkey, a widow and friend of Mrs. Derek Bakker [Baker] back in The Netherlands. Because Willie was living in the large house, they built a smaller home next to it with the address 325 Washington. The Loutits were members of the Presbyterian Church until 1907, when they moved their membership to the Congregational Church. William died in Grand Haven at age 95 on July 9, 1921. Anna, who was born in The Netherlands on November 18, 1858 [1857], died in Holland on July 10, 1926. William and Ann were interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*The Loutit Legacy*, 1979, and *Tribune* article "Honor GH Coast Guard Pioneers," August 3, 1938.]

### **William Robertson Loutit [1895-1961]**

Born on July 12, 1895 in Grand Haven, William was the son of William and Ann Elizabeth Howlett Loutit. He studied literature at the University of Michigan, and he served as sergeant with the ambulance corps in France during WWI. In 1927 William was married briefly to Jo Ann Lange [1907-1978]. After their divorce he moved to Chicago where he entered the banking business and by 1942 was a partner with Edward Carlson in the Carlson-Loutit Ford automobile dealership. Jo Ann married Joseph Schuch [1914-1988] and moved to Wisconsin.

On August 17, 1945, William married Catherine Luce Middleton. Born on February 17, 1902 in Grand Rapids, she was the daughter of Morton and Julia Luce, who later relocated to Spring Lake. Catherine had previously been married to Lamar Middleton [1901-1969], but they were divorced in Levy, Florida in 1936. William and Catherine moved to Grand Haven after William's father died in 1948 and settled into the family home at 333 Washington. He assumed his father's place on the Board of Directors of the Keller Tool Company and took over the care of his mother. He spent much time carrying out his parents' wishes related to their estate. He served on the Grand Haven Planning Commission until December 1949, when he moved to Spring Lake to what had been the Savidge Estate at 303 North Park. In 1957 William established the Loutit Foundation, with Paul A. Johnson, Ellworth. Vincent Erickson, Harvey L. Scholten, and John H. Uhl as trustees. The Foundation's interest was "in providing financial assistance to organizations engaged in charitable health, educational religious and community welfare projects" and to "act as a stimulator and impetus to programs." By 1984 the Foundation had distributed grants in the amount of \$6.9 million and had plans to distribute the remainder of the principle and income by 2007. Loutit District Library was named for the Loutit family, as was Loutit Science Hall at Grand Valley State University. William was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and Peninsular and University Clubs of Grand Rapids. William died of cancer on November 29, 1961 and Catherine passed away on June 15, 1962. William was interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Catherine also was interred. They had no children. Catherine's nephew, Sandy Luce, inherited the estate. [*Tribune* obituary, November 29, 1961, *Tribune* article, "Loutits helped build Grand Haven," November 2, 1984, and *The Loutit Legacy*.]

### **George Grant Lovell I [1813-1901]**

George Lovell and his wife, Susan, settled in Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1846. He was in the lumbering business, and he was among the first to plant fruit trees on a forty-acre tract in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township, stretching along the east side of Lake Avenue from Savidge to Lloyd's Bayou. His residence, since moved, was at 601 East Savidge. Along with Lemoyne M. S. Smith, Anna A. Smith, Lydia Norton, and Harriet J. Franklin, George helped organize the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church in 1853. He worked in the lumber business, and in 1860 leased one of the Hopkins Brothers' mills in Spring Lake. He was a justice of the peace and was elected supervisor of Mill Point in 1855-56.

George was born in Windham County, Vermont on October 6, 1813, the son of Donald [1784-1839] and Mary Shafter Lovell [1792-1855]. George moved from Vermont to Kalamazoo in 1832. From there he went to Ionia County where he was in the milling business for eight years, and then moved to Spring Lake. He and his wife, Susan A., had five children: Mary Ellen, who was born about 1843 and married John Thomson of Spring Lake; Charles J., who lived from November 20, 1848 to September 7, 1873 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Charles, born about 1850; Lewis S., born about 1852; George Donald; and Abby W. Susan was born in 1822, died in 1854, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1866 George married Ellen W. Turner, the widow of Noah Perkins, whom she had married in 1853. Noah died while in the service during the Civil War. Ellen was born on March 3, 1827 and died August 23, 1897. She had at least two daughters from her marriage to Noah: Ella, who was born on October 13, 1853 and died on June 17, 1912, and May born about 1859. Both were raised in the Lovell household. Ellen and George had three children, all born in Michigan: George II, who was born on October 19, 1869 and died September 25, 1889; Edgar; and Ida May. George I died on April 17, 1901 and both he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was his first wife, Susan.

On October 5, 1854 George bought a 38-acre parcel in Section 15 of Crockery Township and another parcel in Section 7 of Spring Lake Township. On November 1 the next year he purchased 55 acres in Section 12 of Spring Lake Township. Before 1864 George and a partner by the name of Lyman Hall bought large tracts of land in Spring Lake Township, including approximately 370 acres in Section 10, for the purpose of raising fruit.

### **Louis Shafter Lovell [1816-1894]**

Louis was born in Windham County, Vermont on November 15, 1816, the son of Donald [1784-1839] and Mary Shafter Lovell [1792-1855]. George Lovell of Spring Lake was his brother. Like George, Louis purchased acres of land in Spring Lake Township in the 1850s, including a 135-acre fruit farm on the west shore of Spring Lake [Section 10], which later became known as Lovell Park and also as Summer Land Park. In 1891 he subdivided the land and built several cottages for seasonal rental.

On July 14, 1842 Louis married Mary S. Thayer in Ionia. She was born in Windham County, Vermont on July 14, 1821. In 1857 Louis was elected judge of the Eighth Judicial District. Louis and Mary had two sons, Homer, who lived from 1843 to 1918, and Henry, who lived from 1848 to 1902, and one daughter, Mary, who lived from 1858 to 1949. Mary died on November 7, 1890 in Ionia. Louis passed away four years later, on March 30, in Stanton, Montcalm County. Both were buried at Highland Park Cemetery in Ionia. The three children managed the rental properties in Lovell Park after their father's death.

#### **Horace L. Lowe [1841-1921]**

Born in Virginia [Mississippi/New York] in 1841, Horace Lowe was residing at the abandoned Wiley Water Works on Washington Street in Grand Haven when he died on July 16, 1921. In the 1920 census he was listed as 46 years old and working as a laborer at the Eagle Ottawa Tannery. His obituary stated that Horace "was over 80 years of age and had been employed by A. M. Cosgrove for many years. He lived alone in the Wiley Water Works building for years." Augustus Cosgrove, who owned a plumbing business, was an early manager of the Wiley Water Works, which closed about 1888. Horace, an African American, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 18, 1921.]

#### **Benjamin L. Lowell [1908-1989]**

Ben L. Lowell was born on November 30, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on October 13, 1989. He started the Noble Company in 1946. In February 1967 the Company purchased the site at 614 Monroe for the manufacture of items for the tile, plumbing, heating, and do-it-yourself market. Noble had another facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In the fall of 2003, the company's Grand Haven building was razed to make way for the GrandWater commercial development. Ben and his wife, Patricia S., resided at 1621 Gladys. The Lowell family also owned a cottage at 4 Edwards Avenue in Highland Park. Patricia lived from June 29 1, 1919 to June 10, 1997 and passed away in Grand Haven. Ben Tom Lowell, born on October 28, 1931, was their son.

#### **Benjamin Thomas "Ben Tom" Lowell [1931-2000]**

Ben Tom Lowell was born in Grand Haven on October 28, 1931. His parents were Benjamin L. and Patricia S. Lowell. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1949, Ben Tom married Louise Des Jardins. The couple moved to Bloomfield Hills, Oakland County, where Ben Tom died on August 21, 2000. He was an officer in the family's business, the Noble Company. Ben Tom and Louise had a son, Ben Trudeau Lowell, who was born on September 9, 1960 and died in Marathon, Florida on December 17, 2003. They also had a daughter Sarah, who moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and another son, Peter Lowell, who relocated to Nederland, Colorado. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 2003.]

#### **Holden Crandall Lowing [1821-1900]**

Holden Lowing was born in Ontario County, New York on March 19, 1821. He married Eleanor Chapin. Their farm was in Section 9 of Georgetown Township, where they raised 13 children. Eleanor was born in New York State on August 5, 1835 and died in Hudsonville in 1907. On August 28, 1885, Holden was appointed postmaster of the Georgetown post office. Holden passed away in Georgetown on March 29, 1900. He and Eleanor were buried at Georgetown Cemetery. Isaac Lowing and Stephen Lowing were his brothers.

#### **Isaac Newton Lowing [1823-1905]**

Isaac Newton Lowing arrived in Georgetown in 1843. He served with Company I of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. He married Jane Lavon West. They had ten children. Isaac, who was born in

Genessee County, New York, lived from January 27, 1823 to June 7, 1908. Jane was born in New York State on December 9, 1830 and died in Hudsonville on December 19, 1891. They were buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery. Holden Lowing and Stephen Lowing were his brothers.

### **Stephen Lampman Lowing [1817-1891]**

Born on January 15, 1817, in Wyoming County, New York, Stephen Lowing walked to Grand Haven in 1836. He found employment in sawmills along his route and saved enough money to buy 80 acres in Section 2 of in Allendale Township. His land bordered the Grand River. He moved on to Georgetown Township in 1838, where he bought substantial acreage in Sections 2 and 3 and built a sawmill. Until he was about 50, he was a farmer and lumberman in Ottawa County and owned one of the largest estates in the county. He was sheriff for four years in the 1840s and supervisor of Georgetown for many years, and he also was a preacher. On March 24, 1852 he was appointed postmaster of Georgetown. He entered the Civil War on May 13, 1861 as first lieutenant of Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, was promoted to captain the following October 28, and transferred to Company E. He was badly wounded in the hip at Fair Oaks, Virginia on May 31, 1862, an injury that caused him considerable suffering for the rest of his life. Stephen was discharged for disability on April 9, 1864. At the age of fifty he was admitted to the bar, and about the same time he moved to Grand Haven, where he opened a law office and served as prosecuting attorney from 1869 to 1875. Growing deafness compelled him to retire from the law in 1883, when he moved to Allendale.

Stephen married 18-year-old Ruth Madison in 1838. They had three surviving children: Martha L. Lowing [1841-1927]; Luke Lowing [1843-1922]; and Oscar Franklin Tobe Lowing [1847-1889]. On January 19, 1861, after he and Ruth were divorced, Stephen married Lydia Hunter. He married Emily Melissa Markham on March 26, 1870 in Jamestown Township. She was born in 1851. They had two daughters: Myrtie Loretta Lowing [1873-1943] and Emily Maretta Lowing [1875-1953]. Stephen died at his residence in Allendale on November 4, 1891 and was buried at Georgetown Cemetery, near his old home. On February 16, 1892, Emily applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was 76 years old when she died on March 1, 1904 and also was buried at Georgetown Cemetery. Son Luke Lowing settled on 190 acres of land bordering the Grand River, a little south of Blendon Landing. Isaac Lowing was his brother. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 1891.]

Holden Lowing and Isaac Lowing were his brothers.

### **Haezal Lucas [1801-1876]**

On February 12, 1853, Haezal Lucas, a member of the American Home Missionary Society, with the assistance of Rev. Ferry, organized the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake and served as its pastor the following year. Original members of the church were George Lovell, Lemoyne M. S. Smith, Anna Smith, Lydia Norton, and Harriet Franklin. Hazael was born in Carver, Massachusetts on April 16, 1801. He was the son of Bezaleel and Rhonda Shurtleff Lucas. His father was a farmer, but Hazael was attracted to the ministry and studied theology at Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine. Between 1831 and 1841 he was pastor of several churches in New England. He came to Oshtemo Township, Kalamazoo County, in May 1845 and remained in Michigan for the remainder of his life. He was pastor in Spring Lake from 1852 to 1854 and in the Nunica and Robinson Township areas from 1868 to 1872. He organized the Congregational Church in Nunica. He ended his pastoral career in Michigan in 1874. Hazael was married three times: first on April 19, 1839 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts to Abigail Wheldon, who died in Grand Rapids at the age of 56 on April 3, 1863. On March 2, 1866 he married Sarah Hale Green, who died in 1872. Finally, on January 3, 1876, he married Annette Mann of Newaygo. Hazael and Abby had one son and one daughter. Hazael passed away in Grand Rapids on April 13, 1876. Annette continued to reside in Grand Rapids after her husband's death.

### **Morton H. Luce [1878-1952]**

Morton Luce was born in Grand Rapids on January 5, 1878, the son of Ransom Carmi and Charlotte Montague Luce. Ransom was born in New York in 1822 and Charlotte was born in the same state in 1840. Morton married Julia Kress in Grand Rapids on December 3, 1900. She was born in New York on November 5, 1879. Morton and Julia moved to Spring Lake in 1914 but he worked in Grand Rapids for the brokerage firm Hubbard, Warren, and Chandler. At the time of the 1930 census, Morton and his family, including his mother Charlotte, then 90 years old, were living in Spring Lake. Morton was one of the founders of Wolverine Pressed Steel in Grand Haven in 1936. Morton's and Julia's daughter Catherine was born on September 17, 1902. She first married Lamar Middleton [1901-1969]. They were divorced in Levy, Florida in 1936. Catherine next married William Robert Loutit on August 17, 1945. It was Robert's second marriage. Morton and Julia also had a son Richard, who lived from 1904 to 1937. Morton died on January 30, 1952 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Julia passed away on October 17, 1952 and was buried at the same cemetery, as was their son Richard and Morton's mother Charlotte, who died on September 25, 1931 in Spring Lake. [*Tribune*, January 31, 1952.]

#### **William M. Ludlow [1846–1901]**

The Army Corps of Engineers' officer in charge of Grand Haven improvements to the harbor was William Ludlow. Stationed in Detroit, William in 1890 asked Congress to extend the south pier 550' and the north pier 600'. His recommendations were modified, and in the mid-1890s the two piers were extended by 100' and 50' respectively. William married Anny Beavers in Grand Haven on October 19, 1870. He was born in Barry County in 1846 and died in 1901.

#### **William [Willem] Lugers [1856-1925]**

William Lugers was born in The Netherlands on March 5, 1856, immigrated to the United States in 1882, and died in Olive Center on April 4, 1925. He owned a 40-acre farm in Section 15 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. He came to the area in 1881. On December 5, 1885 he married Mary Hendrika, the daughter of Hendricus and Janna Steketee Van Lente. Mary was born in Holland, Michigan, on December 25, 1864 and died February 27, 1955. Their first three children, born in Allegan County, were Henry, born in October 1886; and Reka, born in January 1891. A fourth child, Mena "Minnie," who was born in Olive Township on May 19, 1894 and married Albert Timmer on January 11, 1914. Albert was born July 16, 1890 in Olive Township.

#### **Herman [Harmon] Luhm [Luhn] [1848-1909]**

Herman Luhm, a saloon keeper, resided at 210 North Third Street with his wife, Ulrika "Reka" Haack, whom he married in Grand Haven on August 4, 1884. Herman lived from September 1848 [1849] to 1909. Reka was born in June 1845. Both Herman and Reka were born in Germany and came to the United States in 1871. Reka had been married previously to Kaidann Fishback, with whom she had a son, Louis, born in Michigan in February 1880. Her first marriage was to Louis Stubman. Kaidann died on September 29, 1882, and Ulrika died in 1908 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery under the name Mother Stubman.

#### **John Luikens [1839-1919]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands [Germany] on July 18, 1839, John Luikens arrived in the United States on July 18, 1854 and became a resident of Grand Haven. He served as private with the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters from February 14, 1863 to July 28, 1865 and became an active member of the Weatherwax G.A.R. post in Grand Haven. He was an engineer by trade, but he also organized a band consisting of him and six daughters. The daughters wore black dresses trimmed in military fashion with brass buttons, standing collars, colored neckties, and black felt hats trimmed with long, drooping white plumes. The Luikens band performed concerts in the park across the street from the Cutler House and furnished string music for dances in the large hall of the Cutler House. He also carried out the duties of deputy sheriff.

On December 31, 1858 in Grand Haven, John married Sarah vanden Berg, who was born on November 28, 1840 in Zeeland, The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1847. Around 1860 the Luikens moved



into their life-long residence at 219 Columbus Street. Their seven daughters, all born in Grand Haven, included Mary, who was born on January 11, 1860, married James A. Lambert in Grand Haven on July 4, 1878, and died the following November 24 [James, formerly a Grand Haven resident, became a judge in New Jersey]; Jane, who was born on June 16, 1863 and married Harry Oakes; Louise, who was born on July 12, 1866 and died May 20, 1937; Lucy, who was born on December 26, 1868, married William Callister [Collister] in Grand Haven on May 12, 1882, and moved to Lorain County, Ohio; Bertha, who was born on December 1, 1871 and on September 22, 1892, in Grand Haven, married Charles Reghel of that city; Elizabeth, who was born on July 22, 1874, married Frank J. Rohrig on May 7, 1901, in Grand Haven, relocated to Chicago, and died in Grand Rapids on January 5, 1945; Nettie [Hettie], who was born March 15, 1876 and died on January 6, 1902 in Cleveland, Ohio while residing with her sister Lucy and Lucy's husband, William Callister; and Sarah, who was born on October 1, 1861 and married Edwin Stokes in Grand Haven on October 2, 1880. John died on April 3, 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. Sarah passed away on December 25, 1925 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries January 8, 1902 and April 3, 1919.]

#### **Egbert Luinenga [1852-1884]**

Grand Haven Christian School, a small, frame school, opened on December 1, 1883, under the leadership of Egbert. Luinenga, who was principal and administrator. He was born in The Netherlands in 1852 and on May 2, 1878 married Christine Gesina Halsema in Grand Haven. She was born on July 21, 1860 in The Netherlands. Egbert died in Grand Haven on August 14, 1884 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gesina passed away in Omak, Washington on May 14, 1927 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

#### **Alice Jane Olson Lulofs [1924-2003] and Chester Paul Lulofs I [1926-2015]**

Alice was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1924, the daughter of Oscar and Nellie Kliners Olson. She married Chester P. Lulofs I on October 6, 1951. He was born in Grand Haven on January 22, 1926, the son of Martin and Pearl M. Lulofs. As a boy he lived at 1129 Fulton. Chester worked for the Grand Haven Public Schools. Alice also was employed by the school system and worked for the *Grand Haven Tribune* from 1948 to 1993. The couple resided at 1508 Wisconsin Street in Grand Haven. Alice was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, where she taught Sunday School. Chester served with the U.S. Navy during WWII. He and Alice had a son, Chester II. Alice died in Grand Haven on May 24, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Chester passed away on April 15, 2015. He and Alice were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 27, 2003.]

#### **Katherine Lulofs [1908-2001]**

Katherine Lulofs was born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1908. She died on June 5, 2001 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her parents, John [1880-April 5, 1953] and Anna Vanecamp [February 12, 1879-January 5, 1965] Lulofs. Her parents were married in Muskegon on August 17, 1904. Katherine's sister Martha was born in Muskegon and lived from 1906 to January 18, 1969. She, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Herman Lulofs [1893-1953]**

Herman Lulofs was born on August 31, 1893 and died on March 23, 1953. His wife, Sadie Stahl, lived from August 5, 1894 to April 13, 1939. Their children were Mildred, Evelyn, Jean, Ruth, Phyllis, and Martin. Evelyn lived from August 27, 1917 to May 8, 1980.

#### **John Wesley Luscomb [1824-1889]**

On December 5, 1849 John Luscomb went into business with Benjamin Eames in the manufacture of woodenware. They met in Milwaukee and set up a factory in Grand Rapids. On April 10, 1850 they moved the factory to Ottawa Point [Ferrysburg]. John withdrew from the business around 1855, and Benjamin then constructed a new mill that utilized steam power. John, who was born in Taunton, Massachusetts on

March 8, 1824, had relocated to Whitehall in 1870 to work as an apprentice in a sawmill, and he was in Bloomer, Montcalm County by 1880, where he turned to farming. He married Elizabeth McNutt [McNitt/Bailey], who was born in Newburgh, New York in 1827. Their children were: Frank H., who was born in Wisconsin about 1854; Eller, a female, who was born in Wisconsin about 1856; Eugene, who was born in Wisconsin in 1861 and died in 1941; Olive Amanda, who was born in Michigan on October 20, 1863 and died in Arizona on August 17, 1931; Elizabeth, who was born about 1867 in Michigan; Cora E., who was born in Michigan in 1869; and Lucy J., who was born about 1875, married Clarence Beardslee in Stanton, Montcalm County on March 18, 1897; and died in 1959. In 1900 Elizabeth and her daughter Cora were raising poultry on a farm in Homer, South Dakota, where they had been living since 1884. Elizabeth was widowed. She died in Langford, South Dakota, in 1911. John had died in 1889. They were buried at Hillside Cemetery in Langford.

### **Heinrich “Henry” Luss I [1852-1883]**

In the 1870s Henry Luss operated a fish and tackle business at the southwest corner of Washington and Harbor Streets. In the early years this was the site of Eastman’s Land Office, and in later years it became the location of Nat Robbins’s office. In more recent times the office of the Association of Commerce and Industry was located on this spot. Henry was born about May 18, 1852, died on July 7, 1883, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Caroline “Lena” Christian Behm in Grand Rapids on February 5, 1872. After Henry’s death, she married Alfred Enouy and took over the restaurant and boat livery business. Located at the “Foot of Washington Street,” it offered “Boats, Fishing, Tackle, Minnows, and Restaurant.” Lena, born in Prussia on May 17, 1855, was the daughter of Frederick Johannes “John” and Dorothea “Dora” Behm of Grand Haven Township. The Lusses’ five children were Johnnie, who died on July 25, 1880 at the age of five; Frank W. who was born in 1877 and died on January 27, 1897; Henry, who was born in January 1880 and died in 1938; Clara who lived from January 4, 1882 to October 24, 1903; and Emma, who died on December 12, 1889 at the age of 16. Henry II was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Edith M., who lived from 1883 to 1937.

### **Earl A. Lutke [1921-1990]**

Earl Lutke and his wife Betty, daughter of William and Marie Albers Fritz, lived at 419 Monroe Street in Grand Haven in the 1950s and later moved to 219 Jackson [Madison]. Earl, who was an equipment operator for the City of Grand Haven, lived from December 14, 1921 to June 29, 1990 and Betty from July 15, 1919 to October 9, 1986. Both died in Grand Haven and were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Henry Lutz [1905-1990]**

Henry, the son of William [1858-1929] and Mary [1860-1936] Lutz, was born on May 29, 1905 in Grand Haven. He married Jennie Anna Hoffman in Indiana on August 24, 1933. The daughter of John and Ella Hoffman, she lived from December 26, 1910 to March 17, 2005. They resided at 927 Waverly Street. He died on August 4, 1990. Henry worked as a clerk at the Farm Bureau, 715 Washington Street. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, James Howard Lutz, was born on November 30, 1936 and passed away on January 6, 2002. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1957. After his military service, James joined the Grand Haven Police Department as a patrolman, and he worked for 25 years with the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department as road patrol sergeant, jail sergeant, detective, and dispatcher.

### **Charles Albert Lyman [1852-1918]**

Charles Albert, the son of Lucius and Mary Burgess Lyman, was born in Carthage, New York on October 1, 1852. He moved with his parents to Spring Lake in 1867. Charles married Mary “Mollie” Kelly in Spring Lake on October 8, 1875. She was born in 1856 in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Charles became a tugboat captain. The family resided on Howard Street. Charles and Mollie had twins, Herbert Lucius Lyman and Howard Charles Lyman, who were born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1877. The Lymans had another son, William “Willie,” who was born locally on May 17, 1876 and died on September 27, 1887. The Lymans moved to Milwaukee, where Mollie passed away about March 27, 1914. She was

buried at Lake Forest with her son, Willie. Charles, on April 18, 1918, married Hilda Williams [August 12, 1871 to May 23, 1924] in Grand Haven. Charles died that year and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other Lymans. Hilda also was buried there.

### **Herbert Lucius Lyman [1877-1953] and Howard Charles Lyman [1877-1923]**

Twins Herbert and Howard Lyman formed a comedy team in the late 1890s and performed vaudeville acts for 15 years. Born in Grand Haven, they were the sons of Charles and Mary Kelley Lyman and the grandsons of Lucius Lyman. Charles and Mary were married in Spring Lake on October 8, 1875. Mary was born in Guelph, Ontario about 1854, and Charles was born in Carthage, New York around 1851. Mary's sister, Catherine, married Cornelius Killeen of Grand Haven.

The twins first performed professionally in 1897 touring with the Holden Comedy Company, then headlined their debut musical comedy as writers and performers in 1898 in the play *Money to Burn*. The brothers wrote and performed six more original musical comedies nationwide before retiring from theater in early 1912. Both moved to Orlando, Florida and purchased two orange groves in Tampa in 1913 and worked as sales agents for the Armour Fertilizer Company, headquartered in Jacksonville. Howard had moved to Pinellas County and resided in Tampa at the time of his death but died in a diving accident on July 7, 1923 while vacationing with his wife and children in St. Petersburg. Howard and his first wife, Ethel, were divorced. Ethel was born in Illinois about 1884. On December 11, 1914 in Orange County, Florida, he married Emma Abbott. Emma was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin on July 19, 1882. In 1943 she died in a car accident in Florida. [Another Emma Abbott was born in Chicago in 1850 and became a famous stage actress. Apparently the two Emma Abbotts were occasionally confused. The actress died in 1891.]

On May 23, 1904 in Chicago, Herbert Lyman married Pattie [Patti] Louise Scott. She was born in 1884 and became an actress. In 1910 Herbert and Louise, as she was called, were living in Spring Lake with Mercy Buckingham, a widow who was born in England about 1855. Mercy and the four Lymans were listed as actors. Living next door were Howard and Emma. Later censuses found the Lymans in Florida. Pattie Louise died in 1952. The year after her death Herbert married Bertha King. Herbert continued in the business he established with his late brother as sales agents for Armour Fertilizer Company and, in 1939, for Trueman Fertilizer Company. Herbert died at Daytona Beach, Florida on July 3, 1953. Bertha died in Orlando on December 15, 1995.

### **Lucius Lyman [1821-1902]**

Born in Windsor County, Vermont on August 5, 1821, Lucius Lyman was of English descent and a millwright by trade. He erected numerous machine works and around 1845 built the first printing machinery used in Manchester, New Hampshire. For the next three years he was employed at the Ames Manufacturing Company in Cabotville, Massachusetts. About 1849 Lucius moved to Jefferson County, New York, where he constructed a great variety of milling machinery. On September 20, 1861, in Watertown, New York, he enlisted as quartermaster sergeant with Company H of the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Heavy Artillery. He was discharged from the army in May 10, 1862 due to disability. He remained in New York until 1867, when he came to Spring Lake. He built more mills than any other man in the state. One project, which took two years, was the erection of a large plant for the Diamond Match Company in the Upper Peninsula. He was a Republican and of anti-slavery conviction. Lucius was associated with Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.] of Spring Lake. He served on the Village Council in 1891 and 1892, and in 1893 he was elected village president.

On April 13, 1843, in Chelsea, Vermont, Lucius married Mary Burgess, a native of New York who lived from June 1826 to January 12, 1903. They had at least ten children, all born in New York. Two of them died in Spring Lake in 1870 of scarlet fever, but seven of them were living with their parents that year in Spring Lake: Charles Albert, a Great Lakes captain, who was born in New York State on October 1, 1852 and died in Spring Lake in 1918; Caroline Elizabeth, who was born on September 19, 1854 and died in

Spring Lake on July 1, 1871; William Henry, born on November 28, 1856; Eliza Ann, who was born April 2, 1858 and married John H. Ghent, a prosperous druggist from Muskegon; Harriet "Hattie" Amelia, born April 12, 1860; and twins Clarence D. and Alonzo, born September 1, 1865. Another of their children, Malfort G., was born in New York on October 29, 1846, worked as an engineer in Rock Island, Illinois in the 1880s, and then settled in Tacoma, Washington, where in 1889 he owned a livery. In 1880 Lucius continued to live in Spring Lake with his wife and their daughter Eliza [Elizabeth], where he was still employed as a millwright. Lucius died on June 23, 1902. On July 26 that year Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension and died about January 12 the next year. Lucius and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with six of their children: Charles, Caroline, William, Harriet, Clarence, and Alonzo. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 391, and *Tribune* obituary, January 12, 1903.]

### **Elbert S. Lynn [1854-1933]**

Elbert, the son of Walter and Anna Maria Sumner Lynn, born in Lamont on March 24, 1854, was raised in Tallmadge Township. In 1900 he was county treasurer and later township supervisor. He joined Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third] upon its organization in 1902 and became its vice president in 1908. On May 12, 1880 in Lamont, he married Adelia "Delia" Cilley. Delia, the daughter of James and Marian Monroe Cilley of Coopersville, was born in Michigan on October 13, 1857. The Lynns' daughter Erma was born on March 10, 1892 and married John H. Reichardt of Grand Haven. Elbert and Delia lived at 518 Sheldon. Elbert was one of the original members of the Duncan Park Commission, established in 1913. He died on July 14, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Delia passed away on October 14, 1947 and was also buried at Lake Forest.

### **Walter N. Lynn [1824-1909]**

Born in Orange County, Vermont, Walter Lynn came to Michigan with his parents not long after he was born in 1824. The family settled near Lamont, and Walter became a farmer in Tallmadge Township. He was 40 years old when he joined Company C of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. His first wife, Lucy Summer, was born in Vermont on May 7, 1831 and died on December 1, 1865. Their children included Elbert, who was born locally on March 24, 1854 and remained in Grand Haven; Edwin, who was born in 1859 and died in 1936 in Oregon; and Mabel, who was born in December 1862 and married Benona A. Blakeney of Grand Haven. Walter's second wife, Anna Maria Towns, lived from February 11, 1828 to December 9, 1903. Walter moved to Grand Haven about 1904 to be with his son Elbert. On February 23, 1909 Walter died at Elbert's home at 518 Sheldon and was buried at Maple Wood Cemetery near the family home in Lamont. Elbert died in Grand Haven on July 14, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Adelia [October 1858-October 19, 1947]. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 24 and 25, 1909.]

### **John R. Lysaght [Lysaught] [1854-1910]**

John was born in St. Joseph, Berrien County on January 7, 1854, the son of Captain Richard and Catherine Yore Lysaght. In 1880 John was living with his widowed mother in Berrien County, Catherine, who was born about 1820 in Ireland. Richard earned his title during service in the Civil War with Company I of the 19<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He died in August 1872.

John first went to sea in 1872 and served aboard a number of ships. In 1877 he went to the Black Hills [South Dakota] to try his hand at mining, but five years later he returned to the sea as mate aboard the scow *Libbie Carter*. In 1883 he joined the life saving crew at Muskegon as surfman and transferred the next year to Big Point Sauble. In March 1885 he was promoted to keeper of the station. A year later he became keeper of the Racine Harbor Life Saving Station, and on July 19, 1888 he succeeded Captain Beauvais as commander of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station. He and his crew participated in a number of dramatic rescues. In the early 1900s John was vice president of the Grand Haven Basket Factory on Sixth Street, and about the same time he operated a cigar store at 129 Washington.

On April 6, 1885 John married Mary, the daughter of Ezekiah and Elizabeth Hammond Haney of Ludington. Mary was born in October 1862 [1866]. The Lysaghts' children, all born locally, included Agnes Clare, who lived from February 4, 1886 to October 15, 1979 and died in Oakland County; Alice Elizabeth, who was born on September 16, 1888 and married Albert J. Theiler of Grand Haven; John Paul., who was born in September 1890; Kathleen Mary [Mary Cataline], who was born August 1, 1894 and passed away in Grand Rapids on January 1, 1977; Jane Margaret, who was born on December 6, 1896 and died in Detroit on March 12, 1978; Morris [Maurice], born in January 1900; Harold, who was born on January 3, 1902 and died in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in August 1974; Louise, born about 1906; and Joseph, who was born on November 27, 1906 and died in Los Angeles, California, on August 16, 1963. John died at the age of 56 at the station from "heart trouble" on May 16, 1910, only 12 days after resigning his post, but before anyone could be assigned to replace him. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Shortly after his death Mary and her dependent children moved to Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, May 16, 1910.]

### **Philip Wetmore Lyttle I [1914-1981]**

Philip Lyttle was appointed Ferrysburg's postmaster on April 30, 1949. He held the position until September 12, 1950, when Alwin L. Strevy took over. Philip was born in Ferrysburg on May 31, 1914. He married Rosalie June Syers in Grand Rapids in 1939. Born in Independence, Iowa, she lived from November 16, 1919 to August 23, 2001. They had moved to El Monte, California by 1964. Philip died in Los Angeles, California on April 10, 1981. Their one child, Philip W. Lyttle II, lived from 1940 to 1956. Philip, Rosalie, and their son were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Wilbur [William] Lemay Lyttle [Little] [1871-1953] and Miriam "Nellie" Russell Wetmore Lyttle [Little] [1876-1952]**

Miriam Wetmore Lyttle and her husband Wilbur managed the Ferrysburg Hotel for more than 30 years. In the 1887, 1891, and 1893 *Michigan State Gazetteer*, William was listed as running a boarding house in Ferrysburg, possibly referring to the hotel. They owned a large boathouse across the road from the hotel, near the foot of the wooden bridge that at one time provided access to the Village of Spring Lake and later became the site of Ferrysburg Park. The Lyttles also owned summer rental properties around Smith's Bayou. Miriam was born in Hillsboro, Ohio on November 25, 1876. On September 5, 1900 Miriam and Wilbur were married in Ferrysburg. The son of William and Elizabeth White Lyttle, Wilbur was born in Ferrysburg in July 1871, worked for Johnston Boiler, and died in 1953 in Grand Haven. They had five children, including Philip Lyttle, who was born in Ferrysburg on May 31, 1914. Their address in Ferrysburg was 201 Pine Street, the site of Ferrysburg Hotel, later the address of the Pizza Hut [now gone]. Miriam died in East Grand Rapids on September 11, 1953.

### **William A. Lyttle [Little] [1821-1906]**

Born in New York State in 1821, William Lyttle by 1880 was a farmer living in Ferrysburg. On August 19, 1855 he married Elizabeth White in Yates, New York. Elizabeth, also a native of New York, was born in November 1821. They had seven children: Eugenia Lyttle, born in 1858; Murray Lyttle, born in 1861; William Lyttle, born in 1866; Minnie Lyttle, born in 1867; Wilbur Lemay Lyttle, born in July 1871; Bertha Lyttle, born in 1874; and Ruba Lyttle, born in 1878. Elizabeth passed away in Spring Lake on July 16, 1906. William and Elizabeth were buried in Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Helen Lucretia Brayton Macalister [1839-1898] and James Macalister [1840-1913]**

On May 30, 1866, Helen Brayton married James Macalister in Grand Haven. Helen, born in 1839 in Aztalan, Wisconsin, was the daughter of James Colgrove and Julia Ann Barnard Brayton and James Pease Brayton's sister. By 1868 Helen and James had moved to Milwaukee, where James became superintendent of schools. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland on April 26, 1840. In 1883 the family left Wisconsin for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where James was named the first superintendent of that city's schools. After Helen's death in 1898, James remained in Philadelphia, living with his four daughters: Mary, Janet, Agnes,

and Julia. He died on December 17, 1913 and was buried with Helen at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Merion, Pennsylvania.

**Evelyn May De Vries MacCallum [1912-2004]**

Evelyn De Vries was born on October 29, 1911. She and her husband Robert Lawrence MacCallum owned and managed the Stratford Carpet Shop in Alexandria, Virginia before retiring and moving to Grand Haven. There, she joined Lakeland Painters and was its president in 1972. Robert was born on November 20, 1902 and died in Holland on January 14, 1995 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Evelyn passed away in Holland on January 30, 2004.

**Charles MacDonald [1907-1980]**

Charles McDonald was born on September 15, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on September 20, 1980. He married Ruby Triplett in Jackson, Mississippi in 1941. After the African American couple moved to Grand Haven in 1951, Ruby was employed by Royal Dry Cleaners at 104 Washington Street, and Charles worked as a furnace tender at Grand Haven Brass Foundry. Ruby was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. The McDonalds resided at various times at 315 Madison, 406 North Third, and 309 Madison Streets. Their son, Charles II, drowned in the Grand River on July 11, 1957. The youngster, who contracted polio as a child, was born in Jackson, Mississippi on May 27, 1943. Another son, Jon [John] F., born on June 28, 1946, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1965. Jon became a nationally recognized artist and Professor of Art at Kendall School of Art & Design in Grand Rapids. A daughter, Annie K., graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1963, married William Jacobs, and became provost of Wayne County Community College in Detroit. The McDonalds had a second daughter, Cora Lee, who married a Mr. Rhodes and moved to Grand Rapids. Ruby, who was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi on December 12, 1906, continued to live in the family home on Madison Street after her husband's death, but she died in Detroit on July 30, 1996 and was interred at Spring Lake Cemetery [*Tribune* obituary, July 12, 1957].

**Duncan Angus MacDonald [1875-1937]**

See Duncan McDonald.

**Norman Archibald MacDonald I [1898-1986] and Norman Archibald "Red" MacDonald II [1934-1995]**

Norman MacDonald co-owned and co-managed with his father, Norman Archibald MacDonald I, the Norman-Ross Music Store. The store opened at 17 Washington around 1946 and moved to 201 Washington prior to 1948. The store closed permanently in early 1951. Norman the father, a native of Scotland, lived from 1898 to 1986. His wife Elizabeth was born in the same country about 1900. They were living in Detroit in 1950. Their son was born on February 18, 1934 and died on November 26, 1995. He resided in Fruitport. Father and son were buried at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

**John Macfie [McFie] [1836-1920]**

John, the son of Alexander and Ann Tough Macfie, was born on a farm in Clarenceville, Quebec on April 14, 1836. On May 29, 1861 he married Anne [Anna/Annie] Townsend, who was born on May 20, 1840 in Canada. John and Anne lived at 526 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Residing at the same address in the early 1900s were their son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Maud Macfie. John and Robert were in the lumber business together in Grand Haven under the name Macfie & Son in the 1890s. Robert was born on April 8, 1862. John moved to California around 1905. In 1916 Robert and Maud and their three children joined John in California. John's and Anne's other children were Gresham, born in Canada about 1861; Mary Agnes, born on September 28, 1863, and Helen, born on August 14, 1865. Helen died the next day. John passed away in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, California, on April 26, 1920. Anne also died in Alhambra in early fall, 1921. John and Anne were members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. In 1890 John built the cottage named Tangle Top in Highland Park. The cottage was inherited by Robert Macfie.

### **Robert Graham Macfie [1862-1946]**

Robert and his father, John Macfie, were in the lumber business together in Grand Haven under the name Macfie & Son in the 1890s. Robert was born on April 8, 1862. He married Maud Boyden on August 3, 1892. Maud, born in Pennsylvania on August 19, 1868, was the daughter of Charles and Jerusha Mitchell Boyden of Grand Haven. Robert inherited Tangle Top, a cottage in Highland Park that his father built in 1890. In 1916 Robert and Maud moved to California with their three children and joined John Macfie, who had moved there around 1905. Their children were Boyden, born in Grand Haven on June 12, 1893; Elizabeth Anne, born in Grand Haven on August 25, 1895; and John Graham, born on February 23, 1898 in Missouri. They also had a son David, who was born in Grand Haven on August 2, 1899 and died the next day. In Grand Haven the Macfies lived with Robert's parents, John and Anne Townsend Macfie, at 526 Lafayette. Maud owned Tangle Top cottage at 68 Beechwood Lane in Highland Park. Robert died in Santa Clara, California on September 18, 1946. Maud passed away, also in Santa Clara, on June 12, 1955.

### **Bernice Davis Maciejewski [1922-1995]**

Bernice Davis Maciejewski, a resident of Robinson Township, was born on February 14, 1922 and died on December 15, 1995. She started writing a history of the township, which was continued by historian and fellow resident Olive Cleave and published in 1999 as *Robinson Remembrances*. On January 4, 1941 Bernice married Vincent, the son of John and Mary Miedzianowski Maciejewski of Robinson Township. Vincent was born in Evanston, Illinois on May 18, 1919. Vincent worked at Oldberg Manufacturing for 40 years and was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Robinson Township. He and Bernice resided at 13703 Green. Their children were Vincent J. of Tampa, Florida; John of Eugene, Oregon; Charles of Whitehall; Mary Jo, who married a Mr. Vokal and resided in Maple Grove, Minnesota; Elizabeth, who married Rick Wilson and lived in Spring Lake; Marie, who married Eric Johnson and moved to Cape Coral, Florida; and Christine, who married Michael McCarthy of Grand Haven. Bernice and Vincent were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 23, 2006.]

### **John Maciejewski [Mackczewski] [1873-1950]**

John and Mary Maciejewski were married in Poland in 1897. John immigrated to America in 1905 and his wife and a daughter followed three years later. After living in Chicago for a number of years, the family in 1923 moved to Robinson Township, where they purchased from Gus Metzler 120 acres in Sections 5 and 31, near the Grand River. One of their children, Vincent, was born about 1919 and married Bernice Davis. Their other children were Adam, born in Poland in 1902; Boleslaus, born in 1912; and Mary, born in 1917. Vincent, Boyle, and Mary were born in Illinois. John lived from 1873 to 1950 and Mary from 1877 to 1965.

### **William T. Mackay I [1918-2004]**

William Mackay was appointed Civil Defense director for the City of Grand Haven in 1963, a position he held until 1988. He served on the Coast Guard Festival Board of Directors from 1968 to 1996. William was born in Linesville, Pennsylvania on February 23, 1918. He was the son of Byron and Mabel Beers Mackay. William married Helen Pritko on January 14, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio. He served with the Michigan State Troops from 1942 to 1946 and was captain and company commander of local Company F of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment. In 1982 he retired from Cooper Industries after 29 years of service in quality control. The Mackay children were William T. Mackay II and Janice S., who married Thomas Helms of St. Johns, Clinton County. William I died in Grand Haven on April 7, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 8, 2004.]

### **Donald Stuart Mackenzie [1924-2002]**

The son of William and Marion Mackenzie, Donald was born in Evanston, Illinois on January 23, 1924. He grew up in Lake Forest, Illinois and attended Bradley University in Peoria. During WWII he served with the 109<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion of the U.S. Army. For 25 years following the war, Donald worked for the

American Meat Institute in Chicago as Director of Plant Operations. He moved to Grand Haven in 1974 and founded Econaway Abrasives Company, located at 747 Grant Street. He and his wife Patricia L. resided at 17345 West Spring Lake Road. She was born on November 28, 1932. Donald retired from Econaway in 1996, died in Grand Haven on November 3, 2002, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 2002.]

### **Edward H. Macy [1801-1840]**

Edward Macy landed in New York City on October 9, 1828, newly arrived from Buenos Aires. On the ship's manifest he was listed as "ship master" and 27 years old. Franklin Everett mentioned Edward Macy twice in his book *Memorials of the Grand River Valley*. In 1838, at the first meeting of the Ottawa County Board of supervisors, Edward was granted permission to operate a ferry across Black Lake [Lake Macatawa] for two years. About the same year, Edward owned approximately a half-section in Olive Township, on the south side of Pigeon Lake, an area another group, the Port Sheldon Land Company, was developing. A year or two earlier, Edward was part of the Black Lake Company, a group of investors who planned to develop the area around that body of water. Their project included setting up the town of Tuscarora, later changed to Superior. The plat, recorded on July 2, 1835, was situated on the north side of Black Lake. Plans showed 122 waterfront lots and 465 back lots. Edward, a ship's captain, was an investor and manager. A post office opened with the name Tuscarora on August 1, 1839 with Captain Macy as postmaster. Sand bars blocked the harbor and the post office closed on July 24, 1840, about the time Captain Macy was killed in Kalamazoo, according to Everett. The project failed after his death. He was born in 1801.

### **Brice D. Maddox [1914-1997]**

Brice Maddox was born in Marion, Indiana on April 11, 1914. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering, and then earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago. Brice arrived in Grand Haven in 1951 to join Keller Tool Company and became vice president and general manager after the company was taken over by Gardner Denver. He and his wife, Janice B., had three children. Janice was born about 1914. They lived at 521 Lafayette and 10 Woodlawn Court.

Brice was president of the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce and a member of Rotary and Stag Club. He was on the Grand Haven Charter Study Commission, the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, and Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Brice chaired the Hospital Planning Committee. He and Jan retired to Maricopa, Arizona, where he died on October 7, 1997.

### **Walter Herbert Madsen [1920-2001]**

Walter, the son of August Peter and Caroline Johnson Madsen, was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota on August 23, 1920. The family moved to Chicago when Walter was 12. He graduated from Senn High School in that city. During WWII he served four years with the Army in the South Pacific Theater and was discharged with the rank of captain. He continued his service with the U.S. Army Reserves. After the war, Walter attended Chicago Teachers College for four years, and then spent one year at Superior State College in Wisconsin. He came to Grand Haven, where he was employed at Oldberg Manufacturing.

On September 29, 1956 Walter married Genevieve Alice Wessel Nauta, who was born on June 30, 1917 on South Manitou Island, Leelanau County. Genevieve, the daughter of Abram and Lillian Wessel of Grand Haven, had previously been married to a Nauta. Eleven years after Walter and Genevieve were married, Walter completed his bachelor degree requirements and received a Michigan Teacher's Certificate. He then started teaching fifth and sixth grades at Nunica Elementary School, and two years later he began teaching math and science at Spring Lake Junior High School until his retirement in 1982. Walter was an active volunteer with the local Salvation Army, and Genevieve was office secretary for the organization.



Walter died on August 14, 2001 and Genevieve passed away on April 6, 2012. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Francis “Frank” Maggiore I [1932-2005]**

A graduate of Grand Haven High School, Frank Maggiore served with the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1959 as an aerial photographer and was a general contractor for the next 25 years. On May 3, 1952, he married Fanny Rae Susterich [1931-2012] in Grand Haven. They had four children: Deborah Maggiore, John Maggiore, Theresa Maggiore [1956-1998], and Frank Maggiore II [1957-1978]. Frank and Fanny were divorced in Los Angeles, California in March 1975. Frank then married Valarie Kirklen. She was born on February 1, 1946 in California. Frank I, born in Grand Haven on November 21, 1932, died in Rancho Mirage, California on May 1, 2005 and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cathedral City. His parents were John and Mary Maggiore of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, May 4, 2005.]

### **Giovanni “John” Maggiore [1902-1973]**

John Maggiore was born in Italy on February 5, 1902 and immigrated to the United States when he was 17. In April 1923 he married Mary Mistretts. Also a native of Italy, she was born on February 13, 1910 and came to America in 1911. They were married about 1923. John worked as a molder at a local factory before he and Mary opened Sunnyside Grocery around 1953. The store, located at 17176 West Spring Lake in Spring Lake Road, closed around 1977. John passed away in Palm Desert, California on July 1, 1973. Among their children were Albert, born in Indiana about 1925; Joseph C., who was born in Michigan on February 9, 1926 and died in Los Angeles, California on December 17, 1972; Ann, who born about 1930, married Vincent Cobb, and moved to South Haven; and Frank, born in Grand Haven on November 21, 1932. The Maggiore family resided at 333 Elliott around 1930, and then moved to 1143 Washington. Mary passed away in California on May 5, 1996.

### **Michael Maher [Mahar, Mahur] [1844-1904]**

Born in Ireland in 1844, Michael Maher settled in Grand Haven and married Ellen Collins. Ellen was born in Waverly, New York, on August 4, 1852. In the 1893 *Directory*, Michael was listed as “engineer.” They raised their family at 209 Clinton, where Ellen [Helen/Helena] continued to reside after her husband’s death on December 12, 1904. On November 29, 1915 in Grand Haven, she married John Richardson. Michael’s and Ellen’s children, all born in Grand Haven, were Mary Agnes, who was born on July 3, 1873 and married George William Honner in Grand Haven on January 8, 1896; William, who was born on June 11, 1875 and died in Detroit on March 9, 1965; Nellie, who was born November 4, 1876, married Jesse Albert Waterman in Grand Haven on October 26, 1905, and moved to Chicago; John, who was born about April 1879 and died on March 15, 1880; Henry, who was born January 30, 1881, became foreman at a chair factory, and died in Chicago on March 17, 1965; Margaret, who was born on March 6, 1885 and died in California on February 3, 1966; Thomas, who was born on June 2, 1891 and moved to Chicago; and Winifred K., who lived from February 14, 1883 to March 6, 1901. Michael was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Ellen, who died on November 27, 1932.

### **Thomas Mahan [Mahon] [1872-1969]**

Tom Mahan first job was working for John Walsh as a pile driver on the Grand River. Walsh’s was the only pile driver in the Grand Haven area. Tiring of that, Tom found a job on the Chicago waterfront where he earned 75 cents for ten hours of work. He was soon hired to drive pilings at the 1893 Columbian Exposition for the first Ferris Wheel ever erected. Tom returned to Grand Haven, where he became a member of Company F during the Spanish-American War. He was listed as a diver in the 1908 *Grand Haven City Directory*, a pursuit he followed during World War I, as did his father in the British Navy. Tom was certified by the United States Secretary of the Navy to dive anywhere in the United States. He worked for the Corps of Engineers and received his sea pilot and engineering license in 1908. In 1921 Tom built the vessel *Ramona* with his partner, Charles Poisson [1879-1956] of Grand Rapids. After being moved from its construction site in sections, the boat was put together and sailed on Reeds Lake in Grand

Rapids. Captain Mahan in 1922 helped construct the first U.S. 31 bridge to cross the Grand River, and he also did test borings at Port Sheldon for the Consumers Power Plant. At age 82 he helped lay cable in Holland Harbor for the City of Holland after the original contractor failed to finish the job.

Tom was born on August 23, 1872 in New York City. His father, John Mahan, was born in Ireland in June 1846 and died about January 10, 1942, and his mother Catherine was born in England in May 1857 and died about November 25, 1915. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On September 25, 1899, Tom married Leona [Leo/Leora] Boot in Grand Haven. Leona was born in Michigan on June 12, 1881. They lived at 108 Elliott and later at 407 Fulton Street. They had a daughter, Zerta [Juta//Grita] Mahan, who was born locally about 1905 and married David Atkinson of Amboy, Illinois; a son, John Thomas, [Thomas J.] who was born locally in 1900; and another son, Leo Francis Mahan, who was born in Grand Haven on April 2, 1908.

Tom was accused and convicted of “mutilating” Fred Turk Allison II of Nunica on April 14, 1914. The attack occurred when Tom found his wife Leona with 19-year-old Fred. Tom was sentenced to one to ten years in Ionia Prison. At the time of the trial, Tom was confined to the city jail on Fourth Street. It’s not clear how long he served in prison, but Tom was back with his wife and family in Grand Haven in 1920. Tom and Leona were divorced in Grand Haven on August 31, 1926. Leona died on May 28, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest. Tom passed away on July 1, 1969 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Thomas Mahon [1872-1969]**

See Thomas Mahan.

#### **James Mahoney [1860-1945]**

In the 1883, 1887 and 1891 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, James Mahoney was agent for the American Express Company in Ferrysburg. By 1900 he was agent for a railroad in St. Joseph. The son of Jeremiah and Julia Mahoney, he was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on September 21, 1860. By 1867 the Mahoneys were living in Spring Lake. On June 13, 1883, he married Anna Caroline Urbon in Muskegon. She was born in Sweden in 1862 and died in 1935. James died in Alma, Gratiot County on January 14, 1945. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least one son, Edward James Mahoney, who was born in Ottawa County on March 20, 1884 and passed away in Lansing on July 20, 1965.

#### **Jeremiah “Jerry” Mahoney [1828-1909]**

Jeremiah Mahoney was born in Ontario, Canada in 1828. Jerry married Julia Flaherty in Ontario on November 21, 1858. They immigrated to the United States in 1850. Six of their eleven children survived to adulthood, including James Mahoney, who was born in Ontario on September 21, 1860. The Mahoneys were living in Spring Lake by 1868 when one-year-old Betsy Mahoney died. In 1880, still in Spring Lake, Jerry was section boss for one of the railway companies. In 1900, the Mahoneys were living in Benton Harbor, where Jerry worked as a flagman for the railroad. He died in Benton Harbor on March 28, 1909 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Julia, ten years younger than Jerry, passed away in 1919 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Seven of their children were interred at the same cemetery.

#### **George Matthew Maierhauser I [Mairhauser] [1892-1951]**

George Maierhauser owned an 80-acre farm in Section 11 of Grand Haven Township in the early 1900s. In 1930 he was working at a service station in Grand Haven. George was born in Wisconsin on January 10, 1892. On July 16, 1921 in Grand Haven he married Ethel Engel, who was born in that city on March 3, 1899 and died in 1986. They had three children: Theresa, born about 1920; Mary A., born about 1923; George M. II, who was born on April 27, 1926 and died on May 17, 2015; and Phyllis J., who was born September 29, 1933 and passed away in Grand Haven on June 25, 2000. George died on August 22, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Ethel. [*Tribune* obituary, May 19, 2015.]

#### **John Majerus [1871-1962]**

Born on December 28, 1871 in Luxembourg, John Majerus was a resident of Grand Haven Township. In the early 1900s he bought from Peter Northouse [Nordhuis] 70 acres in Section 4, near Rosy Mound. In 1911 he and his wife, Margareth donated three-quarters of an acre of the land for a new Rosy Mound School in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township, a move north from the school's former location in Section 9 at the southeast corner of Ferris and Lakeshore Drive. The earlier school had burned down in 1900. Their home was across Lakeshore Drive from the new school. John owned another 20 acres nearby. By 1930 he had sold the remainder of the larger piece to Albert Ohelmacher but retained ownership of the 20-acre parcel. The Majeruses were divorced before 1930. John moved to Alhambra, California, where he died on September 25, 1962.

#### **Davis Nelson Mallery [1876- ?]**

In the early 1900s Davis Mallery was part owner of the Mallery and Hite Boat Livery [Marina] on Beach Road in Spring Lake Village. He was born about 1876 in Illinois. By 1920 he was a traveling salesman for a Grand Haven machinery company. Davis married Frances Hoffman in Jackson, Missouri on October 16, 1915. She was born in Howard County, Iowa on January 9, 1886, died in Grand Haven on March 10, 1922, and was buried at Union Cemetery in Livermore, Iowa.

#### **Frederick A. Mansfield [1847-1916]**

In 1887 the name of the military company headquartered at the Armory on Second Street was changed to "The Grand Haven Guards." It became known as Company F. Frederick Mansfield, one of the company's organizers, was elected captain and later major of the Second Michigan Infantry. He worked as an inspector for the Tax Department of the State of Michigan, but also was a civil engineer.

Frederick's father, Eben [Ebin/Ebenezer] Fessenden Mansfield, was born on May 8, 1809 in Oxford County, Maine and died in Grand Haven on December 19, 1869. His mother, Achsah [Axe/Aahsal], was born in Vermont about 1817. Eben and Achsah Smith were married in Will, Illinois on August 24, 1843. By 1850 Ebenezer, Achsah, Frederick, and another son, John, were living in Metomen, Wisconsin. John was two years younger than Frederick. At the time of the 1870 Federal Census, Frederick was living in Grand Haven. Living with him were his widowed mother and two younger brothers, both born in Wisconsin: Ebbin, who was born in 1854 and died in Grand Haven about December 19, 1869, and Charles, born in 1857. Achsah died in Grand Haven on November 24, 1870 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Eben.

In the 1880 Federal Census, Frederick was sharing his home on Pennoyer Street with his cousins Mary K. Mansfield and Herbert Mansfield and with his brother, Charles Mansfield, who was working as a sailor. Mary, the daughter of David [1813-1876] and Abigail Kimball Mansfield [1815-1859], was shown as divorced in the census. Her first husband was John L. Mansfield [1847-1937]. Whatever their relationship, Frederick Mansfield and Mary K. Mansfield were married on August 20, 1881, in Grand Haven. Mary was born in Lovell, Maine on June 6, 1850, died in Grand Haven on September 30, 1923, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary and her sister, Martha "Mattie" Rice, were the first managers of the Highland Park Hotel. Frederick and Mary resided at 107 South Second Street. Their daughter Martha J. "Mattie" Mansfield was born in Grand Haven on May 10, 1883 and married Richard L. Cook of that city. In 1900 Mary and her daughter Mattie were living 107 South Street, while Frederick was listed in the Federal Census of that year as residing at 221 Washington Street, in the home of Willard Sheldon. Fred was then employed as a clerk with the State of Michigan Tax Commission. Ten years later the Mansfields were living together at the house on Second Street. Mattie and her husband Richard were living with them. After her husband's death, Mary continued to reside at 107 South Second.

Frederick was born in Fairwater, Wisconsin [Maine/Vermont] on November 8, 1847. He died in Grand Haven on May 10, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Herbert Mansfield, probably her son by her first marriage. Mary was a Unitarian but later became a Christian Scientist.

#### **Hubert "Bert" C. Mansfield [1867-1921]**

Bert Mansfield, a watchmaker and jeweler, owned one of the largest jewelry stores in Ottawa County. In 1888 he purchased the store from Roswell H. Lee, who had been in business in Grand Haven since 1872. Bert named his shop, located at 132 Washington, B. C. Mansfield & Company. He specialized in watch repair. The son of Mary K. Mansfield and the stepson of Frederick Mansfield, Bert was born in Wisconsin in September 1867 and died in 1921. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Mansfields. On January 3, 1891 in Milwaukee, Bert married Clara Edna Bell. She was born in Wisconsin in October 1871. The daughter of Edwin and Louisa Buttrick Bell, she graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1888. After Bert's death, she moved to Grand Rapids with their son, Herbert, who was born locally about 1907. Another son, Carlisle Edwin, was born on September 29, 1892 and died in September 1963 in Michigan. Carlisle married Mary A. Dickinson in Grand Rapids on February 8, 1911.

Bert was reported to have "the finest collection of Indian arrow heads and other relics in the city." [*Tribune*, July 28, 1900.]

#### **Martha Jane "Mattie" Mansfield [1858-1940]**

See Martha Jane "Mattie" Mansfield Rice.

#### **Meinardus "Maynard" Manting [Mantingh] I [1896-1956]**

In 1946 Maynard Manting started the Manting Equipment Company at 119 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven as a distributor of Bastian Blessing store display fixtures. Prior to that, he had been an employee of Bastian Blessing. His sister, Sarah, married Louis Northouse of Grand Haven. Maynard, the son of Albert and Marie Lokker Manting, was born in Holland, Michigan on November 26, 1896. He married Katherine Van Lopik on July 26, 1928. The daughter of Peter and Cornelia Byl Van Lopik, she was born May 18, 1895 [1896] and died March 10, 1943. The Manting family lived at 508 South Seventh Street. Their sons, Peter G. and Maynard Manting II, continued the business after their father's death on September 3, 1956. Katherine and Maynard were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Nathan Marble [1789-1868]**

Nathan Marble may never have lived in Ottawa County, but on March 1, 1856 he purchased the southwest quarter-section [160 acres] of Section 9 of Grand Haven Township from Henry Pennoyer. On March 23, 1861, while living in New York State, he sold to the township a one-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Ferris and Lakeshore Drive. After the school at this site burned down in 1900 a new one was constructed a mile or so north and named Rosy Mound School. The remainder of Nathan's quarter-section was in Henry Saul's name before 1876. As early as 1839 Nathan purchased 160 acres in southern Michigan. He was born in 1789 and died April 22, 1868. His wife, Adeline Worden, lived from 1802 to January 31, 1874.

#### **Jerry Arthur Maring [1915-1998]**

On May 1, 1956 Jerry Maring formed a partnership with Henry J. Freeze to purchase Fred King's business, including the building and equipment of business. Called Metal Stamping Products, it was located at 530 Elm Street in Ferrysburg. Jerry was president and Henry was secretary-treasurer of the firm. On October 30, 1940, Jerry married Mildred Zillah. She was born in Muskegon on October 21, 1917. The couple resided in Muskegon. Jerry was born in Muskegon on May 19, 1915 and died there on October 31, 1998. Mildred passed away on October 9, 2004. Both were buried at Restlawn Cemetery in Muskegon. They had four daughters.

#### **Darius A. Markham [1842-1865]**

On August 19, 1862, Tallmadge Township resident Darius Markham enlisted as private in Company B, 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was captured by the Confederate Army on October 19, 1864 in Buckland's Mills, Virginia and sent to Andersonville Prison. He died there on April 14, 1865 and was buried at Andersonville National Historic Site. He was born about 1842. On December 8, 1865, his mother, Rosetta Jane Markham [1820-1911], applied for a parent's Civil War pension.

### **Paul F. Markoff [Markhoff] [1863-1955]**

Paul Markoff was on the Board of Directors of the Spring State Bank when it first opened in 1914 and became its president. In the 1918 *Directory* he was listed as a furniture manufacturer in Spring Lake. He and Ida Cornelia Umstead were married in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on May 8, 1884. Paul was born in Germany in September 1863, and Ida was born in Brighton, Pennsylvania on May 9, 1864. In 1900 they were residents of Grand Rapids. By 1910 they owned a 30-acre estate on the north end of Spring Lake [18881 Fruitport Road, Section 1, Spring Lake Township]. They called their property "Idalia." The estate was in the name of Josephine M. Markoff as late as 1971. The Markoffs had two sons: Paul Berton "Bert," born on June 19, 1885 in Ohio, and Clarence Paul, who was born in Ohio on June 24, 1887. Both sons became residents of Grand Rapids. On December 1, 1915 in Grand Haven, Paul Berton married Josephine Margaret, the daughter of Richard and Margaret Powell Bolt. Josephine was born on August 5, 1893 and passed away in Grand Rapids on February 24, 1975. Clarence married Elizabeth Kooiman in Grand Haven on February 9, 1920. Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Leenhouts Kooiman of Grand Haven, was born on June 24, 1895, died on June 24, 1965, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Clarence passed away about January 24, 1947. Paul died in 1955 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Ida, who had died ten years earlier.

### **Asa [Issa] Marod [1882-1945]**

Asa Marod was born in Syria in 1882, and his wife, Mary Albert Nyima, was born in the same country in 1885. They were married in Turkey in 1905. Asa's and Mary's children were Asa Marod, born in Madison County, Indiana on June 12, 1910; Edward A. Marod, born about 1912; Sophia A. Marod, who lived from August 14, 1913 to January 1982; Nicholas A. Marod, who lived from April 1, 1915 to April 11, 1993; and Rose Mary Marod, who was born on September 22, 1916 and married Ralph Secory. Asa ran a grocery store at 6-8 South Beechtree in the 1920s and lived at the same address. He passed away in 1945, and Mary died in 1961. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery

### **Asa Moses Marod [1910-1977]**

Moses Marod, the son of Asa and Mary Marod, was born in Madison County, Indiana on June [May] 12, 1910. Moses worked as a grainer at Eagle Ottawa in 1930, and ten years later he was employed at Bastian Blessing. He and his wife, Helen Angeline Marod, resided at 1309 Grant Street. Moses passed away in Grand Haven on July 25, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, parents, and other family members. Helen lived from 1911 to 1973.

### **Ernest Paul Mars [Markus] [1890-1959]**

Ernest Mars opened Superior Products Company at 335 Fulton Street in Grand Haven in 1928. He was born in Germany on October 1, 1890 [1889] and immigrated to Chicago in 1909. Arriving with him in Grand Haven was his wife Ella, born in Germany on December 29, 1889, and their daughter Elizabeth, who was born in their native country just prior to immigrating to the United States. Ernest and Ella were married in New York on November 11, 1909. [In the marriage registration, her name was cited as Ida Mars, apparently a clerical error.] Ernest and Ella were divorced in Grand Haven on December 30, 1930. On October 10, 1931, Ernest married Hedwig Landgraf in New York. Hedwig was born about 1894. They lived in Grand Haven until at least 1935 but in 1940 were in Chicago. With them was 16-year John Mars, born in Germany about 1924. Ella and Elizabeth also resided in Chicago. Ella passed away in Long Beach, California in June 1972. Ernest died in Chicago on May 12, 1959.

### **Albert "Bert" Martin [1883-1941]**

Born in the Peach Plains area on December 6, 1882, Bert Martin died at Middle Point, Ohio on December 25, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On August 17, 1918, he married Kittie Squires Hiler in Flint. She was born in Coopersville on December 17, 1884. On March 9, 1906 in Grand Haven, she married Shirley George Hiler [1884-1943]. They were divorced on November 23, 1915. Bert and Kitty had

two sons: Walter of Spring Lake and Donald of Nunica. Bert spent most of his life in Grand Haven and in 1908 worked at a livery stable. In 1933 he became foreman of the Maumee Asphalt Company in Bloomville, Ohio. Kitty died of breasts cancer on November 6, 1940 and was buried at Coopersville-Polkton Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 1941.]

### **Benjamin Martin [1828-1889]**

The son of John C. and Ann Moffatt Martin, Benjamin was born in Pennsylvania in 1828. Before 1864 he settled on a 47½ acre farm in Section 31 of Crockery Township, right on the north bank of the Grand River. Hiram Martin of Spring Lake Township was his brother. Benjamin died in 1889 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Arvila [Arvilla] G., was born in New York State in 1838 and died in 1912. She also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Martins had seven children: Emma, born in 1854; Anna, born in 1855; Hiram, born in 1858; Wallace, born in 1860; Gilbert, who was born in 1863 and drowned in 1874; F. D., born in 1866; and Eber, born on February 17, 1870. On January 23, 1920 in Coopersville, Eber married Minnie L Green. She was born in 1880.

### **Charles Martin [Marten] [1802-1858]**

Charles Martin worked as a boatman for Rix Robinson, according to the “Descriptive List of Aliens” the fur trader completed in 1830. Charles was noted as being a “Half-Breed.” He was born on August 10, 1802 on Mackinac Island and died in St. Ignace on July 1, 1858. His baptism record, dated June 30, 1804 in Michilimackinac, gave his father’s name as Antoine Martin and his mother as being a “Sauteux woman,” a reference to the Saulteux tribe of the Ojibwa nation. Charles married Mary Ann, [last name unknown], an Indian, on July 6, 1830 in Michilimackinac. The 1850 census for Michilimackinac showed Charles working as a fisherman. With him were four children, all born in Michigan: La Rose, born about 1834; Mary Ann, born about 1836; Gabel [female], born about 1838; and Delia, born about 1845. Charles’s wife was not included in the census and may have died.

### **Edward Martin [1872-1961]**

Born on Beaver Island of pioneer parents, Edward Martin went to work shortly after his father drowned and then he continued in night school to advance himself in his chosen profession. He came to Grand Haven in 1908 on the ship *Manistique*, which was renamed the *Milwaukee* and sank in a storm on Lake Michigan in 1929. Captain Martin was master for the Grand Trunk Ferry Lines and was serving on the *Madison* before his retirement in 1938. He moved to Grand Haven from Milwaukee, and on December 17, 1918 in Grand Haven, he married Sarah Beverly Wynne. The next year they purchased the house at 215 Lafayette. Sarah, who was born in January 1868, died on December 25, 1947 and Edward, who was born on October 2, 1872, died on August 8, 1962. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of Edward’s death, he was living with his daughter Alice and her husband, Gunnard Oslund, who had obtained title to the house on Lafayette. Subsequently the home was occupied by a granddaughter of the Martins, Beverly MacLeod, and Beverly’s husband, Kenneth.

### **George Martin [Marlin] [1849- ?]**

George Martin, an African American, was born in Mississippi [Michigan] about 1849. He became a barber in Grand Haven. On February 24, 1875 in Grand Haven, he married Sarah Miller. Sarah was born in Tennessee about 1854. They had a son, William, who was born about 1877 in Michigan. In 1880 the family resided on Madison Street. Sarah was a laundry lady. They do not reappear in later censuses for Ottawa County.

### **Henry Martin [? - ?]**

Henry Martin was captain of the steamer *Empire* in 1851, which normally operated between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. On July 4 of that year Henry picked up passengers at Ottawa Point [Ferrysburg] and Mill Point [Spring Lake] and took them for a cruise up to Fruitport and back for a “subscription” of twenty-five cents or less. The money raised was used to purchase books for the school library in Grand

Haven [Lillie, p. 241]. In 1853 he bought the Gilbert brothers' warehouse on Water Street [Harbor Drive] in Grand Haven and put Dwight Cutler in charge. In 1856 Henry purchased an 80-acre fruit farm in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. Captain Martin was born in Ohio, as was his wife.

### **Henry Martin [1817- ?]**

Henry Martin, an African American, resided on a farm in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township as early as 1850. Classified that year as a laborer, Henry was born in Kentucky around 1817. Living in 1850 with Henry and his wife, Catherine [Catharine], were Isaak Smith, also a laborer, born in New Jersey about 1822; Sabrine Smith, born in Indiana about 1822; Tommas Smith, born in Illinois about 1844; Amanda Smith, born in Michigan about 1848; and Dugglas Smith, born in Michigan about October 1849. The relationship among the Smiths was not specified in the early census. The Martins were neighbors of Hezekiah Smith. Catherine, listed as Mulatto in the 1860 census, was born in Pennsylvania about 1832, although her death records put her birth year at 1826. The 1860 census showed the Martins living in Ferrysburg with three children: Lucinda J., born in Virginia about 1854; Frederick D.F., born locally about 1857; and Jefferson B., who was born locally on June 17, 1858 and died in Ferrysburg on April 19, 1875. By 1870 Catherine was widowed and still living in Spring Lake Township with her children: Lucinda, Edward [probably the child referred to as Frederick in the previous census], and Jefferson. Also part of the household in 1870 were four more children, all born locally since the last census: Mary, born about 1863; Martha, born about 1866; and Jane, born about 1868; and a son, Henry, born about 1869. In 1880 Catherine was living in Ferrysburg and sharing her home with her son Frederick, and two children that weren't included in previous censuses: Fredrika, born about 1863, and Bertie, born about 1866. Both were born locally. Frederick was working in a sawmill at that time. Catherine died in Spring Lake Township on December 11, 1880. None of the Smiths living with the Martins in 1850 and none of Henry's children appear in Ottawa County censuses after 1880.

### **Hiram Martin [1836-1920]**

Born on May 17, 1836 in Canton, Ohio, Hiram was the son of John C. and Ann Moffatt Martin. Hiram took over 40 acres of the family 80-acre farm in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. The remaining 40 acres were sold to other parties. On May 14, 1873 Hiram married Emily [Emma] Deremo in Ottawa County. Emily, a native of De Kalb, New York and the daughter of Earl and Permilia Curtis Deremo, lived in Lincoln from September 12, 1851 to January 5, 1935. She was listed as a musician in the 1918 *Directory*. The Martin home was at the corner of Boom Road and 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Hiram died on April 9, 1920 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born in Spring Lake, were Elmer, who was born September 22, 1873 and died in 1892; Arthur, who lived from April 7, 1878 to 1956; Stewart, who was born on November 27, 1879 and died on April 25, 1927; Idella "Della" M., who was born on March 18, 1883, married William Merz of Crockery Township, and died September 21, 1931; Lila, who was born November 13, 1886 and died April 29, 1968; and Emma, who was born on September 12, 1889, married Arthur Llewellyn Chittenden, and died February 20, 1970. Hiram's brother Benjamin, born in 1828 in Pennsylvania, settled in Section 31 of Crockery Township. Benjamin died in 1889.

### **Reuben Martin [1834-1908]**

Reuben Martin owned a 30-acre farm in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township, where he settled in 1854. He was born on July 24, 1834 and died on December 18, 1908. His wife, Nancy, was born on December 29, 1843 and died on May 22, 1920. Husband and wife were both born in Ohio and buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Stewart Martin [1879-1927]**

Born on November 29, 1879 in Spring Lake Township, Stewart Martin was a farmer with 40 acres in Section 25. His parents were Hiram and Emily Deremo Martin. Stewart died on April 25, 1927 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Raymond Joseph Masko I [1927-2021]**

Ray Masko was born in Chicago on March 25, 1927. He married Patricia Zysk in Grand Haven on June 14, 1952. Born about 1928, Patricia was the daughter of George and Sophia Garecki Zysk. Ray served as Robinson Township Supervisor for 20 years. He and Patricia had six children: Raymond Masko II; Mary Masko; Mitchel Masko; Lisa Masko; Amy Masko; and Martha Masko. Ray served as Robinson Township supervisor for 20 years. He passed away on December 3, 2021.

### **Bertha Hilton Mason [1875-1945]**

In 1928 Bertha and Clyde Mason paid Alvin and Carlotta Ewing \$2,250 for a wooded lot in an area of second homes called the Wilderness, along the Lake Michigan shoreline a few miles south of Grand Haven. In the mid-1930s Bertha built a large, two-story frame cottage on the site. The cottage has the address 12745 Lakeshore Drive. Born on February 19, 1875 in Branch County, Bertha married Clyde Shelton Mason in Coldwater on October 28, 1900. He was born on October 23, 1873 and worked as an inspector for the "Bureau of Air Craft Production," as he wrote on his WWI draft registration. He died on April 3, 1929 and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Owosso, Shiawassee County. Bertha, a teacher, resumed her career in education after his death, becoming principal at several Grand Rapids schools. She retired in 1941, died in December 1945, and was buried at Rosedale Memorial Park in Tallmadge Township.

### **Frank Edgar Mason [1891-1958]**

Frank Mason managed the Central States Gas Utilities office, located at 134 Washington, during the 1920s and 1930s. Prior to that he had worked for gas companies in Fort Madison, Iowa and Lake, Illinois. He and his wife Ida resided at 513 Woodlawn. On October 3, 1917 he married Ida Domke. She was born in 1893 in Indiana and died on April 11, 1987. Their children were Mary, born about 1923, and Donald, born about 1927. Frank was born in Libertyville, Illinois on April 21, 1891. Frank passed away around December 20, 1958. He and Ida were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Harry Merle Mason [1921-2007]**

On June 5, 1942, Harry Mason married Lottie McAllister in Charlevoix. Toward the end of the 1940s, he owned Mason's Shell Service Station at 123 Pine Street in Ferrysburg, formerly owned by Harry Frens. Born in Gaylord on May 16, 1923, Lottie died on February 27, 2007. Harry was born on March 3, 1921. He served as sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He passed away on February 10, 2007. Harry and Lottie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Bonnie Lou Mason, died in 1946, less than one year old.

### **J. W. Mason [? - ?]**

In 1873 Mason joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and enter the silver mining business.

### **Richard Mason [? - ?]**

Richard Mason arrived in Spring Lake subsequent to the 1837 rebellion in Canada. With Jabez Barber he helped Colonel Norton complete a sawmill at Nortonville. In 1844 he and Barber built a sawmill at Mill Point, which burned down in 1859. Richard purchased 160 acres in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township on June 8, 1848, which was one of several acquisitions he made throughout Michigan. His wife Ellen died on September 30, 1846 at the age of 34 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Mastenbroek [Mastenbrook, Mastenbrock] [1828-1907]**

Born in February 1828 in The Netherlands, John Mastenbroek on December 22, 1863 enlisted as private in Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers. He was mustered out on September 22, 1865. John, who arrived in Grand Haven Township in 1853, raised fruit. He served as township supervisor from 1876 to 1879. His wife, Minnie, was born in The Netherlands about 1824. Their daughter Katherine was born in



Michigan on February 10, 1867 and died on August 2, 1887. After Minnie died, John married Louise, who was born in Illinois in December 1861. They had a daughter, Cecilia, who was born in June 1896. John died in 1907 and was buried at Merrill Township Cemetery in Newaygo County.

#### **Abraham [Abram] Mastenbrook [Mastenbroek, Masternbroke] [1833-1904]**

Born and schooled in The Netherlands, Abraham Mastenbrook arrived in Philadelphia in May 1853. After six months he moved to Eastmanville. An experienced horticulturist, he worked on a 90-acre fruit farm in Section 12, eight miles southeast of Grand Haven. At the age of 30 he enlisted as private in Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. Although his complete service record was not located, his unit was under Sherman's command and participated in the famous March to the Sea, and in the battles of Atlanta, Chattanooga, Columbia, and Savannah. Abraham, a Democrat, was highway commissioner for the county and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Congregational Church at Eastmanville, and Champlain Post, No. 29 at Grand Rapids.

In 1861 Abraham married Ellie [Nell/Nellie] Vandermade. They had ten children, including Paul Mastenbrook, born in Eastmanville on October 26, 1863. In 1870, Abraham, Ellie, Paul, and three other children were living in Ferrysburg, where Abraham worked as a bridge tender. Ellie was born in The Netherlands in September 1836, came to the United States in 1850, and died on February 27, 1903. Abraham lived from October 1883 to March 15, 1904. [*Portrait & Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties*, p. 573.]

#### **Edward "Frank" Mastenbrook [1895-1983]**

The son of Paul and Caroline Moll Mastenbrook, Frank was born on May 20, 1895 in Grand Haven. On April 21, 1917 he enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. Frank was wounded in the Allied Oise-Aisne offensive in France on August 28, 1918. On August 26, 1922, he married Florence Isabella Kieft in Grand Haven. Florence was born about 1903. They lived at 1351 Waverly and later at 708 South Friant Street. With his brother Fred, he owned the Mastenbrook Brothers Service Station at the northwest corner of Beechtree and Waverly [495 South Beechtree]. Frank died in Grand Haven on July 8, 1983. Florence was born May 11, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on October 29, 1990. They had three sons: Arlan, Warren, and Jack. Jack, who was born in Grand Haven on February 10, 1927, married Demaris "Dee" Fuller in Muskegon in 1953 and died in Petoskey on April 27, 2014.

#### **Fredrich "Fred" Paul Mastenbrook [1900-1989]**

Fred, the son of Paul and Caroline Moll Mastenbrook was born on July 23, 1900 in Grand Haven. With his brother Fred, he owned the Mastenbrook Brothers Service Station at the northwest corner of Beechtree and Waverly [495 South Beechtree]. He married Mildred Anna Grubham in Grand Haven on December 5, 1925. She was born in Ohio on March 14, 1905, died on April 2, 1928, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 31, 1936, Fred married Fern Kamphuis. Fern, born on February 6, 1912, was the daughter of Gerrit and Louis Wuennecke Kamphuis of Grand Haven. Fred and Fern resided at 1909 Grant. Fern was born in February 1912. Fred died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1989 and was buried at Lake Forest. Fern passed away on March 6, 2017 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, March 11, 2017.]

#### **Paul H. Mastenbrook I [Mastenbrock, Mastenbroek] [1863-1940]**

On July 25, 1894, Paul Mastenbrook married Caroline H. Moll in Grand Haven. Paul and his wife owned a 110-acre farm in Section 12 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Eastmanville on October 20, 1863, the son of Abraham and Ellie Vandermade Mastenbrook, and died on December 5, 1940. One of their children, Paul H. II, was born on August 15, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on September 17, 1974. Other children were Edward, who lived from May 20, 1895 to July 8, 1983; Arthur L., who was born about 1905; and Harold M., born around 1916.

### **Edgar Lee Masters [1868-1950]**

After visiting the Grand Haven area for several years, world-famous poet Edgar Lee Masters in the summer of 1916 rented a cottage on Belle Point in Spring Lake, adjacent to the Pines Resort. Edgar, who had a law practice in Chicago, the next year bought a twelve-acre farm on Spring Lake, about a half-mile from Arbutus Banks [18067 Fruitport Road]. The farm included a fruit tree orchard. He stayed at Arbutus Banks, a summer hotel, during the updating of his farm. The poet sold his summer home in 1920. He wrote several poems about the Grand River, Grand Haven, and the lumbering industry, including "Toward the Gulf," "Sweet Clover," "In the Garden at the Dawn Hour," and "Lost Orchard." These poems were written while the author sat on a bench near the shore of Spring Lake. Another poem, "Grand River Marshes," contained this verse:

But all is quiet on the river now  
As when the snow lay windless in the wood,  
And the last Indian stood  
And looked to find the broken bough  
That told the path under the snow.  
All is as silent as the spiral lights  
Of purple and of gold that from the marshes rise  
Like the wings of swarming dragon flies  
Far up toward Eastmanville, where the enclosing skies  
Quiver with heat; as silent as the flights  
Of the crow like smoke from shops against the glare  
Of dunes and purple air,  
There where Grand Haven against the sand hill lies.

Reportedly, Masters' original manuscript of *Spoon River Anthology* was given to Conrad "Connie" Thornquist, the husband of Claude Hopkins's stepdaughter, Helen Moon. Connie and Helen also had a summer home on Spring Lake.

On June 21, 1898 Edgar married Helen Mary Jenkins in Chicago. She was born in Chicago on August 5, 1874. They had three children. After their divorce, he married Ellen Coyne in 1926. She lived from May 18, 1899 to April 8, 1997 and was buried at Oakland Cemetery. Edgar was born in Garnett, Kansas, on August 3, 1868 and died on March 5, 1950 in Rydal, Pennsylvania. He, too, was buried at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois.

### **Stillman H. Matthews [1863-1908]**

Coming to Grand Haven from Maine in 1868, Thomas A. Matthews worked as a ship's carpenter and millwright. Born about 1837 in Maine, he was employed by the Robinson & Company Shipyard in Grand Haven. His wife, Margaret, was born about 1841 in Nova Scotia. Their son, Stillman H., who was born in September 1863 in Maine, died in Grand Haven on September 9, 1908 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On April 10, 1889 in Grand Haven, Stillman married Agnes May Friant. By 1900 they were residing in Muskegon, where Stillman had been located since at least 1887, working as a traveling salesman. The daughter of George and Cynthia Pease Friant, Agnes was born in Grand Haven, lived from April 1860 to August 1925, and was buried with Stillman.

### **Wallace Bruce Matthews I [1904-2000]**

Born on May 29, 1904, Bruce Matthews was raised on the family farm near Hastings, Barry County. Over the period of his long and productive life, Bruce designed and renovated more than 100 golf courses. He earned both national and state recognition for developing challenging but playable courses. He was quoted as saying, "The easiest thing to do is build a tough hole. To build a course people enjoy is another story." Bruce graduated in 1925 from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] with a degree in landscape architecture. He started his golf career in Florida, but was unable to find a suitable, permanent position. He

returned to Michigan and was hired in 1930 as grounds superintendent at the Green Ridge Country Club. He remained at the Club in various management positions for the duration of the depression, relying partly on income from slot machines [legal at that time] to balance the books.

After leaving Green Ridge, Bruce became a full-time golf course architect. Among his other course designs in West Michigan were Kaufman Golf Club in Grand Rapids and West Ottawa Golf Club near Holland. W. Bruce Matthews & Son was formed in 1961 and remained operative until 1979. That year Bruce and his son Jerry formed Matthews & Associates P.C. The firm had remodeled and designed more than 200 courses by 1993, the same year Bruce was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

Bruce purchased from Gerald Arkema of Grand Haven a 235-acre site in Grand Haven Township. Using 175 of the available acres, in 1964 he opened the 18-hole Grand Haven Golf Club. He also platted and sold building sites along Timberdunes Drive, which divides the golf course. His son, Wally, took over the management two years later and continued in that capacity until the family sold the course to John Rooney of Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1998. Among his other activities, Bruce established the Turfgrass Foundation at Michigan State University, and he helped launch a golf shop management curriculum at Ferris State.

Bruce married Doris Sprague of Woodland, Barry County in 1928. In addition to Jerry, Bruce and Doris, had another son, Wallace "Wally" Bruce II, who was born on March 23, 1929, a daughter, Kathryn, who married Raymond McDermid, a Canadian; Marilyn, who married Charles Magee; and Gerald, who married Gail Kidnee. Doris was born on April 2, 1903 and died on March 15, 1998. Bruce died on September 28, 2000 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. [Personal correspondence with W. Bruce Matthews III.]

#### **Wallace Bruce Matthews II [1929-2010]**

The son of Wallace and Doris Matthews, Wally was born on March 23, 1929 and raised in Comstock Park, Kent County. Like his father, Wally became interested in golfing and golf courses. After earning a bachelor degree in restaurant management, he worked in the banking industry, in various restaurants, and as manager of Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden, Genesee County. He left that position in 1965 to become manager for the newly opened Grand Haven Golf Club in Lincoln Street in Grand Haven Township. The older Matthews designed and eventually purchased the Grand Haven Golf Club.

Wally married Carolyn L. Clark on March 29, 1951 in Comstock Park. Carolyn, the daughter of L. Earl and Marguerite M. Gilliland Clark, was born in Flint on March 16, 1930. A registered nurse, Carolyn died on July 10, 2001 in Grand Haven. Wally and Carolyn had one son, Wallace Bruce Matthews III, and two daughters, Susan Matthews and Shelley, who married Dennis Westrate. After Carolyn's death, Wally married Mary Ann Wesley of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County. The couple settled in Eaton Rapids in 2005. Wally volunteered annually to prepare chicken dinners for the enlisted men during Coast Guard Festival. He was a member of the Grand Haven American Legion Post. Wally passed away in Grand Haven on April 29, 2010. [*Chronicle* obituary, May 29, 2010.]

#### **Betty Mattson [1942-2004]**

Born on December 13, 1942 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Betty was the daughter of Audley and Virginia Grutsch Mattson. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in 1976 with a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Science. She went on to earn a Master of Education Degree from the same institution in 1990. Betty, who was deeply concerned about the environment and animal rights, was a frequent contributor to the *Grand Haven Tribune's* opinion page. She passed away in Grand Haven on October 11, 2004. She was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Tomah, Wisconsin. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 2004.]

#### **Charles Henry Maurer I [1852-1928]**

Charles Maurer started Maurer Glove Company in Grand Haven in December 1907. The factory was located at 1003 Fulton in Grand Haven. He married Mary Hagerman about 1875. In Grand Haven, they

resided at 532 Washington. They had a son, Charles Henry Mauer II, who was born on September 14, 1890. Charles I was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on May 24, 1852 and died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1928. Mary was born in Chicago on March 27, 1856. She passed away in Grand Haven on November 8, 1945. She and Charles were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Charles Sebastian Maurer II [1890-1982]**

Charles Maurer II, born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1890, was associated with his father's glove business, Maurer Glove Company. His parents were Charles and Mary Maurer I. On September 3, 1919, Charles II married Louise Harrison, who went by the name "Smiley." They lived at 707 Columbus. By the mid-1950s Charles II lived on Emmet Street. Charles and Smiley had a son, Charles Maurer III, who lived from January 8, 1928 to May 15, 1998. Charles II died on January 29, 1982. Smiley lived from October 16, 1896 to August 21, 1985. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Orren [Orin] Gregg Maxfield [1843-1929]**

On June 11, 1870, Orren Maxfield married Elzora Rudd of Eastmanville. For more than 30 years, the couple operated hotels in Grand Rapids, Eastmanville, and Coopersville, where they were living in 1880 and remained for the rest of their lives. Their lodging establishment in Coopersville was called Maxfield House. Orren was born in Clinton County, New York on June 3, 1843. Between August 27, 1862 and June 20, 1865, he served as private with Company B of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. The Maxfields had three children, all born locally: Warren Albert Maxfield, who was born on November 10, 1871 and died on July 31, 1917 in Hudsonville; Hattie E. Maxfield, who was born on October 28, 1873; and Gertie C. Maxfield, who was born about 1877, married Frank Comstock on February 15, 1900, divorced him on August 19, 1908, and passed away in 1967. Elzora lived from March 30, 1849 to May 1, 1933. They were buried at Maplewood Cemetery in Lamont. [*Coopersville Observer* article "Gregg Maxfield Civil War Vet Dies Saturday," January 25, 1929.]

**Frederick H. May [1826-1908]**

Fred May was manager of the Grand Haven Railway Company from its inception in 1878 into the 1880s. He resided in Allegan with his wife, Rachel M. He was born on March 22, 1826 on the Isle of Man, England, and she was born in Illinois around 1840. Fred immigrated to the United States in 1841. He passed away in New Jersey on May 19, 1908. They had four children.

**Duncan McAlpine [1868-1914]**

Born in Dundee, Scotland on February 4, 1868, Duncan McAlpine immigrated to Toronto, Canada with his parents the next year. He was schooled there and received his medical education at the University of Toronto and the University of Edinburgh in Dublin. Duncan arrived in Grand Haven about 12 years after beginning his practice in Lake City, Missaukee County in 1894. He became one of the most expert physicians and surgeons in the state. Many thought he should relocate to a larger city, but he replied, "Grand Haven suits me."

Duncan married Grace Bahr of Chicago on September 1, 1899. Grace was born in Indiana in July 1875. They resided at 109 South Fifth and his office was on the second floor of 222 Washington. Duncan was a member of the Masons, Elks, Modern Woodman, Maccabees of the World, Arbeiter Unterstutzungs Verein [German Workers' Auxiliary Guild], Eagles, Ben Hur, Foresters, and Modern Samaritans. He passed away on January 3, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Donald "Sandy" McBeath [1938-1994]**

Born on March 3, 1938, Sandy McBeath died on April 25, 1994. An employee of the Michigan Parks Service, he also was active with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and served as its president. His wife Mary Jane also was a volunteer with the museum.

**George W. McBride [1845-1929]**

Born in Coshocton, Coshcocton County, Ohio in September 1845, George McBride spent his boyhood in Deerfield, Lenawee County. It was there on March 4, 1862 that he enlisted as private in Company H of the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, which was involved in the battles of Shiloh and Corinth and Sherman's March to the Sea. George was promoted to first sergeant and then second lieutenant on November 1, 1864. He was discharged on August 14, 1865. After the war he resumed his education to become a lawyer.

In 1873 George married Martha "Mattie" Eunice [Ella] Hendry of Angola, Indiana, where she was born on February 22, 1850. She was the daughter of Alonson W. and Louisa Gale Hendry. In the same year as his marriage, George was admitted to the bar. The couple came to Grand Haven where George opened a law office, working first with Healy C. Akeley and later with Peter Danhof. George was mayor of Grand Haven in 1869, and he was collector of customs from 1889 to 1893. In 1876 he was elected prosecuting attorney and held that position for ten years, during which time he cleaned up some of the worst criminal gangs in Michigan. In 1879 George was made first lieutenant of Company F, which later met at the Armory on Second Street, and in 1888 he was on the first Board of Trustees of Akeley Institute, which opened that year.

George came to realize that the lumbering interests in the area were dying, so he, Dudley O. Watson, and other community leaders used their own financial resources to travel around the region with the goal of attracting manufacturing concerns to Grand Haven and to boost the development of local industry. They called the organization the Grand Haven Board of Trade, and the first company they brought here was the Story & Clark Piano Company, which soon employed over 600 men and became a major industry in Grand Haven. Challenge Machinery Company and Fountain Specialty [Bastian Blessing] followed and made Grand Haven a thriving industrial city. In 1888 the McBrides built one of the earliest cottages in Highland Park [52 Beechwood Lane], and from 1896 to 1906 they managed Highland Park Hotel. After becoming blind, George continued to participate in local activities and was one of the first in the area to own a radio. The McBrides resided at 332 Franklin Street, next to the Sherman Boyce home at 326. George had moved the large, two-story frame home from 107 South Fourth. He died early in 1929 and was buried at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Indiana. On March 25 that year his wife Martha applied for a widow's Civil War pension.

### **Thomas Darcy McBride I [1856- ?]**

Thomas McBride married Mary Fallon. For a time, they resided in Grand Haven with their children: Margaret McBride, born about 1875; James Cairn McBride, born in Grand Haven on March 8, 1876 [1875]; Bessie McBride, born about 1880; Mary McBride, born in Grand Haven on January 25, 1884; Thomas Darcy McBride II, who was born in Wisconsin on October 11, 1888 and died about 1963; and Elizabeth McBride, who was born in Muskegon on November 18, 1889 and died the same day. Thomas, a sailor and ship's captain, was born in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin [Minnesota] about 1856, and Mary was born in Wisconsin on August 26, 1861. Thomas and Mary had moved from Grand Haven by 1900. Later in life, their son James changed his name to J. C. "Bud" Mars and became a stunt pilot. In 1910 he was the first man to pilot a plane over Hawaii, and the next year he gave Hirohito, the future emperor of Japan, his first airplane ride. Bud died on July 25, 1944 in Los Angeles. Thomas the father died in Duluth, Minnesota prior to 1900 and Mary passed away on March 13, 1892 in Wisconsin. [*Tribune* article, "GH native gives Hirohito first plane ride," October 29, 2014.]

### **George Eldridge McCabe [1878-1952]**

George McCabe, a printer, lived at 15 North Ferry in Grand Haven in 1908. He was still a resident of Grand Haven when he sailed from Liverpool to New York in 1918. He was born on January 19, 1878 in Iowa [Minnesota]. He married Echo [Ecks/Ethel] in Floyd, Iowa on March 11, 1899. She was born in Iowa on July 15, 1881. They had three children, the first two born in Iowa: Clarence, born in May 1900, Quelton, born in 1903, and Echo, who was born in Michigan in 1912 and died in 1961. In 1900 the couple was living in Charles City, Iowa, where George worked in the printing business. In 1910 George was still a printer living in Grand Haven at 1312 Columbus with his wife and two sons. By 1920 the family was

living in Chicago. At that time George was in advertising. In 1930 he, Echo the wife, and Echo the daughter were in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; he was still in advertising. George passed away in Napa, California on May 26, 1952. Echo the mother died on June 4, 1963 in Alameda, California.

#### **Almon Watson McCall [1905-1970]**

Born on January 29, 1905 in Ithaca, Gratiot County, Almon McCall came to Grand Haven after his father, Ernest James McCall, in 1927 purchased the *Grand Haven Tribune* with a partner, Felix M. Church. The younger McCall graduated from school in Mt. Pleasant and went to Central Michigan University. He got his journalism degree from Northwestern University. On November 28, 1944 in Crystal Falls, he married Jean Trahair. They had two daughters. They lived at 17735 Oakwood Drive in Spring Lake. The circulation of the *Tribune* tripled during the McCall family ownership. Almon died on January 22, 1970, in Spring Lake. Jean was born on April 17, 1920 and died in Spring Lake on September 7, 1983. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Ernest James McCall [1873-1950]**

Ernest McCall moved to Grand Haven in 1927 after purchasing the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* and became its manager and publisher. Ernest was born in Nelson, Ohio on August 30, 1873. On August 4, 1898 he married Luella M. Watson in Breckinridge, Newaygo County. Almon Watson McCall, born in Ithaca on January 29, 1905, was their son. In 1918 Ernest was editor of the Isabella Printing Company in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County. The family resided in Spring Lake when Ernest owned the *Tribune*. Ernest died in 1950.

#### **Jonathan Watson "Wattie" McCall [1898-1984]**

Born on September 28, 1898 in Ithaca, Gratiot County, Watson McCall served in the U.S. Navy during WWI. After the war he attended Albion College before transferring to the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1923. On December 26, 1924, he married Ada Lafern Nohl in Saginaw. Wattie managed the advertising department at the *Mt. Pleasant Times* from 1923 to 1928, and then was named business manager of the *Greenville News* from 1928 to 1929. In 1927 Felix M. Church and Wattie's uncle, Ernest J. McCall, purchased the *Grand Haven Tribune*. The next year Wattie and his cousin, Almon McCall, bought Church's share and the three became co-publishers. E. J. McCall died in 1950 and Wattie and Almon sold their shares in 1969. Wattie was a director of the Board of Commerce and he belonged to Kiwanis and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died on August 1, 1984. Ada lived from October 28, 1898 to June 26, 1980. She was a resident of Grand Haven when she passed away. Wattie and Ada had at least two daughters: Harriet, who was born on February 8, 1929 and died on June 9, 2000 under the name Harriet Matthews; and Barbara, who was born on February 4, 1931 and died on December 31, 1973 under the name Barbara McCoy. The sisters were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1940 the family resided at 507 South Seventh Street. [*Tribune* obituary, August 1, 1984.]

#### **Thomas McCambridge I [1855-1931]**

Thomas McCambridge was born on December 21, 1855 in Chicago, Illinois and came to Grand Haven as a boy. In 1880 he was living with his parents on Madison Street and working as a sailor. His first work experience was on board early lumber carriers, and his first command was the *Charles A. Street*. He served as mate and master on many of the steamers that sailed Lake Michigan, but his longest command was the steamer *Pentland*, an ore carrier. He was the first captain of the steamer, which was launched from the Johnston Bros. Shipyard in the fall of 1893. Many Grand Haven youths began life afloat under his tutelage. In 1880 Thomas's widowed mother, Catherine Newsome McCambridge, was living with the family in Grand Haven. Catherine was born in Ireland in 1826 and died on June 7, 1884. Thomas's sister, Catherine, married Joseph W. Kibbler of Grand Haven. Born on April 17, 1868, Catherine died under the name McCambridge on August 29, 1927. He also had a brother, William, who was born in Illinois on January 4, 1864 and died on December 7, 1933.

Thomas married Philomena Lachance on January 8, 1890 in Muskegon. She sometimes was referred to as Mary. Their children were Joseph Stewart McCambridge, who lived from June 12, 1891 to April 24, 1920, Thomas Alphonse McCambridge, who was born on September 9, 1899 and passed away on September 30, 1946, and James Frances McCambridge, who was born on December 12, 1901 and like his father was a sailor; he died on June 17, 1947. Like his father, James was a sailor. Philimina was born in Canada on July 17, 1866 and died on June 28, 1906.

On December 1, 1906 in Grand Haven, Thomas married Mathilde "Mamie" Elizabeth Kamhout, the daughter of Marinus and Mary Jane Tourville Kamhout. Mamie was born in Grand Haven on February 11, 1886. The McCambridges lived at 306 South Second Street in Grand Haven. Thomas died on May 31, 1931 Mamie died on February 9, 1863. Thomas and Mary and their sons were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Catherine, Philimina, Mamie, William, his sister Catherine, and Thomas's father, Robert McCambridge, who lived from May 15, 1821 to September 22, 1879.

### **Charles J. McCarthy [1857-1923]**

Charles McCarthy and his wife Mary A. owned a 35-acre farm in Grand Haven Township. Charles was born in 1857 and died on October 15, 1923. Mary lived from 1857 to 1941. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles also worked in a local factory as a molder.

### **Patrick McCarthy [McCarty] [1850-1930]**

Patrick McCarthy was born in Henningford, Canada on March 12, 1850. He maintained a 349-acre farm in Sections 33 and 34 of Grand Haven Township, where he and his father, Timothy McCarthy, settled in 1864, and they owned 49 acres in Section 4 of Olive Township. Some of their land included an Indian burial site along the Lake Michigan shoreline, which became the site of a Boy Scout camp and later part of Kirk Park. Patrick was born in Canada on March 12, 1850 [1844/1830]. He married Bella Gordon, who was born in Scotland about 1870 and immigrated to the United States in 1892. Their one child, Boyd, was born in Michigan on November 15, 1906. In 1900 Patrick and his father, Timothy McCarthy [McCarty], were living in the same house. Timothy was born in Ireland in January 1812. Bella's father, Boyd Gordon, was born in Scotland about 1840. He was residing with his daughter and son-in-law in 1930. He died in Grand Haven on May 25 that year and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Paul McCaul [McCaul, McColl] [1840-1914]**

Born in Dunbarton, Scotland on September 20, 1840, Paul McColl came to Grand Haven in 1867 to work for the Robertson & Company Shipyard. He was a woodworker and ironworker. A single man, he remained in the area until at least 1880, working as a ship's carpenter. He passed away in Cleveland, Montana on April 10, 1914.

### **William McCausland [? - ?]**

In 1847 William McCausland replaced Nehemiah Merritt as lighthouse keeper when the beacon was at the foot of the bluff near 900 Harbor. Nehemiah was the first person to be appointed to the position. William left the post in 1849 when George Torrey took over.

### **Asa [Asahel, Ashel, Assa] Robert McCay [Mcoy] [1862-1943]**

A native of Canada, Asa McCay was born on August 23, 1862 and moved to Grand Haven in 1887. He owned a harness shop on Washington Street in Grand Haven and specialized in manufacturing trunks and valises, but he also advertised rubber stamps, gasoline lamps, and New Home sewing machines. On August 14, 1894, he married Bessie Christmas in Grand Haven. The daughter of Charles and Caroline Searle Christmas of Grand Haven, Bessie was born on March 30, 1874. Asa continued to operate his harness shop as late as 1900. He and Bessie moved to Detroit before 1910. Asa at that time worked in an automobile factory as trimmer. He and Bessie were divorced on March 25, 1911. In 1920 Asa was living in Detroit with his second wife, Jennie, who was born in Canada about 1870 and immigrated to the United States when she was 25. Asa continued to work as a trimmer in an automobile factory. He died in Detroit

on February 6, 1943. Fanny, the name of his wife when he died, lived from 1882 to 1947. Both were buried at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

### **Robert McCay [McKay] [1842-1915]**

Robert and Jeanette [Janet] McCay moved from Ontario, Canada to Spring Lake in 1866, the year they were married. Robert was employed by his friend and early Grand Haven settler, Zenas Winsor. Both Robert and Janet were born in Canada in 1842. In 1880 they were still located in Spring Lake, where Robert worked as a grocer. The family moved to Stanton, Montcalm County in 1885, after the family home burned down. He and Jeanette had at least three children: Zenas Winsor McCay, who was born in Canada [Spring Lake] on September 26, 1871 [1868/1869]; Arthur McCay, born in Michigan about 1870; and Mae [Mary] C. McCay, who was born in Ottawa County in 1876 and passed away in 1910. Zenas became a cartoonist known as Winsor McCay. Robert died in 1914. Jeanette lived from March 14, 1837 to November 22, 1927. Both were buried at Vinewood Cemetery in Edmore, Montcalm County.

### **Zenas Winsor McCay [McKay] [1869-1934]**

Born on September 26, 1869 in Spring Lake [Canada], Winsor McCay was named after Zenas [Zenos] G. Winsor, an early Grand Haven settler who owned a storage, forwarding, and commission business. Winsor's parents, Robert and Janet [Jeanette] Murray McKay were from Ontario, Canada, and in 1866 settled in Spring Lake, where Robert was employed by Zenas. In 1883 the young man enrolled in Cleary School of Penmanship in Ypsilanti with other Spring Lake men, including John Shoemaker. The curriculum included drawing. Winsor eventually dropped the name Zenas and went solely by his middle name, Winsor. He also changed the "k" in his last name to "c." He was best known for his comic strips, especially "Little Nemo in Slumberland," which first appeared once a week in the *New York Herald* in 1905, ran for the next nine years, was syndicated throughout the U.S. and Europe, and then had a short revival between 1924 and 1926. He was considered one of the finest draftsmen who ever worked in comic art. The strip was the first to be honored with an exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He also was a circus poster painter, billboard painter, vaudeville performer, and editorial cartoonist. One of his finest achievements, created in 1913, was "Gertie the Dinosaur," which was the first animated cartoon to give life to its subject. He took his creation to the vaudeville stage and appeared with W. C. Fields and Houdini.

While living and working in Cincinnati, Ohio, Winsor married Maude Lenore [Leonore] Dufour in Campbell County, Kentucky on August 26, 1891. Maude was born in Litchfield, Ohio about 1873. They had at least two children, both born in Ohio: Robert W., born in June 1896 and Marion E., born in August 1897. Winsor died on July 26, 1934 and was buried at the Cemetery of the Evergreens in Brooklyn, New York. Maude passed away on September 27, 1949 and also was buried at Evergreens.

### **Robert McCleary I [1900-1981]**

Robert McCleary owned the Photo Shop at 115 Washington from about 1918 into the 1930s. He was born in Scotland on March 7, 1900, arrived in the United States in 1912, and died in Zephyr Hills, Florida on July 14, 1981. On July [June] 20, 1921 in Kent County, he married Annabelle Dunn. She was born in Michigan about 1900. Their son, Robert II, lived from 1922 to 2012. In the late 1920s the family resided above their business at 115 Washington and later at 107½ South First Street. Robert and Annabelle were divorced in Kent County on August 20, 1937. On June 21, 1941 in Rockford, he married Ella H. Kuehs. She lived from 1902 to 1997.

### **Jay McCluer [McClure] [1832-1908]**

Born in Cattaraugus County, New York on February 19, 1832, Jay McCluer came to Grand Haven in 1836 with his parents, lived in Grand Rapids for many years, and returned to Grand Haven in 1872. His father was Orange McClure, a native of Vermont, who died in Marne, Ottawa County, on December 26, 1868 at the age of 80. Jay married Nancy Ludlow Marsh on May 16, 1852, in Cattaraugus County. The daughter of



William and Harriet Marsh, she was born in Pennsylvania on February 16, 1833. Nancy died on February 19, 1885 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On September 17 of the same year, Jay married Genevieve Perkins, who was born in Canandaigua, New York, in March 1831.

On August 22, 1862 Jay enlisted as private in Company H of the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry as a substitute for Hunter Savidge, but was discharged for disability on April 6 the next year. In return for his service, McCluer received from Savidge a house and five lots of lake front property on Barber Street, two of the lots west of Division Street and three east of Division. The house originally had been the Savidge home but was moved to 305 Barber. The McCluers lived in it until Jay built a new home for his family at 301 Barber. That home was occupied by one of his descendants, Betty Moore, until her death in the fall of 1997. Jay also owned the former W. H. Bell & Company mill at this site.

Jay and Nancy had four children: Melvin, who was born around 1852 in New York State; Flora A., who was born in New York on April 4, 1856, married George McMaster in 1876, and lived in Spring Lake; Marshall H., born on April 28, 1859; and Mary M., who was born about 1862. Another daughter, also named Flora, died as an infant in 1856 in Spring Lake.

Jay built the steam yacht *Maude Lillie*, and in 1881 he constructed another one to operate on the Grand River. He and his sons built and operated the *Lizzie Walsh*, a passenger boat which serviced cottages and resorts on Spring Lake. Jay had a grist mill on the northeast corner of Barber and Division Streets. McCluer and Nancy lived at 301 Barber Street in Spring Lake and owned several other parcels in the Village. Jay died in Spring Lake in 1908.

#### **Marshall Henry McCluer [1859-1928]**

Born in Ada on April 28, 1859, Marshall arrived in Spring Lake with his parents, Jay and Nancy McCluer, in 1872. Both a ship captain and an engineer, he was employed for many years by area sawmills and on local boats. For a number of years, he ran the *Lizzie Walsh*, a small steamer he built, which sailed between Spring Lake, Grand Haven, and Fruitport. The steamer ceased operation when the interurban became popular. In 1891 he built a "horseless carriage." A 1912 advertisement read, "M. H. McCluer is now to be found at Klaus Katt's shop Ferrysburg prepared to do all kinds of automobile and gasoline boat repairs and rebuilds."

Marshall's first wife was Emma [Anna] Finch, whom he married in Spring Lake on November 12, 1881. Emma was born in Spring Lake in 1865 and died there on March 19, 1887. The next year, on December 3, Marshall married Catherine "Kitty" Mundell [Mundelle] in Spring Lake. She was born on January 18, 1864 in Gault, Canada and lived until February 8, 1936. Marshall and Emma had two daughters. One was Essie, who was born in November 1882 and married Kenneth Perry. The second daughter, Lilly, who was born on December 1, 1884 and married William Pellegrom of Grand Haven. Marshall and Kitty had one daughter, Jessamine, who was born in June 1896 and married William Weavers of Spring Lake. Marshall and Kitty lived at 305 Barber Street. Marshall died on July 1, 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were Kitty and other family members.

#### **Orange McCluer [McClure] [1836-1919]**

Orange McCluer was born on February 25, 1836 in New York. On May 13, 1861 he went to Grand Rapids to enlist as private in Company K of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry and Company F of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on July 5, 1865. Orange, who was a wagon maker, died on May 8, 1919 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Delia A., was born around 1840 in Vermont. They had a daughter, Lucy, who was born about 1868. The three McCluers were living in Greenville, Montcalm County in 1880.

#### **Frank [Francis] G. McCoe [McCoe, McCarey] [1830-1895]**

Frank McCoe was listed in the 1860 and 1880 Federal Censuses and in an 1873 business directory as a blacksmith residing in Ferrysburg. Later he had a boat-building business in Ferrysburg. Frank was born in

New York around 1830 and died on May 21, 1895. His wife Harriet was born in Vermont on July 4, 1835. He and Harriet had at least one child, a daughter Jessie, who on September 4, 1886 married Charles Edgar Price in Grand Haven. Charles, 40 years old at the time of the marriage, was from Georgetown, District of Columbia. Jessie was born in Albany, New York about 1847. She previously had been married to a Mr Woodley. In 1900, Harriet, Frank's widow, was listed as E. Mary McCooey, still living in Spring Lake, and ten years later she was listed as Harriet E. McCooey, a 79-year-old resident of Spring Lake. She died on May 31, 1919 in Spring Lake.

### **Peter McCourt [1847-1883]**

Born in Scotland in March 1847, Peter McCourt came to Grand Haven from Appleton, Wisconsin and worked for the Stearns Manufacturing Company. He was made foreman in 1881. McCourt was the inventor of a noiseless pulley, and he owned a patent on it with George L. Stearns, owner of the company bearing his name. Peter evidently returned to Appleton, where he died on May 14, 1883.

### **Isaac McCoy [1784-1846]**

Reverend Isaac McCoy was credited with establishing the first government mission for the Ottawa Indians on the Grand River in 1826, near the site soon to be known as Grand Rapids and close to trading posts run by Rix Robinson and Louis Campau. Noonday was chief of the Ottawas at the time the mission was started. In December 1822 Isaac had opened the Carey Mission, serving Potawatomis along the St. Joseph River near Niles, and prior to that, in 1820, he started a mission in Fort Wayne. The Treaty of Chicago in 1821 provided the Indians with a section of land on Grand River in the future Grand Rapids and another section on the St. Joseph River for an Indian mission. The treaty also provided government payment of \$1,000 per year for 15 years to finance the missions. The school on the St. Joseph, called the Carey Mission, ultimately was located a mile from the St. Joseph River and near the town of Niles. After Rev. McCoy retired, Leonard Slater ran the Grand Rapids Mission. As enrollment in the Carey Mission declined, Isaac came to favor removal of the Potawatomis to Kansas.

Isaac was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania on June 13, 1784, married Christiana Polls in 1803, and was ordained a Baptist minister in 1810. Christiana lived from November 12, 1787 to August 12, 1850. She died in Kansas City, Missouri. Isaac's first assignment was with the Miami Indians in Indiana, and for the next 20 years he lived with various tribes. He died in Louisville, Kentucky on June 21, 1846.

### **Ingrid Magdalena Johnson McCracken [1913-1999] and Robert John McCracken [1912-2002]**

Ingrid McCracken wrote the text for a 1976 book titled *The Beginnings of Grand Haven*, Robert Deephouse added 34 full-page line drawings and numerous thumbnail sketches, and Burton Brooks edited the book. She was a teacher at Central School. On July 30, 1938, Ingrid married Robert McCracken in Detroit. Robert was a laboratory technician at Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg. They resided at 519 Sheldon Road. Born on October 16, 1913 in Muskegon, Ingrid died on April 12, 1999 in Grand Haven. Robert, the son of John and Anna Bolhuis McCracken, lived from November 22, 1912 to March 5, 2002. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had one daughter, Karen Lynn McCracken, who lived from 1939 to 2016.

### **John James McCracken [1879-1968]**

Born in Northern Ireland on December 31, 1879, John McCracken became a cooper at the Kilbourn Barrel factory in Grand Haven. He also worked forty years for the Grand Trunk Railroad. John McCracken was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as an employee of the Dake Engine Company. He married Anna Bolhuis, They resided at 220 Columbus Street in Grand Haven. John passed away around January 2, 1968. Anna was born about 1884 and died on April 23, 1979. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Ruby A. McCracken, was born on February 4, 1907. Another daughter, Elizabeth M. McCracken, was born on December 22, 1908. A son, Robert John McCracken, was born on November 22, 1912, and another son, Lloyd McCracken, lived from 1914 to 1937.

### **Ruby A. McCracken [1907-1993]**

Ruby McCracken worked with Frank “Bernie” Reghel in the F. B. Reghel & Company Real Estate and Insurance office from its inception in 1927 to 1961. Ruby was born on February 24, 1907 and passed away on October 17, 1993 in Grand Haven. She lived at 520 Taylor Street. Her sister, Elizabeth M. McCracken, resided at the same address. Elizabeth lived from December 22, 1908 to January 10, 1992. Both Ruby and Elizabeth graduated from Grand Haven High School.

### **Frederick Cleveland McCrea [1892-1959]**

Born on November 14, 1892 in Hesperia, Oceana/Newaygo County, Fred McCrea attended Muskegon schools and became a reporter for the *Muskegon Chronicle*. After attending normal school, he coached football at Mount Vernon High School in Ohio. In 1921 William Loutit and Nat Robbins encouraged him to come to Grand Haven as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and three years later Fred started working in real estate. He was instrumental in transforming East Highland Park from sand dunes into a wooded residential area that took 25 years to become a reality. Fred developed the first subdivision on Grand Avenue in the late 1920s. One of the streets in that area was named Gladys, in honor of his wife. Similarly, in the same area, Doris Avenue was named for a daughter, Jane Court for another daughter, and McCrea Court for the family. Doris, who was born in 1918, married George H. Sember. Jane married Paul Parks of Grand Haven. It was Fred’s idea to build a movie theater at 28 Washington, but financial difficulties during the Great Depression caused him to sell his interest to the Harry L. Sanford Syndicate of Grand Rapids. In the 1920s Fred’s real estate office was located at 100 Washington. At that time, he and Gladys resided in Spring Lake. By 1932 Fred’s home and office were located at 322 Grand Avenue. He continued in the real estate business up to his death, which occurred on April 6, 1959 following surgery at Grand Haven Municipal Hospital. Gladys was born on November 23, 1892 and died in Grand Haven on July 31, 1983. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Roy “Joe” McCrea II [1929-2020]**

Draftsman Joe McCrea started Great Lakes Design in 1963 at 20 South Second Street and later moved the business to 13100 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township, formerly the site of Stone School. He sold the business and the real estate in 1995. Joe also had a facility in Grand Rapids. The company designed production machinery for such manufacturers as GM, Ford, Teledyne, Steelcase, and Haworth.

Joe was born in Muskegon on January 8, 1929, the son of Roy [1894-1986] and Victorine St. Charles [1905-1997] McCrea. He served as draftsman with the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He took classes at Muskegon Community College and Akron University. On October 19, 1957, Joe married Kathryn Hackstock in Grand Haven. They lived at 310 South Fifth Street and attended the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. He was on the boards of the American Cancer Society, International Aid, Junior Achievement, and Meals on Wheels. He also was a member of Grand Haven’s Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Airport Board. Joe was a Rotarian for 32 years, Exalted Ruler and life member of BPOE [Elks] 1300, and a member of the Stag Club. Joe and Kay had two sons: Gregory McCrea, who moved to Mesa, Arizona, and Mark McCrea, who relocated to San Diego, California. Joe passed away on November 26, 2020.

### **Clarence Rolley “Curley” McCune [1909-1971]**

Clarence McCune owned Ottawa Welding at 418 Adams Street in Grand Haven around 1940. He offered “Acetylene and Electric Welding” and Radiator Repair. He was born in Whitewater, Grand Traverse County on June 28, 1909. On May 13, 1933, he married Mary Ethel Beghtol [Beghtel] in Muskegon, who was born in Ottumwa, Iowa on August 17, 1915. They had two children: Marian Yvonne McCune [1936-2009] and James McCune [1937-2009]. The family lived in Muskegon. By 1940, Clarence and Mary were separated or divorced. At that time, he was living at his place of business, 418 Adams. Lodging in the same house was Lillian E. Stark, who was listed on his 1940 draft registration as his “business partner.” She was born Lillian Elizabeth Southwick on December 28, 1914 in Hart, Oceana County and married Eugene W. Stark [1911-1993] in Muskegon Heights on July 27, 1935. On April 3, 1943, Clarence and Lillian E. Southwick Stark

were married in Fort Du Pont, Delaware. On May 14, 1946, Mary Beghtol McCune married Melvin Joseph Whitten I [1905-1980] in Schoolcraft County. She died in Muskegon on August 25, 1988 and was buried at Egelston Township Cemetery. Clarence passed away on July 3, 1971 in Trenton, Wayne County and was buried at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock Wayne County. Lillian died on February 25, 1994 under the name Lillian Mincey.

#### **Harlow Eugene McCune [1854-1907]**

Harlow McCune died in Spring Lake on November 6 [26], 1907. He had lived there since 1903, when he bought a fruit farm just after his wife, Jennie Frances Duell, died in Chicago. Harlow, born in Ohio in December 1854, was the son of Jason and Harriet Post McCune. Harlow and Jennie were married in Johnson County, Iowa, on September 22, 1875. Jennie was born on December 15, 1856, in Wilmington, Ohio, and died on December 6, 1903. Their daughter, Myrtle May and her husband, Louis Milton Duke, moved to Spring Lake to care for Harlow. Myrtle May was born on May 6, 1878. Louis and Myrtle had four children: Milton Eugene, who was born January 13, 1902 and died February 28, 1970; Vernon Harlow, born in Spring Lake on March 7, 1907; Alyce Pearl, born about 1910; and Walter Aker, who died December 6, 1916.

#### **William Jacob McCurdy [1915-1999]**

A picture of Bill McCurdy was featured on a postcard dated June 20, 1916. The infant was intent on emptying the baby bottle he so carefully held with both hands. The printed caption read, "William J. McCurdy, 916 Fulton Street, Grand Haven, Mich. Raised on Dennos food." Dennos, located in Chicago, distributed baby food. Homer McCurdy, Bill's older brother, added, "Hello Merle This is ny little brother Billy isnt he a dandy." The card was labeled "ADVERTISEMENT" and mailed to a person in Indiana.

Bill, the son of James [1878-1924] and Amelia [1877-1967] McCurdy, was born in Grand Haven on August 15, 1915. Five years later the family was residing in White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, and by 1930 they were in Indianapolis. Bill married Eileen Elizabeth McHugh. She lived from June 16, 1916 to December 4, 2015. Bill died in Indianapolis on November 24, 1999. Both were buried at Crown Hill Cemetery. Home was born on November 24, 1905 and died in Cadillac on May 4, 1973.

#### **Charles "Charlie" McDonald I [1903-1980]**

Charles McDonald was born on September 15, 1903 [1907]. He married Ruby Triplett in Jackson, Mississippi in 1941. After the African American couple moved to Grand Haven in 1951, Ruby was employed by Royal Dry Cleaners at 104 Washington Street, and Charlie worked as a furnace tender at Grand Haven Brass Foundry. Ruby was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Their son, Charles "Charlie" McDonald II, drowned in the Grand River on July 11, 1957. The youngster, who contracted polio as a child, was born on May 27, 1943. Another son, Jon [John] F McDonald., born on June 28, 1946, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1965. Jon became a Professor of Art at Kendall School of Art & Design in Grand Rapids and a nationally recognized artist. The McDonalds also had two daughters: Cora Lee McDonald, who was born on October 26, 1941, married a Mr. Rhode, moved to Grand Rapids, and died on May 14, 2011, and Annie K. McDonald, who graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1963, married William Jacobs, and became provost of Wayne County Community College in Detroit. The children were born in Jackson, Mississippi. In Grand Haven, the McDonalds resided at various times at 309 and 315 Madison Street and 406 North Third, where they were living when Jon graduated from high school. Charlie died in Grand Haven on September 20, 1980. Ruby, who was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi on December 12, 1906, stayed in the family home at 309 Madison Street after her husband's death. She died in Detroit on July 30, 1996 and was interred at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were Charles, Charlie, and Cora. [*Tribune* obituary, July 12, 1957.]

#### **Duncan Angus McDonald [MacDonald] [1875-1937]**

Duncan McDonald was born on July 16, 1875 on Wolfe Island, Canada, one of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River. A ship's captain, he piloted such vessels as *General Meade*, *Christopher Columbus*, and *City of Holland*. Duncan was a member of the Grand Haven Harbor Commission. After he and Thomas F. Johnston founded the Tom Johnston Gravel Company in 1921, Duncan became engineer aboard one of the company's tugboats. On March 31, 1908 in Holland, he married Winifred Baby [sic]. She was born in North Dakota [Michigan] on December 4, 1883. They resided at 625 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Duncan died in Seymour, Indiana on April 5, 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Winifred passed away in Los Angeles on October 6, 1963 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Fred Fitch McEachron [1875-1948]**

Fred McEachron was born in Jamestown Township, Ottawa County, on September 1, 1875. His parents were William Henry [1834-1902] and Lucy Ann Barber [1841-1910] McEachron. He attended public schools locally and then went to high school in Lansing. He served for ten years as deputy county clerk of Ottawa County and subsequently was elected to two terms as county clerk. On July 25, 1900 he and Jennie Pellegrom of Grand Haven were married. Jennie, the daughter of Henry and Hester Pellegrom, was born about January 1876. In 1908 and 1909 Fred was alderman for the City of Grand Haven. In addition, he was justice of the peace, member of the Township Board, treasurer of the Board of Education, served as under sheriff, and in 1923 was elected representative from the Second District to the State Legislature. In 1911 Fred organized the Hudsonville State Bank and became its cashier. While in Grand Haven, he and his wife lived at 314 South Second Street. Sharing the house with them was Anna, widow of Henry McEachron. The McEachrons attended the Congregational Church and Fred was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason. He passed away on March 10, 1948 and was buried at Hanley Cemetery in Georgetown Township with his parents. Jennie died on August 4, 1951 and also was buried at Hanley.

#### **Walter McEwing [1796-1896]**

Walter McEwing was born near Paisley, Scotland on March 2, 1796. He went to sea on a merchant vessel at the age of 13 and sailed the Atlantic between Scotland and the West Indies for more than 50 years. At one point, Walter was pressed into the British Navy. He came to the United States in 1830 and sailed the Great Lakes for the next 20 years. He became an American citizen nine years later and located in Polkton Township in 1844. By 1864 he owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24. Walter and his wife were among the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Coopersville. He died on September 8, 1896, not long after his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. On August 6, 1847 in Grand Haven, he married Elizabeth Scott, who lived from July 26, 1806 to August 18, 1891. Both were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

#### **Victor L. McFadden [1928-2003]**

The son of Vincent and Irene Hollis McFadden, Victor was born in Grand Haven on April 5, 1928. He lost his hand while serving with the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana in 1959, where he and his wife Bonnie made their home. They had five children. Victor died in South Bend on November 30, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 2003.]

#### **Vincent Gerald McFadden [1905-1993]**

Vincent G. McFadden owned an insurance business at 218 West Savidge in Spring Lake by the early 1940s. He married Irene Hollis on November 28, 1921, and they divorced on May 14, 1948. After the divorce, Irene remained in Grand Haven, while Vincent remarried and moved to Virginia. He was born on August 26, 1905 and died in Norfolk, Virginia in November 1993. Irene lived from March 10, 1902 to March 10, 2000. She unveiled the World War II Honor Roll sign at a dedicatory ceremony on April 23, 1943. Irene and Vincent had five sons and three daughters: Gerald D., Patrick J., Lawrence J., Gordon C., Victor L., Albert T., Mary J., and Geraldine A., all born locally between 1923 and 1933.

#### **Agnes Middlemist [Middlemast] McFadzen [1838-1899]**

In the 1860s Agnes Middlemist was treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church in Spring Lake. The daughter of Henry and Dorothy Dods Middlemist, Agnes was born in Buffalo, New York on April 24, 1838 and died in Port Huron on May 13, 1899. She was buried at Mount Evergreen Cemetery in Jackson. Her husband, John McFadzen, was born in Scotland on February 13, 1838 and died in Port Huron on May 6, 1891. He, too, was buried at Mount Evergreen. A son, William S. McFadzen, was born around 1873 and later resided at Port Huron.

**Hildry G. McFarlin [1904-1999]**

On May 24, 1948 in Grand Haven, Hildry McFarlin married Caribell Benefield. Both were Black. They made Grand Haven their home for at least 40 years. Hildry was working as a sweeper at Grand Haven Brass Foundry in 1948. He then lived at 315 Madison Street. By 1952 the McFarlins were living at 319 East Savidge in Spring Lake. In 1969 Hildry was employed at Star Machine Company in Spring Lake and residing with Caribell at 211 North Division Street, not far from his place of employment. Ten years later he was a porter at the Holiday Inn in Spring Lake, still living on North Division Street. By the mid-1980s he and Caribell had moved to 413 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. In 1986 they were in an apartment complex at 1500 South Ferry Street in Grand Haven. Six years later the couple had moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia. Caribell was born on October 4, 1909 and died in Dekalb, Georgia on April 13, 1992. Born on February 7, 1904 in Georgia, Hildry passed away in Palmetto, Georgia on March 29, 1999.

**John McFie [1872-1916]**

See John Macfie.

**Emily Tietz McGill [1884-1958]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1884, Emily was the oldest of William and Anna Ladewig Tietz's 14 children. Emily grew up in the family home at 118 Elliott Street. She began teaching in 1904 in the one-room Knight School in Robinson Township, immediately after passing her teacher's examination upon graduation from high school. In 1906 she took a teaching position in the Columbus Street School [122 Columbus]. From 1909 to 1912 she attended Ypsilanti State Normal School [Eastern Michigan University], earning her teaching certificate. She then resumed teaching at the Columbus Street School until her marriage on July 31, 1915 to Harry McGill. They had a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth "Bette," who married Norman Anderson of Spring Lake, but later resided in Grand Haven. While Emily was raising her daughter, she continued teaching as a substitute until 1920. At that time she was hired to teach first grade in Spring Lake Schools, a position she held until her retirement in 1950. She died in her home at 632 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven on January 30, 1958.

**Harry McGill [1875-1961]**

Harry was born on December 18, 1875 in Columbus, Ohio, the son of James Henry and Alsinda Minerva Hicks McGill. Harry moved to Grand Haven sometime before 1910. There he worked as a blacksmith in Jake De Gloppe's shop in Grand Haven [235 Fulton] for a few years prior to marrying Emily Tietz on July 31, 1915. Emily, born in October 1884, was the daughter of William and Anna Ladewig Tietz. The McGills built their home at 632 Lake Avenue in 1915. They had one daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth "Bette," who married Norman Anderson. Emily was a teacher at Columbus Street School in the early years of her marriage, but she later taught first grade in Spring Lake schools for many years.

Harry set up the McGill Blacksmith Shop at the corner of Third and Fulton Streets, which he operated until the early 1930s. Then he moved his shop to his home on Lake Avenue. From then on, he made railings and took on welding jobs, and he also worked on boilers in the city power plant, Eagle Ottawa, the tug *Meade*, and in Grand Haven schools. Harry welded the wings on the eagle monument that still stands near the courthouse, and he was the man who was called when the Grand Haven swing bridge was stuck. During WWII, when he was in his late 60s, he helped in the war effort by working as a welder in the Lakey Foundry in Muskegon. After his retirement he continued to make porch railings for many homes in the

city. Harry died in Grand Haven on May 8, 1961, three years after Emily passed away on January 30, 1958.

### **Edward McGinnis [McGinnes] [1839-1906]**

Edward McGinnis was an engineer for the Grand Trunk Railroad that ran between Detroit and Grand Haven, and he was residing in Detroit in 1850. His brother, James Anthony McGinnis, was born on July 4, 1847 in Detroit, changed his surname to Bailey, and, under the name James Anthony Bailey, became famous as owner of the “Bailey Brothers Circus.” In 1900 Edward was retired and residing in Holly, Oakland County with his wife, Ellen [Nelly] Murphy. She was born in Michigan on May 14, 1846. Edward was born in Michigan [New York/Canada] in April 1839 and passed away in Holly at the Bailey Mansion on January 12, 1906. Ellen died on August 7, 1932 and was buried near her husband at Mount Elliot Cemetery in Detroit.

James Anthony McGinnis Bailey died in Mt. Vernon, New York, on April 11, 1906. The Ringling Brothers purchased the Bailey circus business the next year.

### **Robert Allen McGreevy I [McGreevy] [1922-2013]**

Robert McGreevy was known as “a very talented local artist” and in 1965 was president of Lakeland Painters [now Lakeland Artists]. He was born on February 27, 1922 and married Evelyn Jean Christopher in Muskegon on March 30, 1940. She was born on October 23, 1920. Bob served with the U.S. Army during WWII and saw action at the famous Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal. In 1948 he was working as a welder at Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company in Grand Haven. They resided at 15294 Central Avenue in Spring Lake. Bob and Evelyn had two children: Robert Allen McGreevy II, who was born on October 1, 1940 and passed away on January 3, 2022, and Sandra McGreevy Werschem, who was born about 1944. Evelyn died on November 14, 2008. Bob died on October 27 five years later. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **William McIntosh [?] -1844]**

William McIntosh was owner and captain of the schooner *Victory*, which around 1837 sailed to Grand Haven from Toronto, bringing building material for the Nortonville Sawmill. Later the ship was used to transport lumber from the Butts & Hathaway Mill, the first sawmill built in Grand Haven, near the site of the later Grand Trunk Railroad Station [1 North Harbor]. The *Victory* and all hands, including Captain McIntosh. were lost in a violent storm on Lake Michigan in March 1844.

### **David P. McKay [1925-1993]**

Born in Hollowell, Maine on April 18, 1925 to George and Mary White McKay, David moved to Grand Haven in 1951 and was employed as a boatswain for the U.S. Corps of Engineers for 25 years. He then went to work for Challenge Machinery for the next ten years. He was a member of Jehovah’s Witnesses of Grand Haven. On September 16, 1948 he married Irene D. Acheson in Canada. She was born on February 27, 1928 and died on September 2, 1984 in Grand Haven. Their children included Deborah, who married Kenneth Spicer; David P. and Terry McKay, both of Grand Haven; and Kevin L. of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. David died on February 17, 1993 at his home at 14487 Mercury Drive in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1993.]

### **Robert McKay [1842-1915]**

See Robert McCay.

### **Robert McKay [McCay] [1862–1929]**

Robert McKay, who was born on the Orkney Islands, Scotland on August 15, 1862, came to Grand Haven at the suggestion of fellow Scotsman, Captain George Robertson. Robert was first mate of the luxury liner *Naomi* when it was destroyed by fire on May 21, 1907, approximately 35 to 40 miles from Grand Haven. Only one of the 82 passengers died, but four crewmen, the ship, and its cargo were lost. In 1927 he was

made captain of the car ferry *Milwaukee*, which sunk off Kenosha, Wisconsin, on October 22, 1929 with the loss of all hands. His body was found weeks later. Robert spent his early sailing years with Captains Robertson and Traill. On January 24, 1893 in Grand Haven, Robert married Henrietta Donker. She lived from June 29, 1869 to April 21, 1901. Their children, all born locally, were Robert Budge McKay [1894-1967]; Henry William McKay [1895-1982]; and Janette Euphemia McKay [1898-1995]. Robert lived at 113 Franklin Street after her death. On December 31, 1912 he married Cornelia Van Wielden Fox in Grand Haven. Born in Grand Haven on July 4, 1869, she died on November 23, 1961. Robert and Cornelia remained in the house on Franklin. Robert, Henrietta, and Cornelia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Zenas Winsor McKay [1871-1934]**

See Zenas Winsor McCay.

**Claude McKellips [1921-1992]**

Claude McKellips was born on August 30, 1921 in Fennville, Allegan County. On January 3, 1946 he married Jean [Jennie] Mary Grzybowski in Holland. She was born on June 24, 1928 in Douglas, Allegan County. Claude and Jean established a heating and cooling business, McKellips & Sons, in Ferrysburg in 1962 at 310 Fifth Street. Their sons' names were Steven and Richard. The family lived at 102 North Fourth Street in Grand Haven prior to opening their business, and later moved to 16814 Virginia in Spring Lake. The business was located at 1097 Jackson in Grand Haven for a short time before moving back to Ferrysburg and locating at 200 Fifth Street in May 1973. Claude died in New Era, Oceana County, on August 6, 1992 and was buried at Eagles Cemetery. The family business was closed the next year. On January 8, 1994, Jean married James Zitka. He was born in Muskegon on June 10, 1932 and passed away on April 28, 2000. Jean died in Muskegon on February 19, 2008 and also was buried at Eagles Cemetery in New Era, as were James and his first wife, Doris Zitka [1939-1992].

**Calvin C. McKinley [1855-1912]**

Calvin McKinley owned a sawmill, grocery store, and grain outlet in West Olive in the early 1900s. He was born in Steuben County, Indiana on September 4, 1855 and died on April 28, 1912. His parents were William and Eliza Trowbridge McKinley. In 1880 he was working at a tannery in Holland, Michigan. On December 11, 1878 in Holland, he married Harriet, daughter of Enos and Adelaide Sweet Van Gilder. Harriet was born on February 22, 1852 in Wisconsin and died on April 29, 1944. The McKinleys' four and a half-acre farm was in Section 12 of Olive Township [later part of Port Sheldon Township]. Harriet was still living there in 1930. The couple was buried at West Olive Cemetery.

**Neil Alexander McLachlin [1878-1932]**

Neil McLachlin was born on April 5, 1878 in Ontario, Canada. On July 9, 1901 he married Barbara Ferstel in West Bay City, Bay County. She was born in 1878. On July 28, 1917, in Grand Haven, Neil married Mae J. Peterson. The daughter of John and Hydean Perdok Peterson, she was born in Grand Haven on November 27, 1878. By 1921 Mae owned The Hat Shop at 101 North Third Street in Grand Haven. They resided at 507 Lake Avenue. Neil worked as a conductor for the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1900 Neil was living with his parents in Detroit, working as a motorman. In 1928 he was employed as a conductor, while still residing with Mae on Lake Avenue. He died on November 16, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mae passed away in 1964.

**Isabelle "Belle" McLaughlin [1841-1867]**

Isabelle "Belle" McLaughlin was born in New Brunswick, Canada in 1841 and died in Grand Haven in 1867. She was the daughter of William and Mary McLaughlin. In March 1863, Belle appeared in "Bridal Scene in Three Parts," one of 15 tableaux organized and directed by Mary Hubbard to support the federal troops during the Civil War.

**David Chase McLaughlin [1854-1901]**



In 1873 David McLaughlin joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the “Michigan Bunch” in Utah and entered the silver mining business. However, from 1881 to 1885 David was collector of customs at the U. S. Customs Office in Grand Haven. On June 25, 1888, in Park City, Utah, he married Henrietta Marie Young, who was born on June 11, 1864 in Vermont and died on June 30, 1907 in Salt Lake City. David was born in Muskegon on August 26, 1854 and died in Salt Lake City on June 18, 1901.

#### **Lloyd Edward McLaughlin [1909-1997]**

Lloyd McLaughlin came to the Grand Haven area in 1938 to teach English at the high school. He became a teacher at Ferry School in Grand Haven, and in 1943 succeeded Laura Wuennecke as principal there. He remained a teaching principal for nine years, and later was named fulltime principal, giving him a total of 22 years in that position at Ferry. Lloyd was instrumental in starting the library at Ferry School. When two elementary schools were opened on Pennoyer and Park Streets, “Jack and Jill” in 1953 and “Dick and Jane” in 1957, Lloyd was put in charge of them also. He served on the Loutit District Library Board of Directors for 15 years and chaired the board for part of that time. He also was on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and he was a 45-year member of Kiwanis Club, serving as president of the Grand Haven Chapter and as lieutenant governor of Michigan’s District 11.

Lloyd was born in Illinois on October 30, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on November 27, 1997. He married Marjorie Elizabeth Smith. Marjorie, a native of Michigan, was born on June 16, 1912 and passed away in a Fruitport nursing home on August 3, 2000. They had three children: Janet, born in 1939, Sharon in 1942, and Larry in 1944. In 1940 the family resided on Columbus Street and later at 921 Sheldon Road. Lloyd and Marjorie attended United Methodist Church of the Dunes

#### **William Goodsell McLaughlin [1810-1871]**

Born in Ireland about 1810, William McLaughlin appeared in the Federal Census of 1860 as a resident of Ottawa, the name of the area before Grand Haven became a city. He worked as a currier, someone who works with leather. With him were his wife Mary, also a native of Ireland, where she was born about 1802, and three daughters and a son: Ellen McLaughlin, born about 1839; Isabelle [Isabella] McLaughlin, born in New Brunswick, Canada [Maine] in 1841; Mary McLaughlin, born about 1843; and Franklin McLaughlin, born about 1845. The three sisters were born in Massachusetts, but their brother was born in Maine, where the family was living in 1850. Ellen was a dressmaker while Mary was a teacher. Mary the mother died in Grand Haven on July 3, 1864 and was buried at St. Andrews Catholic Church Cemetery in Grand Rapids. William died on September 18, 1871 and also was buried at St. Andrews. Isabella passed away on November 13, 1867 in Chicago.

#### **Hugh McLean [McClean] [1826-1882]**

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he was born in October 1826, Hugh McLean immigrated to Livingston County, New York, in 1829. In 1846 he moved to Saginaw, and six years later he went to Lake Superior, where he married Harriet Kocher [Coacher] in 1854. Harriet, the daughter of Thomas and Anna Butler Kocher, was born in Pennsylvania on August 15, 1830. The couple came to Spring Lake in 1860 and settled on 63 acres in Section 23, bordering Lloyd’s Bayou. Hugh went into the lumber and fruit-growing businesses. Mordecai [Mortimer,] one of their children, was born in Pennsylvania [Spring Lake] on June 30, 1854. Other children, all born in Spring Lake, were Norman William who was born in Michigan on September 11, 1859 and died in Spring Lake on January 14, 1903 [1902]; Robert Fulton, who was born on April 6, 1861 and died in Spring Lake on November 15, 1929; and Arcola, who was born July 28, 1866, married Will Rowan [1859-1932], died in Muskegon Heights in 1951, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Hugh died in Grand Rapids on July 4, 1882 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Harriet passed away on February 2, 1917 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Mordecai [Mortimer] “Mort” M. McLean [McClean] [1854-1929]**

Mort, the son of Hugh and Harriet Kocher McLean, was born June 30, 1854 in Pennsylvania. He owned and operated a harness shop and general store west of Buckley's Hardware Store, which was located at 214 West. Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Mort expanded his business by adding dry goods and furnishings. On December 27, 1875 he married Hulda McMaster in Spring Lake. She helped run the store. Hulda was born in Canada about 1850, died on May 19, 1893, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mort then married Lucretia Brongersma in Spring Lake on June 29, 1905. Mort died on January 9, 1929. He and Hulda had at least two daughters, both born in Michigan: Versa, who was born around 1878, and Armila, born on October 30, 1884. Lucretia, the daughter of Cornelius and Jantje Visser Brongersma, lived from May 26, 1869 to July 30, 1951. A native of Spring Lake, Lucretia was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Perry S. McLellan [1882-1922]**

Perry McLellan married Lily [Lilly/Lillie] Cournyer on March 8, 1904 in Coopersville. Perry, employed as a welder at the Johnston Brothers Boiler Company in Ferrysburg, was born in Michigan in 1882, passed away in 1922, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lily was born on March 8, 1884 in Michigan and died on January 5, 1963. She was the daughter of John B. and Ida Elskene Cournyer of Coopersville. The McLellans' children, all born in Michigan, were Ida M., born about 1906; Roy A., born about 1909; Elizabeth A., who was born on July 2, 1910 and married William J. Wipperfurth II; and Dora Jean, born in February 1918. The McLellans resided in Ferrysburg. On March 31, 1924, Lily married John W. Van Anrooy of Ferrysburg. In 1930 Lily's daughter Dora Jean McLellan was living with her mother and stepfather.

#### **Teaphel [Teaphal] McMahon [1890- 1970]**

Teaphel McMahon and his wife Martha kept U.S. weather records, faithfully reporting rainfall, temperature, and wind direction to the *Grand Haven Tribune* and later to the Muskegon office. Martha was born in Grand Haven on December 23, 1888 and died on June 21, 1945. She and her husband resided at 214 Columbus. Around 1952 Teaphel married Mabel Zerler Retzlaff, whose husband, Henry Retzlaff, had recently died. Mabel was born in Illinois about 1897, and Teaphel was born on June 11, 1890, died on November 3, 1970, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Martha. Mabel passed away on October 7, 1984, and also was interred at Lake Forest.

#### **Harriet Jane McMann [1845-1937]**

Harriet, the daughter of Jeremiah [March 22, 1826-January 2, 1899] and Ellen North McMann [1828-1919], was born on July 4, 1845, the first white child born at Mill Point [Spring Lake]. Her mother and father donated the land for McMann School, at the northeast corner of Old State Road and 144<sup>th</sup> Street. McMann married Luther Cooper on April 17, 1867 in Spring Lake. Cooper's parents helped form the Cooper School, north of Coopersville. Harriet died in 1937.

#### **John T. McMann [M'Mann] [1841-1882]**

John McMann was born in Oswego, New York on December 18, 1841. In 1845 he moved to Milwaukee with his parents, and then to Crockery Township in May 1847. He worked as a carpenter and joiner until August 2, 1862, when he enlisted as corporal in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was promoted to second lieutenant on July 28, 1864 and to first lieutenant of Company I the next year. John participated in several battles, including Perryville, Kentucky, Stone River, Chattanooga, and Mission Ridge. He was discharged on September 26, 1865, but in 1867 was appointed second lieutenant in the regular army. He served on special duty in the territories and resigned in 1870 because of ill health. After a short time in Cincinnati, John returned to Crockery. He was a U.S. Claims Agent and practiced law while residing there. In 1860 he married Harriet Blakeslee of Crockery. She was born September 23, 1841 and died on February 28, 1902. They had a daughter, Adda Belle, who was born about 1867 in Michigan. John died on April 14, 1882 and on September 14 that year, Harriet applied for a widow's Civil War pension.

#### **Elizabeth McMillan [1868-1950]**

See Herman Z. Nyland.

### **James McMillan [1838-1902]**

James McMillan, who died on August 10, 1902, was senator from Detroit. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on May 12, 1838. He moved to Detroit in 1855 and entered the business field. He became purchasing agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, was one of the founders of the Michigan Car Company in 1863, was the president of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad and one of its organizers and had an interest in shipbuilding and lake transportation. James was a member of the Republican State Central Committee in 1876 and became its chairman, a position he held also in 1886 and 1890. For three years he was president of the Detroit Board of Park Commissioners and for four years a member of the Detroit Board of Estimates. In 1889 he was elected to the United States Senate on the Republican ticket and was reelected in 1895 and 1901. He served until his death. James was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, August 11, 1902.]

### **Neil [Neal] McMillan [McMillin] [1845-1916]**

Born in Ireland in August 1845, Neil McMillan came to Grand Haven from Picton, Ontario as an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1870 he was working as railroad brakeman in Cleveland, Ohio. Ten years later he was dock foreman in Grand Haven, where he resided with his family. His wife, Mary Chambers Johnston, also a native of Ireland, lived from October 13, 1847 to August 6, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Three years later, on May 2, Neil married Elizabeth Gridley in Chicago. She was born about 1858 in Massachusetts. Neil served as a member of the Grand Haven School Board and as its president, but in 1907 resigned before the end of his term. About 1900, in partnership with Herman Nyland, he purchased a confectionery from David Wright and added ice cream products. One of the McMillans' daughters, Mate [Martha], was made proprietor of the new McMillan & Nyland Ice Cream Parlor at 101 Washington Street. Neil and his family resided at 215 Howard as early as 1880 and as late as 1910, when he was working as a freight handler for the railroad. A daughter, Elizabeth J., was born in March 1868 in Canada, taught at Jackson Street School in Grand Haven, and married Herman Nyland of Grand Haven; another daughter, Mary M. "Mate," was born in Michigan on March 11, 1873 and married James W. Oakes, well-known Grand Haven Realtor; a son, William Neal, was born in Michigan in 1875, married Gertrude M. Squier of Grand Haven, moved to Glendale, California, and died in 1946; a third daughter, Fannie Louise, was born in Michigan in June 1877 and married John Leonard De Gloppe, also of Grand Haven. Neil died about August 22, 1916. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 7 and August 8, 1903.]

### **Eleanor Griffin McNett [1850-1935] and De Forrest McNett [1826-1916]**

Eleanor was born in Grand Haven on September 8, 1850, the daughter of Henry and Rachel Eastman Griffin. She lived in the family home at 301 Franklin Street, which was erected in 1844, and attended the first school in Grand Haven, when Mary A. White was the teacher. She graduated from Elmira College in New York and taught in Grand Rapids and Milwaukee schools, and at a school for Native Americans in Arizona. Eleanor was known as a good speaker and some of her articles were published in magazines.

Eleanor married De Forrest McNett on February 24, 1892 in Grand Haven. The son of Samuel F. and Sally Hutchins McNett [McNitt] and the brother of Dr. Jacob McNett, one of the earliest physicians in Grand Haven, De Forrest was from Sodus Point, New York. His father Samuel was a native of Massachusetts and served as captain in the war of 1812. De Forrest, first a carpenter and later a boat builder, was born in 1826 and died in 1916. His first wife, Jane Wood McNett, died in 1882 at the age of 54. Eleanor and De Forrest resided in Sodus until at least 1910. They moved to Grand Haven before 1915, the year Eleanor started her two-year term as president of the Grand Haven Woman's Club. She was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, which was founded in 1891.

Eleanor was the first Executive secretary of the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She served in that capacity from 1917 until she suffered a nervous breakdown about 1933 and retired. She was completely blind the last year of her life. Some of her scrapbooks were donated to the archives of Loutit

District Library. In her will, she stipulated that her house at 315 Franklin Street and four adjoining lots were to be used for a museum. The legacy room, as specified in the will, was to contain antiques and pictures from the Griffin Family. The building was occupied by the Girl Scouts in 1941 and named the Griffin-McNett House. Eleanor died on December 3, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 1935.]

### **Jacob Brown McNett [1816-1899]**

Born in Jefferson County, New York on February 25 [January 20], 1816, Jacob was the son of Samuel F. and Sally Hutchins McNett [McNitt]. Samuel was a native of Massachusetts and served as captain in the war of 1812. Jacob was the oldest of ten children. He graduated in 1845 from Geneva College, studied medicine with two prominent New York physicians, and began to practice in New York. He arrived at Nortonville on the steamer *Pontiac* in 1857 and continued on to Grand Haven that December. Jacob was invited to replace Dr. Stephen Munroe, who needed to temporarily leave Grand Haven. Jacob served the area from Muskegon to Port Sheldon and east to Nunica at a time when there were no railroads, no bridges, and poor roads or no roads at all. On January 1, 1863 he enlisted as second assistant surgeon in the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters, commanded by Colonel DeLand in the Army of the Potomac. Later Jacob took charge of the Fort Wayne hospital. He resigned from the service on April 9, 1864.

After the war Jacob was appointed surgeon of the Navajo Indian agency in Arizona where he remained nine months. In 1883 Michigan Governor Josiah Begole appointed him physician at the State Prison at Ionia, where he remained for two years. He served as city physician for several terms and was a pension examiner in the Grand Haven District for about eight years. Jacob retired in 1892. He was a member of the Masons and the Democratic party. He married Louise E. Hunter of Huron, New York in 1846. They had two sons, William and Frank, who moved west, and two other sons who died young. The McNetts resided at 300 Franklin Street in a house built in 1858. Louise was born on December 7, 1838 and died on July 12, 1870. On August 11, 1894, Jacob married Eva Caroline Swarts in Grand Haven. Jacob died in Muskegon on February 10, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Louise and their two sons. Eva had two sons with her in Aitkin, Minnesota in 1920: Jacob McNett, born about 1902, and William McNett, born about 1905. On March 8, 1899 and on October 16, 1916 Eva applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Born in Michigan about 1871, she passed away in Minnesota on June 15, 1941. Jacob and De Forrest McNett were brothers. [*Tribune* obituary, February 2, 1899.]

### **Charles L. McVicar [1826- ?]**

Born in New York in 1826, Charles McVicar married Elizabeth Crandall in Ludington in 1874. A native of Cooperstown, New York, she was born in 1839. Charles was appointed manager of the Spring Lake House beginning in 1878. They remained in Spring Lake until at least 1880 and were living in Ellensburg, Washington in 1887. Elizabeth died in Wellsville, New York on March 22, 1889 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.

### **Lewis Stephen Mead [1901-1992]**

Born in Homer, Calhoun County on December 11, 1901 to Lewis and Lillian Mead, Stephen graduated from high school in his hometown and from Western Michigan College [WMU] in Kalamazoo. He received his master degree from the University of Michigan in 1938 and did some graduate work at Michigan State University and Northwestern University. He married Delia "Dee" McAllister on June 25, 1924. They had a daughter Marilyn J. and a son, John Lewis "Jack," a pilot who was born in 1929 and lost his life on September 5, 1950 during the Korean War. Marilyn was born on April 22, 1925, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1943, and died in Muskegon on June 15, 1999.

After becoming a teacher of industrial arts for the Grand Haven School system in 1924, Stephen was appointed junior high principal in 1928. He received his pilot's license in 1946.

When in 1953 a new high school was built on Cutler Street in Grand Haven, seventh and eighth grades moved into the old high school on Seventh Street, and ninth grade was added. Stephen continued as principal of the junior high and in 1959 was appointed assistant superintendent of the Grand Haven Schools. He organized the Haven Foundation, was secretary-treasurer of Michigan Elementary principals Association, president of Michigan Secondary School Principal Association, the Michigan Education Association for 42 years, the National Education Association, West Michigan Children's Center, West Michigan Mental Health Clinic, Kiwanis Club, Grand Haven Airport Board, United Methodist Church of the Dunes, where he was a church school teacher and lay leader. Steve retired from the school system in 1966.

Stephen and Dee lived for many years at 427 Grant in Grand Haven. In his youth, Stephen learned how to repair watches and use them as a medium of exchange for other goods. In retirement he was able to renew his fascination with timepieces and began building mantel clocks and grandfather clocks to sell and to be used as gifts for relatives. In 1968 the City of Grand Haven gave him permission to cut up a fallen cherry tree. He used the 700 board feet of lumber for his clocks and other woodworking projects. Stephen died on August 12, 1992 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his son Jack also had been buried on June 21, 1951. Dee was born in Michigan on June 20, 1905 and passed away in Holland, Michigan on July 22, 2006. [*Tribune* obituary, August 21, 1992.]

#### **William H. Mead [1872-1930]**

William Mead was born in New York on July 15, 1872 and died on July 31, 1930. He married Dean Van Den Berg in Grand Haven on September 28, 1897. The daughter of Robert G. and Johanna Hoffman Van Den Berg, she was born on September 6, 1874 [1876], passed away on June 29, 1946, and was buried with William at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1900 William and Dean were living in Chicago, but by 1908 he was operating Mead's Electrical Supply Establishment at 22 Washington Street in space he shared with Lou Northouse. He and Dean resided at 423 Howard Street at that time, but by 1915 they had moved to Waterford, New York, and in 1930 he was superintendent of an electrical contracting business in Wilmington, Delaware. After her husband's death, Dean moved back to Grand Haven and lived at 526 Slayton. They had a son, Edward F. Mead, who was born about 1899.

#### **Russell David Meengs [1939-2016]**

In December 1982 and Lynn and Russ Meengs bought the building and business at 120-122 Washington Street, and in June 1983, renamed it the Office Supply Center. Bill and Carol Williams were the previous owners of the business, which they named Williams Office Supply. In 2001 the Meengs closed the and sold the property to Great Harvest Bread Company. Russ's slogan was, "We don't sell broccoli."

Russ was born in Grand Rapids on June 21, 1939 to John and Ruth Meengs. He and Lynn were married in late 1963. Russ's first career was in the banking business, both in Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. Russ died of esophageal cancer on July 16, 2015. [*Tribune* obituary, July 20, 2015.]

#### **Ernest Theodore Meerman [1913-2002]**

A lifetime resident of Coopersville, Ernest Meerman was born on November 1, 1913 on a farm he later owned. He married Nellie Frances Gunneman, also of Coopersville, on June 16, 1936. The couple was deeply involved with the Coopersville Reformed Church [founded in 1854] and its overseas and domestic missions. Ernie, a carpenter and contractor, built three houses on the family's 220-acre farm. Living in one of them was their son Stephen, who married Sue Hovingh. Stephen lived from June 9, 1950 to July 21, 2007. Nellie was a teacher before her marriage to Ernest. The Meerman's tall, blue silos, just south of I-96 exit to Eastmanville, continue to be landmarks well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Nellie died on May 7, 2000, and Ernie passed away on January 24, 2007. They and their son are buried at Coopersville-Polkton Cemetery.

#### **Albert M. Meerzo [1892-1959]**

Albert Meerzo and his wife resided at 609 Washington Street in 1928. Albert owned the Oriental Sweet Shop at the same address. Within a year or two he moved his shop to 12 Washington Street, where he also offered sandwiches, meals, and refreshments. On September 26, 1927 Al married Flora Ballantine in Grand Haven. By 1936 they were living in Muskegon with their son, also named Albert. The elder Albert was born in Arabia in 1892, died in Muskegon on May 28, 1959, and was buried at Mona View Cemetery in Muskegon. Flora was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on August 18, 1905 and died in Dunedin, Florida on October 5, 1994. She, too, was buried at Mona View Cemetery. The younger Albert was born about 1929. Albert and Flora also had a daughter, Faycell [Faisal], who was born on December 4, 1932.

### **William Arthur Meier [1915-2005]**

William Meier owned and operated Meier's Floor Coverings at 201-203 Washington. When he opened in the mid-1950s, he expanded the business to occupy the entire main floor. William closed the business in 1968. He was born on May 8, 1915 in Wyandotte, Wayne County, the son of Henry and Johanna Lange Meier. He graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] with a degree in business administration. During WWII he served with the Sixth Cavalry Mechanized Reconnaissance Squadron as headquarters commander with the rank of captain.

William came to Grand Haven in 1946. In 1968 he joined North Ottawa Community Hospital as purchasing agent. He retired from that position in 1982. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and served on that organization's Boy Scout Committee, School Board, Board of Trustees, and Building Committee. He was a member of the American Legion since 1948 and acted as captain of the local National Guard during its reorganization and activation in 1946 to 1947. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and served on its Board of Directors from 1961 to 1964. He was appointed to the Ottawa County Selective Service Board in 1966 and chaired it until 1976, the year the Board was de-activated. He also served on the Board of the Ottawa County Red Cross. From 1981 to 1993 he was a Hospice volunteer.

On December 2, 1941 in Detroit, William married Elizabeth "Betty" Vyn, the daughter of Clarence and Barbara Baker Vyn of Grand Haven. Born on July 4, 1919, Betty was the first child delivered at Elizabeth Hatton Hospital [114 South Fifth Street]. William's and Elizabeth's children were William Vyn Meier of Carlsbad, California, and Mark "Nick" Meier of Plainwell, Allegan County. Betty and William resided at 1809 Gladys.

Raised in Detroit, Betty graduated from Michigan State University. She served as a nurse's aide with the American Red Cross during WWII. She moved to Grand Haven after the war and became a physical therapist at North Ottawa Community Hospital, a post she held for 23 years. William died in Plainwell on January 9, 2005. Betty passed away on September 1, 2007. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 11, 2005 and September 14, 2007.]

### **Joseph Thomas Meilinger I [1861-1940]**

Joseph Thomas Meilinger, who was born in Germany on December 21, 1861, married Martina Metz in Chicago on July 21, 1887. Martina lived from 1866 to 1926. Joseph established a chain of highly successful meat outlets [Meilinger Meat Markets] in the Chicago area, and he was part owner of the Tiffin, a movie theater on Chicago's North Avenue. Like many movie houses of that day, the Tiffin boasted a Wurlitzer organ.

On September 28, 1908 Joseph acquired 18 acres of lakefront property in Section 8, a few miles south of Grand Haven, adjacent to an area known as the Wilderness. Their land was given the name Meilinger's Gap because of the open, relatively flat sandy dunes that once provided access for nearby fruit growers to load their produce on boats. The Meilingers enjoyed a rustic, red summer house that was built on a flat area east of the dunes, surrounded by raspberry bushes and other growth natural to the woods. Long after the Meilingers' deaths, the structure fell into decay and had to be razed. Wilderness Trail required an easement over the southeast corner of the Meilinger lot to complete its path from Lakeshore Drive to the

cottages. In 1956 three Grand Rapids families by the name of Whittier, Tuthill, and Gillett purchased a portion of the land from Meilinger's estate. Joseph passed away in Chicago on October 20, 1940.

The Meilingers' eldest child, John Francis Meilinger, was born in Chicago on February 12, 1899 and married Kathryn Reget. She was born on July 10, 1894. John was a meat cutter and by 1940 owned a butcher shop in Grand Haven on Seventh Street. He and Kathryn resided at 111½ Seventh. Kathryn died in Muskegon in November 1985, and John I passed away, also in Muskegon, on October 20, 1990.

John's and Kathryn's first child, John Francis Meilinger II, married Lenore Helen Niemaszyk in Pinal County, Arizona on January 20, 1945. He was with the Army Air Force at the time. Lenore lived from January 19, 1925 to March 5, 2002. She died in Chicago on March 25, 2002. John II became a meat cutter in Muskegon and later manager of Meat Department of Treasure Island Foods in Chicago.

A second son, Herman Joseph Meilinger, was born in Chicago on December 23, 1924, married Betty Jane Maurer in Grand Haven on July 16, 1947, worked as a machinist at Miller Industries, retired from Cooper Industries, and died on September 13, 2012 in Grand Haven. They resided at 1025 Park Avenue. Their son, Herman J. Meilinger II, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1966 and opened his own company, H. J. Meilinger Associates, in Grand Rapids. Another son, Christopher, attained the rank of major as a medical officer with the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

John and Kathryn also had a daughter Marilyn, who was born on August 16, 1928 and married Ransom Willis Everett II in Grand Haven on August 26, 1950. Ransom, who served with the U.S. Army during WWII, lived from February 12, 1923 to October 8, 2005 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Marilyn died on May 11, 2003 and also was buried at Holy Cross.

#### **Arno "Andrew" Meinel [1885-1971]**

Arno "Andrew," the son of Reinhardt Wilhelm and Karolina Emma Schneidenbach Meinel, was born in Austin, Texas on March 20, 1885. Not long after his birth the family moved to Robinson Township. Andrew on November 10, 1909 married Eliza "Anna" Aimer Thayer of Spring Lake. Anna, the daughter of William and Ella Wills Aimer, was born in Delta, Ontario, Canada on May 28, 1885. She migrated to Spring Lake in 1903 to live with her aunt and uncle, Eliza and Charles Hyde. For a while she was housekeeper for one of the area's early physicians, Dr. Cyril Brown. She had divorced her first husband, Lester Thayer, on November 9, 1909.

Andrew and Anna had several children, including Elizabeth Verona, who died a month after her birth on May 3, 1910. Andrew, Anna, and Elizabeth were included in the 1910 Federal Census as residents of Tallmadge Township. The Meinel's other children were Gerald Andrew, who was born on February 16, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on September 4, 1996; Arnold Floyd, who was born on February 20, 1913, married Clara Snyder, and died February 27, 2001 in Muskegon; Richard Wayne, who was born on June 11, 1915; Alberta Marie, who was born in Ferrysburg on January 25, 1918; Herbert, who was born in Ferrysburg on January 19, 1920; Myrtle Irene., who was born in Crockery Township on December 16, 1923; and Raymond Henry, who was born in Nunica on June 1, 1926 and lived 13 months. Gerald, Arnold, and Richard were born in Honor, Benzie County, where Andrew earned his living as a farmer. After a deep freeze in the spring of 1916, Andrew and his family moved into a house at the corner of Slayton and Albee Streets in Grand Haven. He worked at various places, including the William Ferry Hotel in downtown Grand Haven and the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company.

Just before his ninth birthday, Herbert was killed in an automobile accident on December 22, 1928, while his father was driving. Shortly afterward, Andrew left home permanently, and Anna subsequently divorced him. Andrew and Anna were counted in the 1930 Federal Census as residents of Crockery Township, two months after Andrew was charged with desertion. After Andrew's departure, Anna supported her large family by running a boarding house in Nunica for workers at the pickle factory. Unable to pay her real estate taxes that were in arrears, Anna was evicted from the house in Nunica and moved to Grand Haven, where again she operated a boarding house, this one at 101 North Seventh Street. She next lived at 615

North Seventh, again as the matron of a boarding house, even while she worked at a variety of other jobs. She lived in Grand Haven at 533½ Jackson in the mid-1950s and then moved to 504 Elliott. Andrew and Anna were divorced on April 22, 1944. A few weeks later, on May 6, Andrew married Idalene Dinehart Snow in Hart, Oceana County.

Anna died in Grand Haven on January 27, 1974 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Andrew passed away, also in Grand Haven, on January 9, 1971. He was buried at a cemetery in Hesperia.

**Eliza “Anna” Aimer Thayer Meinel [1885-1974]**

See Arno “Andrew” Meinel.

**Otto Meinel [1886-1967]**

Otto, who was born on May 26, 1886 in Texas, was the son of Reinhardt Wilhelm and Karolina Schneidenbach Meinel, later of Crockery. On March 20, 1913, Otto married Emma Marie Brown, who was born in Michigan and lived from 1884 to 1960. Otto and Emma lived on the family farm at 12763 West Cone Street [Sections 20 and 21 of Crockery Township], but Otto died in Kalamazoo County on October 3, 1967. The Meinels had three daughters: Dorothea, born on January 12, 1914, Aleonore Marie, born on January 3, 1915, and Roslyn Erna, born on April 14, 1925 in Grand Haven.

**Reinhardt Wilhelm “William” Meinel [Minel] [1853-1910]**

A native of UnterSachsenberg, Sachsen [now Germany], where he was born on August 27, 1853 [1851/1858], Reinhardt Wilhelm Meinel married Karolina Emma Schneidenbach in Sachsen on June 29, 1878. Karolina, often referred to as Emma, was born in Leipzig, Sachsen, on August 25, 1853. Reinhardt generally went by the name of William. The Meinels immigrated to the United States in 1884, going first to Texas, then settling for a few years in Section 33 of Robinson Township, and finally moving to an 80-acre farm in Sections 20 and 21 of Crockery Township.

The Meinels had six children: Emma Ida, who was born in Sachsen on October 4, 1878; Alfred Reinhart, who was born in Sachsen on January 20, 1882, about 1909 married Georgia Anna Miller [1890-1945], and died in Hillsboro, Oregon, on February 11, 1951; Arno Andrew, who was born in Austin, Texas on March 20, 1885 and married Anna Thayer of Spring Lake; Otto, who was born on May 26, 1886 in Texas and married Emma Marie Brown; Libbie [Lizzie], who was born in Robinson Township on February 18, 1889, married Frank R. Merkins about 1916, and died in Tallmadge Township on October 24, 1958; and Wilhelm “William” II, who was born in Robinson Township on February 9, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on March 18, 1958. William II, who served with the military during WWI, was buried at Nunica Cemetery. He married Permelie B. Douck, who was born in September 1892 and died on September 28, 1970. William I died on June 29, 1910. Emma died in Crockery Township on October 9, 1926. She and Reinhardt were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Emma Ida’s first husband was Adrian Ver Berkmoes of Grand Haven, followed by Howard Bailey, also of Grand Haven.

**Ernest [Ernst] J. Melcher [1850-1920]**

Ernest Melcher had an 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Grand Haven Township by 1880 and into the 1900s. Ernest, the son of Fred and Augusta Melcher, was born in New York on June 1, 1850 and died in Grand Haven Township on January 25, 1920. He married Augusta [Auguste] Strahsburg [Strassburg], also a native of New York. She lived from 1854 to November 30, 1911. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Mary, who was born in 1879, on December 28, 1905 in Grand Haven married John Topp II, and died in 1963; Wilhelm [William] Edward, who was born on July 4 [21], 1881; Anna, who was born on September 8, 1885; Emma, born about 1888; Alice, born about 1888; and John Ernest, born on March 11, 1899.

**Johann Friedrich “Fred” Melcher [1825-1903]**



By 1880 Friedrich and Augusta Bahr Melcher were owners of a 40-acre farm in Section 2 of Grand Haven Township. Fred was born in Prussia [Germany] on May 2, 1825 and came to the United States in 1843. On August 10, 1847 in Tonawanda, New York, he married Augusta Glasenapp. She was born in Prussia about 1825. A son, Ernest J., was born in New York on June 1, 1850. Another son, Martin Friedrich, was born about 1861, also in New York. Friedrich passed away in Ionia on August 15, 1903. Augusta died in Ottawa County on May 17, 1898.

#### **Martin Friedrich Melcher [1860-1928]**

The son of Friedrich and Augusta Glasenapp Melcher, Martin was born in New York State about 1861. He married Louisa A. Lessien [Lissien] in Grand Haven on February 2, 1888. Louisa [Louise] was the daughter of August and Christina Bahre Lessien. In 1900 Martin and Louisa were residing in Ionia with their five children, and Martin was employed as a pattern maker. By 1910 the couple and their children were living in Grand Rapids, where Martin continued to work as a pattern maker. He also worked in Muskegon for the Chicago & West Michigan Railway as a pattern maker but apparently never lived there. Martin died in Grand Rapids in 1928 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Louisa passed away in 1946 and was buried at the same cemetery.

#### **William [Wilhelm] Edward Melcher [1881-1951]**

William Melcher owned an auto repair shop at 201 Columbus in the late 1920s and into the 1930s. Prior to that he was working as a machinist at the Panhard Motor Company, located at 1301 Fulton Street. He and his wife, Gertrude, had several children, all born locally, including Angeline, born about 1912; William, born about 1914; Marie, born about November 1916; and Gertrude, who was born around December 1918 and married Russell J. Burghorn of Grand Haven. The son of Ernest and Augusta Strahsburg Melcher, William was born on July 4 [21], 1881, died around March 19, 1951, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Gertrude the mother was born about 1893 in Illinois, died around August 18, 1959, and also was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. In 1920 the family lived at 1404 Pennoyer. Eight years later they resided at 301 North De Spelder, and by 1930 their home was in Grand Haven Township.

#### **Alan "Al" Lee Melis [1929-2017] and Marilyn Jean Matthew Melis [1935-2017]**

In the mid-1950s, Alan Melis taught art at Grand Haven High School. He was born in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County on December 2, 1929. Al received a Bachelor of Education degree from Northern Michigan University and a master degree from the University of Michigan. While in Grand Haven he met Marilyn Jean Schlukebir, a native of Grand Haven and also a teacher. They were married in 1958. Al became a member of Lakeland Painters and was its president in 1960. The couple left Grand Haven in order for Al to pursue a Master of Fine Arts Degree at Cranbrook. Eventually they settled in Toledo, Ohio, where Al taught at the Toledo Museum of Art for more than 30 years. Evelyn received a Master Degree in Library Science and worked at the Bedford Public Schools in Temperance, Monroe County. The daughter of Arthur and Bess Schlukebir Matthew, she was born on February 13, 1935 and passed away on August 5, 2017. Al died on July 1, 2017. They had two children, Matthew and Michelle.

#### **A. M. Mendelsohn [Mendelson] [? - ?]**

In 1897 Mendelsohn, was general manager in America for the Plate Glass Company and Atlas Works of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The company had a warehouse on Water Street [Harbor Drive], near Government Pond, adjacent to American Brass Novelty Company. The warehouse was listed with the name American Mirror and Glass Beveling Company in the 1897 Ogle Atlas. Mendelsohn had offices in Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. Mendelsohn's wife Ida died in Chicago on July 28, 1904 at the age of 58. There is no evidence that the Mendelsohns ever lived in Grand Haven, and there is scant indication that the Plate Glass Company actually opened here.

#### **Carl Alexander Mercer [1833-1915]**

Born in Vienna, Canada on July 5, 1833, Carl Mercer was working as a sailor and ship's joiner in Grand Rapids in 1874. By 1880 he was living in Grand Haven, still working as a ship's carpenter. He married Ellen Springstein of Hamilton, Canada in 1856. She was born in Canada in March 1835. They had two sons, including Walter Fitzroy Mercer, who was born on March 31, 1856 in Canada, married Mary J. Danhof, and died in Grand Rapids on May 12, 1925. In 1904 Carl was residing in Traverse City and working as a carpenter. A year later a second son, Angus Ross Mercer [1858-1935], was living with him. A third son, Robert Lincoln Mercer, was born in 1868 and died in infancy. Helen died in Traverse City on April 14, 1908. Carl the father passed away on September 15, 1915 in Coos County, Oregon.

**Alexander A. Mergener [1915-1983]**

Born on August 14, 1915, Alexander Mergener owned the Tri-County Realty Office, located at 221 North Third Street in Grand Haven. He was a resident of Crockery Township when he died on November 17, 1983. Prior to that he resided at the same address as his business.

**Nicholas P. Mergener [1868-1961]**

A native of Heidelberg, Germany, where he was born on October 19, 1868, Nicholas Mergener came to America when he was 12. His first job was with the Spring Lake Iron Company in Fruitport. In a ceremony held on April 12, 1899 at the German Church in Grand Haven [St. Paul's United Church of Christ] he married Mary Louise Klintworth of Crockery, who was born on May 16, 1878. The couple lived out of state for a few years, then returned to the area and settled in Section 2 of Crockery Township. Nicholas delivered milk, and then drove a lumber delivery cart for the Christman Lumber Company for many years. Later he was employed by the Anderson-Bolling Company in Spring Lake, where he retired at age 80. He and his wife lived for several years in the early 1900s in a cottage east of the Spring Lake Hotel, where Nicholas was overseer. She ran a lunchroom and ice cream parlor at 224 West Savidge Street during the summers from 1909 to 1913. In 1912 the couple built a home at 207 Prospect. The Mergeners had a daughter named Adeline, who was born in Illinois about 1901 and married Frederick Koats of Grand Haven. Nicholas died on March 16, 1961, and Mary passed away on July 16, 1965. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**[Nicolaus] Joseph Mergener [1827-1898]**

Joseph Mergener farmed and raised stock on his 20 acres in Section 4 of Crockery Township. He and his wife, Mary, and their children came to Ottawa County in 1881. Joseph was born in Prussia on November 10, 1827, died in Spring Lake on March 19, 1898, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary was born in Germany in March 1834, died in 1915, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had a son, Bernard P., who was born in May 1865, died in 1922, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; a daughter, Barbara, born in October 1870; a second son, John, born about 1871; a third son, Mathias, who was born on January 5, 1875, died in 1936, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and a fourth son, Nicholas, who was born in 1876, died six years later, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The children were born in Germany. [Note: Ottawa County Death Records list Joseph as N. Mergener].

**Isaac Dimmock Merrill [1810-1883]**

In 1849 the State of Michigan authorized Isaac Merrill, William M. Ferry II, and George W. Walton to lay a state road between Section 16 of Spring Lake Township [the site of Ferrysburg] to the south border of Muskegon Lake. Isaac was born Falmouth, Maine on December 16, 1810. He married Augusta McKenney, who was born in Maine on April 15, 1824. In 1870, Isaac owned and operated a shingle mill in Bridgeton, Newaygo County. Isaac passed away in Bridgeton on December 14, 1883 and was buried at Bridgeton Township Cemetery. Augusta died on June 21, 1904. They had seven children.

**Thomas Merrill [1824-1886]**

Thomas Merrill was born in Vermont in 1824. His parents moved to Washtenaw County in 1835, and Thomas relocated to Grand Rapids when he was 20. By 1849 he was foreman of William Ferry's sawmill

in Ferrysburg, a position he held for ten years. Thomas Merrill in 1858 was elected director of School District #1, formed in the Village of Ferrysburg the previous year. In November 1859 he became proprietor of the Ferrysburg Hotel, built by a Mr. Hill the previous year, and he and his family were residents of the village at the time of the 1860 Federal Census. Thomas was Ferrysburg's postmaster from 1861 to 1863. He was listed in the 1863 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as proprietor of a hotel in Ferrysburg and two years later in the same publication as owner of a livery stable as well as the hotel. In 1865 Thomas took over the mail, express, and stage route between Ferrysburg and Muskegon. The first improved road between Muskegon and Ferrysburg was cleared in 1858 but wasn't used extensively until 1860. The stage line consisted of 60 horses and five to ten three-seated, spring-cushioned, open wagons called buckboards that could carry up to five passengers and a driver. When the railroad line covering the same route was completed in 1880, the stage line ceased operation.

In 1846 Thomas married Jane Teeple, sister of Aletta Teeple, the second wife of Henry Pennoyer. The daughter of Peter and Sarah Losey Teeple, who had moved from Plymouth to Cascade Township in Kent County in late 1836, Jane was born on January 30, 1826. Thomas and Jane first settled in Grand Haven, but by 1859 had moved to Ferrysburg. In 1870 they were still in Ferrysburg, where Thomas now operated a livery stable and the stagecoach line and William Flanders managed the Ferrysburg Hotel. William married Harriet "Hattie" Merrill, Thomas's and Jane's daughter. By 1880 William was working for his father-in-law at the Muskegon livery; he and Hattie were living in Muskegon. John Pennoyer took over management of the hotel in Ferrysburg.

Jane died in Ferrysburg on August 8, 1872. She and Thomas had nine children. In the 1880 Federal Census, Thomas's age was given as 45 rather than 56. On Christmas Day 1875, he married Esther Emily Waldron, who was born in New York State on August 19, 1839 and previously had been married to Thomas Stephens. Thomas Merrill was still owner of a livery stable in Muskegon at that time. After Thomas died in Muskegon on December 29, 1886 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Esther assumed management of the livery. She passed away on May 26, 1924 and also was buried at Evergreen. She and Thomas had one child.

### **Mason Russell Merritt [1830-1908]**

Born in Monroe County, New York, on May 7, 1830, Mason moved to Girard, Branch County, with his parents, David and Epha [Eva] Cast Merritt. Mason then settled in Olive Township in 1864, where he was a farmer and a blacksmith. On August 7, 1862 he enlisted as private in Company H, 19<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was wounded at the Battle of Fort Donaldson and Spring Hill, and, after he was taken prisoner at Brentwood, Tennessee, he was sent to Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. Although his wounds and status as prisoner were not verified in his service records, Mason was discharged for disability on June 22, 1863. In Olive Township, Wood served as justice of the peace, constable, and deputy sheriff. On April 5, 1854 he married Elizabeth H. Harvey, who was born in New York on October 20, 1835. They had three sons and three daughters. The Merritts bought a 40-acre farm in Section 12 of Olive Township on December 3, 1878. Mason was a member of the A. C. Van Raalte Post of the G.A.R. in Holland. He died on December 28, 1908 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. On January 13, 1909 Elizabeth applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Forty years earlier Mason had applied for a disability pension. Elizabeth died in 1914 and also was buried at Pilgrim Home.

### **Nehemiah Merritt [1804-1858]**

Nehemiah Merritt was the first lighthouse keeper assigned to Grand Haven. He served from 1839 to 1847, when the beacon was at the foot of the bluff [900 Harbor]. He was replaced by William Hauckland as lighthouse keeper. Nehemiah arrived in Grand Haven in June 1836 and appears in the 1840 census for "Ottaway," Oceana County. He was born in 1804, died in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on December 11, 1858, and was buried at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in that city. His wife Eliza lived from March 1, 1805 to June 5, 1882 and was buried at the same cemetery. They had three sons. [*Grand Haven News* obituary, December 22, 1858.]

### **Verona [Veronia] Clark Merryman [1889-1960]**

Born on December 22, 1889 in Spring Lake, Verona was the daughter of Robert and Susanna Doddington Clark. She was listed as a teacher residing in Spring Lake on the Federal Census of 1910 and was teaching at the Peach Plains one-room schoolhouse in 1919. On December 26, 1921 she married Horace Merryman in Ottawa County. He and his first wife, Bertha, were married in Grand Rapids in 1890 and divorced in Kalamazoo in 1908. In 1930, as residents of Spring Lake, Verona and Horace had two adopted children: Ruth, born about 1923, and Cresence, born about 1926. Horace, a minister, was born in Nevada, Indiana on April 13, 1866 and died in Spring Lake on November 7, 1949. Verona died in Spring Lake on March 11, 1960. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Gertrude Otley Mersbach [1898-1998] and Clarence Milward Mersbach [1895-1966]**

The daughter of Benjamin and Clara Otley of Chicago, Gertrude was born on October 30, 1898. Benjamin was the brother of Thomas Otley I, well-known summer resident and tennis enthusiast in Highland Park. On October 21, 1922, Gertrude married Clarence Mersbach in Chicago. After her husband's death on June 29, 1966, Gertrude became a year-round resident of Highland Park in a cottage was located at 60 Poplar Ridge. She was born on October 3, 1898 in Chicago and died in Grand Haven on March 15, 1998. Both she and Clarence were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clarence was born in Chicago on March 30, 1895.

### **Robert B. Mersereau [1929-2005]**

Robert Mersereau married Muriel Jacobson in Grand Haven on June 13, 1953. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 14, 1929, the son of Robert M. and Josephine Mersereau. Bob resided in Dowagiac before moving to Grand Haven. He received Bachelor and Master Degrees in Business from the University of Michigan and served as an auditor with the United States Air Force. He later was employed by Seidman & Seidman, Old Kent Bank, and Union Bank in Grand Rapids. Bob was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and volunteered for a number of organizations, including Tri-Cities Historical Museum, Wedgwood Christian Services, and Boy Scouts. He was a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity, University of Michigan Club of Grand Rapids, Round Table, and Scottish Rite. Muriel, the daughter of Alvin and Edna Jacobson, was born in Grand Haven on April 25, 1929. The Mersereaus' children were Robert of Grand Haven; Mary, who married Ernie Adler and moved to Midland; and Elizabeth, who married Tim Griffin and settled in Grand Rapids. Bob died in Reno, Nevada on March 24, 2005. Muriel passed away in Grand Haven on December 6, 2021. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 28, 2005 and December 8, 2021.]

### **Bannister A. Merwin [1916-1971]**

Bannister, a Michigan native, was born on May 19, 1916, the son of Clyde and Mildred Blow Merwin. Bannister spent most of his early years in Mayville, Tuscola County, and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1941. He came from a musical family and could play a variety of instruments. In 1944 he became band director at Grand Haven High School, replacing Everett Kisenger. During his third year as director of music, Bannister organized the first Band Parents Organization and along with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Terrill bought the first set of band uniforms for the students. The Grand Haven High School yearbook for 1968 was dedicated to Merwin. On November 19, 1941 in Dearborn, he married Esther May Clark. The daughter of Jesse and Mary Gorsline Clark of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, she was born on August 19, 1919. The Bannisters lived at 212 Sherman and later at 120 Prospect. They had a son, David, who moved to Muskegon. Bannister in 1970 married Jean Liakowski Minuth. After 26 years in Grand Haven, he moved to Mattawan to teach music. He died in a school accident on May 5, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Esther, who continued residing at 120 Prospect, died in Grand Haven on December 7, 2009. Jean was born on May 3, 1919 and died in Henrico, Virginia on March 26, 1999. [*Tribune* obituary, December 10, 2009.]

### **Johannes "John" Merz [1838-1891]**

John Merz and his wife ran a 70-acre farm in Section 19 of Crockery Township. John, who was born in 1838 in Wurttemberg, Germany, died on July 21, 1891. He crossed the Atlantic aboard the *New York* and arrived in New York City on June 5, 1865. He married Caroline Henley in Grand Rapids on August 18, 1868. Caroline was born in Germany in November 1842. She continued to operate the farm after her husband's death. Three of their children were born in Grand Haven: Anton J. on November 21, 1869; Caroline C. on March 2, 1871; and Louis in July 1872. The last four were born in Crockery Township: John on June 22, 1874; Charles on April 16, 1880; William on April 1, 1882; and Mary Agnes, who was born on December 24, 1884 and married Frederick Zellar. The oldest daughter, Delia, was born on April 17, 1864 in Wurttemberg, indicating that the vows John and Caroline exchanged in Grand Rapids may have been a reaffirmation, or John may have been previously married. Delia married Peter Brady on November 23, 1887 in Spring Lake. Some years later she and George Barden were married. Delia died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1936. Of the other Merz children, Anton died in Milwaukee on June 13, 1920; Clara married Charles H. Wiley in Grand Haven on June 16, 1895; Louis married Bibiana Weis on June 12, 1900 in Milwaukee. Charles drowned in Bruce Bayou, Spring Lake, on April 24, 1897.

#### **John Merz [1874-1963]**

John, the son of Johannes and Caroline Henley Merz, was born in Crockery Township on June 22, 1874. On June 20, 1900 he married Elizabeth Schneider, who was born in Milwaukee on August 10, 1880. She died in Milwaukee on March 17, 1911. Their daughter Elizabeth married Claude Voss of Spring Lake. On February 18, 1922 John married Margaret Garga in Milwaukee. She was born in Austria-Hungary on April 11, 1880. In 1930 John was a molder in a Milwaukee steel company. He died on November 7, 1963 in Spring Lake and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret passed away in Spring Lake on June 2, 1960.

#### **Lloyd Merz [1912-1986]**

Lloyd, the son of William and Della Martin Merz of Crockery Township, opened Lloyd's Welding at 901 West Savidge in 1962. He specialized in production welding. On October 29, 1938 he married Viola Mae Watson in Spring Lake. She lived from February 16, 1920 to January 9, 1940 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Carl married Geraldine Pierce in Spring Lake on August 29, 1941. Carl was born on August 8, 1912 and died in Spring Lake on July 23, 1986. Geraldine lived from 1913 to 1976. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Wilfred J. Merz [1915-1985]**

Wilfred was born in Crockery Township on October 12, 1915, the son of William and Della Merz, who owned a farm on the banks of the Grand River. Wilfred married Ruth M. Chittenden on August 10, 1937 in Spring Lake. Wilfred retired from his job as equipment operator at AP Parts in 1973. He served on the Spring Lake School Board for nine years ending in 1968, and he served as president of the Ottawa Trailblazers Chapter 45. He also belonged to the Nortonville Gospel Chapel. He and Ruth had three sons: Roger, who lived in Boca Raton, Florida; and Wayne and Bruce, both of whom lived in Grand Haven. Wilfred died in Grand Haven on January 7, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ruth lived from September 15, 1918 to January 22, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, January 9, 1985.]

#### **William Merz [1882-1952]**

William, the son of Johannes and Caroline Henley Merz, was born in Crockery Township on April 1, 1882. On March 21, 1906, in Grand Haven, he married Idella "Della," the daughter of Hiram and Emma Deremo Martin. Della was born on March 18, 1883 in Spring Lake. She and William owned a 53-acre farm in Sections 30 and 31 of Crockery Township, bordering the north banks of the Grand River. Della passed away on September 21, 1931, and William died in June 1952. They had six children, including Lloyd, who was born on August 8, 1912, and Wilfred, who was born on October 12, 1915.

#### **Merritt Chester Messinger [1834-1904]**

A native of Vermont, where he was born on September 19, 1834, Merritt Messinger came to Spring Lake in 1855 to work in the sawmills. From 1869 on he was a saw filer, and he was employed by the Monroe, Boyce, & Company Mill in Spring Lake in 1873. In 1860 he married Mary Jane “Jennie” Barge, who was born in Ohio in 1845. Their children, all natives of Michigan, were May M., born about 1861; George, born about 1862; and Hattie, born about 1865. Merritt died in Chicago on January 31, 1904. Jennie died in 1903.

#### **Ormond W. Messinger [1838-1898]**

A native of Hartland, Vermont, where he was born on August 18, 1838, Ormond Messinger arrived in Spring Lake in 1854. He worked for a short time in Natchez, Mississippi in 1870, but otherwise spent his adult life in Spring Lake, first working in the sawmills and then, in 1868, working in a drug store as a silent partner with Henry W. Cleveland at 107 South Division Street, later the site of the Bilz home. Eventually Ormond bought out Cleveland’s share, moved the business to a building on Savidge, and took on William Hummer as a partner. In 1875 he sold out to his partner and opened a furniture store at the corner of State and Jackson Streets. Two years later he sold his furniture inventory to Henry Cliff and the building to Stephan Bingham, and at the same time, with the help of a Mr. Jones, he bought out William Hummer and moved the business to 208 West Savidge Street, where he operated a stationery and drug store business. Jones died, leaving Ormond as sole owner and operator of the business.

Ormond married Cynthia Frances Reed on April 1, 1862. She died three years later, leaving him with one child. The next year Ormond married Julia R. Reed, Cynthia’s sister. Julia was born in Ohio in April 1847. Ormond had nine children. One of his daughters, Edith, was born in 1865 and married Charles Wilde of Spring Lake; Cynthia was her mother. Julia was the mother of his other children. Ormond served on the Village Council for several terms. He died on July 16, 1898. Following his death, Ormond’s two sons, Garry and Clifford, ran the drug store for a few years before selling to Felix Perl in 1905. Garry was born in January 1875 and Clifford in September 1883.

#### **Garry Lee Mesler [1938-2019]**

Born in Saginaw on March 3, 1938, Garry Mesler earned a Master Degree in Industrial Engineering before being commissioned as second lieutenant in the United States Army. After his discharge from the Army in 1969, he taught Industrial Engineering at Central Michigan University for 33 years. He married Jean Fisher in Mt. Pleasant on November 22, 1972. The daughter of Nelson and Anne Fisher Glerum, she was born in Grand Haven on October 9, 1939, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1957, and worked as a media assistant in the Grand Haven Public Schools. Their children were Kimberly, who married Richard Foote; Kevin; William, John, and Elizabeth, who married Paul Sidaway. Garry and Jean lived at 13333 Ravine Drive in Grand Haven. Garry died on September 21, 2019.

#### **Frank Albert Meyer [1913-1972]**

Frank Meyer was born in Portage, Kalamazoo County on August 16, 1913. After receiving his bachelor degree from Western Michigan College [WMU] in 1935 he earned a master degree from the University of Michigan. He began teaching at Grand Haven Junior High School in 1936. He served as alderman on the Grand Haven City Council from 1943 to 1946. In 1955 he was awarded a Fellowship from the Ford Foundation and from 1955 to 1972 he worked for Representative Gerald R. Ford in Washington, D.C.

Frank on June 17, 1942 married Bertha Ronda in Grand Haven. She was born in Grand Haven on December 5, 1915. The couple resided at 501 South Seventh Street. Frank died on August 5, 1972 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Bertha lived from November 23, 1912 to December 17, 1998. She passed away while residing in Jenison and also was buried at Lake Forest. Their children were Thomas J. Meyer, who was born about 1945 and moved to Colorado; James E. Meyer, who was born about 1947 and relocated to Arizona; Barbara Meyer, who was born about 1948, married Gary Miller, and moved to Franksville, Wisconsin; and John Meyer, who was born in February 1950.

### **Harold Oden Meyer I [1918-2004]**

Harold Meyer was born in North Freedom, Wisconsin on October 5, 1918. His mother died when he was three years old. Harold then lived with his father in Fort Wayne, Indiana for a while before residing in an orphanage for eight years. He finished high school in Wisconsin while living with relatives. During a visit to Muskegon to visit his father, who worked at the Occidental Hotel, Harold was convinced to remain and found work at the Shaw Box Crane Company, where he was employed for the next two years. He attended Muskegon School of Business, and in 1940 purchased a half interest in General Supply Company, a plumbing, glass, and paint store in Muskegon. On August 14 the same year he married Evelyn Gertrude Grosa, who had graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1937 and taught school in Muskegon. In 1942 Harold bought out his partner and changed the business name to General Plumbing Supply Company. His son, Harold II, eventually took over the business. The younger Harold, who lived from 1944 to 2013, resided in Fruitport with his wife Sherrill Lea Gettings Meyer. Sherrill was born in 1945 and died in 2022.

In 1970 Harold and Evelyn invested in the Bil-Mar Supper Club in Grand Haven. He soon took over management of the business, bought out his partner, and purchased the real estate. Their younger son, Howard, bought Bil-Mar in 1979 and continued to operate it until selling to Noto's of Grand Rapids. Howard and his wife Sharron were residents of Grand Haven, where Howard was mayor from 1990 to 1993. He was born on March 10, 1946. Harold was active in many civic and social organizations in Muskegon and Grand Haven, including the Chambers of Commerce in each community. Evelyn, the daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Grosa, was born in Adams Basin, New York on June 16, 1916. She died on February 17, 2004, and Harold passed away in Grand Haven on August 8, 2004. [*Chronicle* obituaries, February 19, 2004 and August 19, 2004]

### **Henry D. Meyer [1866-1904]**

Henry Meyer was born in Europe on September 11, 1866 and came to Grand Haven as a youth. After sailing on the Great Lakes for two years, he opened a shoe business on Washington Street with a Mr. Lefebre in 1887. Four years later he bought out his partner, and then he moved into a newly constructed building at 109-111 Seventh Street with his new partner, Edward W. F. Moll. The store's name was Meyer & Moll for a while, but later it became known as People's Mercantile Company, Limited. Henry and his wife Nettie had a daughter Willette who married Albert Gale. Henry was an Elder of the Second Reformed Church and a member of the Woodman's Lodge. He passed away on May 19, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1904.]

### **Lawrence Valentine Meyering [1907-1993]**

Camfield Manufacturing opened in Grand Haven in the early 1940s under the management of Russell W. Camfield, Robert H. Lillyblad, and Lawrence V. Meyering. The plant first was located at 718 North Seventh before moving to 1301 Fulton in the mid-1940s. In 1954 Camfield Fiber Glass Plastics, Inc. started business at the same address with Lawrence as president. Born on April 27, 1907, Lawrence earned a law degree. He married Gervaise E. McEldowney, who was born in Chicago on March 27, 1908. She and Lawrence were divorced in Ottawa County on October 15, 1953. Gervaise passed away in Cocoa Beach, Florida on July 31, 1991. On November 24, 1953, Lawrence married Mary Esther Boer McCluney in Chicago. The daughter of Henry J. and Hannah Boer, she was born in Grand Haven on September 9, 1919. On February 11, 1952 she married John Henry McCluney III [1919-2002] in Maine. Lawrence died in Comstock Park, Kent County, on October 9, 1993. Mary passed away on June 24, 2002 in Wayne County.

### **Isaac C. Meyers [1836-1894]**

See Isaac C. Myers.

### **Lawrence Sylvester Michele [1900-1972]**

Lawrence Michele, who worked as a pipe layer for the City of Grand Haven in 1930, was born in Illinois on December 21, 1900 and served as private with the U.S. Army during WWI. On November 16, 1929, he

married Madge Chambers in Grand Haven. After their divorce in Grand Haven on August 24, 1939, Lawrence moved to Los Angeles, California. He passed away in Wood, Wisconsin in November 1972. Madge was born in Michigan on August 3, 1899 and died in Grand Haven in December 1966. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least one child, William Chambers Michele, who was born on November 19, 1930.

### **William Chambers Michele [1930-2000]**

Not long after his birth on November 19, 1930, William's parents, Lawrence H. and Madge Chambers Michele, moved to 600 Lake Avenue. William lived there his entire life, and after his death on November 15, 2000, his widow, Delores [Deloris] Bengston Michele, continued to occupy the residence until her death on November 17, 2020. The house was soon sold, razed, and a new one built in its place. Delores was born in Muskegon on October 25, 1934. William's occupation was listed as scheduler coordinator.

### **Helen Stender Michener [1877-1952]**

See Helen Stender Michener Gerber.

### **Robert "Rob" Eugene Michmerhuizen II [1942-2017]**

Born in Grand Rapids on July 28, 1942, Rob was the son of Robert Eugene [1915-1965] and Eleanor Jeanette Wilcox [1915-2006] Michmerhuizen. Rob graduated from Layton School of Art and in 1964 from Marquette University, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Art Degree. After completing his active military duty, Rob moved to Grand Haven. He was a founding member of the Gallery Uptown, and in 1966 he opened The Gallery at 7 North Seventh Street, where his father, Dr. Robert E. Michmerhuizen I, had an office until his death on July 17, 1965. Rob sponsored monthly art exhibits, tutored hundreds of would-be students, and sold art supplies at his gallery until 1978, when The Gallery closed. In 1973 his painting "Thoughts for Our Time" won a grand prize by Union Bank. The painting was printed in full-color in *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines. It was one of many awards he earned at a variety of venues, including Grand Valley State College, Hackley Art Gallery [now Muskegon Museum of Art], Muskegon Woman's Club, and the University of Michigan. His painting of a Thunderbird Air Force fighter jet was presented to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The stippled effect he used in many of his paintings was a way, he said, to "soften a painting. I arrived at this way when I watered down the acrylic paint, dipped the brush in it, and spattered the painting. The new stuff I've been doing is real soft and colorful with lots of spatters." He added, "It's going to be fun or I'm not going to do it."

In response to John Allen's review of the 1989 Lakeland Painters Fall Show, Rob wrote, "[F]antasy abounds in the history of visual art, and rightfully so. It has existed in antiquity, through Surrealism, and down to the present day. It, of course, includes 'amateur painters,' even prominent ones, such as . . . Henri Rousseau."

Rob was also a poet. One of his poems, "Had We Been Coyotes," took first place in Grand Haven's 2001 Winterfest contest.

At various times, Rob resided at 301 Sherman Avenue and 520 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven and at 17027 Laura Avenue in Spring Lake. He and his wife Linda had one son, Jesse Shores Michmerhuizen, who was born on January 30, 1978 and lived in Libertyville, Illinois. Linda was born on December 28, 1945. Rob passed away in Muskegon on February 20, 2017. [*Tribune* obituary, February 22, 2017.]

### **Benjamin John Middag [1889-1934]**

Benjamin, the son of John and Mary Middag was born in Grand Haven on January 10, 1889. He married Hermine "Minnie" Sophia Reimer in Grand Haven on October 3, 1908. She was born in 1884 in Michigan. In the mid-1910s, Benjamin was a barber at Bert Hornstra's shop at 113 Washington. Benjamin and Minnie then lived at 821 Franklin Street. In the mid-1920s, Benjamin owned and operated Middag's Barber & Beauty Shoppe at 17 North Seventh Street. He and Minnie resided at 309 Madison Street.



Benjamin died of angina pectoris on March 2, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On August 23, 1941, Minnie married Perry Abner Fisher in Grand Haven. She died in 1955 and also was buried at Lake Forest, as was Perry, who lived from August 22, 1885 to October 10, 1976.

### **Berend Middag [1838-1919]**

Berend was born in Kulenborg, The Netherlands on May 4, 1838, the son of Jan Joost and Engeltje Vander Pleat Middag. Berend married Gertrude, the daughter of Martinus Cornelius and Maria [Margjie] De Bruin [De Bruyn] Van Doorne of Grand Haven. By the early 1890s they owned a 60-acre farm in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township [14394 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. Berend died on August 6, 1919. Gertrude was born in Beest, The Netherlands, on July 12, 1833 and died in Grand Haven on August 19, 1908. She and Berend were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least three children who were born in The Netherlands and immigrated with them to the United States in 1884: John, born in December 1864; Martin, born in May 1866; and Engellien, who was born in Kulenborg, The Netherlands on April 7, 1869, married John Hendrick Spielberg, and died June 7, 1962. The Spielbergs resided in Kalamazoo, where John was a celery farmer. He was born in The Netherlands on May 28, 1860 and passed away in Kalamazoo on September 6, 1920. The Spielbergs' daughter, Gertrude, was born in Grand Haven on July 30, 1890. She married James Vegter of Kansas and died in San Bernardino County, California on May 5, 1953. John Middag's wife, Maria, was born in The Netherlands in June 1868. John, a gardener, resided on Franklin Street with Maria and their four children.

### **Agnes Middlemist [Middlemast] [1838-1899]**

See Agnes Middlemist McFadzen.

### **Henry Middlemist [Middlemast] [1811-1873]**

Following the unsuccessful Mackenzie Rebellion in Canada, Henry Middlemist in 1838 came to Grand Haven by way of Buffalo, New York, with his wife, Dorothy Dods and their daughter Agnes. Both of them were born in Berwickshire, Scotland, he on October 22, 1811 and she two years later. Shortly after their arrival, Jabez Barber hired Henry to manage the Barber Boarding House on the northeast corner of Barber and Cutler Streets in Spring Lake, which provided housing and meals for mill workers. In the early 1850s Henry purchased the Washington House at 12 Washington in Grand Haven from Chase Edgerly and Charles Osgood. After he sold the hotel the next year to Clark Albee, Henry bought the Barber Boarding House and renamed it the MiddleMist Hotel. In Grand Haven the Middlemists' home was on Franklin Street. The Middlemists also raised fruit. Henry continued to run the hotel until at least December 1865, but he died in Detroit on June 5, 1873. Dorothy passed away in Port Huron on November 23, 1910. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Agnes, who was born on April 24, 1838, and Sarah, who was born in Spring Lake on July 4, 1840, were two of their five children. Sarah married William Henry Drake of Spring Lake and Chicago. They also had three sons: Joseph, who was born about 1842 and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota; John, born about 1845; and William, who was born about 1848 and also relocated to Minneapolis. John served with the Michigan 13<sup>th</sup> Light Artillery during the Civil War. He enlisted as private in Detroit on November 10, 1863 and was mustered out in Jackson on July 1, 1865. By 1870 John was living in Chicago. On June 18, 1867, Agnes married John McFadzean [1838-1891] of Mill Point [Spring Lake]. They moved to Jackson, Jackson County, where Agnes passed away on May 13 1899.

### **Sarah Middlemist [Middlemast] [1840-1898]**

See William Henry Drake.

### **Jan [John] Mieras [1848-1919]**

Jan, the son of Willem and Maatje Paauwe Mieras II, was born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, on February 5, 1848. He married Anna Maria Noels of Grand Haven about 1870, two years after immigrating to America. The daughter of Jan and Janna Sijnke Noels, Anna was born in Zeeland, The Netherlands on November 18, 1852 and came to the United States with her sister Francina in 1869. Jan became a

commercial fisherman in Grand Haven and worked for the Dornbos Fisheries. After her husband's death on February 14, 1919, Anna moved to Chicago to live with her daughter, Mrs. George Faulkner. Anna died there on March 25, 1922 but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their children were Jennie, who was born around 1872 and died about 1930; Margaret, who was born about 1875 and died about 1933; William, who was born on November 19, 1880 and died on September 17, 1939; John E., who was born on August 18, 1883; Pieterella "Nellie," who lived from May 25, 1889 to January 14, 1970; Cornelius, who lived from September 1, 1891 to July 19, 1967; and Edward, who was born April 7, 1894 and died on January 15, 1974. Jennie, Margaret, and Pieterella married and moved to Chicago.

#### **John E. Mieras [1883-1964]**

The son of Jan and Anna Noels Mieras, John E. was born in Grand Haven on August 18., 1883. He married Ella Osterberg in Chicago on October 9, 1920. Ella was born in Sweden on September 18, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on February 15, 1967. John, like his father, was a commercial fisherman for more than 50 years, and he also worked for 13 years for Ottawa Steel Products. He died in Grand Haven on March 25, 1964. He and Ella were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had three children. The first, Winifred, was born in Grand Haven in 1921 and married Don Badcon of Grand Haven; she worked at Dake Engine for 36 years. A son, Warren, was born in Grand Haven in 1923 and died there at the age of 16. A third child, Raymond Gabriel Mieras, was born on February 23, 1928.

#### **John William Mieras [1879-1960]**

A native of Grand Haven, John Mieras was born on January 10, 1879 and had a dental practice from 1901 to 1954, first at 214 Washington and later on the second floor at 300 Washington, above Peoples Bank [Bank One]. John was the son of William and Katie Mieras, both natives of The Netherlands. William, a grocer in Grand Haven, was born about 1852 and Katie approximately six years later. Although John never married, he had two foster children. In the early 1900s he lived in the family home at 216 Franklin. Later he resided at 1035 Washington. John attended the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club for 58 years, and he also joined the Rotary Club, Elks, and Eagles. He died on April 16, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Raymond Gabriel Mieras [1928-2021]**

Raymond, the son of John E. and Ella Osterberg Mieras, was born on February 23, 1928. He served with the U.S. Army between 1950 and 1952, during the Korean War. On October 23, 1953 in Grand Haven, Ray married Janet, the daughter of Joseph E. and Dorothy Feurer Blaney. Janet, who was born in Tiffin, Ohio on May 29, 1931, passed away in Grand Haven on September 15, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She worked as personnel officer at People's Bank & Trust [BankOne] and eventually was named head of the Human Relations Department. Ray worked for the Grand Haven Police Department for 29 years, retiring with the rank of sergeant. He also was part owner of Wash King Laundromat in Spring Lake and the Whippi-Dip in Silver Lake. He attended the United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven, and he was a member of VFW Post 2326 and American Legion Post 28 for more than 60 years.

Ray and Janet resided at 107 Poplar Ridge in Highland Park. They had two daughters: Kim Mieras, who was born in June 1958 and married John Zevalkink, and Mary Lynn Mieras, who was born on March 11 four years later and died on August 28, 1982. Ray married Linda Bakale Schroeder, widow of Wallace Schroeder, on December 20, 2004. They continued to occupy the home on Poplar Ridge. Ray passed away on September 4, 2021 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 8, 2021.]

#### **William Mieras [1852-1911]**

Born in Zeeland, The Netherlands in 1852, William Mieras was two years old when he came to America with his parents, Jan and Lentje "Lucy" Rosendal Mieras. In his youth he was employed at the George W.

Miller Hardware store in downtown Grand Haven for six years. By 1880 he owned a grocery business with Gerrit Gringhuis and soon added a bakery business with John D. Duursema, his half-brother, and formed the firm of Mieras & Duursema, located at 136 Washington. In the 1893 *Compendium* William advertised his real estate and loan business, offering “Desirable Property in Farms and City Lots.” He also was involved in the insurance business before his death on April 8, 1911. He and his wife Katie [Kate] lived at 216 Franklin. Katie was born in Michigan around 1858. They were married on November 6, 1878 and had one son, Dr. John William Mieras, a Grand Haven dentist. William and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 8, 1911.]

#### **William Mieras [1880-1939]**

William, the son of Jan and Anna Noels Mieras, was born in Grand Haven on November 19, 1880, and died September 18, 1939. He was a commercial fisherman, then a porter and baggage man at the Grand Trunk Depot, an employee of the Piano Factory, and ended his working life as custodian at the City Hall. He and his wife, Etta Veltman, lived at 425 North Sixth in Grand Haven. Etta was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1882 and died in Chicago on July 21, 1966. William served in the military during WWI. Both William and Etta were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were John, born on February 28, 1903; Jeanette, born on October 7, 1907; Anna, who was born on October 3, 1909, married Clarence Borgman on May 27, 1937, and died on January 25, 2011. Henry, born on October 24, 1915; and Charles, born on March 20, 1918. [*Tribune* obituary, January 27, 2011.]

#### **Wencel A. Milanowski [1907-1975]**

In January 1953 Ajax Tool and Die of Muskegon moved to Grand Haven and occupied the former Wolverine Table Company building at 803 Taylor Avenue. Wencel Milanowski was one of the firm’s officers. In 1962 the company changed its name to Automatic Spring Products Corp. Wencel was born in Grand Rapids on January 27, 1907 and married Marguerite Crandall in Grand Rapids on August 10, 1935. She lived from May 20, 1910 to May 16, 2001. Wencel passed away in Grand Rapids on October 16, 1975. They were buried at Lakewood Cemetery in Holland.

#### **James E. Milas [1934-2018]**

James Milas, who served as an officer with the U.S. Marines in the late 1950s, was general manager of Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg from the mid-1960s and into the early 1970s. A graduate of Notre Dame University and the University of Chicago, Jim was a registered Civil and Mining Engineer. He was born in Chicago on October 25, 1934. On June 10, 1957 he married Rita Celeste Andreas in Chicago. She was born on May 22, 1937. Jim was a member of the American Legion, Grand Haven and Spring Lake Rotary Clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, the Spring Lake School Board, and the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority. The Milas family resided at 522 East River Street in Spring Lake. Jim passed away on October 11, 2018 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had five children.

#### **Francis M. Miles [1839-1909]**

Born on October 25, 1839, Francis Miles was a resident of Jackson County, when he enlisted as private in Company E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry on August 14, 1862. He was attached to the 9<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry on January 31, 1864 but returned to his original outfit on May 30 the same year. Miles was mustered out on May 22, 1865. Sometime after 1872 Francis and his family moved from Jackson County to Section 4 of Olive Township, where they maintained a 43-acre farm. Francis died on July 1, 1909 and was buried at Olive Cemetery. Two weeks later, on July 16, his widow, Emergene Hayward Miles, applied for a widow’s Civil War pension. Emergene was born around 1847 in Michigan. Ira Miles, born on April 15, 1869, was their son. A daughter, Ada, was born in Jackson County on September 7, 1872 and died in Olive Township at the age of five years and nine months. Their other children, all native of Michigan, were Francis A., born in 1872; Lewis W., born in 1874; and Elizabeth J., born in 1877.

#### **Frederick T. Miles I [1877-1975]**

Fred Miles was a circuit court judge in Ottawa County. His parents, born between 1844 and 1848, were Michigan natives who settled in the Port Sheldon area. After some family hardships, Fred was able to finish his school at age 21 and receive a teaching certificate. His first class was in Allendale, where he taught in 1898 at a salary of \$20 a month. Two years later he began teaching at Smith School, at the corner of Van Buren Street and Butternut Drive, where he had attended school as a youngster. While teaching, Fred studied law and, after passing his bar examination, was able to open his practice in 1905.

On November 26, 1908, Fred married Dena D. Alverson. They had two sons, Frederick II, born on February 7, 1911, and Wendell Alverson, who was born in 1916 and became U.S. district judge for West Michigan. Dena was born on May 24, 1881 and died in Holland on March 25, 1974. Fred was born in Ottawa County on April 8, 1877. He died about December 29, 1975. He and Dena were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

#### **Frederick T. Miles II [1911-1989]**

Frederick Miles II was born in Holland, Michigan, to Fred T. and Dena Alverson Miles on February 7, 1911. He married Marie Ann Robinson on May 20, 1932 in Kalamazoo. She was born in Holly, Oakland County on March 29, 1913 and died on September 7, 1983. She was a teacher in the Grand Haven school system. Frederick came to Grand Haven from Coopersville in 1948 and maintained a private law practice with offices in Saugatuck and Coopersville. The year before he had been named Ottawa County probate court judge, a post he held for 28 years. The Mileses had four sons: Frederick W. of Pentwater; Duane L. of Grand Haven; Wendell J. of Rockford; and Stephen R. of Middletown, California. Frederick also served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963. He died in Grand Haven on August 23, 1989 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, as was Marie Ann.

#### **Ira J. Miles [1869-1912]**

The son of Francis and Emergene Miles, Ira was born in Olive Township on April 5, 1869. He married Georgia Albert Baker, who was born on August 8, 1875 in Indiana. Her parents were Alfred and Rebecca Bowers Baker. The Mileses' children were Alva Hyacinth, who lived from December 3, 1900 to May 6, 1959; Francis Irwin, who was born on September 10 [August 1], 1910 and died four years later on July 6; and Hazel Rebecca, who was born on May 4, 1912. The family lived on a 20-acre farm in Section 4, not far from Ira's father's place. Ira died on May 28, 1912, and his wife passed away on November 13, 1930. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery with their children.

#### **Otis M. Miles [1865-1953]**

Otis Miles married Mary Fischer in St. Joseph on June 7, 1893. The same year, he was listed in the *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as principal of the Ferrysburg public school. Born in 1865, he died in 1953 and was buried at Sheldon Cemetery in Wayne County. Mary was born in 1870, died on December 30, 1928, and was buried at the same cemetery.

#### **William Henry Millard [1838-1909]**

Born in England in September 1838, W. Henry Millard spent some time in Canada before coming to Spring Lake in 1863. In 1865 he purchased the Perkins building at 215 West Exchange Street and opened a meat market. In 1877 he went into partnership with Evert De Vries and the business continued under the name of DeVries & Company. Henry married Sarah Dennison [Denison], sister of lumberman Thomas D. Dennison, in 1867. She lived from February 1844 to 1919. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Millie was born in February 1869 and married John B. Pruim of Spring Lake.

#### **Albert Matthew Miller [1891-1973]**

Born in Grand Rapids on December 11, 1891 [1889], the son of John and Catherine Betts Miller, Albert attended public schools in that area and in 1905 established a dairy known as "The Square Deal Milk Company." After selling his business and moving to Grand Haven, in 1929 he purchased the Grand Haven Sanitary Dairy from Thomas Ryder. The dairy sold milk, ice cream, and cottage cheese, both retail and

wholesale. The dairy was located at 420 Fulton Street, north of the Community Center, and later moved to 623 Washington. It also was known as Miller's Dairy. About 1913 Albert married Agnes Alkema of Grand Haven, who was born in Michigan around 1890. In 1930 Albert and Agnes were living with Agnes's brother, Norman Alkema, at 406 South Fourth Street. In the 1950s and into the 1970s Albert and his wife lived at 224 [221] Dixie in Spring Lake, where Albert died on August 30, 1973. At that time, Albert's wife was Ella, who was born on May 2, 1902 and passed away in Spring Lake on August 27, 1981, still residing on Dixie.

#### **Charles Miller [1858- ?]**

In 1880 Charles Miller was a farmer in Spring Lake Township. Born in Tennessee about 1858 [1856], Charles was the son of Jeremiah "Jerry" and Kate Miller of Grand Haven. Charles's wife, Mary A., was born in Michigan about 1861. Charles was classified as Black in the 1880 census and Mary as Mulatto. They were not found in the area after 1880.

#### **Charles Edwin Miller [1908-1996]**

In the 1940s Charles Miller managed the Grand Haven Farm Bureau, located where the Bookman later did business [715 Washington], and sold a complete line of grain, seed, and farm equipment. In the mid-1960s he renamed the business Miller's Mart. It closed a few years later. Charles was born on April 25, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on June 4, 1996. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and his wife Ernestine resided at 507 River in Spring Lake in the late 1940s and at 336 De Witt in their later years.

#### **Daniel F. Miller [1843-1902]**

The son of Captain Henry "Harry" and Elizabeth Realy Miller, Daniel was born in Eastmanville in November 1843 and became captain of a Great Lakes schooner. He also operated the tow barge *Mary Boice*. On November 13, 1883, the steam barge *H. C. Akeley* foundered off the shores of Saugatuck, carrying a load of grain from Chicago to Buffalo. David was master of the schooner *Driver*, Daniel was mate, and Patrick Daley was crewman. The trio was able to save all but six of the crew on the *Akeley* despite heavy seas. For their heroic actions, David received a silver medal for "distinguished service in saving lives," and Daniel and Patrick were given gold medals for the same service.

On May 14, 1872 Daniel married Martha "Patty" J. Kirkland, who was born in October 1850 in England. She was the daughter of George F. and Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven. The couple resided on Second Street in Grand Haven in 1880. Daniel was born died in Grand Haven in 1902. George Miller of Grand Haven was another of Daniel's brothers.

#### **David Fredrick Miller [1843-1902]**

Born in Michigan in 1843, David Miller was appointed First Assistant when the Grand Haven Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1863. He also was a salon keeper. He and his wife Helen resided at 122 Franklin. David died on August 27, 1902. His father, John, who lived from 1816 to 1901, and his mother, Laura, who was born in 1822 and died in 1901, were both buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **David G. Miller [1837-1890]**

David Miller was born in Detroit on March 1, 1837, the son of Captain Henry "Harry" and Elizabeth Realy Miller. Around 1840 the family moved to Eastmanville and a few years later to Spring Lake. David started sailing with his father in 1850. He had three brothers: Captain Daniel, who operated the tow barge *Mary Boice*; George, a Grand Haven hardware merchant; and John, who moved to Montague. David spent most of his life in Grand Haven, except for nine years in Oregon. Apparently he also lived in California for a while. On September 30, 1861, while in Volcano, California, David enlisted in Company D of the Fourth California Cavalry. He married Jennie Apsey of Grand Haven on June 6, 1874. She was born in England about 1850. David's and Jennie's only child died young.

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#### **Edith M. Miller [1854-1928]**

Born in Ontario, Canada on December 22, 1854, Edith Miller was in charge of the public school in Nortonville, about three miles up the Grand River from Spring Lake. In 1882 she had 65 children in her classes. She immigrated to the United States in 1867. In 1870 Edith was residing in Chester Township with her parents, Henry and Mary Miller, along with a brother, Monroe, and a sister, Martha. After becoming blind, Edith continued to participate in local activities and was one of the first in the area to own a radio. On March 29, 1884 she married George Wesley Truax I, who was born in 1853, also in Ontario, and died in Illinois in 1900. By 1900 Edith was living in Harvey, Illinois as a widow. Residing with her was a son, George Wesley II, who was born in Spring Lake on September 5, 1888. Edith was residing with George II and his wife in Harvey, Illinois in 1920. She died there on September 25, 1928 and was buried at Washington Memory Gardens in Homewood, Illinois with her husband.

#### **Elmer L. Miller [1915-1990]**

A Grand Haven native, Elmer Miller was born on July 7, 1915. By 1948 he owned Miller’s Friendly Nie Service Station at 1452 Washington. Later he worked as a stringer at Story & Clark. Elmer died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1990. He and his wife, Marie O., resided at 1533 Pennoyer. Marie was deputy treasurer for Ottawa County. She lived from November 30, 1918 to April 30, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **George W. Miller [1844-1909]**

Born in Eastmanville in December 1844 [1845], George was the son of Captain Henry “Harry” and Elizabeth Realy Miller. David Miller, also a captain, was George’s brother. For three years, beginning in 1866, George was a partner with George E. Hubbard, a pioneer Grand Haven hardware merchant. In 1869, George and his brother-in-law, John Stark, opened a hardware store on Washington Street [approximately 200-202]. Among the products he carried were wood-burning stoves, notably the Crown Jewel brand, and ship supplies. George raised celery and was a leader in the Presbyterian Church. In 1891 George formed a partnership with Andrew J. Emlaw and operated the area’s first electric light plant in a building on the southwest corner of Water Street [Harbor Drive] and Clinton. George’s wife, Ellen “Nellie” Morse, was the sister of Sarah Morse, who married John Stark. In the 1908 *Directory*, George was listed as a farmer and a resident of 520 Franklin Street, where he and Ellen had lived for many years. He died on May 28, 1909. Ellen lived from March 1847 [1848] to 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **Henry “Harry” Miller [Muller] I [1811-1876]**

Born in 1811 [1806] in Lubeck, Germany [Ireland], Harry Miller was known for selling “Osgood’s Chologogue,” a bottled remedy for the ague. Its contents were not recorded, but it was reported to be effective and worth the \$1.50 it cost. From 1818 to 1832 he sailed the ocean. While in Detroit in the mid-1830s he married Elizabeth Realy. By 1837 they were living in Eastmanville. That was the year he and his future brother-in-law Daniel Realy obtained through preemption from the federal government 175 acres on the Grand River. Transfer of title actually took place on November 10, 1841. [Realy later sold this acreage and more to Ottawa County for \$6,000. The county used the land for a poor farm/infirmary]. The 1893 Conger and Potts *Compendium* related that William Shirley Hammond and Lucy Houghton were married at the Miller home on July 26, 1840. By 1850 Harry and his wife Elizabeth had moved from Eastmanville to Spring Lake. He was employed by Barber & Mason Sawmill as captain of the schooners *Commodore*

*Perry* and *Porcupine* [refitted after the War of 1812 as the *Caroline*], carrying cargoes of lumber out of Spring Lake. He also was skipper of the schooner *Caroline*, the brig *Enterprise*, and the screw-driven *Ottawa*, built by Ferry & Sons in Ferrysburg. Henry Griffin, an early settler, recalled that “Capt. Harry Miller, while sailing the brig *Manhattan*, came into our harbor in 1833. He says a miserable looking craft from Buffalo lay against the bank, in charge of a man named White. When asked how he dare come around the lakes in that thing, he replied, ‘Oh she is a better ship than Columbus had to cross the ocean in.’” [“Early Life in Grand Haven and Ottawa County,” *Tribune*, September 1891] Captain Miller was at the helm of the *St. Joseph* when that craft brought to Grand Haven 42 of Rix Robinson’s family in 1835. The captain ended his sailing career by purchasing the schooner *Ocean* and sailing her until his retirement in 1859. Harry was appointed lighthouse keeper in 1861 and served in that capacity until 1875. At that time, he and his family resided in Grand Haven. He often went by the nickname “Bluff.”

Captain Harry’s and Elizabeth’s children included Mary, who was born in Detroit on May 14, 1836 [1835]. Mary was married twice, first to George Osgood, who died in 1871, and then to Isaac Hull Sanford of Grand Haven. Harry’s and Elizabeth’s other children were David, born on March 1, 1837; Henry “Harry” II, who lived from September 14, 1838 to February 14, 1844 and was the first to be interred at Eastmanville Cemetery on Church Street; Daniel, born in November 1843; George W., a Grand Haven hardware merchant who was born in Eastmanville in December 1844; John, born in 1845; and James, who was born about 1848 and died on April 18, 1862. All their children were born in Michigan. Elizabeth died on April 6, 1858, at the age of 42 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Harry died in Spring Lake on May 11, 1876 and was buried next to Elizabeth, son James, and daughter Mary. [Harry’s wife’s name is given as Dorothea in the 1850 census.]

Harry married again before 1860. His second wife, Mary E. Daniels, also from Germany [New York], was born on May 14, 1836, died in 1916, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. According to historian David Seibold in *Grand Haven: In the Path of Destiny*, Mary acted as lighthouse keeper between 1872 and 1874 while her husband was ill [p. 305]. Officially, Harry was given credit for those years. Living with Harry and Mary in Spring Lake in 1860 were his sons John and James. Also residing in the Miller home was Sarah Miller, born about November 1859. Besides Sarah, Harry and Mary had a son, Harry II, born on May 1, 1861. The 1870 census for the Miller household included the young Harry. In 1880 Mary was back in Spring Lake. Living with her then were Sarah and another son, Edward Miller, who was born about July 1872 and became a sailor.

### **Harry Miller II [1861-1906]**

The son of Captain Harry and Mary Miller, Harry II was born on May 1, 1861. Harry II started a broom-making business in Spring Lake in the early 1890s and ran it until his death by apoplexy on April 10, 1906.

### **Jeremiah “Jerry” Miller [Muller] [1800- 1894]**

Jeremiah “Jerry” Miller appeared in Northwest Ottawa County for the first time in the 1870 census, when he was working as a laborer in the City of Grand Haven. He was born into slavery in Tennessee [Kentucky] in 1800 [1807, 1810], according to his death certificate. His wife Kate died in Grand Haven on June 12, 1867 at age 50. With Jerry in 1870 were Sarah Miller, born in Tennessee about 1853; Charles Miller, born in Tennessee about 1856 [1858]; Anna Miller, born in Michigan about 1864; and another Anna Miller, born in Michigan about 1866. Presumably they were his children, but relationships were not specified in the 1870 census. All of the Millers were classified as Mulattoes in that census. By 1880 Jerry was a farmer in Spring Lake Township. Living with him then were his son, William, born in Mississippi about 1863, and the younger Anna, who was part of the Miller household in 1870. The family in 1880 was listed as Black. In the same census, son Charles also was a farmer in Spring Lake Township.

The Grand Haven newspaper reported in the summer of 1894 that Jerry Miller was dying at his home in Grand Rapids. It also reported that he was born in Africa and that his wife and four children had been sold as slaves “down south.” [*Tribune*, August 14, 1894.] When he passed away on August 8, 1894, his age was

given as 94. His son William in October 1905 was arrested for resisting an officer. According to a newspaper report he had been gone many years and recently returned to Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* articles, October 16 and October 18, 1905.]

### **John A. Miller [1845-1905]**

John Miller became a marine engineer. On September 24, 1867 in Grand Rapids, he married Mary “Molly” Isabelle, the daughter of George and Mary Shannessy Dixon of Spring Lake. Molly was born in Illinois [Cleveland, Ohio] about 1848. She and John settled in Montague, Muskegon County, where John worked as an engineer. John, the son of Captain Harry and Elizabeth Miller [Muller] was born locally in 1848. During the Civil War he served with Battery C of the First Michigan Light Artillery from 1861 to June 21, 1865. John and Molly had four daughters, Lulu Frances, who was born on July 10, 1872, became a librarian at Hackley Library in Muskegon, and died in Chicago on September 25, 1945; Daisy, born about 1870, Frances, born about 1876, and Mary, born about 1878. In 1880 the family was residing in Montague. Daisy became teacher in the Muskegon schools. John, who was born in 1845, died in 1905 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Molly died in 1931 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John C. Miller II [1914-1998]**

John was born in Chicago on January 2, 1914, the son of John and Anna Detloff Miller. Young John married Freida Johnson of Grand Haven on August 16, 1941. They lived at 16685 De Witt Lane in Spring Lake. John owned and operated the Miller-Smith Corp. at 601 West Savidge in Spring Lake, which started in 1946. George Smith was his partner. Miller was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven, charter member and president of Spring Lake Rotary and first recipient of the Paul Harris award given by that club, member of the Spring Lake County Club, member of the Elks Lodge, president of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, and president and commodore of the Spring Lake Yacht Club. John also was the first male president of the Spring Lake Schools Parent Teacher Association, and he was chairman of Spring Lake’s Centennial observation in 1969. He and his wife had three sons: Jack, David, and Dan.

### **Robert Arthur Miller [1914-2005] and Ruth Fagan Miller [1915-2002]**

Robert A. and Ruth Fagan Miller founded R. A. Miller Industries in 1950. Originally located on West Savidge in Spring Lake, the firm moved to 1525 Marion in Grand Haven in 1956 and then, twenty years later, into a new building at 14500 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township. The daughter of James and Florence Kline Fagan, Ruth was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 4, 1915. She and Robert were married in Muskegon on November 26, 1936. She was a member of Spring Lake Country Club, Muskegon Century Club, and St. Petersburg Yacht Club in Florida. Ruth died on July 4, 2002.

Robert, the son of Victor and Libbe Piche Miller, was born in Lake Linden, Houghton County, on November 10, 1914. He moved to Muskegon, where he graduated from high school in 1934. After WWII Robert and Ruth moved to Grand Haven, where Robert was employed by the Camfield Manufacturing Company. The Millers were members of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Their children were Judie Cook of Vero Beach, Florida; Janet, who married John Rohrs and moved to Norton Shores; Mary, who married James Dolan of Grand Haven; and Rochelle Engel of Grand Haven. Robert died on January 17, 2005 in Grand Haven. He and Ruth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 6, 2002 and January 18, 2005.]

### **Thomas “Kahgee” Miller [1844-1864]**

Thomas Miller, whose Indian name was Kahgee, enlisted in Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters in Northport, Leelanau County, on June 13, 1863. He carried the rank of sergeant. Thomas was reported by his unit as a deserter on June 6, 1865, but in fact he had died in his hometown of Omena, Leelanau County, on October 15 the previous year. Before his first battle, the young soldier had become seriously ill with lung disease. He was sent home on convalescent leave. Due to the confusion of war and inadequate



communication, neither his hospital in Philadelphia nor his unit knew of his demise. [Czopek.] He was buried at Omena Presbyterian Church Cemetery. At an unspecified time, he reportedly visited Grand Rapids to find his parents, who were said to have lived on Grand River.

#### **Edwin [Edward] L. Milliman [1833-1914]**

Edwin Milliman was born in New York State on October 9, 1833. On March 23, 1864 he enlisted as private in Company E of the 96<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. He was discharged on February 18, 1865. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on September 1, 1894. Edwin married Anna Coughlin, who was born on May 11, 1846, also in New York. Anna, applied for a widow's pension on July 27, 1914. Edwin and Anna and their 11-year-old daughter, Sarell [Emma Cyrelle], resided in Van Buren, New York in 1875, but by 1880 the family had moved to Grand Haven. Edwin, who worked as an engineer, died in Grand Haven on July 16, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna died in Grand Rapids on February 16, 1915. In the 1880 Federal Census for Grand Haven, their daughter's name was listed as Emma. She died in Grand Haven on May 7, 1881 of diphtheria and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Herbert G. Milliman [1864-1937]**

Herbert Milliman owned and was president of the Milliman Manufacturing Company, located at the corner of Howard and Water [Harbor] in Grand Haven, in the same building as American Brass Novelty. His company, which started manufacturing in March 1907, produced doors, moldings, and cabinets, and did general millwork. Herbert, the son of Elisha and Mary Ann Barker Milliman, was born in August 1864 on a farm in Sheldon, Illinois. Prior to coming to Grand Haven in the early 1900s, Herbert spent 15 years in business in Chicago. On August 7, 1885 he married Belle E. Miller, who was born in Danville, Illinois in January 1864. They had at least two sons, Herman Elisha, who was born in Columbus, Nebraska on December 8, 1886 and died in Chicago on October 18, 1934, and Raymond P., who was born in Crete, Illinois on February 5, 1893 and died in 1963. All four were living in the family residence at 122 Franklin in 1908 and were still in the area two years later. By 1930 Herbert and Belle had moved to Grand Rapids. Herbert passed away in La Grange, Illinois on December 2, 1937. Belle died on August 30, 1955 in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, November 22, 1963.]

#### **Herman Elisha Milliman [1886-1934]**

The son of Herbert and Belle Miller Milliman, originally of Illinois and later of Grand Haven, Herman was born on December 8, 1886 in Columbus, Nebraska, passed away in Chicago on October 18, 1934, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as a manufacturer. Herman's wife, Marion, was born in Illinois about 1888.

#### **Raymond P. Milliman [1893-1963]**

Raymond P. Milliman, who was born in Crete, Illinois on February 5, 1893, passed away in Spring Lake on November 21, 1963. He was the son of Herbert and Belle Miller Milliman, originally of Illinois and later of Grand Haven. Raymond married Genevieve La Sage in Chicago on February 9, 1914. Ray and his wife moved to Grand Rapids in 1923 but returned to Spring Lake in 1938 and resided at 405 Barber Court. Ray, who was district distributor for Texaco Oil, retired in 1956. The Milliman children were Herold, born about 1915; Junior, born about 1916; and Nelda, born about March 1910. The two boys were born in Illinois, the girl in Michigan.

#### **Beverly Mills [1916-1994]**

See Harold Jay Dornbos.

#### **Christian Minck [Mink, Meink, Meinke] [1820-1900]**

Born in Prussia on November 11, 1820, Christian Minck came to Grand Haven in 1851. He worked as a cooper for three years, and then ran a farm near Pigeon Creek for the next ten. At that time, he moved to Grand Haven on First Street near Franklin, and in 1880 was listed as a teamster. He owned 10 acres in the

Fourth Ward. In 1850 he married Mary Wisch, who was born about 1824 in Prussia. They had one daughter, Mary, and a son, William. Christian was one of several Grand Haven residents to help organize St. John's Lutheran Church in 1866. He died on April 25, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Mines [1839-1924]**

Born in Prussia on August 3, 1839, William came to the United States when he was 13 years old, settling first in Tallmadge Township. He moved to Crockery Township, where he was a farmer for the remainder of his life except for three years in Allegan County. In 1862 he married Phoebe Jane Thompson of Crockery. She was born on October 19, 1844 and died on May 20, 1930. William and Phoebe had four daughters, all born in Michigan, including Allace L., born about 1864; Clara V., who was born about 1865 and married John Pickett of Crockery Township; Grace E., born in October 1873; and Lulu B., born in January 1880. William worked for the Spoon & Thompson Sawmill for six years as bookkeeper. In 1881 he was elected Township treasurer. Two years later he sold his farm and, with William Smith as his partner, opened a dry goods store in Nunica. At the end of the year he bought out his partner, who subsequently moved to Ravenna. William died on February 3, 1924. He and his wife were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

#### **Fred R. Minuth [1854–1930]**

In 1923 Fred Minuth wrote a history of Grand Haven, which was published in the *Deutsche Amerika*, America's largest illustrated weekly printed in the German language. He married Mathilde Blaich. They and their children resided at 118 Lafayette. One of their daughters, Gertrude Mathilde, was born in Pennsylvania on October 4, 1896 and married Gail Olger of Spring Lake. Fred lived from January 5, 1854 to March 16, 1930. Mathilde was born in Germany around 1871 and died on August 12, 1952. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Fred.

#### **Charles Douglas Misner [1940-2007]**

Born on September 6, 1940, Charles Misner graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1957. He played clarinet and trombone with the high school band. His parents were Donald and Betty Olsen Misner. Charlie had an extensive array of interests and talents. In 1962 he married Jill Alms of Muskegon Heights. She was born on September 24, 1940. They had one son David Misner, who was born about 1967, and a daughter Aimee Misner, who was born about 1969 and married David Wilson. The Misners moved from 18201 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake Township, to 521 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Jill worked in the Community Education Department of Grand Haven Public Schools. After retirement, Charles managed the Bookman at 715 Washington Street for John and Judy Waanders. Jill was a clerk there as early as 1979. Deeply interested in the history of the Grand Haven area, Charles wrote several papers and promoted the study of local history. Charles died of cancer in Grand Haven on September 23, 2007. Jill continued to reside at 521 Lafayette and to work as a clerk at the Bookman.

#### **Charles Elias Misner [1882-1957]**

Born in Otisville, Genesee County, on June 6, 1882, Charles Misner graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. He opened his law practice in Grand Haven in 1913 and was city attorney from 1944 to 1950. A semi-invalid, he was known as "Charley" and "Mr. Democrat." Charles established the Ottawa County Health Department during his service on the Board of supervisors; taught Sunday School in the Methodist Church for twenty years; and was made honorary chairman of the Ottawa Democratic Club for life. He always held to the principles of the "Jeffersonian Democrats." In 1920 and 1932 Charley was delegate and alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1937 Governor Murphy appointed him to the State Prison Commission. Judge Jacob Ponstein was his partner in the law practice of Misner & Ponstein, which was located on the second floor of the Peoples Bank Building [300 Washington]. Charles married Elma Winchell on August 21, 1907 in Lapeer, Lapeer County. They resided at 307 Franklin in their early years in Grand Haven. Donald James Misner, their son, was born in Grand

Haven on November 5, 1917. Elma was born on July 9, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on June 11, 1973. Charley died on April 23, 1957. The Misners were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Donald James Misner [1917-1940]**

The son of Charles and Elma Winchell Misner, Donald was born in Grand Haven on November 5, 1917. On April 1, 1940, in Washington, D.C., he married Elizabeth "Betty" Kathryn Olsen. She was the daughter of George and Kathryn Dickson Olsen of Grand Haven. Donald and Betty had a son, Charles Douglas Misner, who was born on September 6, 1940. Donald died on December 4, 1940, eight months after his marriage to Betty, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His widow on December 3, 1948, married Frederick Hickey of Grand Haven.

#### **James E. Misner [1875-1916]**

The son of Robert [Raymond] and Sophia Addison Misner, James was born in Fremont, Newaygo County, on June 27, 1875. He married Lenora Madge Norton in Grand Rapids on September 21, 1893. They were divorced on May 4, 1899 in Kent County. On April 26, 1903 in Grand Haven, he married Anna "Annie" Balgooyen. Annie, the daughter of Hendrick and Julia Balgooyen, was born in Grand Haven on December 13, 1873. James worked as a laborer, and Anna was a teacher. He died when he went through thin ice near the Willows Resort on Spring Lake around January 10, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His widow married Charles E. Miller in Grand Rapids on September 13, 1919.

#### **Robert [Raymond] Eugene Misner [1850- 1934]**

Robert Misner and his wife Sophia lived at 108 North Third in Grand Haven around 1900. She ran a millinery shop at the same address. They later resided at 308 South Second Street. Born in The Netherlands on September 15, 1854, Sophia was the daughter of Corneil and Christina Addison who lived in Fremont before moving to Grand Haven. Robert was born in New York on April 14, 1850 and moved to Fremont, Newaygo County, when he was 16. He spent about 10 years in a sawmill before opening a grocery and dry goods business with R. W. Rutherford. Robert and Sophia were married in Fremont on December 25, 1869. They had a son, Donald James, who was born in Michigan in June 27, 1875 [1874]. They also had a daughter, Stella, born in September 1869. She married a Mr McLeod. The Misners around 1880 moved to Grand Haven. There, Robert worked in the millinery store with his wife. Sophia's brother, Cornelius, owned and operated Addison Bazaar in downtown Grand Haven [200 Washington]. Sophia died on September 7, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 Robert was residing at the County Home in Garfield Township, Grand Traverse County, using the name Raymond Misner. He died on April 15, 1934 and was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Newaygo County.

#### **John H. Mitchell [1847- ?]**

A New York native, printer, and newspaper editor, John Mitchell bought the *Grand Haven News* from James W. Barnes and Reuben Fosha in 1867. He was born in Franklin, New York, about 1847. On September 1, 1869 in Grand Haven, John married Emma Maretta Sanford, daughter of Isaac and Mary Jennings Sanford of Grand Haven. At the time of the 1870 Federal Census, John and Emma were living with her parents, and he was working as a printer. Ten years later Emma was still living with her parents on Washington Street and working as a librarian, but John was not listed in the Federal Census of that year for Grand Haven. On January 24, 1884, Emma married James Pease Brayton.

#### **Harry Thomas Modderman [1918-2001]**

Harry Thomas Modderman served as keeper at the County Poor House [Poor Farm] in Polkton Township. He was farm manager for eight years before taking the keeper's position. On July 21, 1938 he married Doris Elaine Lee in Grand Haven. Born in Wisconsin on December 12, 1919, Doris was matron at the Poor Farm. Harry was born on September 27, 1918 and died in Coopersville on April 4, 2001. Doris passed away in Coopersville on September 6, 2004. They had two children: Thomas Lee Modderman [1938-1982] and Ruth A. Modderman [1940-2013].

### **William Joseph Modrack [1898-1978]**

Will Modrack entered declamation contests at Grand Haven High School in 1913 and 1915. He tied for second place the first time and took second place the next time. Will graduated the next year, 1916. He was born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1898 and married Edythe Conklin in 1920. Born in Illinois, she lived from June 19, 1898 to July 30, 1980. Will and Edythe died Grosse Point Park on November 27, 1978. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Albert William Mohr II [1899-1971]**

In 1959 Albert Mohr II and his wife, Dorothy Courtney Dobbins, took ownership of Gray Gables, a cottage at 25 Crescent Hills in Highland Park. It had belonged to Dorothy's mother, who died in 1959. The Mohrs were from Champaign, Illinois, and in 1930 Albert was superintendent of a boiler shop in Chicago. He was born in Chicago on October 11, 1899, died on November 3, 1971, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Dorothy were married in Champaign on October 8, 1925. Dorothy, the daughter of Oliver Beard and Edith Emma Leonard Dobbins, lived from September 4, 1903 to June 3, 1988. Although a native of Champaign, she also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Albert Roy Molenkamp [1930-2001]**

Al was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1930, the son of Albert and Josephine Molenkamp. He was actively involved in Alcoholics Anonymous [AA] and committed to helping others. He lived at Village Green Mobile Home Park at 1700 Robbins Road. Al's children were Christine, who married Charles Cuti of Spring Lake; Karen, who married Robert La France of West Olive; and Deb Talsma, also of West Olive. He had seven stepchildren. His wife Sally lived from January 2, 1935 to December 16, 1999. Al died on July 25, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, July 26, 2001.]

### **Claude [Klaus] Molenkamp [1882-1955]**

Claude Molenkamp was born in The Netherlands in 1882 and immigrated to the United States when he was 20. On April 16, 1908, in Spring Lake Township, he married Henrietta Van Oordt. Claude had worked for Story & Clark Piano Company, was proprietor of Grand Haven Steam Laundry and caretaker for the Clare Frank Jarecki property along the Lake Michigan shoreline, south of Lake Michigan Drive. The Molenkamps had six children. Claude died in Grand Haven on February 1, 1955 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Henrietta was born in Illinois on September 12, 1891 and died in Spring Lake on February 22, 1968. She, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Moll** See also Mull.

### **Arie [Ira] Moll [Mull] [1856-1932]**

The son of Arie and Adrianna Moll, Arie in 1900 was living in Grand Rapids and working as a "Tea and Coffee Agent." On August 8, 1878 Arie married Mary De Loeff in Grand Haven. She was born in August 1857, died in 1927, and was buried at Fairplains Cemetery in Grand Rapids. They had at least two sons: James Arie, born on January 22, 1888, and William B., born in 1891 in Grand Rapids. William died on February 9, 1947 in Grand Rapids, and James passed away in East Grand Rapids on April 21, 1923. Before Arie and his family moved to Grand Rapids, he and his brother Hubertus owned the Mull Brothers Meat Market at 230 Washington Street. The devastating fire of October 1, 1889 was reported to have started in their store. Arie was born on October 17, 1856 in The Netherlands and died on October 23, 1932.

### **Bernard [Bernhard] Moll [Mull] [1836-1914]**

A carpenter by trade, Bernard Mull was born in The Netherlands on August 20, 1836. He was the son of Arie and Adrianna Mull. Bernard's wife, Louise, was born on August 17, 1839. When they resided at 502 Madison in the early 1900s, Bernard worked at the "bean factory." Among their seven children were Bernard, who was born in New York in 1861; John, who was born in New York in 1863 and on January 15, 1890 in Grand Haven married Rosina, the daughter of August and Christine Bahre Lessien of Grand

Haven Township; Edward, who was born in New York in 1865; and a daughter Lydia, who was born in Michigan in 1876. Bernard died on November 30, 1914 and Louise passed away on December 12, 1911.

#### **Daniel J. Moll [Moll] [1843-1885]**

Daniel Moll died on June 29, 1885 following an accident at John Spoon's sawmill in Fruitport Township. In 1880 he was a bookkeeper at a sawmill, possibly the same one. The son of Arie and Adrianna Moll, Daniel was born in The Netherlands in 1843. His wife Dora was born in New York around 1851. A son Edwin was born about 1871, and a daughter, Olivia, was born around 1874. Daniel's brother Ira [Arie] in 1870 was working as a clerk in a dry goods store, where Daniel also was employed or possibly owned the business. The Mulls resided in Spoonville, Crockery Township.

#### **Edward W. F. Moll [1864-1946]**

Edward, the son of Bernard and Eliza Moll, was born in Tonawanda, New York in 1865 and came to Grand Haven when he was three. Both parents were born in Germany. Edward's first job was packing fishnets. Later he was associated with Joseph Godhardt, a blind Grand Haven junk dealer, in gathering rags and junk in exchange for small household wares. Edward was also employed at the Kilbourn Barrel Factory for 19 years. He then purchased a shoe store at 109 Seventh Street, and became associated with the People's Mercantile Company, owned by Tony and William Baker. Edward was treasurer of the Mercantile Company. The shoe store was in operation for more than 40 years. Edward's sons were associated in the business with him. He was instrumental in getting Gustave "Gus" Cohrs to come to Grand Haven as athletic director of Grand Haven High School. Edward was a member of the Board of Education for 35 years and president in 1917. He also served on the City Council and the Local Welfare Board, and he was trustee of Hatton Hospital. On October 23, 1889 in Grand Haven, he married Francina [Fransena] "Sena" Fisher, the daughter of Abraham and Johanna Fisher. The Molls lived at 314 North Fifth Street. Edward died in 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who lived from 1865 to about July 26, 1921.

#### **Hubertus Moll [Mull] [1853-1915]**

The son of Arie and Adrianna Moll, Hubertus in 1890 owned a meat market in Grand Rapids and three years later he was a confectioner in that city. In 1900 he was still living in Grand Rapids with his wife Lizabeth and working at that time as a "Tea and Coffee Agent." Lizabeth was born in 1857 and died in 1917. Before Hubertus and his family moved to Grand Rapids, he and his brother Arie owned the Mull Brothers Meat Market at 230 Washington Street. The devastating fire of October 1, 1889 was reported to have started in their store. Hubertus was born in 1853 in The Netherlands, died in 1927, and was buried at Fairplains Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Pieter [Peter] Moll [Mull] [1842-1922]**

The son of Arie and Adrianna Moll, Peter in 1900 was living in Grand Rapids with his wife, Mary, and working as a butcher. Mary was born in August 1857 and died in 1927. Peter and Mary had a son, Arie, born in Grand Haven on July 5, 1877. Peter may have been in business with his brothers Arie and Hubertus Mull when they operated the Mull Brothers Meat Market at 230 Washington Street before it was destroyed by the great fire of October 1, 1889. In 1863 he worked as a sawyer in one of the local lumber mills. Peter was born in The Netherlands on March 12, 1842 and died in Grand Haven on February 19, 1922.

#### **Charles Clarence Molson [Moulson] I [1893-1952]**

Born in Spring Lake on February 4, 1893, Charles was the son of Ephraim and Adelia Molson of Spring Lake. The African American family moved to Madison Street in Grand Haven in the early years of the twentieth century. Charles conducted services for the Israel Baptist Church from his home. Charles married Ella Leona Patterson in Grand Rapids on December 16, 1909. Leona, as she preferred to be called, was born around 1890 in Michigan. Among their children was Edith Juanita Molson, who was born in

Grand Haven on January 3, 1923, married Clarence Gilbert Smith, and died in Grand Rapids on December 30, 1971. Other children were Clarence, born about 1911; Ida, born about 1912; Louise, born about 1914; Leona, born about 1915; Charles II, born about 1917; and Adelbert, born about 1919. The children were all born locally. At various times Charles was a barber, a cook for the Grand Trunk Railway section hands, a truck driver for a local coal yard, and watchman for Nathaniel Robbins. In 1910 he was working as a dock worker and residing at 408 Elliott Street with Leona. Grant and Mary Ann Gardner, another African American family, lived next door at 410 Elliott. Grant Gardner, born in Virginia about 1875, and Mary Ann Gardner, born in Michigan about 1868, were married around 1903. Grant worked at Challenge Machinery. Also in the house was Caroline Taylor, Mary Ann's mother, who was born in New York about 1835. Caroline was Black and widowed. The Gardners do not appear in subsequent censuses for Ottawa County.

By 1918 Charles and Leona had moved to 415 North Seventh Street. In 1928 Charles was a truck driver for Nat Robbins's coal business, and he and Leona were still living in the house on North Seventh. They were divorced in Ottawa County on November 30. On May 9, 1929 Charles married Linda Abner in Grand Haven. Linda was born in Alabama on December 24, 1895. The couple resided at 415 North Seventh. By the late 1930s Charles and Linda were living in Chicago, where Charles was caretaker for Phi Sigma Delta fraternity and Linda was cook. Charles died in Muskegon on August 21, 1952 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Linda died in Chicago in May 1980.

### **Ephraim [Ephriam, Ephram] Molson [Molsen, Moulson, Molston] [1832-1923]**

On November 7, 1863 Ephraim Molson enlisted in the 31<sup>st</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry [also cited as the 31<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment]. He served with Companies B and E and had the rank of corporal when he was mustered out. As early as 1891 Ephraim operated a barbershop in Spring Lake. His first wife, Victoria, was born in Pennsylvania about 1835. Around 1875 he married Adelia [Delia] E. Conner, who was born in Canada on May 2, 1853, came to the United States in 1854, and was raised in South Haven. Ephraim, who was born in Columbia, Pennsylvania on January 18, 1832, had previously owned barbershops in Chicago and Clyde, Oakland County before opening his shop in Spring Lake. Ephraim's and Adelia's children were Emma V., who was born in [Watervliet], Berrien County, on August 7, 1877 and married Richard Thompson in Spring Lake; William B., who was born in Clyde on July 3, 1879 [1877/1878], Fanny, who was born in Grandville in 1881, married Robert Graves of Grand Haven, and later married a Mr. Stevens of Ferrysburg; Harry [Henry] who was born in Richland, Kalamazoo County, in 1886; Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven in 1891 and died on June 1, 1891 at the age of two months and three days; and Charles Clarence, who was born in Spring Lake on February 4, 1893. Richard Thompson, Emma's husband and the son of Leonard and Mary Bennett Thompson, was born in 1874. Ephraim was one of several local representatives to an Equal Rights convention that met in Grand Rapids on April 10 and 11, 1894. By 1900 he was working as a barber in Hubbard, Ohio and living alone. Adelia, Harry, and Charles remained in Grand Haven. He was back in Grand Haven by 1902. His barber shop then was on the corner of Sixth Street and Jackson. In 1910 Ephraim, Adelia, and Harry were living at 621 Monroe Street in Grand Haven. Ephraim continued barbering. Harry died of tuberculosis at his parents' home on April 28, 1910, one day after the census enumerator had visited them. Ten years later Ephraim was retired, and he and Adelia were still residing at 621 Monroe Street. Adelia continued living there after Ephraim's death on February 24, 1923. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On December 7, 1894 Ephraim filed for a Civil War disability pension, and on June 15, 1923 Adelia filed for a widow's pension. She married Henry Dickerson in 1933, died on January 14, 1949, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 26, 1923 and January 15, 1949.]

### **William B. Molson [1879-1939]**

William B., the son of Ephraim and Adelia Molson, was born in Grand Junction, Van Buren County, on July 3, 1879 [1877/1878]. He married Ida R. Mathews in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on November 15, 1913. The couple moved to Chicago, where William was a porter for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He was a

member of the Knights of Pythias and the Christian Science Church in Chicago. He died in Chicago on April 23, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 25, 1939.]

**Stephen Monroe [1813-1890]**

See Stephen Munroe.

**Samuel Montford [1837-1911]**

See Samuel Mountford.

**John Michael Montgomery I [1937-2006]**

A lifetime resident of Grand Haven, John was born on January 11, 1937, the son of John Auburn [1910-1990] and Lyda Hrometz [1915-1971] Montgomery. He married Paula J. Baird on June 12, 1955 in Grand Haven. She was born on September 26, 1936. In 1957 Paula and John bought Johnson's Grocery at 328 Madison [Jackson Street] and ran it until 1983, when they closed down the business. For another 15 years John was a broker for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. John and Paula bought property at 400 Jackson in 1973 and opened "The Mousetrap," an antique shop. John Montgomery had his Prudential Insurance office in the same building. They sold the property in late 2002. John also owned the Grand Haven News Company for 20 years. The Montgomerys resided at 803 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven.

John graduated from Michigan State University, and in Grand Haven he was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes. He served 30 years on the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, including 17 years as chairman. He belonged to the local Jaycees, and in the late 1960s he was named the organization's Man of the Year. John was active in Ambucs and the Cub Scouts, and he promoted many local improvement projects, such as waterfront beautification, and the new YMCA He was a director of the Coast Guard Festival Board and one of its long-term volunteers; he also was a founding member of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and served on the Board of the United Way for many years.

John and Paula had two daughters, Debra Yonker and Kelly, who married Robert Aylsworth. Both daughters remained in Grand Haven. The Montgomerys also had a son, John II, who lived in Norton Shores. John I passed away in Grand Haven on December 6, 2006. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**George W. Moody [1835-1905]**

Born in Pennsylvania on April 8, 1835, George Moody moved to Michigan with his parents in 1838 and arrived in Spring Lake in 1855. By 1879, he was chief engineer at Grand Haven Lumber Company, where he followed up on all negotiations made for the shingle mill by owner Charles Boyden. In 1862, he married Mary Blackney. Mary was born on December 8, 1844. They lived at 120 South Fifth Street. Mary passed away on April 25, 1913. George died on February 21, 1905. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Myrtle "Myrtie," was born in Montague on January 4, 1868 and married James Armstead of Grand Haven.

**Betty Jane Weavers Moore [1918-1997]**

Betty Moore was born on April 24, 1918 in the house she lived in all her life at 301 Barber Street in Spring Lake. Betty was the daughter of William and Jessamine McClure Weavers and the great-granddaughter of Jay McCluer, who was born in New York in 1832. In return for substituting for Hunter Savidge in the Civil War, a common practice in those days, McCluer was given a house and five lots of lake front property on Barber Street. The house originally had been the Savidge home and was moved to 305 Barber, which the McCluers lived in until he built the house at 301 Barber. One of McCluer's children was Marshall, whose daughter, Jessamine, married William Weavers. Betty was the Weavers' only child. The last ten years of her life, Betty worked at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and she was a member of the Spring Lake Historical Society. She married Ivor "Joe" Moore on April 2, 1939 in Spring Lake. He was born on August 20, 1916 and died on February 20, 1982. The Moores had one daughter, Patricia. Betty

passed away on November 7, 1997. They had one daughter, Patricia A. Weavers, who remained in the family home after Betty's death.

#### **Chester Arthur Moore [1931-2017]**

Chester A. Moore played the part of Droopy the Clown in Lyle "Whitey" White's Water Thrill Show performed at Grand Haven's waterfront stadium in 1958 and 1960. Chet was born on August 11, 1931 and died on January 6, 2017. He resided in Hudsonville.

#### **George P. Moore [1831-1896]**

While living in Indiana, George Moore on August 16, 1862 enlisted as private in Company F of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry. He was discharged on May 26, 1865, and later settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 10 of Crockery Township, where he spent the remainder of his life. On November 28, 1856 he married Linda Garvey on Lake County, Indiana. Linda was born in 1840. On September 20, 1860, still in Indiana, he married, Emma Eliza Perry. She was born in Woodford County, Illinois, on September 4, 1845. They had a son, Benjamin Franklin Moore, born in Ottawa County in September 1884, and seven other children. George, who was born in Crawford County, Ohio in 1831, died on September 2, 1896 in Grand Rapids. Emma passed away in Charlotte, Eaton County, on May 1, 1941 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with George.

#### **James Geoffrey [Jeffrey] Moore [1915-2005]**

Geoffrey Moore, a baritone, taught at Grand Haven High School in the late 1930s to 1941. In 1938 and for the next few years he lived at the home of Sherril and Mabel Nelson at 526 Lafayette in Grand Haven. A baritone, Geoffrey was a member of the Grand Haven Community Chorus and one of the soloists at the first two concerts of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra, the first at Muskegon High School on November 28, 1939, and the second at Grand Haven School the following night. Geoffrey was born in Lansing [Ann Arbor] on January 17, 1915. He returned to Lansing in the early 1940s to continue his career as a high school teacher. Later he joined the faculty of Michigan State College [MSU]. On November 24, 1944, he married Elizabeth Brokaw Thain in Lansing. James, who often went by the name J. Geoffrey Moore, died in Lansing on November 15, 2005.

#### **William Moozen [Moojen] I [1841-1918]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born about 1841, William Moozen immigrated to Kalamazoo and then moved to Grand Haven in 1873. In 1878 he and Cornelius Glerum organized a contracting and building firm. His wife, Annie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born around 1845. Their children were Nellie, born about 1866, William, born about 1871; Anna, born about 1874; and John, born about 1878. Nellie and William were born in The Netherlands, the other two children in Michigan. In Grand Haven the family resided at 315 Fulton Street. The Moozens left the Grand Haven area before 1893 and settled in San Geronimo, California, where William raised fruit. He died in Los Angeles on February 28, 1918. Anna died six years later and was buried near her husband at Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles.

#### **Charles William Moran [1892-1967]**

Born in Illinois May 10, 1892, Charles Moran by 1908 was living in Grand Haven with his parents, John and Josephine Moran. Charles served as a supply sergeant with the U.S. Army during WWI. By 1930 he was a clerk in a Grand Haven factory. Three years later he founded Koch & Moran Company with his partner, Otto Karl Koch. The company, located on North Seventh Street, manufactured electric curling irons. By 1940 he was living in Muskegon and working as a "Yard Clerk." On June 21, 1920, he married Marietta [Mary] E. Coats. They had a son, Joseph Eugene, born in 1927, a daughter Patricia, born in 1929, and another son, David, born about 1934. Both children were born locally. The family resided at 1005 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Charles died on November 7, 1967, and Marietta, who was born on August 3, 1897, passed away on February 8, 1974. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **George William More [1876-1950]**



George, the son of John J. and Eliza Morral More, was born in Spring Lake on March 11, 1876. He was employed by the Challenge Porcelain Company, but by 1918 he was chief engineer at Story & Clark. Later he owned More's Garage, located south of the More home at 206 South Jackson Street in Spring Lake. On November 16, 1901 in Spring Lake, he married Martina, daughter of Theodore and Matilda Christensen Martinson. George and Martina had two sons, both born locally: Stewart J. born about 1905, and Albert E., born about 1907. Martina, who was born in Denmark in 1885, died in 1912. Two years later, on March 14, George married her twin sister Millie [Amelia Josephine], who lived from 1885 to 1940 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George died at his home at 120 East Exchange Street in Spring Lake on March 27, 1950.

#### **John Jackson More [1834-1928]**

A native of New York, where he was born in French Creek in August 1834, John Moore came to Michigan in 1849. He arrived in Spring Lake 20 years later, where he was employed as chief engineer at the Haire & Tolford Lumber Company. In 1877 he joined the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company as chief engineer. When the lumbering business died out, John worked with machinery and was Water Engineer and lamplighter for Spring Lake. His wife, Eliza [Elizabeth] C. Morral, was born in April 1840 in Ireland. They had six children, including Elice R., who was born in June 1859 in Michigan and married John Bunker, and George W., who was born in March 1876, also in Michigan. The family lived at 120 West Exchange in a house built before 1870, the year the Finches bought it. By 1900 the family resided in Crockery Township. John died in 1928, and Eliza lived from 1840 to 1907. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Horace A. Morehouse [? -1898]**

Horace A. Morehouse married Julia A. Britton in Grand Haven on October 5, 1854. Born in New York State, Horace was then 27 years old. He died on January 27, 1898 in Isabella County. At the start of the Civil War, he served from May 1, 1861 to August 1, 1861 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry. See Jacob Nemire for more on Julia.

#### **Julia Britton Morehouse [1835-1885]**

See Jacob Nemire.

#### **Merton Almont Morford [1866-1939]**

Born in Barry County on September 27, 1866, Merton was the son of Herman W. and Mary F. Morford. On February 2, 1893 in Osceola County, he married Lucy Newcomb. She was born on July 9, 1873 in Michigan. Lucy died in Barry County on January 1, 1895. On November 16, 1897 Merton married Minnie Crosby in Cadillac. In Grand Haven, the couple lived at 322 Fulton Avenue, where Merton gave violin lessons. Minnie was born about 1872 in Michigan and died in 1957 in Illinois. They had at least one son, Kenneth Anthony Morford., born on July 6, 1902 in Cadillac. Kenneth died in Sterling, Illinois on May 5, 1952. In Cadillac, Merton was a self-employed piano tuner. By 1930 he was residing in Grand Rapids, doing the same work. On May 27, 1927 in Reed City, he married Ethel Haybarker Vickers, who also previously had been married. Ethel was born in Michigan on November 6, 1875. Merton passed away in Grand Rapids on February 17, 1939 and was buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Osceola County. Ethel moved to Wisconsin after his death.

#### **Hudson Morgan [1915-2002]**

Hudson Morgan, an African American, was born in Boyne City on September 25, 1915. His parents were Zachariah and Lottie Devine Morgan. Hudson moved with his parent to Grand Haven in 1926 and later worked as a leather finisher at Eagle Ottawa for 46 years. Hudson married Helen M. Johnson in Toledo, Ohio on August 26, 1966. In Grand Haven, they resided at 1326 Woodlawn. Hudson attended the Spring Lake Wesleyan Church and was a member of the Good Fellows Club of Grand Haven. Hudson died in Grand Haven on September 10, 2002. Helen disappeared from local records after her husband's death.

They had three children: Bonna Kay, who moved to Roswell, Georgia; Patricia Ann, who moved to Remus, Mecosta County, and Lewis T. Guy of Blanchard, Isabella County. [*Tribune* obituary, September 11, 2002.]

### **Zachariah [Zacharia, Zacharias] “Zack” Morgan [1893-1968]**

On May 6, 1913, in Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Zachariah Morgan married Lottie Devine. In 1928 the couple resided at 1321 Franklin in Grand Haven. Zachariah, the son of Nicholas and Catherine Morgan, was born on August 21, 1893 in Advance, Charlevoix County. Zachariah was named after his grandfather, the first Zachariah Morgan. The grandfather and his wife settled in Boyne City in 1871, where he established a reputation as an astute and reliable businessman. On his WWI draft registration form, the younger Zachariah listed his race as Ethiopian. At that time, he was still living in Boyne City and working at Michigan Tannery as a laborer. Lottie was born in Kentucky about 1891. Zachariah and Lottie were listed as Mulatto on their marriage license and as Black in the censuses. Their children were Gordon, born about 1914, Hudson, born on September 25, 1915, and Florence M., who was born about 1918, married a Mr. McMeekin, and moved to Washington, D.C. The three children were born in Boyne City, but by 1920 the family resided in Charlevoix. Zachariah was employed by the Michigan Tannery in Boyne City at that time, but he also worked as a laborer and machine operator. By 1926 Zachariah was a machine operator at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in Grand Haven. He and his family were residing at 1321 Franklin Street, where they remained into at least the 1930s. By 1948 Lottie was widowed and living at 126 Elliott Street, where Henry and Adelia Dickerson had lived in the late 1930s. Lottie died on March 20, 1959 in Grand Haven and was buried at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Zachariah died about July 26, 1968 and also was buried Maple Lawn Cemetery. [*Michigan Manual of Freedmen's Progress*, p. 120 and *Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1959.]

### **Sylvester Leviticus Morris [1829-1887]**

Sylvester Morris in 1860 was a physician in Wyoming, Kent County. Ten years later he was a resident of Holland, Michigan. He bought the *Grand Haven Herald* from Charles N. Dickinson in March 1873 and sold a half-interest in the newspaper to Crinis H. Du Bois in August the next year. By 1875 Crinis had full ownership. Sylvester was born in New York on July 27, 1829, and his wife, Mary Snyder, was a native of Pennsylvania, where she was born in 1823. They were married in Grandville and had two children. Sylvester served as surgeon with the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He enlisted as an assistant surgeon in Dowagiac, Cass County, on September 8, 1863 and was promoted to full surgeon on October 23, 1863. He was given a disability discharge from Company S on July 28, 1864 and applied for a pension on June 4, 1877. Sylvester passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 10, 1887 and was buried there. Mary applied for a widow's pension on August 8, 1887 and again on November 8, 1888. She died in Grandville in 1908 and was buried at Grandville Cemetery.

### **Patrick A. Morrissey [1862-1916]**

A cigar maker by trade, Patrick Morrissey resided at 315 Madison Street in 1908 with his wife and their children: Edward [1890-1970] and Kathleen [1892-1990]. He and Rose [Rosa] Amiot were married in Cheboygan on November 18, 1889. Rosa was born about 1870 and worked in a steam laundry. In the mid-1910s Patrick and Rose were living at 105 North Third Street. They were divorced in Ottawa County on July 14, 1916. However, the divorce was “withdrawn,” probably because Patrick died in Chicago on June 15, 1916. He was born in Canada on May 24, 1862. In 1930 Rose was living at Home for the Aged Little Sisters of the Poor in Grand Rapids. Ten years later she moved to Dayton, Ohio to be with her daughter, Eva Morrissey. Eva was born in Michigan about 1904, passed away in 1943 in Lansing, and was buried at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Another son, Robert, was born about 1905.

### **Charles Summer Morrison [1860- 1933]**

Charles Morrison was listed in the 1930 Federal Census as a teacher at Grand Haven High School. About the same time as the census, he published sheet music titled “Grand Haven High School March for Piano.”

Born in Senecaville, Ohio about 1860, Charles married first married Mercy Cresson Allred in Champaign, Illinois on November 25, 1884. By 1900 they were living in Adrian, Lenawee County, with their son Fred, who was born in Illinois about 1886. Charles was listed as a musician. Born in Illinois on February 22, 1864, Mercy died in Adrian on May 29, 1917. Charles then married Agnes [Mary Agnes] Miller in Charlevoix on October 24, 1921. Charles and Agnes had moved to 1301 Pennoyer Street in Grand Haven by 1930. At that time, Charles was listed as a composer. Born on October 24, 1868 in Charlevoix, Agnes died on January 27, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles died in 1933 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian, as ws Mercy.

#### **Wylda Morrirt [1898-1997]**

See Lester E. Fast and Wylda Morrirt Fast.

#### **Edward Morse [1904-1989]**

The son of Charles and Jennie Morse, Edward was born in Michigan on August 21, 1904. In 1920 the Morse family resided at 1350 Fulton in Grand Haven. Edward had a sister, Avis, born about 1908. Charles, who was born in Michigan about 1875, was a steam fitter at Challenge Refrigerator. Jennie was a native New Yorker, where she was born about 1882. Edward died in Grand Haven on April 8, 1989.

#### **Edwin Luther Morse [1875-1972]**

In 1928 Edwin Morse was appointed to replace Peter Walker as superintendent of the Grand Haven State Park. Edwin held the position for 16 years. He was born in Grand Haven on March 22, 1875. His first wife was Mary Elizabeth Upton, who was born in Michigan about 1877 and died before 1940. On January 3, 1945 in Detroit Edwin married Vera B. Casson [Hathaway]. Edwin passed away in Spring Lake on November 19, 1972. He was buried at Garfield Park Cemetery in Grand Rapid.

#### **Milford A. Morse [1925-1993]**

When Grand Haven Plastics was organized in 1951, Milford Morse was named vice president and general manager. Born on February 9, 1925 in St. Johns, Clinton County, he married Diane Corinne Decker on December 29, 1950 in Grand Haven. She was born in Chicago on March 24, 1930. They resided at 522 Grandview in Spring Lake and later at 703 Winter Street. From his home on Winter Street, he operated a business called Glass Fibers, which specialized in building materials. Milford died in Lowell, Kent County, on December 7, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Diane passed away in Grand Haven on January 27, 2021 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Thomas William Morse [1879-1947]**

Thomas and Elsie Morse owned a bait shop at 315 South Water Street [Harbor Drive] from the late 1930s into the 1950s. In addition to minnows, crickets, and other bait, they offered ice cream and other refreshments. Thomas was born in Muskegon on August 7, 1879. Elsie E. Curtiss was born in Lawrence, Van Buren County, on December 18, 1887. They were married in Fruitport on June 30, 1909. In 1930 the couple resided in Muskegon, where Thomas worked with a construction company, but they had opened their business in Grand Haven less than a decade later. Their home was at 315 Lafayette Street. After Tom passed away in Grand Haven on April 9, 1947, Elsie continued the business at 315 South Water on her own, although by the mid-1960s, it was listed as a gift shop. The building also served as her residence. She died on May 19, 1974. Both were buried at Fruitport Cemetery.

#### **Milford Alan Morse [1925-1993] and Diane Corrine Decker Morse [1930-2021]**

Born in St. Johns, Clinton County, on February 9, 1925, Milford Morse married Eleanor Thomson on October 23, 1948 in Royal Oak. Eleanor was 22 years old at the time. They were divorced on July 11 the next year. By early 1950 he was living in Grand Haven and working with a local laminated products company as chemical engineer. He married Diane Decker in Grand Haven on December 29, 1950. The daughter of Archer and Mina E. Giesler, Diane was born on March 24, 1930 in St. Joseph. Diane in the

1960s worked in advertising at Reichardt's in downtown Grand Haven. She also was an artist and a member of Lakeland Painters. Milford worked from their home at 703 Winter Street in Spring Lake, operating a building materials business called Glass Fibers. He died on December 7, 1993 in Lowell. Diane passed away on January 27, 2021 in Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Charles Morton [1853-1912]**

In 1898 Captain Charles Morton succeeded Captain Nathaniel Robbins IV as head of the 11<sup>th</sup> Life Saving District and served until 1911. Born in Ireland on July 12, 1853, Charles died on July 7, 1912 and his wife, Louise, died on December 7, 1944. Louise, born in St. Joseph, Berrien County, on April 6, 1864, had come to Grand Haven in 1889 with her husband. They resided at 536 Clinton as early as 1900, and Louisa remained there after her husband's death. Their children were Mabel, born in February 1887; E. Louise, who was born in July 1889 and married Jay Vyn of Grand Haven; Charles, born in November 1890; and Grover, born in November 1893. Charles and Louise were buried at St. Joseph City Cemetery in St. Joseph.

### **John Case Moser [1938-2024]**

John Case Moser passed away at his home in Norton Shores, Michigan on May 5, 2024. He was born in Jakarta, Indonesia on April 27, 1938 to Jan and Joanna Oosthoek Moser. When he was five, during WWII, John and his older sister were captured and held in a Japanese prison camp in Java, Indonesia, while his mother and brother were held in a different camp. Four and a half years later, John, his sister, his mother, and his brother were among 375 who made it out alive out of the 6,000 imprisoned there. He was 12 when he settled in The Netherlands, his family's native country. He later earned a bachelor degree in horticulture. In 1966, John was hired by McKay Nursery of Wisconsin as their chief propagator. He next moved to Michigan to work for Zelenka Nursery. He was named district manager of Franks Nursery in Grand Rapids, and then started his own nursery in Spring Lake, Hortech Incorporated. Years later, John felt a call to the ministry, and he received a Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary in Holland. John served Newaygo and the surrounding communities for many years through the Chaplaincy Services of Newaygo County. He also owned and operated Harbour Antiques in Grand Haven prior to his retirement in 2010. John enjoyed gardening, antiques, and travelling the world. On March 16, 1990, John married Jan E. McCormick in Grand Rapids. John and his first wife Reini had four children: Annemieke Sullivan, Marjolein Moser, Joshua Roeder, and Abby Roeder.

### **William Irving Mosher [1896-1950]**

William Mosher was a long-time Grand Haven photographer. Born on May 31, 1896 in Ionia, in 1917 he was a private stationed with the Army Medical Department at the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. At that time, he listed photography as his occupation. Bill opened his first Grand Haven studio in the early 1920s on the second floor of the Vander Zalm Building [208 Washington], then moved to ground-level space at 107 Washington. In 1950 Walter Kirkland "Kirk" Bloeser, who worked for Bill, bought the business and renamed it Kirk's Camera Supply. Harold Bretschneider, who later opened his own studio, studied under Mosher. On January 24, 1923 in Muskegon, Bill married Florence H. Skow. In 1930 William, Florence, and their daughter Alice Irene resided in Muskegon. By 1932 they were living at 524 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Later they moved to Spring Lake Township. Florence was born in Michigan about 1895, and Alice was born around 1925. The Moshers also had a son William, who was born about 1931. William the father died in Grand Haven on September 5, 1950.

### **Chester H. Moss [1804-1865]**

Chester Moss married Phoebe Sweezy [1805-1857]. They lived in Youngstown, New York most of their married lives. Though neither of them made their home in Ottawa County, three of their daughters married men from the Grand Haven area: Ellen, born in 1840, married James Barnes [Barns] of Grand Haven; Mary Jane, who was born on March 6, 1842, married Samuel Eames of Ferrysburg; and Melissa married Nathan Bannister White of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Caroline "Carrie," became a teacher and

remained unmarried. She was born on September 18, 1843. The sisters were born in Youngstown. In the 1870 Federal Census, Melissa [listed as Lizzie] and Carrie were living in Grand Haven with their sister Ellen "Nellie" and brother-in-law James Barnes. Melissa and Carrie were teachers. A few years after Phoebe's death, Chester moved to Grand Rapids, bringing at least four daughters with him. Other Moss children remained in New York. Chester died in Grand Rapids in 1865 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

#### **Caroline "Carrie" Moss [1843-1916]**

The daughter of Chester [1804-1865] and Phoebe Sweezy [1806-1857] Moss, Carrie was born in Youngstown, New York on September 18, 1843. In 1870 she was living with her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and James Barnes, in Grand Haven and working as a teacher, the profession she followed until retirement. She later became a Christian Scientist practitioner/healer. She lived with her widowed sister Mary Eames at 418 Franklin Street. Before joining her sister, Carrie resided at 226 Franklin. Carrie died of heat stroke in Grand Haven on July 30, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. See Chester H. Moss for more information about the family.

#### **Charles Moulson [1893-1952]**

See Charles Molson.

#### **Samuel Mountford [Montford] [1837-1911]**

Born in Burslem, England on August 23, 1837, Samuel Montford immigrated to the United States in 1848 and settled with his parents in La Grange, Wisconsin. On August 18, 1861 he enlisted as private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Light Artillery, was wounded at the Battle of Stone's River [Tennessee], and was mustered out on November 14, 1864. In 1868 he moved to Georgetown Township and became a farmer, and nine years later he relocated to an 80-acre farm in Section 5 of Olive Township. He was elected justice of the peace in 1887 and again in 1891, and in the early 1890s he became postmaster in the town of West Olive, where he had moved in 1891. He also owned a grocery store in West Olive. On April 6, 1858 he married Sarah A. Westbury, who was born in Rochester, New York and passed away in West Olive on September 15, 1872. Two of their three sons moved to Chicago and the third to North Dakota. They were all born in Wisconsin. On March 22, 1877 Samuel married Eliza Brown Brooks, the widow of Charles C. Brooks. Eliza was born in Michigan on February 21, 1836 and died in Chicago on December 28, 1897. Apparently Samuel married again, this time to Gertrude Roll of Ottawa County. Samuel was a member of the William Thirkettle Post No. 388, G.A.R., in Allendale. He died about June 12, 1911 at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1897.]

#### **Samuel Curtis Mower [1842-1885]**

Samuel Mower was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 29, 1842. He enlisted as sergeant in Company K of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry on May 17, 1861 while living in Chilton, Wisconsin. He was promoted to second lieutenant on December 26, 1862, to first lieutenant on March 2, 1864, and to captain on September 24, 1864. He was transferred to Company F about ten months before being mustered out on May 28, 1866. In Grand Haven Samuel was made captain of Company F, 126<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, in 1880 and served for four years in that capacity. He married Clara Mae Burton [Benton] in Milwaukee on June 1, 1870. She was born in Illinois in 1850, the daughter of William M. and Charlotte Burton. Samuel died in Milwaukee on April 10, 1885. Clara applied for a Civil War widow's pension on July 12, 1890. Their sons, both born in Michigan, were Harrison C., born about 1875, and Samuel W., born in August 1876. Clara married George Angel [Angell] of Grand Haven on January 19, 1891. By 1910 she was widowed again and living in Detroit.

#### **Erhard Mueller [Muller] [1877-1957]**

Around 1930 Erhard and Lena [Leni, Lina] Muller owned a 40-acre farm in Section 5 of Robinson Township. They called their place Waldheim [Woods Home] and resided on the land in a one-story frame

home. Both were natives of Germany, where Erhard was born on May 13, 1877 and Lena on May 25, 1873. They were married in 1899, came to the United States five years later, and became naturalized citizens in 1911. By 1920 they were residing in Chicago, where Erhard worked as custodian in an apartment building. Ten years later they were in Robinson Township. Lena died on June 10, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Erhard passed away on May 18, 1957 and was buried with Lena.

#### **Teunis William Muilenberg [1864-1941]**

From 1898 to 1908 Teunis Muilenberg was pastor at the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He married Sena Powell Van Zanten in Grand Rapids on February 6, 1907. Sena, the daughter of John and Kate Vett Powell, was born in 1874 and previously had been married to Charles Van Zanten I, who had died of smallpox on January 20, 1903. One of their children Alice, was born in Grand Haven on May 10, 1899. In 1935 in Holland, she married Henry Veld. The Muilenbergs moved to Holland, where Teunis continued his career as pastor. He was born in Pella, Iowa on June 15, 1864 and passed away in Holland on October 28, 1941. Sena died in Holland on February 18, 1958. [*Tribune* article, "Focus on People," May 3, 1999.]

#### **John Muir [1830-1916]**

After William Ganoe's death in 1888, Captain John Muir purchased and piloted the steamer *W. H. Barrett*, the last boat to ply the river between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. The *Barrett* was built by William's father, Jesse Ganoe & Son of Grand Rapids, and launched in June 1875. The sidewheeler, measuring 37' long and 24' wide, was destroyed by fire while docked in her home city in November 1894. It was sparks from the *Barrett* that started a sawdust fire, leading to the destruction of much of Spring Lake on May 11, 1893. John was born in 1830 and arrived in Grand Rapids with his parents in 1852. He died on December 8, 1916. He married Jean Davidson on September 19, 1853. She was born in Canada in November 1830 and died in 1911. They were residents of Kent County as early as 1860. Both were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County.

#### **Minnie Viola De Witt Mulberry [1867-1933]**

In 1921, Minnie Mulberry was postmaster [called postmistress at the time] of the Ferrysburg post office from 1920 to 1931. She was born in Ferrysburg on March 8, 1867, the daughter of Peter and Cora Ann Freeman De Witt. Minnie, under the name May De Witt, was included in the 1870 Federal Census living with her parents and siblings in Ferrysburg. Ten years later she was living with her mother and stepfather, Cora and William Hayden, in Ferrysburg. On August 21, 1891 Minnie married James Corton Mulberry in Grand Rapids. They were divorced in Ottawa County on January 19, 1907. She passed away in Spring Lake on March 18, 1933 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James, a machinist, was born in Philadelphia in May 1849 and passed away in Grand Rapids on October 7, 1940 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

#### **Anne [1834-1883] and Derkje Mulder [1834-1905]**

Anne Mulder and his wife, Derkje Dyk, were married in The Netherlands in 1858, where they both were born in 1834. They immigrated to Holland, Michigan in 1867 and arrived in Spring Lake two years later. Their children born in The Netherlands were Kate, who lived from 1858 to 1925; John, born about 1861; George J., born on February 24, 1864; and Allie [Ella], born about 1866. Their locally born children were Cora, who lived from 1867 to 1942; Mary, born about 1871; and Cornelius, born around 1874. Ella, Cora, and Mary apparently did not marry and shared a home on Savidge Street. Kate and Cora were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After working in the sawmills, Anne, a carpenter, became a merchant in 1875. After his death in 1883 his wife and two sons, John and George, ran the business with their mother as Mrs. Anne Mulder & Sons. Their grocery, dry goods, and feed store was lost in the fire of 1893, but they rebuilt on the same site, at 104 West Savidge. Derkje died on April 15, 1905 and was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. Around 1930 the store name was changed to Mulder Bros. & Sons Hardware at 108 West Savidge. The Mulders were charter members of the First Dutch Reformed Church in Spring

Lake. In the 1940s Jacob Braak, who ran a bakery, bought the building, raised the roof, and added apartments upstairs. [*Tribune* “Years Events for 1899.”]

#### **Anson George Mulder [1899-1964]**

The son of Spring Lake natives George and Adriana Mulder, Anson was born on July 30, 1899. Anson and his father operated a grocery store at 108 West Savidge called Mulder Bros. & Sons. In 1930 Anson was unmarried and residing with his parents on Savidge Street. He married Ruth E. Westerhouse in Flint on June 21, 1933. They resided at 311 East Exchange. Anson died in Spring Lake on January 1, 1964.

#### **Cornelius D. Mulder [1874-1939]**

Born in Spring Lake on February 22, 1874, Cornelius was the son of Anne and Derkje Dyk Mulder. He had four older sisters, Mary, Ella, Kate, and Cora, and two older brothers, George and John. Educated in Spring Lake Schools, Cornelius graduated from Hope College in 1899 and later from the University of Michigan Medical School. He began his practice in New Era, Oceana County, and returned to Spring Lake where he practiced medicine for the next 36 years. He was the only physician in the village and surrounding area at a time when there were few automobiles. During the terrible influenza epidemic following WWI, he hired a chauffeur so he could nap between calls.

Cornelius was a member of Hatton Hospital [North Ottawa Community Hospital] from its beginning, a member of the Michigan Homeopathic Society, director and original stockholder of the Spring Lake State Bank for eight years, member of the Ottawa County Medical Association, on the staff of Hackley Hospital in Muskegon; trustee of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary, and member of the Spring Lake School Board for 22 years and at one time its president. He continued to practice even after stricken with a deadly malady. His residence was located at 223 East Savidge, once the home of Dr. Cyril Brown. Cornelius died on June 9, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Harriet, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, on May 16, 1880 and died in Spring Lake on February 16, 1961. They were married on August 8, 1905. Harriet was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Cornelius.

#### **George J. Mulder [1864-1939]**

Born in The Netherlands on February 24, 1864, George was the son of Anne and Derkje Dyk Mulder. He had four older sisters, Mary, Ella, Kate, and Cora, and two brothers, Cornelius and John. His family immigrated to the United States in 1867. About 1890 George married Adriana [Jennie] Oggel, who was born in Michigan on August 4, 1865. Their children, all born locally, included Cornelius, born in March 1893; Della, who was born October 8, 1894 and died in June 1981; Adrian, born in November 1896; Anson [Algernon], born on July 30, 1899; Elizabeth Gertrude, who was born on August 17, 1901 and died on January 26, 1934; and Kathryn, who was born June 13, 1904 and married Richard Kruizenga of Spring Lake. George and his brother John ran a business started by their father. After the father's death in 1883 John and George operated the business as Mrs. Anne Mulder & Sons. Their grocery and feed store was lost in the fire of 1893, but they rebuilt on the same site, at 104 West Savidge. Derkje Mulder died on April 15, 1905 and was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. In the 1920s the store name was moved to 108 West Savidge as Mulder Bros. & Sons Hardware. Adrianna passed away on January 2, 1934. George died March 22, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife and other family members.

#### **John Mulder [1860-1942]**

Born in The Netherlands on September 3, 1860 [1861], John was the son of Anne and Derkje Dyk Mulder. He had four older sisters, Mary, Ella, Kate, and Cora, and two brothers, Cornelius and George. John and his brother George ran a business started by their father. After the father's death in 1883 John and George operated the business as Mrs. Anne Mulder & Sons. Their grocery and feed store was lost in the fire of 1893, but they rebuilt on the same site, at 104 West Savidge. In the 1920s the store name was moved to 108 West Savidge as Mulder Bros. & Sons Hardware. John married Margaret “Maggie” Dobb in Spring

Lake on June 30, 1892. They resided on Savidge Street. Margaret was born in Spring Lake on October 25, 1868 and married John around 1892. Their daughter Gertrude was born about 1903 and Esther about 1909. John died on November 18, 1942 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret died on February 6, 1948 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John J. Mulder [1893-1961]**

Born in Holland, Michigan on January 3, 1893, John Mulder started clerking in a drugstore at age 17. He received his pharmacist's license from Ferris Institute [Ferris State University] and came to Grand Haven in 1916 as a partner with Doede J. Du Saar in the Square Drug Store at Seventh and Fulton [635 Fulton]. Doede was from Port Huron. On January 11, 1917 in Zeeland, he married Fanny Tien in Zeeland. Also in 1917 he bought out his partner and purchased the Thieleman Drug Store. After operating both drugstores for ten years, he sold the "Squares" to John Voss. In 1918 he bought the drug store on the southwest corner of Washington and Second [136 Washington] from Jacob Vander Veen and his son, Claude. John, Fannie, and a son lived at 610 Sheldon around 1920. By 1930 the family was residing at 619 Lake Avenue. Their children, all born locally, were John, born about 1928; Marjory M., born about 1921; and Charlotte, born about 1925. John, the father, retired in 1952 after 35 years in the drugstore business, which he sold to Robert Steiner. John was on the Board of Education for 11 years and a charter member of Board of Public Works. In 1921 and 1922 he served as alderman on the Grand Haven City Council. John died in 1961. Fannie was born on October 20, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on December 10, 1992. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Klaas Mulder [Moulder] [1847-1928]**

In the early 1900s Klaas Mulder and his family resided on a farm at 540 Colfax Street in Grand Haven. They raised livestock and crops. He had worked as a farmer in Groningen, The Netherlands, where he was born on November 2, 1847, but was classified as Laborer in the 1910 census. His wife, Nellie, also a native of Groningen, was born about 1862. They immigrated to Grand Haven with their eight children aboard the *S.S. Rotterdam* on September 19, 1901. The children were all born in Groningen: Harm, about 1885; Anje [Anna], about 1888; Helen, about 1899; Grace, about 1890; Alex, about 1895; Albert, about 1891; and George and Jennie. Klaas died in East Grand Rapids on December 26, 1928 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery.

### **Lambertus [Lambert, Lammert] J. Mulder [1852-1938]**

Lambertus Mulder was born in The Netherlands on June 17, 1852. He married Elizabeth Van Woerven, who was born in 1854, also in The Netherlands. The couple immigrated to the United States in 1872 and lived at 612 Columbus in Grand Haven. Lambertus, a tailor by trade, owned a shop at 19-25 North Third, just north of Carnegie Library, where he also offered dry cleaning and pressing. Their children were John G., who was born in The Netherlands around 1872 and joined his father in the tailoring business; Alice [Ella], who was born on January 17, 1874 and married Wilford W. Dake of Grand Haven; Richard, who was born about 1877 and operated and inspected mechanical cranes; and Henry, who was born about 1879 and went into the commercial fishing business. The three younger children were born locally. Lambertus was an elder at the Second Reformed Church. He died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1938, a year after Elizabeth passed away. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Sophia Smith Mulder [1871-1961]**

Sophia Smith Mulder, who was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania on March 17, 1871 and died on July 26, 1961, was known as the "lady who stopped the train." She came to Grand Haven when she was 5 years old and married John G. Mulder in Grand Haven on June 25, 1896. John, the son of Lambertus and Elizabeth Van Woerven, was born in The Netherlands around 1872. He worked with his father in the tailoring and drycleaning business at 19-25 North Third. Sophia and John lived at 622 Columbus in Grand Haven. For 65 years she waved to trainmen from her home at the Columbus Street crossing. On her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday the train stopped and one of the trainmen jumped out to present Sophia with a large hydrangea plant as a thank



you. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died on January 2, 1943 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* articles, "Hundred Stop to Wish Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday," March 18, 1961, "Lady, Who Stopped Train, Dies Suddenly," July 26, 1961.]

#### **Arie Mull [1815-1902]**

See Arie Moll.

#### **Bernard [Bernhard] Moll [Mull] [1836-1914]**

See Bernard Moll.

#### **Gerrit John Muller [1877-1945]**

Gerrit Muller was proprietor of a tobacco store at 113 North Seventh in Grand Haven in the early 1900s, where he also manufactured cigars. On March 1, 1899 he married Janna "Jennie" B. Kammeraad in Grand Haven. They lived at 1110 [1108] Franklin. Jennie was born on March 18, 1877 in Grand Haven and Gerrit on June 15, 1877 in one of the Antilles Islands, a possession of The Netherlands. Jennie died in Los Angeles, California on December 3, 1945 and was buried at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Los Angeles County. Gerrit passed away 14 years later and was buried in the same cemetery.

#### **Hugh Patrick Mulligan [1877-1964]**

Hugh, the son of John and Julia Mulligan, was born in Grand Haven on October 7, 1876. He married Anna Stroub in Grand Haven on September 6, 1904. Anna was born in Michigan in 1877. The Mulligans had a daughter Virginia, who was born in Michigan November 1, 1905 and died in Florida on February 13, 1976. In the early 1900s the family lived on Pennoyer near Sheldon Road. By the 1930s Hugh and his family resided at 535 Slayton. He was inspector of boilers with the U. S. Steamboat Inspection Office in Grand Haven in 1932, and he served on the Board of Public Works from 1935 to 1957. Hugh, who retired as lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard, died on March 2, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna passed away around August 6, 1958 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **John Mulligan I [1843-1911]**

In the 1893 *Compendium* John Mulligan was listed as a sailor. By the late 1800s he and his wife had settled on a parcel of land east of the dune known as Five Mile Hill, where they lived in a farmhouse. John, an Irish Catholic, was a tugboat owner. He was described as a "very Irish, very tall man with a big nose," who wore a Prince Edward coat to church on Sundays. In November 12, 1868 he married Julia Court [McCourt] in Dundalk, Ireland. They had several children, including Annie, who was born in England about 1870; John II, born about 1874; James L., born about 1875; Hugh P., born on October 7, 1876; Mary I., born about 1878; Owen, born in November 1883; Henry J., born in July 1885; Lizzie, born in December 1887; and Julia W., who was born in December 1889 and married Joseph A. De May in Grand Haven on April 22, 1919. All the children except Annie were born in Grand Haven. Most of them eventually moved from the area. One son, Hugh, remained in Grand Haven. In 1908 the City of Grand Haven purchased for \$100.65 a piece of land 229' by 165', part of an area which now known as Mulligan's Hollow. The Mulligans moved the two-story portion of their house to a lot on the west side of Leggat [417 Leggat], the third structure north of Sherman Avenue, where it remains today. A native of Ireland, John was born in June 1843 and died on February 13, 1911. Julia, also from Ireland, lived from May 13, 1850 to March 30, 1917. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* article "Family History Clears Up Mystery," June 26, 1984.]

#### **Dexter I. Munro [1896-1971]**

Dexter and Wilma Munro owned and managed Lakeview Court, offering tourist accommodations at 501 Pine Street in Ferrysburg starting in the mid- to late 1930s. They were still in the business as late as 1954. The Lakeview Motel was still advertising its rooms in 1971. Dexter had been a car salesman in Port Huron before opening the motel. Dexter and Wilma Ter Haar were married in Detroit on June 4, 1947. Wilma taught nursing

at Grand Haven High School in 1951. In 1956 she was working as a nurse at Grand Haven Municipal Hospital. Two years later she had the same job but had moved to Fruitport. By 1970 they were retired and living in Pompano Beach, Florida. Dexter was born in Michigan on May 26, 1896. His first wife, Beatrix [Beatrice] May Gardner, died in Port Huron on February 23, 1941 at the age of 42. Dexter passed away at Pompano Beach on September 24, 1971. Wilma was born in Jamestown, Ottawa County, on April 30, 1915 and died in Florida on December 20, 2008. Both were buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens North in Pompano Beach.

### **Leonard Munroe [1872-1935]**

Born in Parma, New York, on March 28, 1872, Leonard was the son of James Edward [1849-1917] and Lydia Thompson [1848-1929] Munroe. He married Frances Silvers in Clarence, Calhoun County, on February 12, 1894. By 1915 they had moved from Clarence to 235 Franklin Street [15 South Third Street], a house owned by Leonard's uncle Stephen L. Munroe. When Stephen died in 1919, Leonard inherited the house. Sometime between 1920 and 1925 he sold the house to Colonel George Olsen. Olsen moved the house to 301 Sherman Avenue, where it still stands. Leonard died in Albion on May 25, 1935. Frances, who was born in Michigan on February 14, 1870 passed away on November 26, 1957. The couple was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Albion. They had one son, Harry W. Munroe, who was born in 1906 and may have died young. His name did not appear with Leonard and Frances in the 1920 Federal Census for Grand Haven.

### **Stephen Munroe [Monroe] II [1813-1890]**

Stephen, born in Parma, Monroe County, New York on June 28, 1813, was the second of seven children born to Stephen and Susan Hicks Munroe. Around 1843 young Stephen started his study of medicine, and within a few years he received a medical degree from Bellevue Hospital Medical School in New York City. He moved to Jackson, Michigan in 1834, went to Albion in 1840, and continued to Grand Haven in 1850. He bought considerable acreage in Spring Lake Township in the spring of 1849 and more acreage early the next year, totaling more than 200 acres in the six-year period. He also purchased property in the City of Grand Haven. Initially, he roomed at the Washington House in downtown Grand Haven. He and Isaac Harris also bought a considerable amount of land in Robinson Township, and in 1865 he bought from Chief Payquotuch acreage at Battle Point in Crockery Township. Fort Village, an Indian settlement, was located on Battle Point. In 1867 the doctor built a sawmill at the north end of Jackson Street in Spring Lake. His nephew, Stephen L. Munroe, took part ownership of the mill the next year. In 1871 Dr. Munroe was named director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven.

By 1850 the doctor had opened an office in Griffin's Drug Store at 29 Washington Street. Later he purchased a house at 21 Washington as his residence and another building at 23 Washington for his office. Michigan Medical History noted: "Dr. Monroe was a pioneer in the practice of medicine in Ottawa County. He traveled up and down the lake shore on foot, on horseback, or in a canoe, suffering hunger and fatigue in his long tedious trips. A shrewd energetic man, he has been successful, such as he will be."

Stephen married Orpha Raymond Cobb on December 20, 1855 in Grand Haven. A native of Stowe, Vermont, Orpha was born on January 2, 1829, the daughter of Seth and Abigail Barnes Cobb. After the death of her mother in 1839, Orpha lived with Nathan and Aurelia Thomas in Stowe. Two years after their wedding, Stephen and Orpha moved from Grand Haven to Albion so the doctor could devote more time to his lumbering and other business enterprises and attend to his wife, who was an invalid. How Orpha found her way to Grand Haven remains a mystery, although her Barnes cousins, twins John and James Barnes, may have played a part. She did not seem to be related to the Cobb or Raymond families that lived in the Grand Haven area. Orpha passed away in Albion on July 21, 1858 and was interred in the Munroe vault at Riverside Cemetery in Albion. About the same time Stephen left Grand Haven in 1857, his replacement, Dr. Jacob McNett, and his wife Louise arrived. Stephen resumed his medical practice in Grand Haven around 1860, and an 1864 atlas showed he continued to have a presence in Grand Haven, working as "Phys. & Surgeon." He and Dr. McNett were the only medical doctors in early Grand Haven.

Stephen returned to Grand Haven following his wife's death. He was listed in the 1860 Federal Census for Grand Haven as a physician. Living with him then were his nieces Betty [Betsy] Louisa Munroe and Sarah Cordelia Munroe, as well as Healy Ackley, a 24-year-old attorney, newly arrived in Grand Haven, who soon would become one of its major figures. Betty was 21, and Sarah was two years younger. The 1870 Federal Census continued to show him as a Grand Haven resident. In the house with him at that time were his niece Sarah, now divorced from Nelson Howlett, and younger sisters, Emma Louisa Munroe, age 17, and Julia Lydia Munroe, 16 years old. The two girls also were counted on the same date in 1870 as students attending school in Albion, living in the home of Reverend Andrew Fitch [1815-1887] and his family. In 1871 Stephen was named director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven. He is referred to as "Doctor" in most of the letters. Between 1871 and 1880 he left Grand Haven to make his home in Albion, although in 1883 he was listed as a physician in Battle Creek, although he was not a resident there.

By 1880, Stephen was back in Albion. Sarah, now divorced from Nelson Howlett, was living with him again. In 1883 he was listed as a physician in Battle Creek, although he was not a resident there. That year or the next, the doctor moved west. He died of "Bright's Disease" in Los Angeles, California on December 28, 1890 and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Albion.

### **Stephen Leonard Munroe [Monroe] [1847-1919]**

The son of Leonard and Amarilla Munroe, Stephen was born in Parma, New York on February 11, 1847. He remained with his parents until 1865, but in 1868 he formed a partnership with John Thomson to take over the sawmill at the foot of Jackson Street in Mill Point that his uncle had built the previous year. The firm, known as Munroe, Thomson Lumber Company, manufactured shingles, lath, and pickets. Spring Lake resident Warner Vos also invested in the business. After the mill burned down in 1872, Sherman H. Boyce bought out Thomson's interest. He and Stephen rebuilt the mill and changed the name of the firm to Munroe, Boyce & Company. The company had two 812-ton barges built, the *Mary H. Boyce* in 1887 and the *Mary A. McGregor* the next year. Apparently the firm shut down permanently about that time. Stephen also had lumbering interests in association with Israel Harris.

At the time of the 1870 Federal Census, young Stephen was living, probably temporarily, in South Haven, where he was listed as "Lumberman." In 1880 Stephen, again classified as lumberman in the federal census of that year, was rooming at the Rideout House in Spring Lake. He soon moved to Grand Haven to occupy the house at 238 Franklin Street [15 South Third Street] that his uncle owned and had lived in.

In 1885 Stephen and Grand Rapids resident Harvey Taft bought Day, Colton & Co. in Grand Rapids from Lorenzo Day and Alva Colton. The company produced wooden and chain pumps. The new owners renamed their business Peoples Pump Works, and in late 1889 they applied for a patent for an industrial pump. The company's success, if any, was short lived. It disappeared before 1900. Despite running a business in Grand Rapids, Stephen continued to reside in Grand Haven. Shortly after 1885, he and local resident William H. Loutit organized and operated the Grand Haven Gas Works Company. Known also as the Grand Haven Gas Light Company, the business office was located at 129 Washington Street, and its plant was on the southeast corner of Water and Lafayette Streets. Munroe and Loutit sold the utility to W.E. Moss & Company of Detroit in 1907. The company, today known as Michigan Gas Utilities, continues to serve the residents of Grand Haven and other communities in southern Michigan.

In 1895 Stephen Munroe organized the Grand Haven Street Railway Company. Other organizers were George W. Jenner, Sherman H. Boyce, Andrew J. Emlaw, and George B. Parks. Cars ran from downtown Grand Haven along Water Street [now Harbor Avenue] to Highland Park. One of the stops was at a building near the south pier, erected by the company for dances and other events. Called Munroe Pavilion, the complex included bath houses, where visitors could change into their swimwear, as well as an entertainment and dance hall. The company also built a wooden deck, parallel to the south pier, to enhance people's enjoyment of the water.

Munroe's street railway company was bought by the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway Company and became known informally as the Interurban. The new company used electric power to provide transportation between Grand Rapids, Fruitport, Muskegon, Spring Lake, and Grand Haven.

Stephen Leonard Munroe died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Grand Haven on October 21, 1919. He, too, was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Albion. His will stipulated that his estate was to be divided among his surviving sisters, nieces, and nephews. Orpha and Marian each received \$50, because "they are otherwise well provided for." His house on Franklin Street was bequeathed to his nephew Leonard Munroe, who resided in Grand Haven a short time before returning to Albion. Leonard, the son of Stephen's brother James Edward Munroe, sold the home to Colonel George Olsen, who moved it to its present location, 301 Sherman Avenue. The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks erected their club house on the vacant lot in the mid-1920s.

At the time of his death, Stephen owned more than 35 acres on the south side of the Grand River near its mouth. The City of Grand Haven purchased the majority of this property from his estate for \$1,000 on October 14, 1920, and on December 20 the city sold 22 acres of it to the State of Michigan. The acreage is now known as Grand Haven State Park.

Born on February 11, 1847 in Parma, New York, Stephen was the son of Leonard [1814-1901] and Amarilla Wheeler [1818-1904] Munroe and the nephew of Dr. Stephen Munroe of Grand Haven. The young Stephen moved to Michigan between 1865 and 1870, the year he was included in the federal census as a resident of South Haven and working as a "Lumberman." In 1880 Stephen, still classified as a lumberman, was rooming at the Rideout House in Spring Lake, but he soon moved to Grand Haven. A house located on the corner of Franklin and Third Streets [15 South Third] was built before 1864 by John W. Hopkins. Following John's death on February 1, 1883, Dr. Munroe bought the property. After the doctor moved permanently to California, young Stephen took possession and was living there when the house was partially damaged in the fire of October 1, 1889. He repaired the home and was still living there as late as 1908. In the mid-1920s new owners moved the house to 301 Sherman Street. In 1915, Stephen was renting accommodations at 134 Washington.

Stephen was an entrepreneur, and in 1868 he and John Thomson became partners in the Munroe, Thomson & Company lumber firm. They built a sawmill in Mill Point [Spring Lake] at the foot of Jackson Street in 1867, which burned down in 1872. Sherman Boyce bought out John Thomson's shares. He and Stephen changed the name to Munroe, Boyce & Co. Nelson Howlett joined the firm in 1882. Stephen had other lumbering interests and was associated with Israel Harris.

In addition to lumber, Stephen's manufactured shingles, lath, and pickets. In the mid-1880s he and Grand Rapids resident Harvey Taft purchased the People's Pump Work in Grand Rapids. In late 1889 the partners applied for a patent for an industrial pump. By 1900 the company was closed. Stephen was one of the founders of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company on April 30, 1895. Other organizers were George W. Jenner, Sherman H. Boyce, Andrew J. Emlaw, and George B. Parks. Stephen and William H. Loutit purchased the Grand Haven Gas Works at 129 Washington sometime after 1885 and continued to operate it. Stephen owned more than 35 acres on the south side of the Grand River near its mouth. The City of Grand Haven purchased the majority of this property for \$1,000 on October 14, 1920, and then on December 20 the city sold 22 acres to the State of Michigan to be used as a state park. Stephen also had lumbering interests and was associated with Israel Harris.

Stephen's sister, Sarah Cordelia Munroe, was Nelson Howlett's first wife. Stephen died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Grand Haven on October 21, 1919. He was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Albion, Calhoun County. Stephen was a Mason and a member of the Elks.

### **Miles James Murphy [1900-1993]**

In the 1930s, at the height of the Depression, a man from Chicago was interested in building a cottage near the beach on North Shore. He said he would give the job to anyone who could finish the place by July 4<sup>th</sup>,

only 17 days away. Dr. David Seibold noted, "A group of men took the challenge and worked day and night, 24 hours a day, using car headlights to illuminate their work after the sun went down. They built the place, start to finish, in two weeks and three days. The home was still there in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, next door to the Harold Worm home." Miles J. Murphy and his wife continued family ownership of the property at 18903 North Shore Drive into the 1970s. Miles was born in Anamosa, Iowa on March 19, 1900. He worked for the Illinois Printing and Publishing Company. Margaret lived from 1904 to October 5, 1984. Miles died in Michigan City, Indiana on June 26, 1993. Their daughter Phyllis Murphy was born in Chicago in 1938.

### **Thomas F. Murphy [? - ?]**

Born in Ireland, Thomas Murphy arrived in this country as a young boy. He learned the ship's carpenter trade, which he entered in 1854. After living in Chicago for many years, he came to Grand Haven in 1880. By 1882 he had built "several ships" in Grand Haven. [*History of Ottawa County.*]

### **Albert Musk [1841-1925]**

Albert Musk moved to Spring Lake from The Netherlands in 1882 and became an employee of the Village. About 1870 Albert married Verzia [Foke/Foske] Smit, who was born in The Netherlands in August 1841. They had at least four children, including Maggie, who was born in The Netherlands in 1879. In 1910, Albert was a janitor in a Spring Lake school. He was born on June 16, 1841 in The Netherlands and died on April 16, 1925 at the age of 83. [*Tribune* obituary, April 17, 1925.]

### **Courtland Hayward Muzzall [Muzzal] [1881-1958]**

Born in Polkton Township on July 9, 1881, Courtland Muzzall opened a photography studio at the corner of Franklin and Second Streets in Grand Haven in 1905. His advertisement in the 1905 *County Weekly* read, "WE MAKE ANYTHING IN THE PORTRAIT LINE. From the Smallest Locket Picture to Life Size Enlargements and our work is always up to date." He provided many of the half-tone pictures included in the *Grand Haven Tribune* souvenir edition of April 1907. He married Edna May Martin in Lake County, Indiana, on May 25, 1903. Courtland and his family left Grand Haven before 1915 and by 1920 were residing in Island County, Washington. Edna was born in Crown Point, Indiana on October 16, 1881. Courtland died in Everett, Washington on May 11, 1958, and Edna passed away on February 16, 1977. Both were buried at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, Washington. They had four children. Harry Muzzal was his cousin.

### **Harold "Harry" Alfred Muzzall [Muzzal] [1881-1956]**

Harry Muzzall in 1910 was a dentist in Coopersville but by 1920 was working as a cashier at a Coopersville bank. The 1930 Federal Census listed him as a dentist once again. He also ran a fire insurance business. The son of Alfred C. and Julia Murray Muzzall, Harry was born in Coopersville on January 16, 1881 and died on May 2, 1956. He married Hazel B. Curtiss in Paris Township, Kent County, on November 19, 1913. She was born in Minnesota on April 21, 1891 and passed away on January 17, 1974. She and Harry were buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Courtland Muzzal was his cousin.

### **Dorothy Mahlebashian Myers [1924-2008]**

Known as the Popcorn Lady and the Crib Lady, Dorothy Myers operated a popcorn stand at the Barn Skating Rink [215 South Harbor] before purchasing a lot just east of the Dee Lite Restaurant, where she built the Corn Crib in 1950 [38 Washington]. She ran the stand until selling the business in 1993. Dorothy grew up in Grand Rapids, where her parents, John and Stella Mahlebashian sold popcorn from a horse-drawn wagon and later from a truck. On July 13, 1946 in Grand Rapids, she married Carroll Leonard Myers, who had been stationed in Grand Haven while with the Coast Guard. He was president of Mitronics by the late 1970s. Dorothy was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and sang for 60 years with the choir. She and Carroll had a daughter Robin and a son Kevin, both of Grand Haven. The family resided at 320 Columbus and later at 103 Lafayette. Carroll, who was born in New Haven Township, Minnesota, lived from February 18, 1922 to February 25, 1985. He was buried at Grandview Memorial

Gardens in Rochester, Minnesota. Dorothy moved to 939 Woodlawn. Born on December 19, 1924 in Grand Rapids, Dorothy died on July 11, 2008 in Grand Haven.

**Isaac [Isaak] C. Myers [Meyers] [1836-1894]**

On March 4, 1865 in Charlotte, Eaton County, Isaac Myers enlisted in Company H of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry as private. He was mustered out on November 11, 1865 and subsequently settled on 10 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in 1836, died on January 23, 1894. On October 12, 1856 in Williams County, Ohio, he married Emiline Ingledue. She lived from November 4, 1832 to April 20, 1872. Isaac on January 11, 1873 married Susan [Susannah] Maria Spindle [Spindler], who was born in Ohio on December 16, 1843. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on February 10, 1894. Among Isaac's and Susan's children was Claudia Myers, who was born on November 1, 1873 and married Charles E. Dushane of Grand Haven Township. A son, William Henry Meyers, was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1884 and married Berthan Grose in his hometown on September 2, 1911. Isaac's and Susan's daughter Edna was born in Agnew in 1886 and married Thomas Koetsier in Grand Haven on February 18, 1902. Susan died on February 19, 1904. She and Isaac were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**Eige [Esje, Eize] Naberhuis [Naberhouse] [1847-1920]**

Termed a "Farmer and Gardener" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Eige Naberhuis owned a little more than 17 acres in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. Born in The Netherlands on August 19, 1847, he and his wife Talje came to the area in 1881. He was one of the first Elders of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, which was incorporated on May 23, 1882. Eige died in Muskegon on October 4, 1920 at the age of 73. Talje was born in The Netherlands in May 1851.

**Cornelius Nagtzaam [1897-1985]**

Cornelius Nagtzaam married Esther De Ryke in Grand Haven on October 18, 1923. Cornelius was born in The Netherlands on May 14, 1897, came to the United States in 1913, and died in Grand Haven on August 6, 1985. By 1930 the couple resided at 935 Pennoyer. Cornelius was a mail carrier from 1895 to December 31, 1956. Esther lived from April 8, 1896 to June 12, 1997. She passed away in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Cornelius and Reyer were brothers. Their parents were Peter and Neeltje Nagtzaam. [*Tribune* obituary, August 6, 1985.]

**Peter Nagtzaam [1859-1943]**

Peter and Neeltje Natzgaam settled in Grand Haven in 1913. Peter was born in The Netherlands on January 28, 1859. They were married in 1891. In Grand Haven, Peter was an employee of Story & Clark Piano Company. They resided at 834 Grant Street. Among their eight children was a son, Reyer, who was born on March 9, 1895. Another son, Cornelius, was born on May 14, 1897. The sons were both born in The Netherlands and immigrated to Grand Haven with their parents. Peter passed away on August 23, 1943, and Neeltje, who was born in The Netherlands on July 14, 1865, died on August 28, 1951. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Reyer Nagtzaam [1895-1978]**

Reyer Nagtzaam was born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1895, immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1913, and died in Grand Haven on May 16, 1978. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 he was a paper hanger. On December 12, 1917 in Grand Haven, he married Marie Fisher. The daughter of John and Dena Fisher of Grand Haven, she was born in Michigan on May 20, 1894. The Nagtzaam children, all born locally, were Richard, born on August 1, 1919; Marian, born about 1921; and Donald, born around July 1926. In 1930 the family resided at 848 Water [Harbor], and later at 523 Oakes. Reyer and Cornelius were brothers. Their parents were Peter and Neeltje Nagtzaam. Marie passed away on September 20, 1965 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest.

**Richard James Nagtzaam [1919-2005]**

Richard, the son of Reyer and Marie Fisher Nagtzgaam, was born in Grand Haven on August 1, 1919. He married Winifred Wynn Buikema in Muskegon on May 2, 1941. She was born in Muskegon on March 26, 1920. Their children were Karen, who married Dean Reenders of Grand Haven; Nancy of Ludington; and Wendy, who married Terry Tilley of Kalamazoo. Richard served with the Army from 1942 to 1945. He was supervisor for the Metal Department at Harbor Industries in Grand Haven, where he worked for 37 years. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, the local American Legion Post, and Spring Lake Country Club. The family resided at 527 Oakes Avenue. Richard passed away in Grand Haven on October 30, 2005, and Winifred died on July 27, 2010. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 31, 2005.]

#### **Betty Lou Kaemingk Stobb Nagy [1936-2001]**

Betty was born in South Dakota on June 5, 1936, the daughter of Englebert and Johanna Kryanbrink Kaemingk. Betty received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Grand Valley State University, and then attended the University of Michigan, where she was awarded a Master of Library Science in 1975. She was 50 years old when she completed her Education Specialist Degree at Michigan State University. After graduating from Grand Valley in 1972, Betty taught seventh and eighth grade social studies in the Grand Haven school system. Three years later she became a library-media specialist for the same district. She next was given the job of associate junior high school principal and was appointed acting director of Human Resources in 1993. Betty then took on the responsibility of principal at White Pines Middle School in 1997 and the next year she took the position of assistant superintendent. She retired from education in 1999.

Betty was first married to Wallace Stobb, principal of Grand Haven Christian School. He was born August 27, 1929. Their daughter, Luanne Lynne, a student at the school, died at the age of 15 on October 22, 1978 of gangrene of the leg, following an unexplained illness. On August 2, 1986, Betty married Frank Nagy of Grand Haven. Betty died at her home at 12 Edwards Avenue on August 21, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Wallace passed away on November 30, 2016 and was buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery.

#### **Frank Nagy [1938-2016]**

Frank Nagy was a long-time employee of Grand Haven Stamped Products, where he became director of manufacturing and then vice president of manufacturing. From 1956 to 1958 he served with the U.S. Marines and achieved the rank of sergeant. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Grand Valley State University. In December 1956, he married Janet Ann Sutton. They were divorced in 1984. On August 2, 1986 Frank married Betty Lou Kaemingk Stobb. She lived from June 5, 1936 to August 21, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frank was born in Wayne County on May 30, 1938 and died in Muskegon County on August 20, 2016. He, too, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **[Carl] Augustus Names [Neimes] [1828-1894]**

Born in Saxony, Germany on August 4, 1828, Augustus Names left Ohio in 1856 and settled in Olive Township, where he maintained a 310-acre farm in Sections 4, 5, and 6. On June 2, 1854 in Tuscarawas, Ohio he married Maria Elisabeth Ruch. She was born in Switzerland on December 7, 1827 and died on December 24, 1876. Among their children, all born locally, were Adolphus Edward Names [1855-1875]; John Theodore Names [1858-1938]; Frederick A. Names [1861-1897]; Henrietta Juliette Names [1864-1938]; twins Benjamin Joseph Names and Joseph P. Names [1867-1940]; and Sarah Names, born on August 15, 1869. After Elizabeth's death and before 1880, Augustus married Clara, who was born around 1832 in Bavaria. Augustus died on April 10, 1894. The family members were buried at Olive Cemetery.

#### **Benjamin Joseph Names [1867-1940]**

Benjamin Names farmed 80 acres in Sections 4 and 5 of Olive Township, adjacent to land once owned by his father [Augustus Names] and later worked by his brother, John, and sister, Sarah. Benjamin, who was

born on January 27, 1867, was the son of Augustus and Elizabeth Names. He died on July 3, 1940 and was buried at Olive Cemetery.

**John Theodore Names [1858-1938]**

John, the son of Augustus and Elizabeth Names, was born on December 15, 1858. His 120-acre farm was located in Sections 4 and 5 of Olive Township, on part of the land previously owned by his father. On April 16, 1914 in Blendon Township, John married Grace Fletcher, who was born about 1891. John died on December 30, 1938 and was buried at Olive Cemetery.

**Sarah J. Names [1869-1932]**

Sarah was the daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth Names. Born on August 15, 1869, Sarah farmed 120 acres in Sections 4 and 6 of Olive Township, part of the land previously owned by her father. Sarah died on April 1, 1932 and was buried at Olive Cemetery.

**Nanommadowba [Nanamadabi] [? -?]**

The *Tribune*, in commenting upon Indian “relics” found at the mouth of Crockery Creek, Battle Point, added, “The present site of Ferrysburg was the great summer quarters of the Ottawa red men.” Nanommadowba, an Odawa chief, was said to live in the Ferryburg location in the early nineteenth century. The chief’s name meant “repeatedly sitting down.” Jean Baptiste Parrisien told a newspaper reporter that on his first visit to the mouth of Grand River in 1829 “there was a large Indian village at Ferrysburg.” The seasonal settlement remained evident until at least 1836. Nanommadowba is cited in Wilbert Hinsdale’s *Archaeological Map of Michigan* [1931].

**Owen Orson Narregang [1897-1980]**

Owen, the son of William and Esther Kerns Narregang, was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on March 11, 1897. He married Esther Kerns in St. Joseph, Berrien County, on July 10, 1916. Esther lived from November 21, 1897 to August 3, 1985. In 1930, Owen was listed as a paper hanger living at 428 Monroe Street. Six years later, he and Esther resided at 420 Monroe, where he owned and operated a paint store. His father had a similar business. Their daughter Doris Narregang was born in Benton Harbor on January 28, 1917, married Clyde Edward Katt [1917-1977], and died on February 22, 1990. Owen died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1980. He and Esther were buried at Fruitport Cemetery.

**William Franklin Dunham Narregang [1871-1954]**

Around 1920 William Franklin Narregang & Son had a paint and wallpaper store at 101 Franklin Street. William was born in Byron Center on September 23, 1871 and died in Grand Haven on March 13, 1954. His father, John Franklin Dunham [1848-1930], married Rozelia Maria Rose Narregang [1851-1945]; William preferred to go by his mother’s family name. On June 26, 1894 William married Gertrude May Allen in Watervliet, Berrien County. Gertrude was born on May 8, 1874 in Michigan and died on February 15, 1957. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest. In 1910 the couple was still in Watervliet, where William worked as a painter and paper hanger. In 1920 William managed an unspecified grocery store and resided at 113 North Fourth Street, in the 1930 Federal Census, he was listed as a “Paper Hanger” living in Grand Haven Township, and in 1940 he, Gertrude, and Esther were located in Berrien County.

William and Gertrude had four daughters: Wanita Narregang, who lived from 1895 to 1974; Florence Narregang, who was born in 1900, on July 21, 1920 married Arthur Rue in Grand Haven, and died in 1983; Edna Narregang, who was born in 1904 and died in 1992; Druessilla Narregang, who lived from 1908 to 1982; and Esther Patricia Narregang, who was born in 1912 and died in 1974. William and Gertrude also had a son, Owen Orson Narregang, who was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on March 11, 1897. Owen was the “Son” in William’s short-lived paint and wallpaper store business.

**Daniel [David] Cleon Nash [1844-1908]**



Daniel Nash started delivering mail by horse and buggy in Crockery Township when a rural route was established around 1905. He was born in Jefferson County, New York, on September 14, 1844 and died on November 5, 1908. Daniel first came to the Grand Haven area in 1871 and worked for one of the newspapers as a printer for two years. In 1874 he moved to Crown Point, Indiana. His wife Dora was born in 1856 and died on December 31, 1935. They were married on June 2, 1872 and had six children. He enlisted as private on September 5, 1863 and served with Company G of the 7<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. He was reported as deserting his unit on July 3, 1865. Dora and Daniel were buried at Nunica Cemetery. [Personal correspondence from Charles D. Nash, a grandson, dated December 14, 1968.]

#### **Ethel Thompson Nash [1898-1974]**

Ethel M. Thompson was born in Grand Haven on June 13, 1898. Her parents were Francis and Matilda Bartlett Thompson. Francis, a Grand Haven barber, was African American. Ethel married Edward [Edmond/Edmon] W. Nash. Edward, born in Michigan about 1893, was White. [This may be Edmon Z. Nash, born in Grand Rapids on May 11, 1892. If so, he was the son of Edmon L. and Tina Nash.] In 1920 Edward and Ethel were residing in New York City. Edward was employed in a machine shop and Ethel worked in a store. They were both listed as White in the 1920 census. In the mid-1920s Ethel operated a restaurant [ginger ale stand/candy shop] at 18 Washington in Grand Haven, where she also resided. By 1930 she and Edward had moved to Chicago. At that time Edward was a machinist, and Ethel was working as a milliner. In 1938 Ethel was back in Grand Haven and again residing at 18 Washington Street, above the Bee Hive Hamburg Shop. In 1941 she was a finisher at Brian's Novelty Cleaners at 13 North Second Street. By the mid-1950s Ethel was living at 17195 144<sup>th</sup> Street in Spring Lake Township, where she was still residing at the time of her death on February 6, 1974. Ethel and her brother Lyle Thompson were listed as White in the 1900 census, as was their mother. In the 1910 census the two children were listed as Mulatto.

#### **Elizabeth Nauman [1831-1924]**

See Andrew Frear.

#### **Andrew John Nauta [1893-1982]**

Andrew Nauta was born on May 1, 1893 in Muskegon. In 1917 he was still in Muskegon. On June 5, 1920, he married France Éva Gigot in Lyon, France. She was born in Lyon on September 19, 1895. The couple met when Andrew was sent to France to install "high-powered electric wire machines in the large factories of Paris." [Muskegon Chronicle, June 13, 1919. By 1930 Andrew and France were residing in New Jersey, but in 1941 Andrew owned and operated Nauta Dry Cleaning at 633 Washington in Grand Haven. At the time of his death on August 3, 1982 he resided at 1225 Waverly. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. France died on September 10, 1987. She also was buried at Lake Forest. James Nauta, their son, was born in Grand Rapids on August 26, 1915.

#### **James Nauta I [1915-1970]**

On July 2, 1942 in Grand Haven, James Nauta married Genevieve Wessell. Their children were James Nauta, who was born about 1944 and became a captain with the Salvation Army in Elmhurst, Illinois; Mary Nauta, who was born about 1947, married James Hoskin, and moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she held the rank of major with the Salvation Army; Thomas R. Nauta, who was born about 1948 and remained in Grand Haven; Kenneth J. Nauta, who was born about 1950 and also remained in Grand Haven; Judith A. Nauta, who was born about 1951, married Louis Davidson, and moved to Nashville, Tennessee; and Steven, who relocated to Fort Worth, Texas. After James and Genevieve were divorced in Grand Haven on October 13, 1952, Genevieve married Walter Herbert Madsen on September 26, 1956. Genevieve, the daughter of Abram and Lillian Nordahl Wessell, was born on June 30, 1917 on South Manitou Island, Leelanau County. James was born in Grand Rapids on August 26, 1915 and died in his birthtown on February 2, 1970 and was buried at Polkton Township Cemetery.

### **William Nauta [1887-1955]**

Born in The Netherlands on August 31, 1887, William Nauta immigrated to Grand Haven and worked at the William Heap Company in the early 1900s. In 1920 he was employed at an “engine works,” and ten years later he was a machinist at Construction Aggregates, where he eventually became supervisor. Around 1908 he married Gertrude De Ryke, who was born in Grand Haven on November 14, 1886 and died there on January 6, 1935. In the early 1900s they resided at 720 Clinton and later at 1017 Pennoyer. Their children were Andrew, born on August 5, 1910, and Katherine, born around 1913. He passed away about December 30, 1955. William and Gertrude were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Cassius Marshall Nay [1882-1949]**

In the 1920s Klockstein & Nay’s Meat Market was open for a short time at 124 Washington Street. One of the co-owners was Cassius Nay. He and his partner, William Klockstein, sold to Eldean Nixon, who continued the meat market business. Cassius was born in Fremont, Newaygo County, on February 27, 1882. On December 28, 1904 he married Mabel Dell Gwatkin in Traverse City. She was born in Crawford County on August 8, 1884. They had two children: Scott Nay [1907-1993] and Grace Esther Nay [1909-1975]. Cassius died in Los Angeles on July 16, 1949, and Mabel passed away on December 26, 1956 in San Bernadino County, California.

### **Robert M. Neale [1870-1932]**

Around 1900 Robert Neale moved from Branch County to Grand Haven as manager of the Grand Haven Basket Company on Sixth Street. He later became manager of the Herbert W. Smith Company, which sold produce wholesale at 9-11 South Harbor. Robert was born in Marshall, Calhoun County on December 7, 1870. He married Edna [Emma] Louise Hatch in Battle Creek on March 16, 1898. Edna was born in Michigan in July 1870 and died in Branch County on June 18, 1922. In Grand Haven the Neales resided at 623 Lafayette with their son, Robert L., who was born in Missouri in March 1900. By 1920 the family had returned to Branch County, where Robert was managing a cement factory. Robert died in Branch County on April 1, 1932.

### **Lyman William Nedeau [1912-2004]**

Born about 1913, Lyman Nedeau was one of two survivors rescued from the wreck of the derrick barge *Salvor* on September 26, 1930. He spent 15 hours wedged in the derrick before being rescued. Captain William E. Preston of the Grand Haven Coast Guard Station was in charge of the rescue. Five men died in the wreck, about 15 miles off Grand Haven. The other survivor of the *Salvor* wreck was from New Jersey. Lyman, the son of Israel and Rose Belfy Nedeau, was born on August 3, 1912 in Charlevoix County. He and his parents in 1930 lived at 1448 Beach Street in Muskegon. He married Harriette [Harriet] Fisher in Ingham County on February 1, 1947. Lyman passed away in Ludington on February 1, 2004. [*Tribune* article, “Nearly Lost At Sea,” February 4, 2004.]

### **Gary Lee Nederveld [1941-2006]**

Gary Nederveld founded Gary Nederveld & Associates, Inc., on November 1, 1977. His physical therapy office was located at 950 Taylor Street. He and his wife Kathy resided at 215 Stickney Ridge Road in Grand Haven. Gary was born in Zeeland on July 6, 1941, died in Grand Haven on September 2, 2006, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Kathy was born on June 1, 1944.

### **David J. Nedervelt [1889-1958]**

David Nedervelt was born in Grand Haven on March 15, 1889 and served with the Army during WWI. He was the son of Edward and Peternella “Nellie” Nedervelt. David married Frances Fisher on July 6, 1910 in Muskegon. They resided first at 225 Madison, but by 1930 were located at 216 Sherman. Frances, also from Michigan, was born around 1892. Their children were Edward, born about 1912; Dudley, born on November 17, 3 and Arnell, a daughter, born about 1926. All the family members were born in Michigan.

David worked as a machinist in a local factory. He died on March 2, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Dudley Eugne Nedervelt [1923-2014]**

Dudley, the son of David and Frances Fisher Nedervelt, was born in Grand Haven on November 17, 1923. He married Bertha Dena Gelderloos on January 18, 1946 in Grand Haven. Bertha was born in Muskegon on March 3, 1924. Dud served with the Marine Corps during WWII. He retired from Michigan Plastics in 1988, where he had worked as an Industrial Engineer. He and Bertha were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. They had three children: Colleen, who married P.J. McCarthy of Nunica; Cathy, who married Craig Cook and moved to Holland; and Rodney, who made his home in Kalamazoo. Bertha passed away on January 13, 2010, and Dud died on September 14, 2014. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Nelson [Nels] Neels [Niels] [1842-1910]**

In the 1893 *Compendium*, Nelson Niels [Neels] was shown as living on a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Olive Township, where he settled, according to his obituary, around 1880, although he doesn't appear in the Federal Census of that year for any location. [A Nelson Neale, born about 1843 in Alabama, was living in Milam, Texas at the time of the 1870 Federal Census; he was living with an African American family and working as a farm laborer.] During the Civil War, he served with Company F of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kansas Infantry from 1861 to 1865. [His unit was renamed the 83<sup>rd</sup> Colored Infantry (New) on December 13, 1864.] Nelson was born in Kentucky [Arkansas/Alabama] about August 1842 [1844, 1846, 1848]. According to the censuses of 1900 and 1910, Nelson remained on his farm in Olive Township, continuing to work as a farmer. An article that appeared in the *Tribune* the day after Nelson's death noted that he was sometimes known as Nelson Cooper. Nelson Cooper appeared in the 1880 Federal Census for West Olive as a 34-year-old single man who worked as a farmer. In any event, Nelson died at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon on August 24, 1910. His obituary stated his only relative was a sister who lived in New Orleans. He was buried in the G.A.R. [Civil War] plot at Lake Forest Cemetery under the name Neels with other Civil War veterans; his gravestone was undated. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 24, 1910, August 25, 1910, and August 28, 1910.]

#### **Catherine "Cassie" Nell Verschoor Neely [McNabb] [1925-2018]**

In 1952 Cassie and Ralph Neely built a summer home at 19173 North Shore Drive in Ferrysburg. Twenty years later they added a second floor and converted the house to year-round living. Cassie Verschoor was born in Holland, Michigan on August 27, 1925 and married Ralph Hibbard Neely in Grand Rapids on August 2, 1947. He was born in Chicago on March 3, 1926 and died in Ferrysburg on November 28, 1988. The summer following his death, Cassie turned her Lake Michigan home into a bed and breakfast. Her second husband, William John McNabb, lived from 1925 to 2015. She passed away in Holland on June 13, 2018. She and Ralph had three children: Thomas Neely of Grand Rapids, Joseph Neely of Ann Arbor, and Amy Neely, who married Brian Wisner and remained in Grand Haven.

#### **Dorothy Van Kolken Neher [1915-2011]**

See Preston "Pres" James Van Kolken I [1912-1971] and Dorothy Van Kolken [Neher] [1915-2011].

#### **Jane Alice Neil [1875-1932]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 17, 1875, Jane Alice Neil was the daughter of John and Bridget Neil. She attended local schools and was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She graduated with the Grand Haven High School class of 1893 and went on to the University of Michigan, where she received a degree in education in 1896. By 1910 she was a teacher in the Chicago public schools. She joined the faculty of the Jesse Spaulding School for Crippled Children and in Chicago in 1914 was named principal of the school. She ultimately became superintendent of the School District. During her 34 years as Spaulding, she helped further public awareness of the physically handicapped. An article in a 1921 issue of Illinois voter

applauded her efforts: “. . . [U]nder the direction of Miss Jane Neil’s sympathetic imagination and energy, [the school] continued to meet the needs of Chicago’s handicapped children.” Jane died on October 29, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. Jane A. Neil Elementary School in Chicago was named in her honor. Another article [*The Michigan Alumnus*, Vol 39] said, “Miss Neil was an excellent speaker and her eloquence in the interests of under-privileged children has been the means of bringing about valuable legislation in the many states in which she has spoken. She and President Franklin D. Roosevelt became friends through their common interest in infantile paralysis and were given honorary offices in Rotary International. She told Rotarians, “You can accomplish anything if you care not who gets the credit.” More than twenty years after her death, Jane A. Neil Elementary School in Chicago was named in her honor. Spaulding School closed permanently in 2004.

### **John W. Neil [Neal, O’Neil, O’Neal] I [1835-1910]**

Born in Ontario, Canada in 1835, John Neil came to Detroit in 1859 to learn the ship building business. He arrived in Grand Haven in 1867 with a group of Welsh and Scottish shipbuilders. He, Thomas Kirby, and John Callister established Mechanics’ Dry Dock and Shipyard in Grand Haven. Mechanics’ Dry Dock produced many of the great steamers manufactured in local shipyards. John was listed as a ship’s carpenter in the 1892 Business Compendium. During the Civil War, John served with the U.S. Navy in the ship building yards. On May 18, 1857 in Berlin [Marne] he married Bridget Alice Walsh [Roche] of Grand Haven. She was born in Ireland in 1841 and immigrated to the United States when she was six. At the time of their marriage, Bridget was listed as 24 years old and John as 25; both gave Walker, Kent County as their home. By the time of the 1900 Federal Census, John was living in Wyoming, Kent County, working as a ship’s carpenter. Bridget was not with him at the time. They had two daughters: Mary, who was born about 1873, and Jane Alice, who was born on October 17, 1875, and two sons, including John W. II, who lived from October 31, 1878 to about November 3, 1934.

John II at the time of 1900 Federal Census was living with the John and Catherine Farnham family in Chicago. The Farnhams had been residents of Grand Haven until 1895, when they moved to Chicago. The younger John Neil was working as a clerk. At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, Bridget, Jane, Mary, and John II were living in Chicago, where Jane was a teacher. John I died on April 26, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The census, taken a few days before John I died, listed Bridget as married, but her husband was not included in the count. At that time, John II owned a millinery store. Also living with Bridget in 1910 was 23-year-old Henry W. Buswell II of Grand Haven. Henry was employed as a foreman for an electric company. Bridget died in Chicago on April 30, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. John II also was buried in the family plot.

### **Albert John Neitring I [Neitering] [1887-1973]**

Albert, the son of Henry and Henrietta Regelin Neitring, was born in Grand Haven Township on August 6, 1887 and died in the same city on April 2, 1973. Albert quit school after the fourth grade to help run the family farm, located at the northeast corner of Buchanan Street and U.S. 31 in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. He worked at Challenge Machinery in the early 1900s. By the 1930s he was owner of A. J. Neitring & Sons Excavating and Coal Yards, which were located at 315 North Sixth Street. In the late 1940s he sold the business to his son and worked for the Wyant and Cannon Foundry in Muskegon.

In 1912, Albert married Angie, the daughter of Henry and Gertrude Boyink Roossien. Angie was born in Grand Haven on November 7, 1892. They lived at 315 North Sixth Street with their children, including Henry Albert, who was born February 26, 1913 and married Emily, the daughter of Henry and Cordelia Kolberg. Emily lived from November 8, 1914 to April 17, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry A. died in Grand Haven on March 15, 1997. Albert and Angie also had a daughter, Harriet Louise, who was born on September 4, 1914, married Kenneth Wayne Garter on April 9, 1937, and died on March 14, 1993 in Grand Haven. After Kenneth’s death on May 11, 1946, Harriet married Theodore J. Musial II on February 19, 1949. Theodore was born on November 15, 1911 and died on May 10, 1981. Another daughter, Gertrude Marion, was born on July 21, 1916 and married Paul Kosch on May 6, 1938. Gertrude

passed away on January 3, 1996 in Muskegon and Paul, who was born on May 25, 1916, died on August 2, 2005. A third daughter, Dorothy Ruth, was born on September 13, 1918. On April 21, 1937 she married Charles Irvin Blackmer who was born in Nunica on September 21, 1918 and died on October 15, 1965. Dorothy passed away on December 27, 1944 in Grand Haven. Another daughter, Bernice Lillian, who was born on August 12, 1920 in Spring Lake, died on April 9, 2005 in Grand Haven. She married Joseph Michael on September 5, 1936. Joseph, who was born on February 15, 1918, died on March 26, 1987. A fifth daughter, Mildred Angie, was born on November 6, 1922 and married Archie Veryl Green. Their sixth and last daughter, Arlene Mae, was born on May 2, 1927 and married Ralph "Hank" De Young of Grand Haven. A son, Albert Jay, was born on July 27, 1931. All the children except Bernice were born in Grand Haven. Angie passed away in Spring Lake on February 14, 1962.

### **Albert Jay Neitring II [1931-1998]**

The son of Albert and Angie Roossien Neitring I, Albert was born in Grand Haven on July 27, 1931. Albert II operated heavy equipment for the City of Grand Haven, and before that he spent 17 years with Neitring's Coal Dock. Albert II married Lorraine Lyons on March 10, 1951. Albert II died in Grand Haven on August 18, 1998.

### **Cornelius Van Raalte Neitring [Neitering, Nieiterink] [1819-1899]**

Cornelius Neitring was known for his travels in life and in death. He was born in Drenthe, The Netherlands on August 31, 1819. At age 28 he departed his homeland for the United States and began earning a living as a fisherman on the Fox Islands near Beaver Island. On November 10, 1857 he married Aaltje Westrink Aldering in Holland. [Aaltje's maiden name was Westrink, so apparently she had been married previously to a Mr. Aldering] Three years later the couple settled in Grand Haven, where they raised their four children: Gerrit, born about 1858; Henry, born about 1861; Albert, born about 1868; and Marie [Mary], who was born in 1882, married Karl Podein of Grand Haven, and died in 1962. After Aaltje's death at the age of 60 on August 31, 1886 and in failing health himself, Cornelius was unable to live independently. In 1894 he was admitted to the Ottawa County Poor Farm. He died there of diabetes on New Year's Day in 1899 at age 78 and was interred at the farm. When the weather improved, members of Cornelius's family had his body exhumed, transported to Grand Haven, and buried in the cemetery on land that now is known as Central Park. Cornelius would not rest for long. Fearing health problems and general discomfort with the proximity of the cemetery to town, the City Council in 1900 ordered friends and family of the deceased to take personal responsibility in removing all loved ones to the new Lake Forest Cemetery. Gerrit, Henry, Albert, and Mary dutifully disinterred their father for yet a third burial. [*Tribune* article "Focus on People," August 3, 1998 and anecdote by Marjorie Viveen in *Our People Their Stories*, 2014.]

### **Henry Gerrit Neitring I [1863-1900]**

Henry Neitring I was treasurer of Grand Haven Township when he died of bronchitis on April 14, 1900. Born in 1863 to Cornelius and Aaltje Aldering Neitering, he married Henrietta Regelin in Grand Haven on October 3, 1883. She was the daughter of John and Maria Regelin of Grand Haven Township. The Neitrings had eight children, including Albert John, who was born on August 6, 1887, Henry II, who was born on March 15, 1888, and Frances, who was born on September 4, 1894 and married William Herbst of Grand Haven. The family farm was located in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. The barn remained visible at the northeast corner of U.S. 31 and Buchanan into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In 1908 Henrietta resided at 526 Lafayette. Later she married Silas Harvey of Grand Haven. Henry was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Henrietta was born "on the sea" on April 4, 1865 and died on January 24, 1949.

### **Henry Gerrit Neitring [Neitering] II [1889-1951]**

Born in Grand Haven Township on March 15, 1889, Henry was the son of Henry and Henrietta Regelin Neitring. About 1925 Henry II established one of the largest coal yards on the east shore of Lake Michigan. Named Neitring's Coal Dock, it started at 205 Fulton, where he and his family also resided. The yards were moved to City Island [Harbor Island], with the address 1125 North Third. Henry started out

making deliveries with a horse and wagon. On December 25, 1936, 50,000 tons of coal stored on Harbor Island caught fire by internal combustion and burned for a week, despite efforts by the Grand Haven Fire Department and the Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba*. Henry also established a coal yard in Holland, which he sold about 1945. Henry was associated with John Kuiper of Ferrysburg as owner of the NK Cartage Company of Muskegon, one of the largest freight companies in West Michigan. In 1945 he turned over the operation of the coal dock to his son Henry III and a son-in-law, Leo J. Ebel, and retired from active management of the Cartage Company. Leo had been managing the Holland office.

On March 25, 1908 Henry married Magdalena “Maggie” Rue [Rugh] of Grand Haven Township. She was born in Michigan in November 1889. The Neitrings resided at 205 Fulton and later at 420 North First Street. Henry and Maggie had several children, including Harriet, born about 1909; Dorothy, who was born about 1911 and married Leo J. Ebel [June 7, 1907-March 1980]; Henry III, born on September 12, 1912; and Dolores, born about 1927. On March 8, 1915, Henry enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. He held the rank of sergeant. He was wounded in action on July 31, 1918. After the war Henry returned to Grand Haven and started his coal business. He became a member of the Harbor Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Gideons. Henry was one of the founders of Gospel Hall, he aided the Youth for Christ movement, and he gave financial support to numerous church organizations. Henry died of a heart attack on April 4, 1951 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, July 8, 1952.]

### **Henry H. Neitring [Neitering] III [1912-1978]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1912, to Henry and Maggie Rue Neitring, young Henry attended the local high school and Howell Business School in Muskegon. After graduation he joined his father’s business, and in 1945 he took over its management. Henry was a member of Kiwanis, the Spring Lake Country Club, Eagles, and Elks. In 1964 he entered into a partnership with W. Bruce Matthews, Leo Ebel, and James Bussard to start the Grand Haven Golf Club. Henry married Dorothy Roberts. The Neitrings had a daughter Diana. The family lived at 205 Fulton Street. Henry died on July 1, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* “Kiwanis Biography,” April 8, 1954.]

### **Joseph Ahmad Nejem [1885-1970]**

Born in Aitha, Syria, on March 2, 1888 [1885], Joe Nejem moved to Grand Haven in 1901. Twenty-four years later, he became a naturalized citizen. Joe owned the J. A. Nejem Candy and Tobacco Store at 12-14 Washington in downtown Grand Haven and operated the Air Dome Theater from 1912 to 1915 at the same address. He lived alone a few doors west, above what was at one time Thieleman’s Saloon [6 Washington]. He died in Grand Haven on June 1, 1970. His body was returned to Beirut, Lebanon for burial.

### **Albena [Albina] E. Nelson [1884-1949]**

Born on March 22, 1884 in Ashton, Osceola County, Albena Nelson in 1910 was working as a maid for a family in Grand Rapids. By the mid-1930s she owned Caf net at 233 West Savidge Street [approximate number]; by 1948, the restaurant had moved to 103 East Savidge. Albena passed away in Grand Rapids on February 27, 1949 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Charles B. Nelson [1928-2012]**

Chuck Nelson was born on July 25, 1928 in Grand Haven. He was the son of Carl and Kathryn Martin Nelson. After serving with the Army during the Korean War, Chuck married Marie Leona Potter in Muskegon on April 28, 1962. Chuck on May 30, 1947 started the Pronto Pup business with his uncle, John Montgomery, a Spring Lake doctor. Chuck, then 19 years old and a recent graduate of Grand Haven High School, ran the stand until his uncle left the area a few years later, and he then took over ownership and management, opening each summer season thereafter. Chuck had a son, Carl, and two stepchildren: Sindee, who married Joe Maxwell, and James Starnes of Palm Desert, California. Chuck died in Grand Haven on March 11, 2012.

### **Olaf Nelson [1865-1941]**

Olaf Nelson came to Grand Haven with the Story & Clark Piano Company when it moved here from Chicago, and he was Sounding-Board Department foreman at the time the company was making three to four pianos a day. At the same time Olaf was a fireman. He was elected to City Council in 1925 and served four years as Elder of the Presbyterian Church. Olaf lived from October 1, 1865 to April 4, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Melvina "Nina," was born in Sweden on January 31, 1870 and died on September 11, 1948. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. From the early 1900s to at least 1940 they resided at 500 Lake Avenue. Their daughter Elsa was born in Chicago on May 17, 1899, died in Kalamazoo on October 17, 1918, and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Sherrill Perrine Nelson [1898-1964]**

Born in Oil City, Pennsylvania on January 29, 1898, Sherrill Nelson married Mabel Lundberg in Grand Rapids on July 2, 1923. She lived from December 17, 1898 to May 14, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sherrill then married Jane Pellegrom on August 28, 1954. Not long after the wedding, the couple opened Sherrill House, a resort hotel, at 1026 South Harbor Drive. Prior to that enterprise, Sherrill had worked as a sanitary engineer in Grand Haven. He and Mabel resided at 526 Lafayette Street. Sherrill died in Grand Haven on October 3, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Theodore J. Nelson [1854-1933]**

Theodore Nelson was a farmer and raised fruit on 20 acres in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. He settled in the area in 1907. His wife's name, George Ella, was listed in the 1918 *Directory* as Geo-ella. Theodore was born in Illinois around 1854, and his wife was born in New Hampshire two years later. She passed away in 1918, and Theodore died in Spring Lake in 1933. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **William R. Nelson [@1840-1865]**

A *Grand Haven Tribune* article of May 2, 1913 listed 13 Black Civil War veterans who had enlisted for the service while residing in Ottawa County. William R. Nelson was among those cited, although William R. Nelson was listed on page 126 of the 1882 *History of Ottawa County* as having lost his life in the war at Orangeburg, South Carolina on June 30, 1865. Twenty-three years old when he enlisted in Detroit on November 2, 1863, William's military records show he was assigned to Company D of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Colored Infantry [later called 102<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Colored Infantry] and mustered out in Orangeburg, South Carolina on June 30, 1865.

### **John N. Nelthorp [Nelthorpe] [1828-1900]**

John Nelthorp, born in England on May 9, 1828, settled in Section 14 of Crockery Township in 1879, where he opened a restaurant, poolroom, and confectionery. He also was a mason. John served as private with Company K of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry from August 6, 1862 to September 19, 1863, when he was discharged for disability. John died of cancer on March 19, 1900 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. On April 2, 1900 his wife, Jane B., applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born in Scotland in October 1823 and died on November 10, 1905. She, too, was buried at Nunica Cemetery. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Ida, Frank, Hattie, and Fred, who was born in March 1869.

### **Stephen Karl Nemeth [Nameth] [1882-1947]**

Stephen Nemeth was born in Pressburg, Hungary [Austria] on September 15, 1882. He operated the Gildner Hotel [2 Washington Street] from 1900 to 1947 but changed the name to the William M. Ferry Hotel on May 4, 1930 in honor of the city's founding father and the fast-approaching 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On February 14, 1929, Stephen married Selma Bahr Melnotte, who had a daughter, Evelyn Melnotte Carlson, born in Michigan about 1916. Selma, the daughter of Charles and Lena Bahr of Grand Haven, was born in Michigan in February 1892. In 1930 Evelyn was residing in Grand Haven with her uncle and aunt, Fred and Catherine Fink. Stephen passed away in 1947.

### **Jacob Nemire [1839-1913]**

In the 1893 *Compendium* Jacob Nemire was listed as a dealer in marl [rich soil], but by 1908 he was working in a meat market. Jacob, who was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on August 15, 1839, was married four times. On December 1, 1860 he married Clara Helder in Grand Haven. She died on May 10, 1868, not quite 25 years old. Next he married Sarah Gosling, who died on November 30, 1882 at the age of 40. Among their seven children, Jacob and Sarah had a daughter, Alice Maud, who was born in Grand Haven on August 23, 1881. Alice became a teacher and married Edward Houston.

On December 24, 1883 in Grand Haven, Jacob married for the third time. His bride, Julia Britton Morehouse, was born in Grandville, Kent County on November 24, 1835 and died in Grand Haven on August 11, 1885. Julia married Horace A. Morehouse [b. abt. 1827] in Grand Haven on October 5, 1854. In the census of 1860, Julia, now a widow, was living with her sister Lavina Warts in Grand Haven. Julia moved with Lavina and Lavina's children to Ypsilanti sometime before 1880.

Margaret [Marguerite] Jane Bogard, Jacob's fourth wife, was born in Kentucky on May 25, 1846 and passed on August 14, 1935 in Grand Rapids. They were married in Grand Haven on August 15, 1892 and lived at 627 Washington. Jacob died on March 11, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wives and other family members.

### **Henry Ludwig Nessen [1866-1943]**

In 1920, Henry Nessen was a salesman at a general store in Empire, Leelanau County. By the mid-1920s he owned a clothing and shoe store at 1119 Washington Street. He and his wife, Louise, resided at 1407 Columbus with their two children, Marion, who was born about 1907, and Ward, who was born about 1910 in Empire. By 1930 the Nessens had moved to Durham, South Carolina. Henry died in Grand Traverse County on March 21, 1943. He was born in Sweden in 1866 and came to the United States the next year.

### **Otto Christian Jacob Neuchterlein [Nuechterlein] [1875-1946]**

In the mid-1920s, Otto Neuchterlein and his wife Lena purchased Khardomah Lodge from the sisters Mary and Susan Yerkes. The Neuchterleins continued to run it as a lodge for visitors. Unfortunately, the depression and falling revenues led to foreclosure of the property, and in 1937 the bank sold it to Jennie Smith and her husband. In 1910 Otto was a "collector" for a Grand Rapids brewery, in 1918 he worked as a watchman at a Grand Rapids bank, in 1921 he was a clerk at a department store. He married Lena Royers [Rogers] in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1921. Born on January 18, 1875 in Frankenmuth, Otto died on January 5, 1946 and was buried at Rosedale Memorial Park in Tallmadge Township. Lena lived from 1877 to 1937 and also was buried at Rosedale.

### **Gordon D. Neuman [1936-2006]**

Gordon Neuman was born on June 29, 1936. He and his wife Susan purchased the real estate at 18 Washington about 2000. They tore down the existing building and constructed a new one to house Pavilion Wharf and Grill, which opened a few years later. The owners lived in an upstairs apartment. Gordon Neuman died on November 23, 2006, but his wife continued to operate the business and to reside in the upstairs apartment.

### **Fleda Augusta Nevins [1900-1989]**

Born in Kalamazoo on June 19, 1900, Fleda Nevins graduated from Kalamazoo High School in 1919, attended Hillsdale College from 1925 to 1926. After teaching two years of junior high school science courses at Crosswell, Sanilac County, Fleda graduated from Western Michigan University in 1927 and moved to Grand Haven to teach general science at Central School for the next 38 years. In 1953 she was appointed director of Educational Measurements, and she developed educational tools for student testing during her final 12 years of teaching. From 1943 to 1945 she was president of the Grand Haven Teacher's



Club, and from 1953 to 1954 she was chairwoman of the Public Relations Committee of the Michigan Department of Classroom Teachers. She earned a master degree from the University of Michigan in 1942.

Fleda retired from the Grand Haven Area Public Schools on June 11, 1965. The next year she wrote an unpublished history of Ottawa County Normal School, which trained teachers between 1906 and 1919. She was active in the Red Cross blood bank, Tuesday Musicale, Grand Haven Woman's Club, First Presbyterian Church Women's Circle, Board of Deacons from 1967 to 1970, and chaired the Community Council Committee. Fleda also was a member of Pi Lambda Theta and editor of its newsletter from 1961 to 1968. She was a Girl Scout leader from 1927 to 1934. In addition, she was a member of the Triangle Business and Professional Woman's Club from 1934 to 1941 and served as president for two years. She died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1989. [*Tribune articles*, "Devoted Local Teacher," May 20, 1965, and "Scrapbook Record of Town's Concern," April 2, 1967.]

### **John Henry Newcomb [1811-1892]**

John was born on May 29, 1811, in Westford, New York, the son of James Smith and Jane C. Van Vleck Newcomb. James lived from 1773 to 1848, while Jane was born in Bronx, New York, on March 5, 1783, and died in Spring Lake on January 26, 1862. As a young man John moved to western New York, and in 1837 made his way to Muskegon. He sustained a serious injury at a sawmill he had built. He left the area for a short time, and on June 1, 1841 came to Spring Lake, where he built the first mill, this one for Barber & Mason, which he operated for the owners until 1842. He was among the first early settlers to plant fruit trees.

John also was credited with building the first permanent home in Spring Lake in 1841 on the southeast corner of Park and Barber Streets [310-312 North Park Street]. He spent the years 1842 to 1848 selling lumber for Barber & Mason in Chicago, earning a \$1.50 a day.

John was married in Chicago on March 16 1848 to Frances Sinclair of that city, and they arrived in Spring Lake not long afterward. Frances was born in New York on September 23, 1824 and died on April 10, 1896. In January 1859 John opened a general store, which he operated until 1868. After that he worked in real estate and insurance. He was collector of Internal Revenue for a time, and also served as a justice of the peace. He was a Spring Lake School Board director in the 1860s. John was a trustee of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church from June 5, 1861 until his death on March 23, 1892 and was church treasurer during much of that period. The Newcombs had one child, Lydia, born in 1850. Frances was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members, including her husband's mother, Jane and possibly a sister-in-law, Catherine J., who died on March 24, 1873 at the age of 63. [*Tribune* obituary, March 23, 1892.]

### **Lydia Jane Newcomb [Comings] [1849-1946]**

The only surviving child of John and Frances Newcomb, Lydia Newcomb was born in Spring Lake on July 25, 1850 and went into the field of education. Following graduation from Lucinda Hinsdale Stone's Seminary in Kalamazoo, she taught at Ravenswood Public School in Chicago between 1876 and 1885. From 1895 to 1898 Lydia held the rank of Professor at the Moravian Seminary and College for Young Women at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She returned to Spring Lake where, in January 1886, she was one of the organizers of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union in the Village and lectured on the subject throughout the country. After 1899 she gave talks on physical culture [physical education] and similar subjects, but in 1900 she was teaching in Grand Rapids. Lydia was co-founder of the School of Organic Education in Fairhope, Alabama and president of its Board of Trustees. She was founder and president of the Baldwin County, Alabama, Historical Society.

Lydia was the author of several books, including *Muscular Exercises for Health and Grace*, 1893; *Industrial and Vocational Education*, 1915; and, *Brief History of Baldwin County*, the story of the Utopian community of Fairhope, Alabama, 1928. She was included in *Women's Who's Who of America*, for 1914-15.

On August 27, 1902, Lydia married Samuel Huntington Comings, a widower, who lived from August 4, 1839 to December 24, 1907. It was her first and his third marriage. He was the author of several books, two of them published posthumously, one of which was edited by Lydia. In 1900 Samuel was a blueberry grower in St. Joseph, Berrien County. He was born in Greensboro, Vermont and died in Fairhope. Lydia passed away in 1946.

#### **Orlando W. Newell [1833-1899]**

Spring Lake physician Orlando Newell was born in Pennsylvania on May 30, 1833, the son of Jacob and Betsy Newell. Jacob was born in New Hampshire in 1807 and Betsy was from New York, where she was born in 1810. Orlando was living in Henry County, Illinois in 1880, but his medical practice was well established in Spring Lake by the early 1890s. His residence, featured in the 1893 *Directory* and called "Bay View Home," was located at 319 East Savidge. His wife Rebecca was born around 1837 in New York. They had a child, Grant, born in Illinois in 1864. They were still living in Illinois in 1870, where Orlando maintained a physician's office. Orlando died on July 23, 1899.

#### **William H. Newhall [1848-1929]**

William Newhall, who was born in Michigan on September 19, 1849, arrived in Spring Lake in 1880 and became saw filer at the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. His wife Esther was born in New York about 1851. The Newhalls had a son, Jerome, who was born on April 25, 1878 in Georgetown Township. By 1920 the Newhalls were living in Osceola County. William died in Grand Rapids on December 8, 1929 and was buried at Fairplains Cemetery.

#### **George Washington Newton [1822-1885]**

In 1860 George Newton was a resident of Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, where he lived with his wife and their children. He enlisted as private in Company A of the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry on March 1, 1862. His service records noted that he was "dropped from the rolls" on September 11, 1862. George married Martha Powers. After the war, they settled in Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, where George worked as a carpenter. Martha was born about 1833 in New York State. Section 12 of Robinson Township. Martha was born in New York around 1825. George was born on May 9, 1822 in Pennsylvania and died on March 9, 1886. He was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Martha applied for a widow's Civil War pension on August 19 of that year. A son William Newton was born in Pennsylvania about 1851, a daughter Mallissa Newton was born around 1855 also in Pennsylvania, a second son George W. II Newton was born in Illinois two years later and Siby Newton, another daughter, was born in Michigan about 1865. Martha passed away in Robinson Township on December 25, 1896.

#### **Horrace G. Nichols [1850-1932]**

In 1881 Horrace Nichols formed a partnership with Guy Weber and bought the *Grand Haven Daily Herald* from the estate of Whitman S. Benham, who had lost his life the previous October when the *Alpena* sank in Lake Michigan. Nichols and Weber sold out in a few months to Kedzie and Kedzie. Horrace purchased the *Grand Haven Tribune* in 1891 for \$1,500 and was its publisher and editor for many years. During his ownership the *Tribune* building on Washington Street was constructed in 1902. In 1881 Horrace served as alderman of Grand Haven's Fourth Ward. Horrace retired in 1915 and sold the newspaper to his son Horace "Harry" G. Nichols II and Kingsbury Scott. For the next three years Horrace and his wife lived on a farm in Donners Grove, Illinois. About 1919 they returned to Grand Haven and resided at 600 Lake Avenue.

On June [July] 6, 1872 in Grand Haven, Horrace married Sophia F. Smith, the daughter of John and Christina Smith, early Grand Haven settlers. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. Horrace and Sophie first lived on the second floor of 120 Washington, above the newspaper's office. Horrace, who was born in Allegan in October 1850 [1851], died November 23, 1832. His uncle, Henry S. Clubb, published the *Ottawa Clarion*, which first appeared in 1857. Another uncle,

Don C. Henderson, publisher of the *Allegan Journal*, hired Horrace to work with him. Sophia, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, lived from August 23, 1855 [1856] to December 30, 1932. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A son, also named Horace, was born on September 13, 1873. He altered his father's first name and spelled it with one "r." He was referred to as "Harry." Horrace and Sophie also had a daughter, Maud Myrtle, who was born in October 1875, married Samuel Chambers of Grand Haven, and moved to Seattle, Washington and then to Los Angeles, California.

#### **Horace "Harry" Stevens Nichols [1873-1939]**

In 1915 Horace II took over management of the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* from his father, Horrace Nichols. Kingsbury Scott was young Horace's partner. Harry married Julia, the daughter of Adrian and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. Julia lived from 1875 to 1916. Nichols and Scott sold the newspaper to E. J. McCall and Felix Church in February 1927. Harry was born in Michigan on September 13, 1873 and died on March 16, 1939. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

#### **John E. Nichols [Nicols] [1828-1904]**

On August 24, 1861 in Coldwater, St. Joseph County, John Nichols in 1853 married Augusta Kennedy. A native of New York State, she was born on January 26, 1834. John enlisted as private in Company H of the 11<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out as sergeant on August 9, 1862. The couple owned an 80-acre farm in Section 13 of Robinson Township. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Watson B., born in 1854; Marcia, born in 1857; Addie, born in 1862; Iona W., born in 1864; Harry, born in 1867; Ernest, born in 1871; and Ethel, born in 1878. On 15, 1876 John filed for an invalid's Civil War Pension. He was born on April 16, 1828 in New York State and died in Robinson Township on March 4, 1904. On April 22 that year, August filed for a widow's Civil War Pension. She died on February 23, 1914. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

#### **William Warren Nichols [1885-1950]**

William Nichols purchased Silas Harvey's floral business and real estate in the mid-1920s. William was born in Michigan on February 12, 1885. On September 16, 1919 in Grand Haven, he married Dorothy "Dora" Middag. She was born in the same state in 1890. They had a daughter, Ruth Marie Nichols, also a native of Michigan, who was born about 1923. The family resided at 906 Franklin. Before buying the floral shop, William worked at the brass factory in Grand Haven. He died on June 6, 1950. Dora passed away on December 9, 1985. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Jean Nicollet [Nicolet] [1598-1642]**

Jean Nicollet, a French explorer, in 1634 became the first European to set foot on the territory known as Michigan, although Etienne Brulé may have preceded him by five years. Jean lived from 1598 to 1642.

#### **Nelson Niels [1842-1910]**

See Nelson Neels.

#### **Abel J. Nienhuis [1861-1939]**

Born on September 2, 1861 in Michigan, Abel Nienhuis owned a 40-acre farm in Section 27 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. Abel arrived in the area in 1861. On August 12, 1887 in Holland, he married Janetje "Jennie/Jane" Rooks, who was born in Michigan on September 19, 1865 and passed away on February 17, 1959. Their children, all born locally, were Magdalena "Maggie," who was born on June 26, 1888 and died on July 21, 1957; Albert, born on June 17, 1890; John, born on June 24, 1894; and Reendert, born in December 1897. Abel died on October 8, 1939. He and Jennie were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

#### **Eildert [Eldert, Aldert, Eldest] K. Nienhuis [Neinhuis] [1848-1923]**

Eildert K. Nienhuis purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 34 of Olive Township on September 1, 1860 and was enumerated in the census for that year. He married Grace [Rachel] Riksen on April 16, 1878. A son, John lived from 1877 to 1965; another son, Richard, was born in Olive Township on April 9, 1881; and a third son, Barney, on September 4, 1884. Eildert lived from December 17, 1848 to February 13, 1923. He immigrated to the United States in 1855. Grace was born in 1858.

**Eildert [Eldert] M. Nienhuis [1849-1921]**

In the early 1890s, Eildert M. Nienhuis II, who was born in The Netherlands on December 17, 1849, farmed 60 acres and raised livestock in Sections 28 and 35. He was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on December 12, 1849. Eildert married Ebertje "Emma" Workman, who was born in The Netherlands in 1853. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Elly, born in 1875; William, born in 1876; Martines, who lived from 1878 to June 10, 1943; Harm E., born on February 9, 1880; Dora, born in 1882; Harry, born in 1884; Gertie, born on May 26, 1886; and Abel, who was born on March 26, 1892 and passed away in October 1971. The Nienhuises also owned land jointly with Lubber Hop in Section 21 of the Township. Eildert died on March 23, 1921 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery. Emma passed away in 1941.

**Frederick Nienhouse [Nienhuis] [1899-1929]**

A resident of Ferrysburg, Fred Nienhuis was a crane operator aboard the *Andaste* when it sank in Lake Michigan on September 9, 1929. Following discovery of his body about a week later not far from his birthplace, he was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The ship, owned by Construction Aggregates, was on its way from Grand Haven to Chicago with a load of gravel. All 25 aboard were lost. Fred, the son of Louis and Egbertje "Etta" Katt Nienhuis, was born on October 13, 1899. Louis Nienhouse II and Sablin Nienhouse were his brothers.

**Harm John Nienhuis [1877-1946]**

Harm Nienhuis owned two 40-acre parcels, where he farmed and raised livestock in Section 29 of Olive Township. Harm was born in Michigan on June 10, 1877. He married Anna Brat, who was born on April 16, 1881 and died in Holland in June 1968. Harm passed away in Holland on June 26, 1946

**Louis Nienhuis [Nienhouse, Neinhouse] I [1854-1934]**

Born in The Netherlands in April 1854, Louis Nienhuis became a farmer on 60 acres in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. He and his wife, Egbertje "Etta," were residents of the area by 1893. Louis died in 1934. Etta, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from October 1859 to 1942 and was buried near her husband and other family members at Spring Lake Cemetery. Louis immigrated to the United States in 1872 and Etta the next year. Their children, all born locally, were Jenny, born in January 1882; John, born in April 1884; Harry, born in July 1885; Maggie, born in September 1887; Henry, who was born in August 1889, served in WWI as private in 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry, First Division, and died October 10, 1918, just before the war's end; Saba Louis, a son, born on March 1892; Anna, born in December 1893; Derk, born in December 1895; Tracey, born in December 1897; and Frederick, who was born in October 1899.

**Louis Nienhuis [Nienhouse] II [1889-1964]**

Louis, the son of Louis and Egbertje "Etta" Katt Nienhuis, was born on November 20, 1889 in Grand Haven. On August 3, 1911 in Muskegon, he married Gertje J. Vanderstelt. She was born in Muskegon in September 1889 and died on May 14, 1943. Louis II owned the Fleet Service Station in Ferrysburg that specialized in the repair of school buses and sold Sinclair gasoline. It was located at 401 Pine Street, later the site of the Pine Street Café. He passed away in October 1964 and was buried at Mona View Cemetery in Muskegon Heights with his wife. They had at least two children: Louise Nienhuis, who was born about 1913, and Harold Nienhuis, who was born about 1915. Frederick Nienhuis and Sablin Nienhuis were his brothers.

**Martnie E. Nienhuis [1820-1890]**

Born in The Netherlands on May 29, 1820, Martnie Nienhuis owned a farm in Section 21 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock on his 60 acres. Martnie settled in the area in 1879. He married Attje "Nellie" Pieters Beukema, who was born on March 26, 1819 and died on September 11, 1870. Martinie passed away on August 26, 1890 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery with Nellie. In 1880 the Nienhuis son, Abel, was living with his father on the farm. Abel was born in The Netherlands on November 26, 1855 and died in Olive Township on May 22, 1891. Also living in the home was Abel's wife, Effie, who was born in The Netherlands about 1860. Abel and Effie had a daughter, Ellie, born in Michigan around 1878.

#### **Peter M. Nienhuis [1852-1933]**

Peter, the son of Eildert and Ebertje Workman Nienhuis, was born in The Netherlands on November 1, 1852. He owned an 80-acre farm in Section 28 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock and offered butchering services. Peter came to the area in 1856, and he was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as owner of 100 acres. His wife, Ebertje "Elizabeth," was born in Michigan in 1852 and died in 1913. Their children were: Martinus, who was born on September 7, 1873; Frances, in 1877; Alli, in 1878; Jennie, born on May 16, 1877; Jan, born on December 24, 1883; Herman, on January 16, 1884; John, born on May 19, 1885; and Abel, who was born on June 27, 1890 and died in January 1969. All the children were born in Olive Township. Peter died on March 20, 1933 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery with Elizabeth.

#### **Sablin "Sabie" L. Nienhouse [Nienhuis] [1892-1984]**

Sablin Nienhouse was an accountant who worked from his home at 211 Oak Street in Ferrysburg. He served as private with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War I. On February 15, 1930 he married Ethel May Vanderzalm in Spring Lake. The daughter of James and Johanna Vanderzalm, Ethel was born in Grand Haven on May 27, 1897. She passed away on September 15, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sabie, the son of Louis and Egbertje "Etta" Katt Nienhuis, lived from March 7, 1892 to October 13, 1984 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Frederick Nienhuis and Louis Nienhuis II were his brothers.

#### **William Nienhuis [1876-1948]**

William Nienhuis owned a farm in Section 21 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock on his 40 acres. William, the son of Eildert and Emma Nienhuis of Olive Township, was born on August 16, 1876. He married Maggie Brouwer, who was born in Michigan on June 13, 1879, passed away on June 5, 1925, and was buried at North Holland Cemetery. William died on September 20, 1948 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery.

#### **Edward G. Nieuwenhuis [1942-2013]**

Ed immigrated to the United States with his parents, Evert and Wilhelmina Nieuwenhuis, when he was five. He was born in Appledore, The Netherlands, on August 13, 1942. On October 25, 1963 he married Sandy, the daughter of Jay and Janet Sternberg of Muskegon. Ed died of a heart attack on October 19, 2013, six days before their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Ed served with the U.S. Navy before starting work with Meijer, Inc. He worked for the retail company for 30 years before retiring. In 1983 he and Sandy moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven, winterizing and improving a cottage they had purchased a few years before at 36 Lovers Lane. They had three children: Michelle Sheneman, Jason, and Luke. The family attended Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven, and Ed played a large part in its development. Ed served as Grand Haven City Councilman for many years, and he was a member of the City Planning Commission. At the time of his death, he also was on the Board of the West Michigan Food Bank. Ed was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Frederick Augustine Nims [1839-1921]**

Frederick was born June 15 [18], 1839 in Lenawee County, the son of Dr. Dwight Boyden and Anna Abigail White Nims. Anna lived from 1818 to March 20, 1911 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery

in Grand Rapids. Frederick graduated from Hobart College in Geneva, New York in 1857 and then began to study law in Grand Rapids, where he worked with the firm of Withey & Gray. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1860. Frederick enlisted in Company C of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry on August 22, 1862 as private. He was promoted to second lieutenant and was aide-de-camp for General Custer from July 1864 to the following September 30. He was promoted to first lieutenant on March 7. He also served in Companies F and B prior to mustering out on August 22, 1865.

After the war Frederick returned briefly to Grand Rapids, but within a short time he was in Muskegon. Two years later he formed a partnership with Francis Smith, and in 1869 a third attorney added his name to the door and the firm became Smith, Nims, & Erwin [later the name was changed to Smith, Nims, Hoyt, and Erwin]. Frederick specialized in railway law and assisted in the organization of the Michigan Lake Shore Railroad Company and later was named attorney for the Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore Railroad. Frederick was elected to the Muskegon School Board in 1876. Two years later Frederick joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and entered the silver mining business. On February 20, 1862, in Grand Rapids he married Elizabeth Mary McReynolds, daughter of Colonel Andrew Thomas McReynolds of that city. The colonel lived from 1808 to 1898 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. The year following Mary's death in 1872, Frederick married her sister Ellen. Ellen was born in Michigan in September 1848. Frederick and Ellen had several children: Elizabeth M., born in August 1874; Frederick D., born in March 1877; Frank M., born in April 1879; Charles B., born in July 1881; Lesley W., born in May 1883; David E., born in June 1887; and Louis M., born in July 1889. The family continued to reside in Muskegon. Frederick died on October 2, 1921.

#### **Elden [Edward] Hammond Nixon I [1874-1965]**

E. Hammond Nixon was born in Canada on August 16, 1874 while his parents, natives of Ireland, were preparing to enter the United States. The family arrived in Coopersville when Hammond was six. He learned the butcher's trade while growing up on the family farm. For approximately two years he worked as Motorman for the Grand Rapids Street Railway, and then about 1900 he purchased a meat market in Coopersville. In 1912, Hammond [Elden] bought John Vos's meat market, which a year earlier had been purchased by Jacob Vander Wagon and Charles Schroeder. Neither of them was a butcher, and they gladly gave up the enterprise. Hammond ran the Spring Lake store at 116 West Savidge, his old store in Coopersville, and another one in Grand Haven. He married Bertha Smith in 1912. The daughter of Christopher and Minnie Smith, Bertha was born in Grand Haven on June 19, 1879 and passed away on June 4, 1967. The Nixons had a son, Elden Hammond II, who was born on July 22, 1901 and took over the business in 1936. Another son, Ellis C, was born in Coopersville on October 20, 1902, died on November 12, 1977, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ellis married Anna E. Dykema on September 18, 1924. Hammond I and his family lived at 122 Maple Terrace in Spring Lake. Hammond died on November 3, 1965. Hammond and Bertha were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Elden Hammond Nixon II [1901-1976]**

The son of E. Hammond Nixon, Elden II was born in Spring Lake on July 22, 1901. He worked with his father in the retail meat business and took over management of stores in Coopersville, in Spring Lake at 116 West Savidge, and in Grand Haven at 124 Washington, but eventually he concentrated solely on the operation in Spring Lake. On November 18, 1936 he married Elna [Ellen] A. Boyle, a widow, in Muskegon. She was born in Jackson County, Iowa on March 23, 1904, died on July 11, 1979, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Hammond II who lived at 708 East River in Spring Lake, died on April 10, 1976 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John Eliot Noon [1891-1980]**

Around 1920 John Noon purchased twenty acres on the north side of Potawatomie Bayou in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township [approximately 15600 Comstock]. In the summer of 1920, he opened Camp Cheboygan for boys and operated it until at least 1937. John was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on

January 27, 1891. His wife, Leila, was a native of Illinois, where she was born around 1891. They were married about 1916. John graduated from the University of Illinois in 1914 and continued his education in physical and coaching at Boston University. He was employed by the St. Louis [Missouri] Board of Education as Physical Director and Coach at Grover Cleveland High School. John died in Winter Park, Florida on April 23, 1980 and was buried at Central Cemetery in Dunstable, Massachusetts. John's brother, Raymond Wesley Noon, was born in 1888.

#### **Raymond Wesley Noon [1888-1964]**

Raymond Noon, the brother of John Noon, managed Camp Cheboygan on Potawatomie Bayou in Grand Haven Township, starting about 1918 on property his brother had purchased. He also worked as a clergyman and teacher. In September 1921 Raymond leased from Charles and Christine Larson the Log Cabin Inn, also known as Lakeside Resort. Raymond was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 23, 1888. He served with the U.S. Navy during WWI. Raymond passed away in Fort Lyon, Colorado on July 17, 1964. He was buried at Fort Lyon National Cemetery.

#### **James John [John James] Noonan [1930-2007]**

Born in Bay City on October 28, 1930. James Noonan married Mary Ann Pelletier in Bay City on July 2, 1952. She was born on December 31, 1930. James was named vice president and chief operating officer of Structural Concepts at 17237 Van Wagoner Road in Spring Lake Township, and he resided at 17510 North Fruitport Road. He died on February 4, 2007. Mary Ann passed away on January 31, 2023.

#### **George Washington Norcross [1816-1910]**

George Washington Norcross was born in New Jersey on October 21, 1816. His parents were John and Mittie Wilbur Norcross. By 1876 George and his wife had moved from Walworth County, Wisconsin to settle on a 75-acre farm in Section 34 of north Grand Haven Township, where he raised fruit. He also owned 20 acres in Section 35. On July 4, 1845 he married, Jane [Jael] Taylor, who was born in 1824 in Yorkshire, England and died on November 19, 1896 in Grand Haven. Among their children, all born in Wisconsin, were Ellery G., who was born in 1846 and died on September 13, 1893; George Ellery [Ellery George], who was born in 1846, died around September 15, 1893, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Ruth L., who was born about 1848; Almeda [Media], who was born about 1850 and married Oran Tracy in Ottawa County; Louisa R., who was born in 1851 and married John Lockie of Grand Haven; Silas E., who was born in August 1854; Orrin E., who was born about 1855; John who was born around 1858 and drowned near Grand Haven about June 6, 1874; and Florence, who was born around May 1860 and married George F. Orcutt in Ottawa County. Ellery was married at least twice, once to Mary Morrell and then to Addie C. Conger. George died in Walworth County, Wisconsin on July 14, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jane.

#### **Silas Elmore Norcross [1854-1917]**

A machinist and woodworker in Grand Haven, Silas was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin in August 1854, the son of George and Jane [Jael] Taylor Norcross. George married Ida Susan Dunbar on June 1, 1882 in Grand Haven. They lived at 1246 Pennoyer. Their children were Daisy, born in January 1884; Theresa E., who was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1886, became a nurse, and married William Fant of that city; George Stanley, who was born in June 1889 and worked in the car service department of a Grand Rapids railway; Laura, who was born in March 1892 and entered nurses' training; Esther, who was born in February 1894 and became a dental assistant; Isabelle [Bella], who was born in April 1899 and became a stenographer in a railroad office; and Clifford, born in Grand Haven on August 24, 1903. Silas died on October 9, 1917 and Ida, who was born in New York on August 1, 1861, died on January 24, 1933. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Warner Norcross was Silas's cousin.

#### **Warner A. Norcross [1848-1918]**

Born in Wisconsin in April 1848, Warner Norcross moved to the Grand Haven area where he followed his trade of carpentry. On April 22, 1874 in Grand Haven, he married Ella C., the daughter of James and Carolina Knight of Robinson Township. Ella was born in Walworth County, Wisconsin on January 13, 1853. By 1880 the Norcrosses were located on Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Twenty years later their residence was 1241 Pennoyer. A daughter, Carrie K., was born about 1876. Silas Norcross was Warner's cousin. Warner passed away around July 12, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ella died on December 3, 1931 and was buried with Warner.

**Cornelis [Cornelius] A. Nordhuis [Noordhuis] [1816-1882]**

See Cornelius Northouse.

**Harold Richard Noren [1919-1997]**

Harold Noren and his brothers George and Herbert started Noren Pattern & Manufacturing Company on Apple Drive in Fruitport in 1946. Harold, a Fruitport resident, was born in Chicago on April 15, 1919, served with the U.S. Army during WWII, and died in Muskegon on April 24, 1997. He was married in Detroit on June 7, 1946 to Kathryn Elaine Dov, who was born on January 9, 1924.

**Herbert Woodrow Noren [1916-1996]**

Herbert Noren and his brothers Harold and George started Noren Pattern & Manufacturing Company on Apple Drive in Fruitport in 1946. Herbert, a Fruitport resident, was born on September 9, 1916 and died in Fruitport on January 9, 1996. He first married Betsy Ann Hanyan in Spring Lake on October 9, 1939. They were divorced in Muskegon on September 13, 1948. His second wife, Virginia, lived from June 22, 1920 to July 15, 2011. She was buried at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Muskegon. Harold, who served in the military during WWII, was buried at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Kalamazoo County.

**Edward O. Norris [1891-1978] and Mae Farley Norris [1902-1984]**

In the 1920s Ed and Mae Norris lived in a boarding house at Bass River. Ed worked as dredgeman at the nearby gravel pits. Construction Materials Company in Ferrysburg owned the gravel pits and the boarding house. Mae managed the boarding house and cooked and cleaned for twenty to thirty boarders who also worked at the gravel dig. Mae later took a job as cook at Yellow Jacket on M-45, a place owned by Myrtle Littrell, Ed's sister. In 1931 the Norrises purchased a farm on M-45. In the same decade they traded the farm for Schmedtgan's Roadhouse in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township. The Roadhouse, then owned by Molenkamps, was located near Potawatomie Bayou in Grand Haven Township [14990 Mercury Drive]. They changed the name to Potawatomie Tavern. After fire destroyed the tavern in 1937, the Norrises rebuilt and operated the tavern until 1947, when they renamed their business Holiday Inn Restaurant. Mae learned the cooking business at the Bass River boarding house and furthered her culinary skills in the kitchen of Hotel Gildner in Grand Haven, where she worked for nine years. She also had experience at the Fiesta Café [625 Washington] and Charlie's Lunch [515 North Seventh]. In 1969 the Norrises sold the business to Vernon and Charlotte Austin of Ravenna.

Mae Farley was a native of Springfield, Missouri, where she was born on May 18, 1902. There she met her husband, Edward Norris, and they were married in Springfield on July 12, 1920. They came to the Grand Haven area the next year and took up residency at the boarding house. Mae died in Grand Haven on July 3, 1984. Ed lived from November 18, 1891 [1893] to September 7, 1978. Myrtle Littrell [Bronkhorst] was credited with starting the Yellow Jacket Inn on Lake Michigan Drive [M-45] in the mid-1930s. Ed and Mae had two adopted children, Budd of Kalamazoo and Maureen, who married Fred Leach of Coopersville. Ed served with the Marines during WWI, and he played baseball with a Grand Haven semi-professional team. [*Tribune* article, "Mr. and Mrs. Norris honored Sunday," July 10, 1970 and *Tribune* obituary, July 5, 1984.]

**James H. Norris [1830-1900]**



Born in Washtenaw County in 1830, John Norris lived in Kent County before moving to Grand Haven in 1869. He worked for the Friant & Hall Sawmill as engineer for seven years. He was also tugboat engineer for several years. On April 6, 1853 he married Carolina A. Friant. Carolina was born in Wayne County, New York, on April 7, 1835, the daughter of Cornelius V. and Hulda Hatch Morrison Friant and the sister of George W. and Thomas Friant, early Ottawa County pioneers. Cornelius and Hulda were married in Wayne County in 1827 and were settled in Kent County by 1837. James and Carolina had one child, Lydia Estelle, who survived childhood. Lydia was born about 1854 in Michigan. James died on October 5, 1900. Carolina died in Grand Rapids on June 5, 1928.

**Herman Schulte North [Nordholt] [1853-1917] and Henrietta [Henderika] De Witt North [Nordholt] [1855-1937]**

Herman and Henrietta North owned a 38-acre farm in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township on the north end of Lloyd's Bayou. They raised fruit in addition to small crops. She arrived in the Spring Lake area in 1898 but was gone by the mid-1910s and in 1930 she was residing with her son-in-law and daughter, Marcus Amos [1861-1942] and Winifred B. Coykendall, in Grand Rapids. Winifred, born on June 3, 1882 in Spring Lake, was one of 12 children. Henrietta was born in Spring Lake on September 25, 1855. She married Herman Schulte Nordholt in Spring Lake on October 30, 1871. He was born in Germany on November 16, 1853 [1854]. A farmer, Herman came to the United States in 1872 and died in Spring Lake on December 26, 1917. Henrietta passed away on April 28, 1937 in Grand Rapids. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Herman.

**John Dubois North [1833-1909]**

According to *Pioneer Collections*, Dr. John North was James and John Barnes's uncle. On November 4, 1856, he married Adeline "Ada" Buddington [1838-1921] in Jackson. The doctor arrived in the area in 1858 and treated cases of meningitis in the "Rosamound" [Rosy Mound] area. He didn't stay long because "the climate did not agree with his health," he wrote. However, he was living in Grand Haven in 1863 when he registered for the draft during the Civil War. On January 4, 1864 he enlisted as an unassigned private with the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Light Artillery, but there was no further record of his military experience. After the Civil War he opened a medical practice in Jackson, where he and Ada resided with their two children, Lizzie and Walter. John was born in Kingston, New York on March 16, 1833. On April 5, 1875 he married Emily Antoinette Lombard in Jackson. She was born on August 8, 1837 in Washtenaw County, died in Jackson on June 29, 1904, and was buried at Woodland Cemetery in Jackson. John died in Jackson on April 30, 1909 and was buried at Lodi Cemetery in Saline, Washtenaw County.

**Albert Cornelius Northouse [1853-1908]**

Born in Grand Haven Township in January 1853, Albert was the son of Cornelis and Effie Vanmaren Northouse [Noordhuis]. On August 21, 1883 in Grand Haven, Albert married Ella Jane Wilcox. She was born in 1858 and died on May 28, 1897. They had two children, Alfred Albert Northouse, born on December 27, 1886, and Pearl May Northouse. Pearl was born in Grand Haven on July 31, 1891, married William H. Zeitow in Grand Haven on December 17, 1910, divorced him ten years later, and died under the name Pearl Parker in Holland on January 10, 1983.

Albert and his brother Peter owned 55 acres of lake front property in Section 5, and Albert had another 30 acres across Lakeshore Drive in Section 4, originally part of his brother's holdings. Albert, a well-known horticulturist, raised honeybees. The *Grand Haven Tribune* of July 3, 1900 noted that "Albert Northouse, the veteran bee man of Rosy Mound, says there will be an unprecedented amount of honey this year. The bees have been fairly in clover all spring." On another occasion a newspaper article noted he was looking into starting a skunk farm in Spring Lake Township with an unnamed partner [*Jackson Citizen*, October 17, 1899].

Albert was clerk of inspectors for the Grand Haven Township School Board, County Inspector in 1881, and township clerk from 1887 to 1895. He was director of School District #2 [Rosy Mound] from 1898 until his death, and for about ten years he held the post of justice of the peace. He died on April 15, 1908.

#### **Alfred Arthur Northouse [1886-1957]**

Alfred, the son of Albert and Ella Wilcox Northouse, was born in Grand Haven on December 27, 1886. In 1906 or earlier, Alfred started a skunk farm, or possibly he assumed responsibility for the skunk business his father and an unnamed partner owned in Spring Lake Township. In 1910, Alfred was doing odd jobs as a farm laborer in Washtenaw County. On March 12, 1912, he married Maud Dauhof [Dayhuff] in Steuben County, Indiana. She was born on April 9, 1888 in Steuben. By 1920 Alfred and Maude were living in Angola, Steuben County, with their three children. Maud passed away on June 22, 1938 in Garrett, Indiana. Alfred died in Jacksonville, Florida on October 9, 1957.

#### **Cornelis [Cornelius] A. Northouse [Nordhuis, Noordhuis] [1816-1882]**

Born in The Netherlands on December 11, 1816, Cornelis Nordhuis settled on 120 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. He also owned 66 acres in Section 5. Cornelis came to America aboard the *Katherine Jackson*, which arrived in New York on May 17, 1848, after a 41-day journey. Passengers then took a steamboat to Albany, a canal boat to Buffalo, a steamboat to Chicago, and then a sailboat to Holland, where Cornelis evidently spent some time. On April 1, 1850, he bought 40 acres in Allegan County.

Cornelis married Altje “Effie” Vanmaren in Grand Haven on June 13, 1852. She was born in The Netherlands about 1825 and passed away in 1879. On their 120-acre plot in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township, the Nordhuises cultivated sugar maples, with about 50 to 75 large trees near the south base of Rosy Mound. Around 1876 Cornelis built a two-story, frame home across the road from today’s Rosy Mound School, which later became the home of the Steele family. Eventually the house was razed. A son, Albert, was born around 1853 in Michigan and became a fruit grower. Another son, Peter, was born in 1855. Albert remained in the family home after his parents’ deaths, and Peter lived nearby. Cornelis was an active member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven. He died on August 17, 1882 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Between 1880 and 1900, the Nordhuis surname was changed to Northouse.

#### **Harm Northouse [Noordhuis, Nordhuis] [1827-1899]**

Harm Northouse was born in The Netherlands on November 2, 1827 and died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1899. After his death, his widow, Luiktje “Lucy,” remained in the family home at 401 Lafayette, which she shared with her son, Louis. Lou, a plumber, had an office at 22 Washington in the early 1900s. Lucy, a native of The Netherlands, lived from November 6, 1832 to June 14, 1914. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Harm and Lucy had six other children beside Lou, including Ylko, who lived from May 30, 1856 to February 21, 1886, and Jante, who was born on December 25, 1868 and died on November 29, 1879. Ylko and Jantje were buried at Lake Forest, too.

#### **John Nordhouse [Noordhuis, Nordhuis] [1870-1961]**

John Nordhouse worked as personal secretary to three different members of the president’s cabinet during the administrations of Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt. John, the son of Harm and Luiktje Nordhouse, was born in Grand Haven in February 1870 [1871]. He died in Nyack, New Jersey on July 21, 1961. John left Grand Haven at age 19 and worked and resided in the eastern United States the majority of his life. He married Hannah Loella Skinner in Washington, D.C. on March 25, 1895. They had at least one son, Sterling Morton, who was born in Washington, D.C. on November 4, 1897 and died in Nyack on December 22, 1985. Hannah was born in Canada in November 1875 and died in Clarkstown, New York on October 20, 1937. [Tribune, “GH native worked in 3 U.S. president’s Cabinets,” Kevin Collier, March 3, 2014.]

### **Louis Northouse [Nordhouse] [1876-1956]**

In the early 1900s Lou Northouse had a heating and plumbing business at 22 Washington Street. He resided at 401 Lafayette with his mother, Lucy, the widow of Harm Northouse. On February 2, 1911, in Holland, Michigan, Lou married Sara, daughter of Albert and Marie Loker Manting [Mantingh]. Sara was born on February 2, 1886 in Allegan County and died at her home at 410 Wallace on May 10, 1940. Maynard Manting of Grand Haven was her brother. Lou and Sara had a son, George Louis Nordhouse, who married Rebecca Shane and resided in Spring Lake. The family resided at 410 Wallace and attended the Second Reformed Church. Lou was born on September 14, 1876 and passed away around July 2, 1956. He was buried at Lake Forests Cemetery. His parents were Harm and Lucy Northouse.

### **Peter C. Northouse [Nordhuis] [1855-1920]**

By 1900 or earlier, the spelling of Nordhuis had changed to Northouse. Peter, the son of Cornelis and Effie Nordhuis, was born in Grand Haven Township in September 1855 [1857]. He inherited 90 of the original 120 acres owned by his mother and father in Section 4. There he planted 50 to 75 sugar maple trees near the base of the south side of Rosy Mound. In the early 1900s he sold the 90 acres to John Majerus. Majerus, in turn, in 1911 donated three-quarters of an acre of the land as the site for a new school called Rosy Mound. In addition, Peter and his brother Albert owned 55 acres of lake front property in Section 5. Peter became an insurance agent and a notary public, and he also dealt in real estate. His office, called Western Michigan Realty Company, was at 9 Washington, and he lived at 424 Slayton with his wife, Jessie. In 1912 he advertised "Resort Property a Specialty." Potawatomie Lake Resort, a subdivision dating to at least 1897 that was intended to attract buyers interested in hunting, fishing, and bathing [swimming]. [Potawatomie was then called a lake.] Peter and Jamies Bignell advertised building sites on Potawatomie Lake Resort. The lots ranged from 66-feet by 200-feet on Millhouse to 100-feet by 200-feet on Potawatomie. Prices varied from \$75 a lot to \$350 for five-acre parcels. They claimed the five and ten acre lots would make "fine poultry and fruit farms."

Peter was township clerk from 1887 to 1895 and also clerk of the Board of school inspectors. Around 1900 he was a director of Rosy Mound School. Peter and his brother Albert owned jointly the acreage that had belonged to Cornelis and he owned an additional 20 acres across Lakeshore Drive in Section 4.

On June 2, 1880 in Muskegon, Peter married Jessie Danhof. He died on December 23, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jessie, who lived from September 23, 1862 [1864] to February 12, 1924. The Northouses' children, all born locally, included Cora, born about 1881; Tracy, born on March 3, 1883; Agnes, born in August 1887; and Alberta, born in March 1893. Jessie was born in The Netherlands and immigrated to the United States in 1873.

### **Edward Northrup [? - ?]**

In 1885 Edward Northrup bought a newspaper business in Grand Haven and published his first issue in spring that year under the name *Evening Venture*. As early as 1876 Edward was publisher of the *Coopersville Courier*. His brothers were in the newspaper business with him. They sold their business to Charles R. Esler in 1887. The name of the *Evening Venture* eventually was changed to *The Evening Tribune* and then to *The Grand Haven Daily Tribune*.

### **John Nortier [1927-2009]**

John Nortier served as supervisor of Grand Haven Township from 1996-2004. Before that he was township trustee for 12 years and clerk for four years. John, the son of Pieter and Johanna Van Hoorn Nortier, was born in Grand Rapids on October 16, 1927. On March 4, 1955 he married Margaret Heyboer in Grand Rapids. Their children were Sandra of Quincy, Massachusetts, and Jane of Ann Arbor. John and Margaret resided at 13083 Lakeshore Drive. John served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1947. He graduated with a bachelor degree from Western Michigan University and completed requirements for a master degree at the University of Michigan. In Grand Haven, he taught U.S. history, civics, and social

studies until his retirement in 1986. Margaret and John attended Trinity Reformed Church. John died on September 3, 2009 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Lakeshore Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 4, 2009.]

### **Amos “Colonel” Norton [1789–1861]**

Amos, the son of David Norton, was born in Hampshire City, Massachusetts on September 15, 1789. Amos settled in Spring Lake Township subsequent to the 1837 rebellion in Canada, where he had moved from Sangerfield, New York. In association with Jabez Barber, he built a sawmill at what later became known as Nortonville, four miles up Grand River from Grand Haven. In 1844 he planted a fruit orchard there. A post office was authorized for the small town on January 5, 1846, and Amos was named postmaster. The office closed on March 22, 1859. Norton’s mill burned down in 1854 and was rebuilt the next year. Norton Township, then a part of Ottawa County, was named for him. In 1852 he was elected County supervisor. Amos chaired the organizational meeting of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society, held at Steele’s Landing [Lamont] in 1856. Amos’s wife, Lydia Barton, was born in Hampshire City, Massachusetts, on April 24, 1793. She died in Nortonville on April 5, 1866. Amos also died in Nortonville on November 19, 1861, about five months after his son George.

### **George L. Norton [1813–1861]**

Born in 1813 in Sangerfield, New York, George Norton died on July 11, 1861. He was the son of Amos and Lydia Barton Norton. Together the father and son formed the A. & G. L. Norton Sawmill in Nortonville. The mill burned down, but the father and son had it rebuilt. George was elected sheriff of Ottawa County in 1851. He first married Caroline Ferrier in Toronto, Canada in 1837. She was born in England about December 20, 1818 and died on March 7 [17], 1853 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least five children, all born locally: Clarise, born about 1841; Mortimer, born about 1842; Lucy H., born about 1846; Almira, born about 1848; and Walter, born about May 1850. George and his second wife, Maryette, had at least two children. Maryette was from Ohio, where she was born in 1835.

### **Jelmer Nuismer [1862-1947]**

A native of Ontinwedde, The Netherlands, where he was born on February 2, 1862, Jelmer Nuismer arrived in Spring Lake in the early 1880s. He married Elizabeth Boelens, also a native of Ontinwedde. Elizabeth, who lived from 1859 to 1936, arrived in Spring Lake about the same time as Jelmer. Their home was located at 306 Visser Street. Jelmer owned and farmed an island in the Grand River, which he also used as pasture for cows and horses. He got to the island on his personal ferryboat. The Nuismer family had six children. One of them, Anna, was born on September 10, 1889 and married Henry Zuidema of Spring Lake. Another was Joseph, who was born in Spring Lake on January 12, 1895. Jelmer died on May 10, 1947 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Elizabeth.

### **Joseph J. Nuismer [1895-1966]**

The son of Jelmer and Elizabeth Boelens Nuismer, Joseph was born in Spring Lake on January 12, 1895 [1893]. In 1930 he was employed as a blacksmith at Johnston Boiler. On April 19 [10], 1917 he married Henrietta Tona Pippel, the daughter of Anthony Pippel I of Grand Haven. Henrietta was born in Grand Haven on May 8, 1894 and died on May 4, 1974. Their children were Joseph Anthony, who was born on March 2, 1918 in Spring Lake, married Ruth Louise Olsen, and died in Petoskey on January 20, 1995; Cornelia Elizabeth; Vivian Tona, who was born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1921 and became deputy county clerk of Ottawa County; and Norman Jack. The Nuismer family resided at 902 Elliott. Joseph died in Grand Haven on April 27, 1977 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Henrietta.

### **Charles Nelson Nye [1848-1925]**

Charles Nye was born on May 13, 1848 in Hume, New York. On December 1, 1870, he married Susan M. Martin in Angelica, New York. She was born in August 1843 and died in Erie County, Pennsylvania on October 1, 1918. Charles and Susie were living in Angelica in 1870. Charles was then a shoemaker. They

had a daughter, Jennie L. Nye, who lived from 1875 to 1956. By 1880 the Nyes had moved to Castile, New York, where Charles was a bootmaker. On May 27, 1897, Charles and Susie were divorced in Washtenaw County. Charles married Ida Rebecca Hovey in Grand Rapids on August 6, 1898. She was born in Jamestown, Ottawa County, on January 4, 1868. In 1900 the couple was living in Coopersville. Charles then was a veterinarian, a career he continued until at least 1920. He died in Coopersville on November 24, 1925. Ida passed away in East Grand Rapids on May 11, 1942 and was buried at Rosedale Memorial Park in Tallmadge Township.

#### **Glen Vernon Nygren [1922-2005]**

Glen, the son of Henning Harold and Maude Peterson Nygren, was born in Pontiac on October 27, 1922. After their father's death in 1945, Glen and his brother Henning Leigh Nygren ran the family business, Ottawa Steel. They were co-owners of the business. Glen served with the Army Air Corps during WWII, and in 1948 graduated from Purdue University. His first wife, Mary E., was born on October 29, 1925. She passed away in West Olive on November 18, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Mary K. Van Slooten on November 27, 1976. Glen belonged to the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Elks Club, and American Legion Post 28 in Grand Haven. His children included Karin Poret of Mesa, Arizona; Kim, who married Mike Montgomery of Norton Shores; Erik of Grand Haven; and Matt of Ada. Glen also had a stepdaughter, Carol King of Holland, Michigan, and two stepsons, Jeffrey and Jerry King, both of Fennville. Glen died on March 4, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 2005.]

#### **Henning Harold Nygren [1890-1944]**

Henning Harold Nygren was born in Askesta, Sweden on May 24, 1890, the son of Erik and Sofia Larson Nygren. He was educated in the public schools of Sweden and became an apprentice in the pattern and tool trade. At the suggestion of his father, Henning came to America from Bergen, Norway, landing in New York on November 17, 1911. On September 30, 1916 in Muskegon, he married Maude Peterson, who was born in Michigan about 1892. A son, Henning [Harold] Leigh Nygren, was born in Michigan on October 14, 1917, and Glen Vernon Nygren was born in Pontiac on October 22, 1922. In 1918 Henning was working in Muskegon as a toolmaker.

Henning and his family settled in Grand Rapids, where he was employed by Grand Rapids Showcase and other companies. In 1922 he established the Detroit Piston Ring Manufacturing Company and moved the business to Grand Haven in June 1928, when he changed the company name to Ottawa Steel Products. About the same time the Nygrens bought a residence at 519 South Seventh Street. Henning returned to Sweden, but when World War II started, he came back to America and again was employed by numerous factories as a tool and die craftsman. Located at 745 Woodlawn, the company during World War II manufactured parts for hydraulic wing controls for heavy airplane bombers, navy guns, and Army trucks. Henning was an avid hunter, a member of the Elks, Masons, Spring Lake Country Club, Peninsula Club, and Grand Haven Stag Club. H. Leigh Nygren ran Ottawa Steel from the time of his father's death about May 16, 1944 until his retirement in April 1962. H. Leigh Nygren and his brother Glen became co-owners of Ottawa Steel and ran the business after their father's death. Henning was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Henning Leigh Nygren [1917-1995]**

H. Leigh Nygren was born in Muskegon on October 14, 1917, the son of Henning Harold and Maude Peterson Nygren. The young Nygren served in the Air Force in the Supply Department from 1942 to 1945. Leigh and his brother Glen ran the family business, Ottawa Steel, from the time of their father's death in 1945 until Leigh's retirement in April 1962, when he moved to Arizona. He married Vivian Frieda Emma Hetzel in Edmonton, Canada on October 16, 1944. She was born in Grand Rapids on March 28, 1917. They resided at 1710 Hillcrest in Grand Haven. They had a son Steven Leigh Nygren, who lived from 1947 to 2001, and a daughter Susan Flora Nygren, who was born in 1947, married Robert Velsin, and died

in 2014. [According to the family genealogy, Steven and Susan were born about two weeks apart.] Leigh died in Tuscon, Arizona on December 19, 1995. Vivian passed away in Tucson on January 29, 2007 at the age of 89. Henning was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Arend John Nyland [Nylon] I [1828-1898]**

Born on October 9, 1828 and schooled in Eibergen, The Netherlands, Arend Nyland came to America at the age of 18, landing in Baltimore, Maryland and proceeding by stage and canal to Buffalo where an older brother, Henry, was working in a tannery. Arend served a seven-year apprenticeship there. Leather he had tanned took the gold medal at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. He worked for a number of tanneries throughout Michigan, including Kalamazoo, Breedsville, the Wallin Tannery at Saugatuck, and in 1863 he was foreman at the Albee Tannery at Grand Haven. After the Albee Tannery was destroyed by fire in 1865, Arend went into the tannery business in Grand Rapids with two partners. When the uninsured business was destroyed by fire, he returned to Albee's employ and soon after accepted a position as superintendent for the Herman Zohrlaut Leather Company at Milwaukee. Seven years later he moved to Holland, Michigan, where he was superintendent of the Cappon and Bertsch Leather Company for fourteen years. Upon settling in the Grand Haven area, he and his oldest son, Cornelius, purchased the interest of Frederick Metz in the Metz Leather Company. During that year they changed the name to Grand Haven Leather Company with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and Arend was made president. The company tanned sole, harness and saddlery leather, and eventually added shoe leather. The plant was closed down within a year and sold to Eagle Tanning Company of Whitehall and Chicago. It reopened under the name of Ottawa Leather Company. Arend also served on the Grand Haven City Council in 1895 and 1896.

On June 22, 1851, in Buffalo, New York, Arend married Dena Schouwenaar, who was born at Kruningen, Netherlands on August 2, 1831, the daughter of a Dutch engineer and dike contractor. Of their seven children, all except Herman were born in Michigan, including Jennie, who was born in January 1858 and died June 16, 1934; Cornelius, born on April 23, 1860; Arend John II, born on January 17, 1866; Herman, born in Milwaukee in February 1872; and Minnie, who died July 1, 1929. The family resided at 1205 Fulton Avenue. Arend died in Grand Haven on November 21, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dena died of a paralytic stroke at her home 1208 Washington Street on January 22, 1908 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 24, 1908.]

### **Arend John Nyland II [1866-1940]**

The son of Arend and Dena Schouwenaar Nyland, Arend II was born in Grand Haven on January 17, 1866. He was educated in area schools and eventually became the superintendent of the Grand Haven School System. Both Cornelius and Arend John II served their apprenticeship under their father while he was in Holland, Michigan. Like his father, Arend II was alderman for the City of Grand Haven, serving in 1897 and 1898, and he was elected mayor in 1908. Arend II died on August 8, 1940. His wife Minnie lived from February 18, 1868 to June 28, 1929. Their children were Arend John III, born in July 1886; Daisy M., who was born in July 1887 and married Cornelius "Case" J. Ver Brugge of Grand Haven; Dena N., who was born on November 29, 1888 and died on September 10, 1929; Jennie D., born in May 1890; Albert, born in December 1891; Ruth Cornelia, who was born about 1892 and died on September 21, 1904; Minnie E., who was born in November 1894; Edward J., born in September 1896; and Madeline M., born in May 1899. Arend died August 8, 1940 and buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his wife also was interred.

### **Cornelius Nyland [1860-1923]**

Cornelius Nyland was born in Holland Township on April 23, 1860. In March 1887 Cornelius and his father, Arend John Nyland I, purchased the interest of Frederick Metz in the Metz Leather Company, reorganizing it under the name to Grand Haven Leather Company with an authorized capital of \$100,000. Arend I was president and manager, and Cornelius was foreman of the currier and finishing department.

They were well-established in harness and saddlery leather and in the 1890s added shoe leather. Cornelius succeeded his father as president and manager after the older Nyland's death in 1898. Because of the cost of changing over equipment for shoe leather production, the panicky times of the 1890s, the slump in the market, and tightening of financial conditions all over; a meeting of the stockholders was held. At that meeting, Nelson R. Howlett was elected president and placed in charge of fiscal affairs for the purpose of liquidating the company. The plant was closed down within a year and was sold to Eagle Tanning Company of Whitehall and Chicago, which reopened it under the name of Ottawa Leather Company. Arend J. Nyland II was placed in charge as superintendent. Cornelius was interested in lumbering and also took up fox farming.

He married Maria Van Patten in Holland on October 13, 1882. Mary lived from May 9, 1862 to November 29, 1913. The family resided at 1200 Washington. Among their children were Dena, who died November 28, 1887, about three months beyond her fifth birthday; Jannetje "Jennie" W., who was born on August 5, 1884 and married George T. vanden Berg of Grand Haven; Mary Martha, who was born on January 17, 1888 and married John J. Gleason; Arthur J., born on February 5, 1890; Dorothy, who married Nelson Van Tol and moved to Birmingham, Alabama; Ruth C., who lived from September 1, 1892 to September 21, 1904, and Dorothy Lenora, who was born on December 11, 1902. Cornelius died on January 11, 1923. The Nylands were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, January 11, 1923.]

#### **Esther Dean Nyland [1899-1997]**

Born on January 1, 1899 to Herman Z. and Elizabeth McMillan Nyland, Esther Dean graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1916, and went on to earn a bachelor degree and in 1922 a master degree from the University of Michigan. After receiving her master degree, she did post-graduate work at Columbia University. Before coming to Grand Haven in 1947, she taught school at the Old Hickory Powder Plant near Nashville, Tennessee toward the end of World War I, at Mount Clemons, Macomb County, and at Paw Paw, Van Buren County. She was a long-time English teacher in the Grand Haven school system, and she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Gamma Phi Beta. Later she did post-graduate work at Columbia University. Esther Dean organized history clubs in Grand Haven Junior High School, and she gave an "Old Timer's" coffee each year to commemorate Grand Haven's birthday on November 2. Old Timers also was the name of a radio program she hosted, interviewing prominent citizens to hear about their earliest memories. She was one of the founders of the Tri-Cities Area Historical Society, and she also belonged to the Free Bed Guild and the League of Women Voters. When she retired from teaching in 1964, she was living at 325½ Washington Street. She later moved to 420½ Clinton Avenue and finally to Sandpiper Retirement Home. Esther Dean was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and remained a member all her life. In 1936 Esther Dean wrote a book titled *100 Years*, combining a century of church activities with early Grand Haven history. She died in Grand Haven on November 21, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Hendrikus Nyland [1830-1864]**

During the Civil War, Hendrikus Nyland served with Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was captured by the Confederate Army at the Battle of the Wilderness on May 6, 1864 and sent to Andersonville Prison, where he died on November 8 that year and was buried at Andersonville National Historic Cemetery. On August 11, 1875, Cornelius Nyland, his father, filed for a parent's Civil War pension. Hendrikus was born in The Netherlands in 1830. He was a resident of Holland, Michigan at the time of his enlistment.

#### **Herman Z. Nyland I [1871-1943]**

Born in Milwaukee on February 14, 1871, Herman was the son of Arend and Dena Schouwenaar Nyland. Herman became road agent for the Grand Haven Leather Company after it was incorporated in 1885. In 1887, he was in charge of Dake Engine Company, which was located on the corner of Seventh and Monroe

Streets. On February 20, 1888 he enlisted as corporal in Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Regiment, and he enlisted for another three-year term in 1891. He left the outfit with the rank of sergeant, under Captain Baltus Pellegrom, in February 1894.

On October 6, 1895 Herman married Elizabeth McMillan in Grand Haven. She was born in Canada in March 1868. She was the daughter of Neil [Neal] McMillan. The Nylands lived at 121 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Around 1900 Herman went into partnership with Neal McMillan and opened the McMillan & Nyland Ice Cream and Confectionery Store at 100 Washington with McMillans' daughter, Mate, in charge. Esther Dean, born on January 1, 1899, was the Nylands' daughter. Their son, Herman Z. II, was born in Grand Haven on December 19, 1906 and died in Contra Costa, California on April 23, 1996. Other children were Neal McMillan Nyland, who was born in Milwaukee on August 30, 1896, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1914, and moved to Detroit, and William Aaron, who was born about 1905 and relocated to New York City. Elizabeth and Herman I were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where she taught Sunday School for 27 years, served on the Executive Committee of the Ladies Social Society, and was president of the Missionary Society. Elizabeth taught at an elementary school located at 513 Jackson Street, and she served on the Grand Haven School Board in the mid-1910s. Herman I died on July 26, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth passed away about December 11, 1950 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, May 1, 1996.]

#### **Cornelius [Cornelis] Adrianus Nyson [Nijssen, Nyssen] I [1835-1896]**

Cornelius Nyson was born in The Netherlands on February 13, 1835 and arrived in Grand Haven in 1848. On August 3, 1867 in Grand Haven, he married Anje de Bruin, Born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on January 14, 1850, she gave birth to Jan Kornelis Nyssen on May 15, 1869 and died on the following October 2, several weeks after the new-born son had passed away. Not long after Anje's death, Cornelius married Marthe [Martha] Meyer, who was born in The Netherlands in 1845. He and Martha had eight children, all born locally, including William I, who was born in August 1860; Cornelius II, who was born in 1862 and died on September 18, 1884; and Jennie, born in February 1879. After Martha's death on December 21, 1885, Cornelius married Cornelia Van Hall on November 3, 1886 in Grand Haven. They resided at 606 Fulton. Cornelia was born in The Netherlands in November 1840 and passed away around August 2, 1916. Cornelius, a carpenter, was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a "millwright." He and Cornelia continued living at 606 Fulton, where she remained after her husband's death. Cornelius's father, Adriannus Nyson, a Grand Haven lumberman, lived from 1805 to January 6, 1896. Cornelius's mother, Wilmina, was born about 1814 in The Netherlands. Cornelius died on November 4, 1896 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Cornelia. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1896.]

#### **William M. Nyson [Nyssen] I [1860-1949]**

William Nyson, the son of Cornelius and Martha Meyer Nyson, was born in Grand Haven in August 1860. He operated a laundry in Muskegon for two years and was proprietor of the Kempf House in the same city for two more years. William opened the Grand Haven Steam Laundry in 1893 at 12 Washington, the first steam laundry in the city. He offered pickup and delivery with his horse and cart. By 1908 he was working for the Challenge Machinery Company. He and his wife Barbara lived on Elliott Street around 1900 and later moved to 221 North Third. They were married in 1887. Their son, William II, who also worked at Challenge, was born November 5, 1889 and died in January 1963. William I died in Muskegon Heights on February 4, 1949, and Barbara, who was born in Michigan in May 1868, passed away on January 17, 1950. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was their son William II.

#### **Dustin C. Oakes [1853-1903]**

A native of St. Joseph, Berrien County, where he was born on June 19, 1853, Dustin was the son of David and Mary S. Oakes II. He graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in East Lansing. At the time of his death, Dustin was cashier at the National Bank of Grand Haven, forerunner of Grand Haven State Bank [Fifth Third], a position he had held for about three years. Prior to coming to Grand Haven,



Dustin was in the banking business in Coopersville for about 10 years, and before that he was in Shelby, Oceana County. Dustin married Lenora “Nora” Kelly in Ionia on December 27, 1876. She was born in Michigan about 1860. They were still residing in Lyons, Ionia County, in 1880. Their children were Ruby, born in 1882 and died in the State of Washington; Archie, born in 1884 and died in 1919 in Flint; and Stanley, who lived from 1888 to 1976. Dustin died on September 26, 1903. Lenora was born in 1859 and died on June 22, 1910. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries September 26, 28, and 29 1903.]

#### **Edwin Charles Oakes [1899-1974]**

Edwin, the son of Harry and Jane Oakes, was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1899. His wife, Helen, was born on November 17 the same year. By 1920 the couple was residing in Detroit. They had a daughter, Ruth, who was born around 1929. In 1930 Edwin was living in Kalamazoo and had a job as salesman of school supplies. Edwin died in Berea, Kentucky on July 17, 1974. Helen died in the same place on April 14, 1984.

#### **Harry J. Oakes I [1860-1919]**

In the 1893 *Compendium* Harry Oakes was listed as a “Marl Dealer.” Marl was a form of fertilizer, or rich soil. A few years later he joined Dake Engine Company. By 1908 he was listed as a mechanic and deputy oil inspector. In a 1912 newspaper he advertised that he was a “Buyer and dealer in Copper, brass And Old rubber. ALSO Inside and Outside Auto Tires. Highest Prices Paid.” A few years later he was an insurance agent for the Prudential Company. Harry was born in Manchester, England in September 1860 and died on March 31, 1919. He came to the United States in 1879. His mother’s name was Harriet. On November 15, 1883, in Grand Haven, Harry married Jane Luikens of Grand Haven. She lived from June 16, 1863 to March 3, 1937. They moved into a home at 121 Howard Street in 1907 and ten years later were at 417 Leggat. Prior to that they lived in a house across the street. Harry and Jane also had lived previously at 304 Columbus [approximate number], which was lost in the fire of 1889. By the 1920s Jane Oakes and a son, Edwin Charles Oakes, born on July 22, 1899, had moved to 219 Columbus. Other sons were James W., born on October 21, 1884, and Harry II, born on October 17, 1890. Harry I and Jane also had a daughter Louise, who died young, and another daughter, Sarah L., who was born on September 23, 1887. Harry and Jane were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven was his aunt.

#### **James William Oakes [1884–1954]**

James was born in Grand Haven on October 21, 1884, the son of Harry J. and Jane Oakes. James started a real estate and insurance business in 1903 with James E. Scott as his partner. In January 1907 he went into partnership with Henry J. Boer to form the Grand Haven Realty Company. In 1927 James bought the Studebaker dealership, located at 9-11 South Second Street, from the Charles E. Soule family. In April 1933 he merged with Beers Motor Company at 12 Franklin Street, owned by Orville Beers, and the combined operation offered Dodge, Plymouth, Packard, and Rockne automobiles, as well as Studebakers. He also owned Auto Fill, a Standard Oil service station at 20 North Third Street, with John Van Schelven as the attendant. James retired from the automobile business to devote his time to real estate and insurance. Originally located at 228 Washington in downtown Grand Haven, the Oakes office moved to 234 Washington in 1974, one year after the property was vacated by the McLellan store. After James retired in 1954, John Van Schelven managed the real estate office until 1978. Oakes’s nephew, Jim Oakes, also was associated with the business.

James married Mary M. “Mate” McMillan in Grand Haven on October 21, 1909. Mate, the daughter of Neal [Niel] and Elizabeth McMillan, was born on March 11, 1873. When a young woman, Mate worked as an operator for the fledgling telephone company, and later she worked at her father’s ice cream store at 101 Washington. Later she was an active member of the Grand Haven Woman’s Club and served as its president from 1920 to 1930. James and Mate were residing at 314 Second Street as early as 1920 and sometime after 1930 they moved to 803 Lake Avenue. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce

and active on the Board of Commerce and Industry that helped bring new industries to Grand Haven. James also served as secretary of the Spring Lake Country Club, and he and Mate were members of the First Presbyterian Church. Jim owned several downtown buildings. In partnership with Bruno Peter, he also owned much of the unimproved residential property along Sheldon Road, south of Taylor Street. Jim and Mate had a daughter, Inez. Jim died on August 12, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery on August 14. Mary died on February 24, 1965 in Grand Haven and was buried near her husband.

#### **James “Jim” William Oakes [1914-1997]**

James, nephew of James W. Oakes, was born in Grand Haven on December 9, 1914. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1932 he attended the University of Michigan and then worked with his uncle in the insurance and real estate business. During WWII he was a major in the Air Corps. Between 1959 and 1962 James was elected to four consecutive terms as president of Spring Lake Village. Jim was a charter member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, treasurer of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, Exalted Ruler of the Grand Haven Elks’ Club, and member of the American Legion. He attended St. Mary’s Catholic Church. On September 9, 1942 in San Antonio, he married Margaret, the daughter of William and Elsie Johnson Buckley of Spring Lake. Jim and Margaret in 1953 bought a home at 217 North Buchanan. Margaret in 1977 retired from her job as a buyer for Country House in Grand Haven. She was born on June 2, 1918 and passed away on August 16, 1997 in Florida. The Oakeses had a daughter Miki [Mary], who married Larry Carter and moved to California, and a son Michael Timothy, who resided in Marco Island, Florida. James died on June 14, 1997 at Marco Island. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1997.]

#### **Julia Beaulieu Oakes [Oaks] [1813-1910]**

One-half Ojibwa, Julia Oakes was counted in the 1836 Census of Ottawa and Ojibwa Indians. Enumerated with her were three children: Sophia, age 12; Eliza, 11; and David, 7. They were members of the Grand River Bands of Indians. Julia, the daughter of Bazil [Bazile] Budon Beaulieu, was born at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin in 1813. Bazil, a French-Canadian who lived from 1783 to 1838, was a trader for the North West Company at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, and later became a trader and then a clerk for the American Fur Company, still at Lac du Flambeau. Julia’s mother, Ogenawgeeshegoquay “Respected Sky Woman,” was the daughter of an Ojibwa chief named Waubishgaughauge “White Crow [Raven].” Bazil sent five of his children, including Julia, to William Ferry’s Mission School on Mackinac Island. Julia married Charles Henry Oakes on July 29, 1831 in Michilmackinac. He had received a license to trade furs in the vicinity of Lac du Flambeau [Torch Lake], Wisconsin on August 1, 1825 and remained in the area for at least four years as a fur trader. On May 1, 1839 Charles took title to 160 acres in Section 13 and another 160 acres in Section 19 of Blendon Township, probably for fur trapping purposes. [*Battle for the Soul*, Keith R. Widder, 1999, 6.]

Charles previously had married an Ojibwa woman, Teegaushau, in 1822; Sophia and Eliza were their daughters. David was Julia’s and Charles’s son. Julia and Charles by 1835 had a home in Grandville, and he is considered the town’s founder, along with Benjamin Slater, Levi White, and John Boynton. The four men organized the Grandville Company. For a time, the village was called Oakville and Oakes Ville. and they appeared in the 1850 Federal Census as residents of La Pointe, Wisconsin. With them were three children: David, now 20 years old; Jane, 9 years old; and Charles W., 4. Charles the father was working for the American Fur Company in La Pointe. Julia and Charles in 1860 resided in St. Paul, where Charles worked in the banking business. In the household were George H. Oakes, born in Wisconsin about 1834; Jane, shown as the same age in the census but actually much younger; and Charles, born about 1846. The three children were born in Wisconsin. but by 1870 they were residing in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. Charles was noted as being a retired banker. In 1870 they were living with Julia’s daughter Sophia, Sophia’s husband, Jeremiah Russell, and their four children. In the census Julia was classified as a combination of White and Indian, as were Sophia and her children. The 1895 state census classified Julia as White. A native of Vermont, Charles lived from July 17, 1803 to 1879 and was buried Oakland Cemetery in St. Paul, Minnesota. Julia passed away in Davidson, Tennessee on May 25, 1910, where she had been living with

her daughter, Jane, and her son-in-law, Edward. Jane who was born on January 24, 1841 in La Pointe, Wisconsin, died on December 2, 1931 in Evanston, Illinois under the name Jane Bazett-Jones. She was buried at Oakland Cemetery in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her husband was Rev. Edward A. Bazett-Jones.

### **Stanley Barnard Oakes [1888-1976]**

Stanley Oakes was a conductor on the “dummy” line that provided transportation from downtown to Highland Park. The son of Dustin and Lenora Oakes, he was born in Orange, Ionia County on June 6, 1888. On September 2, 1916 in Grand Haven, he married Helen Anna Andrews, the daughter of Daniel and Anna Angel Andrews. Helen was born in Muskegon on November 30, 1887. Stanley and his family were residing in St. Louis by 1930. Stanley sold life insurance at that time. They had a son Daniel Oakes, who lived from 1919 to 1936, and two daughters: Julia Oakes, who lived from June 11, 1922 to November 2, 2013, and Lenora Oakes, who was born in St. Louis in 1928 and died in 2011. Stanley died in St. Louis, Missouri in August 1976. Helen passed away in Carmel, California on April 19, 1971.

### **Mildred Marion Oatley [1900-1981]**

Born in Mesick, Wexford County, on July 2, 1900, Mildred Oatley graduated from Albion College in 1924 and was teaching in the Wexford schools by 1930. Ten years later, she was on the teaching staff of Grand Haven Junior High School and was lodging at 20 South Fifth Street. She retired about 1961, died in Mesick on May 3, 1981, and was buried at Antioch Township Cemetery.

### **Adrian [Adriaan, Adrien] O’Beck [Obeck] II [1846-1932]**

Adrian O’Beck was born on a farm in The Netherlands in May 1846 [1845] and came to Grand Haven in 1849. He was the son of Adrian and Cornelia Mieras O’Beck. His first job was selling fish, and eventually he started his own commercial fishing business. Other members of the O’Beck family who were part of the business were his sons: Adrian, Martin [Martine], and Roy. Adrian II was born about 1846 and began fishing from a sailboat when he was 17. With Henry Fase, John Ball, and Cornelis Van Zanten, Adrian operated a commercial fishing business out of Grand Haven called O’Beck & Company. One of their fishing tugs was the *Pearl* and another was the *C. A. Meister*. The O’Becks were reputed to be the first local fishermen to install a gasoline motor in a fishing boat. Adrian retired in 1905 and died on March 20, 1932.

On January 18, 1867 Adrian married Johanna De Glopper in Buffalo, New York. The sister of Martinus De Glopper, she was born in The Netherlands on November 19, 1842 and died in Grand Haven on March 20, 1909. Adrian and Johanna arrived in America with their parents in 1849 and not long afterward settled in Buffalo and later in Grand Haven. The O’Becks lived at 421 Clinton. Their children were Cornelia, who lived from April 1868 to 1938, married Christopher Fetz, and had a second husband, Alexander Kaatz, whom she married on April 3, 1920 in Grand Haven; Jacob, born on May 5, 1870; Anna, who lived from September 5, 1872 [1874] to 1960; Adrian III, who was born in August 1875 [1873] and died in 1941, leaving his widow, Eleanor May; Roy Lawrence, who was born on March 23, 1878 and died in 1949, and whose wife, Marie, was born in Michigan around 1885; an infant son, John, who was born and died in 1880; Jeanette “Nettie,” who lived from November 1881 to 1942 and married James W. Cheesman about June 30, 1906; James, who was born on October 5, 1883 and worked as a machinist at Keller Tool; Martin, who was born on June 27, 1884; and Marie Lucille, who was born May 23, 1888 and died in May 1879. Johanna, her husband, and their children were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Anna O’Beck [1872-1960]**

While teaching at Rosy Mound School, Anna O’Beck, recalled that she walked the four miles to and from school from her home in Grand Haven each class day. The daughter of Adrian and Johanna De Glopper O’Beck, Anna was born on September 5, 1872 [1874]. In 1940, she was living at the family home at 421 Clinton Street with her brother Roy and sister Marie. Anna died on January 3, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Jacob O'Beck [1870-1922]**

Like his father Adrian, Jacob O'Beck was captain of a fishing tug in Grand Haven. Jacob also served as mate on the Crosby Transportation Company steamer the *E.G. Crosby*. In the years prior to his death, he worked with his brothers, Roy and Martin, in operating the fishing tug *Johanna*, named for their mother. Jacob was born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1870, died in a Muskegon hospital on May 25, 1922, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 26, 1922.]

### **Martin O'Beck [1884-1951]**

Martin was the son of Captain Adrian and Johanna O'Beck. He was born in Grand Haven on June 27, 1884, died on May 4, 1951 in Grand Rapids, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He had a brother, Roy, who was born about 1878, and two sisters, Anna and Marie, all of Grand Haven. About 1910 Martin and Roy, built the tug *Marie*, and in 1914 they built one of the first steel tugboats in the area, the 42-foot *Johanna*. In 1971 the tug became the last commercial vessel to fish out of Grand Haven.

Martin married Evalina Zimmer on November 20, 1905. They lived first at 521 Grant Street and later at 312 South Fourth Street. Evalina, who was born in Spring Lake on July 28, 1881, died in Ferrysburg on April 7, 1954. She was the daughter of Matthias and Katharina Spinner Zimmer. The O'Becks had one son and one daughter, Marjorie Louise, who lived her entire life, from June 21, 1911 to October 24, 1999, in Grand Haven. She married George A. Barnard of Grand Haven, who died in 1979. Their son, Adrian, born on December 17, 1922 moved to California, where he died on April 10, 1997. Young Adrian married Jeanne Fochtman on April 2, 1942. Marjorie Louise was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Constance "Connie" Hybarger Obits [1933-2009] and Wallace Ward Obits [1927-2020]**

Constance Hybarger was born in Ohio on March 10, 1933. By 1951 she was a student living in Muskegon with her parents. On June 24, 1955 she married Wallace Obits in Muskegon. He was born in Fremont, Newaygo County, on September 5, 1927. They had three children: Diane Lee Obits, who was born on August 11, 1956 and married Charles Eichhorst of Grand Rapids; Alan Wallace Obits, who was born in July 1958; and Brian Ward Obits, who was born in October 1961. Alan and Brian remained in Spring Lake.

Connie was an artist. In 1976, she told a *Muskegon Chronicle* reporter, "I love to experiment with floating shapes. I get this free feeling by putting down colors first. I work out of the unconscious, just keep working 'till I come to a stopping point. It's a sort of communion with the canvas." Her works were exhibited and sold throughout Michigan. She was a founding member of the Lakeland Artists and the Gallery Uptown. Connie died of colon cancer on April 28, 2009.

Wallace graduated from the University of Michigan School of Engineering, and he attended classes at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He settled in Muskegon around 1953 and worked for Continental Motors [later called Teledyne] for 37 years. He retired as Director of Engineering and passed away in Spring Lake on May 29, 2020.

### **Hugh O'Brien [O'Brian] [Hugh "Bud" Krampe] [1925-2016]**

In 1942 Hugh John Krampe, his wife Edith Lillian, and their sons resided at Arbutus Banks in Spring Lake, next at 115 Barber Court, and finally at 316 South Fifth in Grand Haven, before moving away permanently. One of their sons, Hugh Charles Krampe, worked at Camfield's one summer making wooden trays. He also caddied at Spring Lake Country Club and worked at a local gas station. The other Krampe son, Donald, attended school in Grand Haven. Young Hugh moved to California, where he became known as Hugh O'Brien, best known for playing the role of Wyatt Earp in the television series of that name that ran from 1955 to 1961. He was born in Rochester, New York, on April 19, 1925 [1923], served with the U.S. Marines during WWII, and died in California on September 5, 2016.

Hugh John Krampe was born in Ohio on June 4, 1890 and died in Alameda, California on June 30, 1958, and Edith lived from June 18, 1895 to December 26, 1949. Like her husband, she died in California.

### **Jeremiah “Jerry” O’Brien [1854-1905]**

Born in Wisconsin on August 29, 1854, Jeremiah O’Brien resided at 127 Clinton with his wife Anna “Annie.” Their children were Elizabeth “Lizzie,” a nurse, who was born in January 1885; William, who was born in Grand Haven in February 1887 and worked at the glove factory; and Mamie, who was born in November 1888 and worked at a “bean factory.” Jeremiah, a sailor, died on July 19, 1905, but his family continued to live at 127 Clinton. Anna was born in Ireland in May 1862.

### **Joseph W. O’Brien [1860-1926]**

Born in Chicago on October 11, 1860 [1859], Joseph was the son of John O’Brien. His mother’s family name was Donovan. Joseph came to Grand Haven in 1871, presumably with his parents, and later joined the law firm of Healy C. Akeley at the corner of Washington and Second Streets. In 1886 he became state agent and adjuster for the Phenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, New York. Seven years later he was an agent for the Home Insurance Company, and in the early 1900s he was named president of Grand Haven State Bank, then located at 218 Washington Street. About that time he had a financial interest in the Heap-O’Brien Mining Company, with William Heap as his partner. Joseph served as mayor in 1886, 1900, and 1901, and he was chairman of the first Ottawa County Red Cross Chapter, organized in Grand Haven in the fall of 1909. He married Mary Elizabeth Gillen on November 26, 1884 in Grand Haven. She was born in Racine, Wisconsin on September 18, 1862. In the early 1900s the O’Briens resided at 534 Clinton, but in 1915 they purchased the Boyden House at Fifth and Lafayette Streets. About 13 years after Joseph’s death on May 4, 1926, Mary moved to Grand Rapids. She died on May 22, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. They had three children: Joseph Parnell O’Brien [1886-1967]; Eugene Gladstone O’Brien [1887-1955]; and Marguerite Irene O’Brien [1889-1940]. Margaret served overseas as an army YMCA worker during WWI.

### **Richard H. O’Brien [1910-1981]**

In the 1920s Dick O’Brien operated a sign painting business at 19 South Third Street, where he also resided with his widowed mother, Jenny. By 1930 Dick was managing a jewelry store in Grand Haven. Jenny was born in Michigan on November 9, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on May 8, 1982. Dick was born on December 5, 1910 and died in Ferrysburg on October 11, 1981.

### **Daniel O’Connell [1826-1891]**

See Daniel O. Connell.

### **James O’Connell [1842-1932]**

James O’Connell was born in West Meath, Ireland on May 22, 1842 and settled with his family in Wisconsin when he was three [seven]. He dealt in brass and ironware, wrought iron pipe, pumps, rubber goods, and other items at a store located at the corner of First and Franklin Streets [29 Franklin], where he and his wife, Kate, also lived. James was still in business in 1908. He was working in Whitehall when the Civil War began and on August 21, 1862 enlisted as private in Company F of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, raised by Noah Ferry. He later served under Phillip Sheridan and George A. Custer until the end of the Civil War. James was close to Ferry at Gettysburg when the latter was killed by Confederate shots. He was mustered out on June 22, 1865.

The *Muskegon Chronicle* provided a story about James’s decision to settle in Grand Haven after the Civil War: “Mr. O’Connell was visiting the farm of his brother Bernard O’Connell in Montague Township [Muskegon County]. He decided to go to Chicago to look for work and took the train to Grand Haven, intending to cross the lake. While awaiting the sailing of his boat that night, he set out on a stroll up the main street of the town, then unlighted. He had not gone far when he bumped smack into a portly citizen, who demanded to know, in not too pleasant a humor, ‘Why don’t you look where you’re going?’ ‘Why don’t you blow a whistle?’ was Mr. O’Connell’s retort. ‘Well, where are you going?’ the man asked. ‘I’m going to Chicago to look for a job,’ said Mr. O’Connell. ‘I’ll give you a job,’ his new acquaintance replied;

and Mr. O'Connell went to work for Capt. Heber Squires, then a prominent figure in the business life of Grand Haven." James on September 26, 1865 earned his engineer's license and subsequently served on several vessels, including *Snoek* and *New Era*.

James married Kate [Catherine] Kearnan in 1869. Kate was born in Ireland in March 1853. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Susan, born in August 1871; William, who was born in December 1875 and moved to Detroit; and Chester A., who was born on February 22, 1883. James was the area's last surviving Civil War veteran when he died on March 14, 1932 and was an early member of the Weatherwax G.A.R. Post. He also belonged to the Odd Fellows and Elks. James was a member of the Unitarian Church until its dissolution. Kate lived from 1849 to 1922. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* obituary, 1932.]

#### **John O'Connell [1821-1899]**

See John O. Connell.

#### **Mary Malone O'Connell [1808-1880]**

See Mary Malone Connell.

#### **William R. O'Dwyer [1928-2002]**

Bill was born on March 10, 1928 to William E. and Henrietta Grosnick O'Dwyer in Chicago, Illinois. He married Patricia Carmody in 1950. She was born January 18, 1928 and passed away on October 17, 1995. They resided at 414 Howard Street in Grand Haven. Bill was a graduate of Carl Schurz High School in Chicago and Marquette University in Milwaukee. He served with the Army Air Corps during WWII. Bill moved to Grand Haven in 1974 and retired from the Internal Revenue Service in 1984. He was active with St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, the American Legion, the YMCA, and the Genealogical Society. The O'Dwyers had seven children: Catherine Noonan, Elizabeth Des Noyer, Sister Margaret O'Dwyer, William O'Dwyer, Mary Bridget Kiddy, James C. O'Dwyer, and Patrick O'Dwyer. Bill, who died in Grand Haven on November 16, 2002, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 18, 2002.]

#### **Engelbert Christiaan Oggel [1841-1910]**

Engelbert Christiaan Oggel was pastor of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven from 1872 to 1876. He was born in Axel, The Netherlands, on September 28, 1841, the son of Johannes Pieter and Adriana de Pree Oggel. Following his father's death in February 1856, Engelbert immigrated to the United States with the encouragement of his older brother, Professor Pieter J. Oggel [1829-1869] of Hope College. Engelbert attended Holland Academy and Rutgers University, where he graduated in 1863. He next studied for the ministry and in 1866 was ordained pastor of the First Reformed Church in North Holland, Ottawa County. He left that position three years later, the same year his brother died, to become treasurer of Hope College and editor of a religious newspaper called *The Hope*, which his brother had begun. Oggel left two years later and became minister at the Reformed Church in Graftschaap. It was in June the next year that he came to Grand Haven. On August 8, 1872, just prior to his arrival in Grand Haven, Engelbert married Elizabeth, daughter of Aldert Plugger of Holland. Engelbert next took the pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church in Kankakee, Illinois. He died on November 6, 1910 in Grand Rapids. Elizabeth lived from February 11, 1854 to March 26, 1919. Both were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. [*American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made Men.*]

#### **Egbert William "Billy" Oldenburg [1936-1974]**

Bill Oldenburg taught English at Grand Valley State University. On August 9, 1963 he married Jean Dyk. He and Jean lived at 632 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Born in Platte, South Dakota on August 26, 1938, Jean earned a degree in microbiology at Calvin College and worked as microbiologist and phlebotomist at North Ottawa Community Hospital, Hackley Hospital, and Shelby Hospital. Bill, who shared an interest in local history, in 1974 worked with Ron Kuiper to record memories of summertime visitor David Dyer

Hunting. Bill's book *Potawatomi Indian Summer* was published posthumously in 1975, the year following his death. Bill, born in Muskegon on April 4, 1936, was killed in an automobile accident on September 7, 1974 and buried at Restlawn Cemetery in Muskegon. Jean died in Grand Rapids on October 11, 2020. She and Bill had two children, Ryan Oldenburg of Grand Rapids and Jennifer Oldenburg Chapel of Lowell, Kent County. Jean passed away in Grand Rapids on October 11, 2020.

#### **Gail L. Olger [1897-1978]**

In 1933 Gail Olger and Edward "Bill" Koster opened the O-K Grocery Store in Spring Lake Village. Gail was born September 26, 1897 and died in Spring Lake on February 7, 1978. On April 20, 1920 in Grand Haven, he married Gertrude Mathilda Minuth. They resided at 225 South Buchanan. Gertrude, the daughter of Fred and Mathilde Minuth of Grand Haven, was born Pennsylvania on October 4, 1896 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 17, 1994. She and Gail were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Edwardine Van Hall Olsen [1918-2003] and George Lawrence Olsen II [1911-1984]**

Edwardine, the daughter of Edward and Nellie Donselaar Van Hall of Grand Haven, was born on March 31, 1918. She was named Miss Grand Haven in 1938. Edwardine married George Lawrence Olsen II on August 19, 1938 in Grand Haven. The son of George and Kathryn Olsen I, he was born on December 13, 1911 and died on June 21, 1984. Edwardine and George moved to Michigan City, Indiana. Edwardine died at the home of her daughter, Casden Chapman, in Erie, Illinois, on May 22, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Olsens also had a son, Jens C. Olsen. [*Tribune* obituary, May 27, 2003.]

#### **Mary Elizabeth Wheeler Olsen [1909-1985]**

Mary Elizabeth Wheeler was class poet of the Class of 1925 at Central High School in Grand Rapids. After graduating from the College of Architecture at the University of Michigan, she was named fashion editor at the *Grand Rapids Herald* and was known as a fine artist. She studied art under Guy Palazzola, Emil Weddige, Gerald Mast, Harry Hefner, and Chris Overwoorde. Her primary medium was watercolor, but she also worked in oil, acrylic, pencil, and pen and ink. Elizabeth was a member of Lakeland Painters, Muskegon Fine Arts Guild, and Ann Arbor Women Painters. She had shows at North Muskegon and North Shores Public Libraries, North Ottawa Community Hospital, Muskegon Developmental Center, East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, and St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. Her work won several awards.

She married Clarence Olsen in Grand Rapids on November 18, 1939. Born in Kansas on November 28, 1904, he passed away on November 6, 1976. Elizabeth and Roberta Oslund, both artists, were co-owners of the Gallery Upstairs when it was located at 208 Washington Street. She was born in Kent County on January 4, 1909 and passed away in Grand Haven on September 26, 1985. She and Clarence were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Her residence in 1979 was at 18586 Pawnee in Spring Lake Township.

#### **George Lawrence Olsen I [1886-1947]**

George, born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1886, was the son of Jens and May Olsen, who emigrated from Norway and settled in Grand Haven in the 1870s. George saw extensive service in Europe during WWI as captain of Company F of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was mustered out with the rank of major. After the war he was selected as the first company commander of the Michigan National Guard and continued to be active with Company F. George was postmaster of Grand Haven from 1924 to 1936. He and Orrie Sluiter purchased the Turner Abstract Company from George D. Turner in 1923 and opened an office at 226½ Washington. They sold the business two years later to Michigan Title Company. George also started the Olsen Insurance Company. George was a Republican and treasurer of the State Republican Committee.

On June 16, 1909 in Grand Haven George married Kathryn, the daughter of Sherman S. and Elizabeth Dickinson, who originally were from Potsdam, New York. Kathryn was born in Coopersville on March 18, 1886, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904, died in Grand Haven on February 5, 1971, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sherman Dickinson was commanding officer of Company F during

the Spanish-American War. The Olsens had three daughters and three sons, all born locally: George L. II, who was born on December 11, 1912; John S. who was born about 1915 and moved to Memphis, Tennessee; Elizabeth "Betty" Kathryn, who was born on March 7, 1918, married Donald Misner, and then, after his premature death, married Frederick Hickey of Grand Haven; Jessie, who was born on January 15, 1923 married John H. Cole of Houghton Lake, Roscommon County, and died on February 6, 1995 in Denton, Roscommon County; Virginia, who was born about 1925 and married Donald P. Le Fevre of Hesperia; and Robert F., who was born about 1926 and moved to West Redding, Connecticut. The Olsen family resided at 301 Sherman. George passed away on October 15, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Glenn Holger Olsen [1898-1984]**

Born in Remus, Mecosta County on June 20, 1898 to Hans and Mariane Olsen, Glenn graduated from Edmore High School and Central Michigan University and received his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. Glenn also did some graduate work at the University of Michigan. He married Gladys Sylvia Joy on April 30, 1921. She was born on May 23, 1897. The Olsens' children were Bruce, who was born about 1924 and became a medical doctor; Robert who was born about 1931; and Robert L. The family lived at 433 Slayton Street in Grand Haven.

Glenn joined the school system in 1923 and became principal of Grand Haven High School two years later. He retired in 1964 after handing out more than 6,000 diplomas during his career. Glenn served on the Planning Commission for the redevelopment of the waterfront, North Ottawa Community Hospital, and the YMCA. He was a charter member of the Grand Haven Rotary that was founded in 1929, and he was instrumental in establishing the Tri-Cities Educational Foundation, of which he once was director. He never recovered from a fractured hip after falling in his driveway and died on November 26, 1984. Gladys passed away on October 27, 1995 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, November 26, 1984.]

#### **Jens Andreas Olsen I [1851-1933]**

A native of Norway, where he was born on January 20, 1851, Jens Olsen immigrated to the United States in 1865 and settled in Grand Haven. In 1880 he was a freight checker. Twenty years later he was listed as a steamship agent. On August 13, 1875 he married May Cousins [Cousins] in Milwaukee. She was born in Ireland on May 10, 1862. Among their children were Pearl M. Olsen, who was born in December 1877; Jens A. Olsen II, born in October 1880; Jessie Elizabeth Olsen, who was born on August 13, 1881 and married Myron Kingsbury Scott of Grand Haven, and George Lawrence Olsen, who was born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1886. In 1880 Jens's brother Andrew was living with the Olsen family. By 1930 Jens and May were divorced. That year, Jens was residing with Kingsbury and Jessie Scott. He died in Grand Rapids on June 27, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. May, who was married twice after her divorce from Jens, passed away in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on February 27, 1941.

#### **Jessie E. Olsen [1923-1995]**

The daughter of George and Kathryn Olsen, Jessie in 1939 was selected the first-ever U.S. Coast Guard Queen. Appropriate to her heritage, she joined the SPARS during WWII. She and her husband, John H. Cole, moved to Houghton Lake. John lived from June 9, 1920 to January 4, 2002. Jessie was born on January 15, 1923 and passed away in Roscommon County on February 6, 1995. Jessie's sister, Betty, was part of the Queen's Court during Grand Haven's Centennial Celebration in August 1934.

#### **Claude Olthof [1905-1979]**

A resident of the Ferrysburg area, Claude Olthof lived at 19080 Glendale Circle in Spring Lake Township in his later years. In 1946 Claude started North Shore Machine Works [17796 North Shore Drive]. Prior to that he worked at the Keller Tool Company in Grand Haven. Claude married Jeanette Myrtle Yonker in Spring Lake on January 18, 1930. He was born on July 16, 1905, died on May 18, 1979, and was buried at



Spring Lake Cemetery. Jeanette lived from 1909 to 1990 and was buried at the same cemetery. Claude and Jeanette had one child, Jack William Olthof, who was born on July 16, 1935.

**Jack William Olthof I [1935-2013]**

Jack Olthof was mayor of Ferrysburg from 1975 to 1981. He also served as the town's fire chief for 42 years and was with the department a total of 48 years. The Ferrysburg Fire Station was named in his memory. He was part of a group that in 1962 led a drive to incorporate the Village of Ferrysburg as a Fifth Class City. A vote in April the next year approved the petition. Born on July 16, 1935, Jack was the son of Claude and Jeanette Yonker Olthof. On September 15, 1954, he married Mary Lou Kowitz. She was born on November 28, 1934 and died on November 10, 2000. Jack, who served in the National Guard, owned and operated North Shore Machine Works [17796 North Shore Drive], the company begun by his father. Jack and Mary Lou had two daughters, Luanne Olthof of Grand Haven, who lived from 1954 to 2017, and Wendy Olthoff Carter of Muskegon, and three sons: Jack Olthof II of Spring Lake, Robert Olthof of Fruitport, and Mike Olthof of Ferrysburg. Jack and Mary Lou were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Sybrant Olthof [1895-1982]**

Olthof family members were early residents of Ferrysburg. Sybrant Olthof was born in the Village on July 6, 1895 and died on March 1, 1982. He worked at the Johnston Brothers Boiler Company in Ferrysburg. By the mid-1950s he resided at 520 Jackson Street in Grand Haven. On May 8, 1918 in Spring Lake, he married Mary, the daughter of Corneilus and Kate Yonker Westerhouse. Born in October 1894, Mary died two years after her marriage. She and Sybrant were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**William Olthof [1900-1976]**

William Olthof spent his life as a resident of the Ferrysburg area, where he was born on January 6, 1900. In 1930 he was residing with his parents and was a die maker at a tool factory. His parents, John and Jennie Olthoff, both were natives of The Netherlands, where John was born about 1869 and Jennie about 1871. William died in Ferrysburg on April 5, 1976 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He lived at 17752 North Shore Drive.

**Paul Frederick Oltman I [1908-1958]**

Paul Oltman was born in Grand Rapids on June 24, 1908. He worked as merchandise manager for the Herpolsheimer Company in Grand Rapids. On October 21, 1933, he married Elizabeth Edna Knappen in Grand Rapids. In 1938 they bought a cottage in the Wilderness, on the lakeshore a few miles south of Grand Haven. Around 1950 Paul purchased from William D. Baltz the Addison-Baltz Department Store in Grand Haven but leased the real estate. About the same time Paul and his Betty moved into a newly built home at 191 Grand Avenue with their daughter Shirley and son Paul II. After her husband's death on May 28, 1958, Betty sold the house and returned to Grand Rapids but kept the Wilderness cottage. Betty, who was born on April 1, 1912, died on May 19, 1987. After her death, the Wilderness cottage was deeded to their son Paul. Paul I and Betty were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

**Raymond F. O'Malley [1920-2007]**

Born on May 4, 1920, Raymond O'Malley was one of two hands out of 103 to survive the sinking of the *Escanaba* in June 1943. Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class at the time of the incident, Raymond, who was from Chicago, returned to Grand Haven each year to attend a ceremony sponsored by the Coast Guard that commemorated the sinking of the *Escanaba*. Raymond passed away in Chicago on March 8, 2007. [Tribune obituary, March 8, 2007.]

**Louis [Lewis] H. Oosterhouse [1881-1954]**

See Louis Osterhouse.

**Charles Orchardson [1836-1918] and Lurissa Jane Norton Orchardson [1841-1917]**

Born on June 10, 1836 in Edinburgh, Scotland, Charles Orchardson immigrated to the United States in 1857 and by 1860 was working on the Richard Phillips farm in Madison Township, Lake County, Ohio as a laborer. He married Lurissa Jane Norton on March 2, 1861 in Madison Township. Born in Madison in May 1841, she lived on a neighboring farm. The Orchardsons' daughter, Louise Bernice Orchardson, was born in Scotland on June 12, 1864. She and her parents immigrated to the United States two years after her birth. By 1870 Charles and Lurissa owned and raised fruit on approximately 30 acres in Section 13 of Spring Lake Township and an abutting 26.5 acres in Section 24. The smaller parcel became known as the Krueger Place. The Orchardsons also resided on the property, where Charles apparently had an artist's studio. Another daughter, Flora Mabel Orchardson, was born on September 16, 1872. In 1880 the family of four was still in Spring Lake. Living with them was Charles's widowed sister Mary Williamson and another Scotsman, David Lorimer, who married Louise on May 10, 1884 in Spring Lake. Flora married Len Patterson. She and Len resided on what came to be known as the Lorimer Resort property in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township. The resort was started by Louise.

Charles, a graduate of the Royal Scottish Academy of Art and Architecture, once claimed he circled the globe twice and graduated from the Royal Scottish Academy of Art and Architecture. In America, he was known as a portrait, genre, and landscape painter. He was listed as a portrait painter in the 1866 *Cleveland City Directory* with a Cleveland address.

Charles is likely the artist that painted the four portraits hanging in Spring Lake District Library: one of Hunter Savidge, another of Hunter's wife Sarah, the third of their son George, and the fourth of George's siblings, William and Esther. In 1910, forty of Charles's works were exhibited at the Hamburger Department Store in Los Angeles. His brother, William Quiller Orchardson, who remained in Scotland, became a portrait artist of note and is the better known of the two.

In the mid-1880s Charles left his wife and family and moved to Grand Rapids and then to Chicago. In 1885 he was living and working as an artist at the Houseman Hotel in Grand Rapids. In 1887 and 1888 he was again listed as an artist in the *Chicago City Directory* for that year. A year later, he ran on the Socialist ticket for mayor of Chicago but lost badly. Lurissa divorced him not long after the election. In 1897 she was the sole owner of the fruit farm in Spring Lake Township. Eight years later she was residing as a widow in Spokane but returned to Spring Lake where she died on February 16, 1917 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles considered himself a clairvoyant. He married Minerva Shipman Merrick [1812-June 14, 1894] in Quincy, Illinois on April 12, 1893. Also a spiritualist, she was previously married to Marcus Merrick [1800-1876]. According to the *Morning News* of June 15, 1894, she bequeathed her fortune, valued between \$400,000 and \$800,000, to Charles. The article ended, "Mrs. Orchardson's bequest will be fiercely contested by her relatives." The article also revealed Charles received \$50,000 as a wedding gift, presumably from Minerva. The Illinois Supreme Court ruled in favor of Minerva's family, setting the marriage aside. George Turner was one of the litigants.

In the 1896 *City Directory* for Quincy, Charles was listed as "Prof, artist and well digger." Charles was living in a boarding house in Chicago in 1900 and was listed in the federal census of that year as a widower who made his living as a "portrait artist." On August 16, 1902, he married 41-year-old artist Sarah C. Davis [b. 1861] in Chicago. They were both listed as artists in the *Chicago City Directory* for 1904.

By 1910 Charles was a resident of Los Angeles, California, again living in a boarding house but this time listed as a divorced artist. Charles died in Santa Barbara, California, on July 15, 1918. His handwritten will specified that his daughters Flora Orchardson Patterson and Louise Orchardson Lorimer should receive \$5.00 each upon his death, and the remainder of his estate, including his "Bank account, Oil Paintings, Whaleing stock, & e'ct." was bequeathed to Josephine Pollock of Los Angeles. He also named Josephine as executor of his estate. Born in Wisconsin on March 19, 1867, Josephine in 1910 was working as a waitress in Los Angeles and living with her widowed mother, Julia [Juliana] Pollock [1835-1912]. The

will, dated September 22, 1910, was submitted to Probate Court in Los Angeles in July 1918. Josephine died in Los Angeles on November 22, 1949.

### **James Wilson Orr I [1840-1912]**

James Orr and his family resided in Pontiac in 1880 but had moved to Grand Haven by 1890. James in 1892 was secretary of American Mirror and Glass Beveling Company, located near the intersection of Water [Harbor Drive] and Howard Streets. The next year he was an agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway, or possibly he held both positions simultaneously. He was born in Scotland on July 19, 1840 and died in Pontiac on April 19, 1912. During the Civil War, James served from July 1861 to December 1863 as a private in the 36<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry under the name John Wilson. He re-enlisted in the same unit in January 1864 and served until October 1865, still under his alias. James married Isabelle [Isabella] Spence, also a native of Scotland, where she was born about 1842. They had at least two children: Mary Elizabeth Orr, who was born about 1871 and married William F. Harbeck of Grand Haven, and James Wilson Orr II, who was born on September 24, 1875. On August 4, 1890 in Detroit, James married Eleanor J. Christian, who was born about 1846 in New York State and died in Pontiac on January 19, 1915.

### **James Wilson Orr II [1875-1935]**

In 1900 James Orr was living in Grand Rapids working as a bookkeeper. By 1910 he was in Grand Haven residing with his sister, Mary, the wife of William F. Harbeck, who resided at 538 Lafayette and employed by Nathaniel Robbins as an accountant. James married Gertrude Baker in Muskegon on July 7, 1921. They resided at 539 Pennoyer. She was born in Muskegon on July 19, 1879, died on October 31, 1941, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with James. He was born in Pontiac on September 24, 1875 and passed away on December 3, 1935.

### **Ada Walker Fast Osby [1885-1960]**

See Ada Walker Fast.

### **George Henry Osgood [1829-1871]**

Born in November 1829 in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, George was the son of Hiram and Eliza Edgerly Osgood. George's father, an attorney, died on November 29, 1840, and his mother lived from April 6, 1803 to September 14, 1857. They both died in Grandville and were buried there. Another early arrival in the area was Chase Edgerly, Eliza's brother, who was born in Rockingham on December 18, 1811. Chase Edgerly and George Osgood were the "Edgerly & Osgood" Lillie referred to as proprietors of the Washington House in Grand Haven [12 Washington], which they were operating by 1850. George was listed as Barkeeper in the 1850 census and, like his partner, was residing at the hotel. Also residing there at that time was his mother, Eliza Osgood, and his wife's sister, Mary Brown. In 1852 Chase and George sold the business to Clark Albee. Chase returned to the Grand Rapids area, where he died on December 9, 1854.

By 1858 George was proprietor of Mill Point Hall in Spring Lake. On November 24, 1861, not long after the start of the Civil War, he became quartermaster sergeant of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. George was promoted to first lieutenant and quartermaster on December 13, 1862 and was mustered out on October 31, 1864. George was listed as a grocer in Spring Lake in the 1860 Federal Census and a saloon keeper in Grand Haven in the 1870 census.

George married Mary D. Miller. Mary, the daughter of Captain Harry and Elizabeth Miller, was born in Detroit on May 14, 1836 [1835], died in 1916 [1915], and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her parents. George died on November 3, 1871 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His widow, three years later, on September 30, married Isaac Hull Sanford of Grand Haven. About June 21, 1911 Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension, citing George Osgood's service. George and Mary had a daughter Eliza "Lizzie," who married John Wiles of Grand Haven. Lizzie was born in Spring Lake in April 1858.

### **J. S. Osgood [1837-1923]**

J.S. Osgood was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. Although not confirmed, this may be James Smalley Osgood. Born on April 11, 1837, he served with Company A of the Provost Guards, Michigan Infantry, during the Civil War. In 1867, James married Susan Steward, who was born in Michigan in March 1842. They lived in St. Johns, Clinton County, where James was a produce merchant. Susan died in July 1909. James passed away on January 9, 1923 while at Clarke Memorial Home in Grand Rapids, where he had been living since at least 1920. Both were buried at Mount Rest Cemetery in St. Johns.

#### **George J. Osipoff [1923-1991]**

Born on July 14, 1923 in Detroit, George Osipoff founded Grand Haven Pattern at 1555 Marion Street in October 1955, which he sold to Carl Fred Kleist in June three years later. George then became district superintendent for the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. George married Gloria Dorothy Prahin in Grand Haven on August 24, 1946. She was born in Muskegon Heights on July 1, 1925. George died in Grand Haven on December 3, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Osipoff's home was at 14896 Bignell in Grand Haven Township. George served as private with the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII.

#### **Roberta "Bobbie" Truax Oslund [1928-2014]**

Roberta Truax was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 26, 1928 and married Dr. Richard Oslund on December 26, 1956. Bobbie painted in oils, acrylics and watercolor. She participated in opening and managing several West Michigan Art Galleries, including the Muskegon Art Gallery and the Gallery Upstairs at 208 Washington Street in Grand Haven, where Elizabeth Olsen was co-owner. Bobbie was president of the Muskegon Fine Arts Guild and member of the First Congregational Church UCC and of Community United Methodist Church. She studied art with Gerald Mast of the University of Michigan and Harry Heffner from Western Michigan University. She spent more than 15 winters in Green Valley, Arizona. She and Richard had two sons, Jeff Oslund of Boyne City and Brett Oslund of Muskegon, and a daughter, Wendy Oslund Morrow, who lived in New Hampshire. Roberta passed away on August 20, 2014. Richard lived from 1929 to 2020.

#### **William Osner I [1859-1942]**

Born on May 2, 1859 in Ethenheim, Germany, William Osner immigrated to Chicago where he manufactured shoes. He arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1904 and soon bought property on the south side of Stearns Bayou in Section 6 of Robinson Township. By 1915 he owned 40 acres, and within the next 15 years acquired an additional 45 acres from Dr. Winfield Hall, his neighbor to the west. On May 20, 1890, he married Phoebe Fritz in Chicago. She was born in New York State on January 8, 1864 and died in Robinson Township on November 28, 1930. Among their children was Sophia, born about 1898. Her salary as a sixth grade teacher at Central School in 1919 was set by the School Board at \$800 a year. She died in 1925. Other children were William II, who was born on April 14, 1901, and a daughter, Louise, who lived from 1891 to 1971. William passed away in Robinson Township on February 14, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Phoebe. Osner Drive, along the south side of Stearns Bayou, was named for the family.

#### **William Osner II [1901-1977]**

The son of William and Phoebe Osner, young William was born in Chicago on April 14, 1901 and moved to the Grand Haven area with his parents in 1904. He was employed by the Ottawa County Road Commission for 35 years and was manager when he died on October 3, 1977 while on a hunting trip with his family in Wyoming. William's wife, Suzanne Kosch, was born on June 18, 1919 in Chicago. Suzanne was the daughter of Andrew and Anna Potucek Kosch of Robinson Township. Suzanne and William were married in Grand Haven on March 6 [4], 1937. Suzanne, who ran a Christmas tree farm after her husband's death, died on October 6, 1985. They had two daughters, Phoebe Shutler, who lived in New

York, and Susan Larson, who remained in Grand Haven. One son, William Osner III, moved to New Jersey.

#### **Hessel D. Osterhoff [Osterhof] [1827-1904]**

Working as a laborer, Hessel Osterhoff resided in Spring Lake Village. On January 1, 1864 he enlisted as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. On June 9, 1865 he transferred into Company G of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865. On November 25, 1904 his wife Willemetje [Willhelmina] “Minnie” Zwiers Osterhoff, applied for a widow’s Civil War pension. Minnie was born in The Netherlands about 1841. The Osterhoffs had a daughter, Jantje “Jane,” who was born on November 4, 1868. Another daughter, Minnie, married Andrew Vanden Bosch, also of Spring Lake. They had two more children besides these two. Hessel, a native of The Netherlands, lived from February 14, 1827 to October 7, 1904. Willemetje was born in The Netherlands on March 14, 1841 and died on July 15, 1915. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Roelof “Ralph” Osterhoff [Osterhof] [1830-1902]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on July 2, 1830, Roeloff Osterhoff immigrated to Ferrysburg in 1855, working first as a carpenter on the Ferry residence. He then worked seventeen years in the pattern shop at Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg, and in 1874 he opened a mercantile business and in the 1883 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* he was listed as operating a general store in Ferrysburg. The store was listed again in the 1887, 1891, 1893, 1903, and 1909 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as part of the Ralph Osterhoff estate. He married Jane Griede in 1857. She was born in 1836 and died on October 28, 1874, leaving her husband and eight children, including Jane, who lived from 1859 to 1925; Delia, 1861 to 1925; Hannah, 1863 to 1885; Martha, who was born on July 21, 1869; Raleigh, 1872 to 1915; and John, 1874 to 1928. Roeloff died on June 27, 1902. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with five of their children. The 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* listed daughter Jane Osterhoff as manager of the store.

#### **Louis [Lewis] Henry Osterhaus [Osterhouse, Osterhaus, Oosterhouse] [1881-1954]**

By 1908 Louis Osterhouse had opened a law office at 232 Washington in Grand Haven. Later he had an office on the second floor of 118 Washington. He was Ottawa County prosecuting attorney in 1912 and city attorney in 1914 and again from 1920 to 1926. On December 14, 1910 in Chicago, Louis married Adeline Jesse Rosenberg. They lived at 110 Howard Street in 1915 before moving to 820 Lake Avenue. They remained there into the 1950s. Louis was born in Michigan on December 7, 1881, and Adeline, a native of Illinois, was born around 1884. They had three children, Maryon Edwina Osterhaus, born on April 13, 1913 and died on June 19, 1997, Louis John Osterhaus, who was born on October 27, 1915 and died on October 31, 2000, and Hazel Osterhaus, who lived from June 4, 1919 to October 25, 1991. Louis the father passed away about November 26, 1954 and Adeline around October 19, 1959. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Eleanor Mae Larson Ostradick [1936-2001]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 9, 1936 to Carl and Marian Poel Larson, Eleanor married Theodore Ostradick in Muskegon on February 12, 1960. Eleanor was an Avon representative in the Spring Lake area for eight years. She was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and its Woman’s Club. She also was Coordinator for the St. Lazare Retreat House in Spring Lake Township. Eleanor died in Muskegon on January 29, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

#### **Henry A. Oswald [1852-1939]**

In 1880 Henry Oswald was a saloon keeper in Grand Rapids. He married Ardell [Della] Elizabeth Kingin in Grand Rapids on January 1, 1890. She was born in Michigan in 1866. The couple left Grand Rapids in 1908 and opened a confectionery and ice cream store in Grand Haven at 118 Washington, where they also resided. Their business was called Oswald’s Sweet Shop. Henry was bartender at a saloon at 38

Washington in the 1910s. Ardell was not with him at the time. By 1917 he was general manager of the Panhard Motor Company at 1301 Fulton Street. A native of Canada, Henry was born on March 24, 1852 and moved to the United States in 1865. Henry and Ardell resided at 631 Lake Avenue in 1930 and continued to own and operate the Sweet Shop. Henry passed away on March 10, 1939. Ardell died on June 18, 1941 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery, where Henry also was buried.

#### **Gertrude Otley [1898-1998]**

See Gertrude Otley Mersbach.

#### **Benjamin F. Otley [1871-1934]**

Born in Buffalo, New York on April 9, 1871, Benjamin was the son of Samuel and Matilda Otley, who in the mid-1870s lived in Grand Haven. Benjamin apparently was the first member of the family to be attracted to Highland Park, but his younger brother Thomas wasn't far behind. He married Clara Buth in Milwaukee on December 29, 1897. She was born in Milwaukee on December 4, 1874 and died in Wilmette, Illinois on November 25, 1941, seven years after her husband's death on April 5, 1934. Benjamin and Clara had a daughter they named Gertrude Clarese. The Otleys owned the cottage on Lot 40, Lovers Lane in Highland Park in the early 1900s, where Gertrude enjoyed many summers. After she and Clarence Mersbach were married, they bought the cottage and named it The Gertrude. Thomas Otley was Benjamin's brother.

#### **Samuel Otley [1844-1907]**

Samuel and Matilda Cox Otley were residents of Grand Haven long enough for two of their children to be born there in the mid-1870s: James, who was born on 1874 and died 7 days later, and Matilda, also known as Lizzie, who was born on October 24, 1875 and died the following September 24. The family relocated to Chicago, but returned to Grand Haven sometime after 1900, where Samuel Otley died in 1907. Among the Otleys surviving children were Benjamin and Thomas. Benjamin, born on April 9, 1871 in Buffalo, New York. Thomas was born on August 7, 1880 on a Lake Michigan steamer as the boat was entering Grand Haven Harbor. Samuel was born in England on August 17, 1844 and died in Grand Haven on August 26, 1907. Matilda, also a native of England, was born on October 16, 1844 and died in Chicago on February 22, 1927.

#### **Thomas Fryer Otley I [1880–1938]**

Thomas F. Otley was born on August 7, 1880 on a Lake Michigan steamer as the boat came into Grand Haven harbor from Chicago. His parents, Samuel and Matilda Cox Otley, had been residents of Grand Haven, long enough for two of their children to be born there in the mid-1870s. The family relocated to Chicago and moved back to the port city after 1900, where Samuel died on August 26, 1907. Thomas, who became a salesman for a paint company and by 1920 owned a paint manufacturing business, continued to live in Chicago. He visited Highland Park every summer and formed the Highland Park Tennis Association in 1920, because he loved the game and the youth that played it. Leon Hamburger and Eldred G. Bentley assisted in organizing the club. The Highland Park Cottage Association added the Highland Park Tennis Club in 1922, nestling the two courts between dunes. Highland Park Junior tournaments were played here starting in 1926 and lasting to 1937. The tournaments drew top players from the United States and were played according to rules of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association, which sanctioned the tournaments. Each year Thomas donated the coveted Otley Cup to the tourney champion. He married Freda [Frieda] B. Miller of Grand Rapids on September 17, 1909. Thomas F. Otley II, born on August 19, 1916, was their son, and they had a daughter, Virginia, who was born in Chicago on January 28, 1914, married a Mr Lundberg, and died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1996. Thomas died on January 27, 1938 at his home in Chicago. Freda was born about 1886 and resided at 407 Lake Avenue after her husband's death. Benjamin Otley was Thomas's brother.

#### **Thomas Fryer Otley II [1916-2000]**

Thomas F. Otley, once a resident of Grand Haven, died in Palm Coast, Florida on September 15, 2000. He was born on August 19, 1916, the son of Thomas and Freda Miller Otley I. The Otley cottage was located at 1407 Lake Avenue in Highland Park. Not long before his death Thomas was honored by the Highland Park Tennis Association, which inaugurated the Otley Memorial Tennis Tournament. Thomas Otley I was one of the founders of the Highland Park Tennis Club. Thomas II was a member of the Elks and Masonic Lodges. He and his wife Darlene had two sons: James, who lived in Brighton, Livingston County, and Thomas F. Otley III, who was born on June 27, 1938.

### **Thomas Fryer Otley III [1938-1990]**

Born on June 27, 1938 in Chicago, Thomas F. Otley graduated from Grand Haven High School and then received his bachelor degree at Western Michigan University. He was the son of Thomas and Darlene Otley. On February 8, 1960, Consumers Power Company made him Lakeshore District manager and responsible for planning, directing, and controlling five county districts. He married Pat Schuett on July 23, 1960, who was born in Spring Lake on June 26, 1939. They had two daughters, Erin and Caroline, and one son, Thomas IV. The Otleys lived in Spring Lake. Otley was a member of the Muskegon Economic Growth Alliance Board, the Employers Association Board, and the Muskegon County Community Energy Advisory Committee, and he was vice president of the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce Foundation, chairman of the Muskegon Civic Theatre, chairman of the Muskegon Rotary Club Classifications Committee, and co-chair of two United Way Campaigns. Thomas died on February 22, 1990 while playing tennis and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Pat married Grand Rapids native John Anthony Neuhaus, who lived from April 11, 1937 to August 14, 2019. [*Tribune* obituary, February 23, 1990.]

### **Eugene Ott [1932-2008]**

When Eugene was born on February 3, 1932, his parents, Julius and Emilie Bethke Ott, lived in Section 5 of Robinson Township [14111 Green]. Julius was born on November 24, 1900 and died on May 14, 1977. Emilie, the daughter of Emil and Katherine Bethke of Robinson Township, lived from August 5, 1903 to October 18, 1996. Gene married Julia Warner on October 22, 1955. She was born July 2, 1937 and passed away on April 20, 2000. Gene was employed as an electrician for Whittaker Electric and Grand Haven Board of Light & Power. While working for the Board, Gene designed the Christmas Star, which was displayed during the Holidays on Dewey Hill. Gene served with the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the local American Legion. He attended St. John's Lutheran Church. Gene and Julia had two daughters, Sandra, who married Kurt Myers of Freesoil, Mason County, and Karen, who married Bruce Marshall of West Olive. They also had a son Steven, who was born on June 19, 1958 and died on July 25, 1998, and another son, Richard, who moved to Canby, Oregon. Gene died on February 23, 2008 in Marquette, Marquette County. [*Tribune* obituary, February 27, 2008.]

### **Frank Ott [1898-1973]**

Frank, the son of Julius and Magdalena Ott, was born on October 23, 1898. Julius lived from 1859 to 1920, and Magdalena from 1862-1931. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Frank married Caecilia [Cecelia] Otilie Wacker on August 29, 1921. The daughter of Johanna and Anna Zacher Wacker, Caeceilia was born in Chicago on May 15, 1904. The Otts resided at 1642 Waverly. Their children, all born in Michigan, were a daughter Ruth, who was born about 1922 and passed away in 2001; Raymond C., who was born around 1923 and died in 1962; and Howard, born about 1926. Frank, who was a metal worker at a foundry, died on March 8, 1973 and his wife died on March 26, 2002 in Grand Haven. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Rudolph Ottenstraer [1886-1968]**

Born in Illinois on August 28, 1886, Rudolph Ottenstraer became a machinist in Grand Haven. He married Helen Wencek in Chicago on November 26, 1913. She was born on May 7, 1888 and died in Grand Haven on May 26, 1977. Rudolph died, also in Grand Haven, in February 1968. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a daughter Marie, who was born in Grand Haven on June 22, 1920 and married

George Rabick [1915-1984] in Grand Haven on August 15, 1944. Marie died in Grand Rapids on May 12, 2008. The Ottenstraer family resided at 828 Washington, where they also provided rooms for tourists during the 1930s.

**Abel Outman [Oudman] [1851-1910]**

Abel and Boutje "Bessie" Snyder Outman, natives of The Netherlands, arrived in the United States in 1880 and settled in Grand Haven at 621 North Fifth Street. Abel was born in The Netherlands on 28, July 1851 and Bessie in 1846. Among their children were Waalke "Walter", born on October 15, 1874, Effie, born in January 1877, and Merino "Menno," in May 1881, just before the family left for America. Their other children, born locally, were Henrietta "Hattie," born in 1887, Menno, born on April 19, 1888, and Elizabeth, born on October 16, 1893. Abel was listed as a teamster in the 1900 census. Menno was employed at the Higman Basket Factory. Walter died on May 2, 1911, Bessie passed away about August 12, 1929, and Menno died about February 6, 1963. All were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Abel died on January 14, 1910 in Grand Haven.

**John Ovens [Owens] [1847-1922]**

The John Ovens farm was located in Section 14 of Olive Township. John, who arrived in the area in 1866, also raised livestock. He owned a total of about 200 acres. John was born in Canada on May 13, 1847 and died in Olive Township on July 29, 1922. He was reputed to have participated in Fenian's Raid, an invasion of Canada by a small American group in June 1866. His wife, Caroline Eding, was born in Michigan and lived from March 1855 to 1921. They had a son, Freddie, who died on September 6, 1882, about three and half years old. Freddie and his parents were buried at Olive Cemetery. Another son, William, was born on August 18, 1887. They also had two daughters: Mamie, born in June 1884, and Maude, born in August 1892. All the children were born locally.

**William J. Ovens [1887-1968]**

Born on August 18, 1887, William, the son of John and Caroline Ovens, apparently inherited his father's 250 acres, which was still in the family in 1930. On December 17, 1913 in Grand Haven, William married Maggie, daughter of John and Ida Zeerip Vander Meulen. Maggie was born on November 19, 1889 and died in Ottawa County on August 24, 1981. William died in Holland, Michigan on September 15, 1968. Both were buried at Olive Cemetery.

**William Overton [1829-1899]**

William Overton resided in Crockery Township as early as 1860. In the census of that year, he was residing with John Eckhoff. William was listed as Mulatto, John as White. Both were laborers. On February 16, 1865 in Grand Rapids, William enlisted in Company E of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. He filed a pension application on December 14, 1888 and again in June 1891. He also resided in Ottawa County and Manistee after his discharge. William was born about 1833 [1827] in Louisiana. He died on February 14, 1899 and was buried at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids.

**Joyce Eileen Braak Overway [1937-2023]**

The daughter of Albert and Kathryn Ruiter Braak, Joyce was born in Grand Haven on February 12, 1937. Joyce started to work as a teller for Grand Haven State Bank after graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1954. She worked in the accounting, mortgage, and trust departments. She retired from Old Kent Bank West, a successor to Grand Haven State Bank, in 1996. She served on the boards of the Tri-Cities Christian Ministries and North Ottawa Community Hospital, and was a member and president of the Jaycee's Auxiliary and a member of Tri-Cities Women Who Care charitable organization and the Spring Lake Country Club

Joyce married Roy E. Overway in Grand Haven on May 24, 1956. Roy, who was born about 1935, worked for Sealed Power Company in Muskegon. They had three daughters: Bonnie Overway, who was born about 1958 and married Kent Suchecki of Spring Lake; Barb Overway, who was born about 1960 and



married Gregg Lovell and moved to South Carolina; Bari Overway, who was born about 1965 and married Greg De Witt of Spring Lake; The family home was located at 1000 Taylor Avenue in Grand Haven. They were members of the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Joyce passed away on January 18, 2023 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Arthur William Page [1890-1975]**

Born in Muskegon on July 3, 1890, Arthur Page and his wife Lavinia lived in Grand Haven before moving into a home at 102 Ann Street in Spring Lake around 1917. They resided there most of their married lives. John used his boat to deliver groceries along the shore of Spring Lake for Andy Falls. He also worked in the automobile industry. John died on April 6, 1975. Lavinia was born on July 8, 1895 in Michigan and passed away in Spring Lake in February 1979. Their children were Catherine B., born about July 1916, and Pauline M., born about July 1917.

#### **Carl “Charles” T. Pagelsen [Pagelson] [1830-1904]**

Born July 1, 1830 on the Island of Sylt, Denmark, where his father was minister of the Lutheran Church, Charles Pagelsen was schooled in Denmark and when a young man twice sailed around the world on schooners and clippers. He journeyed up the Orinoco River in Venezuela in the early 1850s and visited other exotic places, nearly dying of Yellow Fever in the West Indies. In 1848, on a trip up the Mississippi River, Charles sailed Lake Michigan and came upon Grand Haven. He liked the area and gave up his sailing career but continued his interest in sailing by owning such ships as the brig *Sebastopol*, partly owned and piloted by Captain Harry Smith, who eventually settled in Grand Haven. By 1860 Charles was a resident of the area. He was admitted to the bar in 1866 and in 1867 he became Grand Haven’s first City Recorder, an office he held on and off until 1885. He also was circuit court commissioner for two terms, and he was justice of the peace until his death in 1904. In 1871 King Charles XV of Sweden appointed Charles Vice Consul of the State of Michigan for Sweden and Norway and a Knight of Wass. Charles was a firm believer in higher education, and all his children graduated from the University of Michigan. He was one of several Grand Haven residents to help organize St. John’s Lutheran Church in 1866. He was a member and secretary of the Masonic Lodge #189 and helped with its organization, the German Workingmen’s Society.

Charles married Ernestine [Earnestene] Kent of Grand Haven on December 8, 1858. She was born in Germany in January 1838 and came to the United States in 1857. They had seven children, including Emily, who was born on October 15, 1859 and was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School. Other children were Louise, who was born in 1877 and became one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan Dental School; Ed, an attorney, who was born November 3, 1866 and died in Panama City, Florida in July 1969; Otto, born in 1870; Henriette, who was born in Grand Haven on November 14, 1875; and Daniel F., who was born in Grand Haven on September 26, 1873. The family lived at 415 Lake Avenue. Charles died on March 6, 1904. His wife lived from 1838 to 1933. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 7, 1904.]

#### **Daniel F. Pagelsen [1873-1939]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 26, 1873, Daniel was the son of Charles T. and Ernestine Kent Pagelsen. He attended local schools. In 1896, Dan coached Grand Haven’s high school football team. They won four games, tied one, lost none, and kept their opponents scoreless. Dan graduated from Concordia College in Milwaukee, and also received a degree from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU]. He studied law at the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1898. He had the distinction of being the first man from Grand Haven to make the University of Michigan football team. Daniel returned to Grand Haven, joined the law office of Walter I. Lillie, and studied law under him for two years. He was Ottawa County circuit court commissioner. Daniel was credited with saving a young Louisville woman from drowning in Spring Lake. Upon his father’s death in 1904, Daniel became Vice Consul of Michigan for

Sweden. He was agent for the U.S. Fidelity & Guarantee Company of Baltimore. He and his wife Nancy lived at 411 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Daniel died January 31, 1939.

**Louise [Louisa] Marie Pagelsen [1877-1966]**

A daughter of Charles T. and Ernestine Kent Pagelsen, Louise distinguished herself by being one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She set up practice in Detroit. Louise was born on June 27, 1877 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1894. She died on January 19, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Margaret "Emily" F. Pagelsen [1859-1944]**

Born on October 15, 1859 in Grand Haven, Emily was a daughter of Charles T. and Ernestine Kent Pagelsen. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Grand Haven High School in 1876, and she was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan School of Medicine. She opened a successful practice in Boston, where she married Herbert B. Howard on October 1, 1886. He also was a physician. Their children were Charles P., born in December 1887, and Sarah E., born in April 1891. Both children were born in Massachusetts. Herbert was born in Massachusetts in March 1855. By 1900 Emily had given up her medical practice. The couple was residing in Reading, Massachusetts in 1920. Emily died on March 1, 1944 in Reading.

**R. M. Paget [? - ?]**

In 1870 R. M. Paget platted the Village of West Olive., John P. Hanchett was appointed its first postmaster on November 1 that year.

**W. Paine [Payne] [1810- ?]**

Hailing from Philadelphia, W. Paine, a physician with 40 years' experience, arrived in Grand Haven around 1871 to help Willard C. Sheldon organize the Magnetic Mineral Springs resort. Evidently his stay in Grand Haven was short lived. *Michigan Medical History* noted that the doctor ". . . came with a great flourish of trumpets, but failed to relieve pain so signally, that he left the sanitarium in better hands after his second season." The doctor returned to Philadelphia to be a hotel proprietor. Paine was born about 1810 in Massachusetts.

**Edwin [Edward] R. Painter [1853-1928]**

Edwin Painter was a lumber inspector who lived in 1880 resided in Spring Lake. His wife, Adelia A., was born in Illinois on October 2, 1861. By 1900 and into 1910 the couple was residing in Charlevoix, where Edwin continued his career as a lumber inspector. Living with them at that time was a daughter Cally, who was born in April 1883, and Mildred, who was born in July 1889. Both daughters were born in Michigan. Edwin came from Vermont, where he was born in July 1853. While living in Boyne City, Edwin passed away in 1928, and Adelia died on January 23, 1940. They were buried at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

**William H. Painter [1837- ?]**

Formerly a resident of Chicago, William Painter no later than 1864 opened an office in Grand Haven and lived in Spring Lake. In 1880 he was a lumber inspector and commission dealer in lumber, and he was listed as a bookkeeper in the 1870 Federal Census. William was born about 1837 in Pennsylvania [Virginia]. On December 2, 1862 in Cook County, Illinois, he married Mary Elizabeth Martindale, who was born in 1844 in Ohio and died in early July 1925. The Painters had three children: Ella, born in 1864 in Illinois; Florence, born in 1865 in Michigan; and Charles E., born on November 17, 1874 in Spring Lake. The family was still residing in Spring Lake in 1880. Ella, on December 12, 1883, married Herbert Blackford in Spring Lake. In 1920, Mary, a widow, was living with the Blackfords in Chicago.

**Edwin [Edward] Ruthcoin Palmer [1866-1946]**

Edward R. Palmer, the son of Philander and Ruth Green Palmer, was born in Salem Township, Allegan County on May 24, 1866. On March 13, 1891, he married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Krause in Salem Township. By 1900 the couple was living with their son John in Grand Haven. Edward was a locomotive engineer. John Edward Palmer was born in Salem on March 4, 1892. By 1910 the family was living at 107 North Sixth Street. Edward was one of 13 local residents who owned an automobile, a Ford, in 1913. Lizzie was born in Germany on December 25, 1872 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 4, 1950. Edward died on September 12, 1946. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1967. He married Estelle McQuisten, who lived from August 13, 1904 to November 3, 1990. They, too, were buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Frederick C. Palmer [1871-1946]**

In the early 1900s Fred Palmer ran a house moving business from his residence at 1309 Washington. On July 3, 1891 in Allegan County, he married Helen Goodman, who was born in Michigan on November 16, 1872. Fred was born in Allegan County [Pennsylvania] on June 16, 1871. They had a daughter Caroline "Carrie," who was born in Grand Haven about 1893. Sharing the house with the family was Fred's father, Dr. Philander Palmer. By 1920 and into the 1930s Fred and his family resided at 1330 Columbus. In the 1920 census Fred was listed as a building contractor, but ten years later he again was classified as a house mover. He passed away on December 29, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Helen passed away on May 31, 1962 and was buried near her husband. Carrie married George J. Kehoe of Grand Haven.

#### **Joseph Palmer [1835-1908]**

Joseph Palmer was born in Wayne County, New York on April 2, 1835. His parents were Othniel and Almira Thompson Palmer. Othniel was born around 1806 and died on October 6, 1855, still in New York State, while Almira lived from about 1809 to approximately 1888 and died in the Grand Rapids area. On September 17, 1861 Joseph traveled from his home in Wright Township to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company C of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was promoted to corporal on October 12, 1861 and to first lieutenant with Company E on October 22, 1864. Joseph was listed as a prisoner of war from December 25, 1862 to December 12, 1863. He was mustered out on August 17, 1865 and returned to Wright Township. In 1869 Joseph became the first captain of Grand Haven's new fire station, located at [approximately] 9 North Second Street. In 1878 he became a saw filer for the Emlaw Mills in Grand Haven. In the 1880s he was a lamplighter for the City of Grand Haven. Joseph was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He was listed as an engineer in the 1893 *Compendium* and by the early 1900s he was a station engineer.

In 1853 Joseph married Fanny Anne [Anna] Cook, who was born in March 1835 [1836] and died in 1908. They lived at 124 Columbus and had two children: Mary Jane, who lived from 1859 to 1930 and married Baltus Pellegrom of Grand Haven; and John A., who was born in Berlin [Marne], Wright Township, on September 26, 1868, became a carpenter, and married Mintie M. Clark in Grand Haven. Mintie lived from 1870 to 1925. Joseph, born in April 1835, died on February 16, 1908. He and Fanny were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

#### **Philander [Phylander] Palmer [1837-1914]**

Born in Pennsylvania on October 11, 1837 [1836], Philander Palmer came to Michigan when a boy. He married Ruth Ann Green of Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, on December 5, 1859. Ruth also was from Pennsylvania, where she was born on January 11, 1837. While living in Allegan County, Palmer enlisted as private in Company I of the 13<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry on October 22, 1861, the first year of the Civil War. On April 10, 1864 he transferred to Company E of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was discharged on January 16 the next year. After the war Philander and Ruth returned to Allegan County, where he farmed for a while. In 1874 they arrived in Grand Haven and Philander opened a medical office. By the early 1900s his office was on the second floor of 135 Washington. He was a Grand Noble of Odd Fellows and he belonged to the Knights of Pythias, the Grand Haven Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of

the Republic], and the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Medical Society. Ruth passed away in Grand Haven on February 5, 1907. In 1910, Philander resided at 1309 Washington with his son Fred Palmer, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1869. Philander and Ruth had another son, Edward R. Palmer, who was born in Allegan County on May 24, 1866. Philander died in 1914 and was buried at Burnips in Allegan County, where Ruth also was interred.

#### **Sherman Clark Palmer [1900-1952]**

Sherman Palmer married Annafred Kieft Kroeze in Grand Haven on July 31, 1936. Her first husband, George Kroeze, was killed in an accident in 1931 when he was 25 years old. Annafred, the daughter of Minke and Allie Kieft. Sherman was born in Grand Haven on March 21, 1900. His parents were John and Mintie Clark Palmer. Sherman worked as a fitter at National Utilities Company of Michigan [134 Washington Street]. Sherman and Annafred resided at 824 Slayton Street. Sherman passed away on January 13, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Annafred lived from May 13, 1903 to November 29, 1993 and was buried near her husband.

#### **John Pals [1886-1967]**

John Pals was born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1886. In 1900 he was living with his parents, Leendert "Leonard" and Kate Scholten Pals, on Elliott Street. John worked for the Wabash Railroad Company in Chicago. Although he lived and worked in Chicago, he frequently vacationed in his hometown. However, by 1908 he was living at 906 Madison Street with his parents. He was back in Chicago in 1942 when he registered for the WWII draft. After their parents' deaths in 1936 and 1937, John and his sisters Kate, Sena, and Mary shared a home at 722 Washington Street. He died on January 10, 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Leendert "Leonard" Pals [1861-1936]**

Leonard Pals, who was born in The Netherlands on September 18, 1861, married Tyntje "Kate" Scholten [Scholte] in Grand Haven on April 17, 1883. They lived on Elliott Street and later at 906 Madison. Also from The Netherlands, Kate was born on September 16, 1860. Leonard and Kate immigrated with their parents to the United States in 1865. In Grand Haven, she worked as "forelady" for Peerless Glove Company then located at 7 South Second Street. Leonard was a laborer. Their children, all born locally, were John, who was born on October 24, 1886; Kate [1888-1958]; Sena [1890-1970]; and Mary [1893-1977]. Sena also worked at the glove factory. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Leonard died on July 31, 1936. Kate the mother passed away on April 27, 1937. She, Leonard, Kate, John, Mary, and Sena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Pannisgay [Pamosegay, Pemoosegay] [? - ?]**

In the early nineteenth century, Pannisgay was chief of a Band of Odawas that formed part of the population at Fort Village. Chief Pannisgay had a home at a village described as being near the confluence of Spring Lake Channel and Grand River, either in the vicinity of present-day Ferrysburg or in what is now Spring Lake Village.

#### **Louis Papp [1878-1963]**

Louis Papp was born in Hungary on November 9, 1878. By 1908, and possibly earlier, he was owner of acreage in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township, later given the address of 13146 Lakeshore Drive. Part of his land included the southeast corner of Lakeshore and Ferris Streets, at one time the proposed the site of a township school. The school was destroyed by fire in January 1909, to be replaced by Rosy Mound School. In 1940 Louis worked as a laborer for the W.P.A. [Works Progress Administration]. Louis's wife Rose, also from Hungary, was born on March 24, 1880 and passed away on May 26, 1963. They were married about 1908. Louis died on July 11, 1963. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **George W. Pardee [1869-1912]**

Captain George Pardee was U.S. inspector of hulls out of Grand Haven. Born in Buffalo, New York, in February 1869, George retired because of poor health in September 1909. On May 16, 1900, in Ottawa County, he married Helena [Helene/Lena] Boone, and they resided at 307 Franklin. George died on September 30, 1912. Helena was born in Michigan in August 1880. In 1910 she was residing in Holland with her brother-in-law, John Francis Pardee, and his wife Emma. Living at the same address was Helena's son George Francis Pardee, who was born in Holland on February 3, 1902 and died in Saugatuck on August 11, 1958. John Francis Pardee was George's stepbrother.

#### **John Francis [Frank] Pardee [1871-1918]**

Born in Chicago on February 1, 1871, John Pardee became a ship's captain and worked out of Grand Haven and other Lake Michigan ports. He married Emma, the daughter of Wilburt and Bertha Thieleman of Grand Haven. Emma lived from January 15, 1880 to June 29, 1917. She died in Erie, Pennsylvania but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where John was interred the next year. He died on September 3, 1918 when his ship went down in a storm on Lake Ontario. John also went by his middle name, Frank. George W. Pardee was John's stepbrother.

#### **Rolla John Paris [1890-1969]**

Rolla Paris, who was born in Menominee County, Michigan on December 19, 1890, married Katherine [Catherine] Mudrak. She was born in Illinois on December 27, 1897. They moved to Grand Haven in 1918, where Rolla was first assistant of the Grand Haven lighthouse under lighthouse keeper Joseph Kilgore. When Joseph died in 1920, Rolla filled in as keeper until Charles Bavry took over in 1922. Rolla continued as assistant under Charles and Charles's successor, Nels Engberger. Rolla and his family lived at 900 South Harbor, which served as the lighthouse [until 1905] and as the keeper's residence [until 1939]. Rolla retired in 1947 and died in Milwaukee on October 29, 1969, five years after Katherine passed away on January 16, 1964. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rolla was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the American Legion. He served in the military during WWI. Rolla and Katherine had three children, all born locally: Elizabeth Anne Paris, who was born in 1917 and died in 2001 under the name Elizabeth Linden; Rose Marie Paris, who lived from 1919 to 1971; and a son, Robert Paris, who was born in 1922 and was killed about August 20, 1943 while serving as corporal in the U.S. Army. Robert also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **A. S. Parrish [Parrish] [? - ?]**

A.S. Parrish was engineer at the Webster Batchellor Sawmill in Ferrysburg, beginning there in July 1881. He came to Grand Haven in 1878, and for two and half years he was master mechanic for the Grand Haven Railroad. Prior to that he was master mechanic for a branch of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. He was in the U.S. Navy from 1864 until the Civil War ended in 1865.

#### **Amos Parrish [Parrish] [1817-1887]**

Born on July 26, 1817 in New York State, Amos Parrish enlisted in K. S. Dygert's Company of Michigan Sharp Shooters on November 12, 1861 as private. Also known as the 16<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Amos's unit was the first company of sharpshooters attached to the regiment. He was discharged on October 2, 1862. After the war he farmed 40 acres in Section 23 of Robinson Township. Amos died on April 8, 1887. An undated monument noting his Civil War service was erected in Robinson Township Cemetery. In 1846 he married Mary Elizabeth Parmer. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 8, 1887. Mary was born in Canada in 1827 and died in 1894. Eli, born in Michigan in 1860, was their son. Their other children were Enos, Lucy, Adeline, Elizabeth [Elisabeth], and William. William, who was born on May 22, 1855 in Dennison, Polkton Township, married Mary Roxine Toogood, and lived in Coopersville. Elizabeth was born in Michigan about 1868.

#### **Damon Wells Parrish [1854-1934]**

Wells Parish farmed 100 acres in Sections 16 and 17 Allendale Township, and eventually added 10 more in Allendale Center. By 1918 he owned 250 acres in Allendale Township. His major land holdings and residence continued under the name Spring Hill Farm. Wells, the son of Amos and Valerie Waite Parish, was born in Polkton Township on August 1, 1854. On May 14, 1879, in Allendale, he married Harriet Stevens [Stephens], a native of New York. Hattie's parents, Ransom and Maria Smead Stevens, settled in Allendale Township in 1867. Harriet was born in New York about 1857.

Wells and his family later resided on the ten acres in Allendale Centre, where he opened a sawmill business, while at the same time running a feed mill. In April 1892, with Frank A. Parker of Allendale Township as a partner, Wells built a new sawmill, which had a capacity of twelve thousand feet daily. Wells was active in the formation and management of the Allendale Creamery Company, formed in 1893. Wells and Hattie had eleven children. Wells passed away in 1934 and was buried at Allendale Cemetery.

#### **Eli Parish [Parrish] [1860-1919]**

Eli, the son of Amos and Mary E. Parish, was born on August 18, 1860 Michigan. On August 15, 1889 in Grand Rapids Eli married Mary E., the daughter of Samuel and Belvia Goodrich. The Parishes settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 23 of Robinson Township. They had several children, all born in Michigan, including Belvia F., who was born in September 1890 and married Chester Fellows; Anna M., born in October 1892; and Sidney, born in June 1895. Mary, who was from Illinois, lived from 1863 to November 25, 1897. Eli passed away in Grand Rapids on July 10, 1919. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

#### **Enos Parish [Parrish] [1827-1902]**

Enos Parrish, who was born July 25, 1827 in Vermont, migrated to Washtenaw County but was a resident of Ottawa County by 1860, settling first in Polkton Township. His first military service was during the Mexican American War, 1846-1848. On December 31, 1863 he enlisted in Battery E of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Light Artillery as private. He served until July 30, 1865. After the war he accumulated 240 acres in Sections 8 and 17 of Allendale Township, some of it later taken over by his son, Wells, who was born in Polkton Township on August 1, 1854. The Parishes called their home Spring Hill Farm. Enos was married twice. First he married Valerie Waite in 1852. After her death, he married Harriet Mazuzan [Winne] on September 7, 1858 in Ottawa County. Harriet lived from January 29, 1829 to July 5, 1909. Enos died on April 16, 1902. He and Harriet were buried at Allendale Cemetery. Enos and Louis Parker operated a gristmill in Section 27 of Allendale Township. [*Tribune* obituary, April 17, 1902.]

#### **Thomas Albert Parish [Parrish] [1850-1913]**

Thomas Parish was born on May 14, 1850 in Elgin, Ontario, Canada. He relocated to Grand Haven about 1880 and worked with the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg, which went bankrupt in 1881. In the spring of that year Thomas corresponded with the Telephone and Telegraph Construction Company regarding the feasibility of bringing telephone service to the area. By 1882 he had made long distance connections with Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Whitehall, and Montague, among others. He operated the telephone business from his home at 324 Washington.

Thomas joined Parish Manufacturing Company in Ashland, Wisconsin as secretary and treasurer the year John Parish purchased the company, 1888. Thomas was still listed with that company in 1891, but he gave Grand Haven as his business address. He was appointed Grand Haven's postmaster on October 9, 1889, position he still held in 1898. His salary as postmaster was \$1,700 in 1891. In addition, he was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886 and was its first president in 1892. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Royal Arcanum, and he was High Priest of Corinthian Chapter and active in the Republican Party.

Thomas's first wife was born in 1854 and died in Grand Haven on March 17, 1889. The next year, on June 3, 1890, in Grand Haven, Thomas married Ruth, the daughter of Hiram and Hannah Moore Beckwith and

the widow of John B. Hancock of Spring Lake. She was one of the women instrumental in organizing the Grand Haven Woman's Club in 1891. The Parrish's house at 324 Washington was one of many buildings destroyed in the 1889 fire.

By 1909 Thomas and Ruth had left Grand Haven and moved to Seattle, Washington, where Ruth's brother Andrew Beckwith and her sister Elizabeth Cross already were located. Thomas died of heart failure on August 17, 1913 in Seattle. In 1930 Ruth was still residing in Seattle with her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth B. and Howard A. Hanson. Ruth was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1849 and died in Seattle on November 28, 1933. She and Thomas were buried at Lake View Cemetery in Seattle. Thomas and William Parish were brothers.

#### **Wells Parish [1854-1934]**

See Damon Wells Parish.

#### **William Francis "Frank" Parish [Parrish] I [1845-1918]**

A native of Elgin, Ontario, Canada, William "Frank" Parish was born on November 9, 1845 and arrived in the United States when he was 22. Between 1867 and 1870 Frank was a machinist working and living in Chicago. On August 1, 1872 he married Hannah Katherine "Kate" Buys in Erie, Pennsylvania. She was born in Erie County on December 10, 1851. According to the Federal Census of 1880, William was living in Erie with Kate and their first two sons. William was superintendent of an iron works in Erie. Later in 1880 he was foreman of the Ottawa Iron Works, located in Ferrysburg, at that time owned by Frank, William M. Ferry II, Thomas W. Ferry, and Andrew Thomson. The company went bankrupt the next year.

In 1874 in Erie, Kate gave birth to a son they named William Francis Parish II; he died on March 7, 1939. The next child, Harry Ferrin Parish, was born in Erie on September 21, 1875 and died in 1954. He was followed by Claude Douglas Parish, who lived from 1881 to 1894. A fourth son, Clarence Parish, lived from 1883 to 1914. From about 1900 to 1918 William and Kate and their surviving children were living in Chicago. In 1920 Kate was widowed, still residing in Chicago. She died in Evans City, Pennsylvania on April 10, 1934. William passed away in San Francisco, California on January 31, 1918. William and Thomas Parish were brothers.

#### **Barbara Brongersma Parker [1862-1938]**

See Barbara Brongersma.

#### **Bethel "Bert" Glenn Parker [1898-1970]**

Born in Hersey, Osceola County on November 13, 1898, Bert Parker was the last stationmaster at the Grand Trunk depot in Spring Lake, which ended passenger service in 1957. The station closed in November the next year. He started as a messenger boy in Ionia, worked for a short time as a baker in Grand Rapids, and then went into the railroad business as a telegraph operator. In Spring Lake, he was responsible for baggage, freight, and passengers. On November 12, 1927 he married Marguerite [Margaret/Maggie] Christina Schlegel in Hersey. She was born in 1906 and died in Munising on November 30, 1930. Bert on June 2, 1928 married Hazel Fern Van Houten in Allegan County. She was born on June 8, 1909. They resided in Spring Lake at 207 South Prospect and later at 110 West Exchange. Bert died in Allegan County on June 4, 1970. Hazel passed away in Allegan County on January 23, 1988. Bert and Marguerite had at least two sons: Harold Schlegel, born about 1902, and Wallace Schlegel, born about 1904.

#### **Henry T. Parker [1912-1980]**

Born in La Cross, Florida on August 28, 1912, Henry Parker was the only brother among six sisters. His father died when he was seven, and Henry dropped out of school when he was fifteen. He settled in Grand Rapids at age nineteen. During WWII he developed with a doctor in Grand Rapids a Quality Control

procedure for General Motors and the use of an X-ray machine to examine the chambers for large guns on naval boats before they were loaded with ammunition so they wouldn't explode upon firing.

Henry married Norma Bowman on June 23, 1936, and they had four sons: Ted, Tom, Denny, and Greg. In 1946 the family moved to Grand Haven and bought the Ferry depot and buildings on Harbor Drive from Nyle Eggert. Henry formed Harbor Industries with Norwood Hubbel of Zeeland and manufactured "point of purchase" advertising equipment. The business relocated to Grand Haven Township in 1972. In June 1951 Henry, Norwood, William Wendell Vivian, and John Wierenga started Fleetwood Furniture Company, which specialized in the manufacture of juvenile "Swing-Line" furniture. It was located at 8 North Seventh Street.

After Norma died on February 15, 1966, Henry married Eleanor Hyde on September 3, 1966 in Grand Haven. They moved to Tucson, Arizona where he passed away on November 26, 1980. Tom and Ted Parker, his sons, continued the family business. Henry was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven Rotary Club, Centurian Club of Tucson, Spring Lake Country Club, and Skyline Country Club of Tucson. He was a member of the board of the Point of Purchase Institute and selected Man of the Year in 1976. He was president of the United Fund [United Way], the Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement. Henry also served on the Board of Directors of the Committee for Economic Development, the YMCA, the American Red Cross, and Goodwill Industries. [*Tribune* obituary, November 26, 1980.]

#### **Orlando [Orando] J. Parker [1835-1910]**

A native of New York State where he was born in March 1835, Orlando Parker on August 13, 1862 enlisted at Oswego as private in Company A of the 147<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry on August 13, 1862. He was transferred to Battery L of the New York 1<sup>st</sup> Light Artillery on February 4, 1863, but his mustering-out date was not recorded. On April 22, 1864 he was transferred again, this time to the U.S. Navy.

In 1880 Orlando was working as a cooper on Dowagiac, Cass County. He became a Great Lakes sailor, with Grand Haven as his homeport. In 1854 he married Zilpha Ann Farnham, who was born on November 27 [25], 1835 in Oswego, Onondaga County, New York. She was the daughter of Truman [1805-1910] and Sybil Moon [1808-1882] Farnham. The family lived at 902 Fulton. A son, Edward Everett Parker, was born in 1866 and died in Burlington, Washington on April 17, 1955. A daughter, Nellie, was born on March 3, 1877 in Dowagiac and married Benjamin O. Holbrook in Grand Haven on September 18, 1899. Orlando died in 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Shortly after his death, Zilpha applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She died in Glendale, California on February 7, 1926 and was buried at Grand View Memorial Park and Crematory.

#### **Adelbert F. Parkhurst [1858-1929]**

Adelbert Parkhurst, who lived from March 1858 [1857] to 1929, moved from his native New York to Northwest Ottawa County in the fall of 1880. With his brother William he opened a retail business in Nunica with the name Parkhurst Brothers. Adelbert later moved to 537 East Savidge in Spring Lake. On October 15, 1884 in Nunica, he married Frances "Fanny" E. French, also from New York She lived from April 1855 to October 28, 1901. Their son Claude, who was born in July 1887, owned a fox farm on the north side of Savidge east of Fruitport Road [approximately 15545 Cleveland]. On October 24, 1911 in Nunica, Adelbert married Mary E. Welton, who was born in Canada in 1847 and died in Spring Lake in 1939. Adelbert, Frances, and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **William B. Parkhurst [1844-1915]**

William Parkhurst, who lived from July 1844 to 1915, moved to Spring Lake from his home state of New York about 1875 and arrived in Ottawa County in the fall of 1880. He and his brother Adelbert opened a retail business in Nunica under the name Parkhurst Brothers. William also worked for John B. Perham. He died in Nunica in 1915. He married Olive E. Cole in Spring Lake on January 3, 1875. She lived from June



1845 to 1916. Their children included Florence, born in December 1882, and Ola, born in June 1885. William and Olive were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Byron Emerson Parks [1856-1929]**

Byron Parks was born in Detroit on April 26, 1856. On September 12, 1883, Byron married Eva Pearson in Ferrysburg. The daughter of Harrison Pearson, a shipbuilder in Ferrysburg, Eva was born in Orleans, New York on October 3, 1858 [1857]. In 1900 the family was living in Ferrysburg, but by 1910 they had moved to Detroit, and in 1920 they were located in Walker, Kent County. Byron, a mechanical engineer, died of a brain tumor on August 4, 1929 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Eva passed away on October 21, 1938 in Grand Rapids and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two children: Irwin C. Parks [1889-1895] and Virginia Parks Cutler [1888-1970]. Irwin also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Byron W. Parks [1844-1915]**

The son of George and Permelia Parks, Byron was born on June 10, 1844. An accountant, he was on the board of the Globe Match Company of Grand Haven, organized in 1891. He died on June 30, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **George B. Parks I [1817-1880]**

Born in Cayuga County, New York on October 17, 1817, George was the eighth child of Robert and Polly Smith Parks. Robert lived from February 12, 1776 to June 29, 1863 and Polly died on June 30, 1844. The family moved to the Detroit area, where they arrived on May 23, 1823. George moved on to Grand Haven with his wife in August 1844. In 1852 he erected a two-story commercial building two doors west of the Washington House, near the site of the later Grand Theater. In 1855 he erected another building in the neighborhood of the Washington House, which became the offices of the *Grand River Times*, county clerk, register of deeds, county treasurer, and the post office. Captain Parks was County supervisor and owned the schooner *Michigan*, which made its trial trip down the Grand River on May 17, 1853. The *Michigan* operated as a passenger boat between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. He was elected treasurer of Ottawa County in 1854 and served several terms. He also was justice of the peace. His office was located in his home. George was charter member of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society. In 1862 he became a trustee of the new Grand Haven Union High School. Working with Ebenezer W. Barnes, he went into the freight forwarding business in 1864 and was affiliated with Captain Jesse Ganoë in the Grand Haven & Grand Rapids steamboat line. Also in 1864 he was elected judge of probate. On April 1, 1867 the new City Council of Grand Haven met for the first time and George was elected mayor. About the same time, George and his son Bryon W. built the first steam-powered planing mill in Grand Haven for the production of shingles, blinds, doors, and window sashes. It was a short-lived business. Byron became a bookkeeper.

George married Permelia Wattles in Troy, Oakland County on January 14, 1840. Born in New York State on December 15, 1819, she was the daughter of Alexander and Mercia Bennett Wattles. George and Permelia had two sons and two daughters: Byron H., who was born on June 10, 1844; George II, who was born on November 13, 1852; Julia Spencer of Los Angeles, California; and Frances, who was born about 1859 and married John H. Reynolds of Grand Haven. The family lived at 225 Franklin Street. George passed away on November 27, 1880 and his wife died on December 29, 1891. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the family plot.

### **George B. "Burt" Parks II [1852-1907]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 13, 1852, George was the son of George and Permelia Wattles Parks. Known as Burt, young Parks was educated in the Grand Haven school system and started in the railroad business when he was 20. He was cashier for the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad Company. Being in poor health and needing a warmer climate, he spent some early years as a cowboy between Nebraska and Utah. Upon returning to Grand Haven, he became Purser for the Goodrich Lines and the

steamer *Michigan*. On March 19, 1885, this steamer became imprisoned in the ice many miles offshore from South Haven. The crew made its way to shore by walking over the ice flows. The *Michigan* went to the bottom before it could be saved.

On October 15, 1879, Burt married Frances “Frankie” Boyce of Lowell, Kent County. She was born April 17, 1854. He served at different times as assistant collector of customs for the Port of Grand Haven; was one of the original organizers of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company in 1895; and had an interest in the Spring Lake Boat Line, which operated the *Fanny M. Rose* and the *Hazel*. Burt died May 18, 1907, and Frances passed away on April 23, 1929. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other members of the Parks family. [*Tribune* article, May 18, 1907.]

### **Paul H. Parks I [1919-2003]**

Born in Chicago, Illinois on March 8, 1919, Paul was the son of Burrirt A. and Helen Parks. The family spent summers at a cottage they purchased about 1900 in Highland Park in Grand Haven. By 1930 the family was living in Grand Rapids but continued to use the cottage. It was while visiting Highland Park that he met his future wife, Jane McCrea, the daughter of Fred and Gladys McCrea. Paul and Jane were married in 1943 at St. John’s Episcopal Church. During WWII Paul worked for Pratt & Whitney Engine Company in Hartford, Connecticut, helping maintain armed forces aircraft. He and Jane made the family cottage at 111 Poplar Trail their permanent home in 1945. The cottage was winterized and remodeled to make it suitable for year-round living. Paul worked as a mechanical engineer for Eagle Ottawa in Grand Haven, Wolverine World Wide in Rockford, and Whitehall Leather Company in Whitehall, where he retired in 1978. He also was Plant Engineer for the Genesco Corporation.

Paul was an ardent environmentalist, particularly regarding the Great Lakes. He fought against offshore drilling for oil and gas beneath the Great Lake. He was an avid sailor and boater and was commander of the Grand Rapids Power Squadron. He also volunteered for the Ottawa Shores Humane Society. Paul and Jane had four children: Rick Parks, Paul [“Huck”] Parks II, Mary Workinger, and Christopher Parks, who died in March 2003. Barbara Sherwood, wife of Miller Sherwood, was his sister. Jane, who was born in Grand Haven on November 27, 1920, died on November 27, 1988. Paul passed away on August 23, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, August 28, 2003, and *Tribune* article, “Environmentalist Paul Park Dies,” August 26, 2003.]

### **Ida Parpart [1907-2001]**

A few years after the Spring Lake Village Hall was constructed in 1937, the library was given a room there. After librarian Avis Stults retired in 1964, she was replaced by Ida Parpart. Ida, who worked at the library for more than eight years, retiring in 1972. She was born on December 19, 1907 and died in Spring Lake on July 15, 2001. She and her husband Herbert resided at 211 South Lake Street. Herbert passed away around April 1, 1957. He and Ida were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Enos Parrish [1827-1902]**

See Enos Parish and other Parishes.

### **Charles Parrisien [Duvernay] [1881-1947]**

Charles Diverney, the son of William and Lucy Aiken [Aken] Duvernay, was listed in the 1908 Durant Roll with his wife, Gertrude Shagonaby, who was the same age as her husband and was separated from her first husband, Louis Louis. Charles and Gertie were married in Honor, Benzie County, on March 16, 1907. The daughter of Francis and Mary Shagonaby [Shagonabe, Schagondy], she was born about 1880 and died in 1963. She and Louis had one child, Maggie, and possibly two more [the names of the children were ambiguous in the Durant Roll]: George, born about 1903, and Lucy, born about 1905. Charles was born in February 1881, died on April 26, 1947 in Petoskey, and was buried at St Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Mancelona, Antrim County. Jean Baptiste Parrisien was cited as Charles’s grandfather.

### **Jean Baptiste Parrisien [Perissien, Parisione, Parrissien and other spellings] [1812-1912]**

Jean Baptiste Parrisien, an Ojibwa Indian and voyageur, in 1835 canoed from Mackinac Island to Grand Haven with his mother and stepsister, Josette Derosier. The year after his arrival, Jean Baptiste became the first mail carrier between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. He followed Indian trails, starting at a little frame building that stood near the southeast corner of Washington and Second Streets, proceeded in a southerly direction to Rosy Mound, roughly following today's Lakeshore Drive, thence southeasterly through Allendale, Georgetown, and Jenison to Grandville. Between 1836 and 1841 Jean carried the mail twice a week along that route on foot. He later entered the service of Nathan White, carrying mail between the Grand Haven Company and sawmills in Grandville. On one occasion, around 1838, he carried \$6,000 cash for Clark Albee from Grand Haven to St. Joseph. Wrapped in a blanket and strapped to his back, the cash was equivalent to about \$154,000 in today's money. He delivered it without mishap.

Jean was born in Lac du Flambeau [Torch Lake], Vilas County, Wisconsin, on December 22, 1812. His father was of French heritage and his mother was Ojibway. He was brought up on an Indian reservation in northern Wisconsin until he was six or eight, when he moved with his mother to Sault Ste. Marie. When he was 16, they moved to Mackinac Island, where he again lived among the Indians and eventually married Madeline Magoligau McGulpin there. A member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, she lived from 1825 to April 10, 1908. By 1850 Jean and his family were living in Ottawa Township [now Grand Haven Township], where they owned a farm, adjacent to the Charles Dushane property. Ten years later, still living on the farm, Madeline was noted as being Indian while the "Color" column for Jean and the children was left blank, signifying that they were considered White.

A daughter, Josephine, was born to Jean and Madeline in Hart on January 8, 1872. She married Charles Rumsey [Runsey/Ramsey] in Grand Haven on January 3, 1900. Other children were Charles, who lived from 1840 to 1844; John, who lived from 1850 to 1909; Patrick, who was born in 1851 and died in 1922; William, born in August 1858 [1855], was living with Charles and Eliza Duvernay in 1860 and died in 1917; Julia, who was born in 1857; Victoria, who lived from 1859 to 1861; Charles, who was born about April 1860 and lived until 1909; Mary, who was born about 1863 in Grand Haven, apparently was adopted by the Parrisiens and married William Vandenberg of Grand Haven; and Isaac, who was born in 1873.

Jean was listed in the 1859 Annuity Roll for Grand River Ottawas as a member of Chief Payshawsegay's band. Under the name Jn. B. Perissa, he was given \$9.59 in that Roll. Appearing as John B. Pennisa as one of Payshawsegay's band he was given \$17.10. In the 1865 Roll his name was cited as J. B. Penissaw. He remained a member of Payshawsegay's band and received \$24.50. Jean was included in the 1870 Indian Census and Annuity Roll, and as a member of Chief Payshawsegay's band of Ottawas he received \$122.40. In the 1908 Durant Roll he was again noted as being a member of the Grand River Bands. At that time Jean lived with his daughter, Mary Vandenberg, at 619 Monroe Street in Grand Haven. In the Durant Roll the family names was spelled Perrissien. In 1908 in Grand Haven, Jean received about \$21.18 as his share of the Indian annuity allotted that year. Jean was among those who purchased land set aside for Indians and sold it to White settlers.

Son John at the time of the 1908 Durant Roll was living in Honor, Benzie County. His wife was deceased. He was a member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.

Another son, Patrick, appeared in the 1908 Durant Roll as well, 57 years old. He resided in Hart, Oceana County, with his wife, who was White, and two of their three children: Roy, 15 years old, and William, 10 years old. The third child, Pearl, resided in Elbridge Township. Like his older brother, John, Patrick was a member of the Grand River Ottawas.

A note in the 1908 Roll said of a third son, Isaac, that he "has not been heard from."

Two years before he died, Jean sang "a Chippewa [Ojibwa] cradle song" for Albert Gale. Albert Gale of Albion was said to be "an authority on Indian music." While Jean sang, Albert wrote down the music and called it "'a beauty, far ahead of my expectations.'" The music was played at the Unitarian Church in

Grand Haven on Friday night, February 4, 1910. [*Tribune* article, “Written Indian Song,” February 2, 1910.]

In 1999 a descendant of Jean’s lived as far away as Arizona. By then the spelling of the family name had changed to Perysian. Jean died on September 8, 1912 at his home in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 10, 1908 and September 9, 1912.]

At the time of Jean’s death, Mayor Charles W. Cotton of Grand Haven issued this statement: “By the death of Jean Baptiste Parrisien, the city of Grand Haven has lost one of its most valued citizens. Not only was he the oldest living inhabitant of our city, but he alone was the connecting link between the Present and the Past—our present civilization and the day of the pioneer.

“For generations he has been pointed out to us and to our children as an example of honesty and integrity, and now that he has gone it is proper and fitting that the citizens of the city should show that respect due one whose life has been of such great benefit.

“Therefore I would recommend that all the flags of in the city be at half mast during the funeral and as many as possible accompany the remains to the last resting place.”

The Parrisien and Duvernay families of Grand Haven had a close relationship, and occasionally the distinction between the two was blurred. See William Parrisien [Duvernay] as an example.

#### **William Parrisien [Duvernay] [1858-1917]**

William Duvernay’s entry in the 1908 Durant Roll noted that he also was known as William Parrisien [Perissieu]. It is probable that the individual listed was the son of Jean Baptiste and Madeline McGulpin Parrisien of Grand Haven, and thus was part Ojibwa. Appearing in the roll with William was his wife, Angeline Wahbuscum [Wambuscum], age 50, and their children: Levi, 16 years old; Josephine, 13; John 12; William, 9; Moses, 4, and Frank, 2. William’s first wife, Lucy Aken [Aikin] was deceased. The family resided in Honor, Benzie County. Angeline was a member of the Traverse Bands of Indians, while William belonged to the Grand Rivers Bands. They had a son Charles, who was born in 1881 and went by the name Duvernay. In 1900 William and his family lived in Almira, Benzie County. William, who worked as a laborer, was born in August 1858. With him were Angeline, born in June 1871; Levi, born in Suttons Bay on March 7, 1893; Josephine, born in May 1895; and John, born in May 1898.

Levi was born in Suttons Bay on March 7, 1893. In 1917 he was working as a “woodsman” in Phelps, Wisconsin. At the time of the 1930 Federal Census, he was an inmate at a state prison in Waupun, Wisconsin.

#### **Ephraim Pierson [Parsons, Persons, Pursons] [1815-1882]**

Ephraim Parsons settled in Polkton Township in 1844. He was elected constable when the township was organized on March 2, 1845. He married Susannah [Susan] West in 1837. They were located in Allendale by 1850. Ephraim was born in Avon, New York on June 15, 1815 and died in Allendale on June 18, 1882. Susannah, also from New York State, was born in 1815 and passed away in Allendale on April 10, 1892. They had six children.

#### **James Manley Patchin [Patchen] [1803-1883]**

Born in New York [Vermont] in 1803, J. Manley Patchin was an early settler in Crockery Township, arriving there from Grandville in 1836. With one of his brothers, Manley worked for Ringuette & Boland Sawmill. He was credited with floating the first pine logs down Crockery Creek to the Grand River in 1836. On August 1, 1837 he bought 40 acres in Section 24 of Georgetown Township and he purchased another 40 acres on November 2 the same year. On June 1, 1848 he purchased 80 acres in Section 3 of Crockery Township. Manley later added property in Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30 in Crockery, and he also owned acreage bordering the bayou that originally carried his name but was renamed Lloyd’s Bayou. Manley farmed his land, and he was in the lumber business. His wife, Julia, was born in Ireland around

1826. They had five children living at home in 1880, all born in Michigan: James, born about 1851; Edward, born about 1853; Julia, born about 1860; George, born about 1856; and Harry, born about 1869. Other children, also born in Michigan, were Lyman, born about 1854, and Richard, born about 1856. Carrie Patchin, a Grand Haven school teacher born in 1857, probably was another daughter, and Dr. D. W. Patchin of Spring Lake may have been yet another relative. Manley died on June 9, 1883 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County.

#### **Sarah Caroline Patten [1832-1921]**

See Sarah C. Savidge.

#### **Frank Raymond Patrick [1878-1961]**

Around 1938 Frank Patrick purchased Haven Laundry at 401-403 Fulton. A year or two later he moved the business to 208 Columbus. Frank was born in Vandalia, Cass County on September 6, 1878. On June 18, 1902 he married Maud Ella Buyce in Allegan. Maud, also a native of Michigan was born on August 1, 1878 in Allegan. In 1930 the couple resided in Niles, where Frank was listed as a "laundry man." When he registered for the WWII draft, he gave his address as 729 Washington Street in Grand Haven and his business as Haven Laundry, then located at 201 Columbus Street. Maud's name was not cited. She died in Grand Haven on August 27, 1945. Frank passed away on October 28, 1961. They were buried at Mona View Cemetery in Muskegon Heights.

#### **Isabelle [Isabella] "Belle" B. Patterson [1847-1930]**

Born in Scotland on December 25, 1847, Belle Patterson immigrated to the United States in 1851. In the 1880s she took over Louisa Bentham's millinery shop at 213 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. By 1900 she was operating a millinery shop and residing in the first Washington Street in Grand Haven. Eight years later she was still in the millinery business and living at 113 First Street. Belle, the daughter of Scott and Catherine Patterson of Spring Lake, died on March 17, 1930 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. She lived with her mother after Scott's death in 1877, and then moved in with her sister Catherine and Catherine's husband, William Barrett, after their mother died in 1880. By 1920 she was in her own home on Park Street.

#### **Orlando "Len" R. Patterson [1866-1940]**

Shortly after moving with his mother Julia Ann Haskins Patterson [1836-1900] from Grand Rapids to the Spring Lake area, Len Patterson started a fruit farm on nearly 12 acres in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 17901 Fruitport Road, formerly the site of the Lorimer Hotel]. Len's wife's sister, Louise Orchardson Lorimer, operated the resort from 1911 to 1919, the year the hotel was destroyed by fire. Len also had a successful career as a building contractor. He built two cottages on Lloyd's Bayou in 1903 and the Presbyterian Manse at 205 East Savidge three years later. Len was a charter member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club. On January 8, 1898 in Spring Lake, He married Flora "Mabel" Orchardson on January 1, 1898 in Spring Lake. Len was born in Sterling, New York on December 24, 1866. Mabel, the daughter of Charles and Lurissa Norton Orchardson, lived from September 16, 1872 to April 29, 1927. After Mabel's death, Len married Gertrude Julia Schwab [1897-1949] in Spring Lake on June 1, 1928. Len died on October 31, 1940. He and Mabel were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mabel and Louise Orchardson Lorimer were sisters.

#### **Marvin R. Patterson [1917-2002]**

Marvin, the son of Jerome and Myrtle Brooks Patterson, was born in Muskegon on May 11, 1917. He and Pearl Elizabeth Powers were married in that city on May 29, 1942. Pearl was born about 1922. After graduating from Muskegon Heights High School and the Mergenthaler School of Printing, Marvin attended John Hopkins University, where he earned a business degree. He saved enough money selling newspapers to start Patterson Press in Muskegon in 1930. Thirteen years later, prior to joining the 80<sup>th</sup> Division of the Army during WWII, he sold the business. While in the service, Marvin earned a Bronze

Star. He moved to Grand Haven in 1947 and purchased a partnership in the JR Pippel Printing Company. Four years later the business name was changed to Pippel Patterson. Eventually Marvin bought John R. Pippel's and Jack Reichardt's interests in the firm and became sole owner. Marvin was a Rotarian and earned the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He also was involved in scouting, and he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Grand Haven School Board, was chair of the Grand Haven Parks & Recreation Board, and trustee of Adrian College. He was commissioned as a Stephens Minister. Marvin served on the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and on the YMCA and United Methodist Church of the Dunes Building Committees. He and Pearl resided at 1213 South Beechtree. Marvin passed away on August 17, 2002. Their children were Phyllis Dickmann, Diane Lehman, Tom Patterson, and Doug Patterson. [*Tribune* obituary, August 22, 2002.]

**Scott Patterson [Pattersen] [1800-1877]**

Scott Patterson was born on December 8, 1800 in Scotland, relocated to Spring Lake in 1860, and died in the Village on March 2, 1877. His wife Catherine, also a native of Scotland, was born on December 16, 1811, and died on October 22, 1880. Scott was the first station master of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Depot in Spring Lake. The Pattersons' daughter Catherine was born in Canada on December 11, 1856, came to Spring Lake with her parents, and married William Barrett, also of Spring Lake. Another daughter, Isabella, was born on December 25, 1847, became a milliner in Spring Lake and Grand Haven, and died in 1930. After Scott's death, Catherine and Isabella resided together. Scott and Catherine were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Scott Patterson [Pattersen] [1876-1903]**

Scott Patterson, born on September 2, 1876, died at the age of 26 on April 25, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Apparently, this Scott Patterson is not related to the earlier person with the same name.

**William James Patterson [1853-1931]**

William James Patterson was born in Ontario, Canada on April 12, 1853. On December 25, 1880 in Grand Haven, he married Mary Elizabeth Bouley [Boulley/Boulet]. Born in Detroit in November 1866, Mary was the daughter of Charles and Ann Bouley who relocated to Spring Lake. The Pattersons lived in Spring Lake and had a daughter, May Adeline, who was born in Spring Lake on May 8, 1881. May died in Ontario, Canada on September 19, 1930. The Pattersons moved to Ontario around 1890. William died in Ontario on June 14, 1931. Mary passed away in Ontario on July 22, 1946.

**Clarence A. Paull [1892-1939]**

Clarence, born in Hancock, Houghton County in 1892, was the son of Thomas H. and Elizabeth Jane Opie Paull. Clarence and his wife, Laura, were married in Marquette, Marquette County on May 19, 1917 and had two children, both born locally: Marie, born about 1919, and Robert, born about 1928. Clarence worked in a machine shop. The family resided at 718 Pennoyer. Clarence died on March 16, 1939. He and Joseph Paull were brothers. The family was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Joseph H. Paull [1889-1982]**

Joseph Paull operated a painting and decorating business from 1125½ Pennoyer. He later lived at 830 Washington and 927 Slayton. The son of Thomas H. and Elizabeth Jane Opie Paull, Joseph was born on August 13, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on July 18, 1982. His wife, Mae, lived from April 1, 1898 to October 27, 1984. Clarence Paull was his brother. The family was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Thomas Hart Paull [1864-1941]**

Thomas Paull lived from March 3, 1864 to March 9, 1941. He married Elizabeth Jane Opoe, who lived from November 11, 1867 to April 7, 1940. Joseph, born in 1889, and Clarence, born in 1892, were their sons. A daughter, Castella R., was born in 1902 and married Clinton H. Kitto in Grand Haven on June 6,

1925. Clinton, born in 1902, lived in Flint. Thomas was a laborer at a local stamping factory. He and Elizabeth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **James William Payne [1882-1929]**

James, the son of Joseph and Eliza Ann Deremo Payne, was born in Fruitport on May 2, 1882. On October 28, 1902, in Ottawa County, he married Letty [Letta] Adello, the daughter of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo. Letty and James were cousins. Letty was born in Crockery Township on November 3, 1884. She and James lived on a 20-acre farm in Grand Haven Township, which grew to 30 acres by 1918. Of their six children, only one remained in Ottawa County: Floyd James Payne, who was born at Grays Harbor, Washington on February 28, 1909 and died in November 1987 in Grand Haven. James Payne died on August 8, 1929 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Letty then married John Goldberg in 1931 and moved to Florida. Nine years later she married Lewis McCune, who was born about 1880. Letty died in Michigan in 1986.

### **Frederick Forest Peabody [1858-1927]**

The son of Elve Chamberlain and Susan Lucretia Brown Peabody, Frederick was born on July 4, 1858 in Northfield, Vermont. As a young man he entered into a partnership with the Cluett family and formed Cluett, Peabody & Company, Inc. The firm manufactured Arrow detachable cuffs and collars for men's shirts and later produced Arrow shirts. In 1915 Frederick hired Joseph C. Leyendecker [1874-1951], a noted American illustrator, and launched a nationwide advertising campaign. Leyendecker's work established the "Arrow Collar Man," and soon Arrow shirts became a household name throughout the country. In 1904 Frederick built a summer home in the northeast corner of Spring Lake [18777 Fruitport Road, Section 2]. The home was destroyed by fire in the winter of 2003. In 1909 Frederick and Jacob Dornbos helped start Peoples Savings Bank in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Sarah Blanche Griffith had seven children. They resided in Chicago and Evanston, Illinois. By the time Frederick died in Santa Barbara, California on February 23, 1927, he was known for his philanthropy.

### **Charles Alton [Alton C.] Pearson [Pearsons] [1855-1928]**

In 1877 Charles Alton Pearson and his partner Henry H. Hungerford started the Pearson & Hungerford Hardware and Cutlery business in Spring Lake. It apparently closed not long after 1880. In 1887 Alton, as he preferred to be called, was listed in the 1887 Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directory as a "boat builder" in Ferrysburg. Alton, the son of Harrison C. and Mary M. Pearson, was born in New York in 1855. Alton helped start the Spring Lake Clinker Boat Manufacturing Company and was its first vice president. On April 1, 1891, he married Helene Dixon in Muskegon. By 1900 they were living in Duluth, Minnesota, where he continued in the boat building business. Alton died on January 11, 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Helene lived from 1858 to 1948 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Harrison C. Pearson [Pierston] [1819-1898]**

Harrison Pearson was an employee of the Northern Transport Company, a manufacturer of ships in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York. Harrison left the company in 1866 and started a shipyard in Ferrysburg. On occasion, he had sufficient orders to employ 100 ship carpenters. In his first year of business, Harrison built the tug *Hunter Savidge* for William M. Ferry II and Captain Heber Squier and the tug *E.P. Ferry* for the man whose name she bore, Edward Payson Ferry. Ottawa Iron Works built the engine and Johnston Brothers of Ferrysburg provided the boilers. Later Harrison built the brig *F. M. Knapp* for a man by that name in Racine, Wisconsin, and in 1867 launched another brig, the *Major Noah H. Ferry*, named for Edward P. Ferry's brother. Other schooners he built were *Laketon*, *R.R. Mason*, and *J. I. Case*.

Harrison, a student of navigation, invented a solar attachment to the surveyor's transit that allowed navigators to determine true north and south lines, regardless of compass deviations. He also made improvements to the propeller wheel, along with other creations. His shipyard closed in 1872. For the next

12 years he served as U.S. inspector of hulls, and he was one of the founders of the Michigan Engineering Society. His articles on navigation were published in nautical periodicals, and his occasional writings on road building appeared in the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* and *Grand Haven Courier-Journal*.

Harrison was born in Allegany County, New York on January 25, 1819 and died in Ferrysburg after a series of strokes on March 19, 1898. His wife, Mary M., also a native of New York, died on April 7, 1897 at the age of 75. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son, Charles Alton Pearson, born in New York in 1855. Other children, all born in New York State, were Herbert Pearson [1850-1916]; Albert Pearson, [1852-1917], who relocated to Colorado Springs, Colorado; Eva Pearson, who was born October 3, 1858 [1857], became a music teacher, and married Byron Parks of Ferrysburg; and Harry Pearson [1865-1928]. Herbert and Harry joined their brother Charles in Duluth, Minnesota. [*Tribune* obituary, March 19, 1898.]

### **C. H. Peck [? - ?]**

As early as January 1856, C.H. Peck was proprietor of the Mill Point Drug Store in Spring Lake. Approximately two years later Dr. James Singer, who had been the pharmacist, took over the business.

### **Emmet H. Peck [1858-1922]**

Born March 17, 1858 on a farm one mile from Coopersville, Emmet Peck attended classes in the Old Brown Schoolhouse near his home. When he was 16 years old, he and some other boys cut 100 cords of wood and earned 35 cents a cord. With that money, he purchased a book on North American Birds. At age 21, Emmet was stricken with spinal meningitis and then seriously injured by a runaway horse. During his convalescence he busied himself by stuffing as many varieties of birds as he could secure and mounting them in cases. His work resulted in one of the best private collections of birds in this part of Michigan. At age 23, he and his brother, Albert V., engineered and constructed 56 miles of railroad from Goshen, Indiana to Benton Harbor, Berrien County. Albert lived from 1842 to 1912. Emmet continued working for numerous railroads in various positions and in 1888 was elected County Surveyor of Ottawa County and held that position for 34 years. He surveyed most of Holland, Zeeland, Grand Haven, and Spring Lake. Emmet lived with his widowed mother, Julia Peck. Julia was born in New York around 1818. She had six children, beside Emmet.

On July 17, 1897 in Grand Rapids, Emmet married Mary Clark. They lived on the Scott farm, which he later purchased. After Mary's death in 1911 at the age of 36 he married Flora Burke, who came from Indiana, where she was born in 1868. Emmet was president of Coopersville Bank for eight years and also served on the School Board. He died on April 18, 1922 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Flora died in 1944 and also was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 18, 1922.]

### **Lewis [Louis] Henry Peck [1884-1952]**

In the early 1900s, Louis Peck was manager of the "Poor Farm," located in Section 9 of Polkton Township. Louis was born in Michigan on March 15, 1884. He died about September 24, 1952. His father, Henry Peck, was a resident of Coopersville.

### **William Randall Peck [1850-1921]**

William Peck owned a 30-acre farm in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township. He first arrived in the township in 1894. By the early 1900s William R. Peck held title to the property. Born in Wisconsin on September 19, 1850, William died in Grand Haven on October 13, 1921 at the age of 71. He married Carrie Wadsworth in Wisconsin on December 23, 1873 and divorced on June 21, 1904 in Grand Haven. Carrie lived from October 25, 1856 to August 15, 1933. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1910, William was still in Grand Haven Township, working as a farm laborer. One son, Herbert Henry Peck was born in Iowa on October 2, 1875 and passed away in Lake County, Illinois on January 4, 1953.

### **John Pedley [1829-1906]**



Born in England in 1829, John Pedley moved to Spring Lake in 1865, and then to Grand Rapids, where he died on September 22, 1906. He married Sarah Fisher, who was born about 1835 in England. They had six children, including Arthur, the oldest, who was born in England about 1861. The other children were all born in Michigan. John was classified as a laborer.

#### **Clyde Arthur Peel [1909-1965]**

In 1915 Clyde Peel and his brother Earl moved with their parents from Ewart, Osceola County, to Grand Haven. Clyde was born on May 12, 1909 in Osceola County, and Earl was born around 1905. They were hired as teamsters for Bronsema Transfer and for Vyn Company. Clyde and Earl started the Peel Brothers Trucking Company in the 1930s. At one time the business was located at 431 North Griffin in Grand Haven, but later it was moved to 14375 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township.

Clyde married Virginia Frances Gallagher, daughter of Captain Owen Gallagher of Grand Haven. Virginia was born on March 25, 1910 and died in Spring Lake on April 9, 2000. They lived at 807 Washington in the 1930s, later at 726 Grant, then at 219 South Prospect in Spring Lake during the 1950s and finally at 126 North Fruitport Road. After Clyde's death in 1965, his sons Don, Dick, and Tom took over the business. Don, who became president of the trucking company, died on May 25, 2000, at the age of 69. Clyde and Virginia were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Peels sold their business to Ryder Truck Rental Company in 1982. [*Tribune* obituary, May 26, 2000.]

#### **Earl Richard Peel [1904-1958]**

In 1915 Earl Peel and his brother Clyde moved with their parents from Ewart, Osceola County to Grand Haven. Earl was born on October 11, 1904 and Clyde around 1910. They were hired as teamsters for Bronsema Transfer and for Vyn Company. Clyde and Earl started the Peel Brothers Trucking Company in the 1930s. At one time the business was located at 431 North Griffin in Grand Haven, but later it was moved to 14375 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Earl married Rose Smith in Grand Rapids on October 29, 1923. She lived from 1907 to 1985. They resided at 429 Jackson in the 1930s, and by the 1950s were located at 219 South Park Street in Spring Lake. Earl died on May 3, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Thomas William Pegg [1927-2015]**

Thomas Pegg married Charlotte Josephine Westra on August 1, 1946. They opened Pegg's Holiday Lodge Resort at 1016 South Harbor Drive in the mid-1950s. Thomas was born in Ohio on May 18, 1927. In 1950, he and Charlotte were living at 312 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Charlotte lived from February 15, 1928 to July 15, 2008. Thomas died on April 17, 2015 in Muskegon.

#### **Baltus [Baldus, Boltus] Pellegrom [Pilgrim] [1858-1946]**

Born in Michigan September 1858, Baltus Pellegrom was the son of Mathias and Jane Pellegrom of Grand Haven. Baltus worked on the railroad before becoming a ship's carpenter and then a building contractor. He was hired in the late 1890s to construct the Nat Robbins mansion at the northeast corner of Franklin and Fifth Streets. In 1887 Baltus was chosen first lieutenant of Company F of the Grand Haven Guards. By 1894 he was captain of the company, which then was part of the Second Infantry. He served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1910 to 1913 and again from 1929 to 1932.

Baltus was married twice. He married Sarah Jane Busby in Grand Haven on April 19, 1882. She was born in Canada in 1859 and died on January 28, 1883, less than a year after their wedding. Their one child, an unnamed daughter, died on January 24, 1883 at the age of two months. On September 19, 1888, Baltus married Mary Jane, the daughter of Joseph and Fanny Anne Cook Palmer of Grand Haven. Mary Jane lived from November 1859 to 1930. The Pellegroms had a son Howard, born on January 9, 1893; another son, Nelson, born on December 30, 1894; and a daughter Ruth, born on November 1, 1901. The Pellegroms made their home at 421 Columbus, later the site of the Community Center. Baltus died on September 16, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were his two wives.

### **Gerrit Pellegrom I [1850-1903]**

In 1874 Gerrit Pellegrom immigrated to Grand Haven from his native Netherlands, where he was born in September 1850. As early as 1876 he purchased small parcels of land in the City of Grand Haven, and by 1889 he owned a 128-acre farm in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township, at the west end of Potawatomi Bayou, but by 1910 had sold 28 acres to William Van Drezer. Gerrit died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 27, 1875 in Grand Haven, he married Maggie Sleutel, a Michigan native, who lived from April 1858 to 1916. She was buried in the same plot as her husband. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Phillip, born about 1876; Minnie, born on September 29, 1877; Peter, who was born in August 1880 and on September 7, 1905 married Dena Van Burg in Grand Haven; William, who was born on September 13, 1883 and on May 30, 1906 married Minnie Singerling; Gerrit II, commonly known as Harry, born on December 31, 1884; John Henry, who was born on July 24, 1886; Margaret, born in February 1889; Marian, born in March 1893; Addo, a son, born in August 1895; Edward, born on May 24, 1897; and Leon, who was born in Grand Haven in 1901 and married Angie Bonema in Grand Haven on March 30, 1921. Marian married Grand Haven resident Nicholas Vyn, whose wife had died six years earlier. After Maggie's death, her son Harry took title to the land in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township.

### **Gerrit "Harry" Pellegrom II [1884-1968]**

On April 10, 1935 in Grand Haven, Gerrit "Harry" Pellegrom married Iva Odren Badge. Harry, the son of Gerrit and Maggie Sleutel Pellegrom, was born in Grand Haven on December 31, 1884. He passed away on November 9, 1968. After the death of his parents, Harry took title to the land in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township. Iva, who had been married previously, lived from 1903 to 1990. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Hendrik "Henry" Pellegrom I [1853-1917]**

Born in February 1853 in The Netherlands, Henry was the son of Mathias and Jantje Van Weelden Pellegrom of Grand Haven. Henry became general superintendent of the Milwaukee Elevator Company. He married Hester [Esther] O. Vande Meiden, who was born in The Netherlands in 1853. The Pellegroms resided at 215 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Among Henry's and Hester's children, all born in Michigan, were Jennie, who was born on January 29, 1876 and married Fred McEachron of Jamestown Township; William, who was born on January 1, 1878 and became a store clerk; Angie [Anje] Kate, who was born in 1879 and became a teacher; Mathias "Matthew," who was born in May 1883 became a telegraph operator, and married Marie Van Dyke in Zeeland on June 29, 1910; Henry II, who was born in May 1887 and became a carpenter; and Esther, who was born on August 6, 1890. Henry I passed away about September 18, 1917. Hester died on January 21, 1907. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Howard H. Pellegrom [1893-1938]**

The son of Baltus and Mary Jane Pellegrom, Howard was born in Grand Haven on June 9, 1893. He served as first lieutenant with Company F of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI and afterward. According to cemetery records he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. His wife, Jo, the daughter of Leonard and Tan Fisher of Grand Haven, was born about 1895 in Michigan. By the mid-1920s Howard was president of the Addison, Pellegrom, & Colson Furniture and Undertaking Company, located at 304-306 Washington. Edward D. Kinkema later joined the furniture store as partner. Howard died in 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Johannes "John" Pellegrom [Pellegram, Pilgrim] [1870-1917]**

John Pellegrom married Sena [Stijntje] Beekman in 1889. The daughter of Elbert and Aartje "Alice" Van Den Hoek Beekman, Sena was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on October 1, 1870, immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was two, and died in Grand Haven in 1957. John, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in May 1870 and arrived in the United States in 1884. The Pellegroms

owned a 35-acre farm in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Their children were Bertha, born in January 1891, Molly [Nellie], born on November 21, 1896; and Aartge, born on November 15, 1902. John died about December 31, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Henry Pellegrom [1886-1964]**

John Henry Pellegrom, who was born on July 24, 1886 in Grand Haven, on September 4, 1913 married Marie Strahsburg, the daughter of William and Maria Leiscert Strahsburg of Grand Haven Township. John was the son of Gerrit and Maggie Sleutel Pellegrom of Grand Haven. John worked as a polisher at Grand Haven Brass Foundry. He and Marie resided at 1215 Pennoyer Street. They had six children, including Edwin, who lived from 1914 to 2007. John died on January 25, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marie lived from 1885 to 1953 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Mathias [Matthew] J. Pellegrom [1823-1907]**

In 1868 a new Ottawa House was built on the northeast corner of First and Fulton Streets [Lot 92, 105 Fulton], replacing the one located at 1 Washington Street that had burned down in 1860. Mathias Pellegrom was proprietor until at least 1892. Born in The Netherlands on February 27, 1823, Mathias left Rotterdam for the Port of New York and arrived in Grand Haven around June 1855. He married Jantje [Jentje] "Janey" [Jeanette] Van Weelden in 1849. She lived from February 1826 to approximately September 25, 1907. They had 11 children, all born in Michigan, except Hendrick, who was born in The Netherlands in February 1853. The others were Baltus, who was born in September 1858; Katherine, who was born on August 26, 1862 and on February 22, 1911 married Edward Vaupell in Grand Haven; Minnie [Hermina], who was born on August 26, 1862 and married Albert Rysdorp, a Grand Haven dentist; Ella, born in July 1866; and Gertrude [Geertje], who was born about 1870 and married James J. Danhof, a Grand Haven attorney. Mathias died on April 29, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

#### **Nelson Pellegrom [1894-1957]**

Nelson, the son of Baltus and Mary Jane Palmer Pellegrom, was born in Grand Haven on December 30, 1894. He served in the medical department of the U.S. Army during WWI. On June 19, 1928 he married Margaret Rodgers in Muskegon. They resided at 302 Sherman in Grand Haven. Among their children were Rodger Pellegrom, born about July 1929, and Nelson II "Sandy" Pellegrom, who was born on September 26, 1933 and passed away in Spring Lake on February 13, 2004. Nelson, a tanner, was employed at Eagle Ottawa. Margaret lived from March 6, 1906 to August 21, 1987. She also died in Spring Lake. Nelson died about December 14, 1957. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Ruth Pellegrom [1901-1977]**

The daughter of Baltus and Mary Jane Palmer Pellegrom, Ruth was a music teacher in Grand Haven for half a century. She graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1919 and obtained a degree from Hope College four years later. Ruth, a native of Grand Haven, lived from November 1, 1901 to November 29, 1977.

#### **William H. Pellegrom [1878-1962]**

William, the son of Henry and Hester Pellegrom, was born in Grand Haven on January 1, 1878. He married Lilly, the daughter of Marshall and Emma Finch McCluer. Lilly was born on December 1, 1884 and died on July 3, 1953. William, who was Cashier at Peoples Bank, died on April 21, 1962. The Pellegroms resided at 319 East Savidge in Spring Lake. A son, Marshall H., was born on January 2, 1910 and died in Spring Lake on January 21, 1982. William, Lilly, and Marshall were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Aldridge Wells Pelton [1847-1917]**

Listed as a “Farmer and Stockraiser” in the 1912 *Atlas*, Aldridge Pelton’s 80 acres was located in Section 33 of Robinson Township. He was born in March 1848 in Ohio and arrived in the Ottawa County area in 1865. On July 5, 1870, in Robinson Township, Aldridge married Maria Ann, the daughter of Alonzo and Dorliska Prentice of Robinson Township. Maria was born in New York in March 1850. Their six children included Elmer Nathan [Nathan Elmer], who was born on September 10, 1871 in Ottawa County, served as private in Company F, 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry, during the Spanish American War, married Ada Ball in Grand Haven on April 3, 1902, died in Grand Rapids on June 2, 1942, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery; Jason, who was born on January 1, 1874; Ada, August 1876 to 1942; Otis, February 16, 1880 to 1928; Arminta, January 1, 1885 to September 2, 1979; and Cort, July 7, 1889 to August 1962. Arminta married Hugo Kuhlman on November 19, 1904 in Chicago, and Cort married Nettie Freh in 1918. Nettie was born on December 31, 1900 and died in Robinson Township on August 17, 1980.

### **Fred O. Pelton [1908-1987]**

In the late 1940s Fred Pelton and his wife, Alice S., resided at 318 Wallace, which became 318 South Beacon Boulevard in the mid-1950s. Around 1940 Fred owned and operated Fred Pelton’s Super Service gas station at 200 North Seventh Street. The business also was called Pelton’s Deluxe Service Station and Fred’s Super Service. He was still at the Seventh Street address in 1957. By 1969 he was running a lawnmower repair shop with his son at 1318 Fulton. Fred was born on January 7, 1908 and died in Robinson Township on October 8, 1987. Alice lived from December 27, 1909 to May 24, 1990. Fred was the son of Jason and Nellie Stearns Pelton of Robinson Township.

### **Jason Aldrige Pelton [1874-1919]**

The son of Aldridge and Maria Ann Prentice Pelton, Jason was born in Robinson Township on January 1, 1874. He served with Company F of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry during the Spanish American War. On January 1, 1900 he married Nellie, the daughter of Charles and Maria Elizabeth Stearns. Jason and Nellie settled on an acre of land in Robinson Township. They opened a grocery store in the front of their home in the early 1900s. The first telephone switchboard in the Robinson Township area was installed in their home, with Nellie as the operator. She lived from 1878 to 1967. Jason died on June 7, 1919.

### **William N. Penn [Penne] [1810- ?]**

Closely associated with Hezekiah and Lucinda Smith and living near them on Smith’s Bayou were William and Hester [Esther] Penn. William Penn was born in Virginia [Ohio] in 1810 [1815]. Hester was born in Virginia in 1807 [1820] and died on February 12, 1892 in Grand Rapids of a brain tumor. She was buried at Valley City Cemetery in Grand Rapids [now part of Oakhill Cemetery]. On August 1, 1853, the same day that Hezekiah bought 40 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township, William purchased Lot 5 in the same section. William then was working for Henry Pennoyer as a cook at the Washington House in downtown Grand Haven [12 Washington Street]. In her journal, Lettie Teeple wrote of him, “He was a great grumbler which caused either merriment or discontent among the help.” [“Between Hope and Fear,” *Michigan History*, Fall and Winter 1974 issues.] Henry operated the hotel between 1852 and 1856. In 1860 William was still a cook, and Hester worked as a servant. An undated newspaper article said, “[She] had been reared in a wealthy Southern family and was one of the most agreeable colored women that has ever come under the writer’s observation.” [Kitchel, p. 185.]

In the 1860 census the Penns were living on 80 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township, just north of Hezekiah. William, Benjamin Campbell, and eight White worshipers established the First Baptist Church in Spring Lake on December 7, 1867. Three years later William and Hester were living in the same place. William was classified as a farmer and Hester as housekeeper. In the house with them was 13-year-old George West, also Black. William was listed in the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a fruit grower in Ferrysburg. The couple was still located in Section 10 in 1880, although by 1876 William’s land holdings were reduced to less than 40 acres. The 1880 census listed him as a “Milk

Peddler.” Living in 1880 with William and Hester was Phillip Smith, who was born in Canada about 1864. There is no indication Phillip was related to the Penns’ neighbors, Hezekiah and Lucinda Smith.

William passed away in Spring Lake after the Federal Census of 1880. Hester died on February 12, 1892 of a brain tumor. Her obituary said she had lived in Grand Haven for 35 years. She was 85 years old. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1892.]

#### **Augustus Pennoyer [Penoyer] [1810-1841]**

See O. Augustus Pennoyer.

#### **Edwin T. Pennoyer [1870–1914]**

Born on March 15, 1870 in Grand Haven, Edwin was the grandson of Henry Pennoyer and the son of John Pennoyer, who were known for the roles they played in the early history of the area. Edwin at the age of 23 was a bank clerk. Later he became manager of numerous hotels in the Shelby and Muskegon areas but returned to Grand Haven and managed the Cutler House.

On July 12, 1893 Edwin married Pieterella “Nellie” De Gloppe. Nellie, the daughter of Martinus and Maria De Gloppe, was born February 18, 1870. She died April 14, 1920 in Ann Arbor, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nellie taught in the Grand Haven Public Schools until her marriage. Edwin was a member of Company F and an official of the Grand Haven Athletic Club for 20 years. The Pennoyers had one son, Clarence Theodore, who was born on October 30, 1896, graduated from the University of Michigan, worked for the U.S. War Department in Detroit, and died in 1950. The Pennoyers lived at 209 Washington. After Edwin passed away on March 26, 1914, Nellie moved to 122 Franklin. Edwin, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 26, 1914 and April 14, 1920.]

#### **Henry Pennoyer I [Penoyer] [1809-1886]**

Born in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut on February 8, 1809, Henry moved with his parents, John and Sarah “Sally” Fox Pennoyer, to Cayuga County, New York when he was ten. John who was born about 1783, in 1837 settled in Cook County, near Chicago, with two of his sons, Stephen, who was born about 1812, and James, born about 1819. A daughter Susan also settled there with the family. Henry preceded them by three years. In 1834 he and his wife, Harriet, went to Chicago, where they remained for two years before settling in the Muskegon area. In Muskegon Henry and his brother Augustus built a sawmill in 1836. Henry later moved to Grand Haven, where in 1843 he became proprietor of the first Ottawa House Hotel, situated on the northeast corner of Water Street [Harbor Drive] and Washington Streets [1 Washington] in Grand Haven. Henry was operating the Ottawa House as late as 1851. Also that year, Henry leased Clark Albee’s Washington House [approximately 12 Washington], which he passed on to John and Robert Leggat on July 12, 1856. The hotel, which burned down on November 13, 1860, also functioned as a stop for the Grand Rapids stagecoach.

On January 3, 1838, Henry was named postmaster of Muskegon. The same year he was appointed to a commission charged with building a state road along the south side of the Muskegon River, and in the same year he was elected Ottawa County’s first sheriff. In 1850 he was commissioner of the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company, and in 1851 he was part of a commission charged with laying out a plank road between Grand Haven and Holland. In 1853 Henry replaced Thomas Ferry as deputy collector of customs for Grand Haven. He was treasurer for Grand Haven before it became a city. He served in the State House in 1849 and ten years later in the State Senate. In the early 1850s Henry was editor of the *Grand River Times*, and in 1856 he helped found and became a charter member of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society. In 1857 he was president of the Grand Haven Lyceum, which presented public discussions of the time’s important topics. Because of his size 14 shoes, the Indians and voyageurs nicknamed him “Big Foot.”

Henry’s first marriage was to Harriet Kells of Mentz, New York. The couple moved from Chicago to the Muskegon area in 1836. They had four children: John, born in Muskegon on September 20, 1839; Sarah

M., who was born in Muskegon on April 29, 1841 and married Peter Ross of Crockery Township; Mary Arms, born in Grand Haven on September 23, 1847, and Clara, born in Grand Haven on April 8, 1852. Harriet died on May 4, 1852, and the next year, on April 14, Henry married Aletta "Lettie" Teeple Rellingston [Rellingson], who was born on November 20, 1829 in Plymouth, Wayne County. Her parents were Peter and Sarah Losey Teeple, who had moved to Cascade Township in Kent County in late 1836. Lettie moved to Ferrysburg in 1849 to be with her sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Thomas Merrill. Jane, born on January 30, 1826, was about three years older than Lettie. The Merrills were married in 1846, and later moved to Ferrysburg. Lettie tended to Henry's children after Harriet's death and also worked for him at the Washington House. Lettie and Henry had five children: Lettie May born October 25, 1856; Henry II, born January 24, 1860; Susan Amanda, who was born on August 18, 1861 and died in March 1863; Perry, born on January 15, 1864; and Frederick Anson, born on February 8, 1866. Also a member of the household was Lettie's girl, Sarah Jane, from her short-lived marriage to 20-year-old William Rellingston. Lettie and William were married in Grand Haven on Christmas Day, 1849, and by July 12 the next year he was gone forever. Lettie later filed for divorce. In August 1858 the Pennoyer family moved from Grand Haven to Crockery Township, where Henry tried his hand at farming the 600 acres he bought in Sections 13 and 24. Henry died on April 25, 1886 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lettie left Michigan for Oregon a few years after his death and died in Seattle, Washington in 1911. Pennoyer Street in Grand Haven was named after Henry. ["Between Hope and Fear: the Life of Lettie Teeple," Part I, *Michigan History*, Fall 1974, and Part II, *Michigan History*, Winter 1974.]

### **Henry Pennoyer II [1860-1930]**

Born in Crockery Township on January 24, 1860, Henry was the son of Henry and Aletta Teeple Pennoyer. He inherited the family farm after his father's death in 1886, sold it to Joseph Gibbs five years later and headed west. He spent a few years in Washington State, then went on to Alaska and the Klondike, where he searched for gold. In 1899 he lost several of his toes to frostbite. Henry died about June 27, 1930 on board a ship bound from Fairbanks to Sitka, Alaska.

### **John Pennoyer [1839-1893]**

John, the son of Henry and Harriet Kells Pennoyer, was born in Muskegon on September 30, 1839. Like his father, and later his son, Edwin T. Pennoyer, John developed an interest in the hotel business and was proprietor of the Ferrysburg Hotel by 1864, after working briefly the previous year at the Rice House in Grand Haven. The Rice House was located on the northwest corner of Water [Harbor] and Washington Streets, near the 1870 train depot, and was owned by Thomas Merrill of Ferrysburg. In 1870, John, his wife, and their son were living in Grand Haven where he worked as a clerk at an unnamed hotel. Ten years later John and his family were residing on Washington Street in Grand Haven, where he worked as a store clerk. John married Mariette Stone in August 1863. She was born in Ohio on January 2, 1844 and died on February 11, 1892. John died on October 19, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Edwin, their son, was born in Grand Haven on March 15, 1870. A daughter Stella, also a native of Michigan, was born about 1876. She married John W. Hamm and moved to Jackson. A second son, Charles Leonard, was born on October 21, 1880. He worked as a chef on a car ferry out of Grand Haven. On August 17, 1911 in Grand Haven, Charles married Alice Breamer, who was born in Michigan in 1888.

### **O. Augustus Pennoyer [Penoyer] [1810-1841]**

Augustus was Henry Pennoyer's brother and the son of John and Sarah "Sally" Fox Pennoyer. About 1836 Augustus and Henry built a sawmill near Pennoyer Creek and the Muskegon River in Newaygo County, and he was included in the 1840 census for Oceana County. Late in 1836 Augustus partnered with Alexander Fulton to form the Muskegon Lumber Company. In 1841 Augustus purchased approximately 160 acres in Muskegon County. He was born on May 15, 1810 and died on October 22, 1841 while en route from Chicago to Muskegon on the boat *Post-boy*, loaded with supplies for a sawmill.

### **Edwin Percival [1878-1941]**

Edwin Percival, uncle of film star Norma Shearer, spent six summers in Highland Park before making Grand Haven his permanent home in 1917. Edwin's and Norma's mothers were sisters. Percival's cottage, called Baldpate Inn, was located at 20 Crescent Hill. The name of the cottage was derived from *Seven Keys to Baldpate*, a popular Broadway drama in 1913-14. Norma visited the Highland Park cottage on several occasions. In 1904, Edwin married Gertrude Ritchie Beville in the State of Washington, although they were Chicago residents at the time. Gertrude, a native of Chicago and five years younger than Edwin, was an actress. Edwin was listed on the marriage registration as Edwin Percival Fisher. His mother was Emily Cooper Fisher, and his father was Edwin Chisholm Fisher. Edwin may have adopted the last name Percival as a stage name and never gave it up. Norma visited him at the Highland Park cottage on several occasions. Her brother, Douglas Shearer, worked in the film industry and was on the leading edge of transforming silent movies to "talkies" in 1928. Another sibling, Athole Shearer, was an actress in the silent film era.

In 1917 Edwin started work as chief clerk with the Grand Trunk Railway, a job he held for the next 12 years. His year-round residence was located at 526 Pennoyer in 1918. Living with him then was Gertrude Percival. She was not listed as a household member when Edwin resided at 312 South Fifth in 1920, but his 75-year-old mother, Emily, was then living with him. She had come to Grand Haven from Canada the previous year. Edwin later moved to 321 Columbus, and then to 300 Franklin, where he resided in 1928. That year Edwin was listed as cashier for the railway. In Grand Haven, Edwin was a member of the local Christian Science Church and Masonic lodge. He was instrumental in starting DeMolay, an international fraternal organization for young people.

When Edwin and Gertrude were granted a divorce in Grand Haven on August 16, 1926 on grounds of desertion, their marriage date was cited as having taken place on October 15, 1903. Three years after the divorce, Percival sold Baldpate to Charles Everest, left Grand Haven, and married Ruth Hille Kibbe on April 23 that year. The couple moved to San Antonio, Texas, Ruth's home state. In the Federal Census of 1940, they were living in Santa Barbara, California. Ruth, a teacher, was born on October 30, 1892 and died in Santa Barbara on January 18, 1976. Edwin was born on November 25, 1878 in Staymer, Ontario, Canada and died in Santa Barbara on March 9, 1941. He and Ruth were buried at Santa Barbara Cemetery. Edwin's first wife, Gertrude, died in Chicago on July 21, 1984. Edwin was known for his published poems and articles.

### **John Thomas Percival I [1839-1925]**

A native of Scotland, where he was born March 27, 1839, John Percival came to America in 1865 and continued to Grand Haven from Lyons in Ionia County in 1871. He was agent for the Detroit, Grand Haven, & Milwaukee Railroad from the time of his arrival to 1875, when he opened a flour and feed store at 59 Washington Street. John was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He attended the Presbyterian Church. His booklet, "Railroads of Ottawa County," published in 1884, summarized the early years of the railways in the Grand Haven area, and a similar article, with the same title, appeared in Volume IX [1886], *Michigan Historical Society Records*, pages 270-279. He married Emily [Emmeline] Melvina Hoyt in Muir, Ionia County, on December 21, 1870. They had two daughters, both born in Muir, Ionia County: Emily, who was born on December 5, 1873 and died in 1946, and Margaret, who was born on February 1, 1875 and died in 1948. Their son, John II, was born in Grand Haven on September 10, 1880, married Effie Goodale on September 11, 1916 in Spokane, Washington, and died in 1930. Emily, the mother, was from Cayuga, New York, where she was born on April 20, 1850; she died in Spokane on October 27, 1908. John passed away in Spokane on November 9, 1925. They were buried at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in that city.

### **John B. Perham [1836-1896]**

John B. Perham was born in Mayfield, New York in October 1836. At the age of 17 he was a government surveyor, working in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. He taught school in Grundy County, Illinois for three years, and in 1860 moved to Spring Lake to be a teacher. After three years of teaching in Spring

Lake, he opened a grocery and dry goods store at 213 West Savidge in Spring Lake with Judge Allan C. Adsit of Ottawa and Kent Counties as his partner. John bought out his partner eight years later. John Koster, who settled in Spring Lake in 1869, worked for John Perham at the store and in 1894 purchased the business.

John married Catherine "Cassie" Gross in Rockford on November 4, 1867. Cassie was born in 1840 in Portage County, Ohio and came to Spring Lake in 1846, where she died 52 years later. Prominent in business and politics in the Village of Spring Lake, John twice represented the local district in the State Legislature and was considered a staunch Republican.

When only 17 years old John joined the Good Templars and later raised enough money to build the first Temperance Red Ribbon Hall in Michigan and was its president for many years. In addition to being a member of the Liquor Committee, John was township clerk and supervisor, member of the Spring Lake School Board for 15 years and was director in the 1870s. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1880 and served from 1881 to 1884. He was chairman of the Fifth District of Michigan, president of the Ottawa County Sunday School Association, and dealt in real estate in Ottawa County. John died on November 13, 1896 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Loren Perham, his brother, was a Spring Lake druggist, and a sister, Phebe, married Henry W. Cleveland of Spring Lake and Nunica. [*Tribune*, November 13, 1896.]

#### **Loren O. Perham [1833-1920]**

Loren Perham, who was born in Mayfield, New York in February 1833 [1835], came to Spring Lake in the early years of its development. In 1852 he built a three-story brick building at 213 West State Street [Savidge], where he had a grocery and drug store. He was elected the first treasurer of Spring Lake Village when it was incorporated in 1869. He served as postmaster of Mill Point from 1861 until the Village was renamed Spring Lake on March 28, 1867, and he continued serving in that position until 1885. The post office was located in the rear of his drug store at 222 Savidge. On May 3, 1877 in Spring Lake, he married Hester Ann Rose. She was born in Canada in February 1842. They had a daughter, Leila [Leilla], who was born in Spring Lake on March 20, 1878 and married Miner Lawton. There is some evidence that the family resided at 120 West Exchange. Loren passed away on February 19, 1920 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and John Perham were brothers. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1920.]

#### **Louis Waite Perkins [1894-1983]**

Lieutenant Commander Perkins was the first commanding officer of the first *Escanaba*. He was born in Waltham, Massachusetts on March 9, 1894 and graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in 1918. He worked his way through the ranks to lieutenant commander by 1925. Louis from 1932 to 1935 commanded the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* when it was based in Grand Haven. He was promoted to Rear Admiral before his death on May 13, 1983 in St. Louis, Missouri. Louis's wife's name was Gertrude. They were married on June 6, 1926 and had two daughters, Patricia Ann, born about 1929, and Sue Denise, born about 1931. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. [*Tribune* obituary May 18, 1983.]

#### **Miner [Minor] Gaylord Perkins [1816-1910]**

Born in Herkimer, New York on November 4, 1816, Miner Perkins and his wife, Sallie [Sarah] Morse, came to Grand Haven in March 1874. They had been married, presumably in New York, on March 31, 1841. Miner was a carpenter. He and Sallie were instrumental in establishing the Methodist Church in Grand Haven and were called the father and mother of the church by the congregation. Their daughter, Harriet E., was born in Herkimer in 1843 and died in 1917. She married George S. Leland [Lealand], who practiced medicine in Grand Haven around 1880. Harriet was a milliner. George, also from New York, was born about 1816. Miner died at his daughter's home at 15 North Fourth Street in Grand Haven on November 9 [11], 1910. After his death Harriet continued to reside at the family home on Fourth Street, which had been converted to a four-unit apartment complex. Sallie was born in Fulton County, New York



on March 16, 1824 and died on March 7, 1911. Miner and Sally were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 9, 1910.]

### **Guy Tracy Perkins [1880-1930]**

Guy Perkins owned a photography studio at 22 South Second Street in 1910. On March 4, 1903 he married Alma Hill in Chicago. They were divorced in Kalamazoo on November 20, 1907. On November 24, 1909 he married Rosa [Rose] Paine in Kalamazoo. In Grand Haven they resided at 17 Franklin. They were divorced in Kalamazoo on October 16, 1911, remarried in Ann Arbor on September 9, 1914, and divorced for the second time in Ann Arbor on May 6, 1918. On September 9, 1919, Guy married Vera Hovey Plummer in Centerville, St. Joseph County. In 1920 Guy and Vera were living in Milwaukee, where Guy worked as a toolmaker. Presumably they were divorced, because on August 10, 1925 he married Katie Luella Bogart in Cass, Berrien County. Five years later he and Katie were living in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, where Guy was unemployed, and on January 31, 1932 they were divorced in Cass County. Guy was born in Kalamazoo on April 27, 1880, the son of Joseph and Lora Perkins. He died in Phoenix, Arizona in 1930.

### **Noah Perkins [1823-1862]**

In 1853 in Adrian, Lenawee County, Noah Perkins married Ellen W. Turner. Ellen was born in Seneca, New York, on March 3, 1827 and died in Spring Lake on August 23, 1897. Noah was born in Orleans County, New York in 1823. He and Ellen moved to Spring Lake shortly after they were married. In the late 1850s Noah built a grocery store at 215 West Savidge in Spring Lake. On September 17, 1861, at the age of 39, Noah enlisted as sergeant in Company D of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and died of disease [chronic diarrhea] in the hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, on March 14, 1862. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] was organized in Spring Lake in 1884 and named Noah Perkins Post #279. The post was disbanded by 1912.

On January 7, 1867 Ellen applied for a widow's Civil War pension, with George Lovell signing as her guardian. W. Henry Millard, a native of England, bought the building on Savidge from Perkins's widow in 1865 and opened a meat market. Noah and Ellen had at least three children, all born locally: James Edgar [Edgar J.], born March 3, 1847; Ella, who was born on October 13, 1853 and died on June 17, 1912, and May [Ida May], born on May 1, 1859. Edgar enlisted as private in Company A of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry on May 13, 1861. He gave his age as 18 at the time of enlistment. According to his cemetery records, Edgar lost his life on May 6, 1863 at the Battle of Chancellorsville. The Perkins family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ellen in 1866 became George Lovell's second wife.

### **Thomas Byron Perkins [1845-1925]**

Thomas Perkins was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts on December 30, 1848. On August 1, 1869 he married Sarah Sophia Ward in Detroit. A native of Zanesville, Ohio, she lived from March 31, 1841 to December 15, 1928. She passed away in Joliet, Illinois and was buried at Oakwoods Cemetery in Chicago. On September 23, 1889 Thomas married Nellie Frances Todd [1862-1945]. Their daughter, Madge Ethel Perkins, was born in Grand Rapids on September 21, 1890, married Hardy Albin Esterdahl [1885-1958] in Muskegon on October 27, 1910, and passed away in Fairfax, Virginia on October 4, 1990. In 1900 Thomas and Nellie were living in Grand Rapids. As early as 1909, Thomas, Nellie, and Nellie's 81-year-old mother, Giffie Todd, resided at 311 North Jackson Street in Spring Lake. Thomas, a retired coal dealer, died in Spring Lake on December 6, 1925 and was buried at Oakhurst Cemetery in Whitehall. Nellie took full ownership of the property after his death. When she died in 1945, the Perkins's daughter, then known as Madge Ethel Esterdahl, inherited the house and land. Two years later, Madge sold the property to Mary Miller.

### **Felix M. F. Perl [Pearl] [1854-1934]**

In 1905 Garry Messinger and his brother Clifford sold their pharmacy in Spring Lake to Felix Perl. Three years later Felix sold the business to an employee, Leon Campbell. Felix also worked as manager for Edward and Anna Selbmann, who operated Lott Hannah Resort from 1904 to 1907. Felix was born in Germany [Saxony] on November 30, 1854 and immigrated to the United States on October 12, 1882. On October 20, 1884 in Medford, Wisconsin, he married Victoria M. E. Ihne. By 1900 Felix was a widower and living in Chicago. In 1920 he was a laborer at a Grand Haven factory, and by 1930 he was residing in Jacksonville, Florida with his widowed daughter, Dolores Walker. He died in Jacksonville on July 26 four years later and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

### **Mary Per Lee [Perlee] [1816-1850] and William T. Per Lee [1813-1878]**

Mary Cuyler Perlee and her husband, both natives of New York State, stopped for a short time in Grand Haven in 1844 before proceeding upriver to their new home in Lamont. In a short piece she wrote about her visit, she described her impressions of two Indians who were in town at the same time as she: "Here we saw the Potawatomi tribe of Indians with their chief and his son. Many of [the Indians] were handsomely dressed in the finest broadcloth embroidered as usual with beads and porcupine quills of various colors. The old chief had a plate of silver on his breast as large as a breakfast plate, with the figure of a wolf engraved upon it. They were a deal of silver about their persons. Some dangle the plates tied to their hair between the shoulders, others had their coat capes ornamented with pieces as large as a dollar sewed together on the edge. The chief's son has a natural talent for music and played for us upon an instrument constructed by himself a tune of his own composition." ["Rosy Mound Indian Tales," Esther Henning, p. 43.]

Mary Pelee's letters revealed the hardships of those early days: "On August third, 1845," Mary wrote that her husband "suffered terribly from ague that spares hardly a household." She named Chologo [chologogue] as a reliable remedy for the disease and added, "I have the greatest possible horror of quinine. I believe Abraham was killing himself with it as fast as he could."

Mary's father, a lieutenant in the war of 1812, had been given the land they had come to as a bounty. Mary wrote of the settlement at Grand Haven where they landed as "having three stores and a steam mill, everything so wild and new as to be startling but rather pleasant otherwise." When their stay in Grand Haven ended, they boarded the steamer *Paragon*, which took them to Grandville, the river landing closest to their future home in Lamont.

Mary was born in 1816. She and her husband William had five children: Maria, who was born in 1839, married Eugene Washington Alexander [1841-1910], and died in 1915; Jane, who lived from 1844 to 1883; Eliza, who was born about 1846; Abraham, who was born about 1847, and Helen, who was born about June 1850. In 1850 the Perlees lived on an 80-acre farm in Section 35 of Tallmadge Township, just east of the Stephen Lowing homestead. Mary's brother lived with them. William also was postmaster at Lamont and earned \$200 a year for his duties.

Mary died on September 23, 1850 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. William was born in New York on December 31, 1813. He died in Lamont on August 8, 1878 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **James Frank Perry [1907-1958]**

James Perry was hired in September 1946 to work as clerk at the Norman-Ross Music Store, then located at 17 Washington Street. He had a variety of duties, including waiting on customers, ordering records, and acting as manager in the absence of Norman A. MacDonald, who, with his son of the same name, owned the business. James was born in Pennsylvania on August 11, 1907. He married Virginia Spalding Hume in Muskegon on January 2, 1940. Born in Muskegon on February 19, 1914, she was the daughter of Thomas Hackley and Mildred Hume and the granddaughter of Thomas Hume, one of Muskegon's lumber barons. Virginia previously had married Robert Frank Mull [1915-2001] in Muskegon on June 8, 1935. They were divorced the same year on December 6. After the music store closed in early 1951, the Norman-Ross

Corporation brought suit against Perry regarding money he and his wife, Virginia Hume Perry, had loaned the company. The MacDonalds prevailed. In 1952 James owned and managed the Perry Music Company at 16 North Seventh Street but continued to reside in Muskegon. He died on January 5, 1958. Virginia passed away on June 23, 1981 in Muskegon. Both were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

#### **James Joseph Perry [1888-1956]**

In 1915, James Perry owned the Dandy Ice Cream Parlor at 100 Washington Street. He and Clara Schellas were married in Muskegon on January 20, 1914. In 1915 the couple resided at 428 Clinton Street in Grand Haven, two years later they were living at 518 Washington, and by 1920 James and Clara were living in Muskegon, where he worked in the engineering department of an automobile motor company. Born on December 15, 1888, James died in Muskegon on October 24, 1956 and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. Clara lived from 1893 to July 13, 1970 and also was buried at St. Mary's.

#### **Bruno Emil Peter [1882-1950]**

A native of Saxony, Germany, where he was born on February 25, 1882, Bruno Peter came to Grand Haven to work for the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He served as alderman from 1920 to 1922 and as mayor of Grand Haven in 1929 and again in 1930. In partnership with James W. Oakes, Bruno helped develop much of the residential property along Sheldon Road, south of Taylor Street. Peter was a member of the Masons, Grand Haven Rotary Club, Spring Lake County Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He married Clara Conrad on June 27, 1906. They had a daughter, June who was born about 1915. The family resided at 519 Sheldon and 416 Ottawa Street. Bruno died in 1950. Clara, who was born on December 21, 1893, died in St. Petersburg, Florida in December 1972.

#### **Edward Emmett Peters [1873-1968] and Jane Van Herwyn [Van Herwynen] Peters [1884-1977]**

After leasing it for a year, Ed Peters purchased Highland Park Pavilion from August Boseker in 1909. He sold the property to Russ and Mary Baltz of Grand Haven in 1947. Included in the sale to the Baltzes was Hyland Gardens dance and rollerskating pavilion, which Ed bought from Boseker in 1919. Ed, who was born in Grosse Pointe, Wayne County [Phelps, New York], on October 18, 1873 married Jane Van Herwyn [Herwynen] in Grand Haven on October 18, 1923. Jane was owner of the Herwyn Inn at 58 Highland Drive. The Inn started as a boarding house and was converted to a cottage. Ed died on October 28, 1968. Jane, the daughter of Govert and Areka Van Der Meijden Van Herwynen, was born on November 20, 1884 and died in Grand Haven on August 26, 1977. She and Edward were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Andrew Peterson [1900-1985]**

Born on April 15, 1900, Andrew was the son of Onne and Katerina Peterson of Grand Haven. Andrew and his wife, Helen, resided at 116 North Park in Spring Lake. Helen was born in Kalamazoo on December 31, 1901, the daughter of John and Anna Huizenga Vander Zwaag. The Petersons were married in Spring Lake on June 28, 1922. Helen belonged to the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Their children were Owen, who was born in 1925; Fred, who was born in 1928; Helen, who was born on May 16, 1930, married Wesley C. De Witt of Spring Lake, and passed away on September 8, 2001; and John. By 1918 Andrew was employed as an accountant at Johnston Boiler Works in Ferrysburg. He died on February 14, 1985 in Spring Lake, and Helen passed away on February 12, 1997. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lambert Vander Zwaag of Spring Lake was her brother. [*Tribune* obituary, February 13, 1997.]

#### **Carl Uno Peterson [1906-1943]**

Carl Peterson was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on November 12, 1906. His parents were Axel [1874-1918] and Elvira [1880-1909] Peterson. After Elvira's death, Alex married Alma Lund in Lynn on November 23, 1912. They had one child, Esther, Carl's half-sister. When Axel died, his widow in the summer of 1920 returned to Sweden with Esther, while Carl stayed with Peterson relatives, finished high school, and went on to the Coast Guard Academy in New London., Connecticut. He married Esther May

Conant in Brookline, Massachusetts on August 27, 1932. She was born in Littleton, Massachusetts on August 11, 1907. Carl assumed command of the Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* on March 19, 1942 and earned the rank of lieutenant commander. He was commanding officer of the cutter when it went down in the North Atlantic Ocean on June 13, 1943. He previously had been the ship's Executive Officer. Commander Peterson was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit. A monument was erected at Battery Park in New York City to honor the 101 crewmen who lost their lives, including Commander Peterson. Esther passed away in Fall City, Washington on October 23, 1997. They had a son, Harvey Conant Peterson, who was born in 1936.

#### **Charles [Carl] W. Peterson [1864-1947]**

Charles Peterson was born in Sweden in November 1864 and immigrated to the United States in 1880. By 1900 he was surfman with the United States Lifesaving Service in Grand Haven. He held to that career until sometime after 1910. By 1920 Charles was listed as a sailor, and by 1930 was a bridge tender. His wife, Annette, also a native of Sweden, was born in March 1865 and arrived in the United States in 1891. The Petersons had at least four children: Agda V., who lived from March 1894 to 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Carl Arnold, born in August 1896; Louis E., who was born in October 1897; and George Spencer, born on June 29, 1900. All the children were born locally. The family resided at 343 Fulton, then 1243 Fulton, and finally at 625 Franklin. Charles passed away on May 30, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Annette died on December 5, 1950 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Frederick J. Peterson [1928-2016]**

Born on October 8, 1928 in Spring Lake, Fred was the son of Andrew and Helen Vander Zwaag Peterson. Fred married Muriel Hastings in Grand Haven on September 14, 1955. She was born in Petoskey on July 14, 1932. Fred served in the Army during the Korean War. Following the war, he was a member of Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church and member of the American Rose Society. He served as member and president of the Spring Lake Township Board, including several years on the recreation and zoning boards. When he retired from Dykstra Food in 1986, he held the position of vice president.

Muriel was associated with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum as volunteer and staff member, including many years as manager of the museum's gift shop. She also taught calligraphy. Muriel was a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church and church choir.

Fred and Muriel had four children: Cindy, who married Mark Bennington and relocated to Chesterfield, Missouri; Suzanne Peterson of Nunica; Steve Peterson of Grand Rapids; and Lisa, who married Mike Kendra and remained in Spring Lake. Fred died on April 24, 2016 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Muriel passed away in Spring Lake on February 9, 2024 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 26, 2016.]

#### **George Edwin Peterson [1927-1985]**

George Peterson married Mary Ann Bramer in Grand Haven on December 3, 1950. The daughter of Berend John and Dorothy Dietz Bramer, Mary Ann was born on January 8, 1929. Edwin, as George was called, served as corporal with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. George was part of a group that in 1962 led a drive to incorporate the Village of Ferrysburg as a Fifth Class City. A vote in April the next year approved the petition. George was elected city clerk on the charter commission. The Petersons resided at 17788 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Ferrysburg, across the street from the Bramer farm. Mary Ann died on October 16, 2019 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George, who was a teacher in the Spring Lake Public Schools, lived from November 14, 1927 to June 22, 1985 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter, Mary Lynn Peterson, was born about 1960. Mary Lynn and her husband Edward De Kiep lived on the Bramer family farm at 17813 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Ferrysburg.

#### **John Peterson I [1842-1933]**

John Peterson, a native of Sweden, was born on December 17, 1842. In the 1880s he owned a grocery store at 532 Jackson Street. Later he worked as a ship's carpenter. John died on November 17, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Hydeane [Heidina/Hyden] Perdok, who was born in The Netherlands on November 4, 1849, passed away on December 12, 1935, and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had at least five children: Henry Peterson [1875-1963]; Mae Peterson [1878-1964]; Jennie Peterson [1881-1925]; John Peterson II [1883-1938]; and Maud Peterson [1886-1970]. The family resided at 507 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven.

#### **Mae Peterson [1878-1964]**

Mae Peterson in the mid-1910s owned Mae Peterson's Hat Shop at 101 North Third Street. She lived with her parents, John and Hydeane Perdok Peterson, at 507 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Born in 1878, Mae on July 28, 1917 married Neil Alexander McLachlin in Grand Haven. He was born in Ontario, Canada on April 5, 1879, died in Grand Haven on November 16, 1932, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He worked as a conductor on one of the railroad lines. Neil and Mae continued to live in the Peterson family home on Lake Avenue. Mae passed away in 1964 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Onne Rikkerts Peterson [Pietersen] [1849-1927]**

Onne was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on August 16 [15], 1849, the son of Rikkert Berends and Dietje Harms Medendorp Pietersen. Dietje was born in The Netherlands on March 20, 1819 and married Rikkert on December 29, 1845. Onne's first wife, Johanna, died on July 2, 1882. He then married Katerina [Catherina/Catherine/Katherine] De Rijke on September 10, 1885 in Grand Haven. Katerina was born in The Netherlands in October 1862. By this time Onne spelled the family name Peterson. Early in the 1900s he and his family resided at 1018 Elliott. By 1918 the family lived at 218 De Spelder, where Katerina still resided in 1930, living as a widow with one of her sons, Barney [Barnard], who was born in May 1898. Their other children, all born locally, were Jennie, born in December 1887; Jacob, born in January 1888; Dena, born in March 1889; Gertie, born in April 1891; Nellie, born in April 1893; Katie, born in December 1896; and Andrew, born in January 1900. Onne, who immigrated to the United States in 1852, was a laborer. He died on September 10, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple had seven children, including Andrew, who was born on April 15, 1900. Katerina died on September 13, 1941 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Dagobert [Norbert] "Bert" Petri [1925-2009]**

Bert Petri was born in Germany in 1925, served with the German army during World War II, was twice a prisoner of war, and escaped once. After the war he married Emilie Emma Waltraud, who was born in Germany on March 4, 1929. They lived in East Germany and in 1956 managed to flee to the West, eventually making their home in Hesperia and then Pentwater, both in Oceana County. Bert became a naturalized citizen in 1965, Emilie in 1980. Emilie died on December 20, 2006. Bert's second wife, Cheryl Jo Smith, also an artist, was born in Muskegon on February 11, 1946.

Bert Petri and Cheri owned and managed Our Gallery, which opened in 1986 in Pentwater. Bert focused on marine themes using watercolors and oils. In 1984 his oil painting "Maine Coast" captured first place and a cash award from General Telephone in Muskegon's Fine Art Guild's Eighth Annual Fall Show. Also in 1984 the painting was accepted into the 57<sup>th</sup> annual West Michigan Juried Competition, sponsored by the Muskegon Museum of Art. His oil painting "Memory of a Mountain" appeared in the Muskegon Fine Arts Guild Annual Show in 1985 and was awarded second place. He was commissioned by the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Committee on several occasions to submit paintings appropriate to the occasion.

In 2008 Bert published *The Complete Guide to Painting Water*. In it he wrote, "From puddles to oceans . . . [this is] every painter's guide to capturing the magic of water." Cheri sold Our Gallery after Bert's death on September 29, 2009 and opened Petri Gallery in Pentwater five years later.

#### **James Thomas Pett [1873-1929]**

James Pett, who was born in Muskegon on September 23, 1873, lost his life when the ferry *Milwaukee* went down in a storm on October 22, 1929. Captain Pett was Third Officer aboard the vessel at the time it sank. Early in his career he sailed with his uncle, Captain Thomas Honner of Grand Haven. On May 9, 1908 in Grand Haven, he married Millie [Minnie/Malinda] May Gale. The daughter of Daniel and Minnie Weston Gale, Millie was born in Grand Haven on May 1, 1882. They had two surviving children: Daniel, born in 1913, and Dorothy, who lived from 1915 to 1999. The family resided at 416 Lafayette Street. Millie died on May 13, 1973.

### **Thomas Petty [1828- ?]**

Born in England about 1828, Thomas Petty by 1870 had immigrated to Spring Lake Township. In the Federal Census of that year, he was listed as a horticulturist. He settled on a little less than 45 acres in Section 11, where he grew fruit. He was a member of the Michigan State Pomological Society. His wife Mary, also a native of England, was born around 1840. The Petty property was bordered on one side by Hammond's Bayou [now Petty's Bayou] and by Spring Lake on another side. Thomas was still the owner of record of the land in Section 11 in 1897.

### **William E. Pew [1868-1939] and Caroline Lee Pew [1857-1939]**

William Pew owned and operated the Colonial Flower Shop at 13-15 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. He also resided there. With him in 1930 was his sister, Caroline Lee Pew, born in St. Joseph, Berrien County on January 14, 1857 and passed away Geneva, Illinois on June 18, 1939. William was born in St. Joseph, Berrien County on February 25, 1868 and died Oronoko, Berrien County on November 8, 1939. Neither one was married.

### **Charles John Pfaff I [1829-1887]**

Charles Pfaff was born in The Netherlands [Oldenburg, Germany] on January 8, 1829, arrived in Grand Haven in 1849, was elected sheriff in 1864, became the city's first marshal in 1867, and served as alderman in 1887. He married Geertruida "Gertrude" Strang in Allegan County on September 1, 1850. She was from Utrecht, The Netherlands, where she was born on October 16, 1830. She immigrated to the United States in 1848. Charles and Gertrude resided in a house at the corner of Howard and Second Streets. In 1870 Charles worked for the railroad. Later he worked with his son at Fred Pfaff & Company Hardware Store at 115 Washington. Fred was born around 1859. Other children were John, born about 1851; Fritz, born about 1860; Charles II, born in October 1863; August born about 1868; Christian, born about 1872; and Geertruida "Gertrude," born in May 1875. All the children were born in Michigan. Gertrude the daughter married Robert De Bruyn, who was born in December 1873. Gertrude and Robert had at least one child, Francis, born in July 1896. Gertrude the mother lived dies in Grand Rapids on January 17, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles I died on November 14, 1887 and was buried at Lake Forest with his wife.

### **Charles J. Pfaff II [1863-1956]**

Charles Pfaff II worked with his brother Fred at the Pfaff Hardware Store, located at 115 Washington in Grand Haven. The son of Charles and Gertrude Stang Pfaff, Charles II was born in Grand Haven in August 1863. On September 1, 1887 in Grand Haven, he married Gertrude Gale. They resided at the corner of Howard and Second Streets. The daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Adams Gale, Gertrude was born in Brookfield, Vermont on February 28, 1864, passed away in Milwaukee on September 6, 1961, and was buried at Forest Home Cemetery. Lucy was born in Vermont in February 1817 and died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1900. Charles and Gertrude had a daughter Emma, born in July 1889. Charles died in Milwaukee in 1956 and was buried with his wife at Forest Home.

### **Clifford John Pfaff I [1876-1961]**

With George De Young and Robert De Bruyn, Clifford Pfaff started the Grand Haven Baking Company at 214 Washington about 1901. De Young and Pfaff bought out De Bruyn's interest in 1905. Clifford was

bookkeeper and managed the retail store. The son of John and Emma Gale Pfaff, Clifford married Katherine [Kathryn] Pippel in Grand Haven on June 14, 1909. She was the daughter of Englebort and Adirana Pippel. Clifford built the residence at 602 Lafayette in 1901 and after their marriage he and Katherine lived in it for a few years. He also constructed the houses at 532 Pennoyer and 414 Howard about the same time. In 1930 the family resided on Lake Avenue in Spring Lake. Among the Pfaffs' children were John A., born on August 22, 1913, and Clifford J. II, born on March 2, 1924. Clifford I was a lifetime Mason and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He lived from June 1876 to May 24, 1961, while Katherine was born in 1866 and died on August 9, 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Clifford John Pfaff II [1924-2017]**

The son of Clifford and Katherine Pippel Pfaff, Clifford II was born in Grand Haven on March 2, 1924., He married Gladys Russell in Memphis, Tennessee on May 18, 1948, after Cliff had spent four years as a Marine during WW II. He received a doctor's degree in pharmacy from Ferris State University in 1950. Two years later he purchased Hetzel Pharmacy at 1125 Washington Street and changed the name to Pfaff Pharmacy. He sold the real estate and business to Dwayne Bloemers in 1981. He and Gladys had two children: Robyn Daahl Pfaff and Mark Pfaff [1951-2022]. The Pfaffs made their residence at Ship-a-Hoy, a cottage in Highland Park [112 Poplar Trail]. Gladys died on October 6, 2014. Cliff passed away on August 25, 2017. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 26, 2017.]

#### **Frederick Pfaff [1859-1932]**

Born in 1859, Fred was the son of Charles and Gertrude Strang Pfaff. Around 1900 Fred opened the Fred Pfaff Hardware Store, also known as Pfaff & Company, located at 115 Washington. Fred married Clara Gale Little, who previously had been married to Angus Little I. Angus died in 1881. Clara Gale was born in Stowe, Vermont, on October 9, 1856 and came to Grand Haven in 1874. She was the daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale and the sister of Sawin and Daniel, John Pfaff's partner in a store located at 114 Washington. Clara's sister Emma Gale married John Pfaff. Fred and Clara lived at 414 Howard in Grand Haven. They had a daughter Vera, who moved with her husband, Walter Kirkland, to Milwaukee. Vera was born in September 1889. In 1930 Angus Little and Vera were living at the Pfaff home. Angus assumed ownership of Pfaff Hardware after Frederick's death on October 24, 1932. Clara died three years later. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, September 1, 1920.]

#### **John A. Pfaff [1851-1920]**

A native of Michigan, John Pfaff was born to Charles and Gertrude Strang Pfaff in Saugatuck on June 15, 1851. When John as a boy, the family moved to Grand Haven, and his father was elected Ottawa County sheriff. Young John started out in the mercantile business, and then opened a general insurance and real estate business with partner Daniel Gale. They had offices in Grand Rapids, and in Grand Haven. Among other downtown locations, they were on the second floor of 214 Washington for fifteen years. John next purchased an insurance business from John Wyman, which he ran with his only son, Clifford. John and Daniel Gale also were partners in a General Store at 114 Washington. John was City treasurer for one term and a director of the Grand Haven State Bank.

John's wife, Emma Gale, was born in Brookfield, Vermont on September 28, 1854. She was the daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale and the sister of Sawin and Daniel Gale, both of Grand Haven. Daniel was Pfaff's partner. The Pfaffs lived at 602 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Their son Clifford was born in June 1876. John died on August 31, 1920 and Emma died on August 14, 1933. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 1, 1920.]

#### **John A. Pfaff [1913-1999]**

The son of Clifford and Katherine Pippel Pfaff, John was born in Grand Haven on August 22, 1913. He married Evelyn Luhrs on December 12, 1936. Evelyn, who was born on October 27, 1910, died in

Muskegon on October 31, 1997. John served in the U.S. Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regimental Band from 1933 to 1936. Later he was Personnel manager for the Ramsey Corporation in Fruitport, and then he went to work for the Gardner-Denver Company in Grand Haven, where he remained for the next 27 years. He retired in 1977 as manager of Employee Relations. John was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where he served as Elder and Deacon. He was a charter member of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and served as president of that group for two years. He chaired the committee that in 1971 took over the Grand Trunk Depot at One North Harbor and converted it to a museum. He became the Museum's first volunteer director, a post he held for two years. He also was a Mason. John died on July 23, 1999 at his brother's home in Muskegon and was buried with other family members at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 16, 1999.]

#### **Pieter “Peter” Frederick Pfanstiehl I [1807-1892]**

In 1851 Peter Frederick Pfanstiehl of Kalamazoo established the first stagecoach line between that city, Holland, and Grand Haven for the purpose of carrying passengers and mail. By 1864 he owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Olive Township, and by 1880 he was a resident of Holland. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a retired merchant living in Holland. Peter was a native of The Netherlands, where he was born in 1807. His wife, Helena Muelenbrock [Muelenbroek], also from The Netherlands, was born in 1812 and died on June 8, 1885. They were married on June 5, 1833 in their home country. Peter died in Holland, Michigan on July 11, 1892 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery with Helena. They had seven children, five of whom survived childhood.

#### **Peter F. Pfanstiehl [1854-1930]**

Peter Pfanstiehl, who was born in The Netherlands on October 20, 1854, married Amy Van Sickle in Grand Haven on October 4, 1880. At the time of their wedding, they lived in Fruitport. Later they moved to southern Michigan, where Amy died in 1907 and Peter on February 17, 1930. They were buried at Arlington Hill Cemetery in Bangor. Amy was born in Van Buren County the same year as Peter.

#### **Nathaniel Timothy Phelps [1877-1962]**

In 1910 Nathaniel Phelps was bartender at a saloon owned by Joseph Flynn. The saloon was located at 332 Madison Street in 1910. Both were single men in 1910 and lived on the premises. Nathaniel was born in Oceana County on December 24, 1877. By 1917 he was living in Grand Rapids and working as a laborer. In 1942, still unmarried, he was living in Arcadia, Manistee County. He died in Muskegon in 1962.

#### **William Wallace Phelps I [1826-1873]**

William Phelps was born in Oakland County on June 1, 1826, graduated with a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1846 and moved to Minnesota. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from that state in 1858. On December 12, 1849, he married Sarah Brown Mann in Oakland County, where she was born in Oakland County on December 12, 1832. Two of their eight children survived to adulthood, including William Wallace Phelps II, who lived from 1869 to 1946. William I died in Spring Lake on August 3, 1873 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Red Wing, Minnesota. Sarah passed away on June 8, 1917 in Los Angeles, California, and was buried at Oakwood.

#### **Alfred Earl Phillips [1926-2005]**

Al, the son of David and Nettie Barnett Phillips, was born in Portland, Oregon on August 18, 1926. He married Henrietta Vanderstelt on March 11, 1948. Henrietta was born in Muskegon County about March 1929. Al served with the Army in the Philippine Islands during WWII. In Grand Haven he was employed as a woodworker and craftsman at the Gordon Laughead and Story & Clark Piano Companies until 1972. That year he opened Cobbs Chicken Take-Out at 305 North Beacon Boulevard. Al sold the business in 1990 and then started another enterprise, Confidential Paper Shredding. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spring Lake. The Phillips' children were Roger of Holland; Kendal of Gaylord; and



Beverly, who married Warren Van Kampen of Spring Lake. The Phillipses resided at 1502 Hillcrest in Grand Haven. Al died on October 11, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, October 24, 2005.]

### **Walter R. Phillips [1833-1907]**

Walter Phillips, who was born in Ohio on October 17, 1833, raised grapes on about 20 acres of land near Townsend Gidley's extensive holdings in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. The land was owned previously by Albert O. Ewing. Walter died on March 24, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Mary Jane, a native of New York, lived from August 1838 [1839] to 1917 and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Edward W., born about 1864; Charles H., born about 1866; John F., born about 1868; and Jenny, born about 1871. Walter, president of the West Michigan Fruit Growers' Society, authored an article sketching the history of "Fruit Culture in Ottawa County." The article appeared in Volume IX [1886], *Michigan Historical Society Records*, pages 267-270.

### **William Levi Phillips [1875-1955]**

From 1906 to 1913 William Phillips was special deputy collector of customs, working under Walter I. Lillie. After all five customs collection districts in Michigan were consolidated in 1913, Lillie gave up his post and William continued as deputy collector. He also was the resident manager and treasurer of the New Era Association, which offered life insurance. His office was in the new post office building, built in 1905 at the northwest corner of Washington and Third Streets. William was a member of the Masons and the Grand Haven Stag Club.

On October 6, 1903 in Grand Haven, William married Frances Finley. Frances, born in Buffalo, New York on November 28, 1876, was the daughter of William and Mary Ann Nial Finley. William died in 1878, and by 1880 Frances resided with her sister, Ella Finley, at the residence of Thomas and Mary Ann Nial Finley Scott at 227 Elliott Street. In the Federal Census of that year Frances and Ella were listed as daughters-in-law, but the census taker meant stepdaughters. Frances graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1894 and taught beginning reading at Jackson Street School [606 Elliott Street]. The Phillips resided at 14 South Third and 301 South Fifth. William was born in Lamont on May 25, 1875, died in Grand Haven about April 1, 1955, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frances passed away around December 28, 1961 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **John D. Pickett I [1824-1898]**

John Pickett, born in White River, Vermont, on January 13, 1824, moved to Wapello County, Iowa. On October 24, 1844 he married Eleanor Griswold. She was born in Ontario, Canada, on November 5, 1826 and died in Crockery Township on February 20, 1897. On September 3, 1861 John joined Company K of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry as first sergeant. On July 1, 1862 he was promoted to quartermaster sergeant. John was discharged for disability on September 29, 1862 and settled on 80 acres in Section 15 of Crockery Township the next year. The Picketts had 11 children, four of whom survived, including John II, who was born on December 15, 1861, and a daughter, Hannah, who was born about 1868 and married Abe Arnold on December 28, 1888 in Nunica. John I died on November 17, 1898 in Crockery Township, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **John D. Pickett II [1861-1931]**

John Pickett II was born in Iowa on December 15, 1861 and died February 23, 1931. He came to Nunica with his parents, John and Eleanor Griswold Pickett, when he was two years old. In the 1890s he owned a grocery store in Nunica offering "Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Flour and Feed," and he also was postmaster from 1891 to 1895. He married Clara Mines in 1888. The daughter of William and Phoebe Mines, Clara was born in Michigan in March 1865 and passed away in 1950. They had one son, William, born on April 13, 1890. John was justice of the peace and Crockery Township treasurer, as well as a member of the I.O.O.F., No. 54, and the Maccabees. He and Clara were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **William H. Pickett [1890-1964]**

William, the son of John and Clara Mines Pickett II, took over his father's business in Nunica, the Pickett Farm Equipment Company. William was born on April 13, 1890 and served in the military during WWI. His first wife, Charlotte, died in 1969. He then married Laura Smith on December 14, 1963. Laura, who lived from January 5, 1910 to October 15, 1999, died in Muskegon. William died at home on May 5, 1964 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

#### **Mary E. Pierce [1842-1895]**

Around 1896 May Pierce of Grand Haven, then 13, was found guilty of choking her mother to death on July 8, 1895. The mother, Mary Pierce, was born in New York in 1842 and resided near Berlin [Marne] in Tallmadge Township with her husband Levi at the time of her death. An accomplice, eighteen-year-old George Cheseboro [Cheeseboro], had earlier been found guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Levi, a farmer, was born in New York in October 1839. Levi and Mary had at least two other children.

#### **Abram [Abraham] Ward Pike [1813-1906]**

Abram Pike was hired as clerk of the Port Sheldon Land Company when that development started in 1836. When the project failed a year or two later, Pike stayed on as sole occupant and agent. He lived there for several years and in 1850 sold the hotel and thirty lots [15 acres] to William J. Bakker of Saugatuck for \$600, less than the cost of the paint and glass used in constructing the buildings. Abram, his wife, and children around 1844 moved to Grand Rapids and that year built a residence at 230 East Fulton Street that included four of the columns from the front of the Ottawa House Hotel at Port Sheldon. Four years after his death in 1906, the house on East Fulton became home to the Grand Rapids Art Gallery. From 1847 to 1848 he served as Grand Rapids city marshall.

Born in Cincinnati on October 5, 1813, Abram arrived in Michigan in 1827 and worked for a short time as assistant at the Indian Mission School in Niles. On September 30, 1841 he married Elinora Louise Prior. She died on October 5, 1853 at the age of 29. Two years later he married Eliza Jane Roberts. Born in New York, Eliza lived from October 13, 1833 to October 9, 1914. Abram died in Grand Rapids on October 15, 1906. They were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Walter David Pike [1868-1910]**

Walter Pike was a telegraph operator at the Pere Marquette station in Grand Haven and later represented the North American Union Insurance Company for the Tri-Cities area. On June 4, 1892 he married Bertha May Fuller in Kalamazoo. In 1900 he and Bertha were living in Benton Harbor, where Walter worked as a telegraph operator. In 1910 he and Bertha lived in Oklahoma, where Walter owned a hotel. Living with them was their son Leo, born in Michigan about 1895. Walter was born in Kalamazoo on May 26, 1868, died on December 20, 1910, and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in his hometown. On April 14, 1917, Bertha married William Canfield in Grand Haven. Bertha was born about 1871 in Belmont, New York. William, a salesman, was 49 at the time of the marriage and resided in Syracuse, New York. Bertha passed away in Wellsville, New York, on November 29, 1960. William had died in 1926. Both were buried at Forest Hills Cemetery in Belmont, New York.

#### **Erwin Pikulik [1912-1929] and Rudolph Pikulik [1908-1929]**

Brothers Rudolph and Erwin Pikulik were among ten people who drowned at Grand Haven State Park on July 4, 1929. Rudolph, who was born in Czechoslovakia on February 14, 1908, was 22 and Erwin, born in Chicago on July 1, 1912, was 17. They were sons of Joseph and Aurelia [Amelie] Pikulik of Robinson Township and were visiting from Detroit for the holiday. Both were employed at the Ford Motor Company. Joseph was born on September 18, 1881 and died on November 18, 1954. Aurelia was born in 1885 and passed away on March 24, 1933. Joseph and Aurelia were born in Bohemia [Czechoslovakia] and immigrated to the United States, Joseph in 1911 and Aurelia the next year. On December 18, 1937 in Grand Haven, Joseph married Mary Rohacek, who lived from 1903 to 1947. By 1948 Joseph had moved to

Grand Haven and resided at 2 Elliott Street. The brothers and their parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mary.

### **Warren Clark Pilling I [1925-1990] and Marcia Travis Pilling [1926-2011]**

Born in Toronto, Canada on April 19, 1925, Warren Pilling came to the United States in 1930 and became a medical doctor. He married Marcia Travis. The daughter of Charles Clinton and Rose Travis, Marcia was born in Grand Rapids on May 23, 1926. She was active in a variety of roles in Grand Rapids, and in Grand Haven she opened Mailboxes, Etc. at 101 Washington Street, was the first president of the Board of the Central Business District in 2000 and was a docent at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Their retirement home was in the Wilderness at 12779 Lakeshore Drive. Originally a cottage built in the mid-1920s by the Travises, Warren and Marcia substantially remodeled it, adding a full basement, garage, new bedrooms, and a library. They were able to enjoy the remodeled home for the first time around the Thanksgiving Holiday in 1983. The Pillings had four children: Warren II, Cathy, Susan, and Amy. Warren died in Grand Haven on November 5, 1990. Marcia passed away, also in Grand Haven, on April 11, 2011. [*Tribune* obituary, April 16, 2011.]

### **John Pinto [1889- ?]**

John and Luella Pinto resided at 1329 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in 1930. Living with them was Luella's daughter Esther Wolfe, Esther's husband Eugene, and the Wolfes's two children, Charlene and Tyrie [Terry]. John Pinto, who was born in Portugal on March 5, 1889 and immigrated to the United States in 1909, was a laborer in a machine shop. He and Luella were married about 1922. Luella was born in Arkansas about 1892 and had been married previously. Esther, born about 1912, was her daughter by the earlier marriage. Also living with the Pintos in 1930 was Albert Rouse, who was born in Illinois about 1896. Like the other members of the household, Albert was African American, unmarried, and did odd jobs to make a living. Apparently Albert, the Pintos, and the Wolfes arrived in Grand Haven around 1930. By 1960 Luella was a widow residing in Muskegon. The Wolfes remained in Grand Haven.

### **James Perry Piper [1942-2017]**

In the late 1970s, attorneys James Piper and William R. Dickey maintained a law office at 220½ Washington Street. By 1986, James and Kenneth R. Lampe were law partners with an office at 509 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. James was born in Ames, Iowa on January 9, 1942. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa and his master degree from Michigan State University. James served with the United States Army and was stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge, James received his Juris Prudence degree from Wayne State University in 1971. He then moved to Muskegon to become assistant prosecuting attorney for the county, and later moved to the Tri-Cities area. James resided in Spring Lake at 17714 North Shore Estates Road. James and his wife Judy had two sons, Greg Piper, who moved to Arvada, Colorado, and Ted Piper, who relocated to Dillon, Colorado. James died at Meijer Heart Center in Grand Rapids on February 11, 2017. Judy was born on July 4, 1943.

### **Teunis Anthony Pippel I [1851-1914]**

Grand Haven cabinet maker Anthony Pippel I was born in The Netherlands on September 25, 1851 and arrived in Ottawa County with two brothers, Cornelius and Engelbert, in 1867. On September 6, 1871, Anthony married Cornelia Hoebeke in Grand Haven. They and their children resided at 446 Slayton Street in Grand Haven. Among the children were Anthony II, born on May 28, 1880; Cornelius "Neal," born in August 1884; and Henrietta [Hendrika] Tona, who was born on May 8, 1894 and married Joseph Nuismer. Cornelia was born in The Netherlands in May 1853 and died on June 2, 1909. Anthony I died in Grand Haven on July 13, 1914. Cornelia lived from May 18, 1853 to March 3, 1965. Husband and wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Teunis Anthony Pippel II [1880-1933]**

The Common Council [City Council] appointed Anthony Pippel chief of the Grand Haven Fire Department and Police Department in 1913. Born on May 28, 1880, he was the son of Anthony and Cornelia Pippel. He married Anna Ball in Grand Haven on November 29, 1905. Their home was at 446 Slayton Street. Under his leadership, the Police Department purchased its first motorized vehicle, a converted touring car. Six years later the first motor driven pumper truck was added to the Fire Department's vehicles. It had a four-speed transmission and could race off to a fire at 45 miles per hour. When the two departments were separated in 1919. Anthony stayed on as police chief, a post he held until 1931, when he retired for health reasons. Anthony II died on June 19, 1933, three years before the new building on North Fifth Street was dedicated. Anna lived from March 22, 1882 to March 3, 1965. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Cornelius Pippel [Peppel] [1845-1920]**

Three Pippel brothers, Cornelius, Anthony, and Engelbert, came to Ottawa County from The Netherlands in 1867. Cornelius, who was born in April 1845, settled in Robinson Township, where he and his wife Johanna maintained a 120-acre farm. Their residence and 40 acres were located in Section 10, with the remaining acreage in nearby Section 9. Johanna was born in The Netherlands in February 1848. They had ten children, all born in Michigan, including Henrietta, born about 1869; John H., born in July 1872; Cornelius J., born about 1875; Anna, born about 1876; Teunis, born about 1879; Nellie, born in September 1880; Engelbert, born in May 1883; and Jans, born in May 1885. Cornelius died in 1920.

### **Cornelius "Neal" Pippel [1884-1955]**

The son of Anthony and Cornelia "Kate" Hoebeke Pippel I, Neal was born in August 1884. He worked at the Piano Factory for a while and became a fire fighter for Grand Haven. On September 3, 1907 in Grand Haven, Neal married Nellie Vanden Bosch, who lived from October 27, 1885 to June 22, 1982. and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple lived at 716 Elliott Street and 633 Slayton. Nellie was the daughter of Tamme and Cornelia Duiser Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven. At the time of her death she resided at 704 Pennoyer. Neal passed away about September 24, 1955. He and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Englebert Pippel I [1851-1909]**

Englebert was one of three Pippel brothers that immigrated to Ottawa County from The Netherlands in 1867. Englebert was born on September 25, 1851 and worked in a local sawmill. By 1900 he was working as a carpenter. His wife, Adirana, was born in The Netherlands on December 14, 1852 and arrived in the United States in 1869. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Cornelius, born in March 1873; Gomme, born about 1874; Henrietta, born about 1876; Edward, born in September 1879; Cora, born in February 1882; Matilda, born in July 1884; Katharine, born in August 1886; Henry, born in October 1888; John, born in October 1889; Antony H., born on December 13, 1892; and Englebert II, who was born in June 1896 and drowned in the Grand River on June 14, 1909. Englebert I died on June 12, 1909. Adriana passed away on December 8, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

### **John Robert Pippel [1890-1963]**

John, the son of Englebert and Adirana Pippel of Grand Haven, was born near Big Rapids on April 20, 1890. After working eight years at the *Grand Haven Tribune* in the printing department, John went to work for the *Coopersville Observer*. He next attended a graphics art school in Brooklyn, New York, followed by employment at Corson Publishing and two Buffalo, New York newspapers. In 1916 he was hired again by the *Tribune*, this time as Plant superintendent of Printing. He left the Grand Haven paper in 1930 and the next year started a printing business of his own on Seventh Street. Marvin Patterson joined him later as a partner. John and Claude and Fern Ver Duin began operating a printing business from the Ver Duin home and published a weekly newspaper, the *Grand Haven Searchlight*. John retired from the printing business in 1953, died on April 3, 1963, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 20, 1915 he married Eileen "Nellie" Bevins on October 20, 1915. She was born on October 27, 1885, died

June 22, 1982 while residing at Christian Haven Home, and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Pippels had one son, Robert, who was born about 1920. The family resided at 612 Lake Avenue and later at 17288 West Spring Lake Road.

### **Elsie Odmak Pitts [1921-2018] and William Scott [Dwiggins] Pitts [1915-1978]**

William Scott Pitts [also known as Dwiggins] was born in Muskegon on December 1, 1915. His parents were June [1886-1963] and Hazel Wood [1897-1927] Dwiggins, who were divorced in 1920. After the divorce, Hazel married Arthur Pitts [1896-1968]. On December 9, 1939 William married Lillian M. Cady in Grand Rapids. They were divorced in Muskegon on December 7 the next year. Born in 1916, Lillian passed away in 1990. William married Elsie Odmak in South Bend, Indiana on March 5, 1949. She was born in Jarved, Sweden on January 25, 1921. The couple resided in Muskegon. Elsie, an artist, was a member of the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven. William worked as a bricklayer. He died on May 2, 1978. Elsie died on November 12, 2018. Both were buried at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Muskegon. They had a son Scott M. Pitts, who was born about 1949.

### **Cornelius D. Plaggemars [1895-1970]**

Cornelius Plaggemars was born in Olive Township on September 19, 1895. His parents were George and Maggie Plaggemars. Cornelius married Elizabeth "Bessie" Weener in Grand Haven on November 9, 1916. They lived at 727 Franklin Street in Grand Haven and raised one son, Virgil, who moved to Central Lake, Antrim County. Cornelius worked as a maintenance man at Central School. Ill health forced his retirement in 1943 and he died on March 20, 1970. Elizabeth was born in Michigan on March 28, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on March 11, 1989. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Charles E. Plant [1845-1864]**

Charles was born in Oswego County, New York, in 1845, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant I. The Plant family arrived in Crockery Township in 1854, settling first on 40 acres in Section 28, deeded to him by his father. Eventually Charles deeded 40 acres to each of six children. On December 28, 1863, Charles Plant traveled to Grand Rapids to enlist as private in Company I of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. There was no further military record of him after being reported as ill in Detroit, but he evidently was wounded since he applied for a Civil War invalid's pension on July 22, 1863. By that time, he had returned to Crockery Township, where he died on July 10, 1864 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. By 1893 his wife, Margaret, was the head of the household in Section 15 of Crockery Township. She died sometime before 1908 at the age of 79 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with her husband.

### **Ernest Lloyd Plant [1883-1959]**

Ernest Lloyd, the son of Henry and Jennie Plant, was born on September 8, 1883. He operated an 80-acre farm in Section 28 of Crockery Township that he inherited from his parents. During WWII he worked at Continental Motors in Muskegon. In 1925 Ernest was hired by the Spoonville School Board to drive Ottawa County's first school bus, a Nash automobile, enlarged and fitted with bench seats. The few students were transported to the Nunica school. Ernest died on October 31, 1959 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. His wife Inez lived from 1892 to 1971 and was buried near her husband.

### **Francis James Plant [1821-1896]**

Francis was born in New York on December 13, 1821, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant. He came to Crockery from Oswego County, New York around 1855 and appeared in the 1860 census as a resident of Crockery Township. He soon owned a 40-acre farm in Section 21, deeded to him by his father. Francis was mustered as corporal into Company F of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry on November 1, 1861 and mustered out as private. He may have been wounded, since he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. On April 22, 1896 Francis's wife, Margaret Schultts, born in New York in April 1828, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Like Charles Plant, Francis had a monument at Nunica Cemetery, where his

wife also was buried. In 1913 Margaret moved to Grand Rapids to live with her daughter, Loretta Plant Vanderburg. Margaret died on July 29, 1916. The Plants' surviving children included Alfred, born in New York on July 24, 1848; Frances E., born in New York on August 24, 1849; Loretta and Alvin, twins who were born in New York on December 29, 1851; Rosella, born in 1856; Galen, who was born on December 13, 1857 and eventually moved to Minnesota and Iowa; Stephen, who was born on December 16, 1861 and married Henrietta, born in England in January 1870; Peter, who was born in September 1866, resided in Nunica, died in 1951, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Francis II, who was born, in August 1873. From Rosella on, the children were born in Crockery Township. Francis I died on February 18, 1896. Francis was a member of Bartholomew G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] Post #136 of Nunica.

#### **Francis James Plant [1873-1944]**

The son of Alfred [1848-1928] and Matilda Kent [1856-1894] Plant of Crockery Township, James was born locally in August 1873. He married Alta Hayward in Grand Haven on July 12, 1896, died on April 15, 1944, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. In 1918 Francis II and Alta, were listed as owners of the Plant farmstead in Section 21 of Crockery Township. Called Golden Glo, the farm was located on 77 acres in Section 28 of Crockery Township [southwest corner of 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Leonard Road].

The Plants' children, all born locally, were Edward Lewis, who was born on March 16, 1897 and married Mabel Argetsinger in Coopersville on January 19, 1924; Ella, who was born about 1899 and on August 25, 1923 in Nunica married Arie Molendyk; Julia, who was born about 1902 and married Edward Barnett in Grand Haven on February 28, 1920; Bertha, born about 1906; and Alfred J., born about July 1918. Alta was born in Michigan on January 23, 1875, died on November 18, 1948, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with Francis.

#### **Henry Ebenezer Plant II [1841-1925]**

Henry was born in Oswego County, New York, on October 11, 1841, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant. Eventually Henry I deeded 40 acres to each of his six children. Henry I had homesteaded four 40-acre parcels in Section 28 of Crockery Township, and he acquired additional acreage in Section 21. On February 13, 1862 Henry II enlisted in Company F of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private. On March 19, 1865, at the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, Henry rescued the colors from the midst of the enemy after the designated bearer had fallen. For that action, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, although it was not issued until April 27, 1896. He was the first resident of Ottawa County to receive the award. Henry was mustered out on July 18, 1865 as sergeant. He died in Crockery on April 16, 1925, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with his wife, Jennie S. Also a native of New York, Jennie lived from October 1844 to 1921. Her sister Leah married George Van Etten of Crockery Township.

The Plants had seven children, all born in Michigan, including Carrie M., who was born about 1869 and married Walter D. Rosie of Muskegon; Emma Myrtle, who was born about 1870 and resided in Chicago, Portales and Albuquerque, New Mexico; Lewis C., who was born about 1871 and taught at Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in East Lansing; Pearl [Perl], who was born on November 26, 1872, married Ward Mills in Nunica on August 25, 1898, died on December 30, 1903 in a fire at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; Bessie Charlotte, who was born on March 30, 1880, married Adelbert Parkhurst of Muskegon, and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jessie, who was born on February 17, 1881, died of scalding, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Ernest Lloyd, who was born on September 8, 1883.

#### **William Plant [1842-1864]**

William was born in Oswego County, New York, in 1842, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant I. The Plant family moved to Crockery Township in 1854, settling first on 40 acres in Section 28, deeded to William by his father. Like other members of the Plant family in Crockery Township, William enlisted in the army during the Civil War. On April 11, 1863, he was mustered into Company M of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan

Cavalry. He was captured near Richmond, Virginia on March 1, 1864 and died at Andersonville Prison in Georgia on September 16 the same year. He was buried at the National Cemetery in Andersonville.

### **Henry Coert “Hank” Plantenga [1927-2003]**

In 1962 Henry Plantenga founded Plantenga’s Cleaners in Grand Haven and Spring Lake. He was born in Oak Park, Illinois on October 23, 1927, the son of Henry and Catherine Ploeger Plantenga. He served with the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion and Christ Community Church. He moved to the Grand Haven area in 1947, where he met and married Bertha H. Hoekstra. Bertha died on November 3, 1969. Hank in 1970 married Nancy A. Riley who was born on October 3, 1927. She and Hank resided at 419 South Lake Avenue in Spring Lake. He retired from his business in 1989. Hank and Bertha had five sons and three daughters: Henry G. Plantenga, Allan Plantenga, Richard Plantenga, William Plantenga, Peter Plantenga, Deborah Eaton, Cindy Hoffman, and Le Ann Glasser. Hank died on November 2, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, November 3, 2003.]

### **Stephen Alfred Platt I [1903-1998]**

Stephen was born on June 25, 1903 in Rock Island, Illinois, the son of Alfred and Fay Burk Platt. He married Vernet Burl Anderson on April 24, 1926 in Decatur, Illinois. In 1930 Stephen was chief engineer for a pump company in Macon, Illinois. He was an inventor, and many of the wire heating coils in modern household conveniences were made by Stephen Platt Company, a family business founded in 1953 in Grand Haven. Vernet was secretary-treasurer of the company. The Platts’ children were Gwendolyn Ann Platt, who was born in Wheaton, Illinois about 1927 and married Edward William Burns [1923-2002] of Greenfield, Indiana; Jeanine Platt, who married Walter G. Wolff of Grand Haven; and Steve Platt of Spring Lake. Jeanine was vice president and Walter was manager of the family business, and they resided at 709 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Stephen and Vernet resided at 19639 North Shore Road. Stephen died on December 14, 1998. Vernet, who was born in Chicago on January 28, 1905, passed away on November 21, 2000. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Julius P. Pleines [1875-1953]**

Julius Pleines was born in Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania on March 11, 1875. He rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army. He retired to Grand Haven about 1924 and was seriously wounded during the robbery attempt at Peoples Bank on August 18, 1933. Julius married Ethel G. Terry in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 4, 1918. She was born on December 23, 1879 in Oregon, died on April 16, 1927, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Julius passed away on June 22, 1953 and was buried with his wife.

### **Charles L. Plowman [1903-1992]**

In 1930 Charles Plowman was stationed at the Coast Guard Station in Grand Haven as a crew member. Two years earlier he had married Edna, the daughter of August and Henrietta Podein Boseker. Edna was born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1904. In 1930 she was living with her mother at 1308 Lake. By the mid-1950s Charles and Edna were residing at 1318 Lake Avenue and later at 1319 Lake. Charles passed away on October 13, 1992, and Edna died on February 5, 1993. A son, Jack C., was born on January 2, 1929 and died in Spring Lake on July 20, 1993. Jack married Marjorie “Dollie” Liesen on October 7, 1950. A native of Chicago, she lived from May 19, 1928 to September 11, 2017. Jack and Dollie had eight children. [*Tribune* obituary, September 13, 2017.]

### **Karl Heindrich Christian Podein I [Podine] [1850-1921]**

Karl Podein was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on November 12, 1850. He died on February 21, 1921. His wife, Hanna [Hannah] Rymer, lived from November 12, 1850 to February 21, 1921. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Among their children were Henrietta, who was born on December 24, 1879 and married August Boseker, and Karl, who was born on February 24, 1882. Karl and Hanna were buried at Historical Grand Haven Township Cemetery, as were Karl’s parents, Karl I, who

was born on March 1, 1831 and died on July 1, 1906, and his wife, also named Hannah [Anna], who lived from May 8, 1831 to July 1, 1906.

**Karl [Carl, Charles] Podein II [1882-1962]**

Born on February 24 [27], 1882 in Grand Haven, Karl Podein married Marie [Maria/Mary] Neitring. Born in 1882, she was the daughter of Cornelius and Aaltje Westrink Neitring. Among their children was Walter “Wally” Podein, born in Grand Haven on October 20, 1917. Other children were Frances, Harold, Howard, Lester, and Grace Wilbert of Muskegon. Henrietta Podein Boseker was Karl’s sister. Their parents were Charles and Hanna [Hannah] Podein of Grand Haven Township. Karl and Marie were buried in the family plot at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery, as was Lester Podein, who lived from January 22, 1924 to September 29, 2011.

**Walter “Wally” A. Podein [1917-2001]**

Wally was born in Grand Haven on October 20, 1917, the son of Karl and Marie Neitring Podein. He served with the Army Air Corps in China during WWII, was an employee of Story & Clark for 10 years, and then worked for Michigan Brass for 32 years. On November 15, 1952 he married Marian [Mayron] J. Kamhout in Grand Haven. Marian was the daughter of Lewis and Grace Kamhout of Grand Haven. The Podeins lived at 11822 West Olive Road [U.S. 31] in Grand Haven Township. Both were members of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ. Wally died on May 24, 2001. Marian was born on January 20, 1915 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 18, 2002.

**Foster D. Poe [1898-1975]**

Foster Poe was born in Roachdale, Indiana, on January 21, 1898. He came to Grand Haven in 1955 as president of Automatic Spring Company. Foster served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963, on the Board of the Community Chest, and he was active with the Chamber of Commerce. Foster married Helen A. Ramsey in Indiana, on June 20, 1923. Helen was born in Sheridan, Indiana, on March 29, 1900, the daughter of John and Anna Ramsey. She was a director for Automatic Spring Products and a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Hospital Guild, and the Grand Haven Garden Club. She also was active with the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Meals on Wheels. The Poes’ daughter Phyllis married Darrell Moreland of Grand Haven Township. Foster died on July 13, 1975 and Helen died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1987.

**Abel Poel [1841-1917]**

In the 1890s Abel Poel advertised himself as a “merchant tailor” in Grand Haven. By the early 1900s his son Melle [Mel/Mellie] had joined him in the tailoring business in a room at the back of 209 Washington. Abel and his wife Elke “Elsie” lived at 615 Fulton. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, founded in 1882. Abel, who was born on August 16, 1841 in The Netherlands, immigrated to the United States in 1865. He died on August 2, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elsie, a native of The Netherlands, lived from October 1841 to about June 6, 1918 and was buried near her husband and other family members at Lake Forest Cemetery. Melle was born in Michigan in February 1869. Other children were Fred Poel, born in January 1882, Grace “Gertie” Poel, born in April 1884, and John Nyhof Poel born on April 3, 1901.

**Clarence William “Tad” Poel [1920-2011]**

For 37 years “Focus on People” was a regular feature in the *Grand Haven Tribune*. The column was written by Clarence Poel, known to almost everyone as Tad. Clarence was born at the Salvation Army post in Grand Rapids on June 24, 1920. Not long after birth, he was adopted by William and Marie Poel of Grand Haven, where he was raised and attended school. After graduating from high school at the age of 17, Tad worked on an assembly line at a manufacturing plant in Grand Rapids, but three weeks before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he joined the U.S. Army as a private. During his four years of military service in the South



Pacific and stateside with the Army Air Corps, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in a combat zone. He worked as clerk for his unit.

On August 8, 1945, he married Doris Ruth Welling in Grand Haven. Prior to his marriage and while overseas, he wrote letters to Doris every day. She saved them all, and a few found their way into the office of Almon McCall, editor and publisher of the *Tribune* during the war years. He was impressed with Tad's writing and in 1945 asked the retuning soldier to join the newspaper staff as sportswriter and reporters. Tad accepted, and at the same time he wrote for the *Tribune*, he attended business school in Muskegon and he was a stringer for the *Grand Rapids Herald* and two Detroit newspapers.

Tad's talent for journalism flourished, and before many years elapsed, he was selected as editor of the editorial page, long before he started writing Focus on People in late summer 1973. Tad had other opportunities. When Gerald Ford was elected to the U.S. Congress for the first time, he invited the newspaperman to become his press secretary. Tad declined. He did not want to move his family to Washington, D.C.

Tad was a hometown person. As his son Randy told a reporter, "He loved writing about the good in people. He didn't like it when people messed up. He didn't like it when names got splashed all over the paper." Randy added, "He believed in his faith, his family second, and community and country right after that."

The August 20, 1973 edition of the *Tribune* introduced Tad's column: "Today we start a local column featuring people. It will show them in all walks of life. The young, the older, the elderly—men and women—all will be in 'Focus on People.' That's the name we've chosen for the column."

The word "focus" had a double meaning. Tad's goal was to devote his column to a specific topic, usually an individual. He also carried a camera to each interview to literally "focus" on the person.

On May 16, 1992 "Focus on People" put Tad in the spotlight:

The First Salvation Army Community Service Award was presented to Clarence 'Tad' Poel at the annual Salvation Army meeting. This award was given to Poel for his outstanding service to the Salvation Army and to the community. He served as a Salvation Army board member for 23 years, having been chairman of the board for two years.

Poel was discharged from armed forces in 1945 after service overseas for three years and one more year stateside. In addition to the Salvation Army, he has served in many capacities with the North Ottawa Council on aging, WISH (West Indies Self-Help), Gideon Camp, Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, Ottawa County Cancer Society, Ottawa County Polio Society, Grand Haven Rotary, and Love, Inc. He taught Sunday school, presided over the men's society, sang in the choir at the Second Christian Reformed Church.

He covered events for the Grand Rapids Herald, Grand Rapids Press, the St. Louis Post Dispatch, the Milwaukee Journal, the Chicago Tribune and The Detroit Free Press.

His employment duties also included serving as sports writer, city editor, news editor, managing editor, and editorial page editor for the Grand Haven Tribune. Even in "retirement" he writes three focus articles each week.

At this surprise presentation six of his seven children and their families and his wife, Doris were present.

Tad died on November 20, 2011 at the age of 91, one year after his last Focus column appeared in the *Tribune*. Doris, the daughter of Jacob and Cora Verwoeret Welling was born in Grand Haven on February 8, 1923 and passed away on November 6, 2016. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Edward Poel [1887-1955]**

Born on June 5, 1887 in Grand Haven, Edward Poel married Siepke [Sena] Casemier in Grand Haven on June 9, 1909. The daughter of the Abel and Johanna Casemier, Sena was born on April 26, 1888. The couple lived at 1121 Fulton Avenue, where they also raised celery. They had four children: Cornelia, who lived from 1913-1971; Josephine, who was born on June 10, 1921 and married Alvin Kieft of Grand Haven; Adrian, who lived from 1923-2002; and Edward passed away on December 30, 1955.

**J. [Jan, John] Nyhof Poel [1901-1993]**

Born in Grand Haven on April 3, 1901, J. Nyhof was a life-long resident of the area. His parents were Abel and Elke Poel. J. Nyhof Grand Haven to work as an accountant at Consumers Power in Muskegon. When he returned to Grand Haven, he was Office manager at the Michael George Pen Company, located on Washington Street near Beechtree. He was city clerk in Grand Haven from 1931 until his retirement in 1966. During that time Poel initiated many reforms in the city government, including three revisions to the city accounting system. On April 25, 1925 he married Christine, the daughter of John and Alice Bonema. The Poels had three children: Stuart and Ron of Spring Lake and Richard, a physician in Texas. The family resided at 1139 Washington in Grand Haven.

J. Nyhof was a member of the Grand Haven City Charter Revision Committee and the prime person responsible for establishing the use of voting machines in Ottawa County, among the first in the state. He was a member and president of the Michigan Clerks Association, an avid hunter and fisherman, and he belonged to the Second Christian Reformed Church. J. Nyhof passed away on November 13, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Christine was born January 18, 1902 and died on March 3, 1999. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1993.]

**Jacob “Blonde” I. Poel [1892-1989]**

Jake “Blonde” Poel enlisted in Company F, Michigan National Guard in 1914 and served three years, including summer strike duty in the Upper Peninsula Copper Country. In 1917 he became a member of the Michigan State Troops, a forerunner of the Michigan State Police founded two years later. Of the 48 men in the company, two others, Pete Ericks and Herman Balgooyen, also were from Grand Haven. A big snow in the winter of 1917-18 delayed Blonde’s induction into the Army for a few months. When finally ordered to report for active duty, he was assigned to the 338<sup>th</sup> Ambulance Company, 85<sup>th</sup> Division, and was stationed at Fort Custer in Michigan until the war ended. After discharge in April 1919, he returned to civilian life in Grand Haven and worked as a skilled polisher and buffer in brass foundries.

Blonde was born in Grand Haven on January 2, 1892. He died on July 9, 1989 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Jenn, lived from May 1, 1896 to June 9, 1937 and she, too, was buried at Lake Forest. They had at least one child, Joyce, who married Bob Whittaker of Grand Haven. The family resided at 508 Fulton Street. In his later years, Blonde lived with his daughter and son-in-law at 1813 Pennoyer. [*Tribune* article, “Focus on People,” October 27, 1987.]

**Klaas [Klass] Poel [1862-1954]**

Klaas Poel was born in The Netherlands in April 1862 [1863]. On January 7, 1885 in Grand Haven, he married Neltje [Cornelia] De Kok. She also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born in August 1863. They came to America with their parents. Klaas owned a barbershop at 431 Jackson and lived for many years next door at 433 Jackson. The couple had eleven children, ten of whom survived, including William, who was born on June 28, 1891. A daughter, Willemina, was born in 1898 and married John Workman in Grand Haven on August 13, 1920. Later in life Klaas and Neltje ran a fruit farm on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard].

**Melle Poel [1869-1949]**

Melle, the son of Abel and Elka “Elsie” Poel, became a tailor when he was a young man and before long earned a reputation for excellence. He joined his father in the tailoring and clothing business at 209 Washington. When barbers Joshua and Louis Lehman moved in and occupied the front of the building,

father and son built an addition in the rear and continued their business there. Melle later moved to 101 Washington where his shop was called People's Clothing and Tailoring. A Mr. Fonger was in business with Melle at this address. Several years later Melle became a partner with Tony Hoebeke and started Poel & Hoebeke Clothing Store at 702 Washington, remaining there into the late 1930s, when Tony was elected treasurer of the City of Grand Haven.

On June 3, 1891 in Grand Haven, Melle married Jennie Hoffman. They resided at 414 Elliott and later at 925 Washington. She was born in Michigan on April 9, 1870, died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1972, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Abel, born on May 19, 1893, and Roelvina K., who was born on December 19, 1898 [1897] and died in Grand Haven on April 17, 1974. Melle was born in Michigan on February 17, 1869 [1870], passed away on September 26, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **William H. Poel [1891-1986]**

William, one of ten children of Klaas and Neltje [Cornelia] De Kok Poel, was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1891. William, who worked at the Piano Factory while in his teens, married Marie C. Bos in Grand Haven on April 20, 1916. Marie, born in November 1893, was the daughter of Cornelius and Maria De Bruyn Bos of Grand Haven. The Poels resided at 503 Fulton. Their children were Clarence W., born about 1921, and Mary E., born about 1923. In the 1920s and into the 1930s William and his brother, Jacob, operated Grand Haven Vulcanizing Company at 705 Washington. Marie's mother, Maria Bos, was living with them in 1930. William died in Nunica on February 12, 1986.

#### **Eugene F. Pofahl [1924-2000]**

Eugene Pofahl started the Pofahl Electric Company, located first at 1123 Washington, then at 1621 Marion Street, and finally at 1720 Marion. Eugene and his wife, Florence, resided at 17625 Brucker Street in Grand Haven Township. Eugene was born on August 17, 1924, passed away on October 6, 2000, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was the son of Harry and Jeanette Pofahl of Grand Haven.

#### **Harry Christian Pofahl [1899-1965]**

Harry Pofahl was employed at Grand Haven Brass in 1930 and resided at 618 Wallace with his wife, Jeanette, and their children. Harry was born in Illinois on July 3, 1899. Jeanette, a Michigan native, was born on October 21, 1899 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 10, 1990. Harry and Jeanette were married in Spring Lake on November 19, 1921. Living with them in 1930 were his parents, Charles and Emilie Pofahl. Both of them were natives of Germany, where Charles was born about 1855 and Amelia about 1858. By the late 1940s the Pofahls had moved to 14687 Lakeshore Drive and later to 17625 Brucker. Harry passed away on June 15, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Pol [1859-1960] and Jacob Pol [1861-1941]**

John, the son of Johannes Pol, was born in The Netherlands on February 9, 1858. He and his brother Jacob came to Grand Haven with their parents when John was nine years old. Jacob, a tinsmith, was born in The Netherlands on October 21, 1861 and died on July 24, 1941. Neither brother married. John, a carpenter by trade, lived at 398 Howard Street in Grand Haven, across the street from his childhood home [319 Fourth Street], which burned down in April 1940. John, who remained a bachelor, died on January 16, 1960, just short of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Jacob and Johannes. [*Tribune* article, "Bachelor John Pol," February 9, 1959.]

#### **Johannes Pol [1818-1902]**

Johannes Pol brought his family from The Netherlands to Grand Haven in 1868. Johannes was born in February 1818 and his wife Heintje in March 1822. Their children were John, born on February 9, 1859; Jacob, born in 1861; and Maria, born about 1865. Johannes took up the carpenter's trade. The family home was located as 319 Fourth Street. Johannes died on February 17, 1902.

### **Jacob Ponstein [1909-1984]**

Judge Jacob Ponstein resided at 1705 Wisconsin Street in Grand Haven. He maintained a law practice in the Peoples Bank Building [Bank One] at 300 Washington. Judge Ponstein was an active member of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and helped obtain the Grand Trunk Depot as its main building. He was born on August 16, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1984.

### **Calvin H. Pooler II [1871-1959]**

A native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he was born about 1871, Calvin Pooler began commercial fishing as a boy and moved to Grand Haven around 1928 because of the better catches. He owned and operated the tug *Smith Brothers*. He earned his captain's papers in 1892. His record catch for a day exceeded 1,000 pounds, mostly trout. His wife, Margaret [Maggie], was born in Wisconsin around 1872. They were married in Wisconsin about 1892. Calvin died on September 8, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret passed away about December 28 the same year and was buried near her husband.

### **Joseph Porenta [1910-2001]**

Joseph Porenta was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming on February 13, 1910. His parents were John and Mary Terringer Porenta. Joseph married Alice C. Engle in Grand Rapids on October 28, 1944. Alice was born on April 4, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on April 29, 1999. Prior to her marriage, Alice taught fourth grade at Ferrysburg Elementary School. Joseph served in WWII with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. After the war, he and his brother Stanley started Grand Haven Furniture on Third Street in Grand Haven in 1946. The Porentas were members of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. They had two daughters: Virginia, who married Michael Nielsen and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, and James, who took over management of the furniture business, renamed Porenta's. The Porentas resided at 541 Woodlawn. Joseph passed away in Grand Haven on December 5, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Stanley Porenta [1917-1998]**

The son of John and Mary Terringer Porenta, Stanley was born in Ferry, Oceana County on October 12, 1917. He married Lorraine M. Streng on May 28, 1949 in Grand Haven. Stanley was supervisor at the Willow Run plant of the Ford Motor Company during WWII. He and his brother Joseph opened Grand Haven [Porenta] Furniture store on North Third Street in Grand Haven in 1946. Stanley was a member of St. Patrick's Church, the Spoonville Gun Club, and North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. Stanley died in Grand Haven on December 1, 1998 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Alice.

### **Alfred G. Porter [1869-1941]**

Alfred Porter married Anna Ellen Corl in Nunica on March 21, 1895. She was born in Ohio [Indiana] in February 1878, settled in Crockery Township on a farm adjacent to Alfred's parents, Edmund and Emily Porter in Section 8. Alfred and Anna had at least two children, both born in Crockery Township: Virginia May born in November 1896, and Ernest, born in March 1898. Alfred was born in Steuben, Indiana in August 1869 and passed away in 1941. Anna died in 1972 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with her husband.

### **Edmund [Edmond, Edward] Riley Porter [1846-1920]**

On December 7, 1863 Edmund Porter enlisted as private in Company G of the 68<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. He was mustered out on July 10, 1865 and eventually settled on an 80-acre farm in Section 8 of Crockery Township. Sometime after 1907 he and his wife moved from the farm to a house in Nunica. He married Emeline "Emily" Jean Fisher in De Kalb County, Indiana on December 5, 1968. Emily, a native of Indiana, lived from March 6, 1847 to March 26, 1935 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with Edmund, who was born in Medina, Ohio on October 22, 1846 and died on November 3, 1920. A son, Alfred, their only surviving child, was born in Indiana on August 2, 1869 and lived to June 8, 1941. He also was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **John Porter [1924-1994]**

John was the son of Andrew and Amy Aitkin Porter. Amy had married Andrew Porter in Newberry, Luce County, on December 24, 1923. Andrew, the son of Bill and Allie Evans Porter, was born about 1898 in Kentucky. Before Amy died on July 1, 1924 in Newberry at the age of 20, she gave birth to a son, John F. Porter, born on June 6, 1924 in Newberry. John was considered one-half Odawa. In 1930 John, 5, was living in Columbus, Luce County, with his uncle Frank Parmeter, 41, and wife, Elizabeth, 37, and two stepdaughters. All household members were listed as Indian except Frank, who was White. Frank worked at odd jobs.

As an adult, John, the grandson of Stephen and Mary Aiken [Aitkin], worked as a logger in Newberry. He married Ruth Mae Sands on February 16, 1946 in Newberry. Born in Newberry, Luce County, on May 26, 1929, Ruth, a full-blooded Odawa, was 16 years old at the time of the wedding. Her father was Benjamin Sand, and her mother was Rose Fox. John worked as a logger in Newberry at the time of his marriage. He and Ruth had a daughter, Gilda Gayle Porter, who was born in Newberry in 1948.

### **John Post [1874-1955]**

In 1907 John Post moved to Grand Haven was hired as shipping clerk at William Heap & Sons, makers of plumbers' supplies and later was promoted to foreman. On June 14, 1904 John married Effie Dorman in Muskegon. By 1910 the couple was residing in a home they built at 1252 Fulton Street. Between 1907 and 1910 they lived at 1040 Fulton. John was born in Muskegon on January 1, 1874, Effie on July 27, 1877. Both were born in Michigan. A son, Dornan Thomas Post, was born in Grand Haven on June 19, 1910. He remained in the house at 1252 Fulton after his parents' deaths until he passed away on February 7, 1993. John died on October 6, 1955, and Effie passed away on September 14, 1959. Dorman and his parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dorman was a teacher in the Muskegon Heights Public Schools.

### **Harry Ephraim Potter [1882-1948]**

Born in East Jordan, Charlevoix County on July 14, 1882, Harry Potter grew up and married in Duluth, Minnesota, where he served as postmaster for two terms. In 1910 Harry was working in Charlevoix, still as a post office employee. He and his wife, Claribel L., moved from Charlevoix to Spring Lake, where in 1918 Harry built the first garage in the Village for the sale and servicing of automobiles at 401 West Savidge. He sold Dort, Nash, Whippet, Reo, and Willys-Knight cars, as well as Reo Trucks. He also offered Red Crown gasoline and Goodyear tires. He named his business the Auto Inn. Harry built another garage on Franklin Street in Grand Haven, which later became the site of Martin Erickson's grocery store [416-418 Franklin]. In 1930 he left the automobile business and started working for Sealed Power Corporation. Harry and Claribel resided on Church Street. They had a daughter, Jacqueline J., who was born in East Jordan, Charlevoix County on August 18, 1909. Harry died about February 28, 1948 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Claribel, who was born in Scotland about 1898, passed away on March 21, 1965 in Orlando, Florida, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Harry and Claribel were married around 1908. Jacqueline married R. E. Mroczkowski and resided in Orlando, where she died on October 24, 1980. [*Holland Sentinel* obituary, March 25, 1965.]

### **Hiram Y. Potts [1848-1939]**

In 1875 Hiram Potts started and edited the *Ottawa County News*, located in Nunica. Two months later he moved the paper to Coopersville, where it was called the *Coopersville Courier*. In April 1877 he relocated to Spring Lake, naming his newspaper the *Ottawa County Courier*. In August three years later, he moved to Grand Haven and changed the name to the *Grand Haven Courier Journal*, which was a voice for the Democratic party. His residence, located at the northwest corner of Washington and Fourth Streets [333 Washington], was destroyed in the fire of 1889. Hiram also was in business with Charles Conger, another Grand Haven printer. Together they published the 1893 *Business Compendium* for Ottawa County. Well-known poet James Whitcomb Riley visited Grand Haven in the late 1880s and met Hiram. After his visit, Whitcomb wrote a poem dedicated to Hiram, whom he called "The Artemus of Michigan."

Hiram was born in a lumbering camp in Polkton Township on October 20, 1848, the son of Jacob Potts. His mother died 18 months later. On May 28, 1850 in Grand Rapids, Jacob married Olive Elisa Severance. She was born in New York and lived from 1825 to 1917. Jacob, who was born in Ohio in 1817, died on February 25, 1873. Jacob and Olive were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. On April 7, 1880 in Spring Lake, Hiram married Florence, the daughter of James and Lucy Adams Emery of Spring Lake, on April 7, 1880 in Spring Lake. She was born on July 29, 1858 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Hiram and his wife moved to Detroit in 1895, where they were still residing in 1920. He died in Sebring, Florida on April 28, 1939 and was buried in a Detroit cemetery. Their one son, Seward, was born in 1886 and died in Detroit at the age of 38. Florence passed away in 1945 in Livonia, Wayne County. She was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

### **John Powell [Jan Paauwe] [1837-1913]**

John Powell owned a meat market at 207 North Seventh Street. His two-story frame residence was located at 215 North Seventh. John was born in The Netherlands on February 25, 1837 as Jan Paauwe, On April 8, 1864 in The Netherlands, he married Kaatje "Catherine"/"Kate" Gommerts Vette. She was born in the same country on April 11, 1844 and died in Grand Haven on July 21, 1918. He passed away on November 11, 1913. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John and Catherine immigrated to the United States in 1869. They had at least four children, all born locally: Sena, born in Grand Haven in 1874; Lizzie, born in June 1875; Margaret "Maggie," born in August 1878; and Jennie, born in March 1881. Margaret married Richard Bolt I of Grand Haven. Dick Bolt took over the meat market after his father's-in-law death in 1913.

### **John J. Powell [1846-1934]**

John Powell, a native of Canada, was born in January 1846, and his wife, Ida [Angel] C., was born in February 1848 in New York State. They settled on an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Robinson Township. John died in 1934. A daughter, Josephine D., lived from 1879 to 1901. Their other children, all born locally, were Edward B., born in 1868; Walter F., born in August 1874 [1873]; Archie A., born in 1877; Rebecca, born in 1882; Anna, born in April 1887; and William, born in June 1890 [1889]. John, his wife, and their daughter Josephine were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

### **John Powers [1837-1877]**

John Powers, a sailor on the *Golden Harvest*, on August 2, 1877 drowned somewhere near Grand Haven. He was a native of Waterford, Ireland, where he was born in 1837. Friends and shipmates erected a stone in his memory at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was married. He served with the military during the Civil War, and was wounded and discharged around 1863. That year he and his wife were living in Sandstone, Jackson County.

### **George Pravda II [1912-2006]**

Born in Chicago, Illinois on December 12, 1912, George was the son of George and Julia Sabo Pravda. The family moved to the Grand Haven area about 1924 and farmed 119 acres in Section 10 of Township. George I died on January 20, 1958. He married Julia Sabo, who was born on April 5, 1884, passed away on November 10, 1952. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, the younger George worked for Eagle Ottawa Company, where he was employed for 44 years. George joined the National Guard in 1930 when Grand Haven's Company F was activated as part of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry. In 1940 he was assigned to guard manufacturing facilities in Louisiana. There, he married Pauline Farrar on December 3, 1941. Later, he saw combat in the South Pacific, where he was seriously wounded in a battle on New Guinea. He was awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. By the end of the war, he held the rank of captain. He was mustered out in 1945. George and Pauline had four children: George, who moved to Holland, Michigan; Kurt, who stayed in Grand Haven; Lisa, who married Kent Holman and moved to Spring Lake; and Drew, also of Spring Lake. George died on June 8, 2006 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, June 8, 2006.]

### **Ronald Louis PreFontaine [1935-2013]**

Ronald L. PreFontaine was a special education supervisor and school psychologist for the Muskegon Public Schools. He married Barbara Donna Brodowski in 1958. They lived at 1635 Colfax in Grand Haven. Ron was born in Kalamazoo on April 10, 1935. He received a Bachelor Degree in Education from Ferris State, a Master of Arts in Education Administration from Western Michigan, a Master of Arts from Michigan State, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Michigan. Over the course of his professional career, Ron was a teacher, school psychologist, school administrator and adjunct faculty member at Grand Valley State University and Central Michigan University. When Ron retired in 1994, he was Human Resources director for Muskegon Public Schools. He founded Muskegon's Preschool Program for Handicapped Children. He was a member of the Grand Haven School Board for 16 years and was its president for part of that time. He served on a variety of other boards.

Ron passed away on November 2, 2013. He was buried at Assumption Cemetery in Belmont, Kent County. Donna, who was born on December 12, 1938, died on October 12, 2000 in Grand Haven and also was buried at Assumption Cemetery. Their children were Mike, Mark, Steve, Lisa, who married Imad Chergui and relocated to Grand Rapids, and Lynne, who married Archie Richardson and moved to Alameda, California. [*Tribune* obituary, November 9, 2013.]

### **William Preimsberg [1906-1975]**

The Dutch Colonial house at 1617 Sheldon Road, one of only a few in the Grand Haven area, was constructed for William and Frances Preimsberg. Situated on Lots 68 and 69 of East Highland Park Subdivision #1, platted before 1930, the house was built in 1934, as were many of the houses in this block. William was born in Minnesota on August 16, 1906. In Grand Haven, he worked as a linotype operator, and he served in the U.S. Army from April 13, 1944 to December 7, 1945. On August 31, 1929 he married Frances Durfee in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, her hometown. Frances lived from May 26, 1907 to November 21, 2006. She died in Phoenix, Arizona, but was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. William had passed away in Phoenix on January 28, 1975.

### **Ignatz [Ignatius] "James" Prelesnik [Prelesnick] [1870-1954]**

Natives of Yugoslavia, James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik and their six children moved to Pueblo, Colorado in 1895. There, on November 13, 1899, he married Mary Zaitz [Zaic]. In 1911 they purchased from Otto Mienhardt an 80-acre farm in Section 35, Grand Haven Township. James's and Mary's children were Maria, who died in 1901 at the age of one; James Robert I, who was born on December 2, 1901; Christine, who was born on June 15 1903 and married John Van Hall; Robert Albert, who was born March 31, 1905; John Michael, who lived from December 11, 1906 to February 17, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Rudolph A., who was born on July 26, 1908; Louis John, who was born in May 2, 1910; Mary, who was born on February 20 1912 and married Adolph Schmidt in Grand Haven on May 7, 1932; Joseph, who was born on August 18, 1913; Rose Marie, who was born on April 20, 1915 and on May 27, 1939 married George Edward Jedlicka, moved to South Haven, and died on April 17, 2011; William Anthony, who was born on December 5, 1916; Julius Michael, who was born on September 13, 1918; Leo, who was born on March 29, 1921, married Joyce Hefferman, and died in Fairfield County, Connecticut in March 1986; and Walter Louis, who was born on April 20, 1922. The Prelesniks' first five children were born in Colorado, the remainder in Michigan. Two of the sons, William and Leo, served in the military during WWII. William remained on the family farm until his death in late 1999. Another son, James R., operated Glo Barbershop in downtown Grand Haven for 28 years. James was born on July 25, 1870 and passed away on July 28, 1954. Mary, who was born on February 2, 1880, died on March 5, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with James.

### **James Robert Prelesnik I [1901-2002]**

Jim was born in Pueblo, Colorado on December 2, 1901. His parents were James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, who relocated to Grand Haven Township in 1911. Young Jim married Beatrice Isabelle

Nelthorpe on March 1, 1924 in Grand Haven. She lived from May 12, 1905 to August 25, 2002. James retired in 1962 after 28 years as proprietor of the Glo Barbershop at 209 Washington. His son Ronald then took over the shop. Jim was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes, Elks, Eagles, and Grand Haven Golf Club. The Prelesniks' children were Mary, who was born in 1926 and married George Lee Nelson, who was born in 1924; James F. II, who was born in 1931 and married Isla Haringsma [b. 1931]; and Ronald L., who was born in 1943 and married Gail McKay. Another daughter, Lillian Mae, was born in 1924 and died in 1931. Jim passed away on April 20, 2002 in Grand Haven. He and Beatrice resided at 515 Leggat in Grand Haven from at least the mid-1950s. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 23, 2002.]

#### **Joseph Frank Prelesnik [1913-2001]**

Joseph Prelesnik was born on the family farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township on August 18, 1913. He married Lorraine Marie Rickert in Spring Lake on August 24, 1940. Born in Chicago, she lived from February 9, 1921 to December 10, 1990. Joseph, who worked at American Brass Novelty Company [later known as Michigan Brass Company], died on January 8, 2001. Their daughter, Lorraine Elaine Prelesnik, was born in Grand Haven on November 6, 1942, married Wesley Goll [1938-2004], and died under the name Lorraine Johnston on April 14, 2007.

#### **Julius Michael Prelesnik [1918-1994]**

Julius, the son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, was born on the family farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township on September 13, 1918. By 1966 he was manager of the Sam Garvin Company, located at 402 South Harbor and later at 722 Taylor. On May 24, 1941 he married Emma Marie Growth in Grand Haven. She was born on December 9, 1921. They resided at 12312 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. Julius died on November 28, 1994 in Grand Haven and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Emma, who passed away on November 3, 2012.

#### **Louis John Prelesnik [1910-1999]**

Louis, born in Pueblo, Colorado on May 2, 1910, was the son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik of Grand Haven Township. Louis's wife, Helen Lucille, lived from July 10, 1916 to August 6, 1996. Louis, a machinist, died on March 14, 1999. He and Helen were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple resided at 534 Waverly in Grand Haven. Their children were Barbara Ann, who was born in 1936 and married Mr. Kline; Roger Louis, born in 1940; David Jon, who was born in 1943 and married Yevonne; and Larry Alan, who was born in 1945.

#### **Robert Albert Prelesnik [1905-1989]**

Robert, the son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, was born in Pueblo, Colorado on March 31, 1905. He married Ann [Anna] Elizabeth Maar in Grand Haven on October 19, 1935. He was a sheet metal worker. Robert died on December 1, 1989. Ann, who was born in Chicago, lived from September 15, 1915 to July 19, 2012. She and Robert were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Rudolph A. Prelesnik [1908-1983]**

Rudolph, the son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, was born in Pueblo, Colorado on July 26, 1908. On May 19, 1934 he married Ruby Irene Marble, who was born in West Olive on September 17, 1915. Ruby was the daughter of Raymond and Josephine Ruch Marble. Rudolph, a tool and die maker, was employed by Anderson Bolling most of his working life. The Prelesniks were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. They had two children: Donald, who settled in Bradenton, Florida, and Warren L., who resided in Norton Shores, Muskegon County. In early 1942 the family moved into a house at 517 Fleser Court in Spring Lake, where Rudolph and Ruby remained until she moved into a nursing home near the end of her life. Rudolph died on February 16, 1983 and Ruby passed away on October 2, 2008. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 3, 2008.]

#### **Walter Louis Prelesnik [1922-2001]**



Walter was one of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik's eight sons. He was born April 20, 1922 on the family farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. On January 12, 1946, he married Anthonia "Tony" Kadlec in Grand Haven. She was born on March 9, 1923. Walter served with the U.S. Army during WWII and was a key fitter for Story & Clark for many years. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Eagles Aerie #925, V.F.W., and Slovenian Farmers' Club. He and Tony had two sons, John and Daniel. The Prelesniks lived at 1519 Grant in Grand Haven most of their married lives. Their children were John Walter, born in 1947; Daniel Lee, born in 1949; and Judy Kay, born in 1952. Tony passed away on June 2, 2020 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Walter, who died in Grand Haven on January 29, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

#### **William Anthony Prelesnik [1916-1999]**

The son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, William was born on the family farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township on December 5, 1916. After serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, William married Hannah H. V. Dovick on October 15, 1945. She was born on July 14, 1921 and died on March 15, 1997. William worked for the Bastian Blessing Company until his retirement in 1979. He also grew crops on his farm. The Prelesniks were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Their four children were Naska, who was born in 1946 and married Jerry Tappe of Grand Haven; Leonard, who was born in 1949 and moved to Holland; Donna, who was born in 1952 and married Doug Wehrmeyer of Holland; and Leroy, who was born in 1957 and married Janice Marsh, of Galesburg, Kalamazoo County. William died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1999. He and Hannah were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 10, 1999.]

#### **George W. Prentice [1845-1876]**

George Prentice was born in New York State on October 29, 1845. On April 29, 1863, while living in Crockery Township, he enlisted in Company M of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out of this unit on November 16, 1865 and joined Company I of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He left that regiment on March 10, 1866 in Salt Lake City, Utah. His parents were Alousa and Alesker Prentice, both born about 1820. In 1870 the Prentices, including George, were living in Crockery Township. On January 10, 1875 George married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Rymer [Ryma] in Grand Haven, who was born in Canada on August 18, 1857. George died on August 9, 1876 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery; there were no dates on his headstone. Lizzy later married a man named Hayner. On July 2, 1907, she applied for a widow's Civil War Pension. Lizzy passed away October 10, 1924 in Chase, Wisconsin.

#### **Raymond Glenn Presley [1893-1983]**

Born on February 8, 1893, Raymond Presley owned and operated Presley Drug Store, located on the southeast corner of Seventh and Washington [700 Washington], from 1919 to 1961, when he sold his business to pharmacist Jay Casemier. Raymond earlier owned the Square Drug Store on the corner of Seventh and Fulton Streets with a Mr. Hendricks. Raymond was the son of William and Kittie Osterhout Presley. William, a physician, opened a medical office in Grand Haven in 1909. Raymond married Sara Streng in 1917. She was born on June 18, 1893, died in Grand Haven on May 20, 1981, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They were members of St. John's Episcopal Church and resided at 1021 Sheldon Road. Raymond died on May 10, 1983 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, May 11, 1983.]

#### **William Jennings Presley [1867-1950]**

William Presley was born in Lewis County, New York on October 20, 1867. Two years later he moved with his parents to a farm near Jackson. William became an Allendale resident in 1900 and arrived in Grand Haven nine years later. A graduate of the Grand Rapids Medical School, William had an office in his residence at 315 Washington in Grand Haven. He delivered more than 3,000 babies during his career. In 1919 William constructed a building on the southeast corner of Seventh and Washington Streets [700

Washington Street] that became the site of a Presley's Drug Store. The doctor moved his office to the second floor of the new building in 1923. His son Raymond ran the pharmacy.

William on March 17, 1889 married Kittie Osterhout in Grand Rapids. She was born in 1873 in New York State, died of typhoid fever in Walker on October 6, 1894, and was buried at Brooklawn Cemetery. William and Kittie had two sons, Ernest William Presley, who was born in Grand Rapids on December 29, 1889, and Raymond Presley, who was born on February 8, 1893 and became a pharmacist. Ernest lived in Grand Haven Township but worked in Grand Rapids, while Raymond managed the drug store. After Kittie died, the elder Presley married Amelia J. Moler on December 27, 1899 in Kent County. Amelia, who taught school in Kent County, was born in Idaho on April 10, 1879. They had one daughter, Gladys Presley, who lived from 1902 to 1938, and two sons: Elwood E. Presley, who was born on May 25, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on October 27, 1976, and Randolph J. Presley, who was born on November 2, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on July 26, 1980. William died in Grand Haven on April 2, 1950. Amelia passed away in Grand Haven on August 1, 1969. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William E. Preston [1875-1968]**

In late September 1930, outside of Muskegon, Boatswain William Preston led the Coast Guard rescue of two men from the storm-damaged barge *Salvor*, which was hauling stone. One of the men rescued was Lyman Nedeau. Captain Preston entered the Coast Guard in Chicago in 1904 and retired on February 1, 1939, after 34 years of service. He was born in Norway on July 18, 1875 and arrived in the United States when he was three years old. In 1916 he was assigned to the Beaver Island Coast Guard Station. He went from there to Louisville, Kentucky in 1918. After service in New York during WWI, he was sent to Michigan City, Indiana, and from there to Grand Haven, where he was keeper of the Grand Haven Lifeboat Station from 1922 to 1939. William passed away on December 18, 1968 and was buried at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Milwaukee.

#### **Arthur "Arie" Otto Prins [1917-1992] and Richard Prins I [1910-1986]**

Brothers Richard and Arthur "Arie" Prins opened Prins Heating Company at 104 North Third Street in 1939. Members of the Prins family had been in the heating business in Holland since 1908 and later in Muskegon. In 1941 the brothers purchased the Crescent movie theatre building [1101-1103 Washington] and used it as their office. He and his wife once resided at 946 Franklin but later relocated to 12898 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. On May 20, 1935 in Saugatuck, he married Julia Postma, who was born in Holland, Michigan on May 21, 1913 and died on December 5, 1974. Richard was born in Holland on September 15, 1910 and passed away in Grand Haven on September 6, 1986. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His son, Richard II, continued to operate the family business, which he renamed Wolverine Heating & Cooling and moved it to 13750 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Arie lived from May 21, 1917 to May 28, 1992. On November 16, 1939 he married Wilma Nortier in Grand Rapids. Born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands on October 22, 1916, she passed away on July 9, 2010. They were buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids. The couple resided in Georgetown Township

#### **Harry B. Proctor [1892-1923]**

Harry Proctor was born in Tacoma, Washington in May 1892. On November 20, 1912 he married Ethel May Vigas in De Witt, Clinton County. By 1921 he and Ethel were residing at 312 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. At that time Harry owned and managed Proctor Farm and Home Company, a real estate office located at 17 Washington. Two years later the Proctors had moved to Prospect Street in Spring Lake. Harry disappeared the night of October 30, 1923. With him was Edna Fullager, the 14-year-old daughter of Rose Fullager, who resided at 831 Pennoyer Street. Rose had a house built on land Harry had sold her, and Howard had gone there to collect a payment, stayed for dinner, then left with Edna. Apparently, Rose was divorced from Arthur Fullager, Edna's father. Nearly six weeks after their disappearance, Harry's automobile was found in the Grand River at the end of Park Street. Near the automobile were Harry's and Edna's bodies. Because Harry had been drinking heavily on the night of his

disappearance, he had asked Edna to drive him home. In the Village of Spring Lake, she had taken a wrong turn on a street that ended on the banks of the river. When Edna shifted into first gear instead of reverse, the car moved forward and catapulted into the water.

Harry was buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Lansing. He and Ethel had three children, all born in Michigan: Earl, born about 1915; Esther May who was born in 1916 and died in 1921; and Ralph, who lived from 1920 to 1939. Ethel was born in Michigan in 1896 and died in 1959. She, Esther May and Ralph also were buried at Pleasant Hill. [*Tribune* article "River gives up Bodies of Girl and Proctor," December 10, 1923.]

### **Jacob Prucha [1871-1926]**

In the mid-1920s, Jacob and Freda Prucha purchased 60 acres in Section 12 of Grand Haven Township for purposes of general farming. By 1930 they had purchased an additional 40 acres from Louis H. and Ida Losney. Born in 1871, Jacob died in 1926 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. His wife, Freda, who was from Czechoslovakia, lived from 1876 to 1931 and was buried near her husband. Fred, one of their children, was born in Wisconsin and lived from February 26, 1896 to January 14, 1972. Fred and his wife Ruth took ownership of the land after Jacob's death. Ruth, who lived from July 11, 1904 to March 26, 1987, was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with her husband. Jacob and Freda had another son, Charles, who was born in Illinois on September 30, 1903. A sheet metal worker at Bastian Blessing, Charles in 1930 was residing in Section 9 of Crockery Township with his widowed grandmother, Albina Tocenne [Tocaner]. He passed away in Muskegon on November 17, 1982. Jacob and his family resided in Cicero, Illinois as late as 1920.

### **Ed Pruim [1871-1935]**

See Evert J. Pruim.

### **Enno J. Pruim [1843-1929]**

Enno Pruim was born in The Netherlands in January 1843 and came to Spring Lake with his parents as a child. He worked in the local mills. On August 4, 1862 he enlisted in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry and participated in the Battle of Missionary Ridge and was with General Sherman in the March to the Sea. He was mustered out with the rank of sergeant on June 8, 1865. On February 18, 1876 Enno applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. For over 30 years Pruim was a millwright for the Cutler & Savidge Mill, and he next worked at William Buckley's hardware and undertaking business at 214 West Savidge. Later Enno and his son, John, opened their own hardware store, "Pruim & Son." In 1919 John sold the business to Cornelius Ringold and his son Gerard A., who started the Ringold Hardware & Furniture Company and Funeral Home.

In 1867 Enno married Jane, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Finch. The Pruims lived at 217 West Mason. He was township supervisor for 19 years, and he also at various times filled the posts of township treasurer, highway commissioner, street commissioner, and justice of the peace. Pruim Street in Spring Lake is named after him, but with an obvious misspelling. Among the Pruims' children was a son, John B., born about 1871, and a daughter, Maud [Maude] M., who was born in October 1873 [1874] and married George Schwab II of Spring Lake. Maud and George divorced not long afterward, and she returned to her parents' home and resumed use of the Pruim name. Apparently Maud never remarried. Enno donated a cup and chain to the fountain at the corner of Savidge and Jackson Streets. The fountain was sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union [WCTU] to provide drinks of water to thirsty passersby. After Enno died in 1929 Jane applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born in April 1848 and died in 1934. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Evert J. "Ed" Pruim [1871-1934]**

On June 23, 1899 Ed Pruim married Alyda B. Everhard in Zeeland. They resided with their daughter, Iola G., at 350 East Central Avenue in Zeeland. In the 1920s Ed opened the Ed J. Pruim Music House at 135

Washington in Grand Haven, while continuing to operate an outlet in Zeeland. He also had a shop at 18 Monroe Avenue in Grand Rapids. In the early 1930s he moved his Grand Haven store to 201-203 Washington. Ed was born in Spring Lake on April 12, 1871, and Alyda was born in Holland on January 14 three years later. Isla [Ila] Gladys was born in Zeeland on November 11, 1902, on August 16, 1928 in Zeeland, married Gordon Van Eenenaam [1902-1960], and passed away on August 1, 2009. The Van Eenenaams had a son, John, who opened a law office in Grand Haven. Ed died on November 30, 1934 in Muskegon and was buried at Zeeland Cemetery. Alyda passed away in Muskegon on November 13, 1939 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Hiram [Hyrum] P. Pruim I [1852-1924]**

Born in Uithuizen, The Netherlands on February 15, 1852, Hiram Pruim was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. On April 20, 1878 in Grand Haven, he married Katie Kieft. The daughter of Jan and Tryntje Meyers Kieft of Grand Haven, she was born on July 4, 1859. By 1880 the Pruims were living in Spring Lake, where Hiram was a bridge tender. A few years later, he owned a jewelry store at 112 Washington Street in Grand Haven, where he also offered watches, clocks, and men's hats. He was a member of the Grand Haven Mason's organization. Around 1888, the Pruims moved to Chicago, where Hiram the father worked as a watchman and electrician. He died in Chicago on February 7, 1924. Kate died on April 17, 1942, also in Chicago. Their other children were Katie Pruim [1881-1972]; Hiram "Bud" Pruim II [1884-1958]; Clara "Cal" Pruim [1887-1969]; Marguerite "Babe" Pruim [1893-1920]; and Fred James Pruim [1896-1946].

#### **John B. Pruim [1870-1936]**

John and his father, Enno Pruim, started an undertaking and hardware business in Spring Lake. Eventually young Pruim took over the business, which he sold to Gerard Ringold in 1919. John was born in Spring Lake on December 12, 1870 [1871]. On June 21, 1894 in Spring Lake, he married Mildred, the daughter of William and Sarah Dennison Millard. Millie was born in Michigan in February 1869. By 1924 John was working as an embalmer at a Muskegon funeral home. He died on February 6, 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, but his headstone bears only his birth year. Mildred had died on May 18, 1935 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Klaas [Klaus] Pruim [Pruin] [1841-1913]**

Born in The Netherlands January 4, 1841, Klaas Pruim came to Grand Haven in June 1853. On August 19, 1871 in Spring Lake he married Alberdina "Delia" Huizenga, who was born in The Netherlands in March 1851 and died on July 9, 1907. Their children were John K., who was born in May 1872 and died in 1929; Henrietta "Ettie," who born in 1873 and married Clarence D. White of Spring Lake; Reka, born around 1876; Sarah, who was born in September 1878 and married Edward De Vries of Spring Lake; Jane, born in December 1880; and Celia, born in November 1888. Klaas was a member of the Masons. He was found dead in a boat on the Grand River near Spring Lake on October 21, 1913, probably the result of a continuing heart problem. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Pieter Pruim [1827-@1862]**

Pieter Pruim, a native of The Netherlands, on October 1, 1856 married Maria "Mary" Regina Louis in Grand Haven. He was born in The Netherlands on September 26, 1827, and she was born on October 5, 1835. They had at least two children: John Pruim, born about 1857, and Elizabeth "Betsy" Pruim, born on November 17, 1859. Maria, also a native of The Netherlands, was born on October 25, 1835. After Pieter's death in the early 1860s, Maria married Abraham Dowlyn of Spring Lake, who recently had become a widower. John and Betsy became part of the Dowlyn family.

#### **Godfrey E. Pufal [1894-1993]**

Godfrey Pufal was in charge of operations at Oxford Varnish until the plant moved out of the building at 1401 Fulton in January 1949. The company started business in 1943. Godfrey and his wife, Florence B.,

resided at 320 South Griffin Street. Ronald Pufal, a son, lived with them. Ronald was born on October 12, 1919 and died in Grand Haven on June 26, 1989. He worked for Michigan Plastic Products. Godfrey was born on January 9, 1894 and died in Grand Haven on May 21, 1993. Florence lived from October 12, 1900 to December 26, 1983. Godfrey, Ronald, and Florence were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Samuel Purchase II [1825-1894]**

Samuel Purchase was born December 26, 1825 in Canada and died in West Olive on August 20, 1894. His parents were Samuel and Huldah Parshall Purchase, who settled in Hillsdale County. Samuel II on April 18, 1852, married Martha, daughter of James and Patty Dale Eastway, also of Hillsdale County. Martha was born in 1832 and died on June 1, 1905. The Purchases had a 64-acre farm in Section 2 of Olive Township. They had three children: James Edwin, who was born in Hillsdale County on April 29, 1853, married Sarah Elizabeth Misner [Mizener] [born June 8, 1861 in Canada] in Grandville on December 21, 1887, had six children, and died in 1942; Laban T., who was born September 23, 1857 in Olive, first married Mary Lick [September 1860-December 10, 1901] on August 29, 1878 in Olive and then Alice Parker, had a total of three children, and died on March 10, 1907; and Milo Delos, who was born October 7, 1864, also in Olive Township, on September 19, 1888. He married Lillian Nevins [born 1868] and then Clara Albine Conger [March 20, 1873-October 9, 1955], had three children, and died in Grand Rapids on April 30, 1929. The Purchases also had an adopted daughter, Emma Kirkland, who was born in Greenville, Montcalm County in 1869 and married Milo Tubbs of Olive Township on April 1, 1883. Samuel and Martha were buried at Olive Cemetery with other family members.

#### **Gerald “Gomer” Pyle [1936-2001]**

The son of Albert and Metta Kemme Pyle, Gerald “Gomer” was born in Zeeland, Ottawa County, on August 4, 1936. About 1966 he married Mary Jane Bredehoft, daughter of Harold Bredehoft, who owned a 40-acre farm on the northwest corner of Lincoln and 168<sup>th</sup> Streets in Grand Haven Township [16865 Lincoln Street]. Mary Jane was Gomer’s second wife. Gomer served in the National Guard for 12 years and was employed by the Grand Haven Police Department for 22 years, Michigan Bell Telephone for 12 years, and Fricke Marina. He moved to the Grand Haven area in 1955. With his first wife, he had three sons: Michael of Holland; Thomas of Longwood, Florida; and Steven of Kalamazoo. He and Mary Jane had a son, David, who moved to Howard City. Around 1990 Gomer contracted Multiple Sclerosis and eventually became a resident of the North Ottawa Care Center in Grand Haven, where he spent the last seven years of his life. He died there on January 5, 2001. The daughter of Harold and Stella Waskin Bredehoft of Grand Haven Township, Mary Jane lived from April 5, 1944 to January 22, 2021. She living in Howard City at the time of her death. [*Tribune* obituary, January 6, 2001.]

#### **Andrew [Anderere] Pytlinske [1844-1912]**

Andrew Pytlinske, born in Germany in 1844, married Anastasia Klemke, who lived from 1856 to 1943. They immigrated to the United States in 1884 and purchased a 60-acre farm in Section 13 of Grand Haven Township. One of their children, Felix I, was born on September 23, 1892 and lived in Chicago and Grand Haven Township. Another son, Leo, lived from March 17, 1886 to February 2, 1983. Their other children were Hattie, born on October 6, 1887; Elizabeth, born in July 1889; Bruno, born in December 1890; and Josephine, born in February 1896. Andrew died in 1912.

#### **Felix Bernard Pytlinske I [1892-1972]**

Felix, the son of Andrew and Anastasia Pytlinske, was born on September 23, 1892 in Grand Haven Township. He married Elfrieda [Elfrida] Clara Simon [Schultz] on June 28, 1923 in Genesee County. She was born on June 28, 1902 and immigrated to the United States in 1914. The couple lived in Chicago before returning to the Grand Haven area in 1929, the year they purchased the ten-acre Friedrich “Fritz” Quade property on the northwest corner of Green Street and Stearns Bayou [Section 6 of Robinson Township, 14023 Green Street and 14145 138<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. On July 4 they opened Felix’s Place, consisting of a small store, restaurant, and dance hall, and they also rented boats. The previous owners operated the

Quade Resort, where Felix and Elfrieda had been summer guests. At the end of Grand Haven's Centennial Celebration in August 1934, Felix purchased the log cabin that had been used in the parade as a replica of the first Ferry home. He moved it to his property on Stearn's Bayou and remodeled it into a tourist cabin. In 1955 Felix and Elfrieda's son, Felix II, who was born in Grand Haven on December 21, 1930, took over the business located at the corner of Stearns Bayou and Grand River, and the remaining property in Section 6 was sold. Felix and Elfrieda also had a daughter, Louise Virginia Pytlinske, who was born in Chicago on March 18, 1927, married Harvey Rouwhorst in Grand Haven on October 5, 1946, and died in West Olive in April 1989. Felix I died on October 6, 1952, and Elfrieda passed away on June 19, 1975. Louise died on March 21, 1989.

### **Felix Bernard Pytlinske II [1930-2021] and Joan Boand [1934-2022]**

Felix Pytlinske II was born in Grand Haven on December 21, 1930. His parents were Felix and Elfrieda Simon Pytlinske. Felix II earned a degree in physics at Michigan State University in 1952 and a master degree in school administration at Western Michigan College [WMU] the next year. He served as paratrooper with the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. In 1955 Felix took over Felix's Place, the family business located at the corner of Stearns Bayou and Grand River [14023 Green Street]. Later, Felix focused on selling guns and knives, along with a smattering of odds and ends. Felix married Joan Boand in August 1964. The pair owned, operated, and appeared in Grand Haven's Water Thrill Show from 1962 to 1974, which was started by Lyle "Whitey" White in 1959. Felix died on November 27, 2021. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Felix taught swimming classes for the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross

Joan was born in Chicago on June 15, 1934. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a major in physical education, she joined the Physical Education Department at Grand Valley State College [GVSU] in 1964. During her long career there, she was instrumental in starting women's athletic teams in volleyball, basketball, softball, and track and field. Overall, the teams she coached won 745 games and took ten Great Lakes Inter-Collegiate Conference championships. She was appointed Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Women's Administrator before retiring in 1999. As early as 1952, she began teaching water safety at Stearns Bayou for the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Joan died on January 27, 2022. She and Felix resided at 15707 Vinecrest Avenue in Spring Lake.

### **Palmer Percy Quackenbush [1908-1987]**

Palmer Quackenbush, a violinist, was director of orchestra and choirs for the Grand Haven schools, beginning in the fall of 1938. Before that he was concertmaster of the 90-piece Grand Rapids Symphony, starting in 1932. In 1935 he taught music in Fremont schools, where he also organized and directed the 35-piece Newaygo County Little Symphony. On November 28, 1939 Palmer conducted 50 musicians in the first performance of what became West Shore Symphony, later called West Michigan Symphony Orchestra. The Grand Haven Community Chorus was on the program as well. The inaugural performance was held at Muskegon High School. The next night, Wednesday, November 29, the ensemble repeated the program, this time in the auditorium at Grand Haven High School on Seventh Street. Albert Maywood Courtright, a music teacher in the Muskegon schools, was co-founder of the symphony and also played in the initial performances. Palmer raised most of the needed funds himself, at a time when the effects of the Depression still had a significant impact. The Symphony was incorporated the same year. Palmer also conducted the choir and glee club at the high school, and he organized a swing orchestra that played for student events. He moved from Grand Haven in the late 1940s, and in 1949 he gave up his position as conductor of the West Shore Symphony and was named associate conductor.

Born in Grand Rapids on September 8, 1908, Palmer died in Salem, Virginia on February 24, 1987. As a boy, he learned to play the violin. He graduated from the Grand Rapids Conservatory of Music and then became a member of its faculty. He joined the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra as its concertmaster, a position he held until his entry into public education. On August 25, 1932, Palmer married Mary Elmore Pearson in Newaygo. Known also as Eleanor, she was born in Michigan on May 30, 1912. They had at

least one child, Catherine [Kathryn Ann], who was born in Fremont on July 12, 1936. In Grand Haven, the family resided at 105 Franklin Street. On October 6, 1958, Palmer and Eleanor were divorced in North Carolina. Eleanor died in Columbia, South Carolina on September 29, 1987. On June 22, 1959, Palmer married Judy Lavoro Schwantes in Mecklenburg, North Carolina. She and Palmer were divorced on October 3, 1972, in Gaston, North Carolina. Judy was born on August 15, 1943 and passed away on November 12, 2010. Palmer married Elizabeth Marsh George on October 4, 1963 in Mecklenburg, South Carolina. She lived from May 5, 1920 to October 6, 2005 [*Muskegon Chornicle*, November 27, 1939.]

### **Friedrich “Fritz” William Quade [1874- ?] and Dirkje Adrianna Quade Reed [1876-1959]**

Friedrich “Fritz” and Adrianna Quade owned and ran the 35-acre Quade Resort from 1914 into the late 1920s. Their property, on the northwest corner of Green Street in Robinson Township, bordered Stearn’s Bayou. The two-story frame home often accommodated as many as 40 people at a time. Adrianna, well-known for her cooking skills, prepared two meals a day for her guests. Prior to opening the resort, the Quades raised chickens on a farm in Robinson Township. Fritz was born in Germany on April 28, 1874 and Adrianna was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands on April 4, 1876. They immigrated to the United States in 1906. In 1936 and 1940 Dirkje was a widow living in Robinson Township, listed as Mrs. D. C. Quade. She also was listed in the 1940 Federal Census for Denver, Colorado as divorced and working as a furrier. By 1945 she had moved to 414 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, and in 1958 she resided at 219 South Second Street. She died on December 24, 1959 under the name Mrs Dirkje Quade Reed. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Musician Bob Warnaar of Grand Haven was her nephew.

### **John J. Quayle [Quail, Quale] [1856-1882]**

John Quayle, a sailor, died in Chicago of pneumonia on May 8, 1882. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery under a large concrete monument adorned with nautical symbols and the word “Mizpah,” an apparent reference to several places of that name in Israel and meaning “watchtower.” The monument, like the other two in Block 16, was manufactured by the F. O. Gross Company at 341 Wabash Avenue, Chicago. John’s parents were Thomas and Mary Quayle of Grand Haven. John was born in 1856 in New York State but moved to Grand Haven with his parents before 1863.

### **Minott [Mynott] William Quayle [1860-1881]**

Minott, the son of Thomas and Mary Quayle of Grand Haven, was born in New York State on June 16, 1860. He died of consumption in Grand Haven on December 10, 1881. Although he died young, he lived long enough to call himself a Grand Haven “Artist” and to produce at least one stereographic view of Grand Haven, taken from Dewey Hill. Minott was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

### **Thomas Quayle [Quail, Quaile] I [1831-1896]**

Thomas Quayle, a sailor, was born on the Isle of Man [England] about 1831. On July 22, 1863 he registered for the Civil War draft while living in Grand Haven. He was married, 29 years old, and working as a sailor. There are no records certifying that he served in the military during the Civil War. On the 1870 Federal Census for Grand Haven, he was listed with his wife Mary and their six children: John, Maria, Minott, Frank, Mary, and Nellie. Their ages in the Federal Census of that year were listed as 13, 12, 10, 8, 7, and 2, respectively. The first three were born in New York, the next three in Michigan. Living in the same household were twins Lizzie and Thomas, 20 years old, both born on the Isle of Man. It’s probable that Thomas and Mary were the twins’ parents. However, Thomas and Mary had another son they named Thomas II, who was born in Grand Haven August 7, 1873. He died the next year on July 7. A daughter, Lotta [Letta] was born in Grand Haven on December 7, 1875 and died on February 10, 1876. In 1877 Mary gave birth again, this time to a boy they named Leroy. Thomas and Mary had at least one other child, Edith, who died in Grand Haven on June 27, 1887 a month short of her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. The infant died on January 14, 1879. Mary was born on November 15, 1839 on the Isle of Man. She died in Grand Haven on January 17, 1879. On January 4, 1881 in Grand Haven, Thomas Quayle married Amanda J. Burch.

Amanda, 20 years younger than Thomas, was born in Wisconsin about 1851. The couple moved to California, where he died on May 31, 1896 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles. On November 20, 1901 in Los Angeles, Amanda married Henry B. Thomas. Mary, the elder Thomas's wife, John, Minott, Edith, Letta, and several other Quayles were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Amanda died on May 14, 1914 in Los Angeles.

#### **Isaac John Quick [1850-1926]**

Born in London, Ontario on July 11, 1850, Isaac Quick opened a general store in Allendale. In 1894 he sold the store to John Wolbrink and John's cousin, Charles E. Wolbrink. In the 1890s Isaac was Allendale's postmaster. On November 23, 1877 in Allendale, he married Mary B. Purdy. She was born in Canandaigua, New York. Isaac died in Marquette, Marquette County on April 11, 1926. See also Charles Edward Wolbrink [1875-1946], John Wolbrink [1842-1899], and John J. Wolbrink [1878- 1955].

#### **Anthony Quinton [1853-1932]**

Anthony Quinton and his wife Mary [May], daughter of Thomas and Bridget Brady, owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. Anthony settled there as early as 1892. He and Mary were married in Grand Haven on October 24, 1895. Anthony was born in New York in June 1853 and died in 1932. Mary, a Michigan native, lived from October 15, 1866 [1867] to May 1, 1933. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children were George, born on September 2, 1897, and Margaret Mary, born on January 10, 1900.

#### **George Quinton [Quintin] [1835-1918]**

On August 14, 1862, George Quinton enlisted in Company I of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry as private. He was wounded at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, on June 27, 1864, and was listed again as wounded and missing on June 12, 1865. At the time of his enlistment, George was a resident of Beloit, Wisconsin, but he moved to Spring Lake Township after the war, where he took up farming and was active until his death at age 83. George also was attached to the 17<sup>th</sup> Veteran Reserve Corps. He was born in Ireland on March 2, 1832. His mother Bridget was born in the same country about 1820 [1810] and was widowed before 1870. She died on September 22, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with George and other Quintons. George died in Spring Lake on November 9, 1918. George and William Quinton were brothers.

#### **William Quinton [Quinten, Quintan] [@1838-1873]**

During the Civil War, William Quinton was wounded at a battle near Atlanta, Georgia on August 7, 1864. He had enlisted in Company F of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry on October 11, 1861 as private. There was no further record of his service after the injury. Born about 1838 in Ireland, William was a resident of Crockery Township at the time he enlisted. On September 15, 1876, Bridget Quinton, listed as his mother, applied for a Civil War pension. Bridget was born in Ireland about 1820 [1810] and was a widow by 1870. She died on September 22, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His father was Anthony Quinton. Buried with Bridge were William and other Quintons. William, a farmer, applied for an invalid's pension on August 9, 1865, died in March 1873, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and George Quinton were brothers.

#### **John C. Quintus [Quintes, Quintis] [1852-1912]**

Born in The Netherlands on April 2, 1852, John Quintus settled in Grand Haven area. In 1880 he worked at George Miller's Hardware Store [approximately 200-202 Washington] in downtown Grand Haven and resided with the Miller family. He also worked as a painter until he sold his stock to Otto Albert Zautner [1884-1968] of Wisconsin. John then entered the furniture and undertaking business. He was justice of the peace for many years, served as clerk of the School Board for several terms, and was town clerk for two terms. John was a member of Emmanuel Congregational Church, where he performed janitor's duties without pay from the time it was organized. On May 25, 1885 he married Elizabeth Saunders in Grand



Haven. She was born in Wisconsin on December 17, 1856. By 1905 the couple was residing in Waukesha, Wisconsin. John passed away on October 14, 1912. Elizabeth died in Waukesha on November 2, 1936. She and John were buried at Jerusalem Cemetery in that city. [*Tribune* obituary, October 14, 1912.]

#### **Albert Raak [1819-1907]**

Born in Overijssel, The Netherlands on August 7, 1819, Albert Raak married Klaasje Kisterman in their native country on February 28, 1845. They immigrated to America in 1865. Albert's parents were Geert Harms and Marje Alberts Prinz Raak. Klaasje also was born in Overijssel on December 18, 1825 and died on March 22, 1910 in Olive Township. The Raaks settled on 60 acres in Section 35 of Olive Township. Albert's and Klaasje's children were Gerrit, who was born about 1847; Arend, who lived from July 24, 1848 to February 25, 1921; Lambert, who was born about 1863; Klass "Charley," who was born in July 1869; Jan "John;" and Geerling. Gerrit and his wife Lucy maintained a 30-acre farm in Olive Township. Arend and Lambert moved to Holland Township. Albert died on March 26, 1907. Charley took over the family farm in Section 35, which grew to 110 acres by 1918.

#### **Albert Raak [1890-1961]**

Albert, born on February 25, 1890, was the grandson of Albert Raak, who settled in Olive Township, and the son of Arend and Roeltje Brower Raak, who were married in Ottawa County on February 25 [28], 1876. The young Albert married Reka Hop, who was born in Olive Township on January 10, 1891. After moving to Grand Haven, the couple resided at 211 Madison in the early 1900s. Living with them was Martha, widow of John Raak, Albert's brother. Martha, the daughter of Gerrit and Jennie "Jane" Nordhuis Gringhuis, lived from 1858 to 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Albert worked with the Grand Haven Fire Department, but by 1918 also leased 80-acres in Olive Township, part of his grandfather's original farm in Section 35. By 1930 Albert's brother Charley was farming the land. Reka died on October 9, 1960 and her husband passed away on February 14 the next year.

#### **Donald E. Rabidoux [1921-1990]**

As early as the mid-1950s, Donald Rabidoux owned 30 acres on Spring Lake. His property, located in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, had the address 18522 Fruitport Road. Donald was born in Muskegon on October 23, 1921, served with the Army from March 31, 1943 to March 31, 1945, married Arlene Stark on August 10, 1944, died in Florida on September 1, 1990, and was buried at Florida National Cemetery. When he passed away, he was living in Bushnell, Florida. Arlene lived from August 25, 1924 to August 23, 2009 and also was buried Florida National Cemetery.

#### **Robert W. Radeke I [1857-1916]**

According to the 1880 census, Robert Radeke was a saloon keeper. In the 1893 *Compendium* Robert was listed as "government clerk," but the nature of his affiliation was not noted. By the early 1900s he was a tobacco merchant at 24 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. The building was one of several torn down in 1927 to make room for the Grand movie theater. He married Cornelia De Vlieger in Grand Haven on February 20, 1879. They lived at the corner of Second and Fulton Streets [206 Fulton]. Cornelia lived from August 1858 to about December 9, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. One of their children, Julia C., was born on October 22, 1882, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1902, became a teacher in the local school system, and married a Ver Hoef. Another daughter was Cora L. [Anna], who was born on November 23, 1887 and died in Grand Haven in December 1968. They also had a son, Robert W. II, who was born on December 4, 1898, died on April 2, 1960, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Robert I was born in Michigan in February 16, 1857, died on December 4, 1916, and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Harold Paul Carl Radikopf [1914-1993]**

Born on March 7, 1914 in Chicago, Harold Radikopf was chief of the Grand Haven Township Fire Department around the time of its founding in 1946. Harold died on December 31, 1993. On October 9,

1937, in Grand Haven Township, he married Marie M. Ott. Born on May 21, 1917 in Grand Rapids, Marie was the daughter of John R. and Rose Hancq Ott. Harold and Marie had five children: Judith Essenyi of West Olive; Cheryl, who married James Potter and relocated to Grand Rapids; Ronald, who was born in 1940; Mark, who remained in Grand Haven; and Brian of West Olive. Harold and Marie resided at 14912 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Marie passed away in Grand Haven Township on July 30, 2005 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Historic Cemetery. Harold's mother Ida was born September 2, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on September 7, 1986. [*Tribune* obituary, August 1, 2005.]

### **Ronald Leroy Radikopf [1940-2021]**

In 1972 Ronald Radikopf won \$487,900 in the Irish Sweepstakes. Up to that time, only two Americans had ever won the "super sweepstakes." Three years later Lewis Miller of Grand Haven sued Radikopf for failing to follow through on their oral agreement to split the prize. Lotteries in 1972 were illegal in the State of Michigan. The Michigan Supreme Court, nevertheless, gave Mr Miller permission to proceed with his suit. No subsequent newspaper articles were found concerning a final judgement. Both men were employed at Gardner-Denver Company.

Ronald, the son of Harold and Marie Ott Radikopf, was born in Grand Haven on October 31, 1940 and graduated from Grand Haven High School 17 years later. He married Marilyn Ann Buitenwert of Grand Haven. She was born on February 25, 1944. They resided at 1025 Colfax Street. The couple moved to Florida, where Ronald passed away on November 24, 2021. Their children were Greg, Ryan, and Tiffany.

### **Albert Radspieler I [1916-2005]**

The son of John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler, Albert was born in Grand Haven on July 27, 1916. He married Antoinette [Ann] Agnes Wapienik in Grand Haven on February 14, 1940. She was born on June 18, 1921 and passed away in Grandville on July 30, 1993. Their children included Phyllis, who married David Jones of Allegan, and Albert II, who moved to Arkansas. Albert served with the National Guard in the late 1930s. At one time was employed at Bastian Blessing in Grand Haven and Continental Motors in Muskegon. He owned and managed Anchor Motel, and also was a real estate broker. He and Ann moved to Grandville, where he died on February 1, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, February 3, 2005.]

### **Anthony Radspieler [1926-2013]**

Anthony Radspieler, born on June 1, 1926, was appointed by President John F. Kennedy as American Consul in Frankfurt, Germany. He had been reassigned the previous April to the American Consulate General in Frankfurt, Germany, where he was chief of the Economic Affairs Section. He also served with the Department of State in Washington, D. C. and with the U.S. Merchant Marine during WWII. In 1954 in Vienna, Austria, he married Jean Gage. On September 4, 1966, he married Gundi H. Winterstein in Washington. She was born in Frankfurt, Germany on June 21, 1943. They were divorced in Virginia on June 29, 1978. Anthony passed away in Saint Leonard, Maryland on August 8, 2013 and was buried at Emmanuel Cemetery in Calvert County, Maryland. Jean lived from October 8, 1924 to November 10, 2010 and was buried at Dale Memorial Park in Chesterfield, Virginia. Anthony's parents were John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler.

### **John Radspieler [1874-1949]**

John Radspieler was born in Austria on July 28, 1874. He married Julia Silverhorn, who was born in Czechoslovakia on December 27, 1879. They settled on an 80-acre farm in Sections 15 and 22 of Grand Haven Township. Their children were John Philip Radspieler, who was born on February 12, 1913 and died in Ferrysburg on April 5, 1993; Rudolph, born on October 30, 1914; Albert, born on July 27 1916; Ernest [Barnett], born in 1919; and Martha, born in 1921. Another son, Anthony, was born about 1927 and appointed American Consul in Frankfurt, Germany in the mid-1960s. John passed away on September 23, 1949, and Julia died on August 25, 1966. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Ernest Radspieler [1913-1993]**

Like his brothers, John Radspieler attended Stone School, located at the southeast corner of 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ferris in Grand Haven Township. John, the son of John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler, was born on February 12, 1913 and died in Ferrysburg on April 5, 1993. He and his wife Olive lived at and operated Grade A Cabins at 17501 Ridge in Ferrysburg. Olive was born on April 15, 1909 and died, also in Ferrysburg, in June 1983. John's parents were John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler.

#### **Rudolph Radspieler [1914-1971]**

Rudolph Radspieler attended Stone School, located at the southeast corner of 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ferris in Grand Haven Township. From the 1940s to the time of his death he resided at 1310 Waverly. Rudolph, the son of John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler, was born on October 30, 1914 and died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1971. Rudolph had three brothers: John, who lived in Ferrysburg, Albert, who moved to Grandville, and Anthony, who moved to Washington, D.C. In 1938 Rudy earned \$4.20 for cutting firewood for Carlotta Ewing, who had a summer home at the nearby Wilderness.

#### **James Rae [1837-1919]**

James Rae was born in York County, Ontario, Canada on June 10, 1837 [1836]. He immigrated to America in 1865 and moved to Michigan the next year. He was a farmer in Crockery Township as early as 1880. He married Elizabeth Miller Lidelle in Nunica on February 17, 1891. Elizabeth was born in Hillsdale County on April 30, 1846 [1847]. She was married previously to John Lidelle, who died in 1875. In 1893 James was farming 30 acres in Section 14 of Crockery Township. At the time of the 1900 and 1910 Federal Censuses, the couple was still on the farm. Elizabeth was a correspondent for the *Tribune* in 1909 and 1910, and possibly longer, covering Nunica, Dennison, and Crockery. James sold some of his farmland, and by 1918 he had 18 acres remaining. He died on September 11, 1919 in London, Canada. Elizabeth, listed in the 1920 census as a resident at the Clarke Memorial Home in Grand Rapids, died on February 24, 1935.

#### **Charles W. Ralya [1844-1915]**

Charles Ralya, born in February 1844, owned a 40-acre farm in Section 13 of Robinson Township. His wife, Celia E., lived from February 1854 to 1922. Charles died in 1915. He and his wife and other family members were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Leonard Ralya, who was born in 1872 and died in 1960, was their son. Another son, George W., lived from April 14, 1881 to 1965. They also had a daughter, Maud, who was born in 1874, married John Conant, and died in 1946. John was born in 1869. The Conants had two children. A second Ralya daughter, Hazel P., was born on May 9, 1891 and married Robert H. Scott.

#### **Leonard Foster Ralya [1872-1960]**

Leonard, the son of Charles W. and Celia E. Ralya of Robinson Township, was born in June 1872 [1873]. He married Mary Amanda, the daughter of Luman and Alwilda Smith Van Drezer of Grand Haven. Mary, also a Michigan native, lived was born in February 1870, died on May 15, 1936 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Living in the Ralya household in 1900 was Mary's daughter Georgia Sheldon, born in May 1890. The Ralyas owned an 80-acre farm in Section 23 of Robinson Township. Mary lived from 1870 to 1936 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Leonard and Mary had five children: Lawrence Rolland, born on December 30, 1897 and died in Spring Lake on April 1, 1979; Iris, born September 6, 1904 and died thirteen months later; Harold L., who lived from October 13, 1907 to November 27, 1989; and Lillian Evelyn, who was born on August 13, 1909, on February 25, 1927 married Hugh Spencer Rowell [April 14, 1905-February 25, 1981], and died in Holland on May 8, 1993. On April 4, 1940, Leonard married Olive Jeanette Reynolds Green in Coopersville. After Leonard's death, she married Elgie Green [1912-1990]. Olive lived from December 11, 1916 to November 1993 and was buried at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Tampa, Florida. Leonard died in February 1960 and was buried with other family members at Robinson Township Cemetery. Mary had been married previously to George Sheldon, who was born on October 22, 1863 and died on May 28 1890.

### **Robert L. Ralya [1931-2005]**

Grand Haven native Robert Ralya was born on June 3 1931. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict, belonged to the Second Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven, and was president and chaplain of the Gideons. In July 1959 Bob opened a two-chair barbershop in a new building at 1000 Robbins Road, and appropriately named his business Bob's Barber Shop. He sold the shop to his partner, Art Schout of Coopersville, who had filled the extra chair since 1960. After selling his business, Bob worked for Screw Machine Specialties for a number of years, but eventually rejoined Art Schout at the barbershop. Bob retired in 1996. Bob and his wife Edith M. had several children, including David, of Orlando, Florida; Kathy, who married David Newhof of Zeeland; Tom, who moved to Jamestown; Daniel, who moved to Hamilton in Allegan County; and Mary, who relocated to Indiana. The family resided at 1120 Taylor before moving to 17242 Burkshire in Grand Haven Township. Bob died in Zeeland on January 28, 2005 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 31, 2005.]

### **Reuben Randall [1836-1903]**

The Randall G.A.R. Post in Coopersville was named for Reuben Randall. He was born in Ohio on November 24, 1836, moved to Ottawa County, and enlisted with Company B of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. He participated in the First Battle of Bull Run and received a gunshot wound in his left thigh at the Battle of Fair Oaks on May 31, 1862. He was discharged on September 29 that year because of his wound and on October 1 filed for an invalid's Civil War pension. Reuben married Elvira Velzy in Lamont on November 27, 1865. Born in Wyoming County, New York, she lived from September 2, 1846 to August 21, 1934. Reuben was appointed Lamont's postmaster on September 15, 1876. He passed away in Lamont on October 2, 1903. Four weeks later Elvira applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Both were buried at Maplewood Cemetery. They had seven children.

### **Dexter Ranney [1808-1850]**

Dexter Ranney, who was born on June 5, 1808 in Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, settled in Robinson Township before 1839. [Ashfield was Amanda White Ferry's hometown.] In the mid-1830s Dexter and George Ranney, apparently cousins, were hired by the Grand Haven Company to handle logging at the juncture of Crockery Creek and Grand River. Dexter's wife, Laura Robinson, was born in New York about 1820. Dexter's parents were Samuel Hall and Polly Stewart Ranney. His sister Lucretia married Nehemiah Hathaway, another early Ottawa County settler. Dexter owned land in Sections 1 and 2 of Robinson Township as early as 1838, and he purchased 40 acres in Section 31 in Polkton Township on February 1, 1848 and another 40 acres the following June 1. He drowned in the Grand River on August 22, 1850. Frederick Ranney was Dexter's brother.

### **D. S. Ranney [? - ?]**

D. S. Ranney was listed in the 1867 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as proprietor of the Ferrysburg House. Although there were at least three Ranney families in Ottawa County, none could be found with the initials "D.S." that was alive in 1867.

### **George A. Ranney [1828-1911]**

George Ranney and Dexter Ranney were hired by the Grand Haven Company to handle logging at the juncture of Crockery Creek and Grand River. George was born in New York State on August 26, 1828. In January 1858 he married Cornelia Smith. Also a native of New York State, she lived from 1833 to October 31, 1921. George died on January 1, 1911 in Kent County and was buried at Old Bostwick Lake Cemetery in Cannon Township, as was Cornelia.

### **Frederick Thomas [Thompson] Ranney [1821-1885]**

Frederick Ranney about 1858 succeeded Charles Hathaway as part owner of the Grand Rapids Ax Factory, which produced tools for the lumbering industry under the name Edge Tools. The other principal was Daniel Alcumbrack [1820-1859]. Six years later Frederick sold his interest back to Hathaway. Around

1860 Frederick became owner of Colonel Norton's sawmill in Nortonville. He sold his interest in the mill to George Cole of Blendon Township in 1867. Frederick was among the first justices in Robinson Township when it was formed in 1865.

Around 1843 Frederick married Elizabeth [Eliza, Aliza] Pauline Garrison, who was born in New York in 1818, died on August 16, 1856, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frederick and Elizabeth had at least two children, Samuel Hall Ranney, who lived from 1844 to 1915, and Mary H. Ranney, born in Michigan about 1846. After Elizabeth's death, Frederick married Frances "Fannie" Antill Bates in Grand Rapids on November 3, 1857. Fannie was born in Hopeville, New York on December 26, 1839. She and Frederick had five children, Frederick Tappen Ranney [1859-1934]; Florence Ranney [1862-1933]; Arthur Ranney [1864-1867]; Lewis Jay Ranney [1872-1933]; Elizabeth Ranney [1875-1937]; and Frances Ranney [1878-1927]. Frederick's sister-in-law, Lucy Bates was hired to teach at Ottawa Center School in 1859.

While living in Spring Lake, Frederick helped organize the First Presbyterian Church in 1861, along with Hunter Savidge, John Newcomb, and Aloys Bilz. Frederick was born March 12, 1821 in Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts and died on December 19, 1885. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members, including his mother, Polly, who died on November 26, 1850 at the age of 74. His sister Lucretia married Nehemiah Hathaway, another early Ottawa County settler. Fannie passed away in Los Angeles, California on November 13, 1925. Dexter Ranney, who owned property in Robinson Township before 1839, was his brother.

#### **Nora Berden Rawlinson and [1884-1992] William Winthrop Rawlinson [1876-1959]**

William Rawlinson was born in New York on April 26, 1876. His father, John Winthrop Rawlinson, was pastor at a Spring Lake Church for an unspecified time. William married Nora Belle Berden in Ottawa, Kansas on September 19, 1908. She was three years old when her mother died in 1887. Her father remarried, but Nora sensed that her stepmother did not like her, so she started visiting her grandmother whenever possible. Nora learned to play piano at her father's house. When she was 16, her father took her to Ferris College in a horse-drawn wagon. At Ferris she earned a "Normal Professional" [teaching] degree. Nora enrolled in a one-year teacher certification program at the college, took a certification test, and began teaching school when she was 17. She was charged with cleaning the one-room schoolhouse and building a fire to warm the students before she could start the day's educational activities.

William passed away on May 3, 1959 in Spring Lake. Nora was born in Custer, Mason County on December 8, 1884 and died on August 15, 1982 in Leesburg, Florida. Among their seven children was a son they named after John Winthrop Rawlinson, who was born on September 7, 1912, became a Methodist minister, and married Ruth Kinney. Ruth lived from 1915 to 1976. John and Ruth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William died on April 26, 1999 in Decatur, Indiana. William's and Nora's daughter Mary married William Creason in 1944 and moved to Grand Haven soon after.

#### **Cyrus B. Raymond [1825-1903]**

Cyrus Raymond, born in New York State on April 19, 1825, by 1870 was residing in Spring Lake Township, where he worked as a "Sawyer" in a sawmill. On May 1, 1858, in Ottawa County, he married Mary E. Read in Ottawa County. Mary was born about 1837 in New York. Cyrus's and Mary's children, all born in Michigan, were Mary, born about 1859; Hiram, born about 1862; Mira, born about 1866, and George, born on June 28, 1873. Cyrus helped organize the Baptist Church in Spring Lake. By 1880 he was a widower living with the Jay McClure family in Spring Lake and classified as a laborer. Living with him was his son George. Cyrus died on May 3, 1903 in Adel, Iowa and was buried at Oakdale Cemetery.

#### **Nelson W. Read [Reed, Reid] [1828-1925]**

A sailor by trade, Nelson Read was born in Jefferson County, New York, on October 10, 1828. On March 26, 1853, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, he married Adeline M. Calhoun [Calhoon] of East Cleveland. The couple came to Grand Haven in 1862. Nelson served with Company C and E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry

during the Civil War. He and Adeline had four sons and four daughters. Adeline, who was born in Pennsylvania, died of pneumonia in April 1880 at the age of 50. He was still classified as a sailor. In the Federal Census of that year, Nelson was listed as a widower living in Ferrysburg with his seven children. On August 31, 1888 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. By 1900 Nelson was living in Elk Rapids, Antrim County with his daughter Fanny Dulyea and her family. He died in Ashtabula, Ohio on July 21, 1909 and was buried at Center Cemetery.

### **Daniel F. Realy [Realey, Really] [1819-1893]**

In 1832 Daniel Realy moved to Ann Arbor. Five years later, he and his brother-in-law Captain Henry "Harry" Miller obtained through pre-emption from the federal government 175 acres Section 33 of Polkton Township on the Grand River. The south line of the property was on the Grand River, where Daniel had a landing. In 1838 Daniel sowed and harvested the first crop of wheat in Ottawa County, grown on about three acres. Captain James Dalton of Chicago helped him bring in the crop. Daniel thrashed the wheat with a flail and transported it to market by canoeing up the Grand River to Grandville, a 22-mile trip. By 1840 Captain Miller and his wife Elizabeth were living on the site. In 1842 they built a permanent home, which also served as an inn for people traveling by coach between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. It was called the Mid-Way House. On May 1, 1851 Daniel bought 40 acres in Section 33 of Polkton Township, and by 1864 he owned substantial acreage in Section 4 [south] of Polkton. In 1865 he sold his Polkton Township acreage to the County for \$6,000. The County built a Poor Farm [Infirmity] on the 175-acre site. Elizabeth Miller was Daniel's sister.

After Daniel sold his farm, he bought land from Timothy Eastman and by 1876 he owned two 37-acre parcels in Section 3 [south] of Polkton Township. Daniel built the foundation for a new Eastmanville School in 1868 for \$115, and he built his home directly across the road from the school. He served as highway commissioner for the township. Daniel was born in Wurtemberg, Germany on July 18, 1819 and died on March 28, 1893. In 1843 he married Lucinda Hatch. A native of New York, she lived from August 18, 1826 to February 27, 1876. Both were buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. [The *Tribune* in its March 25, 1893 obituary noting Daniel's passing reported that he married "Mrs. Sarah Hatch in 1843."] Five Realy children died in infancy or childhood and are buried with their parents at Eastmanville Cemetery. A daughter, Mary Jane Realy, was born in Michigan in 1852, married Nathaniel Garrison, and died in 1931. Four other surviving children were Minnie Realy, who was born about 1852; Lena Realy, who was born in 1859, married Benjamin Leavenworth [1855-1925], and died in 1922; Carrie Realy, who was born about 1864 and on September 2 [21], 1883 married John Woodcock in Eastmanville, and Artie Belle, who was born in 1868, and on August 14, 1891 married Walter Edwin Miller in Grand Rapids, and died in 1942. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 1893.]

### **John Redder [1871-1929]**

John Redder owned a general store in Olive Center around 1900. He was born in Michigan on May 13, 1871. He married Sena Nienhuis in South Olive on July 31, 1895. She was born in Ottawa County on August 22, 1875. John and Sena had six children, including Charlie, born about 1897, and Bessie, born the following year. John was listed as a sales clerk in a general store, possibly his own, and in 1920 he was a salesman for a food company. John died on March 14, 1929 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery in Holland. Sena in 1930 was working as an assistant in a physician's office. She passed away on January 1, 1938 who also was buried at North Holland Cemetery.

### **Arnold Redeker [1917-2016]**

Long associated with Ford automobile sales and service in Grand Haven, Arnie Redeker was a native of Woodworth, Illinois, where he was born on May 20, 1917. The son of Henry and Sophia Redeker, Arnie was the youngest of four children. Arnie had a limited education, mostly in a German-speaking Lutheran grade school in his hometown.

In 1946 Gust Thieleman moved his Ford dealership to a newly-constructed showroom and service garage at 12-16 North Third Street. Thieleman retired in 1952 and sold the business to Aubrey Ernst and Arnold Redeker. From 1966 to 1973 Arnold Redeker and Burton Imig ran the dealership under the name Imig & Redeker. Imig sold his interest to Arnie and his name was dropped. Redeker Ford moved to 1401 South Beacon Boulevard in 1980. Arnie married Anne Kothai in 1939. Born on February 7, 1915, she died in Grand Haven on August 6, 2006. They had two sons, Bill and Jack, and a daughter, Ruthann, who married Tom Butterworth. After Anne's death, Arnie married Louise Laughlin on July 11, 2009. Louise had two daughters from an earlier marriage: Vicky, who married Douglas Koster, and Lori, who married Craig Johnson.

Arnie received his airplane pilot's license in 1944 and continued to fly for the next 62 years. He was a long-time member and elder of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grand Haven. Arnie died on May 15, 2016. [*Tribune* obituary, May 17, 2016.]

### **Cottrell O. Reed [1903-1956]**

Cottrell Reed was a news reporter for the *Muskegon Chronicle*. On October 16, 1925 he married Sena Boyink in Grand Rapids. Sena was the daughter of John and Margaret Golden Boyink of Grand Haven. The Reeds lived at 396 Howard Street around 1940. With them was a new-born daughter, Jessena. Cottrell Reed, who was born in 1903 in Michigan, passed away on May 21, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sena lived from March 8, 1904 to August 5, 1977. She died in Adrian but was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Eugene Henry Reed [1856-1931]**

Eugene Reed was born in Spring Lake on October 10, 1856 and died in Oregon on November 5, 1931. He married Emma Sanora, the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Chittenden on October 16, 1878 in Spring Lake. Emma was born in Spoonville on September 1, 1858 and died in Oregon on May 27, 1941.

### **Evalyn "Eva" Selleck Reed [1866-1930]**

Born in Alpena, Alpena County on August 18, 1866, Eva Reed spent most of her life in Spring Lake and was best known as the owner of the "Little Gray Tea Room." Her fame as a cook spread beyond local limits and travelers from far and wide sought out her restaurant. Eva was the first hostess at the Spring Lake Country Club, serving meals in the little green clubhouse. In 1920, she taught music at her home on Prospect Street. She married Arthur T. Reed in Berrien County on December 28, 1887. He was born in Berrien County in 1859, became a newspaper reporter, and died in Spring Lake on September 14, 1897. A member of the Spring Lake Baptist Church, Eva died in Detroit on July 21, 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, July 21, 1930.]

### **Grosvenor [Grover] Reed I [1814-1871]**

Grosvenor Reed was born in New York State in 1814. On November 24, 1849 he purchased 120 acres in Section 22 of Robinson Township, where he settled for a while. On October 17, 1854, he purchased 80 acres in Section 26, and on March 23, 1860 he bought an additional 40 acres in Section 22 and 80 acres in Section 27. In 1854 he became the first prosecuting attorney of Ottawa County, and from 1865 to 1866 he was Robinson Township supervisor. He also surveyed much of the land around Allendale and Lamont. Grosvenor was credited with bringing the tugboat *Elisha Bliss*, into Grand Haven harbor, the second one to work in this port.

Grosvenor's first wife was Caroline Amanda Abel, whom he married in Grand Rapids on November 3, 1842. Caroline was born on February 24, 1819 and died on October 15, 1852. She was the daughter of Julius Caesar and Rachel Bristoe Abel. Julius was born on September 13, 1793. The Reeds' children were Helen [Elmira Helen/Amelia Helen], who was born in Grand Rapids in 1847 and married William Rutledge Lewis, and Joseph, born in 1849. Grosvenor's second wife was Lucy. Their children were Wellington John, born in New York in 1854; Grosvenor II, who was born in New York in 1855 and

drowned on September 17, 1888; Minerva, born in Indiana in 1857; Kate [Alma/Elma], born in Michigan in 1859; George, born in 1860; Mary, born in Michigan about 1865; and Julia, who was adopted. The wife of Grosvenor II, Susan, was born in New York about 1850. [*Tribune* article, April 16, 1902.]

Grosvenor I passed away in Grand Rapids on July 1, 1871 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery.

### **Hiram A. Reed [Read] [1805-1883]**

Hiram Reed, who lived from May 3, 1805 to May 13, 1883, was an early settler in Spring Lake. He was a ship's carpenter and justice of the peace. Hiram held several township and village offices and was Village postmaster from March 4, 1858 until May 10, 1861. One of his daughters, Laura M., married George L. Schwab of Spring Lake. Another, Caroline, married John Dixon of South Carolina. Hiram was residing with Laura and George in 1880.

### **William Nelson Reed [1838-1908]**

William Reed was listed in the 1863 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a shipbuilder in Ferrysburg. He was born in Portage County, Ohio on August 4, 1838. William served as private in Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. In 1863 he married Nellie Badger, who was born in Lenawee County on March 30, 1841. They moved to Reno County, Kansas in 1873. William died in Reno County on February 8, 1908 and was buried at Hutchinson Eastside Cemetery. Nellie passed away in California on February 19, 1925 and also was buried at Hutchinson. They had three sons.

### **Abraham [Abram] Reenders [1885-1961]**

Abraham Reenders was an employee of Peerless Glove Company as early as 1910, when it was located at 13 South Second. By the early 1940s, he and Arthur Elliott were co-owners of the business, then located at 633 Elliott Street. Abraham, the son of Alle and Grietje Nederveld Reenders of Grand Haven Township, was born on July 25, 1885. On November 3, 1909 in Grand Rapids, he married Johanna Dobb. They resided at 535 Colfax. Abraham died on January 10, 1961. Johanna lived from June 10, 1883 to May 26, 1951. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Alle [Alli] Albert Reenders [Reendir] [1843-1905]**

On September 14, 1876 Alle Reenders and Grietje [Maggie] Nederveld were married in Grand Haven. Alle was born in Eenrum, The Netherlands on May 29, 1843, the son of Klaas Martens and Martha Eilderts Nienhuis Reenders, who owned a farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. Alle came to the United States with his parents in 1854. On August 22, 1862 Alle enlisted in Company I of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private. He was mustered out on June 24, 1865. After the war Alle was classified as a laborer in the census of 1880. He died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1905. Grietje, the daughter of Abraham and Neeltje Rychel Nederveld, came from Ouddorp, The Netherlands, where she was born on April 24, 1855 and immigrated to the United States when she was ten. She died in Grand Haven on April 22, 1935. She and Alle were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They owned a 10-acre farm in Section 33 in the north part of Grand Haven Township. Their children, all born in Grand Haven Township, were Klaus, born on August 21, 1877; Martha, who was born on January 12, 1882, married Dirk Van Doorne, and died on July 31, 1950; Abram [Abraham], born on July 25, 1885, married Johanna Dobb, and died on January 10, 1961; and Nellie, who was born on April 19, 1892 and married Daniel Meeusen.

### **Arnold "Arnie" Eugene Reenders [1929-2023]**

Born on September 5, 1929, Arnold was the son of Arthur and Evelyn Dams Reenders. As a teenager, he started working with his father in home construction, as did Arnie's brothers Howard and Robert. On January 10, 1951, Arnie married Wilma Bishop. She was born on June 11, 1927. The same year as his marriage, at the start of the Korean War, Arnie joined the 180<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and participated in several significant battles in Korea. After his discharge, Arnie returned to Grand Haven and the family's home construction business. After his father's death in 1993, Arnie became president of the business. Arnie was a Realtor and broker, and he served on the Board of Directors of the North Ottawa



Board of Realtors. He was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club, American Legion Charles A. Conklin Post Number 28, the Antique Automobile Club of America, the Ford V-8 Club, and the Horseless Carriage Club of America. He and Wilma were life-long members of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven, where he was deacon, elder, and vice president of the Consistory. He and Wilma had three children: Karen Bush Reenders, who was born about 1953 and married Jim Lambers; Linda Reenders, who was born about 1958 and married Roger Ennenga; and Mark Reenders, who was born about 1960. Arnie passed away on December 31, 2022 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Arthur Reenders [1903-1993]**

Arthur Reenders on February 12, 1929 married Evelyn Dams in Olive Township. Born on August 12, 1909, she was the daughter of Derk "Dick" and Henrietta "Hattie" Dams of Olive Township. They moved into a house that Art constructed at 1200 Slayton Street. Art was the son of Klaus and Minnie Van Doorne Reenders. Clarence Reenders was Arthur's brother. Arthur worked with his father as a carpenter until the Great Depression. Later he was employed at Bastian Blessing, Story & Clark, and Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. At the conclusion of WWII, Arthur started a home construction business named A. Reenders & Sons after he was joined by his three children: Arnold, who was born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1929; Howard, born on May 16, 1931; and Robert, born about 1935. When Arthur retired, his oldest son Arnold became president of the family business. Arthur and Evelyn were members of First Reformed Church, and he served on the Board of Appeals for the City of Grand Haven and on the United Fund Board. Buying and selling antique cars was his passion. Art died on September 17, 1993 in Grand Haven. Evelyn passed away on August 10, 1996. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 18, 1993.]

### **Clarence Reenders [1902-1980]**

Clarence, the son of Klaus and Minnie Van Doorne Reenders, was assistant fire chief of the Grand Haven Township Fire Department about the time it was formed in 1946, and later he became township supervisor. He married Angie Fisher on April 4, 1922. She was born on March 9, 1890 and died in Grand Haven on December 22, 1984. They resided at 14031 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue. With the assistance of his sons, Clarence opened and operated Reenders Blueberry Farm at 10012 West Olive Road. He lived from March 14, 1902 to February 8, 1980 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Angie also was buried.

### **Eildert [Eddert, Eldert] Reenders [1839-1862]**

While a resident of Grand Haven, Eildert Reenders on August 14, 1862 enlisted as private in Company G of the Michigan 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry. He died on November 20, 1862 at Danville, Kentucky at the age of 24 and was buried at the National Cemetery at Lebanon, Kentucky. His parents were Klaas Martens and Martha Eildert Nienhuis Reenders of Grand Haven Township.

### **Evert [Edwald, Edward] Reenders [1848-1904]**

Evert Reenders arrived in Grand Haven around 1870 and found work as a laborer in the sawmills. In 1874 he started work for the Bakker mill. Evert was born in The Netherlands in September 1849. On November 24, 1875 in Grand Haven, he married Minnie Helder. She was born in Michigan about 1857 and died of consumption on August 6, 1888. Their son, John, was born in Grand Haven on January 12, 1878. Born in The Netherlands on September 15, 1848, Evert passed away in Polkton Township on November 19, 1904.

### **Howard Reenders [1931-2023]**

Howard Reenders and Barbara Boot were married in Grand Haven in 1952. Howard, the son of Arthur and Evelyn Dams Reenders, was born in Grand Haven on May 16, 1931. She was born in Grand Rapids on July 15, 1933. When WWII ended, Arthur started a home construction business named A. Reenders & Sons, when he was joined by Howard and his other two sons, Arnold and Robert. Howard and Barbara had six children: Nancy Reenders; Shirley Reenders, who married Lee Woodruff; Lisa Reenders, who married Keith Granger; Dennis Reenders; Paul Reenders; and Scott Reenders. The family attended the First

Reformed Church in Grand Haven, and Howard was a member of the Horseless Carriage Club, the Michigan Association of Home Builders, and the Michigan Housing Council. Barbara passed way on December 5, 2019, and Howard died on November 7, 2023. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Klaas Martens Reenders [1800-1874]**

Klaas Reenders purchased 160 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township on June 1, 1860. He was classified as a farmer and gardener. Klaas married Martha [Marta] Eilderts Nienhuis in Groningen, The Netherlands, on June 2, 1835. She was born in Groningen on January 13, 1809. Their surviving children, all born in Groningen, were Martin, born on February 3, 1836; Eildert, who was born in 1839 and killed on November 20, 1862 while serving with the U.S. Army during the Civil War; Reindert, who lived from 1841 to 1921; Alle "Albert," born on May 29, 1843; Evert, who was born in The Netherlands on September 15, 1848; Jacob, born about 1848; and Mary, born about 1852. Klaas was born in The Netherlands in 1800 and died in 1874. Martha lived from 1809 to 1865.

#### **Klaus [Claus] Reenders [1877-1962]**

In Grand Haven on April 5, 1900 Klaus Reenders married Minnie, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne. The Reenders had a 20-acre farm at the northeast corner of Comstock and 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue [Section 34, North Grand Haven Township], not far from the future Grand Haven airport. Clarence and Arthur were two of their children. Klaus, the son of Alle and Grietje Nederveld Reenders, lived from August 21, 1877 to February 28, 1962. Minnie was born on May 7, 1877 and died on September 25, 1938 in Grand Haven. She and Klaus were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Martin Reenders [1836-1884]**

Martin Reenders, a carpenter, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on February 3, 1836. His parents were Klaas and Martha Eilderts Nienhuis Reenders, who immigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven Township. Martin married Emma Stokes in Grand Haven on July 21, 1865. The daughter of Frederick and Harriet Stokes of Grand Haven, she was born in London, England in July 1847. At the time of the 1880 Federal Census, she and Martin lived on Third Street in Grand Haven. They had two surviving children, John, born about 1868, and Alice, born in October 1872, and at least four who died before the age of eight. Alice married Charles Van Norman of Grand Haven. Martin passed away in December 1884. In 1891 Emma married Orson Vander Hoef of Grand Haven. Reender Reenders was Martin's brother.

#### **Martin Everts Reenders [Rynders] [1842-1914]**

Martin Reenders, who was born in The Netherlands, lived from October 11, 1842 [1841] to May 2, 1914. In Grand Haven in 1880, he worked as a teamster, but by the early 1900s he was employed at Eagle Ottawa. On March 4, 1870 in Grand Haven, he married Anje [Anna/Annie/Anja] Cornelia Medendorp. She was born in The Netherlands in 1834 and died in Grand Haven on April 5, 1884. They and their children emigrated from The Netherlands in the mid- to late-1860s. Martin and Anje had at least five children: Elizabeth, born about 1860; John [Jan] L., born in 1862; Alice [Altje], born about 1864; and Alida, who born on November 28, 1870 and died on November 16 three years later. Not long after Anje's death, Martin married Remke [Rena, Renske, Renka] Mobalis, who was born in The Netherlands in March 1856. By the early 1900s Martin and Remke were residing at 527 Fulton. Living with them were their two daughters, both born locally: Alida, born on November 27, 1885, and Alice, born in July 1888. Remka died in 1917. Both she and Martin were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Reender [Reindert] Reenders [1839-1920]**

In the 1893 *Compendium*, Reender Reenders was listed as a sewing machine agent in Spring Lake. He also owned and operated an ice cream store at 110 West Savidge Street. In 1871 he married Martje, daughter of Cornelius and Jantje Visser Brongersma. The Reenders were the parents of Klaas, who was born in Spring Lake on September [November] 10, 1874; Jennie, who was born in March 1877 and married Jacob Braak, founder of Braak's Bakery; and Cornelius "Neil," born in September 1879. Reender was born in The

Netherlands on October 28, 1839, came to the United States in 1859, and died in 1920, while Martje, a native of Michigan, lived from July 1855 to 1915. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His parents were Klaas and Martha Eilderts Nienhuis Reenders, who immigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven Township, making Martin Reenders and Reender Reenders brothers.

#### **Nathaniel Reese I [1835- ?]**

Nathaniel Reese, a ship's carpenter, built at least two ships in the Grand Haven area: *Spray*, a 40-ton scow built in 1870, and *Augustus*, an 80-ton scow, built at Spoonville in 1883. Nathaniel was owner as well as builder of both vessels. He was born in Wales in November 1835. His wife, Sarah Goole, was born in Canada around 1843. Their children were Augustus, born in Ohio about 1856; Henry, born about 1858; Mary A., born about 1859; and Nathaniel II, who was born on July 7, 1866 and died of consumption in Crockery Township on November 14, 1889. The three younger children were born in Michigan. In Grand Haven, the family resided on Fourth Street. Sarah died after 1880. On August 26, 1893 in Nunica, Nathaniel married Clara Blom Johnson. Born in Michigan in May 1868, Clara had married Louis Johnson in Grand Haven on November 9 1885. Born in Norway about 1845, Louis died on September 21, 1892 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nat and Clara were residents of Crockery Township.

#### **John Regelin [1859-1909]**

John Regelin was born in Germany on July 4, 1857 and came to the United States with his parents when he was about 11 years old. John and his wife, Mary, lived at 414 Monroe Street in Grand Haven. He worked as a molder at Grand Haven Basket Factory on Madison Street. John died on January 30, 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Louis and Maria Regelin. Edward Regelin, who lived from 1894 to 1945, was John's and Mary's son.

#### **Ludwig ["Louis," "Lewis," "Luis"] Johann Carl Regelin [Roegelian, Regalain] [1824-1910]**

Louis Regelin was born in Germany on March 11, 1824. His wife Mary [Maria] Elizabeth Shultz was born in the same country six years later. By 1868 they lived on a farm in Grand Haven Township with their children: Friedrich, born about 1851; Johann [John], born about 1857; Ludwig, born about 1862; and Augusta, born on July 10, 1868. The boys were born in Germany, but Augusta was born locally. A daughter Dora, born in Germany in 1856 married August J. Hoffmeister. Another daughter, Christina, was born in Hamburg, Germany on June 24, 1857 and married William Koats, and one more daughter, Henrietta, was born "at sea" on April 4, 1865 and married Henry Neitring of Grand Haven Township. Mary died on September 4, 1897 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Louis died on February 19, 1910 and was buried with his wife.

#### **William Regelin [1915-1990]**

William Regelin, born in 1915, married Elizabeth Klumpel in Grand Haven on July 1, 1939. William's parents were Edward and May Hancock Regelin. Elizabeth [Bettye] Helen Klumpel was the daughter of William and Edith Wacker Klempel of Grand Haven, who lived at 425 Slayton Street. Edith lived from 1918 to September 19, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William died on September 26, 1990. He and Elizabeth lived at 15775 Lincoln Street in Grand Haven Township.

#### **William H. Regelin [1820- ?]**

In 1860 William Regelin was proprietor of the Ottawa House located at 1 Washington Street in Grand Haven. The hotel was destroyed by fire on November 13 that year. William was born in New Jersey about 1820. His wife Esther was born in New York around 1822, and their son Charles was born in the same state about 1849. There is no evidence that this William Regelin was related to other Regelins in the Grand Haven area.

#### **Charles H. Reghel [1864-1935]**

Charles Reghel was born in Corunna, Shiawassee County on August 18, 1864. On September 22, 1892, shortly after arriving in Grand Haven, Charles married Bertha, the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Luikens of Grand Haven. Bertha was born on December 1, 1871 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1890. Charles was employed by the Cutler House for three years, before moving to Grand Rapids, where he remained for the next eight years and became known as “Reddy the Oyster King.” About 1902 he returned to Grand Haven and purchased the building at the southeast corner of First and Washington Streets [204 Washington], where he operated a saloon. He and his wife also resided there, but later purchased the house on the southwest corner of Franklin and First Streets [32 Franklin]. Charles bought the River View Hotel at 10 Franklin, which he subsequently sold to Herbert Hillman. In 1932 Charles and his widowed sister-in-law, Lucy Callister, bought the KarmelKorn store at 110 Washington. Charles died on January 14, 1935 while working at his KarmelKorn business. The Reghels had two sons: Frank, who was born on July 3, 1893, and Lewis, who was born on January 14, 1905. Bertha passed away on November 4, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 1941.]

#### **Frank Bernard “Bernie” Reghel [1893-1964]**

On September 6, 1917 Bernie Reghel married Florence Perl Knapp in Grayling, Crawford County. A veteran of WWI, he went to work for the James W. Oakes Insurance Company in 1919 and in 1927 began his own insurance and real estate business, F. B. Reghel & Company, in Grand Haven, with an office located first on Seventh Street, then at 210½ Washington Street, and later at 222½ Washington. Ruby McCracken worked with him in the business for 34 years. In 1926 Bernie and Florence purchased and managed the new 14-unit Oval Inn, located on Harbor Drive [1030 Harbor], across the street from the State Park in Grand Haven. The Inn had been owned by William Blakeslee, a building contractor from Spring Lake. Later they added the “Grand Haven Apartments” next door and the “Miami Apartments” across the street [then 27 Prospect, now 20 Prospect], for a total of 40 rooms and four apartments. They piped in music by telephone from Grand Rapids and served food from 9:00 a.m. to midnight. They resided in one of the Miami Apartments. The Reghels sold their interest in the property in 1955, and in 1961 Frank sold his insurance business to R. K. Mitchell of Muskegon. Frank was a Mason, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Area Resort Committee. In 1933 he was Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge. The son of Charles and Bertha Luikens Reghel, Frank was born in Grand Haven on July 3, 1893 and died on March 5, 1964. Florence lived from June 30, 1893 to June 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 1964.]

#### **Lewis [Louis] W. Reghel [1905-1960]**

The son of Charles and Bertha Luikens Reghel, Lewis was born on January 14, 1905. He became proprietor of the Franklin Hotel, located on the southwest corner of Franklin and First Streets in Grand Haven. He also worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission, and by the mid-1940s he was working at People’s Bank and Trust. Ten years later he was vice president of the bank, the position he held at the time of his death. He and his wife at that time resided at 514 Grand Avenue. On May 29, 1932 in Crown Point, Indiana, Lewis married Martha, the daughter of Emil and Johanna Meschke. Martha was born in Grand Haven on March 15, 1905. She served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Grand Haven and was a member of the Hofma Trust at its inception in 1938. She also was employed as an interior decorator at Daugherty Furniture in downtown Grand Haven. Martha died in Grand Haven on March 26, 1988, 28 years after her husband, who passed away in Cleveland, Ohio on June 20, 1960. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Henry Reichardt [1884-1961]**

Born in Troy Grove, Illinois on January 9, 1884, John Reichardt graduated from Northern State Normal College [Northern Illinois University] in DeKalb. After teaching four years, he worked for Butler Bros. and A. C. McClurg & Co. in Chicago, selling stationery, office supplies, and gifts. A newspaper ad offering Charles Boyden’s Book Store in Grand Haven caught John’s eye. In 1908 he borrowed \$1,200

from his mother, Sarah Reichardt [Reichard] and, using \$113 of his own money, he bought Charles Boyden's bookstore business at 228 Washington. In 1914 he purchased the building. On July 19, 1913 he married Erma Joyce, the daughter of Elbert and Delia Lynn of Grand Haven. Erma was born in Lamont on March 10, 1892. She attended the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan from 1911 to 1913, but a health problem prevented her from completing the requirements for a bachelor degree. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in the Canadian Rockies. From about 1920 to the early 1930s the family resided at 523 Slayton in Grand Haven. In 1931 John and Erma purchased and occupied a home at 308 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. Their children were Margaret Lynn Reichardt, born about 1915, and John "Jack" Lynn Reichardt, who was born on April 13, 1917 and joined his father in the business. Erma, who graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1911, passed away in 1955. Two years later, on April 22, 1957, John married Mildred Henry Merrill of New York City.

In 1917 John and Carl Daniels established Daniel's Office Supply Store in Muskegon. John sold his interest in that business and opened The Abigail at 218 Washington Street, an exclusive woman's dress shop named for Abigail Bos. Abigail was buyer and manager of the shop for a year and a half before joining the *Grand Haven Tribune* as reporter and, later, as fashion editor. Reichardt also established a wholesale magazine sales business, later known as Hostetter's, and was a partner in the Pippel-Patterson Printery Company. His first buying trip abroad in 1928 made the two Reichardt stores an unusual gift shop and clothing store. Their prestige grew throughout the state. He purchased The Style Shop building and business at 204 Washington from John and Esther Grubinger. The new acquisition allowed him to broaden the price range of women's fashions. Eleven years later he opened a men's store and an office supply company below the Gift Shop. John also was an organizer and director of the Chamber of Commerce and director of Security First Bank & Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third] for 33 years. He was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids, Grand F. & A.M. Lodge, and the Elks. He died about June 2, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 2, 1961.]

#### **John "Jack" Lynn Reichardt [1917-2008] and Elizabeth "Libby" Field Reichardt [1920-2004]**

Jack, the son of John H. and Erma Joyce Lynn Reichardt, was born in Grand Haven on April 13, 1917. He attended Dartmouth College and enlisted in the U.S. Navy a few months before the start of WWII. On November 14, 1942, while stationed in Dallas, Texas, he married Elizabeth "Libby" Field Watterworth. Libby, the daughter of Earle J. and Augusta "Gussie" Field Watterworth, was born in Dallas on February 6, 1920. After the war, the couple settled in Grand Haven.

From 1945 to 1952, Jack worked with his father in the family-owned Office Supply store at 222 Washington Street, while Libby, who had years of experience in the fine gifts department of Nieman Marcus in Dallas, was joined by Izetta Witherell at the Gift Shop, also at 222 Washington. In the early 1950s the Reichardts added The Men's Shop at 220 Washington, a men's fine clothing store. Following a buying trip to the British Isles in the early 1960s, the men's store added the Savile Row Tailor Shop, with highly trained British tailors. In 1962, Jack introduced tartan plaid slacks for men, a fashion trend that spread across the country. For a few years, the Reichardts operated a summer shop called Topside near the White Lake Yacht Club in Whitehall.

The Abigail, located at 218 Washington Street, closed in the mid-1960s. The office supply business, which at the time included a second store in Holland, was sold to Sherman Wirick in the 1960s. The Men's Shop and Savile Row were closed in the late 1960s. Jack worked with a number of other foresighted Grand Haven retailers in developing and promoting Downtown Unlimited in an effort to improve the downtown image and promote the community in West Michigan. Jack and Libby in 1958 persuaded the city council to convert downtown Grand Haven between First and Third Streets to a pedestrian mall, the first in the country. The mall was featured in a number of national publications including *Business Week Magazine*. Unfortunately, the experiment, called Projection 60, was not a success, primarily because the summer of

1958 was unusually wet and, with the loss of parking on the closed-off streets, there was limited space for vehicles near the downtown district.

In the late 1960s, Jack turned his attention to technology. He was one of the first operators in West Michigan of a Service Bureau he named Kent Data for customers needing computer services. In 1973 Jack's and Libby's son Field Reichardt joined the business. Libby added a specialized gift shop at the south end of their building at 218 Washington. Ad Lib featured antiques purchased in London, in France, and in Austria as well as unusual gift items. Reichardt, as the business was called, added a fine wine and specialty food department, a kitchen department similar to Williams Sonoma, and an indoor/outdoor café with a special menu created by Azema Pringnitz, a creative Belgian. Jack retired from direct management of Reichardt in 1974 and passed away on January 19, 2008.

In her youth, Libby was on the staff of the North Dallas High School yearbook, and she was president or vice president of several student organizations. In Grand Haven she was a charter member and trustee of Kandu Industries, a founding member of Counterpart, a volunteer at the Art Institute of Chicago, a member of the Community Lecture Series, and she served on the art selection committee for the Muskegon Museum of Art. In the mid-1960s, Mayor Bill Creason appointed her to a committee to study the use of the waterfront along Water Street [now Harbor Avenue]. She advocated reserving the waterfront for public rather than commercial use. What is now known as Bicentennial Park came into being with Libby's urging.

Libby and Jack had three children: John Field Reichardt, who was born in August 1948 and remained in Grand Haven; Shelton Sumner Reichardt, who was born in September 1950 and moved to Silverthorne, Colorado; Tempe Lynn Reichardt, who was born in August 1957, married Reiner Van Heusden, moved to Belgium, was divorced in 2015, married Jonathan Riven, and relocated to Napa, California. Libby, Jack, and their children were members of St. John's Episcopal Church. Libby died in Spring Lake on June 9, 2004. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 10, 2004 and January 21, 2008, and M-Live article "Grand Haven man was prolific business owner," January 21, 2008.]

### **Roger Allen Reister [1941-1998]**

Roger Reister was born in Grand Haven on August 31, 1941. In 1971 the City Council appointed him Community Development Director, forerunner of the city manager position, which was approved in 1976. Roger was replaced by Larry Sterenberg in 1977. Roger and his wife Kathleen opened the Arboreal Inn at 18191 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township. He died on July 6, 1998 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Kathleen ran the Arboreal Inn after his death. She sold the restaurant in 2007 to Jeff and Becky Tallman. Kathleen was born on August 8, 1947.

### **William Rellingston [Rellingson] [1829- ?]**

See Aletta Harriet Teeple.

### **Clayton Rettinhouse [1927-2001]**

Born on November 30, 1927 in Ada to Clarence and Mary Corl Rettinhouse, Clayton was a rural mail carrier for the Spring Lake Post Office from 1967 to 1989, when he retired. Prior to that he had been employed by Gardner-Denver and Construction Aggregates. He married Connie J. Hull on May 18, 1951 in Angola, Indiana. Clayton served with the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the local American Legion, V.F.W., Eagles, Am-Vets, and the North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. His children were Kay of Grand Haven and Tony of Spring Lake. The Rettinhouses resided at 15419 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Clayton died on January 28, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

### **Henry W. Retzlaff [Retzloff] [1887-1951]**

Henry Retzlaff was born in Ottawa County on July 26, 1887 and his wife Mabel in Illinois about 1897. They resided on an 80-acre farm in Section 14 of Grand Haven Township. Their children were Russell, born in Indiana about 1920, and Howard, born in Michigan on November 9, 1923. Henry's father,

Frederich Retzlaff, was residing with the family in 1930. Frederich was born in Germany about 1846. Henry's mother, Amelia, lived from 1849 to 1924 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Henry passed away around June 29, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Howard H. Retzlaff [1923-1991]**

Howard, the son of Henry and Mabel Retzlaff, was born November 9, 1923 and married Helen A. Yettaw in Denver, Colorado on November 25, 1944. Returning to Grand Haven, the newlyweds lived at 12320 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Olive Township. Helen, the daughter of Almond and Lena Alexander Yettaw, was born in Charlevoix on January 31, 1925. The Retzlaffs had seven children: Beverly, who married Jerry Warner of Spring Lake; Arlene, who married Bernie Bennett of Holland; Charyn, who married Roger Conant of Phoenix, Arizona; Jerry, who lived in Katy, Texas with his wife, Nancy; Roger of Grand Haven; and Gary, who remained in Grand Haven with his wife. Another son, Scott, died earlier. Howard died on December 7, 1991, and Helen passed away on June 12, 2001 in Grand Haven. They were buried at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Grand Haven Township. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 2001.]

#### **Kennith [Kenneth] Clark Retzlaff I [1908-2001]**

Kennith, born on February 10, 1908, was the son of Orry and Minnie Emma Beier Retzlaff of Finley, Washington. On June 29, 1932 in Muskegon, he married Virginia E. Coles. She was born on March 26, 1911 and, died on October 9, 1993. The Retzlaffs moved to Grand Haven in 1948, where Kennith, an electrical engineer, was co-founder with Maynard Heyboer of Grand Transformers and Orry C. Retzlaff, Kennith's father [1882-1971]. The Retzlaffs were members of the United Methodist Church. Kennith was a ham radio operator, president of the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross, member of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, and president of the Community Chest [United Way]. The family resided at 950 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the 1950s and later at 1306 Hillcrest. Kennith died in Grand Haven on July 18, 2001. Kennith C. II, born on March 6, 1933, was their son. Other children were Jerry and Greg of Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituary, July 20, 2001.]

#### **Kennith Clark Retzlaff II [1933-1996]**

Kennith, the son of Kennith and Virginia Coles Retzlaff, was born on March 6, 1933 and died on October 27, 1996. In the late 1950s he lived on the second floor at 106 Savidge.

#### **Sven Bertijl "Bert" Reuterdaahl [1913-2006]**

Bert Reuterdaahl worked as a tool and die designer for Bastian Blessing and then for Anderson-Bolling in Spring Lake. At Anderson-Bolling he became assistant superintendent and later master mechanic. In 1954 he started his own company, B-R Metal Products, located at 410 South Water Street [Harbor Drive] and later moved to 144<sup>th</sup> Street in Spring Lake Township. He was president of the company and his wife, Minnie, vice president. The couple lived at 107 Church Street in Spring Lake. They were married in Los Angeles on September 24, 1940. Born in Karlstad, Sweden on April 13 [20], 1913, Bert died in Ada on July 26, 2006. Minnie, who was born Hermina Van Eden in Grand Rapids, lived from October 11, 1915 to May 14, 2008. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. A son, Carl J. Reuterdaal, was born in Grand Haven on July 17, 1942, died in Spring Lake on May 13, 1993, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They also had a daughter, Linnea, who was born on May 16, 1946, remained single, and moved to Grand Rapids. Bert and his parents immigrated to the United States from Sweden in 1914.

#### **Torsten [Thorsten] Lennart Reuterdaahl [1917-2009]**

In 1959, Torsten Reuterdaahl and his wife Genevieve moved from 232 East Exchange Street to 216 North Buchanan Street, occupying a home they purchased from Dr. Frederick and Ella De Young. Six years later the Reuterdahls sold the home to George and Charlene Thomas. Thorsten worked as an engineer for the Anderson-Bolling Company in Spring Lake. Born in Karlstad, Sweden on March 13, 1917, Torsten came to the United States with his mother in 1929. He married Genevieve Wilna Cook in Los Angeles on October 24, 1942. Genevieve lived from July 30, 1922 to May 8, 2000 and was buried at Spring Lake

Cemetery. Torsten died on March 11, 2009 and was buried at the same cemetery. They had a child, Quinn, who was born and died on the same day in 1956. He, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their other children were Kenneth, Quinn, and Lars, and a daughter, Sandra, who married Wallace Morey and moved to East Lansing. Torsten's parents were Nils August [November 27, 1877 to January 12, 1920] and Gurli Alexandra Bolling [March 27, 1882 to May 30, 1959] Reuterdaahl. Nils died in Sweden and was buried there. Gurli was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Rex [? -1927]**

On February 23, 1927, the *Grand Haven Tribune* ran this obituary: "Rex, the big black city fire truck horse, is dead and no more will respond when the siren screams. He died this morning and will be buried on city property with all the respect and pomp any horse could wish." See "Hope" for an earlier similar obituary.

### **Asa Reynolds [1830-1892]**

Born in Essex County, New York on January 12, 1830, Asa Reynold and his family lived in several places before settling in Grand Haven in 1865. When he first arrived, he was involved in the brick business. His office initially was located in Senator Ferry's office on First Street. Later he moved to the Odd Fellows Block [136 Washington] and then he worked from his home. He was a member of the Grand Haven Fire Department and was assistant fire chief for a time. From May 19, 1877 to October 21, 1881, Asa was postmaster of Grand Haven. In 1880 he was elected city marshal, and he was on the Republican ticket for the office of city recorder, a position he held in 1889. On March 6, 1862 he married Frances Drusilla Chaffee, who was born June 27, 1836. Her parents were Jonathan Skinner and Mary W. Russell Chaffee. At least two of their four children, all born in Grand Haven, died in infancy. One surviving child, Frederick M. was born in Grand Haven on December 20, 1867, and another, Ernest R., was born on March 10, 1875. Asa passed away on March 14, 1892 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1900 Frances and Ernest were living on Washington Street. Ernest was listed as physician and surgeon. Frances died in 1925 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, March 15, 1892.]

### **Charles Reynolds [1827-1890]**

Charles Reynolds, a lumberman, was born on November 19, 1827 and died in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on October 23, 1890. On December 5, 1848 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, he married Eliza Storrs. She was born in Connecticut [New York] on November 6, 1827. By 1860 the couple was living in Blendon Township with two sons and Eliza's parents. The sons, Frank and Eddie, were 5 years old and 1 year old, respectively. Eliza and Charles had at least one other son, William, who was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1869 and married Rose Gutner in Menominee, Menonimee County on February 2, 1925, and a daughter, Mattie Maria, born in Grand Haven on March 25, 1871. At the age of 15, Eliza started teaching African Americans in the South. She was active in her church, and from 1873 to 1874 she was one of a group of women who were concerned about the menace of intemperance. They visited various drinking establishments and knelt before the bar, amid the dirt and joking, to pray that God would lead the misguided men away from alcohol. She was the first president in Grand Haven of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, formed in 1877. [However, see Frederick C. Stratton.] She died in Sturgeon Bay on October 22, 1890. [Woman's Christian Temperance Union.]

### **Clarence C. Reynolds [1882-1959]**

On April 26, 1911, Clarence married Katherine "Katie" Grossman in Grand Haven. In 1915 they resided at 315 Madison Street. Clarence was a crane operator at a local foundry. Clarence was born in 1882, died in Grand Haven on June 20, 1956, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Katherine lived from October 11, 1891 to June 16, 1979 and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had one son and two daughters, Howard, Marie, and Lucille, who were born in Grand Haven between 1912 and 1917.

### **Jessie M. Reynolds [1877-1967]**



Jessie, the daughter of John and Flora Keeler Reynolds of Grand Haven, was born on November 18, 1877. She became a teacher in Grand Haven Public Schools and lived with her parents at 408 Franklin Street. She passed away on March 3, 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of her death, she was still residing at the family home on Franklin.

#### **John Nelson Reynolds [1844-1924]**

John Reynolds was born in Porter County, Indiana on August 24, 1844. When he was about eight his parents moved to Ingersoll, Canada. At the age of 20 he studied medicine for one year under Dr. Springer, a prominent homeopathic physician in Ingersoll. He subsequently studied at the Cleveland Homeopathic College for six months and then returned to study under Dr. Springer for another year. John graduated from the Missouri Homeopathic College in St. Louis in 1867. After opening his practice in Baltimore, Barry County, he moved to St. Clair six months later, where he went into partnership with Dr. G. Palmer.

On September 14, 1868, in Wayne County, John married Flora Emma Keeler [Kieler], oldest daughter of Captain Seymour Clinton Keeler [1821-1899] of Detroit. The next year Flora and John moved to Grand Haven. Flora was born in 1849 and died in 1885. John was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. In 1887 he married Frances Park. His medical office was at 116 Washington, and he and Frances lived at 408 Franklin with their two daughters, both born in Grand Haven: Anna [Annie] L. Reynolds, born in January 1873 [1875], and Jessie M. Reynolds, born on November 18, 1877. They also had two sons, Roland Reynolds, born August 18, 1869, and Arthur Justus Reynolds, who lived from June 1880 to 1972. Frances was born on August 30, 1858. She was still living at 408 Franklin in 1930. Jessie continued to occupy the house until her death. The Reynolds family attended the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where Frances served for 32 years as an officer of the Ladies Social Society and was one of the first two deaconesses. John died on May 20, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frances passed away on March 4, 1951 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Lucy Rice Reynolds [1859-1937]**

Lucy Vincent Rice was born in Michigan on December 31, 1859 and married Edward Reynolds in Grand Haven on October 31, 1882. Edward was born in Blendon Township on October 19, 1858. By 1910 Lucy and Edward were living in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where Lucy died on August 5, 1937. Her parents were James and Margaret Vincent Rice of Grand Haven. Edward died in Sturgeon Bay on May 19, 1919.

#### **Enoch L. Rhoades [Rhodes] [1832-1902]**

Enoch Rhoades was born in Dutchess County, New York, on September 20, 1832 [1842]. When he was two, his father, Benjamin Rhodes, moved to Montcalm County. While in Newaygo County, on November 2, 1863 Enoch enlisted as private in Company K, 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry and served until his discharge on August 15, 1865. He reportedly participated in the capture of Jefferson Davis. On February 7, 1870 he married Jennie L. Connor [Conner], who was born in Ionia County on January 16, 1848. Enoch and Jennie had one child, Carrie Mabeth, who was born on March 13, 1872 in Newaygo County, married Hiram J. Fletcher [January 3, 1865-November 4, 1932], and died October 26, 1908. The Rhoades family lived at Ottawa Station in Olive Township, where Enoch was a blacksmith. He died on April 18, 1902 and was buried at Olive Cemetery, where his wife, daughter, and son-in-law also were interred. His wife's name was listed as Susan J. in the 1900 census. She died November 3, 1903 at the age of 55.

#### **Martin Ribbink [1896-1988]**

Martin Ribbink was born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1896. He had two sisters and a brother. While in the seventh grade he started work in the tannery, and then learned the machinist's trade at Dake Engine Company. From there he went to Keller, back to Dake, then to Peerless Novelty, and retired from American Brass. Martin married Edna R. Martin on June 2, 1933. She previously was married to Harold Allen Boltz [1887-1924] of Muskegon. Martin died on December 21, 1988 and was buried at Lake Forest

Cemetery. Edna lived from 1898 to November 30, 1968 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon with her first husband.

#### **David Derial Rice [1818-1868]**

A native of Pelham, Canada, where he was born in 1818, David Rice and his family moved to Crockery Township in 1855. In Canada in 1841, he married Sarah J. Burke, who was born in Ontario, Canada [New York] on March 8, 1820. They had 10 children, seven of whom were born in Canada: Arvilla Victoria Adoma Ann Rice, who lived from 1841 to 1883; J. Harrison Rice, who lived from 1842 to 1919; William S. Rice, who was born on May 3, 1843; Arminda C. Rice, who was born in 1846; Rosannah Rice, who lived from 1848 to 1937; Sarah M. Rice, who lived from 1853 to 1939; and David Rice, who was born in 1854. The three children born locally were Derial Riley Rice, who lived from 1858 to 1938; Albert Rice, who lived from 1859 to 1870; and Martha J. Rice, who lived from 1860 to 1940. The Rices purchased a 40-acre farm in Section 36 of Crockery Township shortly after their arrival from Canada. David died in Eastmanville on November 13, 1868.

#### **Eber Rice [1842-1910]**

Born in Pelham, Ontario on April 6, 1842, Eber Rice came West when he was 14 years, learned the printing trade and settled in Crockery Township. On September 3, 1862 he enlisted as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was a member of the Color Guard in March 1865 and was mustered out as Chaplain the following June. After the war, Eber worked at the *Grand Haven Herald* until 1872, when he moved to Grand Rapids and purchased the M. A. True Printing Company, later named the West Michigan Printing Company, which specialized in book binding. Eber died on December 19, 1910 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids Township. He married Margaret Louisa Pixley in 1878. She was born in Michigan in 1845, died in 1932, and was buried in the same plot. Margaret applied for a widow's pension on February 13, 1911. Their children were Charles, born in Grand Haven in 1869; Birdie Y., born in New York in 1870; and William E., born in Grand Haven in 1871.

#### **James Alexander Rice [1824-1878]**

James was born in Riceburg, Canada on October 12, 1824, the son of Martin and Lucy Wheeler Rice. Martin was born on March 8, 1781 and died in June 1852, while Lucy was born around 1782. Martin and Lucy were married in Massachusetts on January 10, 1804. In 1859 James opened the Rice House, a hotel on the northeast corner of Washington and Harbor Streets [Lot 22]. In later pages of his history, Leo Lillie wrote that the hotel opened in 1862, but it clearly was in business by the time of the July 31, 1860 census, when James was listed as proprietor. In 1862 James became trustee of the new Grand Haven Union High School, and in 1867 he was alderman for the First Ward on Grand Haven's first City Council.

James died on January 2, 1878 in Kalamazoo. His wife Margaret, the daughter of Michael and Hannah Mitchell Vincent of Grand Haven, was born in Vermont on August 10, 1828 and died in Kalamazoo on May 28, 1889. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Two of Margaret's sisters married James Rice's brothers: Permillia to Martin Rice and Maria to Charles Rice; both of these families remained in Quebec. One of James's and Margaret's daughters, Mary K. Rice, was born on June 6, 1850 and married Frederick Mansfield of Grand Haven. Another, Lucy Vincent Rice, was born in Michigan on December 31, 1859 and married Edward Reynolds. A third daughter, Martha Jane "Mattie" Rice, was born on September 2, 1862 and married Otis Dickinson. The three sisters were born in Grand Haven. Mary and her sister Martha "Mattie" Mansfield Rice were the first managers of Highland Park Hotel, which opened on July 4, 1890.

#### **Martha Jane "Mattie" Mansfield Rice [1858-1940]**

Martha "Mattie" Jane Mansfield was born in Lovell, Maine on January 22, 1858. She married Oscar A. Rice in Milwaukee on December 28, 1882. On April 8, 1876 in Vermont, he had married Florence Meigs. She died on November 1, 1881 at the age of 25 and was buried at Church Street Cemetery in Swanton,

Vermont. Their daughter Kelley “Kittie” Rice, who was born in Swanton on October 14, 1876, died of consumption in Grand Haven on September 18, 1896, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery under her mother’s name, Florence Rice. Oscar was born about 1852 in Sheldon, Vermont, died in 1931, and was buried at Rice Hill Cemetery in Sheldon.

Mattie and Oscar were divorced at an undisclosed time. Mattie remained in Milwaukee, where she was an employee of the Singer Sewing Machine Company for 15 years, and later she opened and managed the Juneau Café in that city. Oscar manufactured men’s shirts. By 1900 Martha was living alone in Milwaukee, and twenty years later she was residing at 226 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, where she remained the rest of her life. She, along with John Worsfold, appeared in several Coast Guard Festival Parades as Grand Haven’s oldest citizens. She died of cardio-vascular disease in Grand Haven on May 8, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Oscar died in 1931 and was buried at Rice Hill Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 20, 1896 and article, “Death Claims Mrs. Martha Rice Today,” May 8, 1940.]

### **Martha Jane “Mattie” Rice [1862-1940]**

See Martha Jane “Mattie” Rice Dickinson.

### **William S. Rice [1843-1936]**

William, the son of David Derial and Sarah Burke Rice, was born in Canada on May 3, 1843. He moved with his parents to Crockery Township in 1855. On December 13, 1868 he married Florence Potts in Polkton Township, where they established a 104-acre farm in Section 8. Florence was born in the township on February 10, 1855. William was legally blind, but carried out his responsibilities as a farmer nevertheless. He and Florence had at least three children: Ernest L., who was born on December 14, 1869 and died on November 20, 1953, Dora, who lived from 1876 to 1947 and married Lester Timmerman [1865-1957], and Belle. William passed away on December 31, 1936, and Florence died in Grand Rapids on November 2, 1943. Both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery, as were Ernest and Dora.

### **Gabriel Richard [Richards] [1767-1832]**

Among the early priests to minister to the Grand River Indians was Father Gabriel Richard, who arrived in Detroit in 1798. In 1809 he published Michigan’s first newspaper, *Michigan Essay or Impartial Observer*, in 1817 he helped found the University of Michigan, and in 1823 he was elected as a non-voting member to the House of Representatives from the Michigan Territory, the first Catholic priest to be elected to that body. He served one term, but during that term he

was able to secure an appropriation to build a road between Detroit and Chicago. Father Gabriel was born in France on October 15, 1767 and died of cholera on September 13, 1832 in Detroit. [*Wikipedia*.]

### **John Richards [1838-1916]**

John Richards was born in The Netherlands on November 20, 1838. He was listed in 1860 as a servant in Clark Albee’s home and in 1880 as a lumberman. Richard’s wife Kate was born in The Netherlands on April 6, 1841. John and Kate Richards were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, he on May 6, 1916, she on June 30, 1918.

### **John Stevens Richards [1821-1897]**

Although never a resident of Grand Haven, Captain John Richards was well known by local mariners as captain of the steamship *Milwaukee* in the early 1860s. He is reputed to have made his first voyage into Grand Haven harbor in 1850. Among his local acquaintances were Captain Heber Squier, Captain Thomas McBride, and Captain John Stark, who was chief engineer on the *Milwaukee*. Captain Richards was born in Pennsylvania on June 5, 1821, resided in Erie, Pennsylvania, died in Chicago on April 23, 1897, and was buried at Erie Cemetery. His wife Adelaide lived from May 31, 1833 to January 10, 1913 and was buried at the same cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 28, 1897.]

### **Benjamin Franklin Richardson [1832-1906]**

A native of Maine, where he was born on August 17, 1832, Benjamin Richardson worked in the lumber industry in Traverse City and relocated to Spring Lake in the 1860s. Starting in 1873 he was employed at the Batchellor & Thomas Mill in Ferrysburg as saw filer, and remained there until at least June 1881. The 1882 history of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties claimed that Benjamin was “the oldest saw filer in the State of Michigan” and that he settled in “the area” in 1838, which means he immigrated here at the age of six. He was still listed as saw filer in the 1893 *Compendium*. He married Eveline Elizabeth Cole, who was born on July 13, 1840 in New York State. Their daughter Harriet “Hattie” was born in November 1859 and married William Buckley of Spring Lake. Harriet, a teacher, began her career in a rural Spring Lake school when she was 14. The Richardsons had six other children, all born in Michigan, including Martha Richardson, who was born on February 15, 1872 and married Augustus Stephen Thomas [1870-1900]. Benjamin died on March 12, 1906 in Spring Lake. Eveline passed away on November 21, 1925.

### **James Richardson [1831-1902]**

Born in Ohio in June 1831, James Richardson and his wife Ruth settled in Robinson Township. Ruth was a native of Indiana, where she was born in November 1829. James’s Civil War monument at Robinson Township Cemetery cited his service with Company A of the 44<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry, but the veterans’ record of 1890 for Ottawa County noted that he served with company E of the 9<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry and later in the 134<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. A daughter, Lucinda Wheat, was born in Indiana in May 1858. In the census for 1900 James, Ruth, Lucinda, and three of the Richardson’s grandchildren were living on an 80-acre farm in Robinson Township. Lucinda’s husband was not included in the household. James died on May 18, 1902.

### **Ephraim Stiles Richmond [1820-1896]**

Ephraim Richmond was born in Deerfield, Pennsylvania on December 2, 1820. He married Susannah [Susan] Readfield, of Leroy, New York, on October 19, 1843. She lived from September 30, 1824 to 1916. The couple moved to De Kalb County, Illinois in 1860 and six years later came to Nunica to enter the hotel business. Ephraim died on July 16, 1896. Husband and wife were buried at Nunica Cemetery. Their children, all born in New York, were Mervin, born about 1847; Emery, born about 1851; and Viola, born about 1855.

### **Karl “Charles” August Richter I [1836 -1904]**

Grand Haven resident Charles Richter, a tanner by trade, started the Richter Tannery in 1889. It was located at the east end of Fulton Street near the Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa]. In 1898 he sold to Grand Haven Leather. Charles was born on October 27, 1836 in Germany and died on July 21, 1904. His widow, Fredericka [Freeka] Haase Richter, lived at 901 Fulton. She also was a native of Germany, where she was born about 1838. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Fredrike, born about 1867; Anna, born in 1869; Karl “Charles” II, born on April 18, 1871; Mary, born about 1872; and William, born about 1877.

### **Karl “Charles” August Richter II [1871-1932]**

Charles Richter was captain of the Corps of Engineers’ dredge *General Meade*. His nephew, Les Brinkert, served as a deckhand under him. Charles, the son of Charles and Fredericka Haas Richter I, was born in Grand Haven on April 18, 1871. He and his wife Martha lived at 214 North Second Street. Martha, the daughter of Johannes and Caroline Hartman Behm of Grand Haven Township, was born in Michigan in April 1877. Their children, all born locally, were Martha, born in June 1898; Arthur C., born on May 6, 1900; Vera A., born about 1903; Harold C., born about 1905; Anna C., born about 1908; and Carl, born about November 1909. Arthur died on November 11, 1918 and was interred at Lake Forest. The family resided at 626 Clinton. Charles died on June 25, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his son Arthur.

### **Ellen Bethel “Nellie” Tate Riddell [1848-1905]**

See Ellen Bethel "Nellie" Tate.

### **Sylvester Sylvanus Rideout [1845-1922]**

On December 9, 1861 in Castle Hill, Maine, Sylvester Rideout joined Company C of the 15<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry as private. He was mustered out on January 19, 1865 and came to Grand Haven in 1868. He moved two years later to Spring Lake. Sylvester purchased the Sinclair House from John Dixon [Dickson] in March 1879 and renamed it the Rideout. With accommodations for about 30 guests, the hotel was located on the northeast corner of Division and Exchange Streets in Spring Lake [Lot 4, Block 14, Bryant's Addition]. Sylvester was Village postmaster from July 27, 1889 until May 23, 1893. From 1887 to 1892 he was in the drugstore business with Peter De Witt. On November 24, 1870 in Grand Haven, Sylvester married Charlotte L. Johnson, who was born in New York in September 1846. Sylvester was born in New Brunswick, Canada on December 23, 1845, died on February 27, 1922, and was buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles, California. His parents were Jacob and Mary N. Kearney Rideout.

### **Frank J. Riemer [Reimer] [1892-1946] and Helena Kluempel [Klempel] Riemer [1891-1971]**

Frank Riemer was born in Austria in 1892. On April 23, 1918 he married Elsa Hentschel in Grand Rapids. In 1921 he opened a jewelry store at 28 Washington and moved to 128 Washington about six years later when the Grand Theater was built on his original site. In the 1930 census Frank was residing with August Kluempel and August's daughter, Helena Kluempel. Helena was born in Grand Haven Township on March 20, 1891, and reportedly married Frank on October 1, 1920. However, in the 1930 census she was listed as a single woman using her maiden name, and Frank was listed as a widower. By the mid-1930s Frank and Helena were listed as husband and wife. They resided at 215 Columbus Street. Helena ran the jewelry store for a short time after Frank passed away in 1946. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday School. She also belonged to Downtown Unlimited. Helena, who continued to live at 215 Columbus, passed away on September 21, 1971. She and Frank were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 21, 1971.]

### **Albertus "Bert" [Burt] Riemersma [1875-1945]**

Born on April 5, 1875 in Spring Lake, Bert Riemersma became the owner of a 160-acre farm in Section 21 of Olive Township, and he owned an additional 40 acres in Section 26. He continued to occupy the family property into the 1930s. Bert also raised livestock. On May 21, 1898 in West Olive, he married Minnie Lamers, who was born in Port Sheldon Township on September 24, 1880. They had ten children, including Richard, born in Michigan in December 1898. Bert died in Holland on May 15, 1945 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Minnie passed away on February 7, 1946 and was buried near her husband at Pilgrim Home.

### **Jacob Riemsma [1846-1936]**

The Jacob Riemsma 40-acre farm was located in Section 26 of Olive Township. Jacob, who was born in The Netherlands on January 14, 1846, settled in the township in 1874 and was still on the property in 1918. Like others in the area, he also raised livestock. He and Mary [Maria] Bareman [Baarman/Baasman] were married on May 21, 1877 in Holland. She was born around 1858 in Wisconsin. Among their children were Christian, who was born about 1878; Joldert "Joe," who was born May 17, 1880 and died May 21, 1943; Jacob M., who lived from October 2, 1889 to March 20, 1963 and died in Florida; and John, who died on June 3, 1898 at the age of 12. The three sons were buried at Olive Cemetery. He died at the Ottawa County Poor Farm on December 2, 1936.

### **Gerrit Riepma [1916-1997]**

Born on January 13, 1916, Gerrit Riepma immigrated to Grand Rapids with his parents in 1927. Twenty-five years later he found work in Muskegon but lived in Grand Haven at 1351 Waverly. He and his wife Emilia had three sons: Martin, John, and Robert. Martin and his wife Anne who was the daughter of Ed and Kathleen Dahlstrom of Grand Haven, moved to Florida. The other two sons remained in the Grand

Haven area. Emilia, who was born on May 3, 1914, died in May 1969. At the time Gerrit died, on June 28, 1997, he was living in Grand Rapids. He and Emilia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Daniel E. Riley [1857-1931]**

In the early 1900s Dan Riley operated a livery and boarding stable at 20 North Third Street in Grand Haven. Called the Cutler House Barn, the structure was destroyed in the fire of 1889 but was rebuilt. Daniel married Emma Wynne in Allegan on September 25, 1889. They lived at 325 Franklin in Grand Haven. Dan was born in Canada in August 1857 and came to the United States when he was three. Emma was born in Allegan on February 11, 1865. By 1920 they were living in Muskegon, where Dan worked as a watchman in a livery stable. Dan passed away in Kalamazoo on April 23, 1931, and Emma died in Alma on January 23, 1937. Both were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan.

**Daniel W. Riley [1879-1929]**

Dan was born on November 8, 1878 in Illinois and died on November 21, 1929 in Grand Haven. His wife Rena was born in Michigan on November 7, 1873. They were married on August 31, 1913 and moved to Grand Haven from Chicago after 1920. They resided at 700 Sheldon Road. In the early 1920s Dan and his partner, Ralph Van Toll, purchased from Edward C. Smith the Washington Garage at 11 Washington Street. Dan was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery as was Rena, who passed away on October 27, 1963.

**Frank Kittridge Riley [1931-2017]**

Frank, the son of William H. and Frances Ewing Riley, was born in Grand Rapids on December 18, 1933. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1952, and continued his education at Western Michigan University, where he earned a master degree in education. He and Susan Christensen were married on June 10, 1956. Born in Muskegon on July 7, 1935, she taught elementary school. Susan died October 31, 1984. They had two daughters, Anne Riley and Kathleen, who married Steve Robbins of Norton Shores.

**James F. Riley [1861-1898]**

James Riley ran the "omnibus line," a horse-drawn bus, in the 1890s. His primary route was from the ship landings and train depots to Highland Park. On September 17, 1887 in Berlin [Ottawa County], he married Catherine, the daughter of "Captain" Jack Walker of Grand Haven. She was born in Michigan in May 1861. They had two children: Joseph, born in July 1888, and a daughter, born in August 1893. The Riley residence was at 313 South Second Street in Grand Haven. James, who was born on February 28, 1861, died on December 2, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**William Ewing Riley [1929-1999]**

William Ewing Riley, the son of William H. and Frances Ewing Riley, was born in Grand Rapids on January 17, 1929. He moved to the Tri-Cities area in 1960, where he joined the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake, sang in the choir, and was hired as its custodian. He and his wife Nancy had two children: Cynthia Nanette, who was born on May 23, 1953 in Ottawa County and drowned in Lake Michigan in Grand Haven on June 27, 1961 at the age of 12, and William Harm, who was born in Grand Haven on November 17, 1961. Their other sons were Peter and Michael. William died in Spring Lake on June 21, 1999.

**Adrian Henry Ringelberg [1890-1969]**

Adrian, born in Grand Haven on June 1, 1890, was the son of Henry and Gertrude Fondse Ringelberg. At age 16 he began working at the Challenge Refrigerator Company, eventually becoming purchasing agent. When that business was discontinued in 1929, he and others started Challenge Stamping & Porcelain Company to manufacture porcelain products and refrigerated display cases. In 1940 Adrian worked with Andrew Johnson in bringing the Puffer Hubbard Company to Grand Haven and began the production of beverage coolers and meat counters.

On May 8, 1917 Adrian married Dora Smith in Grand Haven, where she was born in Grand Haven on September 10, 1893. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Ruth D., who was born on February 13, 1918 and married Claude Van Coevering; Harold A. "Buss," born on December 9, 1919; Mildred L., who was born in 1928 and married a Mr. Pierce; and Glenn S., born in 1929. Around 1930 the family resided at 422 North Sixth Street and later at 215 Grand. Adrian died in April 1969 and Dora passed away in September 1977. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Harold A. "Buss" Ringelberg [1919-2004] and Eleanor Shaw Ringelberg [1919-2002]**

After WWII Harold Ringelberg was named vice president and elected to the Board of Challenge Porcelain, and in 1955 he was elected president of the firm. The Puffer Hubbard Company was a division of Challenge. Buss was born on December 9, 1919. In 1941 he married Eleanor, the daughter of Robert L. and Annie Smith Shaw. Eleanor was born in Detroit on August 24, 1919. After graduating from Michigan State College [MSU] in 1941, she taught school in Dearborn, where her parents had moved. Following the war, the couple made their home in Grand Haven. Eleanor was active with the First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. In 2000 she was awarded a silver medal by the Eli Lilly Company for being an insulin-dependent survivor for more than 50 years. They resided at 16095 Harborview Drive in Ferrysburg and were active members of the First Christian Reformed Church. Buss was on the boards of Grand Haven Christian School and Western Michigan Christian High School. He also served as a board member and chairman of North Ottawa Community Hospital during the expansion of 1967 to 1971. He was a director of Pacesetter Bank [Fifth Third], president of the Committee for Economic Development, president of Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, president of the Porcelain Enamel Institute, and was named Young Man of the Year in 1955. In addition, Buss was a director of the Michigan Colleges Foundation. Their two children were Carole Dvorak and Thomas Ringelberg. Eleanor passed away on March 25, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Buss passed away on January 18, 2004 while wintering in Arizona and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 26, 2002 and January 20, 2004.]

#### **Hendrik "Henry" Ringelberg [1839-1909]**

Hendrik Ringelberg was born in Kerkwerve, The Netherlands, on December 23, 1839. He married Gertrude Fondse in their native country before coming to Grand Haven. Hendrik was a truck gardener, who grew and sold the produce he raised. He died on April 17, 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gertrude lived from May 28, 1850 to November 19, 1918 and was buried near her husband. Their eleven children, most born locally, included John, who lived from 1867 to 1964; Annie, who lived from 1876 to 1949; Nellie, who lived from 1877 to 1837; Nickolas, who lived from 1878 to 1957; Josie, who lived from 1881 to 1973; Minnie, who lived from 1882 to 1916; Mattie, who lived from July 1883 to 1941; Henry, born in November 1884; Lena, who lived from June 1887 to 1975; Adrian, born on June 1, 1890; and Martin Henry, who lived from July 1, 1894 to 1986. The family resided at 611 Columbus.

#### **Henry Ringelberg [1884-1955]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 24, 1884, Henry was the son of Henry and Gertrude Fondse Ringelberg. He owned a meat market at 708 Washington Street and in the early 1900s lived with his parents at 611 Columbus. On April 4, 1911 he married Anna [Hanna] Koster in Grand Haven. She was born on January 4, 1885, the daughter of John and Gertrude Ekster Koster of Spring Lake. The Ringelbergs had five children and resided at 630 Columbus, where by 1930 Henry had opened a real estate office. Among the children was Harriett A., who was born in Grand Haven on September 2, 1917, became a teacher in the Grand Haven schools, and passed away in Grand Haven on June 6, 2006. Anna died on January 15, 1943. Henry died on June 12, 1957. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1, 2006.]

#### **Gerard Abraham Ringold [1888-1985]**

Born in Grand Rapids on November 12, 1888 [1889], Gerard was the son of Cornelius and Sarah Soutjesdyk Ringold. Cornelius was born in The Netherlands about 1859, and Sarah, a native of Michigan,

was born about a year later. Cornelius and Sarah moved to Spring Lake and resided on West Savidge near Jackson. Gerard attended schools in Grand Rapids. He was employed for 15 years by Berton A. Spring, who was a funeral director and became a licensed embalmer. In 1919, Gerard and his father purchased from John Pruim a hardware and undertaking business located at 114 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake and in 1930 erected a building at that address that still bears the Ringold name. His father, Cornelius, worked for him at the hardware store. Gerard owned ambulances and funeral cars and answered ambulance calls. On June 26, 1912 in Montcalm County, Michigan, he married Emma Hazel Rindfleisch. She was born in Pierson Montcalm County on August 6, 1887 and died in Spring Lake on March 21, 1952. Their son, Howard C., was born locally in 1923 and died in Shanghai, China, on December 26, 1946. Gerard then married Dora, the daughter of Lily Van Anrooy. The Ringolds resided at 231 East Savidge. Gerard passed away on June 15, 1985. Howard, Emma, and Gerard were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Klass Cornelius Rink [1888-1976]**

Cornelius Rink married Ida Van Dongen in Grand Haven on July 17, 1920. He was born on February 26, 1888, and Ida was born in Grand Haven on December 17, 1886. She was the daughter of Johannes "John" and Ida Van Dongen of Grand Haven. Ida had been married previously to Earl Herbert Fulsher. Cornelius, a commercial fisherman, died on June 28, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ida passed away on October 25, 1950 and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Rinks resided at 425 North Seventh Street.

#### **Lois Brown Risher [1928-2002]**

The daughter of John and Agnes Miles Brown, Lois was born in Grand Haven on July 25, 1928. She married Gerald E. Risher on August 22, 1947 in Ferrysburg. Lois worked as secretary for Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg, and also as an accountant for Taylor and Associates in Grand Haven. She and Gerald owned the Idle Hour Lanes and Dairy Delite at 213 West Savidge in Spring Lake. They also were partners in the Century Bowling Lanes in Holland. The Rishers resided at 318 Maple in Ferrysburg. Lois graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1945 and was a member of the American Legion Post 28 Auxiliary. The Rishers' children were Beverly Taylor, Belinda Wright, Bruce Risher, and Brad Risher. Gerald lived from June 29, 1926 to January 27, 1990. Lois passed away on August 31, 2002 at her home and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 3, 2002.]

#### **Hunter Savidge Robbins I [1892-1969]**

Born in Grand Haven on June 23, 1892, Hunter was the son of Nathaniel and Esther Savidge Robbins V and a graduate of Grand Haven High School. He graduated in 1917 from the University of Michigan and served as first lieutenant with the Signal Corps at Selfridge Field in Mt. Clemens, Macomb County during WWI. On July 29, 1918 he and a Major Boots made the three-and-a-half-hour trip from Selfridge Field and landed a large Army airplane at Spring Lake Country Club to the delight—and awe—of hundreds of spectators, who were not accustomed to such a sight. The two men took off without incident the next morning.

Hunter married Margaret Fuller Kinkelin on June 27, 1919 in Las Vegas. They had three sons and a daughter: Hunter Savidge Robbins II, born on April 27, 1920; Jack Kinkelin Robbins of Pasadena, California, who was born May 28, 1921, married Margaret Miller on November 11, 1944, and became a physician; William Savidge Robbins of Spring Lake, who was born October 19, 1923 and married Millie Randall on May 6, 1948; and Virginia Marie Robbins, who was born February 9, 1929, married Fred Boyd Hansen, whom she divorced in 1959, and on April 2, 1960 married Kenneth Robinson, also of Oakland. In the winter the family lived in Pasadena, California and in the summer they resided at 221 North Cutler [400 West Liberty] in a home built by Hunter's parents and presented to him and Margaret as a wedding gift. Margaret was born on June 16, 1897 in Michigan, died on May 18, 1977, and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. After Hunter and Margaret were divorced, she married Donald George Neuman [1901-1951] in 1934, and he married Clara Belle Sullivan in 1947. Hunter died on



September 25, 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Clara lived from June 8, 1916 to February 9, 1994 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Hunter Savidge Robbins II [1920-1994]**

Hunter Robbins, born on April 27, 1920 in Grand Haven, was the son of Hunter Savidge and Margaret R. Fuller Robbins I. Not long after his birth, the Robbins family returned to California. Hunter II enrolled at the University of California in Berkeley in 1938 and was graduated early because of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. As a member of the Naval Reserve Office Training Corps, Hunter was commissioned Ensign and saw service in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for helping save the badly damaged destroyer *Anderson*. Next Lieutenant Robbins was assigned as Communications Officer aboard the destroyer *Hugh W. Hadley* [DD774]. The Hadley was credited with shooting down more enemy planes than any other ship in the U.S. Navy during a single engagement. For his valiant effort, Hunter was given his second Bronze Star.

Not long after the war's end, Hunter married Barbara Woglum on February 10, 1946 and started working for the *Berkeley Gazette*. Three years later he obtained a realtor's license and in 1956 opened his own office, Robbins Realty. Hunter II died on July 14, 1994 in Alameda, California. Barbara was born in California in 1921. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Barbara and Hunter had two daughters, Donna Robbins and Laurel Ann Robbins. Laurel was born on November 11, 1947 and married a Mr Gomer.

### **James E. Robbins [1897-1986]**

James E. Robbins owned Robbins Modern Dry Cleaning at 217 West Savidge. In 1961 he sold the business to Henry Plantenga. James was born on April 7, 1897 and died in Spring Lake on April 13, 1986. In 1947 he and his wife, Esther V., bought the house at 326 South Street. After 1961 they moved to 212 North Park Street. James is said to have invented the coin-operated drycleaning machine while living in the house on South Street. Esther lived from June 7, 1897 to August 29, 1991.

### **Nathaniel Robbins IV [1829–1898]**

Born on September 5, 1829, Captain Nathaniel Robbins came to Michigan from Cape Cod, Massachusetts [Barnstable County] in 1882. He was the son of Nathaniel and Cynthia Kelley Robbins III. At 19 years of age Nathaniel IV sailed to the West Indies as master of a full-rigged ship. In 1856 he purchased a Gloucester schooner called the *Thomas Bradley*, the first saltwater schooner in the Great Lakes, and started up the Atlantic coast for the mouth of the St. Lawrence River carrying everything he needed, including a complete flourmill, to start life in Benton Harbor. His ship hit a sandbar outside Benton Harbor, and he lost everything he owned. He started life anew in Benton Harbor, and by 1863 he was piloting the passenger steamer *Barber* between St. Joseph and Chicago. [Nathaniel was listed as a grocer in the 1870 census.] During 1870, he was agent for the Goodrich Line in Benton Harbor. When the office was transferred to Grand Haven, he moved his family to the area. He succeeded Captain William R. Loutit and served as the second superintendent of the 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. Life Saving District from 1882 to 1898.

On April 14, 1848 Nathaniel married Hannah Doane Nickerson. She was born in Harwich, Massachusetts on December 24, 1829. Nathaniel built three steamers and named them for their daughters: *Cynthia*, *Addie*, and *Ora*. Cynthia was born at Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1850. She married Henry H. Coats in Benton Harbor on October 18, 1871. On February 22, 1877 she married Charles B. Winslow, who owned the C. B. Winslow Company in Grand Haven that was later purchased by his brother-in-law, Nathaniel Robbins V. Addie was born in Michigan about 1861 and Ora, also in Michigan, about 1864. Nathaniel and Hannah also had a son, Nathaniel V, who was born in Benton Harbor on September 29, 1866 and spent most of his life in Grand Haven. The older Robbins owned a fleet of sailing boats that hauled lumber out of Grand Haven to the Benton Harbor sawmills. His office was located on Water Street [Harbor Drive] at the foot of Franklin Street. Nathaniel died on August 2, 1898 at Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin, while on duty inspecting ports of call. He was buried at St. Joseph City Cemetery. Nathaniel V erected a memorial wharf in Benton

Harbor in honor of his father. Nathaniel was the tenth in his family line to bear that name, but tradition has given him number "IV."

### **Nathaniel "Nat" Robbins V [1866-1940] and Esther Savidge Robbins [1866-1920]**

Born on September 29, 1866 in Benton Harbor, Nathaniel was the son of Captain Nathaniel and Hannah Nickerson Robbins IV and Addie Downey. He was the eleventh member of the seafaring Robbins family of Cape Cod, Massachusetts to bear the name Nathaniel. He sailed with his father before the age of 10 and at age six cooked meals for the crew. When he was 13, he took full-time employment as a clerk at a peanut stand for \$1.50 a week. Before coming to Grand Haven, he successfully drove a delivery rig, worked in a tobacco store, and had other jobs in Minneapolis. He came to Grand Haven on June 24, 1884 to join the firm of H. L. Chamberlain & Company, later renamed C. B. Winslow & Company, which dealt in cement and coal. The same year he became agent for the Goodrich Steamship line, with an office located at Washington and Harbor Streets and soon purchased the Winslow Company. He also dealt in hair, firebrick, and clay, and handled anthracite, smiting, bituminous, and cannel coal.

Nat was elected mayor of Grand Haven in 1914. He was a member of the Red Cross and was one of the founders and promoters of the Ottawa County Chapter, which began local operations in 1909. In 1925 he became a director of the Goodrich, Graham, and Morton Steamship Line. He owned three hundred feet of wharf near the foot of Washington Avenue and leased it to the Goodrich Transportation Company. All railroads entering the city had tracks leading to those wharfs, which were known as "Robbins Docks." He also owned a large warehouse, located on the site of Rix Robinson's fur trading post, which he used for his commercial fishing operation. The warehouse was later used as "The Barn," managed by Mom and Pop Davis and used for roller skating and bowling [215 South Harbor]. The warehouse was destroyed by fire in 1946. In 1933, Nat operated the steamer *Grand Rapids* of the Goodrich Line and transported passengers to Chicago and Milwaukee during the World's Fair "Century of Progress" that year and the next. He also had a 60-foot commercial steam fishing tug called *Robbins III*, captained by Ulysses Stewart Cornell. During the early 1930s, Nat was instrumental in landing a contract to ship new automobiles to Milwaukee on steamers, after the cars arrived in Grand Haven by truck. On July 15, 1935, "Robbins Day" was celebrated when the steamer *Missouri* resumed cross-lake passenger service to Chicago. Nat was a member of the Elks; director of Grand Haven National Bank; treasurer of the old Board & Trade; director of the Chamber of Commerce; and a major stockholder in the Vyn Trucking Company, where he became president in 1927. He also had an interest in the Keller Tool Company. He was helpful in establishing the Grand Haven Coal & Dock Company, owned by Louis H. Breitels.

On September 3, 1891, Nat married Esther Savidge at her mother's house in Spring Lake. The daughter of Hunter and Sarah Savidge, Esther was born in Spring Lake on May 17, 1866. She attended Spring Lake schools and high school in Grand Rapids and graduated from Vassar College in 1887. In 1899 the couple purchased the Reuben Vander Hoef property at 20 South Fifth Street, tore down the existing red-brick house, hired local-contractor Baldus Pellgrom to build a large home, and about a year later were able to move in. As early as 1913, Nat owned a King automobile with license plate No. 5901.

Nat and Esther had two sons, Hunter I, who was born June 23, 1892, and Nathaniel VI, who was born on February 1896. A daughter, Dorothy, was born on December 20, 1898 and died on December 4, 1915.

Esther was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club and was president from 1900 to 1901. In 1916 Esther provided the Village of Spring Lake with funds to pave State Street for the first time. It was renamed Savidge Street in memory of her brother William, who died in 1916. Esther died on June 28, 1920 after surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The widower was remarried in 1923 to Alice Hood, who was born on August 14, 1867 in Hartford, Connecticut, died in Grand Haven on March 12, 1936, and was buried at Morton Hill Cemetery in Benton Harbor. She had one son from her previous marriage to William L. Trenholm [1858-1911]. Nat died on June 6, 1940 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Esther and their daughter Dorothy. A street south of Grand Haven was named in his

memory and a city playground, now gone, between Madison and Elliott Streets, was named Robbins Field. [*Tribune* obituary, June 28, 1920.]

### **Nathaniel Robbins VI [1896-1952]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 25, 1896 and educated in local schools, Nathaniel Robbins inherited the fortune left when his father died in 1940. In his third year at the University of Michigan during World War I, he enlisted with the 339<sup>th</sup> Ambulance Company and was stationed at Brest, France. He also served as an interpreter. On June 20, 1919, he married Helene De Pree of Holland. For a while after his marriage, Robbins was associated with the DePree Chemical Company of Holland. Later he moved to California and made his home in Beverly Hills. In 1940 his daughter Joan was queen of the Coast Guard festival. Nathaniel took his own life in February 1952, leaving his wife, his daughter, Joan, who was born around 1924 and married William Barkan of San Francisco, a son Nathaniel VII [“Robbie”], who was born about 1924 and resided in Minneapolis, and a brother, Hunter Savidge Robbins of Spring Lake and California.

### **Sherman Robbins [1922-1994] and Marshall Robbins [1915-1997]**

Brothers Sherman and Marshall Robbins purchased a photography business from Charles Rudershausen after WWII and named it Robbins Studio. Located first at 5 North Seventh Street, Sherman moved the business to his home at 15175 Boom Road in Spring Lake after he became the sole owner. Sherman was born on September 1, 1922 and Marshall on May 11, 1915. Their father, Samuel, was from Kentucky where he was born about 1883, and their mother, Elizabeth, also a native of Kentucky, was born about 1887. Samuel and his family, which included five other children, resided at 1308 Washington. Sherman died in Grand Haven on April 17, 1994 and Marshall passed away in Cocoa Beach in May 1997.

### **Edward Charles Roberts [1901-1975]**

Edward Roberts was deputy county treasurer in 1940, a position he still held in 1950. He was born on June 16, 1901 in Milwaukee, but by 1901 had moved to Grand Haven with his parents, John [1870-1945] and Etta Pearl [1875-1907] Roberts. On September 21, 1923, he married Dorothy Marie Den Herder in Holland. She was born in Holland on May 21, 1902. Not long after their marriage, the Roberts resided at 213 Howard Street. In 1944 they purchased a house at 307 South Fourth Street, where they remained until 1968. They had three sons, all born locally: Edward J. Roberts, born about 1926; James Frederick Roberts, who lived from 1930 to 1985; and Kenneth G. Roberts, born in 1932. Edward died on January 16, 1975 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dorothy passed away on January 29, 2000 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was a daughter, Doris Elaine Roberts, who was born on December 12, 1927 and died in an automobile accident on May 26, 1929.

### **Richard Roberts [1811-1875]**

A native of Wales, Richard Roberts was born on November 22, 1811. He arrived in Ottawa County in 1842. Richard married Rebecca, from another Roberts family, when he returned to Wales the next year. In June 1843 he returned with his wife and a “hired man.” He and Rebecca became the first permanent settlers in Allendale when they took ownership of 160 acres and built a home with logs donated by Clark Albee and Nathan Throop. Richard’s property was in Section 11, but he purchased additional land in several other sections. Joining Richard in Allendale were his brother-in-law Thomas Jones, who arrived in 1844 with John Hanna and Ephraim Pierson, and Robert Scott, who brought his mother and brother, Alexander, and James. Roberts and his wife operated a rustic inn for travelers called the “Half-Way House,” since it was midway between Grand Haven and Grandville. Richard built a sawmill, opened a store, ran a blacksmith shop, and constructed a mill to craft spokes for horse-drawn vehicles. Their house also functioned as the post office. He and Rebecca had seven children, four of whom survived. Richard moved his mill to Beech Tree Landing near Grand Haven in 1873 and died on July 25 two years later at the age of 63. Rebecca lived from 1813 to March 4, 1903. Both were buried at Allendale Cemetery on land they had donated.

### **Duncan Robertson [1838-1913]**

Builder and designer of one hundred ships, schooners, steamers, and tugs of the Great Lakes, Duncan Robertson's shipyard was famous for the vessels that were launched in the South Channel, including the *David Macey*, *Charles E. Wyman*, *Willie Loutit*, and the *Hunter Savidge*. Later Duncan was joined in his business by Paul McCoil, Peter Sinclair, and Captain John Budge, all originally from Scotland. Many of the city's best ship builders acquired their knowledge of the craft from Duncan. Among their ships were the 136-foot *City of Grand Rapids* and the 160-foot *H. C. Hall*. Duncan was born in Sterling, Scotland, on March 24, 1838. He worked in the shipyards of Clyde, Scotland, before coming to Detroit in 1866 and to Grand Haven the next year. The first ship he built was for Thomas Hefferan of Eastmanville. In later years he also designed the steel boats built at Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg.

Duncan married Elizabeth Bloomfield in the 1870s, and they lived in the Spring Lake area. She was born in 1845 and died in 1876. Duncan was born in Stirling, Scotland on March 24, 1838, passed away on October 9, 1913, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Elizabeth and other family members, including his sister Mary Raddock, who lived from June 1835 [1840] to 1915. [*Tribune* obituary, October 9, 1913.]

### **George Robertson I [1848-1933]**

Born in the Orkney Islands, Scotland in March 1848 [1849], George Robertson sailed as a seaman to ports in Europe, North Africa, and Northern Russia and completed his apprenticeship for salt-water navigation on British Ships. He settled in the United States in 1866 and came to Grand Haven seven years later to command vessels such as *Willie Loutit*, *Sidney O'Neff*, *Lou A. Cummings* and *Alice M. Gill*. Two of the ships he captained were built in the shipyards at Grand Haven. He was also instrumental in influencing many young seafaring men from the Grand Haven area. In 1877 he went to Scotland to marry Mary Mainland, who was born in October 1857, and then returned with his new wife to Grand Haven. They owned a home at 515 Lafayette Street near the Ferry home, where they raised a son, John Mainland. Mainland Robertson, who was born in October 1895, served at Camp Custer in Battle Creek during WWI. Other children were Lydia, born in May 1878; Margaret; who was born on May 11, 1883 and died on September 6, 1976 in Grand Haven; and George II, born in September 1885. Margaret married Thomas Swan, who was a Realtor in Highland Park, near Detroit. George I died in 1933.

### **George Wallace Robertson [1914- 1999]**

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 28, 1914, G. Wallace Robertson served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven from 1952 to September 1, 1960. His residence was at 515 Park Street. During his term the congregation approved construction of a new sanctuary, which was dedicated in December 1955. On April 30, 1938, George married Irene Eva Wiesen in Milwaukee. A native of Milwaukee, she lived from April 16, 1915 to December 9, 2012. He died in Grand Ledge, Eaton County on August 19, 1999. Both were buried at Peoples Church Memorial Garden in East Lansing.

### **Lois Elaine Boyink Robertson [1932-2002]**

Lois Robertson retired from the *Grand Haven Tribune* in 1998, after 21 years of employment. She previously had worked at Security First Bank [Fifth Third] and the Trophy House. Lois was born on October 13, 1932 in Grand Haven, the daughter of Albert and Dora Jansen Boyink. Lois won the first Miss Coast Guard Festival contest in 1950. On October 10, 1950 she married Paul Robertson in Indiana. He was born in Alliance, Ohio on August 8, 1928. They had a daughter, Linda Robertson [b. 1951], who married John Cramblet, and three sons: Michael Paul Robertson [1953-1993], Scott Alan Robertson [1954-2002], and Hugh Robertson. Lois belonged to Christ Community Church, was a Stephens minister, worked with "Kids Hope," and served on the Ferrysburg Recreation Board. Lois died in Holland, Michigan, on December 6, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, December 9, 2002.]

### **Samuel Robertson [1747-1797]**

Samuel Robertson, a Scot, was captain of the one-masted, 45-ton British vessel *Felicity* that moored briefly in Grand Haven harbor on October 31, 1779. In the midst of the Revolutionary War, the boat with her crew of eight was patrolling Lake Michigan and entered Muskegon and Grand Haven harbors expecting to pick up supplies. Samuel was born in Scotland in 1747 and died on July 20, 1797. He was buried at Nathan Hale Cemetery in Coventry, Connecticut.

#### **Alfred Robinson I [1823-1888]**

Alfred Robinson owned a 157-acre farm in Section 2 and an additional 80 acres in Section 3 of Robinson Township. He built a two-story frame house in Section 2, that by 1912 was owned by August Kamenske and became known as Robinson Farm Resort.

Born in Cayuga County, New York in 1823, Alfred was the son of John and Eliza Fowler Robinson who settled in Robinson Township. Alfred died on March 31, 1888. His wife, Julia Ann [Juliane] King, also was a native of New York, where she was born in 1829. She died on April 19, 1888, less than a month after her husband. Following the deaths of Alfred and Julia Ann, part of their land in Section 2 was deeded to the township for use as a cemetery. Both Alfred and Julia Ann were buried there. They had a daughter, Louiza, who was born in Michigan about October 1849, a son, Alfred II, who was born in Robinson Township in 1854, and a second daughter, Emma, who was born in March 1858 and married William Foster of Robinson Township. Alfred II married Alice Hosford, also born in 1854.

#### **Benjamin Franklin “Frank” L. Robinson [1842-1901]**

Frank, the son of John and Eliza Fowler Robinson, was born in Robinson Township on March 15, 1842. On April 20, 1863 he enlisted as private in Company M of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was admitted to Harper Hospital in Detroit on September 18, 1865 and was mustered out three days later. He subsequently settled on a farm in Section 32 of Robinson Township, where he died on March 5, 1901. He married Adelaide [Ada] “Addie” Griswold. She applied for a widow’s Civil War pension on April 15, 1901. Addie was born in Vermont and lived from May 1847 [1848] to 1930. Their children, all born in Robinson Township, were Dora, who was born in 1868 and married Gerrit Ball of Grand Haven; Julia, who was born around 1870 and married Charles L. Cutler, also of Grand Haven; Irving, who lived from 1879 to 1882; Bertha, born in August 1880; Ira A., who lived from about 1882 to 1904; Charles, born on July 27, 1882; and Garnsie, born in February 1891. The Frank Robinson family was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with other Robinsons.

#### **Bruce F. Robinson [1921-1999] and Elizabeth “Betty” Jane Van Sant Robinson [1924-2011]**

Betty Robinson was known in Grand Haven as a watercolor artist. Landscapes and flowers of West Michigan were her favorite subjects. Betty exhibited her work in galleries and shows for most of her adult life. She was born in Red Bank, New Jersey on March 4, 1924 and married Bruce Fairbairn Robinson in Red Bank on June 30, 1946. He was born in Joliet, Illinois on August 28, 1921 and served in the military during WWII. He lost hearing in one ear toward the end of the war and was hospitalized and discharged in July 1945. The couple moved to Norton Shores in 1948 and by the mid-1990s were living at 14005 Bayou Ridge Circle in Grand Haven. They remained in Grand Haven until at least 2002. They had two children: Lesley Ann Robinson-Hellstern, who was born on June 17, 1952, and Douglas Robinson. Bruce died on December 21, 1999 and Betty passed away on April 2, 2011 while at her daughter’s home in Edgewater, Maryland.

#### **Dennis Robinson [1793-1849]**

On June 12, 1849 Lucius and Fanny Boltwood I conveyed to Dennis Robinson substantial acres of land in Ottawa County. Dennis was Rix Robinson’s brother but did not reside in Ottawa County. On June 19, 1852, as stipulated in his will, Dennis granted to his wife, Maria [Mariah], as “sole legatee,” the right “to dispose of all property as she may think meet [appropriate].” Dennis was born in Richmond Township, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, on February 6, 1793. He died in Cayuga County, New York, on August

20, 1849. Maria was born about 1798 in New York and died in Cayuga County, New York in May 1853. The month before her death she deeded to Rix Robinson all her holdings.

### **Edward G. Robinson [1823-1886]**

In 1850 Edward Robinson and his wife Maria [Marie] were residents of that part of Ottawa Township [now Grand Haven Township] that became Robinson Township. Edward worked as a laborer. Nine years later Edward was given the right to run a ferryboat from a spot near his home in Robinson Township across the Grand River to Crockery Township. He also provided timber for the Ferry & Sons Sawmill, at the foot of Columbus Street in Grand Haven. Lillie reported that Robinson killed a sizeable black bear at Battle Point on September 29, 1862. Edward's wife, Marie, was born about 1832 in New York. Edward was born in the same state in 1823, died in Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County in 1886, and was buried at Schoolcraft Township Cemetery.

### **Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Van Sant Robinson [1924-2011]**

Betty Robinson was known in Grand Haven as a watercolor artist. Landscapes and the flowers of West Michigan were her favorite subjects. Betty's work was exhibited in galleries and shows around the state. She was born Elizabeth Jane Van Sant in Red Bank, New Jersey on March 4, 1924 and married Bruce Fairbairn Robinson in Red Bank on July 6, 1946. He was born in Joliet, Illinois on August 28, 1921. While serving with the military during WWII, he lost hearing in one ear toward the end of the war, was hospitalized, and discharged in July 1945. The couple moved to Norton Shores in 1948 and by the mid-1990s were living at 14005 Bayou Ridge Circle in Grand Haven. They remained in Grand Haven until at least 2002. They had two children: Lesley Ann Robinson, who was born on June 17, 1952 and married Bruce Hellstern, and Douglas Robinson. Bruce died on December 21, 1999 and Betty passed away on April 2, 2011 while at her daughter's home in Edgewater, Maryland.

### **Hiram Robinson [1833-1905]**

Hiram, born in New York in September 1833, was the son of Rodney Robinson, one of Rix Robinson's brothers. Rodney Robinson settled in Kent County, but Hiram continued west and settled in Robinson Township in 1860, where he farmed and timbered. He married Elizabeth A. Boggs, who was born in Indiana in October 1838 [1839]. They had six children: Edwin F., who lived from 1857 to 1865; Mary F., who was born in October 1860 and became a teacher in Robinson; Frank L., who lived from 1862 to 1910 and whose wife's name was Hattie; Frederick, who married Frances Kalaska; Ida M., who was born in 1838, married Charles Phillips, and died in 1952; and Lucinda "Lulu" L., who lived from 1875 to 1877. Hiram's land holdings in Section 32, on the south side of the Grand River, consisted of approximately 150 acres and included Robinson Bayou. He died on May 24, 1905. [*Tribune* obituaries May 25 and 26, 1905.]

### **Ira Robinson I [1808-1891]**

Ira, born in 1808, was one of two of Rix Robinson's brothers to settle in Robinson Township, where he arrived from Orange County, New York in 1835. That year, on July 1, he purchased more than 136 acres in Section 1. Franklin Everett relates that during his first winter there, Ira cut 996 logs with an ax, on a promise that the Grand Haven Company would buy them at 50 cents each. The company did not follow through, and finally, after the logs had lay on the riverbank for several years, Ira sold them all for a barrel of pork and two barrels of flour. [Franklin Everett, *Memorials of the Grand River Valley*, 494-495.]

On April 7, 1856 the township was organized at Ira's home, located at 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Cedar Street. Ira and Phebe Cortwright were married in New York. She lived from 1810 to 1886. They had at least five children: Ransom, who was born in New York in 1833; Ira Earl II, who was born in 1839, married Emma Marian Julian [Julene] [1849-1878], and died in 1910; Abbie, who was born about 1844, married Judd Dickson, and moved to Sault Ste. Marie; and Jennie, who lived from 1868 to 1885. Ira died on March 25, 1891.

### **Jack Duane Robinson [1922-2019]**

In 1952, Jack Robinson worked for John Paul Katt as an electrician. Prior to that he installed furnaces for a heating company. During WWII, Jack served with the U.S. Army. Jack, the son of Walter and Margaret Robinson, was born in Grand Haven on June 13, 1922. On February 15, 1947, he married Aldona “Dona” Julia Krusinski, who was born in Muskegon on February 14, 1924 and died in her hometown on April 16, 2024. They lived on North Shore Drive in Ferrysburg. Jack died in Grand Haven on May 20, 2019. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Rix Robinson, was born in 1949.

### **James Robinson [1857-1932]**

James Robinson came to the area in 1903 and settled in Section 26 of Crockery Township, where he farmed 86 acres and raised livestock. He married Laura Baldus around 1892. They were residing in Crockery Township with their 17-year-old daughter Matie in 1910. James was born in Missouri [Mississippi] on April 16, 1857 and died in San Antonio, Texas on April 21, 1932. Laura remained in Ottawa County. She was born in Schenectady, New York on March 21, 1861, died in Nunica on January 11, 1942, and was buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. They had three children.

### **John Robinson [1798-1857]**

John, born in 1798, was another of two of Rix Robinson’s brothers who settled permanently in Robinson Township, where John arrived from New York State in 1835. That year he bought almost a quarter section [159 acres] in Section 2 of Robinson Township. He married Eliza Fowler, who died in 1849. They had five children: Alfred, who was born in Cayuga County, New York in 1823; Erastus, who was born in Cayuga County, New York on June 6, 1826 and married Maryette Wheelock, who lived from 1832 to 1881; Benjamin Franklin, who was born on March 15; James, who was born in 1847; and Analiza, who was born in 1848. John died in 1857.

### **John Rix Robinson [1826-1897]**

John, the son of Rix Robinson and Flying Cloud, was born in a cabin at Duck Lake, Muskegon County, on March 5, 1826. The cabin was said to have been built by fur trader Joseph La Framboise along the trail between Muskegon and Whitehall.

John was among those who purchased land set aside for Indians and sold it to White settlers. In 1851 he used his rights as a Native American to secure a United States patent for 4,500 acres of wooded land, which he agreed to sell to Ransom Wood of Grand Rapids. Area residents opposed the transfer of title, and John was able to reverse the sale and retain the property. John became a Methodist minister and worked as a missionary among the Ottawa and Ojibwa Indians of Michigan, particularly around the Mt. Pleasant area. On March 15, 1848, he married Lucy Withey in Granville, Ohio. She was born in Vermont about 1831 and died in Isabella County on August 4, 1883. In 1860 John was residing in Ada in a house close to his father’s. Living with John was his 29-year-old wife, Lucy, and their two children: Harriet, born in Michigan about 1849, and J. Buchanan, born in Michigan around April 1860.

John was included in the 1859 Annuity Roll, “Grand River Ottawa of Michigan”, as a member of Chief Paybawme’s band. He received \$4.11. The next year he received \$14.70 as a member of the same band, in 1864 his share amounted to \$10.26, and in 1868 he was given \$47.55. [In this instance, the band’s chief’s name was spelled Pawbawme.] In 1870 he received \$61.20, still a member of Paybawme’s band.

In April 1897 John visited friends at the Bass River Indian village, a few miles east of Grand Haven. An article in the Grand Haven newspaper reported, “Mr. Robinson has devoted the best part of his life in the interest of Indian missions and has had great success . . . . By nature he is a born orator, and with the advantages of a good Christian education he speaks with fluency and power.” At the time of the article, he still lived near Mt. Pleasant. [*Tribune*, April 7, 1897.] John died on April 23, 1897 in Isabella County.

### **Lucas [Luke] Robinson [1804-1876]**

A brother of Rix Robinson, Lucas was born on April 2, 1804. On July 1, 1835 he bought in excess of 80 acres in Section 1 of Robinson Township. The next year he settled in Allendale Township. Lucas died in Kent County on February 14, 1876. His wife, Delia Shaw, was born about 1808.

### **Ransom H. Robinson [1833-1920]**

The son of Ira and Phebe Cortwright Robinson, Ransom was born in New York State in 1833. He married Rethe [Ruthe] Blaksley, who was born in 1854 and passed away in 1935. On August 13, 1862, Ransom enlisted as sergeant with Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out with a disability on February 5, 1863. Like his father, Ransom became a farmer in Robinson Township, settling in Section 35. Ransom and Rethe had a daughter, Maud P., born locally about 1874, and a son, Sheldon R., born around 1878. Ransom died in 1920. He and Rethe were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

### **Rix Robinson [1789-1875]**

Rix Robinson was born in Richmond, Massachusetts on August 28, 1789, the third of thirteen children. His parents were Edward and Eunice Rix Robinson. Edward was born on June 17, 1763 and died in 1836, while Eunice lived from July 3, 1765 to August 24, 1835. In 1812 young Rix abandoned his nearly completed law study and came to the Michigan Territory in order to avoid the war with England that his father opposed. Four brothers, John, Ira, Luke, and Rodney, later settled in nearby locations. After two years as Sutler to U.S. troops in Detroit, Rix began to trade supplies with the Indians, and in 1821 he assumed proprietorship of all John Jacob Astor's American Fur Trading Posts when Madam La Framboise retired. His territory included the Grand, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon Rivers. Mackinac was the main depot. In 1821 he helped form a treaty between the U.S. Government and the Potawatomie Indians.

Another treaty in 1836 ceded all land north of Grand River to the U.S. Government. Rix played an important role at different stages of the treaty-making process. First, he was instrumental in raising the necessary number of Ottawas and Ojibways chiefs to accompany him to Washington, D.C. to review the agreement. Second, his opinions assisted both sides of the treaty to create an acceptable agreement. Third, his positive reputation among the Indians was instrumental in persuading them to sign it. Fourth, he helped judge the validity of claims, leading to a settlement of those accounts. Among the claims against the Indians was one of Rix's in the amount of \$48,000. The Indians agreed that his claim was "right and just," as did the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Rix also judged claims of other individuals, including one of Francis Bailey in the amount of \$673.21 plus reimbursement, for tending to the needs of four orphaned Indian children. With Rix's support, Francis's claims were paid.

As the fur business waned, Rix shifted his interests to mercantile and agricultural enterprises in Kent and Ottawa Counties. When Michigan achieved statehood in 1837, Rix was appointed member of the Board of Commissioners for Internal Improvements, and he served four years as a state senator. Later he became a representative to the Constitutional Convention of 1850.

Respected by both Native Americans and Whites for his fairness, intelligence, and knowledge of the wilderness, Rix was credited with founding Grand Haven. It was said that "he could speak Indian better than the Indians." In 1821 he married Pemissquotoquay [Miss-a-quot-o-quay], "Flying-Cloud Woman," the daughter of Chief Hazy Cloud [Mnobbinnakizhick], following Indian rites, in September 1821. Flying Cloud was born in 1800 and passed away in Ottawa County [possibly Battle Point] in 1844. [Another theory is that Rix and Pemissquotoquay separated after "100 moons," about eight years.] She gave birth to Rix's only child, John Rix Robinson, on March 5, 1826. In 1850 Rix married Sebequay [Sippi-quay-dow-das], "River-Woman," Pemissquotoquay's sister; her nickname was Sippy, but also was called Nancy. She lived from about 1810 to March 1875 and was buried at Ada Cemetery with Pemissquotoquay.

Rix established a trading post at the mouth of the Grand River, which he visited once a year between 1821 and 1834. The area was surveyed in 1832, and in 1833 the U.S. Government gave Rix title to all of the local land. He named the area Grand Haven, and it was recorded as such on April 14, 1835. Rix, who had studied law, gained fame as a state senator from 1847 to 1849 and later turned down the nomination to



become Michigan's governor. He was a representative to the State Constitutional Convention in 1850. Rix died on January 12, 1875. A large monument overlooking the Grand River marked his gravesite in Ada. His family gave Robinson Township and its elementary school their names.

#### **Rodney Robinson [1800-1875]**

A brother of Rix Robinson, Rodney on July 1, 1835 purchased 80 acres in Section 1 of Robinson Township. He was born March 29, 1800, in Richmond, Massachusetts. His wife, Mary Shaw, was born April 12, 1805. One of their children, Lucas, was born in Robinson Township between 1835 and 1837. Rodney eventually settled in Allendale Township. A daughter, Sallie, was born on July 28, 1841. She died in Marshall, Calhoun County, on May 11, 1902 under the name Campbell. Mary died on April 29, 1859 and was buried at Foxes Cemetery in Lowell, as was Rodney, who passed away on December 10, 1875.

#### **Rodney C. [G.] Robinson [@1829- ?]**

Born in New York State about 1829, Rodney Robinson owned a grocery store in downtown Grand Haven in 1860. He married Clarissa Ensworth in Cuyahoga County, Ohio on July 5, 1853. He, Clarissa, and their five-month-old daughter Elizabeth lived above the grocery in 1860. Clarissa, four years younger than Rodney, was born in Pennsylvania. By 1863, he and his family had moved to Ada, where he continued in the grocery business.

#### **Walter [Walther] Nathan Robinson [1895-1988]**

Living with Anna and Theodore Tripp at 613 Monroe Street in 1920 was Anna's nephew Walter [Walther] Robinson, born on November 30, 1895. The son of Frank and Anna Valincourt Robinson of Grand Haven Township, Walter was of Odawa descent. In 1910 he was working on the John and Mary Smith farm in Casnovia, Muskegon County, as a "hired boy." At the time of his World War I draft registration, Walter worked for the Dake Corporation. He married Margaret Bolthouse in Grand Rapids on November 26, 1919. They had at least one child, Jack Duane Robinson, who was born on January 23, 1922. Margaret, who was born on May 4, 1900 in Ferrysburg, died in Ferrysburg on January 25, 1985, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Walter died in Ferrysburg on December 22, 1988. He and his parents and other members of the immediate family were consistently listed as White.

#### **William O. Robinson [1894-1977]**

William, the son of Frank and Anna Robinson, was born in Michigan on June 21, 1894. He married Grace Klomprens in Grand Haven on July 10, 1919. The next year on August 2 they were granted a divorce. The year after that, on February 21, in Grand Haven, he married Selma Burkhart in Grand Haven. Born on May 14, 1903, she was White and a native of Illinois. Their children were Billye M. [Marian], who was born in 1921 and died in 1976; Betty Jane, who was born in 1923 and died in 2001; Jack H., born in March 1930; and Bruce Wendell Robinson, who lived from March 11, 1936 to November 7, 2003.

An employee of Eagle Ottawa Leather Company, William Robinson and his wife and their three children in 1930 resided at 1200½ Washington Street. William and the children were classified as Indian, while Selma was White. In 1940 the family resided at 1426½ Columbus Street. William still was employed at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company, working as a leather finisher, as he had been in 1930. Selma and Marian also worked at the leather company. The children were all born locally, and each family member was considered White. William passed away in Grand Rapids on July 7, 1977, and Selma died in Grand Haven on August 15, 1993. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Alexander Rodgers [Rogers] [1824-1897]**

Alexander Rodgers was foreman of the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg from 1856 to 1857. 1824. He started Rodgers Iron Works of Muskegon in 1856. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on May 24, and in 1847 he married Jennette Pyle. Born in England in 1827, she died in Muskegon in 1871. After her death, Alexander married Carolina Wilhelmin Lange in Muskegon on July 4, 1877. She was born on February 22, 1855 in Germany and passed away in Muskegon on August 1, 1914 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

Alexander died on August 19, 1897 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon. Alexander had 11 children.

#### **William Wayne Roesink [1914-1970]**

William Wayne Roesink in June 1949 moved his welding business to North Shore Machine Works at 17796 North Shore Drive. He was born in Grand Rapids on January 9, 1914. On March 12, 1935 he married Joyce Faye Wilson in Grand Rapids. In 1942 they were living in Grand Haven, and Wayne was working as crane hoist operator. By the end of the 1960s, they had returned to Grand Rapids. He died in August 1970 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Joyce lived from July 21, 1914 to March 27, 1996 and also was buried at Oakhill Cemetery.

#### **George W. Rogers [1846-1920]**

George was born in Michigan on November 10, 1846, the son of William and Margaret Bowles Rogers, George married Elizabeth Terpenning. In Grand Rapids on December 22, 1863, he signed up as private in Company E of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and was mustered out on September 22, 1865. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were married about 1874. They owned two 40-acre parcels, one in Section 2 and the other in Section 3 of Robinson Township. In 1870 George was commissioned to build a bridge across Stearns Bayou at the mid-point of his property. At that time 136th Avenue extended to the south side of Stearns Bayou and continued on the north side. His bridge connected the two. Remnants of the bridge could be seen as late as 2012. By 1900 the couple was residing in Albion, Calhoun County, where he worked as an agricultural agent. On November 5, 1875 daughter Effie was born in Calhoun County. Another daughter, Olive, was born in April 1878, also in Calhoun County. Elizabeth was born in New York in 1842 and died in Calhoun County in 1917, and George passed away on June 6, 1920. He and Elizabeth were buried at Riverside Cemetery in Albion.

#### **Edwin John Roland [1905-1985]**

Edwin Roland graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1929 and became a lieutenant junior grade. He was assigned as navigation and gunnery officer aboard the Coast Guard ship *Escanaba* when it was based in Grand Haven just prior to being called into service during World War II. He was the first commanding officer of the *Mackinaw* when it was commissioned in December 1944. The *Mackinaw* was the first heavy-duty icebreaker ever designed and built in the United States for Great Lakes work. Rodney then was promoted to Coast Guard Commandant in Washington, D.C. from 1962 to 1966. He retired with the rank of Admiral. Born on February 11, 1905 in Buffalo, New York, he died in Florida on March 16, 1985.

#### **Derk Roossien [1850- 1932]**

Born on May 5, 1850 [June 7, 1850] in The Netherlands, Derk Roossien worked in the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill shortly after his arrival in Grand Haven sometime before 1880. Later he was classified as a gardener, and probably grew celery and other small crops in northeast Grand Haven. On March 17, 1876 in Grand Haven, he married Anje "Anna" Dykema of Grand Haven Township. Anna, a native of Michigan, was born about 1856 and died in Grand Haven on December 27, 1899. Among their children were Peter, born on December 19, 1876; Alfred, born in March 1880; and Richard Anthony, born on September 27, 1892. All the children were born in Michigan. By 1900 the family resided in Holland, Michigan. Derk died on January 8, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Derk and John Roossien were brothers.

#### **Haarman "Harm" Roossien I [Rosien, Roussien, Roosje] [1844-1935]**

Harm Roossien, born in The Netherlands on August 17, 1844 [1846/1847], was a celery farmer in Grand Haven. His father, Pieter Roossien was born in The Netherlands on July 15, 1811 and married Annachien Gringhuis on May 26, 1834. They settled in Grand Haven, where Pieter died on December 23, 1897. Annachien was born on October 15, 1815 and passed away in Grand Haven on September 11, 1872. Both parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Harm and Johanna “Dena” Boyink were married in Grand Haven on July 10, 1875. Dena was born in The Netherlands on October 27, 1850. Harm first worked for the Boyden Shingle Mill, and then was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad. He served as Grand Haven alderman from 1902 to 1909. Harm and Dena owned property at 323 North Ferry, and their sons, Henry and Peter, later had acreage across the street at 332 North Ferry, part of “Pigtail Alley,” as the area was called. They also owned property on the northwest corner of Beechtree and Marion Streets [811 Beechtree] where they raised celery. In 1896 Harm built a windmill on top of a shed to pump irrigation water for his crops. The shed, located at 811 Beechtree, was replaced and the blades of the windmill were changed three times. Around 1922 the pump was converted to electricity and the windmill fell into disuse, but the structure was still visible on top of a double shed as late as 2009. At that time Harm’s grandson Henry, who was born about 1910, and Henry’s daughter June lived in the house at 811 Beechtree.

Harm I and Dena had several children, all born in Grand Haven: Peter, who was born on July 10, 1875; Aaltje “Ella,” who was born in 1878, married John Welling of Grand Haven, and died in 1960; Anneke “Anne,” who was born on December 24, 1880, married Louis Heinz, and died on May 14, 1956; Hendrika “Reka,” who was born on December 4, 1883, married Peter Rycenga, and died on November 22, 1948; Antje, who lived from July 6, 1885 to July 30, 1967 and was the wife of George Meyers; Arend John, who was born on December 7, 1888, married Helen Arkema in Muskegon on March 31, 1910 died on December 27, 1947, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Garret [Gerritt], who was born on July 1, 1893, married Hester Van Willington on November 8, 1919, and died on July 19, 1957. The elder Harm died on August 14, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Dena, who died on October 13, 1922

#### **Harm Roossien II [1889-1971]**

The son of Harm and Dena Roossien I, Harm II was born in Grand Haven on March 17, 1889. In addition to raising celery commercially, Harm sold flower and vegetable plants. The 1941 *Directory* also listed him as proprietor of Rosema Dairy. He served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1940 to 1948. In 1909 he married Emma Koats, who died on May 24, 1966. They had at least one child, Henry William, who was born on March 4, 1910. Henry and his daughter June continued to reside in the family home at 811 South Beechtree after the death of Harm II on June 22, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Henry William Roossien [1910-1999]**

In the early 1900s several Roossien families lived on the fringe of “Pigtail Alley” at 332 North Ferry, near Hancock’s greenhouses. At that time, most of the area was devoted to celery farming and several windmills dotted the landscape. Henry, the son of Harm and Emma Koats Roossien, was born in Grand Haven on March 4, 1910, died on June 7, 1999, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On June 14, 1941 he married Henrietta Baker of Spring Lake, who was born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1916 and died on October 14, 1986. Henry retired from Gardner-Denver in 1975 after 32 years. His daughter June Edna Roossien continued to reside in the family home at 811 South Beechtree in Grand Haven. June lived from September 16, 1943 to June 23, 2022. Their son Jack Roossien was June’s twin, and another son, Robert Roossien, moved to Humble, Texas. Henry, Henrietta, and June were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John J. Roossien [1853-1933]**

John Roossien raised celery on land he owned in the area around 329 North Ferry. He was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on April 28, 1853. On October 28, 1882 in Grand Haven, he married Hendrika [Henrietta] “Helen” Bottje. She was born in Grand Haven on February 10, 1855 and died on November 10, 1939. Her parents were Antonie and Henrietta Bottje. John and Helen had a daughter Henrietta Roossien, who lived from September 30, 1885 to February 19, 1974. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. John passed away on January 8, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Helen and Henrietta. John and Derk Roossien were brothers.

**John Hendryk Roossien [1853-1933]**

A native of The Netherlands, John Roossien was born on April 28, 1853. After settling in Grand Haven, he worked at the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill, then became a gardener, as he was classified in the 1893 *Compendium*. By 1908 he was employed at the Piano Factory. In 1882 John married Henrietta, the daughter of Anthony and Henrietta Gringhuis Bottje of Grand Haven. Henrietta was born on February 10, 1855, died on November 10, 1939, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. One of their children, Peter, was born in Grand Haven on September 6, 1883. A daughter, Henrietta, was born in September 1885. They also had a daughter Ella, who worked at a printing office. John died on January 8, 1933 and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Roossiens resided at 220 South Seventh.

**Peter Harm Roossien [1875-1971]**

Peter, the son of Harm and Johanna Gringhuis Roossien, was born on January 10, 1875. Peter was credited with clearing and developing the area known as the "flats," around the intersection of Ferry and Jackson Streets, north to the Grand River. He married Josephine La Porte in Detroit on May 30, 1898. She was born on March 31, 1872 and passed away on August 31, 1952. Peter was born on July 10, 1975 and died on September 13, 1971. He and Josephine were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Peter Roossien [1883- 1918]**

Peter Roossien was born on September 6, 1883. In 1908 he was employed at Challenge Machinery. Ten years later he worked at the Basket Factory in Grand Haven and resided at 220 South Seventh Street with his mother, Henrietta. Henrietta was the widow of John Roossien, who died in 1933. Peter passed away on October 27, 1918.

**Peter Roossien II [1884-1935]**

Peter Roossien II lived from February 10, 1884 to about March 9, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. In 1918 Peter was employed as a truck driver and resided with his parents at 408 North Ferry. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 1896.]

**Richard Anthony Roossien [1892-1979]**

Richard, born on September 27, 1892 [1891], was the son of Derk and Anna Roossien of Grand Haven. In 1918 Richard was employed at Dake Engine Company and residing at 1132 Fulton. On October 14, 1914 in Grand Haven, he married Anna [Ann] Singerling, who was born on October 20, 1889, died on May 22, 1963, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By 1930 the family was living at 819 Franklin, with their son, Jack Richard Roossien, who was born June 15, 1919, died in Grand Haven on April 30, 1992, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Richard, the father, was a machinist. He died on February 16, 1979, in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Richard P. "Dick" Roossien [1852-1932]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1852, Richard Roossien owned a drycleaning shop at 821 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He traded under the name Dick Roossien and lived at the same address as late as 1930. He passed away around January 11, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Hannah Dykema, who lived from August 21, 1856 to December 27, 1899. She also was buried at Lake Forest. They had two sons: Holly Roossien [1880-1952] and Richard Roossien [1891-1979].

**Phillip Rosbach I [Rosback] [1838-1914]**

Phillip Rosbach, born in Prussia on October 23, 1838 and died in Grand Haven on May 7, 1914, was the owner-manager of the National Hotel that he built in July 1870 on the southeast corner of Columbus and Water [Harbor] Streets [Lots 19 and 20] in Grand Haven. He paid \$3,500 for two lots that were very swampy and needed heavy pilings to support a building. Prior to 1900 he managed the Kirby House [2 Washington Street]. He married Sophia Kroller, a native of Germany, who lived from April 16, 1840 to December 31, 1899. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a daughter, Lillian, born in

Wisconsin in November 1865. Other children, all natives of Michigan, were Kate, born in 1860, and Lillian, born in 1864, and a son, Phillip II, who was born in Wisconsin on November 24, 1868.

### **Phillip Rosbach II [1868-1957]**

On October 28, 1916, in Grand Haven, Phillip Rosback II married Mary Theiler, who graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1899. Mary, the daughter of Xavier and Marie Stoeckel Theiler of Grand Haven, lived from November 26, 1882 to March 1967. Phillip II was born in Wisconsin on November 24, 1868. He and Mary lived at 520 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven with their son Mary and Phillip's sister Lillian. Phillip died in Grand Haven on July 6, 1957. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a son, Phillip III, who lived from 1918 to 1995.

Phillip II was steward aboard the steamer *Naomi* when it caught fire in mid-lake on May 21, 1907. By 1914 he was managing the Gildner Hotel at 2 Washington Street and in 1930 he worked as a clerk for a local coal company.

### **Charles W. Rose [1821-1882]**

Charles Rose was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1821. He arrived in Crockery Township in 1843 [1844], making him one of the early settlers. He first married Helen [Ellen] Wickham on July 2, 1851. In 1860 he operated a grocery store in Nunica, but at the same time he and Helen farmed acreage in Sections 3 and 11 of Crockery Township. In the household with them in 1860 were Harrison, two years old, and Marion, ten months old. Born in 1836, Helen died in 1868. On June 7, 1870 Charles married Sarah Glass [Gloss] in Grand Haven. Living with Charles and Sarah in Nunica in 1870 were his children: Eva, 17 years old; Harrison, 13; Marion, 11; and Emma, 7. Also in the household was Wilbur Glass, 2 years old, presumably Sarah's son by a previous marriage. Sarah was born in London, Ontario in 1836 and died on September 9, 1871 of consumption. Charles had moved to Baldwin, Lake County, by 1880, where he operated a saloon. Charles died on July 10, 1882 in Lake County. He was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

### **Charles Wesley Rose I [1836-1898]**

Charles, the son of William and Velinda [Belinda] Turner Rose, was born on February 21, 1836 in Wakeman, Ohio. He served as seaman with the United States Navy during the Civil War. Aloys Bilz encouraged the Rose family to move to Ottawa County. He served with the U.S. Navy during the Civil War aboard the U.S.S. *Chochura*, a steam-powered gunboat. On August 22, 1868 Charles married Leentje [Lentje/Lenna/Line] Vanderslick in Holland. She lived from August 12, 1849 to April 26, 1929. In 1880 they were residing in Blendon, where Charles owned a printing business. Among their eleven children was Charles Wesley Rose II, who was born in Crockery Township on April 25, 1876. Charles I died on January 5, 1898 and was buried at Maplewood Cemetery in Lamont, as was Leentje.

### **Charles Wesley Rose II [1876-1956]**

Born in Crockery Township on April 25, 1876, Charles was the son of Charles and Leentje Vanderslick Rose. Charles II became a mason, carpenter, and caretaker at Spring Lake Country Club. In 1909 he married Clara Garrow. She was a cook in both Grand Haven and Spring Lake restaurants for many years. She owned and operated "The Blue Bird Inn" in Nunica and was an expert chair caner. Clara learned the art of cooking from her mother at the age of five while living in Vermont and followed her craft for nine decades. The parents of 14 children, Charles and Clara both died in 1956. Clara was born on April 12, 1888 and died on January 20, 1989. She and Charles were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had thirteen children, including Leonard, who lived from 1913 to 1990; Lester, who lived from 1917 to 1970; Charles Wesley Rose III, who was born in 1919 and died in 1984; and Rosella, who lived from 1920 to 1952.

### **David Elijah Rose [1838-1912] and Martha Jane "Jennie" Saxton Rose [1838-1926]**

David Rose arrived in Grand Haven in 1861 and worked as a ticket agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad. He then was employed by Ferry & Son Bank on Water Street [Harbor]. He was supervisor in 1872, justice of the peace from 1865 to 1869, and city alderman in 1875. By 1877 he and Timothy Fletcher owned and operated the Rose & Fletcher Planing Mill in Grand Haven. David married Martha Jane "Jennie" Saxton in Grand Haven on October 1, 1863. She was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts in May 1838. George Saxton of Grand Haven was her brother. David, who was born on July 31, 1838, lived until February 3, 1912, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He died in Chicago. David and Jennie had five children, four of whom were born in Grand Haven. The youngest, Helen, was born in Chicago in 1888. Jennie passed away in Portland, Oregon on March 7, 1926.

#### **Harvey King Rose [1812-1868]**

Harvey Rose was captain of the *Algoma*, a boat that operated between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids in the late 1840s. His name appeared in the Kent County census for 1850 and 1860. Harvey was born on August 22, 1812 in New York and died in Cheboygan, Cheboygan County on December 15, 1868. He married Lucy M. Howland, who was born in Connecticut around 1818. The Roses had three children: Elizabeth A. Rose, who lived from 1835 to 1880; Charles Weston Rose, who was born in 1839 and died in Cheboygan County on March 27, 1900; and Frederick R. Rose, who was born on June 6, 1843 and died on August 1, 1877. Lucy passed away on February 4, 1898 in Cheboygan, Cheboygan County. Harvey, Charles, and Fred were buried at Pine Hill Cemetery in that community.

#### **Howard Folgert Rose [1917-2005]**

The son of Myron and Alice Van Zanten Rose, Howard was born in Grand Haven on July 20, 1917. On October 4, 1941 he married Berdean Huttenga, who was born on November 29, 1913 and passed away on April 29, 1998. Her parents were Jacob and Grace Huttenga of Grand Haven. Berdean, a soprano, was a member of the Grand Haven Community Chorus and soloed at the first two performances of the West Shore Symphony, the first presented at Muskegon High School on November 28, 1939, and the second at Grand Haven High School the next night. Howard, an Air Force pilot during WWII, was badly injured in an airplane crash near Anchorage, Alaska in 1944. After the war, the Roses returned to Grand Haven and lived with Howard's parents before moving to 107 South Fourth. Howard became bookkeeper for Oldberg Manufacturing Company. Twenty years later he was appointed business manager at North Ottawa Community Hospital, a position he held until his retirement in 1977. Howard attended the First Reformed Church and later the Second Reformed Church. The Roses had one son, Roger Alan Rose, who was born on November 4, 1946. [*Tribune* obituary, September 20, 2005.]

#### **Myron Edgar Rose [1888-1961]**

Myron E. Rose was born in Reed City, Osceola County on March 24, 1888. On June 21, 1916 he married Alice Van Zanten in Grand Haven. The couple resided at 916 Fulton Street and later at 525 Columbus. Alice, the daughter of Folgert and Aaltje "Alice" Van Zanten, was born in Grand Haven on November 23, 1889. The Roses had four children, including Howard Folgert, who was born in Grand Haven on July 20, 1917; Robert, who was born about 1922; Helen, who was born about 1924 and married Allen Van Oordt of Grand Haven; and Paul. Myron was employed at Dake Machinery before 1920, and then became a telephone repairman. He died on October 23, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice died on October 24, 1964 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Roger Alan Rose [1946-2015]**

Roger Rose was born in Grand Haven on November 4, 1946. His parents were Howard and Berdean Huttenga Rose of Grand Haven. Roger earned a master degree at Hope College and a doctor degree at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He was employed by the California Medical Hospital for many years as a clinical psychologist. Roger married Lori Meyer on July 10, 2010. He was a member of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church and the Rotary Club, and he served as president of the Tri-Cities

Historical Museum. He had a daughter, Elizabeth Rose of Washington, D.C., and a son, Joshua Rose, of Chino Hills, California. Roger died on January 31, 2015. [*Tribune* obituary, February 7, 2015.]

#### **William James Rose II [1867-1949]**

Toward the end of 1905, William and Bess Rose purchased an ice cream store at 14 South Second Street from Henry Haines and his wife. Their residence was at the same address. The Roses added an ice cream manufacturing capability and sold their product throughout the area. They also sold candy. William, the son of William J. and Mary Elizabeth Clarke Rose, was born in Canada on May 5, 1867 and moved to Chicago when he was 10. William knew of the Ottawa County area from visiting his grandmother in Spring Lake. She was Mary Elizabeth Millard Clarke, the widow of Rev. Ethan Ray Clarke, who died in 1895. When serious illness prompted a change of residence, William selected Grand Haven. By 1910 William was living in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, with his mother Ann Rose and daughter Mary B. Rose. Ann was widowed and 72 years old, Mary was 24 and worked as a telephone operator. William died in Mt. Pleasant on May 20, 1949.

#### **Benjamin Hermanus [Hermanus Benjamin] Rosema [Rozema] [1885-1953]**

Born on January 4, 1885 in Ferrysburg, the son of Hilke and Grietje “Grace” van Leeuwen Rosema, Benjamin was listed in the 1907 and 1909 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a dealer in “meats” in Ferrysburg. He still owned the meat market in 1930. Benjamin married Elizabeth Katt in Ferrysburg on October 17, 1906. He died on January 27, 1953 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Elizabeth was born in Spring Lake on January 20, 1882, passed away in Grand Haven on August 31, 1955, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had five children: Harold Rozema; Maurice Rozema; Robert Rozema; Anne Kathryn Rozema; and one unnamed.

#### **Gerald Benjamin Rosema [1926-1989]**

Gerald Rosema, born on April 29, 1926, partnered with Jacob Kuiper to establish the Ferrysburg Christian Reformed Church, built in 1953 at 408 Fifth Street. Gerald, who was born on April 29, 1926, married Marian G. Batts in Spring Lake on September 19, 1947. They resided at 17339 Roosevelt Road in Ferrysburg. Gerald’s parents were William and Kate Sikkenga Rosema of Ferrysburg. He was a lab technician for GPM Industries in Holland, Michigan. Gerald passed away in Grand Rapids on October 19, 1989. Marian was born on January 4, 1926 and died in Spring Lake on February 16, 2000. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Harm Hilke Rosema [Rozema] [1896-1965]**

Harm, the son of Hilke and Grietje “Mary” van Leeuwen [1855-1935] Rosema, was born in Ferrysburg on July 5, 1896. On September 6, 1916, he married Berendina “Dena” Pol, who was born in Grand Haven on May 11, 1895. In 1918, the couple lived in Grand Rapids, where Harm worked for the American Express Company. By 1930 they had moved to Crockery Township where Harm operated a farm. They remained there until at least 1940. In 1950, they were living at 210 Buchanan Street in Spring Lake, and Harm was unemployed. In 1966, the year after Harm died, Dena was residing at 17568 North Shore Drive in Ferrysburg. Harm passed away on August 7, 1965 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Dena passed away on April 11, 1987 and was buried with Harm at Spring Lake Cemetery. Among their seven children was Jacob Herman “Jack” Rosema, who was born in Grand Rapids on October 12, 1918.

#### **Harm William Rosema [1889-1957]**

On March 16, 1921, Harm Rosema married Grace Bosch in Grand Rapids. She was born in Fruitport on March 18, 1896. Harm, the son of William and Derkje Tuijnman Rosema, was born in Ferrysburg on August 7, 1889. In 1940, the Rosemas were living at 306 Maple Street in Ferrysburg. Harm was employed by Peerless Novelty Company in Grand Haven early in his career and eventually became foreman. Ten years later, Harm and Grace were living with their daughter Doris and her family in Nankin, Wayne

County. Grace passed away in 1954, and Harm died in Ferrysburg in November 1957. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had four children, including Doris.

#### **Hilke Harms Rosema [Rozema] [1854-1911]**

Hilke was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on January 15, 1854. On May 17, 1879 in The Netherlands, he married Grietje “Grace” van Leeuwen, also a native of The Netherlands. They arrived in the United States the year following their wedding and first settled in Grand Rapids before moving to Ferrysburg. Grace lived from May 4, 1855 to January 2, 1911. After her death, Hilke married Mary Koop in Cutlerville on August 1, 1917. Also from The Netherlands, Mary lived from January 1, 1864 to January 14, 1937 and was buried at Washington Park Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids under the name Mary Noordhoek. Hilke passed away in Spring Lake on August 28, 1926 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Grace. They had ten children, including Benjamin Rosema, who was born in Ferrysburg on January 4, 1885; Rena Rosema, who was born in Ferrysburg in 1894 and married Dick Bosch; and Harm Rosema, who was born in Ferrysburg on July 5, 1896. Brothers Hilke Rosema, Popke Rosema, and William Rosema owned abutting parcels of farmland, about 13 acres each, in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township. The trio was referred to as the “Rosema Bros.” in the 1893 *Business Compendium*. Hilke and Della also owned 80 acres in Section 8 and a 35-and-a-half-acre dairy farm in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township [17658 North Shore Road].

#### **Jacob Herman “Jack” Rosema [1918-1996]**

Jack Rosema was born in Grand Rapids on October 12, 1918. His parents were Harm and Grace Bosch Rosema. The family moved to Grand Haven when Jack was a young boy. He married Ella Van Coevering in Grand Haven on June 4, 1941. She was born in Grand Haven, the daughter of John and Angie Van Coevering, on August 13, 1918. The couple eventually moved to Crockery Township. Jack owned Rosema Dairy Farm, and he worked in the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department for 28 years, eventually earning the rank of Deputy Sheriff. He also owned Rosema [Rozema] Dairy Bar at 406 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Ella worked at McLellan’s Five and Ten Cent Store, Peerless Novelty, and the W.T. Grant Store, all in Grand Haven. She and Jack helped organize the Ferrysburg Christian Reformed Church and were among its charter members. Jack died on February 14, 1996 and was buried with Ella at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had seven children, including Gary Rosema, who served with the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department for 40 years, including 22 as sheriff.

#### **Maurice Rosema [1911-1982]**

Maurice Rosema was manager of Lakeshore Millwork at 220 Fifth Street in Ferrysburg when it opened in 1962. The company specialized in display woodworking. In the 1930s he was deputy sheriff for Ottawa County, and in 1950 he was “head contractor” for a local construction firm. The son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Katt Rosema, Maurice was born on August 14, 1911. On June 12, 1935 he married Jeanette [Janet] Groenevelt in Grand Haven. They resided at 17710 North Shore Drive, on land that had been in the Rosema family for decades. Maurice died in Ferrysburg on November 10, 1982, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Janet, also a Ferrysburg native, lived from 1913 to 2003 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The couple had three children.

#### **Popke “Paul” H. Rosema [Rozema] 1848-1910]**

Popke Rosema was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on August 29, 1848 and married Anje “Anna” Rijpema [Riepma] in Groningen on April 13, 1875. She was born in that province on November 24, 1849. They immigrated to Ferrysburg about 1881. Popke died on September 22, 1911 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Anna then married Egbert Sternberg, who lived from September 23, 1842 to December 30, 1912. He was born in Groningen and died in Muskegon. Anna passed away on February 28, 1933 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Brothers Popke Rosema, Hilke Rosema and William Rosema owned abutting parcels of farmland, about 13 acres each, in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township. The trio is referred to as the “Rosema Bros.” in the 1893 *Business Compendium*. Popke and Anna daughter had four



surviving children: Herman Paul Rosema [1880-1949]; Della Rosema [1882-1959]; Gertrude Rosema [1888-1968]; and Henrietta Rosema [1889-1975].

### **William Rosema [Rozema] [1857-1921]**

William Rosema was born in Groningen, The Netherlands in 1857. On March 3, 1887, he married Derkje “Della” Tuinman in Ferrysburg. Della lived from May 29, 1866 to May 24, 1918. William passed away in 1921. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. One of their eight children, Harm William Rosema, was born in Ferrysburg on August 7, 1889. Brothers William Rosema, Hilke Rosema and Popke Rosema owned abutting parcels of farmland, about 13 acres each, in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township. The trio is referred to as the “Rosema Bros.” in the 1893 *Business Compendium*. William and Della also owned a 35-and-a-half-acre plot in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township.

### **Wilhelm “William” Rosie [1866-1947]**

William Rosie was born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1866 and attended local schools. He went to sea as a cabin boy at the age of 17 on the Goodrich Line steamer *Sheboygan*, a paddle wheel craft. He served many years on the car ferries and received his master’s papers in 1900. He became skipper of the U.S. Engineering Dredge *General G. Meade*, which was a sand sucker for dredging channels. He was well known in the harbors of Lakes Huron and Michigan for more than twenty years.

On September 7, 1887 in Grand Haven, William married Lena “Emma,” the daughter of Frederick and Otilie Bethke of Robinson Township. Emma lived from June 23, 1871 to March 10, 1889 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The captain married Rienks in Chicago on December 22, 1897. They lived at 705 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. Margaret was born in New York on September 8, 1870. They had at least three sons, Thomas W., born in September 1899; Marvin H., who was born October 14, 1903, became a physician, and died in Muskegon on April 26, 1980; and William. Captain Rosie later made his home in Muskegon with Marvin. He died on December 21, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret passed away on July 29, 1944 and also was buried at Lake Forest. William had a brother Walter, who married Carrie Plant in Nunica on February 26, 1902.

### **Peter Ross [1834-1903]**

Peter Ross had a 40-acre farm in Section 27 of Crockery Township when he enlisted as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on January 1, 1863. Peter was born in New York in April 1834 and died around October 5, 1903. On May 23, 1875 in Crockery Township, he married Sarah Pennoyer. The daughter of Henry and Harriet Kells Pennoyer, she was born in Muskegon on April 29, 1841 and died on May 18, 1875. Peter and Sarah had a daughter, Mary, born in October 1876. In 1900 the three were residing in Spring Lake. Peter and Mary were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Donald Eugene Rosso [1923-1980]**

Born on April 24, 1923 in Battle Creek, Don was the son of George and Grace Smith Rosso. A graduate of Grand Haven High School in 1941, Don served in the military during WWII. From 1948 to 1957 he worked for the Detroit Transmission Company. He then bought Carl Berg’s business at 9-13 Washington Street and opened the Rosso Oldsmobile, Buick, and Pontiac dealership. The business later expanded to include the properties at 9-19 Washington. On September 10, 1947, Don married Esther Wiegerink. The Rossos resided at 1900 Sheldon Road. They had three sons: Ronald and Michael of Spring Lake and Steven of Grand Haven. Don was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, the American Legion, the Grand Haven Rotary Club, and the National Automobile Association. Don died on January 21, 1980. Esther lived from February 17, 1924 to September 23, 2010. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 29, 1980.]

### **George Donald Rosso [1896-1991]**

George Rosso was born on February 23, 1896. He moved to Grand Haven from Macomb County and manufactured wooden crates at 626 Madison sometime after the Grand Haven Basket Factory went out of business in 1925. On August 12, 1922 in Grand Haven, he married Grace Kathryn Christine Smith. Grace, the daughter of William and Katherine Dykehouse Smith, was born in Grand Haven on December 25, 1893. She graduated from Western State Normal College in Kalamazoo [WSU]. In 1912 she started her first teaching job was at Rosy Mound, but she also taught in Battle Creek and Nunica. Grace attended the University of Michigan in the summer of 1939. She was a teacher in the Grand Haven school system from 1931 to 1947, and she also was a substitute elementary teacher for many years. Donald Rosso, who owned a car dealership in Grand Haven, was their son. They also had a daughter, Helen, who married Melvin E. Stull of California, and a second son, James. George died in San Diego, California on February 18, 1991. Grace died in Grand Haven on August 12, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of her death, she resided at 111 South Griffin Street. [*Tribune* obituary, August 13, 1977.]

#### **Eugene Albert Rothi [1921-2004]**

The son of Albert and Gretchen Hall Rothi, Eugene was born in Fairbault, Minnesota on September 4, 1921. He married Ruth Ann Casemier in Ft. Stockton, Texas, on July 27, 1943. The daughter of Henry and Nana Casemier, Ruth was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1921 and passed away in her hometown on July 28, 2000. Gene was a pilot with the Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He taught in Grandville schools from 1946 to 1949 before moving to Grand Haven to teach English and history. He also served as a guidance counselor from 1950 to 1984. He coached football, basketball, and tennis for Grand Haven High School, and was at the helm in 1953 when the football team went undefeated. He was an elder, deacon, and Sunday School teacher at the Second Christian Reformed Church. In 1956 he was selected Man of the Year and Administrator of the Year. Gene was president of the YMCA during its building campaign in the mid-1970s, and he was president and board member of Christian Haven Home, charter member of Wigginton Foundation, and he served on the Education Committee of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Gene was regional director of the Luke Society for 23 years. He also served as a basketball official for many years. He belonged to the Grand Haven Kiwanis Club, the Michigan Education Association, and the National Education Association. He was a member of American Legion Post #28 in Grand Haven, where he served on the Scholarship Committee.

Gene and Ruth had two daughters, Sharon, who married Walter Yonker of Grand Haven and Nancy, who married Jack Misner and moved to Lowell, Kent County. The Rothis also had two sons, Mike of Ferrysburg and Muskegon, and Pat of Lawton, Van Buren County. Gene died in Grand Haven on November 23, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 24, 2004.]

#### **Charles Rouwhorst I [Rowhorst] [1902-1942]**

Charles Rouwhorst was born in Holland, Michigan on November 17, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on December 12, 1942. His wife, Susan Marie, was the daughter of Dick and Jennie Luloffs Bolthouse. Susan Marie was born May 3, 1906 in Ferrysburg and died in Grand Haven on March 5, 1976. Charles owned an auto repair business at 812 Washington in the 1940s. One of their sons, Harvey R., was born on June 11, 1925 in Grand Haven and died December 25, 1995 in Florida; his wife was Louise Virginia Pytlinske, who was born March 18, 1927 and died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1989. Louise was the daughter of Felix and Elfrieda Simon Pytlinske. Another Rouwhorst son, Charles II, was born in Grand Haven on March 3, 1934 and died in Muskegon on January 18, 1965.

#### **Benjamin Hermanus [Hermanus Benjamin] Rozema [Rosema] [1885-1953]**

See Benjamin Hermanus Rosema.

#### **Joseph Nicholas Ruch [1858-1933]**

See Joseph Nicholas Rue.

#### **Kasper Ruch I [1830-1907]**

Kasper Ruch, who owned 120 acres in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township, was born in Switzerland in 1830. Kasper's wife, Mary, also a native of Switzerland, was born the same year. They immigrated to Grand Haven Township in 1865. Among their children was Matilda, who was born in Ohio on June 19, 1854 and married Cyrus Wise of Grand Haven; a son, Joseph Ruch [Rue], who was born in Ohio [Switzerland] in 1858 and came to Grand Haven with his parents; Charles, who was born about 1860 and moved to Denver, Colorado; and Kasper [Casper] II, who was born on January 15, 1865, married Elizabeth Miles, died on September 30, 1948, and was buried at Grand Haven Haven Township Historic Cemetery. Mary died on April 6, 1883. On December 12, 1890, Kasper married Susanna Dietrich in Grand Haven. Kasper died on October 9, 1907. Some of the Ruch children changed their family name to Rue.

#### **Alyce Rudeen [1906-1999]**

See Alyce Rudeen Erickson.

#### **Charles F. Rudershausen [1887-1947]**

Born in New York on January 1, 1887, Charles Rudershausen, owned a photography studio at 515 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven and later at 5 North Seventh. However, he started in the 1920s with a diner called Charlie's Lunch at 515 North Seventh and took up photography before 1930. He taught the photography business to his nephew, Harold Bretschneider, who made a career in the same business. After WWII Charles sold his studio to Sherman and Marshall Robbins, who opened Robbins Studio. Charles married Frieda [Freda] Braun, the widow of Ewald Braun, who died in 1930. Charles had been a roomer at the Braun home. Frieda was born on October 21, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1979. At the time of her death, she was living at 1333 Franklin. Charles died in 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Joseph Nicholad Rue [1856-1933]**

Joseph Rue was living in Grand Haven in 1880, residing in the home of Cyrus and Matilda Wise on Columbus Street. Matilda was Joseph's sister. The Federal Census of that year listed Joseph as "Lumberman." On September 1, 1891, Joseph became proprietor of the Andres House, located at the southeast corner of Franklin and Water [Harbor]. Just prior to that date Edward Andres had leased the Andres House to Joseph and sold him the furniture and fixtures. Joseph had a 188-acre farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. Joseph's wife, Amanda, lived from 1872 to 1937. Joseph was born in Ohio [Switzerland] in 1858. He arrived in the township with his parents in 1865. He married Amanda Lempke. He died in 1933. She and Joseph were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. They had at least three children: Charles E., who was born about 1895; Lillian, who was born in 1905, married William M. Van Schelven, and died in 1993; and Joseph Howard, who lived from 1910 to 1997.

#### **Alfred Ruitter [1891-1969]**

Born in Ferrysburg on November 14, 1891, Alfred was the son of Roelf "Ralph" and Jennie "Jane" Borgman Ruitter. Alfred married Stena, the daughter of Albert and Frances Start Kruizenga of Ferrysburg. Stena lived from March 3, 1893 to February 24, 1983 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Alfred ran a plumbing contracting business. The Ruitters resided in Muskegon around 1930. Later they were located at 212 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. Alfred died in Spring Lake on December 6, 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Bartley Ruitter [1905-1989]**

Around 1940, Bartley Ruitter joined Carl "Swede" Anderson as partner with the Tri City Oil Company at 523 Pine Street in Ferrysburg, replacing Gerald Tinholt. Bartley had been an attendant at the service station since it opened in 1936. Bartley was born in Ferrysburg on September 11, 1905. He married Dorothy Raymond in Grand Haven on November 30, 1933. Their home was at 413 Fifth Street. Dorothy lived from June 28, 1911 and passed away on June 11, 1996. He died in Ferrysburg on April 5, 1989. Both

were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least two children, Charles Ruiter, born about 1936, and Lynda Ruiter, born about 1939.

### **Roelf “Ralph” Ruiter [1864-1951]**

In 1905 Roelf Ruiter purchased Cornelius Westerhouse’s general store at the northwest corner of Maple and Third Street in Ferrysburg. He appears as Rufus Ruiter in the 1909 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, still proprietor of the general store. Ralph was born in The Netherlands on July 12, 1864, immigrated to the United States in 1882, and died in Ferrysburg on January 25, 1951. On December 9, 1886 he married Jante “Jane” [“Jennie”] Borgman, also a native of The Netherlands. She lived from February 1865 to September 25, 1935. Among their children were Roelf, born in August 1888; Jennie, who was born in March 1890 and married Derk Groenevelt; Alfred, born on November 14, 1891; Thomas, born in August 1893; John, born in June 1894; Henry, born in April 1898; and Anna, who was born on June 28, 1899 and married John Groenevelt, Derk Groenevelt’s brother. Ralph and Jane were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Thomas B. Ruiter [1860-1941]**

A concrete contractor, Thomas Ruiter married Maggie, the daughter of William and Anje Cleveringa Helder, the widow of Jacob Bouwman. Maggie was born in November 1869 and died on an undisclosed date. About 1907 Thomas joined Eilko Wierenga in the concrete business. They continued as partners for eight years as Wierenga and Ruiter. About 1915 Wierenga bought out Thomas’s share. Thomas on November 17, 1909 married Jennie Katt. The Ruiters lived at 322 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. Their children were Elizabeth “Lizzie,” born in 1888; Alice, born in 1891; and Deana, born about 1895. Thomas was born on February 9, 1860 in Groningen, The Netherlands, and passed away on July 2, 1941. Maggie lived from 1869 to March 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

### **Thomas R. Ruiter [1893-1994]**

Born in Ferrysburg on August 27, 1893, Tom was one of twelve children born to Roelf “Ralph” and Jennie Borgman Ruiter. On June 3, 1913 he married Jane Voshel. They resided at 935 Franklin in 1926 and had two sons, Leon Thomas Ruiter and Kenneth Eugene Ruiter. Ken was born in Grand Haven on July 11, 1918 and Leon on November 19, 1922. Tom was employed by Keller Tool Company as the first resident to work for the new company after its move to Grand Haven from Milwaukee. Later he worked in the meat department at Fred Strahsburg’s Meat Market at 1322 Washington Street. In 1924 Tom paid \$3,500 to Charles Salisbury for a grocery store located at 1120 Washington, later the site of Cook’s Hardware Store. He also operated a store at 21 South Beechtree. His sons joined him in the business and in 1958 took over management of the business, when their father retired. They sold the business in May 1968. Jane passed away on March 9 that year and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Tom was a member of the Grand Haven Gospel Chapel and a charter member of the Gideons, which was formed in 1936 with his guidance. Tom handed out over 4,400 Bibles to local servicemen during WWII and the Korean War. His home in Grand Haven was at 935 Franklin, but on November 13, 1969 he moved to Rest Haven Home in Grand Rapids. Tom died on August 16, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His son Kenneth died on November 27, 1980 and also was buried at Lake Forest, as was Leon, who passed away on September 20, 2015. [*Tribune* obituary, August 16, 1994.]

### **Hussein “Sam” Rukieh [1895-1978]**

Sam Rukieh owned Rukieh’s Recreation at 8 Washington Street in the mid- to late 1920s. He offered billiards, tobacco products, candy, and soft drinks. Sam was born on April 12, 1895 and died in Muskegon on January 26, 1978. In the mid-1920s, he resided at 307 Clinton in Grand Haven.

### **Josephine Parrisien Rumsey [Runsey, Ramsey] [1872-1941]**

See Jean Baptiste Parrisien [Perissien, Parisione, Parrisien and other spellings]

### **Frederick “Rip” [“Rick”] Edwin Rupright [1874-1940]**

In 1921 the Rupright Engineering Company was organized in Grand Haven. James Hoover of the Heinz Pickle Company in Holland was president, Frederick Rupright vice president, and Charles E. Misner, a Grand Haven attorney, secretary/treasurer. Clarence E. McGregor [1891-1966], another employee, also of Grand Haven, was a tool designer. The company developed an eight-cylinder automobile engine that was lighter than conventional engines, less expensive to manufacture, and more powerful. He received a patent for it on January 31, 1922, but apparently the business failed in short time.

Around the mid-1920s, Rip was convicted of “violating the liquor law” by “selling moonshine whiskey” and was sentenced to prison. Represented by Charles Misner, he appealed his case on June 11, 1923. On the following July 16, his conviction was upheld, and he was sent to Jackson Prison, where he was included in the Federal Census of 1930. He was listed as divorced.

Rip was born in Crystal Lake, Montcalm County on August 5, 1874. He married Clara North in Montcalm County on November 13, 1892. They had a son, Ernest Arthur Rupright [1893-1968] and a daughter, Marion E. Rupright [1898-1953]. Frederick and Clara were divorced on June 13, 1900. She was born on April 22, 1874 in Bloomer, Montcalm County, married William McCracken [1866-1945] on March 16, 1901, and died on September 24, 1918 in Montcalm County. On September 28, 1900 Rip married Bertha Evangeline Martin in Montcalm County. She was born in 1872 and died in 1909. On January 29, 1910 he married Anna Frump in Benzie County. Anna was born on June 25, 1894. In 1913, they were in Muskegon, where Rip was employed at Casper and Rupright Company. They were living in Grand Haven at 333 North Sixth Street at the time of the 1920 Federal Census. His next wife, May Teal, was a boarder in the house. By 1930 Anna had returned to Columbus, Ohio, her birth state. She was listed as divorced and living under the name Anna Rupright in the Federal Census of that year. She died in Union, Ohio on October 2, 1968.

On April 29, 1922, Rip married May Frances Teal [also known as Frances M. Teal]. They had a daughter, Fredra Mae Rupright [1924-1974]. Rip and May were divorced in Muskegon on December 29, 1926. She lived from 1899 to 1975. By 1935, he had returned to Muskegon and was listed in the *City Directory* that year as a “Laborer.” In the Federal Census of 1940, he was noted as being an “Inventor.” Rip passed away in Muskegon on November 13, 1940 of “acute cardiac failure” and was buried at Mona View Cemetery.

### **Ronald Marvin Rusling [1933-2014]**

Ron Rusling was born in Brighton, Livingston County, on December 20, 1933. He served as an officer with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He received his bachelor and Master of Fine Arts Degree at Michigan State University and taught art at Grand Valley State University [Ferris State University].

Ron married Sharon Kaye Frank on August 31, 1958 in Grand Rapids. She was born in Lansing on November 16, 1936. Initially, they resided in the Furniture City, where Ron was employed as an artist at John Lockwood Associates. Their children were: Amy Rusling-Larson, Brett Rusling, Mia Rusling-McShane, and Blythe Rusling.

An artist by hobby and a designer by trade, Ron drew plans for the home they were living in by the early 1970s at 14291 Terry Trails. In 1976 they moved to Prescott, where he designed a solar home. Sharon passed away on August 1, 1995. Ron married Rebecca Jocyne Rudy in October 1998. Becky, previously the wife of Jay William Troyka [1942-2021], was born in Bluffton, Indiana on May 24, 1941.

Ron died in Prescott on March 15, 2014 and was buried at Prescott National Cemetery with military honors.

### **Ralson [Ralston] M. Russell [? - ?]**

Ralson M. Russell is mentioned in *History of Ottawa County* [1882] as Grand Haven’s first barber. He was said to be African American. Nothing was found to confirm his presence in the area before or after that time.

### **Charles Franklin Rust [1856-1931]**

Charles Rust was secretary and manager of the Milliman Manufacturing Company, which opened in March 1907 at the corner of Howard and Harbor Streets in Grand Haven. Like Herbert G. Milliman, the owner and president of the company, Charles came from Chicago, where he had been in the lumber and milling business for 20 years. On June 19, 1890, he married Mary Whalen in Wood, Wisconsin. She was born in Ontario, Canada on February 5, 1863. Charles and Mary lived at 603 Franklin. He was born on December 30, 1856 Courtland, Wisconsin. Mary was from Canada, where she was born about 1867. A school-age daughter, Marguerite [Margaretha], was born in Ashland, Wisconsin on March 11, 1892 and lived with them on Franklin Street in 1908. She died on December 19, 1964 in Chicago under the name Marguerite Helen Chadwick. Charles and Mary also had a son, [William] Kellogg Rust, who was born in Illinois on August 6, 1894. He apparently did not accompany his parents to Grand Haven. The family of four was back in Chicago by 1910. Mary passed away on February 27, 1931 in Gary, Indiana. Charles died a few weeks later on March 23. Kellogg died September 29 the next year in Proviso, Illinois.

### **Johannes “John” H. Ruster [1852-1932]**

Born in Zeeland, The Netherlands on December 16, 1852, John Ruster immigrated to the United States in 1868 as a young man and settled in Grand Haven to work as a commercial fisherman. He married Etta [Ida] Moonlag in Grand Haven on May 23, 1874. Also a native of The Netherlands, Etta was born in August 1854. At least four of Ida’s and John’s children were born in Grand Haven: Maria [Mary] Ruster on March 13, 1875; Anna [Annie] Ruster on February 14, 1877; Mattie Ruster, on February 5, 1879; and Renè Ruster on April 22, 1883. Sometime between 1883 and 1897, the Rusters moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where John became a dealer in fish. Anna married William Fridrich Werner [1873-1943] in Kenosha on August 12, 1897. John and Etta moved to California, where he died on December 22, 1932, and she passed away on March 30, 1938. Anna died on February 26, 1938 in Kenosha as the result of an automobile accident.

### **Monroe Ruty [1860-1971]**

On February 25, 1907 a scantily clothed man was found wandering near Lamont, close to hypothermia. He had no identification, was penniless, and could not account for himself. The stranger was taken to the Ottawa County Poor Farm. He believed he was 44 years old. He had worked briefly in the lumbering camp at nearby Steel’s Landing. He remembered two oxen named “Duke” and “Dime.” Not knowing what to call him, the Poor Farm keeper dubbed the amnesiac “Joe,” and because he had worked at Steel’s Landing, the surname “Steel” stuck. Joe Steel was recorded as “insane” in the old infirmary ledger and admitted.

By 1965 Joe had been at the infirmary for 58 years. That year a journalist from the *Holland Sentinel* was doing a feature story on the institution. The reporter wondered, “Who was the oldest resident?” Nobody knew Joe’s age, but all were sure he should be credited. Joe’s strange story unfolded on the front page of the May 13, 1965 edition. Days later the reporter received a call from Saugatuck resident Monroe Eaton [1899-1976]. As a child he had frequently heard his mother, Ada “Polly” Ruty [1856-1944], lament the disappearance of her brother, in whose memory Monroe had been named. His missing uncle sought employment in the north woods in 1882 and was never heard from again. Joe and Monroe soon met. Eaton asked, “Who were ‘Dime’ and ‘Duke’?” Our two oxen, Joe responded. “Did ‘Little Money’ ring a bell?” Yes, it was his mother’s affectionate nickname for her little boy. There was scant doubt that Joe Steel was Monroe Ruty. A notation in the family Bible confirmed Monroe Ruty was born on March 31, 1860, making him 105 years old at the time of the *Sentinel* article. When Joe turned 110 in 1970, he received greetings from Governor William Milliken and President Richard Nixon. NBC news anchor David Brinkley even kept tabs on Joe. When Monroe Ruty/Joe Steel died at the age of 111 on May 30, 1971, he was said to be the oldest man in Michigan. He was interred at Riverside Cemetery in Saugatuck next to his mother, Polly, who was born in 1828 and died on October 5 the year before her son’s disappearance.

### **Charles Rycenga I [1893-1941]**

The son of Jakob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, Charles was born on the family farm in Spring Lake Township on May 13, 1893 and attended the one-room De Witt School through the sixth grade. He died in an accident in Muskegon County on September 3, 1941, while driving a truck loaded with oak slabs. Chuck married Sena Tysman of Grand Haven on October 15, 1913. Sena, the daughter of Louis Tysman of Grand Haven, was born on December 5, 1890 and died on March 7, 1983. She and Chuck were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sena was the daughter of Louis Tysman, who lived from 1862 to 1944, and Angie Lenninga, who lived from 1855 to 1936. The Tysman family lived in the area called "Pigtail Alley" in Grand Haven, in the neighborhood of Madison and De Spelder Streets. Chuck worked at Dake Engineering as a machinist and at Challenge Machinery, where he learned how to assemble printing presses and was promoted to foreman. Chuck and Sena had several children, all born locally: Emma, who was born on November 20, 1914 and on July 24, 1941 married Roy F. Correll [October 3, 1914-February 11, 1959] of Grand Haven; Louis E., who was born June 18, 1917; Chuck II, who was born on May 25, 1921; and Betty A., who was born on March 1, 1930 and on June 10, 1980 married Alfred Rodrigues [born September 6, 1932] of Grand Haven.

In 1925 the Rycengas bought a seven-acre farm at 720 South Griffin Street in Grand Haven. During the Depression Chuck sold firewood for \$1.75 a cord. Eventually his sons, Louis and Charles II, helped with a two-man crosscut saw. Chuck increased his wood production by building a sawmill in Grand Haven Township, using a Model T Ford engine, with a direct connection from the drive shaft to a rotating saw blade. This rig also allowed Chuck and his sons to mill railroad ties, which they sold for 65 to 95 cents apiece. The two Rycenga sons went on to found the Rycenga Lumber Company in Grand Haven.

#### **Charles Rycenga II [1921-2016]**

Charles Rycenga II, the son of Charles and Sena Tysman Rycenga, was born on May 25, 1921. On January 15, 1942 the younger Chuck married Eleanor Doris "Non" Kieft. The daughter of George and Mary Kieft, Non was born in Grand Rapids on August 4, 1921. Shortly after his marriage, Chuck enlisted in the U.S. Navy and saw active service during WWII. He and Non had three children: Nona, who married David Boer of Spring Lake; Mary Beth Rosema; and Chuck III.

Chuck and his brother Louis started Rycenga Lumber Company at 1053 Jackson Street in the mid-1940s. Chuck was instrumental in the establishment of International Aid, located on Hickory Street in Spring Lake Township on land that once was his grandfather Jacob Rycenga's farm. Non passed away on October 14, 2015. Chuck died in Grand Haven on July 31, 2016. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 2, 2015 and August 2, 2016.]

#### **Edward Rycenga [1894-1976]**

Edward, the son of Jakob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, was born on July 7, 1894. He married Deborah Valom, who lived from September 13, 1892 to November 10, 1972. She was the daughter of Klass and Jane Valom of Grand Haven. Ed worked with the Zeeland Police Department and was under sheriff in Ottawa County. He also had an interest in his brother Peter's insurance business. Ed died on November 18, 1976. He and Deborah were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 1022 Washington.

#### **Jakob [Jacob] Rycenga [1854-1928]**

The first local Rycenga to immigrate to America from The Netherlands was Jakob, who came with his parents. Born on February 15, 1854, Jakob came to West Michigan when he was 18, settling first in Muskegon. He married Emika [Emma] Wiersema on July 17, 1875. She was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born in March 1855 and immigrated to the United States in 1873. About 1887 Jakob bought 80 acres of farmland in Spring Lake Township. Fifteen years later Jakob, Emma, and their children moved to a newly constructed home at 426 Seventh Street, in the same block that the Van Zylen Lumber Company and later the Meijer store would be located. Jakob managed rental properties in Muskegon and worked for the Van Zylen Lumber Company in Grand Haven. Emma, a year younger than her husband, died in 1923, and Jakob died on April 11, 1928. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jakob and Emma had eight children including Martha, who was born in 1876. Next was Peter, who was born on March 2, 1880, and on November 4, 1903 married Henrietta Roossien. She was born on December 4, 1883 and died on November 27, 1948. On September 5, 1951 Peter married Anna Musk, who lived from July 7, 1887 to October 2, 1979. Peter died on March 27, 1970. Jakob and Emma next child was Thomas, who was born on October 2, 1883, and married Anna Katt on April 4, 1905. Anna lived from March 18, 1884 to January 19, 1915. After her death, Thomas married Kathryn Vander Vere, from whom he was divorced. Thomas in February 1923 married Laura Bohlender, who was born on February 7, 1899. They resided in Muskegon. The Rycengas' fourth child was John, who lived from March 1888 to 1951. In April 1912, John married Clara Verschore, who lived from January 26, 1894 to 1976. John and Clara moved to Detroit. Next was Lee, born on August 9, 1889, followed by Charles, born on May 13, 1893, and Edward, born on July 7, 1894. Finally there was Albert, who was five years old when he died of pneumonia in 1903.

### **Lee J. Rycenga [1889-1918]**

Lee, the son of Jakob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, lost his life in WWI while going through a tunnel on top of a railroad car. He lived from August 9, 1889 to July 25, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Louis E. Rycenga [1917-2014]**

With his brother Charles, Louis Rycenga founded Rycenga Lumber Company [later known as Rycenga Building Center] in Grand Haven. Born on June 18, 1917, he was the son of Charles and Sena Tysman Rycenga. Louis was a player on the 1935 Grand Haven championship basketball team. He attended Howell School of Business and Calvin College. On July 6, 1944 Louis married Betty Groneveld, who was born on January 12, 1920. He served with the U.S. Army prior to WWII. A community activist, Louis was given the Grand Haven Rotary Club Paul Harris award, the Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award. He and Betty had five children: Mary, who married Ronald Retsema of Grand Haven; Carol, who married David Folkert and lived in Spring Lake; Sharon, who married Rod Pell of Spring Lake; Barbara, who married Bruce Van Heukelem of Oak Park, Illinois; and John Rycenga of Grand Haven. Louis's wife, Betty, was born on January 12, 1920 and passed away on March 6, 2008. Louis died in Grand Haven on December 13, 2014. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 2014.]

### **Martha Rycenga [1876-1948]**

Martha was the first child and only daughter of Jacob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga. She was born in 1876 and lived until 1948. Martha lived most of her life with her parents, not marrying Edward Hoekstra until after both her parents had died. Ed was from New Era, Oceana County. During the depression years Martha earned extra money by offering rooms and breakfast to tourists for \$1.00 a night.

### **Peter J. Rycenga [1880-1970]**

Peter, the son of Jakob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, was born in Grand Haven on March 2, 1880. He owned and operated a grocery store at 434 Fulton in Grand Haven in the early 1900s and later opened an insurance office at 1036 Columbus. His brother, Edward, worked in the insurance business with him. Peter also served as City Assessor and surveyor. On November 4, 1903 he married Henrietta, the daughter of Harm and Dena Boyink Roossien. They lived at 306 North Seventh. One of their children, Emily, was born on September 6, 1904 and married Ray E. Johnson of Grand Haven. Henrietta was born on November 4, 1883 and died on November 27, 1948. Three years later, on September 5, 1951, Peter married Anna [Anne] Musk, who lived from July 7, 1887 to October 2, 1979. Peter passed away in March 1970 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Anna.

### **Franklin Ryder [1898-1958]**



Frank Ryder owned Frank's Barber & Beauty Shop at 1113-1115 Washington. Frank was born in Agnew, Ottawa County on October 9, 1898. In 1918 he was a finisher at Heap & Sons in Grand Haven, and he resided at 1126 Franklin. On June 27, 1928 he married Ruth Valom, who was born on January 21, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on April 2, 1989. Her parents were Klaus and Jane Brons Valom of Grand Haven. Frank and Ruth resided at 607 South De Spelder. Frank passed away in East Grand Rapids on April 8, 1958.

### **Martin [Marten] Ryerson I [1818-1887]**

Born to a farming family in Paterson, New Jersey on January 6, 1818, Martin Ryerson was a pioneer lumberman in Grand Haven and Muskegon. He came to Detroit in 1834, worked in the fur trade, and moved, along with Richard Godfroy, to Grand Rapids. There he worked for Godfroy until May 1836, when he moved to Muskegon and worked for three years with Joseph Troutier, an early settler in that community. In 1845 Martin, in partnership with J. H. Knickerbocker, bought a sawmill from Theodore Newell in Muskegon, where he had worked as a paid employee since 1841. The next year he cut a road to Ravenna from Muskegon to connect with Grand Rapids. In 1848 he became a permanent resident of Chicago.

Martin was married at least twice and maybe three times. His first wife may have been a full-blooded Indian, who in 1843 died in childbirth, but the child, named Mary Ryerson, survived, married Charles R. Butts in Chicago on November 29, 1866, died in Chicago in 1888, and was buried at Graceland Cemetery. On May 15, 1844 in Grand Haven Martin married Loiza [Louise] Duvernay, the daughter of Pierre and his Indian wife, Julia. Loiza died in childbirth on March 14, 1855, at the age of 30. In 1855 Martin was married again, this time to Mary Campau in Grand Rapids. Mary Ann, the daughter of Antoine Campau and the niece of Louis Campau, was born about 1822 in Michigan. She died on January 8, 1907 in Los Angeles, California. They had a son, Martin Antoine, who was born in Grand Rapids on October 26, 1856. By 1860 Martin I resided in Chicago with his wife and children. There he was classified as a lumberman, and merchant. He died there on September 6, 1887. In 1901 the younger Martin, who had become a successful Chicago attorney, donated \$150,000 to Grand Rapids for the construction of a new library building, to be named for his family. He also was one of the founding trustees of the Art Institute of Chicago and a benefactor of the Muskegon Art Museum. Martin II married Carrie Hutchinson in Chicago on October 26, 1881. She was born in Gloversville, New York on June 19, 1859.

### **Floyd "Effie" Stanley Eames Rymal [1930-1998]**

Floyd was born in Jackson on February 6, 1930, the son of Edward [1910-1999] and Alma Frances Ferris [1914-1947] Eames. Alma in 1942 married Milton Rymal, who adopted Floyd. Floyd's sister Dolores Eames, born in 1934, also was adopted by Milton. The Rymals lived at 508 Slayton Street. Floyd served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He married Mary [last name unknown] in Maryville, Tennessee on October 16, 1951. Floyd worked for Atco Rubber Company in Fort Worth, Texas and in 1978 opened Rycut Tool & Design, at 17121 Hayes Street in Grand Haven Township. He retired in 1987. They had five sons: Randolph Lee Rymal, who lived from 1954-2014; Russ Rymal, who remained in Grand Haven; Richard Rymal of Coopersville, Ronald Rymal of Nunica, and Robert Rymal of Spring Lake. Floyd and Mary were divorced. He passed away on September 16, 1998 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Milton and Alma also were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Milton James Rymal [1893-1947]**

Milton Rymal was born in Chicago on May 18, 1893 [1894]. He married Alma Frances Ferris Eames in Grand Rapids on February 28, 1942. The daughter of Floyd [May 18, 1888-November 22, 1944] and Neva Brown [1894-December 1, 1926] Ferris, Alma was born in Cement City, Lenawee County on February 6, 1914. Their son, Floyd Stanley Ames, was born in Jackson on February 6, 1930. Milton and Alma resided at 508 Slayton Street in Grand Haven, but he worked in Lansing for the American Federation of Labor. Alma had been married twice before meeting Milton. On November 26, 1929 in Lucas, Ohio, she

married Edward James Eames [July 24, 1910-September 19, 1999]. She next married Lawton Lavere Camp in Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 7, 1939; they were divorced in Jackson on February 7, 1942. Alma died on July 3, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Milton passed away in Rockford, Illinois on September 5, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Darius Harden Sampson “Sam” Rymer [1887-1976]**

Darius Harden Sampson “Sam” Rymer was born in Fruitport on June 15, 1887. His parents were John and Sarah Bigelow Rymer. On December 26, 1914 he married Jessie Eckhoff, who was born on May 12, 1888. She was the daughter of John and Margrette Sims Eckhoff of Crockery Township. In the 1930 census Sam’s name was given as Harden S. Rymer. Living with them in 1930 was Almon Rymer, an adopted son. Sam farmed 116 acres in Spring Lake Township, just north of Battle Point. He had a reputation for knowing about the Indians who once inhabited the area and spoke of seeing relics from the Indian burial ground near Fort Village at Battle Point. Jessie passed away in February 1974, and Sam died in May 1976 in Spring Lake.

### **Frank Rymer [1868-1947]**

Frank Rymer owned an 80-acre farm in Section 23 of Grand Haven Township, where he arrived in 1906. He was born in Germany on June 30, 1868 and immigrated to the United States when he was four years old. Frank died at the Ottawa County Poor House on June 24, 1947 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. On April 24, 1900 he married Bertha Bierman in Chicago. She lived from October 20, 1870 to July 7, 1934. Bertha was the daughter of Henry and Sophia Smith Bierman. Their daughter Florence was born on July 30, 1903, married Charles McAllister [1906-1960], and died in Muskegon on February 4, 1983.

### **John Rymer [1853-1900]**

John Rymer on July 5, 1884 married Sarah Bigelow in Newaygo County. John, the son of Sampson and Barbara Lovie Rymer, was born on February 27, 1853. Sarah was born in New York in 1862 [1863]. Their children were Dana Clyde “Clydie” Rymer, who was born on June 18, 1885 and relocated to New York, where he died in December 1964; Darius Harden Sampson Rymer, who was born in Fruitport on June 15, 1887; and Versie [Versa] Rymer, who was born on December 3, 1889, married Charles Mallahan [1887-1951] in Nortonville on December 23, 1912, and died in Texas on February 20, 1979. After John passed away on March 30, 1900, Sarah married James A. Cross.

### **Sampson Robert Rymer I [1822-1900]**

Born in Ontario, Canada on September 4 [July 4], 1822 [1823], Sampson Rymer brought his family to Fruitport in 1865, where on September 2 seven years later he purchased 80-acres of farmland. In 1847 he married Barbara E. Lovie [Lovey], who was born in Scotland on May 13, 1824. Their children included William, who was born about 1848 and moved to Detroit; Sampson II, who was born about 1850; John, who was born on February 27, 1853; Isabel [Isabella], who was born in 1854, married James Loosemore, and relocated to Los Angeles; Cora, who was born in 1856 and married George Loosemore; Squire, who lived from 1862 to 1875 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and Mary, who was born on November 25, 1862 and married Edward Hovey of Ferrysburg and Fenton, Genesee County. Sampson died on March 25, 1900 in Fruitport. Barbara passed away on March 19, 1911. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 20, 1900.]

### **Martin F. Rynders [1842-1914]**

See Martin F. Reenders.

### **Albert Rysdorp [Rysdorpt] [1862-1959]**

Albert Rysdorp, a prominent dental surgeon, was born in Grand Haven on April 11, 1862, the son of Henry and Aberdina Rysdorp I. Bert graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1886 and

started his practice in Grand Haven on August 12 that year. His office then was on the second floor of 136 Washington, where he remained for 25 years before moving to 223 Washington. He was a member of the Grand Haven School Board, and he was its president in 1901 when the old Central School burned down and its replacement built. His daughter, Clare, was also a dentist and they shared an office at 136 Washington.

On October 20, 1886 in Grand Haven, Bert married Hermina “Minnie” Pellegrom. Born on August 26, 1862, she was the daughter of Mathias [Matthew] and Janey Van Weelden Pellegrom. She and Bert were married in Grand Haven on October 20, 1886. In the early 1900s they resided at 803 Washington, but they lived most of their married lives at 320 Washington, where Bert also maintained a dental office after moving from 223 Washington. They attended the Second Reformed Church. The Rysdorps had six daughters, including: Clarissa [Clare/Clara] who was born in Grand Haven on August 15, 1887; Ella Louise, who lived from November 1890 to 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Ardene, who was born in January 1893, married a Mr. Prisener, and moved to Clyde, Ohio; Jeanette, who was born in February 1895, married a Mr. Hines, and resided in Detroit; Gertrude M., who was born in July 1899, married M. J. Barnes, and moved to Mayfield Heights, Ohio; and Alberta W., who was born on October 20, 1900, married Clarence J. Poppen, moved to Hillsdale, Hillsdale County, and died in Lee County, Florida on September 2, 1990. Minnie died on October 17, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After her death, Bert moved his home and office to 325 East Savidge. He died on February 10, 1959 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Clare [Clarissa, Clara] Alberta Rysdorp [1887-1972]**

In the 1908 *Directory* Clare [Clarissa/Clara] Rysdorp was listed as a dentist working with her father, Albert Rysdorp, in his dental office at 136 Washington. The family resided at 803 Washington. Clare, who was born on August 15, 1887, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1905 and from the University of Michigan in 1908. In the 1910 Federal Census for Grand Haven, she was listed as a dentist. Clare married George Everett Haggas on September 3, 1913 in Spring Lake and moved to Portland, Maine. George died in Portland on November 3, 1964 at the age of 78. At the time Clare appeared in the 1920 and 1930 censuses, she was not working as a dentist. Clare died on March 7, 1972 and was buried near her husband at Pine Grove Cemetery in Falmouth, Maine.

#### **Henry [Hendrik] Rysdorp [Rijsdorp] I [1832-1913]**

Born in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands on October 17, 1832, Henry Rysdorp came to Holland, Michigan, with Rev. Van Raalte in 1847 and moved to Grand Haven seven years later. He learned the trade of millwright and also worked as a carpenter. In 1863 he formed a partnership with Harmon Bosch, John Sprick, and Johannes Vos, and built a sawmill at the east end of Fulton Avenue. Soon they were operating a sawmill, a shingle mill, and a stave factory. The mill burned down in 1877, and the business was liquidated. Henry, in partnership with Healy C. Akeley, purchased the Friant mill and continued business as the Grand Haven Lumber Company, and Henry managed the company's Beech Tree Mill. When the lumbering business began to diminish, he sold his interest to Charles Boyden. Henry went to Grand Rapids and then retired to a farm in Coral, Montcalm County.

In Grand Haven, Henry was a staunch Republican and member of the Common Council. He worked on the first structure that housed the congregation of the First Reformed Church. His wife, Alberdina, was born in The Netherlands about 1837. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included John H., who was born in 1856; Herman, born in April 1858 and died on July 2, 1871; Henry II, born in 1859; Albert, born on April 11, 1862; George, who was born on March 1, 1870 and died a year later on March 7; Mary C., who was born in 1877, married Nelson Lovett, moved to Coral, died in 1954, and was buried at Coral Cemetery; and James Martin, who was born on April 16, 1879, died on December 29, 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Herman, George, and James all resided in Grand Rapids. Henry I died in Coral on October 26, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife died at the age of 65 on May 22, 1902. [*Tribune* obituary, October 28, 1913.]

### **Henry Rysdorp II [1859-1947]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 6, 1859, the son of Henry and Alberdina Bosch Rysdorp I, young Henry joined the Grand Haven Lumber Company and became bookkeeper at the Beech Tree [Fourth Ward] Mill, where his father was manager. On July 5, 1882 he married Anna [Hannah] Peet in Grand Rapid. Henry II passed away on July 16, 1947 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna lived from 1847 to 1941. [*Tribune* obituary, October 28, 1913.]

### **John [Jan] Henry Rysdorp [1856-1939]**

Born in May 1856 in Grand Haven, the son of Henry and Alberdina Bosch Rysdorp I, John became a saw filer by trade and worked at the Beech Tree [Fourth Ward] Mill, operated by the Grand Haven Lumber Company and managed by his father. On January 1, 1879 in Grand Haven, he married Jan "Jennie," daughter of John and Lucy Boer. Jennie was born in Drenthe, Ottawa County, about 1858. In 1889 John and Jane moved to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. While working in a sawmill in Sturgeon Bay, John lost his right hand when he tried to save other workers from being injured. He was able to continue work, however, and provide support for his wife and eight daughters. Their daughters were Albertha B., born on February 23, 1880; James, born August 10, 1881; Jenna G., born on August 5, 1882; Henrietta, born on March 2, 1883; Lucy, born in 1885; Marion C., who was born on September 28, 1889 and died in Sturgeon Bay on May 11, 1995; Ruth, born in 1892; Helen, born on September 25, 1893; and Dorothy, who was born in 1895. The last three children were born in Sturgeon Bay, the others in Grand Haven. John died in 1939. Jane passed away in 1928. [*Tribune* obituary, October 28, 1913.]

### **Albine Richard Sadon [1891-1929]**

Richard Sadon was purser aboard the SS Milwaukee when it went down in a storm in Lake Michigan on October 21, 192. Richard managed to put a message in a cylinder that a Coast Guard surfman found five days later near South Haven: "*SS Milwaukee* October 22 8:30. The ship is taking water fast. Have turned around and headed for Milwaukee. Pumps are working but sea gate is bent and can't keep water out. Flicker is flooded. Seas tremendous. Things look bad. Crew roll is about the same as last payday." It's probable the freight cars broke through the sea gate during the gale, allowing lake water to wash aboard. All 52 officers and crew lost their lives. Richard was born in Bay City on September 26, 1891. He was buried at Saint Patrick Cemetery in his birth town.

### **Benjamin Delop Safford [1837-1920]**

Benjamin was born in Wayne County on April 23, 1837, the son of James and Eveline Adams Safford and the brother of Joseph. James was born about 1803. He and Eveline were married in Windham, Connecticut on August 29, 1829. The family lived on a farm the Saffords had purchased from the government. Eveline was a grandniece of President John Adams, and both parents were teachers in Norwich, Connecticut in the 1820s. Around 1830, James and his family moved to Wayne County, where on January 1, 1831 he purchased a quarter-section [160 acres] in Canton Township and resumed farming. Benjamin and his four brothers and two sisters lived with their parents on the family farm. On August 15, 1862 Benjamin enlisted as sergeant in Company E of the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. On May 12, 1864 he was captured by the Confederates at the Battle of Spottsylvania but escaped by cutting a hole in the side of the train car carrying him to prison. At the close of the war, Benjamin was discharged on June 3, 1865, just a month after being assigned to the staff of General Wilcox, First Division, Ninth Army Corps. Locally he was noted for achieving the rank of major, a promotion not substantiated by his service record. He did, however, act as provost marshal of the First Division, beginning in November 1863.

After the war, Benjamin settled in Grand Haven. He was elected alderman of the First Ward in 1867. From 1869 to 1870 he was principal of Grand Haven High School. He formed a partnership with Nazarie I. Beaudry and entered the dry goods business in 1871 at 224 Washington, but in 1879 went into business for himself. In 1878 Benjamin was elected mayor of Grand Haven and reelected in 1879 and 1881. He moved to Lansing in 1891 and 15 years later moved to Detroit.

On July 5, 1868 Benjamin married Melissa [Melisa] in Grand Haven. The daughter of Hamilton and Jerusha Jones of Grand Haven, Melissa was born in New York on April 17, 1841, died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1874, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She and Benjamin had one son, James Hamilton Safford, who was born on April 24, 1869. About the time of his birth, James and his parents were living with the Joneses in Grand Haven.

Four years after Melissa's death, Benjamin on September 1, 1878 in Grand Haven married Mary Belle Duncan, who was born in Michigan about 1853 and had been a teacher in Grand Haven. Belle's sister, Lucy Duncan, married James Albee of Grand Haven. The Saffords continued to reside with Hamilton and Jerusha into the 1880s. Benjamin and Belle Safford had four children, all born at the Jones residence on Fifth Street: Louis A., who was born around 1879 and moved to St. Louis; Mary, who was born around 1881, married Peter E. Ruppe of Calumet, Houghton County and died before 1920; Robert D., who was born about 1885 and moved to Detroit; and Lucy, who was born about 1887 and married Dr. Stewart T. Hamilton of Detroit. Benjamin died in Detroit on June 27, 1920 and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery there. [*Tribune* obituary, June 29, 1920.]

#### **James Hamilton Safford [1869-1937]**

Benjamin and Melissa Jones Safford of Grand Haven had one son, James Hamilton Safford, who was born on April 24, 1869 and died on January 8, 1937. On September 3, 1919 in Detroit, James married Cora E. Cairns, the daughter of Averille [Thomas] and Florence Cairns of Grand Haven. Cora moved back to Grand Haven after James's death. She was born on May 1, 1869, died on September 6, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. In 1920 and 1930 the Saffords were residing in Detroit, where James was a proofreader for a newspaper.

#### **Joseph Adams Safford [1841-1894]**

Joseph was born in Wayne County on May 21, 1841, the son of James and Eveline Adams Safford and the brother of Benjamin Safford. James was born about 1803. He and Eveline were married in Windham, Connecticut on August 29, 1829. The family lived on a farm the Saffords had purchased from the government. Eveline was a grandniece of President Adams, and both parents were schoolteachers in Norwich, Connecticut in the 1820s. Joseph's parents moved to Wayne County, where on January 1, 1831 James purchased a quarter-section [160 acres] in Canton Township and resumed farming. On August 13, 1862, their son Joseph enlisted as private in Company C of the Michigan 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry. On March 15, 1864 he transferred to Company F of the Veteran Reserve Corps. He was discharged on August 15, 1865. Joseph married Phebe E. Russell in Plymouth, Wayne County on January 14, 1869. They settled in the Ferrysburg area and purchased a little more than eight acres on Cornelius Bayou in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, part of which they sold to Hial Gray in 1874. The parcel was rich in the clay that Gray needed for his brick-making business. Joseph was listed in the 1891 and 1893 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a "farmer and fruit grower." He died on May 28, 1894. The 1897 *Gazetteer* listed Phebe as owner and manager of the fruit farm. A native of Southfield, Oakland County, she lived from October 1846 to 1911. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Daniel Sanders [? -1880]**

Daniel Sanders, a sailor aboard the schooner *Rosabelle*, was crushed to death when he was caught in a small boat between the schooner and the dock during the loading process. He died the same day as the accident, November 8, 1880.

#### **John [Jason] J. Sanders [@1836-1871]**

See John J. Saunders.

#### **Warren Sanders [1847-1916]**

Warren Sanders was born in New York State in June 1847. On March 13, 1870, in Crockery Township, he married Agnes S., the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Chittenden. Agnes was born in New York State in

1853. Their farm was in Section 29 of Crockery. Warren died in Crockery in 1916, and Agnes died there on September 30, 1890. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery. They had at least two daughters, both born in Michigan: Bertha, born in November 1873, and Maud, born in August 1883.

### **Charles Albert Sands [1862-1932]**

Charles Sands was born in Manistee in May 1862. His father, Louis Sands, was a well-known lumberman who owned the Louis Sands Salt & Lumber Company in Manistee. Louis was born in Sweden on July 2, 1826 and died in Manistee on August 24, 1905. Louis's wife, Caroline Richards, lived from 1836 to 1863. Both were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. On December 15, 1887 in Chicago, Charles married Mary Barr, who lived from 1862 to 1922. They had at least three children: Louis, who was born in Illinois in September 1888; Lorri, who was born about 1889; and Charles, who was born in Lake City and lived from September 1892 to 1936. In 1910 Charles and his family were living in Grand Rapids, where he had a furniture-manufacturing business. He also owned a large, three-story summer home in Spring Lake. Charles died in Alameda County, California on May 29, 1932 and was buried at Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum in that county.

### **David [Dick] Platt Sanford [1843-1911]**

David, the son of Isaac and Mary Royall Sanford, was born in Akron, Ohio on December 18, 1843. On February 6, 1863 he enlisted as corporal in Company B of the Michigan 1st Sharpshooters. He was mustered out on July 28, 1865 as sergeant. He married Annegien "Anna"/"Annie" B. Dykhuis on September 10, 1870 in Spring Lake. Annie was the daughter of Jurrien and Johanna Zuidema Dykhuis [Dijkhuis] of Grand Haven. The Sanfords lived in Spring Lake. Anna, who was born on January 17, 1849 and died on January 8, 1915, applied for a widow's Civil War pension on May 20, 1901. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members.

As a boy, David followed the printer's trade. He later learned the art of tinning and worked in several of the area's tin shops. He became known for his fine quality of tinsmithing throughout the area. The couple lived at 16 North Second Street. David died on May 4, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest. Some records give his name as Dick.

### **George Davis Sanford [1842-1909]**

Born in Kent, Ohio on Jan 7, 1842 [1843], George was the son of Isaac Platt and Mary Royall Sanford. George attended schools in Kent until 1859, when he moved with his parents to Grand Haven. In 1860, he started in business for himself, buying out the newsstand of George D. Harvey for \$50.00. During the Civil War years, when his supply of newspapers was exhausted, he would mount a store box and read the news to the assembled crowd. In 1865 he entered the political arena as candidate for clerk of Grand Haven Township and won over Henry Brouwer, who had never before been defeated. By the 1890s he had a real estate, insurance, and loan office in the post office building at 100 Washington. George was on the Board of supervisors of Ottawa County for ten terms; served as a member and president of the Board of Education for nine years; was a member and officer of five secret orders; was appointed postmaster of Grand Haven by President Cleveland, a position he held from 1889 to 1894, was a staunch Democrat, and served several years as a member of the State Central Committee.

George married Frances Stoner in Grand Haven on May 1, 1873. Frances was born in Ripley, New York, on June 24, 1852. The Sanfords made their home at 427 Columbus, which was lost in the fire of 1889. They then moved to 620 Washington Street, where George also transacted his insurance business. Harry Ewing, Frances's nephew, was living with the Sanfords in 1900. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Grace Royall Sanford, who was born November 22, 1874, died January 31, 1876, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Lillian Webb Sanford, who was born July 7, 1876, and on July 28, 1903 married Charles A. Colwell [1875-1941] in Grand Haven; George Deroy Sanford, born February 29, 1880; Mary Frances Sanford, who was born on November 26, 1881 and married Will Fletcher; Charles Guy Sanford Sanford, who was born June 26, 1883 and died February 20 the next year; and Francis Stoner Sanford,

born on October 22, 1890. Grace Royall was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. George was still in business in Grand Haven in 1908. He died in January 23 the next year and was buried at Lake Forest with other family members. Frances, who continued living at 620 Washington Street, died on December 13, 1923. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **George Deroy Sanford [1880-1942]**

George Deroy, the son of George Davis and Frances Stoner Sanford, was born in Grand Haven on February 29, 1880. On November 16, 1903 in Milwaukee, he married Anna Cavanaugh, who was born about 1884 in Iowa. Her mother, Catherine Cavanaugh, was born in Wisconsin around 1850. In 1920 and 1930 the Sanfords were residing in Milwaukee, where George was foreman at a cement company. They had four children. George died in Milwaukee on January 16, 1942 and was buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

#### **Henry Carlton Sanford I [1846-1932]**

Born in Akron, Ohio on June 14, 1846, Henry arrived in Grand Haven in 1859 with his parents, Isaac Platt and Mary Jennings Royall Sanford. He clerked for Colonel Ferry until 1868. While driving a well for Wyman & Buswell, he struck the first mineral water in the area at 180 feet. Henry was an engineer with the Grand Haven Fire Department, where his brother Isaac also volunteered. He married Eugenia Beckwith in Grand Haven on February 14, 1870. Eugenia was born in April 1850 in Racine, Wisconsin. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Isaac Hull Sanford, born November 8, 1870; Carlton Wheeler Sanford, who was born on August 21 1872 and died on July 24 the next year; Henry Carlton Sanford II, born November 18, 1875 [1876]; Eugene Sanford, born March 12, 1881; Eugenia Beckwith Sanford, born on March 12, 1882; and James Brayton Sanford, born on September 9, 1883. Henry was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as “engineer.” Eugenia died in 1924 in Sedro, Washington, and Henry passed away Sedro-Wooley, Washington on April 8, 1932 and was buried at Union Cemetery.

#### **Isaac Hull Sanford [1836-1911]**

Born in Elmira, New York on September 27, 1836 [1837], the son of Isaac Platt and Mary Royall Sanford, young Isaac arrived in Grand Haven from Akron, Ohio, with his family in 1856 [1859] and became a merchant and tailor in his father’s clothing store in downtown Grand Haven, reputed to be the first in the area. He also was in the real estate and insurance business. In 1867, he became first chief engineer of the newly organized “Rix Robinson Engine Company.” In 1867 Isaac was elected alderman to Grand Haven’s first City Council, and he was elected city marshal in 1877.

Isaac’s first wife, Mary, was born in New York about 1837. Mary died before 1870, and on September 30, 1874 in Grand Haven Isaac married Mary D. Miller Osgood, daughter of Captain Harry and Elizabeth Miller and widow of George Osgood, who died in 1871. Mary was born in Detroit on May 14, 1836 [1835], died on January 31, 1915, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Sanfords. She and George had at least one child, Eliza “Lizzie” Osgood, who was born in Spring Lake in April 1858 and was living with her mother and stepfather in 1880. The Sanfords’ home was at 114 South First Street. They attended the Episcopal Church. Isaac was instrumental in organizing the Yates Light Infantry, which became known as Company F. He was a member of the Grand Haven Masons, the I.O.O.F., and Free & Accepted Masons, and he was a staunch Democrat. Isaac died on August 10, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 10, 1910.]

#### **Isaac Hull Sanford [1870-1942]**

The son of Henry and Eugenia Beckwith Sanford, Isaac was born in Grand Haven on November 8, 1870. He married Anna [Ana] Wendt on February 2, 1901. She also was born in 1871. Their children were Helen E., Clayton E., and Henry C. By 1910 Isaac was residing in White Pines County, Nevada. He died in Sedro-Wooley, Washington on October 30, 1942 and was buried at Union Cemetery.

#### **Isaac Platt Sanford [1811-1887]**

Isaac was born in Redding, Connecticut on November 22, 1811, the son of Lemuel and Charlotte Platt Sanford. Lemuel lived from November 20, 1781 to April 26, 1826, spending his entire life in Redding. His wife, whom he married in 1802, was born in November 1785 and died on January 14, 1846. Isaac, a tailor, married Mary Jennings Royall on August 27, 1834. She was born on December 1, 1814 in New York State, and died in Grand Haven on October 6, 1883. The family moved from New York to Akron, Ohio, and then on to Grand Haven in 1859. The Sanfords had nine children: Royall Timothy, who was born on June 13, 1835, married Mary MacDonald, lived in Grand Rapids, and died on March 18, 1886; Isaac Hull, born on September 27, 1836; Josiah Bennett, who lived from April 30, 1838 to April 22, 1887; Mary Frances, who was born in Dunkirk, New York on March 4, 1840 and married George H. Saxton of Grand Haven; George Davis, born on January 7, 1842; David Platt, who was born on December 18, 1844; Henry Carlton, born on June 14, 1846; Emma Maretta, who was born on August 6, 1849 and first married John H. Mitchell and then James P. Brayton of Grand Haven; and Adeline, who was born in 1851 and lived one year. Isaac, who was tailor, died in Grand Haven on March 10, 1887.

#### **James Brayton Sanford [1883-1921]**

The son of Henry and Eugenia Beckwith Sanford, James was born in Grand Haven on September 9, 1883. On February 12, 1907 in Grand Haven, James married Elizabeth Goss, who was born about 1887. He died in March 1921. It's likely he was named for James Brayton, who married Henry's sister, Emma, in early 1884.

#### **Richard [Dick] Sanford [1844–1911]**

See David Platt Sanford.

#### **Samuel Ransom Sanford [1822-1899]**

Lumberman Samuel Sanford arrived in Grand Haven in 1856 and was elected sheriff two years later. He was born in Marion, New York on August 11, 1822 and died in Muskegon on September 7, 1899. In 1858 he married Ambrosia Peck, who was born in New York on July 3, 1834. Their surviving children, both born in Michigan, were Nellie S., born around 1861, and Arthur H., born about 1865. The family resided in Muskegon as early as 1863. Ambrosia passed away in Muskegon on October 31, 1917. She and Samuel were buried at Evergreen Cemetery with two of their children who died while infants. [*Tribune* obituary September 8, 1899.]

#### **Eli Hovis Sankey [1867-1931]**

Eli Sankey was born in Pleasantville, Pennsylvania on March 6, 1867, the son of Patterson and Amelia Hovis Sankey. On September 15, 1888 in Grand Haven, Eli married Fannie, daughter of Rinder and Marta Van Ess Vander Molen. Fannie was born in Grand Rapids on September 12, 1869 and died in Olive Township on June 11, 1921. Eli passed away on September 10, 1931. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery. The Sankeys farmed 120 acres in Section 1 of Olive Township, where they had settled in 1892. A son, William John, was born in Olive Township on February 15, 1893 and died there in March 1970. The Sankeys also had a daughter Gracie, born in January 1890.

#### **Patterson Sankey [1838-1920]**

Patterson Sankey was born in Pennsylvania about March 4, 1838. On January 1, 1864 he enlisted as Wagoner in Company K of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry. After the war he settled on 37 acres in Section 1 in Olive Township, where he continued to live until at least 1900. His wife, Amelia P. Hovis, was born in Pennsylvania in March 1836 and died on March 24, 1913. Patterson died in Isabella County on May 31, 1920 but was buried with his wife at Olive Township Cemetery. A son, William J., was born in Pennsylvania about 1860. Eli, born on March 6, 1867, was another of their four children. Patterson and William Sankey were brothers.

#### **William Henry Sankey [1831-1895]**



While residing in Young America, Illinois, William Sankey enlisted on July 17, 1861 as private in Company B of the 59<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out as corporal on December 8, 1865. Some years after the war he came to Olive Township, where he owned a farm in Section 2. On February 12, 1880 William applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He was born on September 10, 1831 in Mercer County Pennsylvania, died on September 30, 1895, and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. On August 4, 1860 in Pennsylvania, he married Caroline Hovis Monjar [Monzar]. After her husband's death Caroline applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born on May 2, 1845, died on January 16, 1926, and also was buried at Olive Cemetery. Their children were Mary Elizabeth; Robert S., who was born in Pennsylvania about 1870, married Melissa Tuttle in Holland, Michigan on October 10, 1891, died on June 14, 1944, and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery; Loretta "Retta" A., who was born in Pennsylvania in 1873, married Thomas Cole in Grand Haven Township on December 18, 1892, and died in 1953; Anna Belle, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1875 and married Albert Lafayette in Grand Rapids on September 30, 1896; and Sara "Sadie" Ellen, who married George W. Smith in Grand Rapids on June 21, 1898. William and Patterson Sankey were brothers.

#### **William John Sankey [1893-1970]**

William was born in Olive Township on February 15, 1893, the son of Eli and Fannie Vander Molen Sankey. On December 14, 1914 in Holland, he married Ruth Eliza Hugger, who was born in Oakland County on March 8, 1892. Her parents were John and Maude L. Smith Hugger. William and Ruth owned a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Port Sheldon Township [originally part of Olive Township]. William died March 1, 1970 and was buried at West Olive Cemetery. Ruth died on January 18, 1989.

#### **Thomas William Sargeant [1911-1995]**

In 1954 Thomas Sargeant was a clerk with the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. His wife, Marylou, was employed by the Addison-Baltz Department Store at 200 Washington Street. Thomas and Marylou Ann Wilkinson were married in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1940. Thomas was born in Fremont, Newaygo County on June 18, 1911, and Marylou was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 21, 1914. They resided at 418 Ottawa Street in Grand Haven. Thomas owned the Ottawa Electrical Contracting Company when it moved from 110 Washington Street to 217 Beechtree around 1967. He died in Florida on May 12, 1995. Marylou died in Grand Haven on September 1, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Heinrich "Henry" Leonard Saul [1834-1918]**

Henry, the son of Nicholas and Elisabeth Charlotte Koning Saul, was born in Hofgarten, Germany on February 7, 1834 and arrived in Grand Haven Township with his father and brothers in 1854. He owned a considerable quantity of land [400 acres in 1918] in Grand Haven Township. He was one of the first 23 members of the German Immanuel Church and one of its original elders when the church was organized in 1870. The church was located on the northeast corner of Warner and 168<sup>th</sup> Streets. The pupils of Saul School, forerunner of Rosy Mound, used the church's schoolhouse when their school burned down in 1900. Saul's granddaughter, Myrtle Kieft, recalled that he built the school and hired and boarded the teacher so his ten children and their neighbors' children could get an eighth grade education. The church was moved to Agnew in 1952, and then to its present location on M-45 when U.S. 31 was expanded to four lanes in the mid-1950s.

In 1866 Henry became one of the trustees of the new Evangelical Lutheran-St. John's Church in Grand Haven. He was supervisor of Grand Haven Township from 1880-81, clerk of the Grand Haven Township School Board in 1899, chairman of school inspectors in 1906, and in 1908 he was treasurer of the Rosy Mound School District. At one time he owned the land surrounding the school at the southeast corner of Ferris and Lakeshore stood, so it was referred to as the Saul School for a while. On January 17, 1922 Carlotta Ewing bought 99-acres in Section 9 from the estate of Henry and Mary Saul.

On June 4, 1858 Henry married Rebekka Maria "Mary," the daughter of Louis and Margrieta Ehlers Bredehoft. Mary was born in Hannover, Germany in June 1837 and immigrated to the United States in

1856. Henry died in Grand Haven Township on May 20, 1917, and Mary passed away on December 20, 1921. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their 11 children, all born locally, included Mary, who was born in 1861, married Frank Miller of Grand Haven Township, died in 1921, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery; Louis, born in January 1869; Henry Saul II, born on April 19, 1871; Henrietta, who was born on August 12, 1873 and married Frank Kaatz II of Grand Haven; Laura, who was born on April 22, 1875 and married Baldwin Hery of Grand Haven Township; and Bertha, who was born on June 10, 1876 and married Charles Bierman of Grand Haven Township.

### **Henry Saul II [1871-1923]**

The son of Heinrich and Mary Bredehoft Saul, Henry II was born on April 19, 1871. On November 14, 1900 he married Martha Maria Helene Berg, who was born on April 26, 1876 in Grand Haven Township and died on May 17, 1907 after giving birth to their third child, Edward Walter Saul. Sons Wilhelm and Frederick had died earlier as infants. Martha's parents were Frederick and Wilhelmina Krull Berg, who came to the area in 1872 from Germany. Edward Walter Saul, born on April 7, 1907, married Fern Luella Hammond, who was born on August 2, 1913 in Boyne City, Charlevoix County. Edward died in Muskegon on July 28, 1977 and Fern passed away on December 5, 2006. Henry on July 5, 1913 in Grand Haven Township married Augusta Fisher [Fischer], and they had two sons: Arnold Harold Saul, who was born on January 20, 1915 and died on July 30, 2007, and Henry Saul III, who was born on May 13, 1917 and died on September 20 three years later when run over by a threshing machine. Augusta was born on May 1, 1878. After Henry's death, Augusta married Herman Zimmerman, also of Grand Haven Township. Henry died on June 6, 1923 in Grand Haven and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

### **Johann Nicolaus "Nicholas" Saul [1803-1891]**

A native of a Hofgarten, Germany, Nicholas Saul was born on February 28, 1803. He was a carpenter and was one of seven organizers and original member of a village Lutheran Church built in 1834 in Holfgarten. He married Elisabeth Charlotte Koning, who lived from September 17, 1807 to December 16, 1850. Four years after her death Nicholas settled in Grand Haven Township with his four sons: Heinrich "Henry" Leonard Saul, born in Germany on February 7, 1834; Wilhelm, born about 1836; and Theodor, born about 1839. The family farm was on Lakeshore Drive in Section 16, where the Christian Conference Grounds later were located. Another son, Friedrich Martin Saul, who was born on May 28, 1849 and died in Muskegon on December 9, 1912, had a farm along Lakeshore Drive in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township. Nicholas died of "old age" on May 29, 1891 at the age of 88. He was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary June 1, 1891.]

### **John [Jason] J. Saunders [Sanders, Sander] [@1836-1871]**

John J. Saunders [Sanders], an African American, was born in Virginia [Maryland] about 1836 and settled in Grand Haven before 1860. He worked as a blacksmith. On November 24, 1863 in Detroit, he enlisted with Company E of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry, which later was designated the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. He was mustered out on September 30, 1865. His birth year at the time of enlistment was estimated at 1821, his burial record gave his birth year as 1810, the 1860 census put it at 1836, and the 1870 census at 1805. Although it is difficult to reconcile these wide variations in birth years, the mid-1830s seems the more likely.

John continued as a blacksmith when he and his wife, Elizabeth [Elisabeth], returned to Grand Haven after the war. Elizabeth was born in Delaware [North Carolina] on September 23, 1826. [The 1860 and 1870 censuses place her birth year at about 1837.] Their children, all born in Michigan, were Susan, born about 1856; John H., born about 1858; and Mary Y., born about 1860. Military records reveal that two of John's children died in Grand Haven while he was in the military. Living with the family in 1860 were Penn White, born in Michigan about 1840, and Penn's wife Sophia, who was born in New York about 1842. Penn and Sophia were early arrivals in the county. John died in Grand Haven on November 2 [3], 1871 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the G.A.R. [Civil War] plot. By 1880 Elizabeth was a laundry

lady living on Madison Street with her daughter Susan, who had married a Mr. Brigg. Also living in the Madison Street house was Jessie E. Brigg, Susan's son, who was born about 1877. Elizabeth died in Grand Haven on August 4, 1885 and was buried in Potter's Field at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her parents were William and Rebecca Murray. In 1910 son John and his sister Susan were living at 621 North Sixth Street. At that time John was widowed and Susan was divorced. John worked at the Eagle Ottawa leather plant in Grand Haven. In 1920 Susan was still residing at the family home, but John was gone. Living with Susan were two boarders, Eulyses Fordham, born in Michigan about 1875, and Charles Brown, born in Michigan about 1885. Eulyses was working as a laborer, but Charles was unemployed. Neither was African American.

In the fall of 1925 Susan was admitted to the Ottawa County Poor Farm. She died there on June 30, 1926.

### **Sarah Ann Benedict Rhines Saunders [Sanders] [1837-1898]**

Sarah Benedict Rhines Saunders and her husband William G. Saunders in late spring 1887 built the first cottage in Highland Park. They named it Loch Hame, a Gaelic phrase meaning Lake Home. Located at the west end of Lake Avenue, the Saunders built the cottage around an aged oak tree, rather than cut it down. Sarah was born in Michigan on June 3, 1837. On January 29, 1876, Sarah and William Saunders were married in Albion. Born on September 22, 1827 in New York, he was justice of the peace in Grand Rapids at the time of the 1880 Federal Census, and he also was a medical doctor. On September 28, 1856 in Jackson, Sarah married Levant Rhines, who was born in 1831, served as major with the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters during the Civil War, and died at the Siege of Petersburg, Virginia, on June 17, 1864. Sarah and Levant had one child, Julia, who was born on August 16, 1863 in Spring Arbor, married Joseph Patrick McCarthy, and died in Massachusetts in 1934. William had three children by a previous marriage: Anna, born about 1866; Belle, born about 1870; and Travis, born about 1878. Mary, William's first wife, died in 1873 at the age of 41. The four children, given the last name Rhines by the enumerator, all born in Michigan, were living with her and William in Grand Rapids in 1880. Sarah died in Grand Rapids on May 23, 1898 and was buried at Chapel Cemetery in Jackson County. William died in Grand Rapids on November 26, 1903

### **William John H. Saunders [1832-1904]**

Born in London, England on September 24, 1832, William Saunders began his career with British railroads. He came to Grand Haven by way of Canada in the early 1860s. William was employed by the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad as cashier when the office was located on the north side of Grand River. He later joined and then retired from the National Bank of Grand Haven as bookkeeper. William was a member of Blue Lodge, Knights of Templar, the Mystic Shrine, and Knights of Pythias. He died on August 25, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On June 6, 1871 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie Maria Kirkland, a native of England. The daughter of George and Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven, she lived from April 18, 1850 to about September 17, 1915 and was buried near her husband.

### **Esther [Ester] Savidge [1866-1920]**

See Nat Robbins.

### **George Patten Savidge I [1871-1913]**

Born in Spring Lake on November 9, 1871, the younger son of Hunter and Sarah Patten Savidge, George became a leader in the Spring Lake Yacht Club and was its secretary and treasurer. He and his brother, William, sailed a 55-foot schooner called the *Sallie*, which was built in Spring Lake. George was Village president in 1897. On October 26, 1904 he married Maybelle [Mabelle/Mabel] Louise Moore of New York City. They had a son, George P. II, born in 1905. George I died on July 4, 1913, when only 41, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On September 25, 1915, Maybelle married Clarkson Rollins in Grand Haven. Clarkson was born in Missouri on November 8, 1882. They lived in Minneapolis for a while, but by 1920 were residing at 614 Clinton in Grand Haven and in Spring Lake in 1930. Clarkson died on

January 6, 1940 in Chicago and was buried at Columbia Cemetery in his birth town of Columbia, Missouri. Maybelle lived from 1881 to 1957. In 1913, she was one of the few local residents to own an automobile, a Chalmers.

### **George Patten Savidge II [1905-1963]**

Born in 1905 Spring Lake, George was the son of George and Maybelle Louise Moore Savidge. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1923, then studied art at the University of Chicago under Walter Sargent, head of the Art Department. After graduation, he went to Paris and specialized in architectural design, portraits, and flower designing. Later he went to Hollywood and was associated with one of the major studios. In 1934 he wrote a ten-episode pageant for the four-day Centennial Celebration featuring early life in the City of Grand Haven. George donated the funds needed to put lights along four blocks of Savidge Street in Spring Lake. The lights were dedicated on June 21, 1935. George moved to California, where he died in 1963.

### **Hunter Savidge [1828-1881]**

Born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, Hunter's parents moved to Turbotville, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania when he was about six years old. Born on April 6, 1828, Hunter was the fifth son of thirteen children of Benjamin and Esther Hunter Savidge. In his hometown Hunter attended school in the wintertime and worked in construction during summer at a rate of \$10 per month. In 1850 he moved to Rockford, Illinois to teach, but soon was back in the contracting and building business. In 1856 he came to Spring Lake to purchase lumber for his business. He liked the area and the next year returned to manufacture lumber. He formed an association with men by the name of Young and Montague and opened the Young, Savidge & Montague Sawmill, formerly known as the Hopkins Sawmill. The enterprise was short lived. A financial panic of 1857 forced the enterprise out of business. Between 1858 and 1861 Hunter became a partner with Dwight Cutler of Grand Haven in another lumbering business. Their firm began to thrive as one of the most extensive and best-known lumber firms in the Midwest. Hunter and Dwight did not formalize their partnership, however, until August 31, 1863.

Dwight and Hunter bought the Hopkins Mill, located on the shore of Spring Lake west of the north end of Main Street [Cutler Street]. They then built a new mill to the west of the Hopkins Mills, on land later known as the Savidge Estate. In August 1870, the partners bought a controlling interest in the Haire & Tolford Sawmill on Spring Lake, a lumbering business once known as Hopkins Mill. The officers were Hunter Savidge, President; Dwight Cutler, treasurer; Hiram W. Pearson, secretary; and John B. Hancock. They prospered from the beginning, and Hunter became owner of a large amount of valuable real estate. The discovery in 1870 of mineral waters on the site of the old sawmill led to the construction of the Spring Lake House, one of the most popular summer resorts in West Michigan. On January 1, 1874 he sold his interest in the hotel to others. By 1874 the lumbering business had half a million dollars in capital and was processing 50,000,000 board feet per year. It was large enough that a stock company was organized. The Cutler & Savidge yard stretched from the shore of Spring Lake, where the mill itself was located, to the foot of Division Street and west to the bridge. Much of the ground in that area was composed of sawdust and cuttings. Hunter and Dwight also owned considerable acreage in Sections 12 and 13 of Spring Lake Township, and Hunter was sole owner of additional acres in Sections 8 and 9 of Crockery Township. Other holdings were in Muskegon County and probably elsewhere. Presumably the land was purchased for its trees. Cutler & Savidge became one of the largest lumbering businesses in West Michigan.

When Hunter died in 1881, Dwight became president of the business, and his two sons, along with Hunter's sons, George and William, operated the business. A diminishing supply of lumber forced it in 1899 to close the Spring Lake operation and move it to other sites, first in Leroy, Osceola County and then Cutler, Ontario.

In 1871 Hunter was named director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven. Also that year he loaned Aloys Bilz \$10,000 to help him restart his business after a devastating fire. In 1873 Hunter constructed the

Odd Fellows Building at 136 Washington in Grand Haven. He was a long-time member of the organization. Hunter organized a fire department to protect his sawmill. He was elected supervisor of Spring Lake in 1876, was president of Greenville Lumber Company, became president of Ottawa Booming Company, served twenty years on the Spring Lake School Board, and was a Democrat, but never ran for public office. He gave this advice to a man who found himself in a financial emergency: "Cut down your expenses and keep cool."

Sarah Caroline Patten was born in West Winfield, New York, on March 19, 1832. She came by prairie schooner with her family in 1845 to the small frontier hamlet called Grand Rapids, on the edge of Michigan's great pine forest. She became a teacher in Grand Rapids Public Schools under the direction of Jeanette Hollister, who married William M. Ferry II in 1851. In the early 1850s, Sarah went by steamboat down Grand River to Grand Haven and then on to Chicago on a sailing vessel. There she saw her first railway train before continuing to Rockford, Illinois, probably to visit Rockford Female Seminary [now Rockford University]. She met Hunter Savidge in Rockford, Illinois and married him in Grand Rapids on February 12, 1857. Their honeymoon included a stagecoach trip on the south side of the Grand River from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven. They arrived the evening of February 22 in time for a George Washington birthday party at the Washington House, an early Grand Haven inn. In spite of their fatigue, they joined the festivities and made lifelong friendships. The next morning they followed the Sawdust Trail, took the ferry across the Grand River, and settled in their temporary abode in Mill Point [Spring Lake]. Before long Hunter had constructed a more permanent home on Mason Street. After living in that modest home for ten or twelve years, the Savidges in the early 1870s built a large, two-story home near the lake [303 North Park Street]. Hunter gave the house on Mason Street to Jay McCluer, along with five lots on Barber Street, where Jay moved the house. Jay was a substitute for Hunter during the Civil War, when buying a substitute for military service was not uncommon.

Hunter and Sarah had three children, all born in the Village. William, the oldest, was born on September 30, 1863. He was followed by Esther, who was born on May 17, 1866 and married Nat Robbins V of Grand Haven. George, the youngest, was born on November 9, 1871.

After failing to improve his health by visiting California, Hunter and Sarah returned to Spring Lake, where he died on April 11, 1881 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After Hunter's death Sarah lived alone in the house on North Park until her death on September 17, 1921. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Hunter and other family members. She was an active member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and other organizations and a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club. [Tribune obituary, September 17, 1921.]

### **Thomas Savidge [1839-1907]**

A native of Pennsylvania, where he was born on July 11, 1839, Thomas was the son of Benjamin and Esther Hunter Savidge and Hunter Savidge's brother. Thomas arrived in Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1866, but almost immediately left the area and was gone for two years. He returned in 1868 to join the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, where his brother, Hunter, was president. Thomas owned and operated the Floral Stock Farm, breeding some of the fastest horses in the state. His advertisement in the 1893 *Directory* noted that his farm was "The Home of Michigan's Champion 3-Year-Old, Geo. St. Clair." The farm was located on the south side of Leonard Road, opposite the end of 148<sup>th</sup> Street. The farm's office was moved to 117 South Lake Street and converted to a home, which still stands. Thomas followed in his brother's footsteps and was president of the Village for eleven terms: 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1895, and 1896. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held in Chicago in July 1884 that nominated Grover Cleveland for president. Thomas ran the Savidge Livery and Sale Stable at 109 Washington Street in Grand Haven but lived at 303 East Savidge in Spring Lake. Thomas was credited with planting the trees on Savidge Street, which led to its nickname "Willow Drive."

Thomas's first wife, Mary, was born on August 3, 1841 and died May 10, 1877. Thomas and Mary had three children, all born locally: Benjamin R., born about 1870; Hunter, born about 1874; and Herbert

Jasper, born on February 4, 1875. On February 18, 1879 in Spring Lake, Thomas married Annetta "Nettie" Moore [Hunt]. She was born in Toledo, Ohio on March 4, 1854. Nettie was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, formed in 1891. Thomas died on March 15, 1907 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Nettie, who died the same year on February 5. Nettie's mother, Louise S. Moore, lived from 1852 to 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, where Mary also was buried.

### **William Savidge [1863-1916]**

Born in Spring Lake on September 30, 1863, William Savidge was the older son of Hunter and Sarah Patten Savidge. He attended high school in Grand Rapids, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1884, and then attended Harvard Law School from 1886 to 1887. William was a Republican, and in 1896 served as state senator from the Ottawa-Muskegon District. After his father's death in 1881, he took charge of the Savidge interests and also served on the Board of Directors for the Challenge Corn Planter Company. When the local lumbering business died out, the Savidge mill closed in 1889. At that time the company bought the White & Friant Mill at Leroy, Osceola County, which produced lumber until 1893. The business then moved to Ontario, Canada, where it closed for good five years later. William was the largest stockholder of the Challenge Refrigerator Company and was active in the Grand Haven State Bank. He was one of the founders of the Spring Lake Yacht Club and the Spring Lake Country Club. He helped to negotiate the purchase of the Country Club acreage from Fred Soule.

William, who remained unmarried, died on May 9, 1916 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Spring Lake's main thoroughfare was named Savidge Street in his memory.

### **George Henry Saxton [1838-1936]**

George Saxton was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts on May 21, 1838. By 1860 he was living in Mason County, Michigan, working as clerk for a lumbering company. On November 1, 1862 in Grand Haven, he enlisted in Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters as first sergeant. He was promoted to quartermaster sergeant and then to first lieutenant before being mustered out on July 25, 1865.

George married Mary Francis "Fanny" Sanford in Grand Haven on December 23, 1868. She was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Jennings Royall Sanford, who settled in Grand Haven in 1859. George and Fanny had three children, apparently all born in Grand Haven: Isaac Ashley, born on July 27, 1870; Edmond [Edward] Luke, born on July 22, 1872; and Mary Emma, born on September 23, 1874. When George and Mary appeared in the 1870 Federal Census as residents of Grand Haven, he was employed as an "express agent." By 1880 they had moved to Lansing, where George died on July 15, 1936. He was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing. Fanny had died on April 29, 1916 and was buried at the same cemetery. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

There is some evidence that the Saxtons lived at 436 Slayton Street in Grand Haven and may have built the house at that site.

### **Martha Jane "Jennie" Saxton [1838-1926]**

See David Elijah Rose.

### **James Daniel Sawyer [1829-1886]**

Farmer, surveyor, and teacher, James Sawyer owned approximately 100 acres in Section 13 of Polkton Township as early as 1860. He was born in New York in 1829 and had settled in Eastmanville by 1857. On November 14, 1859 in Kane County, Illinois, he married Ansta [Austa] Leonora Lester, who was born around 1841 in Illinois. Their son Robert was born about 1863 in Michigan. The Sawyers moved to Coopersville, where they remained until at least 1870. James died in Battle Creek on February 20, 1886. Ansta continued living in Battle Creek after his death but died in Richland, Washington on March 1, 1925.

### **Randy A. Sawyer [1952-2008]**

Randy Sawyer owned and operated the Sawyer Family of Homes, which included Sandpiper, Seville, Simarron, Sorrell, and Sierra Adult Foster Care Homes. Randy was born in Grand Rapids on May 2, 1952, the son of Carl and Frances Barrett Sawyer. In 1980 he left the real estate business in Grand Rapids to purchase Sandpiper, an adult foster care home in Nunica. A few years later he opened homes in Grand Haven, including one for Alzheimer patients. Randy married Sandra Colleen Frank on August 27, 1994. She was born on December 21, 1963. Randy was a member of Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven and was president of Ottawa/Allegan Alzheimer's Association. Randy and Sandy had three children: Erin Elisabeth Sawyer, Cameron Carl Sawyer, and Ethan Mark Sawyer. Randy died on February 20, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 22, 2008.]

### **Monte B. Sayles I [1928-2004]**

Monte Sayles was president of Trico Manufacturing Company, located at 520 Oak Street in Ferrysburg. Trico specialized in metal stamping. On November 19, 1953, he married Sharon Smith in Muskegon. She was born on March 8, 1932. Monte and Sharon lived at 15642 Littlefield Lane in Spring Lake. A son, Monte B. Sayles II, was born in Spring Lake on August 2, 1955. Monte the father was born in Muskegon on June 4, 1928, died on October 25, 2004, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **William Wade Scagel [1875-1963]**

Photographs of William Wade Scagel are hard to find. He seldom allowed one to be taken. One time a child pretended to snap his picture with a toy camera. Bill "snapped" back at her in no uncertain terms. William was a reclusive, sullen, ultra-right winged Republican, who was beholden to no one. He could be argumentative, cantankerous, fiercely independent, and was a self-proclaimed atheist. Bill Scagel was an artist and genius who would never fully realize the fame and regard he had achieved.

Bill was born near Alpena, Alpena County on February 12, 1875 but raised in Canada. In 1890 he married Rosetta Moors in Point Edward, Ontario, Canada. They immigrated to Shiawassee County in 1900 and were divorced two years later. Three years after that he married again. He and his new wife, Alice, moved to Durand, Shiawassee County. In 1910 he became a naturalized citizen.

Bill began his career as a bridge builder and wrought iron craftsman. After two failed marriages, he headed for the relative isolation of northern lumber camps, where in 1910 he began making knives, although in 1918 he was a toolmaker at Continental Motors in Muskegon. Later Bill honed his skills in a small shop established in Muskegon and eventually relocated to north end of Spring Lake Township. By 1920 Scagel had emerged as an uncommonly good bladesmith. For the next nine years he sold camp and sport knives, fighting knives, machetes, axes, pocketknives, and related hardware through Abercrombie & Fitch in New York and other upscale dealers. His sharpware was used on Smithsonian expeditions. He is regarded as "The Father of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Cutlery," and as one who has profoundly influenced the cutlery trade for over a century, Bill is a member of the Blade Cutlery Hall of Fame.

A number of factors make Scagel knives the standard by which all others are measured. First, after having heated words with the local power company, Bill pulled the plug at his "Dogwood Nub" home and shop. His knives were then made with power he squeezed out of an old windmill, submarine batteries, and a gas engine connected to a system of pulleys and belts. Bill selected only the strongest steel and other fine materials for his knives. The artistry in his stag and leather grips was unmatched; the grip itself was contoured to the human hand before anyone had heard the word *ergonomic*. There were few, if any, straight edges in Scagel knife design, only subtle curves melting into the hand. Single Scagel knives have exceeded \$20,000 in value and are sought worldwide.

Every knife Scagel made was completely by hand and without modern tools, such as a grinder or buffer, his Fruitport shop was powered by a gasoline engine taken from a Cadillac automobile. As a result of this slow process, he produced relatively few knives during the 50 years he was active. Scagel had no faith in mass-produced items and once made his own hunting rifle. He refused to go to doctors, and even reset his own broken wrist, extracted his own teeth, and made his own dentures. During a polio epidemic in 1939,

he made leg braces for children at his shop and refused payment for them. Along with all these interests, he still managed to learn how to play the harp and lyre.

Bill crafted his last knife in 1962. Today he is a legend in the cutlery trade, Bill Scagel died a poor man on March 26, 1963. Twenty-three years later he was inducted into *Blade* magazine's Cutlery Hall of Fame, and in 1996 Scagel was inducted into the American Bladesmith Society Hall of Fame. The Randall Knife Museum in Orlando, Florida is home to the world's largest collection of Scagel's knives. [Adapted from an article by Marjorie Viveen.]

### **Andrew Schaafsma [1875-1966]**

Born in The Netherlands on October 18, 1875, Andrew Schaafsma and immigrated to the United States in 1900, the year he opened a harness store at 11 North Second Street. Starting in 1926, he shared the building with Henry Wierenga's Maytage Store. Henry moved out in 1935. Andrew's residence at that time was nearby on Second Street, but by 1910 he had moved his family to 412 Clinton and later to 410 Howard. On August 31, 1905 in Grand Haven, he married Jantje "Jennie" Wierenga. Jennie, Henry Wierenga's sister, lived from June 27, 1881 to December 23, 1973 and died in Grand Haven. The Schaafsmas had six children, including Ida Mae, who was born in the house on Howard Street on May 31, 1916. She played basketball while attending Grand Haven High School. She and her sister, Catherine Lake, continued to reside in the Howard Street home until June 2001, when they sold it to Steve and Carol Loftis. Catherine was born about 1914. The Schaafsma's son, Herman, was born on August 22, 1910 and died in September 1971. Herman and his wife resided at 501 Leggat. Andrew's and Jennie's other daughters were Jeanette, who was born about 1907, and Julia, who was born around 1918 and lived in Washington, D.C. Andrew passed away on January 10, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ida Mae, who worked for Michigan Title Company for 32 years, died on October 13, 2012 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 16, 2012.]

### **Leonard C. Schaden [1880-1968]**

Born in New York City on August 21, 1880, Leonard Schaden at the age of fourteen started in the shoe business with Pingree Shoe Company as a pattern boy. He lived for many years in Dearborn next door to Henry Ford. He married Mary Jo Erlacher on May 16, 1905. Leonard formed a partnership with Roy & Everett Pingree, but later sold the company and moved to Whitehall in 1922 to join Carl E. Schmidt's organization as sales technician for drying calfskins and processing them into shoes. In 1932 William Hatton of Eagle Ottawa Leather Company persuaded him to come to Grand Haven as sales manager of the Shoe Leather Division. Leonard retired from that position in 1954. His hobby was photography. He and his wife resided at 436 Ottawa Street. Leonard died on October 15, 1968, and Mary passed away ten years later on July 13. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Andrew Schaub [1882-1933]**

Legend has it that John Schaub was born in a log house in Weingarten, Missouri on September 15, 1882 and came to Michigan in 1899, although John appears in the 1900 Federal Census as a resident of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Nevertheless, he graduated as salutatorian at Coopersville High School in 1903. [After graduation, he taught school for seven years, four of those in the Ferrysburg School as principal and then became director for eleven years. He was stricken with a malady of the spine, which left him unable to use his legs. He underwent extensive treatments and operations in 1910. A fellow teacher suggested that he start a subscription magazine agency. After a slow start, through articles written in several state newspapers, he became known far and wide as "Michigan's Wheel Chair Magazine Man." He was listed in the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* for Ferrysburg as a newsdealer and selling insurance. John was reputed to have developed a large magazine and insurance business, which extended into every state. He survived the destruction of his house by fire in 1928, and with the help of friends and neighbors he built his dream home in Spring Lake. About the same time John became interested in a variety of hobbies, including horticulture. He sent a number of arrangements to the juried Grand Haven



Flower Show. John was treasurer of Spring Lake Township for 17 years. He died on May 27, 1933 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. At the time of his death, his home was on Park Street. The *Grand Rapids Press* on May 29 carried an article about John under the headline "John A. Schaub, Whose Will Towered Above Wheel Chair, Dies at Home at Spring Lake."

#### **Howard James Schaubel [1916-1998]**

An orthopedic surgeon and resident of Grand Rapids, Howard Schaubel purchased from Carlotta Ewing lakefront property near Rosy Mound. He eventually sold the lot and bought a house at 10843 Lakeshore Drive, a few miles farther south. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan. On June 19, 1943 he married Marjorie Faye Moody in Grand Rapids. She was born on January 5, 1916 in Leslie, Ingham County. Howard was born on May 20, 1916 and died in Grand Rapids on April 6, 1998. Marjorie passed away on May 7, 2005. They had at least two daughters: Candie Schaubel, born about 1948, and Janice Schaubel, born about 1949.

#### **Ray C. Schaubel I [1907-1991]**

Born in Grand Rapids on April 15, 1907, Ray Schaubel attended school there. He graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and received his master degree from the University of Michigan. During World War II he was in the Air Force, and served a total of 36 years, both active and inactive. Ray retired from the service as colonel in 1967. Grand Haven High School employed him as a boys' counselor, teacher, and principal from 1934 to 1969. Ray was recreation director for the City of Grand Haven and a Red Cross swimming instructor. Upon retiring, he moved to Venice, Florida where he died on February 23, 1991. Ray and his wife Eda had two children, a son Ray II and a daughter Judy. The family lived at 1710 Sheldon and later at 1148 Harbor. Ray was a member of the Retired Officers Association, B.P.O.E. [Elks] #1854 of Venice, Florida, American Legion of Venice, the Michigan Education Association, and the National Education Association. Eda, who lived from November 10, 1912 to March 23, 1997, died in Grand Rapids.

#### **George Henry Schember [1917-1968]**

Born in Bronx, New York, on January 13, 1917, George Schember moved with his parents to Grand Haven. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934 and married Doris Alois McCrea in Grand Haven on July 5, 1941. She was the daughter of Frederick and Gladys Crispin McCrea. Doris was born in Muskegon on October 3, 1917. Four years later the family moved to Grand Haven. Her father, a real estate agent and developer, named Doris Street in Grand Haven for her. A graduate of Hope College in 1961, she taught high school English and journalism. George passed away on January 12, 1968. On June 28, 1982 in Hillsborough, Florida, Doris married Benjamin Bernard Grosse, but continued to use the Schember family name. Benjamin, a former resident of Grand Haven, lived from 1917 to 1992. Doris died on May 30, 2018 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was George.

#### **Harm [Hiram] Schemper [1827-1894]**

In the early 1890s Harm Schemper owned a 100-acre farm in Section 16 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. Charles Schemper was a co-owner, and by 1908 he was the owner of record. Harm arrived in the area in 1878 and was still farming in 1912. He was born in The Netherlands on September 24, 1827 and died in Ottawa County on December 27, 1894. He married Tryntje Prince. They had several children, including Henryetta, born about 1868, and Klaus, born about 1868. By 1908 Klaus [Klaas] Schemper and his wife, Maggie, held title to the 100 acres, and they remained there into the 1930s. Maggie, a native of Michigan was born about 1872. Klaas and Maggie had two daughters, Janet, born about 1906, and Berdiena, born about 1909.

#### **Rudolph Schenck [1859-1934]**

Rudolph Schenck was born in Baden, Germany, in 1859. He studied engineering at the Stuttgart Polytechnic Institute and immigrated to Chicago in 1880. He joined the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg

on January 1 the next year. That business closed in 1883 and four years later merged with Johnston Boiler Works. He and Frida Boehm were married in Chicago on October 25, 1886. They returned to Chicago after Rudolph left his job in Ferrysburg. Also born in Germany, Frida was the same age as her husband. Rudolph died in Chicago on June 19, 1934.

### **John Kenneth Schepers [1908-1983]**

Born on January 6, 1908 in East Lansing to Jacob and Henrietta Schepers, Kenneth graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and Midwest School of Banking. He served in the Armed Forces after WWI. He took his first job in the banking field in Ionia. Schepers married Dorothy Mae Chinnick in Grand Rapids on September 1, 1934. They moved to Spring Lake, when Kenneth became president of Spring Lake State Bank in 1952. After the merger of Peoples Bank & Trust and Spring Lake State Bank, he was named president and CEO. He and Dorothy were members of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Spring Lake Country Club, and he served on the Chamber of Commerce and Community Economic Development Committee. Kenneth passed away on July 31, 1983 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Dorothy was born on February 13, 1908, died in Spring Lake on January 8, 1972, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 1, 1983.]

### **Herman A. Scherping [1874-1958]**

Herman Scherping was born in Saginaw on August 20, 1874. He moved to Grand Haven around 1949 and lived at 215 North Second Street. In Saginaw, Scherping worked for the Eaton Manufacturing Company, where he retired in 1944. Prior to that, he was employed by the City of Saginaw for 19 years. His wife, Hattie Giddings, whom he married in Marion Springs, Saginaw County on April 22, 1905, was born in 1883 and died in 1948. They had two sons, Lloyd of Saginaw and Willis of Seattle, Washington. Herman died at home on January 8, 1958.

### **Edward A. Schewe [1909-1990]**

Edward Schewe and John Hyde started Ottawa Laboratories in 1946 on Taylor Street in Grand Haven to produce DDT-based insecticides. It closed two years after opening. Ed was born on September 3, 1909 and passed away in Grand Rapids on June 6, 1990. In Grand Haven, he resided at 319 South Fifth.

### **Oscar Herman Schilling [1875-1948]**

While the first permanent bridge was being built across the Grand River at Eastmanville, Oscar Schilling operated a ferry about a mile east. Oscar was born in Germany on June 20, 1875. He may have continued operating the ferry after the bridge opened, because he listed his occupation as "ferryman" on his military draft registration for 1918. He and his wife, Minnie, lived in Coopersville at that time. Three years later he owned a farm in Polkton Township, where the family continued to live until at least 1930. They had two children, Gladys, born about 1922, and Clarence, born about 1924. By 1940 Oscar, Gladys, and Clarence were residing in Ravenna. Oscar, a widower, was working as a laborer. He immigrated to the United States in 1886. He died in Muskegon on December 20, 1948.

### **Popko Schipper [1870-1936]**

Born in The Netherlands on September 11, 1870, Popko Schipper owned an 80-acre farm in Section 8 of Crockery Township, where he settled in 1899. He also grew fruit. He married Jakomina "Minnie" Groenewold. She was born in The Netherlands in 1879 and passed away in 1953. Popko died on August 3, 1936. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, along with a son Peter, who lived from 1899 to 1917. Another son, John, was born in 1903 and died in 1997.

### **Heinrich "Henry" Schippers [1872-1936]**

Born in Zeeland on December 28, 1872, Henry Schippers was one of nine children. He was educated at Hope College and Western Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1902. He served many pastorates before coming to Grand Haven on October 3, 1918 to become pastor of the First Reformed Church, which

was the largest church in the community. He was pastor of that church for fifteen years and served as state clerk in the Muskegon Classis of the Reformed Church for ten years. Henry also was a member of Hope College Council and vice president of Hatton Hospital. After a few years of ill health, he resigned as pastor and died in 1936.

### **Henry [Hendrick] Schippers [1840-1913]**

Born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, on January 1, 1840, Henry Schippers arrived in Grand Haven in 1856, where his brother Kryn had settled earlier. Kryn, a commercial fisherman, was born in The Netherlands about February 1823, died in Grand Haven on November 29, 1884, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A sister, Lena, also preceded Henry to Grand Haven. She was married to Harry [Henry] Smith, captain of the schooner *Sea Gull*. Henry Schippers started sailing at age 16 under a captain's tutelage. After sailing ships owned by William R. Loutit, Charles T. Pagelsen, and Galen Eastman, he became captain of his own vessel, the *D. A. Wells*. In 1896 Henry teamed with Captain John De Young of Grand Haven to purchase the schooner *Ellen Stevenson*. Henry had many "perilous adventures" aboard his various ships. On December 24, 1864 he married Yskje [Isa] De Boer, who was born in The Netherlands in May 1844 and passed away in 1924. They lived with their daughter Hazel at 126 Elliott. Other children were John, born in November 1875, and Willie, born in April 1886. Henry died on February 8, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, February 10, 1913.]

### **Herman C. Schmedtgan [Schmidtgan, Schmidtgen, Schmedzen, Schmedtzen] II [1868-1939]**

Around 1900 Herman Schmedtgan opened Schmedtgan's Roadhouse at 14990 River Road [Mercury Drive] on Potawatomie Bayou [Section 1, Grand Haven Township]. The two-story frame building sat on six or seven acres. On May 7, 1907 he married Mary Lawladowski Kircher in Grand Rapids. Also from Illinois, Mary was born around 1877. Herman and Mary also raised vegetables to sell. By 1918 the Roadhouse was referred to as a resort. Herman was born in Illinois on May 7, 1868. At the time of the 1920 Federal Census, he was unemployed, indicating that by that time he had sold the tavern to a couple with the name Molenkamp. Herman and Mary were divorced in Pulaski, Arkansas on April 13, 1929. On May 23 a few weeks later, he married 48-year-old Frances Callham in Pulaski. Herman was born on May 7, 1868, died in Chicago on January 18, 1939, and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery. Frances passed away around May 8, 1956. Herman's brother William Schmedtgan [1862-1936], a nationally known wildlife artist from Chicago, visited the Roadhouse occasionally and some of his paintings may have been inspired by the Pottawatomie Bayou environment.

### **Carol Brauer Schmidt [1946-2022]**

In 1992, Carol Brauer Schmidt traveled to France to study painting. She had been working with acrylics, but during her time in France she discovered the delightful effectiveness of using oil pastels, the medium she specialized in from then on. She also studied at Ox Bow and Grand Valley State University. In an interview she commented: "My artwork emerges from the child in me who loves color and the feel of making marks on paper. Shapes motivate me, and my enjoyment comes from exaggerating and simplifying these shapes in color, form and texture . . . sometimes with a bit of whimsy."

Carol, who was born in Ann Arbor on April 18, 1946, received a bachelor degree in art education from Valparaiso University. She married Harry Schmidt on March 18, 1967. After living in Valparaiso and Highland, Indiana for a few years, the couple moved to Spring Lake around 1974. Settling in her new community, Carol found time to serve as librarian at St. John's Lutheran School, to teach art, and to continue her own artistic goals.

Carol was a featured oil pastel artist in *Pastel Journal Magazine* [July/August 2003] and she exhibited her art in such venues as the Muskegon Museum of Art Contemporary Art Exhibition, Festival of the Arts Regional Arts Exhibition, Synchronicity Gallery in Glen Arbor, and the Gallery Uptown Group Shows in

Grand Haven. She was a member of the Gallery Uptown and once a co-director. Carol was a charter member of the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

Carol died on May 24, 2022 from complications stemming from her long-term battle against acute myeloid leukemia. She and Harry had three children.

#### **Edward Schmidt [1865-1947]**

Born in January 1865 [1864] in Michigan, Edward Schmidt owned a 120-acre farm in Sections 10 and 14 of Grand Haven Township. He married Ida Clagues in Grand Haven on September 13, 1893. She was born in Michigan in November 1873 and died on November 23, 1902. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Friedrich, born in November 1895; Martha, born in May 1897; Hattie, born in February 1899; and Carl, born in April 1900. Edward's father, Carl Schmidt, was born in Prussia about 1833. Edward died in 1947 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

#### **Fredrich C. Schmidt [1858-1926]**

Fred Schmidt's farm was located on 30 acres in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township, where he settled in 1881. His wife Mary was born on May 5, 1886 and died on March 13, 1920. Fred, who was born in Michigan on September 10, 1858 and passed away on June 21, 1926. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Herman Martin Schmidt [1876-1949]**

Herman Schmidt's farm was located on 80 acres in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Michigan on March 4, 1876, died in 1949, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. His wife Caroline lived from 1885 to 1958 and was buried at the same cemetery. Herman was the son of William and Dorothea Schmidt, who started the farm, which in 1997 became the site of Grand Haven High School [17001 Ferris Street]. Herman and Caroline had a son, also named Herman, who lived from 1907 to 1971. Caroline lived from 1885 to 1958 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

#### **John Schmidt [1822-1904]**

See John Smith.

#### **Rudolph Schmidt [1881-1972]**

Rudolph Schmidt married Philomina "Minnie" Fischer in Chicago on January 13, 1912. They farmed 40 acres in Polkton Township. Rudolph was born on October 15, 1881 and died in Crockery Township on December 23, 1972. Minnie lived from 1887 to 1952. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least two children: Emma Elizabeth Schmidt who was born in Nunica on April 26, 1917, and Harold Rudolph Schmidt, who was born in Nunica on March 24, 1921.

#### **Rudolph [Ralph] L. Schmidt [1870-1939]**

Born on October 30, 1870 in Chicago, Rudolph Schmidt was superintendent [bookkeeper] at Story & Clark Piano Company in the early 1900s. On November 9, 1893 in Chicago, he married Lydia Zuttermeister. In Grand Haven, they lived at 112 Eighth Street and later at 504 Clinton. Lydia was born in Chicago on November 9, 1873 and died in Chicago on June 7, 1944. Rudolph passed away on January 1, 1939. They had four children.

#### **Wilhelm Karl Christian Schmidt [1841-1923]**

Wilhelm Schmidt and Dorothea Ehrke were married in Brandenburg, Prussia on April 8, 1866 and immigrated to the United States three years later. By 1876 they owned an 80-acre farm in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township [approximately 17001 Ferris Street]. William was born on September 28, 1841, and Dorothea was born on May 2, 1844. Their children, all born in Michigan except the oldest, were Mary, who was born in 1868; Wilhelm "William," born in 1871; Albert, born in 1874; Hermann, who was born on March 4, 1876; Carl, who lived from 1878 to 1881; Friedrich "Fred," born about May 1881; and

Martin, born in April 1883. Dorothea passed away on January 30, 1903, and William died on February 15, 1923. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Herman I took over the family farm, later the site of Grand Haven High School. His brothers William and Fred owned farms in Grand Haven Township.

**Herman C. Schmidtgan [Schmedtgan, Schmidtgen, Schmidtgen] II [1868-1939]**

See Herman C. Schmedtgan.

**Louis Charles Schneider [1871-1941]**

In the early 1900s Louis Schneider had a plumbing and heating business at 131 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. He was born in Michigan about 1871, and his wife, Laura A. Nile, was born a year later. They were married in Grand Haven on February 16, 1910. They lived at 182 Washington in 1910 and later at 212 Columbus. By 1940 Louis and Laura were living in Grand Rapids. Louis died in the Furniture City in 1941, and Laura passed away there on May 12, 1945. Both were buried at Oakhill Cemetery.

**Albert Schoemaker [Schoemaker] [1849-1909]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on May 29, 1849 [1848], Albert Schoemaker settled on 120 acres in Olive Township. He married Hendrika Habers, born Netherlands on July 20, 1858, also in The Netherlands. They were charter members of the Haarlem Reformed Church in Olive Township. Albert died on March 3, 1911 and Hendrika on April 8, 1905. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

**Levi [Levy] Schofield [Scofield] [1826-1903]**

Born in New York State in 1826, Levi Schofield came to Grand Haven from Wisconsin and around 1870 worked as superintendent for the Wait Manufacturing Company. Wait was the forerunner of the Challenge Corn Planter Company. Levi was responsible for many inventions that helped the company succeed, including improvements to the corn planter, a check rower, and a refrigerator, patented in 1890, that became known as the Challenge Refrigerator. Levi was listed as superintendent of Challenge in the 1893 *Compendium*. In 1847, he married Mary Brown, who was born about 1827. The Schofields had at least two daughters, both born in Wisconsin: Hattie, born about 1858, and Daisy Blanche, born about 1872. Levi died on August 27, 1903 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. They had a daughter, Daisy Blanche, who was born in Grand Haven [Wisconsin] in 1872 and married Frederick Chase in Marne on September 19, 1925. Another daughter, Hattie, was born in Wisconsin about 1858. Daisy passed away in Grand Rapids on October 2, 1931. [*Tribune* obituary, August 31, 1903.]

**Frank Scholten [1882–1953]**

Frank Scholten, who was born in Michigan on January 26, 1882, attended local schools and was employed in area lumber mills until age 19. He then worked for H. J. Heinz Pickle Company in New Era, Oceana County and had a retail business in that city. He spent two years in the U.S. Custom Service, was manager of Consumers Power of Spring Lake for 29 years, served on the Debt Adjustment Board of Farm Security Administration, and was secretary of the Community Chest. When Spring Lake State Bank moved to new quarters at 210 West Savidge in Spring Lake, Frank joined it as cashier and vice president. He was elected president of Spring Lake Village in 1923 and 1924. On November 17, 1908 in New Era, he married Millicent Harvey. They had two children, a daughter Marjorie and a son Harvey. The Frank Scholten family resided at 227 East Savidge. Frank died in 1953. Millicent was born March 10, 1883 in Newark, England and died in Spring Lake on November 21, 1971. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Scholtens lived at 227 East Savidge.

**Harvey L. Scholten [1912-2002]**

Harvey, the son of Frank and Millicent Harvey Scholten of Spring Lake, was born on November 11, 1912. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1930 and from Hope College four years later. He then attended the University of Michigan Law School, where he received his degree in 1937. After working as

law clerk for Justice North of the Michigan Supreme Court for little more than a year, Harvey then joined the office of Grand Haven attorney Leo Lillie in 1939 and stayed until 1940. He established his own law office in January 1941, but World War II interrupted his career. In July 1942 he entered the Naval Reserve as a commissioned officer and served in the Caribbean and South Pacific. He left the U.S. Navy in 1945 and reopened his law office in Grand Haven. In 1957 he and Howard Fant formed the Scholten & Fant Law Office.

On November 21, 1941 Harvey married Gail E. Everest in Grand Rapids. Gail was born on August 27, 1914 in Grand Rapids. Her parents were Charles and Minnie Everest. Harvey and Gail attended the Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where Harvey served nine years as elder and was clerk of sessions for two years. Harvey was a founding member of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Haven, a member and director of the Spring Lake County Club, member and president of the Ottawa County Bar Association, member of the Michigan and American Bar Associations, director and chair of the Board of Peoples Bank & Trust [Bank One], and director of Union Bancorp of Grand Rapids. In addition, he served on the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Board of Education from 1947 to 1991 and was its president at one time. From 1977 to 1991 Harvey was president of the Michigan Association of School Boards. His other memberships included Grand Haven Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, where he served as director. He was trustee for the Loutit Foundation from its start in 1957 until 1991 and was its vice president from 1977 to 1991. He was a member of the Salvation Army for many years. The Scholtens had a son, Dr. Paul D. Scholten, who lived in Oxford, Ohio with his wife Linda. Harvey died in Grand Haven on February 23, 2002. Gail passed away in Holland on September 3, 2003. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Harvey Scholten, co-founder of prestigious law firm, dies at 89," February 25, 2002, and *Tribune* obituary, May 9, 2003.]

#### **Grace Johnston Scholz [1915-1991] and Harold Carl "Hock" Scholtz [1913-2005]**

Harold Scholtz, who was born on January 4, 1913, married Grace Johnston in Grand Haven on November 23, 1940. She was the daughter of Thomas and Grace Henning Johnston and sister of Tom Frederick Johnston, owner of Tom Johnston Gravel Company located at 537 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. The Scholtzes resided at 507 Leggatt Street. Following Tom's death in 1957, ownership of the business went to Grace and her sister Jean Johnston Fant, Hock took over management of the firm. Grace lived from August 12, 1915 to January 6, 1991. Harold died on October 20, 2005. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Wilbert F. Scholtz [1911-1973]**

Wilbert Scholtz was born in Michigan on July 17, 1911 and died in Spring Lake on November 27, 1973. He and his wife resided at 526 East River in Spring Lake. Wilbert was general manager of the Piano & Clark Company in Grand Haven. Harold Scholtz was his brother.

#### **John Schoonveld I [1906-1971]**

John Schoonveld was listed as a meat cutter in 1928. By 1940 he owned Schoonveld's Market and Schoonveld's Superette at 222 North Seventh. Born on January 12, 1906, he died in Grand Haven on March 30, 1971. His wife, Cornelia, passed away around December 22, 1948. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After closing the grocery store, John worked at Story & Clark. The couple resided at 711 Elliott in the late 1920s and in an apartment over the grocery store in the late 1940s. At the time of his death, John resided at 15042 Lakeshore Drive. John and Cornelia had a son, John II, who was born on October 7, 1934 and passed away in Spring Lake on February 22, 1993.

#### **Hubrecht Schout [1851-1920]**

Hubrecht Schout was a farmer and raised stock on 64 acres in Section 24 of Olive Township, where he was born in December 1851. He married Gerietta "Hattie," Wonnink, who was born in The Netherlands on November 13, 1855, came to the United States in 1871, and died on October 21, 1955. Their children, all

born in Michigan, included Jan, born in October 1881; James, born in June 1885; Benjamin, born in November 1887; and Gertruda, born in January 1888.

### **Johannes Schout [1885-1958]**

Johannes, the son of Hubrecht and Hattie Wonnink Schout, was born in Olive Township on June 20, 1885. He married Jessie Stiegenga, who lived from September 15, 1888 to January 11, 1985. She was the daughter of Jacob Harmens and Aukje Ruurds Van Der Meer Stiegenga. The Schouts owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24 of Olive Township. Johannes died on November 18, 1958. Their daughter Carrie was born locally about 1912 and married George P. Vanden Bosch on September 20, 1934. George was born on October 20, 1909 and died in Borculo on September 9, 1984.

### **Shirley Twedaddle Schroeder [1929-2019]**

Shirley M. Twedaddle was born on January 28, 1929 in Flint but grew up in Grand Rapids. She married Ernest Schroeder on January 17, 1948 in Grand Rapids, the year after she graduated from Union High School. Her high school art teacher, Edith Barker, saw Shirley's artistic inclination and talent and Shirley to major in art. She also studied with John Goodyear from the University of Michigan Extension Service. Although watercolor was her favorite medium, Shirley also worked with pen and ink, jewelry, enamel, and copper. Her goal with each piece is to create a mood in the viewer. Her watercolors and jewelry were often exhibited throughout the state. She was a founding member of Lakeland Painters and co-owner with Jerry Lamb of Schroeder-Lamb Appraisal and Estate Sales. She and Ernest had four children: Kerry Schroeder, who married Tim Marine of Muskegon, Kurt Schroeder, and Erich Schroeder. Shirley died on November 29, 2019.

### **Wallace Schroeder [1942-1999]**

Wallace, born on September 22, 1942 in Grand Haven, was the son of George and Ada De Vries Schroeder. He married Linda Bakale on September 30, 1960. Wallace worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission for 34 years and 16 years for the City of Grand Haven. He was a member of Hope Reformed Church, the West Shore De Colores, and the Grand Haven Golf Club. The Schroeders had two daughters, Paula, who married Mark Bekins, and Lisa, who married Dan Luckey. Both daughters remained in Grand Haven. Wallace died on January 15, 1999. On December 20, 2004 Linda married Raymond G. Mieras of Grand Haven.

### **Oscar Schubert I [1853–1929]**

Oscar Schubert, born in Michigan on September 14, 1853, was living in Grand Haven in the 1880s and was hired as superintendent of the Silas Kilbourn Package Company, a post he held until 1896. Oscar then became a self-employed cooper [barrel maker] until his retirement in 1910. On December 25, 1876, he married Mara [Mary] Schnitzler in Brown, Wisconsin. She was born in Missouri in 1860 and died on January 10, 1901. Mara's mother, Electa Gibson [1828-1914], was the daughter of Robert Tate Gibson and Electa Ogaabayaskewe, whose parents were Odawa Indians from the L'Arbre Croche area in Emmet County. In 1880 Oscar and Mara were living in Wisconsin, and in 1900 they were residing in Detroit. Oscar and Mara had at least nine children: Julia Schubert, born about 1877; Harry Schubert, born about 1879; Robert and Louise Schubert, born about 1881; Oswald Theodore Schubert, born on March 4, 1884; Irene Schubert, born about 1884; Oscar Schubert II, who was born in Grand Haven in 1888 and died the next year on March 4; Oswald Theodore Schubert, born on March 4, 1889; and Hugo Schubert, born about 1898. After Mara's death, Oscar remarried. His second wife, Nellie, was born in 1870 in Canada. The couple was living in Clyde, Allegan County in 1910 and 1920. In the mid-1920s, Oscar and Nellie moved to 100 South Eighth Street. They shared the house with their son Oswald and his family. Oscar the father died on August 8, 1929, in Kalamazoo, and Nellie passed away in Grand Haven in 1946. The two Oscars, Mara, and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 9, 1929.]

### **Oswald Theodore "O.T." Schubert [1889-1952]**

The son of Oscar and Mara Schnitzler Schubert, Oswald was born on March 4, 1889. In 1915 Oscar was assigned to the Naval Training Station/U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island with the rank of Yeoman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. Oswald married Frances Myrtle Stanley in Allegan on December 10, 1917. Five days later, on December 15, 1917, he was promoted on a temporary basis to Ensign and then to Lieutenant, Junior Grade. He served aboard the battleship *U.S.S. Wisconsin*. Apparently he was discharged in 1920. In January that year, Frances was living in Clyde with her parents-in-law. With her was her first child, Helen M. Schubert, born about March 1919. Oswald returned to civilian life and worked as an accountant. The family settled in Grand Haven and lived at 100 South Eighth Street with Oswald's parents from the mid-1920s into the late 1930s. In 1938 Oswald was employed as office manager at Keller Tool Company in Grand Haven. He and his family had moved to 400 Lafayette Street by the early 1940s. At that time Oswald was employed by the U.S. Civil Service at Selfridge Field in Montcalm County. The family moved to Wyandotte, Wayne County around 1950, where Oswald was again working as an accountant. Their children were Helen M. Schubert, born about 1919; Ruth M. Schubert, born in 1924; and James Austin Schubert, who was born on April 5, 1928 and passed away in Mission, Kansas in 1982. Oswald died on May 14, 1952 in East Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frances was born in Illinois on June 18, 1897, died in 1968, and also was interred at Lake Forest. At the time of her death, Frances was living at 1317 Waverly Avenue. Their daughter Ruth passed away on March 28, 1999 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*U.S. Military Register*, January 1918.]

#### **Del Schuiteman [1907-1971]**

Del Schuiteman, a Grand Haven Realtor, born on May 18, 1907, died in Grand Haven on August 12, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In the 1940s his office was at 101 North Griffin. Around 1950 Del bought the Loutit home at 333 Washington to house his Grand Haven Real Estate office and to use as his residence. He sold it to the Sun Oil Company, who tore it down around 1959 to make room for a Sunoco Gas Station. Del moved to 325 Washington. His wife Margaret was born on May 13, 1907, died on January 10, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest. She was residing at 109 South Lake Avenue in Spring Lake at the time of her death.

#### **Jacob Schuld [1863-1911]**

Jacob was born in Steinback, Germany, on July 25, 1863, the son of Joseph and Catherine Schuld. Jacob moved to Chicago and on January 7, 1885 he married Anna Seibel. She was born in Chicago on January 21, 1861. Her parents were Charles and Caroline Kramer Seibel. Jacob and Anna as early as 1908 owned approximately 108 acres of lake frontage in Section 8 of Grand Haven Township [approximately 13215 Lakeshore Drive]. There was a farmhouse on the site, occupied by previous owner Theodore Stabelow, which Robert Van Kampen tore down in the mid-1980s when he constructed Stonegate compound. Jacob died in Chicago on November 17, 1911 and Anna moved to 400 Clinton in Grand Haven no later than 1927. While living on Clinton, she maintained ownership of the township property. She died in Grand Haven on November 29, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Of the Schulds' eleven children, three died in the summer of 1894: August Anton, and Phillip. Three other children Rose William, Caroline, and James became residents of Grand Haven. William was born in Chicago on August 26, 1890 and died in Grand Haven on September 12, 1947. Caroline was born in Chicago on May 29, 1894, married Francis George Rank in Chicago on November 25, 1920, and died in Grand Haven on November 16, 1982. Rose was born in Chicago on February 13, 1898. James was born on November 28, 1900.

#### **James Joseph Schuld [1900-1961]**

James, the son of Jacob and Anna Schuld, was born in Chicago on November 28, 1900 and died on August 30, 1961. On June 8, 1935 he married Helen, the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Meyer of Chicago. Born on December 30, 1900, Helen passed away on April 19, 1994. James and Helen had a daughter, Mary Jo, who resided in Chicago, and a son, James J., who lived in Ferrysburg. After James's death on August 31,



1961, Helen lived with her sister-in-law, Rose Schuld, at 400 Clinton in Grand Haven. James was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Rose Schuld [1898-1988]**

Rose, the daughter of Jacob and Anna Schuld, was born in Chicago on February 13, 1898, died in Grand Haven on August 17, 1988, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and was employed in the accounting department of Challenge Machinery most of her working life. She retired from Challenge in 1966. After her father's death, she and her mother shared a home at 400 Clinton. Rose remained in the home after her mother died. A sister-in-law, Helen, also lived in the home.

#### **Albert W. Schuler II [1912-1995]**

Born on October 11, 1912 in Marshall, Calhoun County to Albert and Emily Baty Schuler, young Albert attended schools in Marshall, starring in track and basketball. He graduated from Albion College in 1934 and went into the U.S. Navy for three and a half years as lieutenant. After the service, he owned and operated Downs Golf Course in Marshall with his brother Winston. He then went into the restaurant and hotel business in Marshall, Traverse City, and Grand Haven, at the site that later became the Kirby House [2 Washington Street]. He married Marian Banfield in 1938 in Hillsdale. They had a daughter Jill and a son Jeffery. The Schulers built a home atop a dune at 201 Grand around 1950. In 1962 he sold his interest in the Grand Haven business to his brother, Win. Al died on April 18, 1995 and was buried at Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall. Marian, who was born on September 1, 1919, died in Hillsborough County, Florida on November 28, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, April 18, 1995.]

#### **Winston J. "Win" Schuler [1908-1993]**

Win Schuler, who lived from April 29, 1908 to May 13, 1993, died in Harbor Springs, Emmet County. He and his brother Al bought the Ferry Hotel at 2 Washington in Grand Haven in 1947 and a few years later converted it to a restaurant. Win bought out his brother's share in 1962. Win removed the third floor and converted the business to a restaurant that operated under various names. He sold the business in the mid-1970s to Robert Venhuizen.

#### **August Schulke [1868-1937]**

Born in 1868 in Germany, August Schulke raised crops and livestock on 80 acres in Section 3 of Crockery Township. He married Matilda Sangpeal in Germany. She was born in Germany on March 11, 1869. Their children, both born in Germany, included Martha, born about 1892, and John, born about 1899. The couple and their children migrated to the United States in 1906. He was still in Crockery Township in 1910. Matilda died in Melrose Park, Illinois on June 2, 1914. August passed away in Glidden, Wisconsin on July 18, 1937.

#### **George Vincent Schultenhoffer [1906-1953]**

See George Vincent Hoffer.

#### **Louis Frederick Martine Schultz [1870-1958]**

In 1912 Louis Schultz owned a 40-acre farm in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Chicago around 1870 and arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1907. On May 20, 1891 in Chicago, he married Annie [Anna] Stange [Stanger], who was born in Holstein, Germany in 1870 and immigrated to the United States when she was four. They had at least four children, all born in Chicago: Albert Louis., who was born on April 13, 1892; Lawrence, who was born on December 20, 1893; Edwin William, who was born on April 28, 1903; and Anna, who was born about 1899. Residing with the family in Grand Haven Township in 1910 was Louis's widowed father, William C. Schultz, who was born in Germany about 1832, arrived in America in 1857, died in Chicago on June 17, 1917. The Schultz family left Grand Haven Township before 1917 and appear in the 1920 Federal Census as residents of Chicago. Louis's

wife's name then was Margaret. She was born in Germany about 1874. Living with them were Albert, Lawrence Edwin, Anna, and a one-year-old child named Albert. Louis F.M. Schultz was listed in the 1940 *Ottawa County Directory* as a property owner in Grand Haven and Chicago. In 1950 he was an "inmate" at the German Old People Home in Forest Park Village, Illinois. He passed away in 1958 and was buried at Altenheim Cemetery in Forest Park.

### **Jerome Roger Schultz [1922- 2001]**

Born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on February 18, 1922, Jerome Schultz moved to Grand Haven as a boy and resided at 621 Jackson most of his life. He was the son of Joseph M. [born on August 17, 1896 in Winona, Minnesota] and Mary Schultz [born on February 19, 1896 in Grand Haven]. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1940, Jerome went to work for Keller Tool Company. From 1942 to 1946 he served with the Tenth Armored Division of General Patton's Third Army. He was wounded in Belgium and awarded two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. After the war he was a driver for Grand Haven Coal & Dock. He died November 14, 2001.

### **John Frederick Schuurmann [1903-1977]**

Born in Campen, Germany on January 24, 1903, John Schuurman moved with his parents to Emden, Minnesota in 1912. John's father was a pastor of Emden Christian Reformed Church. After graduating from Grundy College in Grundy Center, Iowa, John studied at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids and did a year of post-graduate work at Princeton Seminary. He served as pastor of Christian Reformed Churches at Lincoln Center, Iowa from 1931 to 1940; Lynden, Washington, 1944 to 1951; Holland, Michigan [Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church], 1951 to 1956; Moline, Michigan, 1956 to 1964, and Ferrysburg, 1964 to 1969. Following retirement, he took on several partime positions. He died on August 13, 1977. He married Marguerite Louise Broersma on July 6, 1932 in Grand Rapids. She lived from December 15, 1907 to June 16, 2003. She and John were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grand Rapids. They had three children.

### **George Louis Schwab I [1837-1921]**

A native of France, where he was born in February 1837 [1838/1839], George Schwab came to America as a child with his parents and lived in New York State. In 1860 he came to Spring Lake and on October 3, 1864, he enlisted as a substitute for Anthony J. Simmons in Company C of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He held the rank of private. He was mustered out July 18, 1865. Schwab returned to Spring Lake, where he married Laura M. Reed [Read]. The daughter of Hiram Reed of Spring Lake, Laura was born in New York in January 1846. Hiram resided with his daughter and son-in-law around 1880. George and Laura had seven children. In 1868 George opened a china, crockery, grocery, and feed store in the Village. The store was located at 207 West Savidge, on the northwest corner of Jackson and Savidge Streets. He owned several lots on the northwest corner of Savidge and Jackson Streets. Their children were Laura E., born in January 1868; Henrietta J., born in October 1869; Madeline E., born in September 1872; George L. II, born in February 1875; Gertrude J., born in October 1880; Edward H., born in January 1882; and Will E., born in October 1885. George II stayed in the grocery business, as did a grandson, George III. Laura passed away in 1906 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George I died in 1921 and was buried with his wife.

### **George Louis Schwab II [1875-1935]**

George, the son of George and Laura Read Schwab, was born in Spring Lake on February 9, 1875. He took over his father's grocery business, located at 207 West Savidge. When George II died in 1935, his son, George III, assumed management of the grocery store. On February 7, 1898 in Spring Lake, George married Maud, the daughter of Enno and Jane Pruiim. Maud lived from October 1873 [1874] to 1924 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [George II is listed as a married man living with his parents in Spring Lake in the 1900 census, but Maud's name was not included. In 1910 she was living with her parents in Spring Lake, using the Pruiim name and listed as divorced.] On May 8, 1902 in Spring Lake, George

married Minnie Kieft. She was born on September 4, 1881, died on June 4, 1905, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On May 10, 1906, also in Spring Lake, he married Robena Hayden, who lived from 1882 to 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George III was born in Spring Lake on July 6, 1903 and married Josephine Bennett on April 22, 1935. Josephine had two daughters from a previous marriage.

#### **Elizabeth Warber Schweitzer [1881-1939]**

The daughter of Charles [Carl] and Caroline Dobberowsky Warber of Spring Lake, Elizabeth married Gerhardt Schweitzer. Born in Germany on October 9, 1880, he immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1882. The Schweitzers lived on the Warber farm from 1926 to 1938. Born in Spring Lake on October 2, 1881, Elizabeth died of pancreatic cancer on February 26, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Gerhardt, passed away on April 8, 1961 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least four children.

#### **Levi Scofield [Schofield] [1826-1903]**

Born in Farmington, New York in April 1826, Levi Scofield on April 15, 1847 married Mary Jane Brown in Walworth County, Wisconsin. She was born in October 1827 in New York State. In 1850 Levi was working as a wagonmaker in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. He continued living in Jefferson County with the same occupation until at least 1860. Ten years later he was a civil engineer residing in Dodge County, Wisconsin. Between 1873 and 1885, while a Grand Haven resident, Levi applied for and received six patents. Around 1876 he partnered with a man named Vermyles and platted the Scofield Vermyles addition to the Village of Ferrysburg. After a short time away, Levi returned to Grand Haven and was elected mayor in 1885. He served one term. By 1893 he was superintendent for the Challenge Corn Planter Company. Levi and Mary had at least three surviving daughters: Laura Anna Scofield, who lived from 1853 to 1920; Harriet "Hattie" Scofield, born on May 4, 1860 in Wisconsin, and Daisy Blanche Scofield, born in Wisconsin in 1874. Hattie was a teacher and portrait painter in Grand Haven. In 1900 Levi and Mary Jane were living in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Levi died on August 27, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in Block 16. The Scofield marker, in the shape of a tree trunk with sawed off branches, was one of three large, ornate concrete monuments made by F. O. Gross Company at 341 Wabash Avenue in Chicago. Four of the Scofields' infant children were buried in the same plot: Carrie, Ida, Kate, and Rhoda. Mary Jane died on August 24, 1915 in Jonesboro. Her daughter, Hattie Captola Benton, died there on April 20, 1926. Daisy passed away in 1931.

#### **Ahira Scott [1840-1930]**

Born in Dresden, New York on June 19, 1840, Ahira Scott enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War. After the war he settled in Grand Haven and worked for the Duncan Robertson Ship Yard as a ship's carpenter. Robertson built some of the large wooden ships, which made Grand Haven famous. Ahira also helped organize the Weatherwax Post for local veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.]. He married Isabel "Belle" Parker in 1871. She was born in New York March 1852. The Scotts had at least two children, both born in New York: Walter, born in August 1872, and Maude, born in February 1876. About 1897 Maude married Thomas Johnston, who died before 1900. They had a son, Herold Johnston, who was born in August 1898. Ahira died on August 25, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 25, 1930.]

#### **Augustus Eugene [Eugene Augustus] Scott [1868-1961]**

Eugene Scott was born in Grand Haven on December 2, 1868. He was the son of Myron and Mary [Maria] Scott I of Grand Haven. [Birth records cite Eugene as the son of Hiram and Maria Scott, but no other record was found of Hiram in the Grand Haven area.] Eugene married Clara A. Yergin in Grand Haven on September 29, 1888. Clara was born about 1869. Twelve years later, on February 14, 1900, Eugene married Eleanor Cornelia Avery, who lived from July 5, 1870 [1872] to January 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She was the daughter of James C. and Mary Murray Avery of Grand Haven. In 1923 in Milwaukee, Eugene married Mabel Deetjen, who lived from 1881 to 1956. Eugene was a Marine

Engineer and a resident of Grand Haven as late as 1920. He died in Milwaukee on August 10, 1961. He and Mabel were buried at Forest Home Cemetery.

**Ernest K. “Scotty” Scott [1900-1978]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 16, 1900, Ernest was the son of Isaac and Jean Wareham Scott. Scotty married Tina [Tena] Gankema in 1933. A postal clerk for 29 years, Scotty retired in 1965. He also worked part-time at Frank’s Flower Shop. He and Tina lived at 1045 Pennoyer for 40 years or so. One of their children, Ruth Ann, married Edward Paul Suchecki, who started Grand Haven Gasket Company in 1969. Scotty died in 1978, six years after his wife, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Tina, who was born on February 27, 1907, passed away on November 25, 1972 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Scotty was Gladys Scott’s brother.

**Gladys Scott [Vinkemulder] [1897-1967]**

Gladys, the daughter of Isaac and Jean Wareham Scott, was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1897 and married Arnold Vinkemulder on June 27, 1925 in Grand Haven. She was employed at Keller Tool Company, the forerunner of Gardner-Denver, in 1921. That year, Gladys lived at 124 South Eighth Street, and she continued to live in the home with her husband after her parents died. Gladys died in Ann Arbor on July 5, 1967. Arnold was born in the Grand Haven area in April 1889 and passed away around October 3, 1961. He and Gladys were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ernest Scott was Gladys’s brother.

**Horace D. Scott [1819-1910]**

Horace Scott arrived in the area in 1848, settling on 58 acres in Section 22 of Crockery Township in 1849. He was born in Vermont in May 1819 and died in 1910. His wife, Artemissa [Artemia] M., a native of New York, lived from June 1825 to 1910. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery. Their children, natives of Michigan, were Lillian, born about 1858; Kate, born in March 1861; and Sid, born in February 1866. Both Lillian and Kate became teachers.

**Isaac Walter Scott [1855-1923]**

Born in Buffalo, New York on January 2, 1855, Isaac Scott arrived in Grand Haven around 1879. He and John Scott were brothers. Isaac married Jean [Jennie] Elizabeth Wareham on August 30, 1880 in Holland. Their children, all born locally, were William, born in July 1886; Frank, born in November 1885; Blanche, born in January 1890; Leonard, born in May 1894; and Gladys, born on September 4, 1897. The family resided at 124 South Eighth Street. He was a ship’s carpenter in local shipyards, and he owned a wooden schooner named *Ellen Stevenson*. For the last ten years of his life, he was employed by Story & Clark. Isaac died in 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jean, a native of England, lived from September 1861 to 1940 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 15, 1923.]

**James B. Scott I [1911-1989]**

James was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 10, 1911 to William and Lillian Scott. At ten years of age, he was orphaned and wandered from farm to farm looking for work and food, eventually moving to the Nunica area, where he was raised by his aunts. At age 19 he went back to Chicago and became acquainted with Louise Schuett. They were married in Chicago in 1936. The couple settled in Grand Haven and had six children, including a daughter, Joan Gray. James worked for Bastian Blessing as a welder and in 1942 formed Welded Products with Duane Brady in the Spring Lake area. They soon outgrew that building and built a new factory at 335 North Griffin Street in Grand Haven, which became Technology, Inc. [Spectra Products] in 1969.

James was on the steering committee for the building of St. Patrick’s and St. Mary’s churches, of which he was a member, and he also was president of the local C.E.D and Rotary Club. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and Spring Lake Country Club. He was director of Peoples Bank and Trust, and Ermanco Roll Form & Design. He was involved in the planning of the Musical Fountain, a

leader of the United Way Fund, and vice president of Visiting Nurses Association. He passed away on March 6, 1989 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **James Paterson [Perrin] Scott [1805-1878]**

A resident of Grand Haven, James Scott in 1860 was clerk for Ottawa County and residing in Grand Haven. Around 1849, he married Aminda [Arminda, Amanda, Camin] Balcom, who was born in Scotland in 1833. Living with them in 1860 were their six children: Elizabeth, Cornelia, Courtland, William, George, and Frederick, whose ages ranged from 2 to 19. Another son, Justus Avery Scott, lived from 1863 to 1951. James enlisted as Battery Quartermaster of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry on September 2, 1861. He was promoted to first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster on August 1 the next year. James accidentally shot himself and was mustered out on November 30, 1864. He was born on July 26, 1805 in Scotland and died in Allendale on August 1, 1878. On January 4, 1898, James's son William H. Scott "et al" applied for a minor's Civil War pension in Illinois. Aminda died in 1872.

### **John Scott I [1849-1923]**

Born in Buffalo, New York on October 4, 1849, John Scott settled in Grand Haven around 1879 as a ship's carpenter and helped build many of the wooden ships for which Grand Haven was known. He sailed with his brother Isaac, who owned the lumber schooner *Ellen Stevenson*. His wife, Anna [Annie], was born in Ohio on December 15, 1849 and passed away on September 19, 1905. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Robert, born in February 1872; Charles, born in May 1875; Edward, born in October 1877; Mabel A., born in April 1880; James, born in January 1883; and John II, born in September 1888. John I was a member of the Presbyterian Church and Modern Woodman Lodge. He died on January 15, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, September 20, 1905.]

### **Leonard Scott [1894-1918]**

The son of Isaac and Jean Wareham Scott, Leonard spent most of his life in Grand Haven. He died of pneumonia in 1918, when he was serving during WWI with Company F, 310<sup>th</sup> Engineers, 85<sup>th</sup> Division. Leonard was born in May 1894.

### **Myron Scott I [1845-1894]**

Born in West Dresden, New York on March 3, 1845, Myron Scott worked aboard small steamers in the east when still young. On May 1, 1861 he enlisted as private in Company H of the 33<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry. A report that he was captured and held in Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia for some time was not verified by his service record. Myron was mustered out on June 2, 1863, the same year he came to Grand Haven, and was employed by White, Friant & Tempest. Myron sailed on every Great Lake and was appointed Steamboat inspector of boilers and Hulls for Ottawa County. Myron was a member of Grand Haven Lodge #139, Masons, and Knights Templar, and he was a charter member of several marine engineers' lodges. On December 16, 1867 in Grand Haven, Myron married Mary E. Sullivan. Mary, a native of New York, was born in 1849. She managed the Milwaukee House in Grand Haven in the early 1870s. Her sister Margaret married Ed Killeen of Grand Haven. Augustus Eugene Scott, born on September 2, 1868, was their first-born child. [Birth records cite Eugene as the son of Hiram and Maria Scott, but no other record was found of Hiram in the Grand Haven area.] Arthur, born about 1871, was their second, and Myron Kingsbury Scott II, born on August 13, 1882, was their third. Myron passed away on June 15, 1894. Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension on the following July 16. She died on September 24, 1918 at the home of her son, Arthur, in the State of Washington. Both Myron and Mary were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 16, 1894.]

### **Myron Kingsbury "Scotty" Scott II [1882-1943]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 13, 1882, Myron "Scotty" was the son of Myron and Mary Sullivan Scott. He graduated from Grand Haven High School. In 1900, after two years at the University of Michigan, he

started his journalism career, working first for the *Milwaukee Journal*. He then returned to Grand Haven in 1912 to become editor of the *Grand Haven Tribune*. In 1915 he and Horace Nichols became part-owners and co-publishers of the newspaper. Scotty sold his interest in 1927 but continued with the *Tribune* as editor-in-chief until he joined the staff of the *Detroit Free Press* in 1932. He left the *Press* four years later. In June 1929, the magazine *Argosy* printed Scotty's novel, *Paradise Island*. It was a story of "intrigue and action among the islands of northern Lake Michigan." [*Tribune*, June 21, 1929].

During his newspaper career, Scotty became widely known in national publications throughout the U.S. as a writer of lake and sea stories. Being from a sea-faring family, he urged the establishment of a Harbor Commission and through his writings Scott constantly drew attention to the harbor that he thought was Grand Haven's greatest asset. After leaving Grand Haven, he became Public Relations Officer of the State Liquor Control Commission, had a position with the State Labor Mediation Board and was Press secretary for Michigan Governor Luren Dickinson and also served the Michigan Press Association in 1942. He was head of the press section for the Office of Civil Defense.

On September 25, 1907 in Grand Haven Kingsbury married Jessie Elizabeth Olsen, who was born in Michigan on August 13, 1881. Jessie's parents were Jens A. and May [Mary] Causins Olsen. The Scotts' children included Eugenia, who was born about 1909 and married Carl Christianson, and Myron Kingsbury Scott III, who was born on April 5, 1913 and passed away in Laingsburg, Shiawassee County in August 1978. In Grand Haven the Scott home was located at 426 Franklin and later at 533 Pennoyer Avenue. By 1930 they had moved to 803 Lake Avenue. Scotty died in Lansing on April 27, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jessie passed away around June 12, 1971 and was buried near her husband and other members of the Scott family.

### **Robert Hiram Scott [1885-1977]**

Robert Hiram Scott worked on the Grand River for several years with the U. S. Corps of Engineers for \$50 a month. The crew of six put in temporary wing dams to divert the river, wherever a shoal was located. Wing dams were interwoven tree limbs and sticks that the men made as a temporary measure. It took three weeks to survey the Grand from Grand Haven to Grand Rapids. The men camped on the river, were billeted on a scow, and had a cook. There were regular steamship runs on the Grand, between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. The small vessels would stop at the landings along the way to pick up fruit, vegetables, and passengers. It took a full day for the run of the *Barrett* [a steam-powered side wheeler], the *Grand*, the *Rapids* and the *Mae Graham*. A river boat would make the return trip the following day.

Bob on June 25, 1919 in Allendale married Hazel, the daughter of Charles and Cecilia Ralya. They remained lifetime residents of the area. Bob, who was born on October 5, 1885, passed away in Grand Haven on September 20, 1977. Hazel was born on May 9, 1891 and died on September 19, 1965 in Robinson Township. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article "Focus on People," October 1, 1975.]

### **Sid Scott I [1866-1931]**

Sid Scott owned a farm next to his parents, Horace and Artemissa M. Scott, in Section 22 of Crockery Township. Sid was born in Crockery in February 1866. He married Minnie Westover in Crockery Township on December 26, 1894. They had two sons, Harold, born in February 1896, and Sid II, born in April 1898. The older Sid died in August 1931 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Minnie, was born in Nunica in November 1866, passed away in 1938, and was buried near her husband.

### **Thomas J. Scott [1833-1903]**

Born on June 23, 1833 in New York State, where he spent most of his boyhood, Thomas Scott sailed on steamships early in his life and became an engineer and machinist. He sailed the lakes for thirty years and made over 3,000 crossings on Lake Michigan. He was selected to place all the machinery on the *Detroit* and became her chief engineer. He was a proud crew member of the "Black Boats." He served eight years

as Boiler Inspector for the Grand Haven District. He served for two years after retiring as clerk in the Inspector's office. Thomas was a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven for many years. On June 3, 1878 he married Mary Ann Nial Finley, who was born in Canada [Ireland] in August 1848. In the Federal Census of 1880 Frances Finley and Ella Belle Finley were residing with the Scotts at 227 Elliott Street. Frances and Ella were listed as daughters-in-law, but the census taker probably meant stepdaughters, since they were 5 and 10 years old, respectively. Their father, William Finley, was born in Ireland about 1840 and died in Buffalo on July 22, 1876. Also living in the Scott home in 1880 were Thomas's and Mary's three sons: Charles, 15; James, 12; and Edwin, 11 months. Ella, who was born in Buffalo, New York on February 13, 1869, married Charles Henry Lilley of Grand Haven. Frances was born in Buffalo on November 28, 1876. She married William Levi Phillips of Grand Haven. Thomas died on May 9, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary passed away on May 10, 1914 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1903.]

### **George W. Scranton II [1786-1859]**

George, the son of George and Edee Baker Scranton, was one of the first settlers in the area later known as Eastmanville, arriving there in 1835. He gave the town its original name of Scranton. In 1836, George became the first physician at the short-lived Port Sheldon resort development. On July 11, 1838 he was appointed postmaster of Scranton. He was born on September 2, 1786 in Washington County, New York, died on November 9, 1859, and was buried at Marshall Cemetery in Kent County. His wife Polly, who lived from August 24, 1794 to October 7, 1852, also was buried at Marshall. In 1855 Galen and Mason Eastman and their father, Timothy Eastman, who had arrived in 1836, platted the village and changed its name to Eastmanville.

### **William Theodore Scudella [1909-2017]**

William Scudella was born in Chicago on April 19, 1909. At age 17, he became an apprentice to his father, Taddeo Scudella, who worked for Louis Comfort Tiffany. William worked with his father as an artistic glazier at Pullman Car Works. William also studied painting in Italy. When he moved to South Haven in 1973, he started making lamps in the Tiffany style. Locally he is known for restoring a painted portrait of Henry Griffin and Lewis Cross's self-portrait. William died in South Haven on July 15, 1990.

### **Henry Scutcheon [Scutchens] [1865-1907]**

Henry Scutcheon on July 21, 1907 used an axe to kill his paralytic son, Willie, his wife, and his father-in-law. After his rampage Henry threatened a neighbor, who shot him dead. Henry was born in England on June 27, 1865. He immigrated to the United States in 1887. Two years later, on October 30, 1889, he married Mary Vonels in Nunica. Mary, also a native of England, was born on August 5, 1868. They owned a 40-acre farm in Section 20 of Polkton Township. Willie was born on October 14, 1892. Two other sons died before the 1907 tragedy: Charles, who was born on October 17, 1890 and died on February 9, 1904 of cardiac complications; and, George, who was born on May 18, 1897 and died on April 4, 1904, also of cardiac complications. All family members were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

### **George Seagrove I [1827-1902]**

George Seagrove was born in England on January 25, 1827 and served with the British Navy for a few years before coming to Spring Lake in 1855 and working in the lumber industry. He and his family lived in the Charles Allen house at 341 South Lake, where George purchased additional land and maintained a fruit orchard. He died on September 30, 1902 and was buried near his wife, Priscilla [Drucilla], in Spring Lake Cemetery. Priscilla was born in England on February 16, 1827 and died October 21, 1888. Their daughter Agnes "Aggie" was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1857 and married George W. Christman of Spring Lake. Another daughter, Emma A., was born on September 30, 1869. Emma passed away in Spring Lake on April 10, 1956. A son, George II, was born in 1862, and another son, Job, born about 1848, worked as an engineer on a railroad and resided in Spring Lake. George's second wife, Lizzy, was born in

Germany [Michigan] in June 1851. They were married in Spring Lake on August 3, 1889. [*Tribune* obituary, April 11, 1956.]

### **George Seagrove II [1862-1930]**

George II was born in Spring Lake in 1862, the son of George and Priscilla Seagrove, and died there on June 21, 1930. George was buried in Spring Lake Cemetery next to his wife, Mary I. Kay, whom he married in Spring Lake on June 23, 1887. Mary was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Scott Kay of Spring Lake. After their marriage, George and his wife moved to Chicago, where he worked for the Thiel Detective Service. In 1910 he started the George Seagrove Industrial Secret Service Company. For a short time the young George Christman worked for him.

### **John C. Sealey [Seeley] [1864-1953]**

In the early 1900s John Sealey operated the Star Hand Laundry at 735 Columbus Street. Prior to that, he owned a laundry in Greenville, Montcalm County. On June 28, 1888 in Stanton, Montcalm County, he married Mary Vedenburg, who was born in Michigan in June 1863. She worked in the laundry with her husband. John was born in England in February 1864 and immigrated to the United States when he was 10. John and Mary lived at the same address as their business. By 1920 John and Mary were located in Portland, Oregon. John died there on July 6, 1953. Mary passed away June 2, 1949. Both were buried at Lincoln Memoria Park in Portland.

### **Asher Edward [Alfred, Elfred] Floyd Seaver [1887-1963]**

On September 24, 1907, Edward Floyd Seaver married Gertruita "Gertrude" Bertha Danhof [Danhof] in Zeeland. Floyd was born on November 18, 1887 [November 19, 1888] in Iowa, and Gertrude was born in Grand Haven on March 11, 1886. Her parents were Peter and Johanna "Anna" Jonker Danhof. Known also as Berdie, she died in Wyoming, Kent County, on November 20, 1979. James Weskey Seaver, also known as Junior W., was their son. Another son, Jene A., was born in Michigan, about 1917. In 1918 Edward worked at the Holland Furnace Company and lived at 260 East Ninth Street in the City of Holland with his wife and children. By 1920 the family resided in Zeeland, and ten years later they were living at 320 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Holland. In the census for that year, Edward was employed at a Holland pickle factory and James was a radioman at a radio factory. Edward died in November 1963.

### **James Wesley Seaver [1908-1967]**

James Seaver founded Seaver Industrial Finishing Company in Grand Haven in 1953. By the mid-1970s his son, Ronald Jay Seaver, was president of the firm. He earlier had worked in the polishing and buffing department at Camfield's. In 1960 he partnered with Leslie Vink, also a former employee at Camfields, to start Harbor Buffing at 117 South Harbor. The company later moved to 205 South Harbor and then to 1626 Marion. James, born in Michigan on April 12, 1908, was the son of Edward [Elfred/Alfred] Floyd and Gertruita [Gertrude] Bertha Danhof [Danhof] Seaver. James also was known as Junior W. Seaver. In the late 1940s he resided at 937 Grant in the City of Grand Haven and later at 15765 Ronny Road in Grand Haven Township. James died in October 1967. His wife, Lila Gertrude Hieftje, lived from June 10, 1912 to January 7, 2002. She died in Grand Haven. Their children were Ronald Jay, born on January 10, 1933; James Michael, who was born in 1938, married Cynthia Maye Clark [born 1942], and died in 1988; and David Lee, who was born in 1940 and married Sharon Ann Jerovsek. Sharon, the daughter of John and Jane Watson Jerovsek of Grand Haven, was born in 1939.

### **Ronald Jay Seaver [1933-1994]**

Born on January 10, 1933, Ronald was the son of James W. and Lila G. Seaver. Ronald became president of Seaver Industrial Finishing, a company founded by his father. He married Alice Joyce Kruizenga, who was born in 1934. Her parents were Dick and Millie Kruizenga of Spring Lake. Ronald and Alice resided at 1602 South De Spelder Street. Alice was a volunteer for the Tri-Cities Historical Museum for more than 30 years, worked with the Grand Haven Area Arts Council for several years, and owned and operated



Ceramic Tique store, where the employees made and sold ceramic dolls. She died on November 2, 2022. Ronald died in Grand Haven on April 10, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son Steven Seaver died in 2020.

### **William Sechrist [1852-1947]**

Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1852, where in 1880 he was a machinist, William Sechrist came with William F. Parish to Ferrysburg and worked as foreman at Ottawa Iron Works. William married Elizabeth Bibel of Erie in 1871. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1849. Two daughters and a son, Harry, were born in Pennsylvania. Another daughter, Gertie, was born in Spring Lake in February 1881. William and Elizabeth moved back to Erie, where Elizabeth had passed away in 1929 and William in 1947. They were buried at Cavalry Cemetery.

### **Lewis [Louis] Prensel Secory [Seykora] [1895-1957]**

Lewis Secory and his family moved to a farm in Robinson Township in 1920. He was born in Somerseset, Minnesota on January 13, 1895. On June 11, 1917 he married Gertrude Mary Walsh. She was born on January 3, 1899 in Waseca County, Minnesota. They had five children: Ralph Lewis Secory, born in Mason on August 27, 1918; Marian Secory, who was born in Mason City on October 1, 1920 and died on June 4, 1932; Margaret Maryann Secory, who lived from May 14, 1925 to July 24, 2002; Arlene Rose Secory, who was born in Michigan on July 19, 1929 and died in Austin Texas on April 27, 1980; and Lewis Cornelius Secory, who was born on July 19, 1935. Gertrude died on August 13, 1957, and Lewis passed away in Grand Haven on November 2 the same year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery as was their daughter Marian.

### **Ralph Lewis Secory [1918-2003]**

Ralph, the son of Lewis and Gertrude Walsh Secory, was born in Mason City, Iowa on August 27, 1918. Lydia Secory, who married Vernon Verplank, was his cousin. Ralph moved with his family to Robinson Township in 1920 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1936. He was a member of the basketball team that won the state championship. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Elks. He was an agent for Standard Oil. He married Rose Mary Marod in South Bend, Indiana, on September 9, 1936. Rose Mary, the daughter of Issa and Mary Nyima Marod, was born in Grand Haven on September 22, 1916 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1935. Ralph and Rose Mary had three surviving children: Judy Secory, Michael Secory, and Steven Secory. The family resided at 115 Prospect in Spring Lake and later at 427 Buena Vista Drive. Ralph died in Spring Lake on March 20, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rose Mary passed away on July 17 six years later and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, March 21, 2003.]

### **James Harry Seek I [1840-1923]**

James Seek, born in Kalamazoo in June 1840, moved to Grand Haven from Wisconsin, where he was counted in the 1855 census for Fond du Lac County. In Grand Haven he was a saw filer and foreman of one of the departments at the Boyden & Akeley Mill. By 1876 his residence was on 20 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, near the Grand River, where he raised fruit. During the Civil War, James served with Company K of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. On May 31, 1920, he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He married Mary Jane Lewis in 1870. A native of New York [Wisconsin], she was born on December 15, 1848. Their children, all born locally, were James Harry Seek II, who was born on July 15, 1873 and died on September 26, 1937; Mary, born in 1875; Minnie Seek, born in 1877; Winifred Seek, who lived from 1879 to 1939; and Blanche Akeley Seek, who was born in 1886 and died in 1944. By 1895 the family had returned to Wisconsin, where James continued to work as a saw filer at an Ashland sawmill. Mary passed away on September 13, 1914, and James died in Benton Harbor on February 8, 1923. Both were buried at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor.

### **Cecil Lawrence Seery [Serry] [1894-1946]**

Cecil, the son of Michael and Anna Seery of Holland, Michigan, was born on May 14, 1894 and died in Holland on July 25, 1946. On June 25, 1925, in Calhoun County he married Gertrude Vander Noot. The daughter of Cornelius and Nellie H. Vander Ploeg Vander Noot, she was born on December 29, 1897 in Grand Haven. Gertrude died on July 30, 1978 in Holland. In 1930 the family resided in Holland, where Cecil was a pharmacist.

### **David Hubert Seibold [1927-2022]**

Dentist, historian, and community advocate, David Seibold was born in Peoria, Illinois on March 7, 1927. Five months after his birth, the family moved to Jackson, Jackson County. A swimmer since he was three years old, Dave won his first National Swimming Championship in his senior year at Jackson High School. Following graduation in 1945, Dave served with the U.S. Army for 14 months. As a student at Michigan State College [MSU], he won three more National Swimming Championships, was elected captain of the swim team, and became a member of the Porpoise Fraternity. On June 18, 1949, at the end of his senior year, he married Dorothe "Dottie" Welch. They moved to Ann Arbor, where Dave received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1954. From there they moved to Honolulu, where he joined the staff of the Strong-Carter Dental Clinic for local native children. On December 1, 1955, Dave started a family dental practice in Grand Haven. Along with his dentistry, Dave found time to surfboard, play tennis, ski, golf, compete in triathalons, write history books, and be a leader in community affairs.

Dave was the founder and first president of the Tri-Cities YMCA, coached the Y and Grand Haven High School swim teams, helped found the Grand Haven Historical Society [now Tri-Cities Historical Museum], led the drive to pass an Act of Congress officially naming Grand Haven as Coast Guard City USA, and worked with Bill Creason in creating the long-lasting Musical Fountain. He was president of the local Chamber of Commerce and Grand Haven School Board, a member of the Stag Club, and a 66-year member of the Rotarians. He and Dottie spent many winters in New Mexico, where they enjoyed skiing. He co-authored three books on local history with Wallace Ewing, and in 2007 he and Dottie published *In the Path of Destiny*, a comprehensive look at the history of the Tri-Cities and the surrounding townships.

Dave and Dottie had three children: David Kale Seibold, Marta Kullei Seibold, and Mele Seibold. Dave passed away on September 9, 2022.

### **Ignatz Seifert [1851-1940]**

Ignatz Seifert was born in Austria [Bohemia] on February 2, 1851. He immigrated to Milwaukee in 1870, and four years later he settled in Grand Haven, where he operated a meat market until his retirement in 1915, 41 years later. Twenty-eight of those years his shop was located at 124 Washington. Ignatz was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He married Wilhelmena Muellemann in Milwaukee on May 6, 1884. She was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio, February 8, 1862, and came to Grand Haven with her parents when she was four. The Seiferts' children were George, born in August 1885; twin daughters, Florence and Frances, born on June 9, 1887; William J., born on February 5, 1891; and Joseph, who was born August 19, 1897. Florence and Frances graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904 with a class of 13. Frances, who taught briefly at Rosy Mound, married Oscar Bronson in Grand Haven on September 14, 1918. Florence married Dr. Arend Vyn, a Grand Haven dentist. The Seiferts lived at 115 Franklin for 44 years. Ignatz died on October 4, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Joseph [Josef] Walter Seifert [1897-1978]**

Joseph, the son of Ignatz and Wilhelmena Muellemann Seifert, was born on August 19, 1897 in Grand Haven, where he died on October 31, 1978. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 he managed the billiard hall at 117 Washington with his brother, William.

### **William Ignatz Seifert [1891-1956]**

William Seifert and his wife, Frances K., managed the first pavilion at the Oval around 1934. William, the son of Ignatz and Wilhelmena Mulleman Seifert, was born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1891 and Frances on October 3, 1893. Frances was a Michigan native. In 1918 William was managing the billiard hall at 117 Washington, and by 1930 his brother Joseph had joined him. A daughter Sara was born around 1924, and a son, Josef William, on January 20, 1935. The Seiferts resided at 601 Lake Avenue. William passed away around December 29, 1956, and Frances died in Grand Haven on March 28, 1984. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Edward Carl Selbmann [1859-1952] and Anna Therese Kretchmer Selbmann [Selbman] [1861-1915]**

In 1904 Edward and Anna Selbmann of Chicago paid Albert and Jeanette Ashley \$10,000 for Ashley Heights, a 114-acre resort in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township, on the west shore of the lake [approximately 17800 West Spring Lake Road]. They renamed the resort Lott Hannah for their two children, Charlotte "Lottie" and Hannah. Hannah was born in Chicago on January 5, 1884, and Charlotte "Lottie" on February 14, 1894, also in Chicago. Felix Perl was manager. Room rates were \$8 to \$10 per week in 1904, and the resort offered "unexcelled German Cooking." Anna worked on site during the resort season, while Edward remained in Chicago. The frame building burned down in 1918. In 1907 the property reverted to the Ashleys when Edward and Anna defaulted on a \$7,500 mortgage. In 1910 Anna was back in Chicago, living with her husband and daughter Lottie.

Edward Selbmann was born in Saxony, Germany on September 27, 1859. In 1882 he married Anna Kretchmer, who was born in the same country on August 28, 1861. Edward and Anna immigrated to the United States aboard the *Amsterdam* on March 21, 1882. He became owner, editor, and reporter of a Chicago German-language newspaper. Jacob, his daughters Lottie and Hannah, and Hannah's family were still in Chicago in 1920, where Anna had passed away on January 19, 1915 and was buried at Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum. Edward died in Evanston, Illinois on June 28, 1952 and was buried with his wife.

#### **Charles Seligman [1843-1912]**

Charles Seligman was foreman of the Hubbard & Avery Cigar Manufacturing House in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s he opened his own cigar house at 118 Washington. His wife, Amelia, lived from December 1846 [1849] to 1917. They were born in Germany. Charles came to the United States in 1864 and Amelia in 1870. They had two sons: Alfred, a businessman who relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Edward, who was born in April 1886 and joined his father in the cigar business. The family resided at 403 Lake Avenue. Charles lived from April 1843 [1847] to 1912. Both he and Amelia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Edward Kuhn Seligman [1886-1930]**

Born the son of Charles and Amelia Seligman on April 4, 1886, Edward attended local schools and was a football star with the Grand Haven Independents. He joined his father in the cigar business and helped organize the local B.P.O.E. [Benevolent, Protective Organization of Elks] with his friend Arthur Van Tol. Edward built the cottage "Edrene" in Highland Park. In addition to the Elks, Edward was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Union Blue Lodge, Shrine Moslem Temple, and the Caravan Shrine Club. He was an enthusiastic golfer. He later moved to Detroit and became a special agent for the Missouri State Life Insurance Company and a salesman for a candy brokerage business, and then became associated with Detroit real estate. Edward died in Grand Haven after an appendectomy operation on July 11, 1930. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 11, 1930.]

#### **Charles B. Selleck [Sellick] [1850-1919]**

On October 1, 1873, Charles Selleck married Louisa [Louise] Moss [Mosse] in Albion. She was born in Two Rivers, Wisconsin on August 13, 1852. In 1870, three years before her marriage, Louisa was in Eastmanville, working as a servant in the home of Solomon and Esther Snyder. She and Charles had a son,

William Sidney Selleck, who was born in Grand Haven on June 15, 1879 and died in 1964. By 1880 Charles and Louisa were living on Pennoyer Street but within the next two or three years returned to Albion. A daughter, also named Louisa, was born in Grand Haven and died on May 15, 1883 in Albion at the age of eight. After Charles and Louisa were divorced, she moved to Los Angeles, California, taking William with her. In 1893 she married William Penn Powers [1842-1928] in Chicago. Charles the father was born in Greenwich, Connecticut in 1850, died on April 17, 1919 in Tacoma, Washington, and was buried at Calvary Cemetery. Louisa passed away in 1929 and was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California.

#### **Stephen Senn [1854-1934]**

Stephen Senn and Alice Van Bemlen [Van Bemmelen] Lehman were married in Grand Haven on July 15, 1903, after the death of Alice's first husband, Louis Lehman, in 1897. The Senns resided on an 80-acre farm in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township. Stephen, who was born in Switzerland, lived from 1854 to 1934. Alice, the daughter of John W. and Jacoba Van Bemlen [Van Bemmelen], was born in 1865, died in 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Stephen. The Senns' daughter, Marie Laura, married Martin Vander Noot of Grand Haven on August 24, 1902. Louisa passed away in California in 1929 under the name Powers.

#### **Mandel [1865-1931], Jacob [1890-1968], and Ezra Sensibar [1905-1988]**

In 1907 Mandel Sensibar, originally of Chicago, founded Construction Materials Corporation in Ferrysburg. The company later was known as Construction Aggregates. Mandel, who was born in Russia on April 27, 1865, became president of the firm in 1911. [Note: According to his death certificate, Mandel was born on May 15, 1869.] Mandel and his family immigrated to the United States in 1903. Mandel passed away at a sanitarium in Battle Creek on August 12, 1931. His body was returned to Gary. His wife Hinda, born about 1866 in Poland, died in Chicago on October 7, 1944. Their son, Jacob Rofel Sensibar, born in Russia on April 15, 1890, became president upon Mandel's death. When still in his teens, Jacob invented a system of pumping sand from the lake bottom into barges that would then transport it where needed. Jacob married Beatrice Mersin [Musik] in Chicago on November 28, 1918. He died in Chicago on October 20, 1968. When Jacob died his brother Ezra filled the position. Ezra was born in Indiana on July 2, 1905, married Shayne Hyman [1907-1972], and died on August 16, 1988. Among their three children was a son, David Sensibar, who was born in Chicago on October 24, 1940 and eventually became president of the company. He married Judith Levin. They had a home at 9950 Osborn Street in Robinson Township but resided most of the time in Chicago.

#### **Job Smith Sessions [1812-1888]**

Born in Onondaga County, New York in 1812, Job was the son of Amasa and Phoebe Robbins Smith Sessions. Job came with his brother Alonzo to Detroit in October 1833 and then walked along Indian paths to Ionia County. Being hard pressed for money, Alonzo went to Dayton, Ohio to teach while Job remained in Michigan to farm. In June two years later, the brothers were in Berlin [Marne], where Job cleared two farms and put them in working condition. Job held the post of treasurer of Berlin for several years, but eventually sold his property and moved to Spring Lake. Job was a farmer by trade, but also manufactured fruit packaging for the growers. His brother, Alonzo, was lieutenant governor of Michigan from 1876 to 1880. Another brother, Amasa, settled in Ionia County in 1836. Job married Phoebe Palmer on August 25, 1840, presumably in Onondaga County, New York. Their son, Frederick W., was born in Michigan in October 1858 and moved to Benton Harbor. Job died on November 25, 1888. Phoebe, who was born in New York around 1817, died on March 20, 1886. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Johan "John" Seylhower [Seylhouwer] [1922-2016]**

John Seylhower was born in The Hague, The Netherlands on October 4, 1922 and arrived in the United States on June 5, 1939. He married Carolyn June Van Dyke in Grand Rapids in 1959. She was born in Grand Rapids on June 25, 1936. They owned the Dee-Lite Sandwich Shop at 24 Washington Street in

Grand Haven from the 1960s into the late 1980s. John died on January 16, 2016, and Carrie passed away on April 12 that year. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had five children.

**Allyn Rodney Seymour [1819-1888]**

Born in 1819 in Oswego County, New York, Allyn Seymour married Isabel Murray on March 8, 1852 in Oneida County, New York. Three years later the Seymours moved to Crockery, where Allyn started farming. Isabel, who was born on January 3, 1820, died on December 17, 1865. Allyn and Isabel had a son, Lester, born around 1864. Allyn then married Margaret Ginkerson in February 1869. She died two years later on June 19, and Allyn then married his third wife, Jane Mudge. Jane was born in New York around 1828. Allyn died on December 5, 1888 and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with Isabel and other family members.

**Thomas Seymour [@1828- ?]**

Born in England around 1828, Thomas Seymour joined George Sisson to form a sawmill business in Spring Lake in 1872. Two years later he sold his interest in the sawmill to Francis Lilley. In 1860 Thomas was listed as a resident of Georgetown Township, where he was an engineer. His wife at that time was Elbie, born in England about 1831. Their children were Lucy Ann, who was born in New York in 1859 and died on October 23, 1911 in Barry County; John A., born about 1854; Ellen [Elner], born about 1857; Lawrence, born about 1864, and Frederick, born about 1866. The four younger children were born locally. In 1870 Thomas was employed at a Spring Lake sawmill, where he lived with his second wife, Bridget. Bridget was born in Ireland around 1834. Living with them in Spring Lake were all of Thomas's children except John. Bridget died in May 1873 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery under the name Mrs. Seymour. In the 1880 Federal Census Thomas was listed as a single man, living in Ferrysburg and still employed at a local sawmill. Ellen, Lawrence, and Frederick had moved to Paris, Portage County, Ohio and were living with Hattie Seymour, who was born about 1832 in New York. They were listed as her children.

**Elmer Joseph Shabart [1909-2005] and Louise Stankiewicz Shabart [1912-2005]**

Louise, the daughter of Louis S. and Frances Stankiewicz, was born in Chicago on May 10, 1912. She married Elmer Shabart, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 9, 1909. Elmer became a general and thoracic surgeon. He was in the Philippine Islands at the start of WWII and participated in the infamous "Bataan Death March" in 1942. He then was sent to Manchuria as a prisoner of the Japanese until the war's end in 1945. In 1996 he wrote a book about his experience, titled *Memoirs of a Barbed Wire Surgeon*. In 1950 he published a paper showing a link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. He was the first physician to establish the connection. Elmer and Louise had at least one child, Craig Richard Shabart, who was born in Chicago on October 17, 1946 and died in Placer, California on June 1, 1992. Louise passed away in Berkeley, California on January 22, 2005. Elmer passed away on March 13, 2005.

**Levi Shackleton [Schackelton] [1817-1888]**

In 1851 Levi Shackleton owned a wholesale and retail store for groceries and liquor. His shop was located near 28 Washington. Five years later Levi was proprietor of the Ottawa House on the corner of Water and Washington Streets, formerly operated by Henry Pennoyer. The Ottawa House, which burned down on November 13, 1860, was a stagecoach stop with daily departures for Grand Rapids. On March 11, 1855 in Kent County Levi married Mary Elizabeth La Tarte of Grand Haven, who previously had been married to a Caldwell. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Charles, born about 1852; Mary E. born about 1856; Wallace L, born about 1857; and Nellie J., who was born about April 1860. Mary lived from 1832 to 1892. Levi was born in Canada [England] in June 1817 and moved to the United States in 1849. Eleven years later Levi moved to Muskegon, where he was in business for eight years, and he then went to Ludington, where he operated a grocery store. Levi died in 1888.

**Del Shannon [1934-1990]**

See Charles Westover.

**John Nelson Shannon [1827-1892]**

Born in July 1827 while aboard ship coming from Ireland, John was the son of John and Mary Grey Shannon. Young John moved to Tallmadge Township in 1852. He enlisted in Company B of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry on August 13, 1862 and was discharged for disability on October 28, 1862. John married Lucetta Hudson Halstead [Halsted] in Ottawa County on February 10, 1852. She was born in New York around 1824, but apparently died before 1870. By then John and his children were residing on a farm in Olive Township. John moved to Nebraska, where he died in the town of O'Neill in February 1892. The children, all born in the Grand Haven area, were George, born about 1853; Martha, born about 1854; Anette [Jenette/Jennie] born about 1858; and William, born about 1863. The children also moved away, although Anette remained in Olive Township until at least 1880.

**Norma Edith Shearer [1902-1983]**

Born on August 10 [11], 1902 in Montreal, Canada, Norma was the daughter of Andrew and Edith Fisher Shearer. Norma became a well-known film actress, and as a young woman spent summers in Grand Haven at the cottage of her uncle, Edwin Percival, and his wife. Norma's and Edwin's mothers were sisters. The cottage, known as Baldpate Inn, was located at 20 Crescent Hill in Highland Park. The name of the cottage was derived from *Seven Keys to Baldpate*, a popular Broadway drama in 1913 and 1914. Edwin was an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway in Grand Haven and had a permanent residence in the city as well as his place at Highland Park. An article in the April 11, 1927 issue of the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that Andrew Shearer, Norma's father, recently had visited Edwin. Around September 29, 1927 Norma married Irving Grant Thalberg, a Hollywood movie producer, and then, three years after his death in 1936 at the age of 37, she married Marti Arrouge. Among her 61 full-length films were *The Flapper* in 1921 [her first], *The Actress* in 1928, *Strange Interlude* in 1932, *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* in 1934, and *Cardboard Lover* in 1942 [her last]. Norma was one of the few actresses to make a successful transition from silent films to talkies. She on died June 12, 1983 and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California. Norma and Irving had one daughter, Katharine, who was born on June 14, 1935 and died in Aspen, Colorado on January 5, 2006 under the name Katharine Stirling.

**Basil Lawrence Sheehy [1896-1966]**

In the early 1940s Basil Sheehy owned a shoe repair business at 216 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He was born in East Jordan, Charlevoix County on June 6, 1896. He died in October 1966 in Coldwater, Branch County. He married Esther Burns in Coldwater on March 19, 1922. They were divorced in Muskegon on July 17, 1935. Esther was born in Coldwater on May 13, 1905, died in Hillsdale County on April 11, 1937, and was buried at Card Cemetery in Branch County.

**Donald J. Sheffield [1910-2002]**

Donald was born in Allendale on July 8, 1910, the son of Egbert and Nancy Cummings Sheffield. Donald married Lois Bjornstrom in South Bend, Indiana, in 1937. He served with the Army during WWII. Donald worked 17 years as a meat cutter with the Kroger Grocery Store and put in another 17 years in the same capacity at Erickson's Supermarket on Franklin Street. By the late 1970s Don owned Butcher Boys market at 937 Robbins Road, where he offered "CHOICE MEATS POULTRY FISH EGGS." By 1984 it was known as Butcher Boys-Sheffield's Meat Market, located at 939 Robbins, and later as Sheffields. Butcher Boys also had a store in Muskegon. Donald and Lois were members of the First Congregational Church. They resided at 526 Pennoyer. Donald died in Muskegon on September 12, 2002. Lois was born August 21, 1916 and died in Muskegon on January 24, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, September 14, 2002.]

**Egbert Marcella Sheffield [1865-1957]**

Born in Paris, Kent County on September 25, 1865, Egbert was the son of Harvey H. and Laura Ann Miner Sheffield. Egbert married Emma J. Rossin of Allendale on October 24, 1885. She died on June 27, 1895, a few months short of her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Egbert then married Nancy Cummings on September 21, 1896 in Grand Haven. Nancy was born on June 7, 1878, died November 27, 1942, and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Egbert started the Sheffield Brothers Food Shop at 6 North Seventh Street in the 1920s. Later, the store was called Sheffield Brothers Fruit and Grocery Store [Sheffield Brothers Fruit & Vegetables], which was operated by Egbert Sheffield's sons, Ralph, Orin, and Donald. The brothers moved their business to 416 Franklin before 1932. Ralph later owned Sheffield's Cash Market in Spring Lake. Donald became a meat cutter and owned a butcher shop at 937 Robbins Road. In the early 1890s Egbert had a farm in Section 20 of Allendale Township. Later he and his brother sold the Food Shop at 416 Franklin Street in Grand Haven to Martin Erickson in 1934. Egbert passed away in 1957 and also was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery.

### **Harvey H. Sheffield [1826-1899]**

Harvey Sheffield, born in Ontario County, New York, lived from December 28, 1826 to January 30, 1899, when he died on his farm in Section 20 of Allendale Township. His wife, Laura Ann Miner, also was a native of New York State. Egbert Sheffield was their son. Harvey was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery.

### **Orin A. Sheffield [1905-1978]**

Like his brothers Donald and Ralph, Orin Sheffield became a grocer. In the 1920s and early 1930s he was part owner of Sheffield Brothers Fruit and Grocery Store at 6 North Seventh and later at 416 Franklin. Later he worked for Henry Casemier's grocery store. The son of Egbert and Nancy Cummings Sheffield, Orin was born in Allendale on May 5, 1905, passed away on July 23, 1978, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Katie Deephouse on May 4, 1929 in Grand Haven. She was born on May 28, 1909 and passed away in Grand Haven on December 16, 1988. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. Orin and Katie resided at 312 Davis.

### **Ralph E. Sheffield [1900-1980]**

Just after the end of WWII, Ralph Sheffield opened a meat store at 226 West Savidge in Spring Lake called Sheffield's Cash Market. The son of Egbert and Nancy Cummings Sheffield, Ralph was born on July 21, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1980. He married Catherine [Katherine] F. Beekman in Grand Haven on May 6, 1922. Born in Grand Haven on May 28, 1900, she was the daughter of Reijer and Elsie Hoeksema Beekman. Around 1930 the Sheffields lived at 104 North Griffin in Grand Haven, but by the 1950s they were residing at 102 Ann Street in Spring Lake, which at the same time was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Page. After Catherine's death in Miami, Florida on February 19, 1963 [1964], Ralph moved to 107 South Park and then to 1230 Waverly in Grand Haven. Ralph and Catherine were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Louis [Lewis] Wesley Shields [1895-1974]**

On July 11, 1943 Louis Shields married Dorothy M. Olde in Grand Haven. She was born in Chicago on July 30, 1908. By 1948 the couple owned and operated the Dee-Lite Sandwich Shop at 24 Washington Street. They lived at 114½ South First Street. Louis and Dorothy sold the business to John and Carrie Seylhower in the 1960s. Louis was born in Lexington, Kentucky on June 22, 1895. He passed away in South Haven on November 8, 1974. Dorothy died in San Mateo, California on July 10, 1985.

### **Daniel Shelby [c1812- ?] and Jeanette [Jennett] Shelby [Schelby] [1812-1885]**

In 1850 Daniel Shelby was listed as a hotel keeper in Ottawa Township [Grand Haven]. Living with him was his wife Jeanette [Jennett] and daughters Eliza Shelby, 16, Henrietta Shelby, 8, and Jennett Shelby, 6 years old. Daniel was born in England about 1812, and Jeanette also was from England, where she was born the same year. By 1860, Jeanette was a widow, still residing in Ottawa Township with Eliza and

Jenett. Her real estate holdings in Grand Haven were valued at \$4,000, a significant amount at that time [\$125,500].

Daniel's and Jeanette's daughter Eliza, who was born in Illinois in 1841, married Thomas Brown, a sea captain. He was born about 1834 in Scotland. In 1880 Jeanette, Eliza, and Thomas were living in Chicago. Their son Thomas Brown II was ten years old. Jeanette passed away in Chicago on August 2, 1885. She was buried at Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum.

The Shelbys' daughter Jennett [the spelling she preferred] married Edward Van Dalson [Dolson] in 1870. He was born in New York about 1845 and died in 1912. Jennett was born on November 14, 1845 and died in Saline, Washtenaw County, on March 1, 1922. She and Edward were buried at Parkholm Cemetery in Cook County, Illinois. Eliza died on May 24, 1892 and was buried at Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Daniel and Jeanette Shelby, while living in Grand Haven, purchased Lots 25, 26 and a portion of 44, of the original Village of Grand Haven. On May 12, 1884 Jeanette Shelby sold the lots to her daughters Eliza Brown and Jennett Van Dalson for \$3,000. Mother and daughters were then residing in Chicago. On August 7 the next year, Eliza and her husband Thomas Brown conveyed title to the property to Jeanette Van Dalson. On July 3, 1895, Thomas Brown "Widower" and his son Thomas R. Brown "Bachelor" sold Lot 25 in the original plat to Stephen L. Munroe for \$170, and two days later Jennett sold to Stephen L. Munroe Lot 26 and the portion of Lot 44 that she owned for \$322.

### **George H. Sheldon [1863-1890]**

George was born in Vermont on October 22, 1863. He died in Grand Haven on May 28, 1890. George was porter on the steamer *Michigan* when it became icebound twenty miles off South Haven on February 9, 1885. The boat had left the port of Grand Haven that morning with the goal of providing help to another steamship, the *Oneida*, which had been trapped in ice for three weeks. George's heroic efforts included several hikes across the ice to find sustenance for the crew still aboard the *Michigan*. Forty-three days after being immobilized by the ice, George led the crew to land, safety, and warmth. On May 28, 1890 he died of the side effects of rheumatism caused by his long walks on the ice. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Mary Amanda [Mammie] Van Drezer in Grand Haven on October 10, 1886. She was born in February 1870 in Robinson Township. They had one surviving child, Georgia Lillian Sheldon [1890-1954], who married Frederick James Conant [1874-1959]. The daughter of Luman and Alwilda Smith Van Drezer, Mary married Leonard Foster Ralya on July 16, 1896 in Allendale Township.

### **Horace L. Sheldon [? - ?]**

Horace Sheldon built his residence on Lot 171, near the southwest corner of Elliott and Second Streets, and in 1838 constructed a tannery across the street on Lot 174. His enterprise was considered the first manufacturing industry established in Grand Haven, since previous businesses had been in merchandising and lumbering. Clark Albee took over the tannery in 1854.

### **Willard Carpenter Sheldon I [1839-1917]**

A manufacturer of corn planters, Willard Sheldon in 1871 discovered at a depth of 161 feet the magnetic mineral springs that gave Grand Haven the name "Saratoga of the West." His two-story, palatial resort and hotel on the northwest corner of Washington and Third Streets attracted visitors for many years, offering them croquet, archery, lawn bowling, and other leisure activities, including bathing in the mineral water for its therapeutic value. Willard also built and lived in a large, lovely home with carriage house at 321 Washington. When the Challenge Corn Planter Company incorporated in 1882, Willard was named president. His son, Willard II, was the company's bookkeeper in 1893. Sheldon Road was named in honor of this family's contributions to Grand Haven.

Willard I was born in Essex, Middlesex County, Vermont, on June 1, 1839. On May 26, 1863, in Williston, Vermont, he married Mary Malvina Slayton. Born in Stowe, Vermont, on December 16, 1841, she was the daughter of Samuel Stowe and Malvina Carver Slayton and the sister of Nathaniel and Thomas



Orlando Slayton, both of whom moved to Grand Haven. Willard and Malvina arrived in Grand Haven in 1864. The Sheldons' son, Willard Sheldon II, was born in Grand Haven on March 4, 1865 and died in San Diego, California on July 4, 1956. Other children were Frances Slayton Sheldon, who was born on August 22, 1869 and married Willard Henry Edwards [1852-1918] in Grand Haven on June 6, 1893; and Dwight Cutler Sheldon, named for one of Grand Haven's leading citizens, who was born May 9, 1873, married Dora D. Chase on June 14, 1893 in Smyrna, Ionia County, and opened a law office in Ionia. Dwight died on May 25, 1912. Dora was born about 1877 in Smyrna and died in Ionia County on November 6, 1926. Frances married Willard H. Edwards in Grand Haven on June 6, 1893. He was born about 1865. Malvina Sheldon died in Ionia County on November 22, 1912 and was buried with Dwight and Dora in that county at Highland Park Cemetery. Willard I passed away in Santa Ana, California, at the home of his son, Willard II, in May 1917. He was buried with Malvina and other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, May 19, 1917.]

### **Fred J. Shepard [1867-1923]**

The Fred Shepard 80-acre farm was located in Section 2 of Crockery Township. Fred, who was born in Nunica on June 21, 1867, also raised livestock. His parents were Orlando and Sarah Smack Shepard. Fred, married Anna Van Belkum in Cadillac, Wexford County on March 30, 1909. He died on January 13, 1923 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Homer Shepard [Shephard, Shepherd] [1874-1960]**

By 1912 Homer and Howard Shepard owned the family's 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Crockery Township, previously owned by their father, Orlando J. Shepard. Homer and Howard also raised livestock. Homer, born in Nunica on July 26, 1874, was the sole owner by 1915. He and Howard were twin brothers. Their parents were Orlando and Sarah Smack Shepard. Homer died on April 5, 1960 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Howard Shepard [1874-1960]**

Howard and Homer Shepard were twin brothers. By 1912 they owned the family's 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Crockery Township, previously owned by their father, Orlando J. Shepard. The brothers also owned livestock. Howard was born in Nunica on July 26, 1874. His parents were Orlando and Sarah Smack Shepard. On January 1, 1906 Howard married Flora Kelsey in Sullivan, Ottawa County. By 1910 they had moved to Allegan County, and ten years later they were in Muskegon County. Homer died there in August 1960 and was buried at Sunrise Memorial Gardens.

### **Orlando J. Shepard [Shephard, Shepherd] [1829-1905]**

On February 10, 1873, Orlando J. Shepard purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Crockery Township. By 1908 the property was in the name of his estate. Shortly afterward the farm went to his twin sons, Homer and Howard Shepard. Orlando was born in New York on January 2, 1829. He married Sarah Maria Smack in Edwardsburg, Cass County on August 22, 1861. Sarah was born in Lockport, New York on August 15, 1842. The Shepards were settled in Crockery Township by 1870. The twins, Howard and Homer, were born in Crockery Township on July 26, 1874. Another son, Fred J., was born in Nunica on June 21, 1867. A fourth son, Hubert, was born locally about 1865. Orlando passed away on January 11, 1905 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Sarah, who passed away on July 15, 1909, was buried near him.

### **John T. Sheridan [1862-1938]**

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a farmer, John Sheridan also served as highway commissioner. His 120-acre farm was located in Section 19 of Allendale Township. John was born in 1862 in Ontario, Canada, the son of Thomas J. and Susan Sheridan. About 1850 the family came to the United States from Ireland by way of Canada and settled in Allendale Township in 1865. Thomas died in 1893 in Allendale. John's wife Nellie E. lived from 1861 to 1900. John died in 1938. All three were buried at Allendale Cemetery.

### **Floyd Ernest Sherk [1890-1964]**

Floyd Sherk was born Lapeer County on April 4, 1890, came to Grand Haven in 1914 as a pharmacist, and served in the Army during World War I. He married Juanita [Junita] A. Bredie [Brodie] on January 1, 1912 in Osceola, Osceola County. She was born in Michigan about 1890 and died in Toledo, Ohio on March 11, 1939. In the Federal Census of 1940, Floyd was living in Fort Wayne, Indiana, listed as a widower. He married his second wife, Jessie Biddle Work, in Toledo on December 21, 1940. She lived from April 10, 1893 to November 4, 1984. She was buried at Fort Meigs Cemetery in Perrysburg, Ohio. During WWI, Floyd was secretary at the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce. He entered the real estate business at the end of the war, when he was employed as manager at James W. Oakes & Company. In 1922 Floyd purchased the Studebaker business at 9-11 South Second Street and named it the Sherk Auto Company. In November 1926 Floyd sold the property to Charles E. Soule and eventually relocated to Sandusky County, Ohio, where he died in April 1964.

### **Benjamin Franklin Sherman [1836-1906]**

Benjamin Sherman was born in Canada on December 5, 1836. While living in Bridgeton, Newaygo County, Benjamin was drafted as private on November 2, 1863 and assigned to Company C of the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on August 15, 1865. After the war he settled on two acres in Bass River [Section 7], Allendale Township, where he ran a blacksmith's shop. His wife, Sarah E., applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 1, 1901. Benjamin died on May 13, 1906 in Robinson Township. Sarah lived from August 1838 to 1911. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

### **Jerry Sherman [1937-2014]**

Born in Grandville on September 4, 1937, Jerry was the son of Wilson and Eva Sherman. He was a teacher and elementary school principal. He married Jeanne Ciereman in Grand Rapids on September 5, 1956. Jeanne was born about 1936. Jerry was president of the Sandpiper Condominium Association from 2003 until his death in Grand Haven on December 29, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, December 31, 2014.]

### **William [Willis] G. Sherman [1840- ?]**

A native of Maryland [Canada], where he was born about 1840, William Sherman came to Grand Haven to manage the Cutler House, which opened on July 4, 1872. He was proprietor of the Kirby House when it opened in 1874 but continued in his job at the Cutler House. By 1880 he had moved to Danville, Illinois, where he again managed a hotel. With him was his wife, E. E., born in the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa about 1845, and a son Ernest Sherman, who was born in 1873 in Michigan. A second son, Jay Sherman, was born the next year. Henry D. Irish replaced William at the Cutler House.

### **Bernath Pardee Sherwood I [1876-1960]**

Born in Allegan on January 27, 1876, Bernath Sherwood attended Allegan schools and in 1898 graduated from the University of Michigan. His mother, Mary, was born in Batavia, New York, on May 21, 1841, the only daughter of Zenas L. and Martha Hovey Griswold. She moved to Allegan with her family not long after her birth, and on September 19, 1866 married Marion C. Sherwood, who was born in Tompkins County, New York, on November 25, 1839. Bernath worked in his father's store in Allegan until 1902, when he came to Grand Haven as Teller for Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third Bank]. In 1910 the bank merged with the National Bank of Grand Haven, which was founded in 1891 and traced its roots to the Ferry & Son private bank, established around 1855. A Republican, Bernath came up through the ranks and served as president of Grand Haven State Bank, beginning in 1918. He was president and director of First State Bank of Ravenna; director of Oldberg Manufacturing Company; director of Grand Haven Stamped Products; a member of Blue Lodge, F. & A.M., Elks Lodge, Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Citizens Historical Association, and Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven.

On July 20, 1904 Bernath married Gertrude Agnes Miller of Bay City. Born on March 28, 1878, she passed away on November 22, 1922. Their children included a daughter Lucinda, who was born on

February 14, 1906 and passed away in Evanston, Illinois on November 21, 2005. She married George I. Daniels, who lived from December 16, 1904 to January 25, 1995. Lucinda and George resided in Winnetka, Illinois. The Sherwoods also had three sons: Bernath Pardee Sherwood II, born on October 7, 1907; Marion Sherwood, born on December 5, 1909; and Miller Sherwood, born on September 1, 1916. The family lived at 514 Sheldon Road. Bernath's second wife, Winifred Hubbel, was born in Michigan on December 27, 1878 and passed away on May 7, 1960. Bernath died in Grand Haven on September 28, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Gertrude and Winifred.

#### **Bernath Pardee "Budd" Sherwood II [1907-1993]**

Born on October 7, 1907 in Grand Haven to Bernath Pardee and Gertrude Miller Sherwood, the younger Bernath joined his father at Grand Haven State Bank and was elected its president in 1947. In 1973 Pacesetter merged with Grand Haven State Bank and Budd became CEO until his retirement in 1976. Budd was member and president of the Michigan Bankers Association and a member of Grand Haven Rotary and Tri-Cities Industrial Foundation. He was director of the JSJ Corporation, Gardner-Denver, Michigan Plastic Products Corp., Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Detroit Branch, treasurer of the local Chamber of Commerce, United Fund, Ottawa Boy Scout Council, and Masonic Lodge #139 [F. & A.M.], and the First Presbyterian Church, where he became an elder, trustee, and clerk.

On October 13, 1934, Budd married Elizabeth Krause in Rockford, Kent County. She was born on February 1, 1910. She was the daughter of G. Adolph Krause, one of the founders of a leather company that became known as Wolverine Corporation, makers of Hush Puppy shoes and other leather products in Rockford, Kent County. Elizabeth's sister Ruth married Budd's brother, Marion Sherwood. Budd and Elizabeth and their two sons, Bernath Pardee Sherwood III, born about 1936, and Peter Krause Sherwood, born in June 1939, resided at 510 Park Street in Spring Lake. Elizabeth died on April 6, 1976. Bernath and his second wife, Helene N. Dodd, lived briefly in the Park Street home before moving to 18003 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. Bernath passed away on June 17, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1993.]

#### **Lynne Sherwood [1941-2016]**

Born on April 11, 1941 in Grand Haven, Lynne was the daughter of Marion and Ruth Krause Sherwood. She was valedictorian of her 1959 graduating class at Grand Haven High School, and earned a bachelor degree with honors from Stanford University. She then earned an MBA in finance from Harvard Business School, where she was among the first women to be admitted to the two-year program. She spent 35 years with Goldman, Sachs & Company of New York City as a securities analyst, vice president and associate director of research and consultant on special projects. Lynne became a member of the board of directors of JSJ Corporation in 1981. She returned to the Tri-Cities area to live in 1997 and assumed an active role in the management of the corporation. She served as chairman of JSJ from 2005 to 2011, following eight years as corporate secretary. In July of 2011, she was named vice chairman and secretary. She was deeply engaged in service to the broader community. Lynne was the past president of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and president of the Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund, within the GHACF, and a trustee of the Michigan Colleges Foundation and Alma College. She was president of the Spring Lake District Library board of trustees, where she had also served as treasurer. Lynne was an active member of the Rotary Club of Grand Haven. She recently was inducted into the Grand Haven High School Hall of Fame for her business achievements and leadership in charitable and community service. Lynne died in Grand Haven on January 10, 2016.

#### **Marion Albert Sherwood [1909-1999]**

The son of Bernath P. and Gertrude Miller Sherwood, Marion was born in Grand Haven on December 5, 1909. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1927, Marion earned his bachelor degree from the University of Michigan four years later. He then joined Grand Haven Stamped Products and in 1956 became its president. He also was a director of JSJ Corporation upon its establishment in 1970 and served

as its first president until 1977. He served on the Board of Security First Bank & Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third] and was trustee for the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Marion retired from JSJ in 1984.

Marion married Ruth Krause on October 2, 1937, in Rockford, Kent County. A graduate of Olivet College, Ruth was the daughter of G. A. Krause, one of the founders of the Wolverine Corporation, makers of Hush Puppy shoes and other leather products. Her sister, Elizabeth, married Marion's brother, Budd Sherwood. Ruth taught elementary school in Muskegon for a brief period after graduation. She also participated in Michigan Trails Girl Scouts, Woman's Club, and Tuesday Musicale. Marion and his Ruth were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and Spring Lake Country Club, and he also belonged to the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. Their children were Mary Ann and Lynne, who was born on April 11, 1941. The family resided at 602 Pennoyer in the 1950s, but later moved to 15570 South Prospect Point in Spring Lake. They were members of the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and the Spring Lake Country Club, where Marion once served as president. Ruth died on June 3, 1990 and Marion passed away in Grand Haven on October 21, 1999.

### **Miller Garrod Sherwood [1916–1985]**

Miller, the son of Bernath P. and Gertrude Miller Sherwood, was founder of Michigan Plastic Products in 1946. Born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1916, Miller died on May 27, 1985. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he joined the Crane Company in Columbus, Ohio in 1937. Four years later he worked for Reynolds Molded Plastics Co., also in Ohio. He left that firm in 1946 to form his own company in Grand Haven, Michigan Plastic Products. Production started in the former Durant-Star-Flint automobile garage at 12 Franklin [later a parking lot] but moved to a new structure at 715 Robbins Road in 1951, and then moved another new building at 1500 South Beechtree in 1974. Miller was president of the JSJ Corporation from 1980 to 1984 and remained a director until his death. He was a member and president of Rotary and Grand Haven Stag Club and served on the boards of the YMCA Community Foundation, United Fund, and Red Cross. Miller was a trustee on the Grand Haven School Board for eight years. On September 10, 1938 he married Barbara, the daughter of Burritt "Burt" Parks. Paul Parks of Grand Haven was her brother. The Parks family owned the cottage at 111 Poplar Trail in Highland Park, which they winterized in 1945 and lived in from then on.

Barbara graduated from Vassar College with a degree in geology. She was a member of the League of Women Voters and a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention held in the early 1960s. She vigorously and generously supported the work of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, the Loutit District Library, and the Tri-Cities YMCA. She and Miller were frequent contributors to the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation.

The Sherwoods lived at 520 Lafayette, but later moved to 18341 North Shore Estates Road in Spring Lake Township. They attended Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. They had two daughters, Nancy Truitt, who moved to Yorktown Heights, New York, and Suzanne Ageton, who relocated to Boulder, Colorado. Their two sons were Miller II of Spring Lake and David of Ada. Miller the father was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Barbara, who was born on November 3, 1913, passed away on April 20, 2008 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, April 20, 2008.]

### **Miller Garrod "Gary" Sherwood II [1945-2022]**

Miller Garrod "Gary" was the son of Miller Garrod and Barbara Parks Sherwood I. Gary was born in Columbus, Ohio but grew up in Grand Haven, graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1963. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan State University. Gary worked in a variety of settings, including plastic manufacturing, the automotive industry with American Motors, the insurance industry with John Hancock, benefits management with JSJ, and home remodeling and construction. He was a skilled builder and innovator, building a home for himself that utilized an advanced material and technique that provided superior insulation results.

Gary served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman. In September 2003, Gary married Karen Baribeau. He served several years on the Board of Directors for The Little Red House. He helped with the design and building of the original Imagination Station playground.

Gary passed away on December 21, 2022.

#### **Paul Robert Sherwood [1911-1986]**

Paul Sherwood was born on September 14, 1911 and died in Grand Rapids on September 12, 1986. He was a tuner at Story & Clark. He married Caroline "Minna" Laurenz in Saginaw on July 24, 1948. Minna, who was born on March 2, 1897, died in Saginaw on November 28, 1983. Paul and Minna were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Saginaw. In Grand Haven, they resided at 215 North Second Street.

#### **Charles Webster Shippey [1859-1906]**

Charles Shippey, the son of George and Sarah Batchellor Shippey I, was born in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania on May 8, 1859. He came to Grand Haven with his parents in 1875. Sarah was the sister of Webster Batchellor, part-owner of the Batchellor, Slaght & Shippey Sawmill that started business in 1871. On October 9, 1895 in Chicago Charles married Lucy "Lula" [Lulu] Amelia, who was born January 24, 1862. She was the daughter of Joshua Childs and Amelia Raymond Richards. In 1880 Charles was working at the Batchellor, Slaght & Shippey Sawmill in Ferrysburg. He also resided in Ferrysburg at that time. In 1900 Charley and his family were living in Chicago, where he worked in real estate. Their children were Webster Batchellor Shippey, born in Chicago on October 24, 1896, and Raymonde Sechrist Shippey, a daughter, born in Chicago on December 27, 1898. In 1910 and 1920 Lula Shippey was listed as a widow living with her two children in Chicago. Charley was a friend of Edgar Lee Masters, the poet who summered frequently in Spring Lake. Charles was killed in a train accident in Englewood, Illinois on August 10, 1906. Lula passed away in Chicago on April 23, 1941.

#### **George Franklin Shippey [Shippey] I [1818-1876]**

George Shippey was part of the Batchellor, Slaght, & Shippey firm, which began in 1866 in Chicago. He supervised the sale of the company's lumber in the Chicago area. In October 1871, the firm bought the Ferry and Hopkins Steam Sawmill in Ferrysburg for \$32,000. George arrived in Grand Haven in 1875 to run the mill. Located at the confluence of Spring Lake and the Grand River, the mill was sold to the Grand Haven Lumber Company ten years later.

George, the son of Abiatha and Lucretia Danforth Shippey, was born in Glen Falls, New York, on June 10, 1818 and died in Grand Haven on October 1, 1876. He married Sarah Dorah Batchellor on March 8, 1848. The daughter of Daniel and Martha Jennison Batchellor, Sarah was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on October 13, 1822 and died on December 31, 1903. She was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. Her brother was Webster Batchellor, owner of the Ferrysburg sawmill bearing his name. The Shippeys' five children were George Frank II, who was born January 29, 1849; Martha "Mattie" Florence, who was born on July 3, 1851 and married Nathaniel Slayton of Grand Haven; Alfred B., who was born on April 5, 1854, died on September 21, 1905, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents; Charles Webster, who was born in Pennsylvania on May 8, 1859; and Clarence L., who lived from May 1, 1863 to April 26, 1871. The family resided in Ferrysburg.

#### **George Franklin Shippey II [1849-1913]**

George Frank Shippey II was born on January 29, 1849 in New York. On October 19, 1876 in Woodstock, Vermont, he married Mary B. Randall. She was born in Windsor, Vermont on February 14, 1855. George was the son of George and Sarah Batchellor Shippey I. In 1880 George II was a lumberman living in Grand Haven. Mary died on June 6, 1896 in San Diego and was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in that city. In 1900 George was listed as a widower residing in Grand Haven with his mother, Sarah. By 1910 he was living in Los Angeles with his second wife, Annabelle Riley. She was born on December 6, 1866 in

Ohio. George died on May 18, 1913 in Los Angeles and was buried with Mary at Mount Hope. Annabelle passed away on July 20, 1950 in Los Angeles.

**John A. Shire I [1853-1924]**

John Shire was born in Indiana in September 1853 [1852]. His wife, Addie C., a native of Canada, was born in September 1862 [1859]. The Shires had an 80-acre farm in Section 15 of Robinson Township. Their children, all born locally, included Maude F., born in August 1883; Mary M., born in November 1885; Wesley W., who was born in August 1887 and moved to Lansing; Flora M., who died at the age of 11 on October 28, 1891; Ray M., who lived from September 1890 to 1917; Russell A., who was born in Michigan on April 17, 1897 and died in Grand Haven in July 1967; Ola R., born in August 1898; and John II, born about 1901. John died in 1924 and his wife passed away in 1939. They were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with Flora and Ray.

**Lena [Levina] Shoemaker [1869-1916]**

Born in Spring Lake in June 1869 as the oldest child of Michael Shoemaker, one of the early pioneers in the area, Lena graduated from Spring Lake High School in 1885 and went to work as a bookkeeper in Martin Walsh's general store. When Walsh became postmaster in 1893, Lena joined him and served as assistant postmaster, a position she held for almost 30 years, except for a four-year period when Leroy Heath was postmaster. Lena retired in 1915 because of ill health. The next year she died and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**John Shoemaker [1871-1944]**

The oldest son of Michael Shoemaker, an early Spring Lake settler, John was born in 1871 and died in 1944. After finishing high school in 1887 and working a year, he went to Cleary School of Penmanship in Ypsilanti with other Spring Lake men, including Winsor McKay, the cartoonist. 1892 John went to work as bookkeeper in the office of Johnston Brothers, where he stayed most of his working life, except for a brief time when he worked for his brother-in-law, Fred Bertschy, in the brick business. John was on the Village Council. He married Lena Anstays of Kent City on June 28, 1905. Born in 1883, Lena became a teacher. Her first teaching position was at the Robinson Township School, and later at Patchin School in Crockery Township. She gave up teaching when she married. John and his wife moved into the Shoemaker family home at 316 East Savidge in 1919. He died in 1944.

**Michael Shoemaker [1836-1904]**

A native of Germany, where he was born on September 30, 1836 [1835], Michael Shoemaker came to America with his family in 1841, settling first in Ohio and then coming to Michigan. He arrived in Nortonville in 1855, where Manley Patchin hired him. He worked on the construction of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad and then worked at the Nortonville Mill and later for eight years for Fred Ranney. He next worked for Haire & Cole Sawmill, then Haire & Tolford Sawmill, and finally the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill. When the lumbering business began to die out, Michael joined other fruit farmers and planted 1,000 peach trees, all of which were lost to frost in 1872. He replanted and finally succeeded in growing a good crop.

In 1864 Michael married Ann Brady, the oldest daughter of Tom and Bridget Morrissey Brady of Spring Lake. Ann was born on October 15, 1848 in Canada. One of their children, Helen "Nellie," was born in February 1870 and became the wife of Fred Bertschy of Spring Lake. Other Shoemaker children were Lena [Lavina] who was born in June 1868 in Spring Lake, died in 1916, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; John L., born in December 1871; Anna [Ann] E., who was born in October 1876 and married Thomas Murphy of Chicago and Grand Haven; George H., born January 1879; Elizabeth T., who was born on April 27, 1881 and married John W. Cusick of Spring Lake; Frances M., born in September 1884; Mary [Mae Agatha], who was born in April 1881 and married Peter De Vries, a Spring Lake mail carrier; and

Frances. Ann passed away on August 6, 1902. Michael died on November 30, 1904 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

### **Fred Sholes [Sholles] [1851-1933]**

A resident of Chicago, Fred Sholes was listed as secretary for Challenge Machinery Company in the 1908 *Directory*. He was born November 29, 1851 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. On January 24, 1901 in Chicago, he married Adeline Chamberlain. She was also a native of Wisconsin, where she was born on April 10, 1860. In 1930 the couple was still residing in Chicago. Fred was retired by that time. He passed away in Chicago on December 20, 1933. Adeline died in Brookfield, Illinois on April 9, 1947.

### **Fred A. Showers [1895-1982]**

A native of Beloit, Wisconsin, where he was born on March 2, 1895, Fred Showers came to Grand Haven in 1924 with the Kinney Sand Company, forerunner of the Standard Sand Company, which mined Rosy Mound. Fred was superintendent. He and his wife Emily lived at 14207 Lakeshore, near Rosy Mound. Their daughter, Esther Elizabeth Showers, who married Charles Blaksley, managed the firm's office and was its accountant for 41 years. She resided at 321 North Fifth Street. Esther lived from January 22, 1919 to May 11, 2002. Fred died in Grand Haven on May 22, 1982. Emily, who was born on April 14, 1897, passed away in Grand Haven on September 7, 1977. The house on Lakeshore was torn down in 1997. [*Tribune* obituary, May 13, 2002.]

### **Charles R. Shupe [1866-1927]**

Born on December 18, 1866 in St. George, Canada, Charles Shupe came to Grand Haven when Challenge Machinery Company moved from Chicago to Grand Haven in 1903. Challenge was a large printer's supply company, where Shupe eventually took over as manager. He also served 12 years on the Board of Education in Grand Haven, during which time a high school on Seventh Street was built. On June 15, 1892 in Chicago, he married Lizzie Lee, daughter of James L. and Sarah Gadsden Lee. James was president of Challenge Machinery, then located in Chicago. In Grand Haven, Lizzie was active in various community organizations and became the first vice chairman of the Ottawa County Red Cross when it was officially chartered in 1917. The Shupes lived at 704 Pennoyer, later the site of Christian Haven. Their adopted children were Ellis Dean, who was born in Wisconsin and lived from 1907 to 1936; and Edith Laird, who was born in Michigan and lived from 1909 to 1925. Charles died on October 6, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his two daughters also were interred. Lizzie continued living at 704 Pennoyer after her husband's death. In the early 1950s, Lizzie donated the house and six adjacent lots to be used as a home for the elderly. As a result, Christian Haven Retirement Home opened at 704 Pennoyer on February 15, 1961. Lizzie married widower Joseph W. Oliver [1864-1936], an engineer and founder of Oliver Machinery Company, in Grand Haven on August 8, 1931. Joseph previously had been married to Laura Deane, who passed away in Grand Rapids in 1930. Lizzie, who was born in Chicago on September 5, 1869, died in Grand Rapids on March 18, 1958 and was buried under the name Oliver at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Mrs. J.W. Oliver Passes in G.R.," March 19, 1958.]

### **Willard Sibley I [1800-1852]**

Willard Sibley, born in 1800, arrived in the Grand Rapids area in 1834 and became one of the early steamboat captains on Grand River. Around 1840 he commanded the *Governor Mason*, which was built by James Short for Richard Godfrey in Grand Rapids and made her trial run to Grand Haven on July 4, 1837 with William Kanouse as captain. In 1842 Willard operated the *Paragon* for Horace Jennings. It ran for two seasons on the Grand. In 1847 he commanded the *Humming Bird*.

Willard and his wife Elmyra had a daughter, Sarah Carriel Sibley. Born on December 7, 1824, she married Aaron Benham Turner of Grand Rapids. Willard died in Grand Rapids on December 26, 1852, the day before his son, Willard II, passed away at the age of 23. Both were buried at White Cemetery in Walker Township, Kent County. Elmyra was born in 1803. After Willard's death, she married Asa Pratt [1802-

1886]. Elmyra passed away on January 23, 1887 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids with Asa.

#### **Elmer Charles Sicard [1899-1958]**

A native of Muskegon, where he was born on July 28, 1899, Charles Sicard and his wife, Ruth, in the 1950s owned a residence at 213 Rex Street in Spring Lake. He and Ruth Herma were married in Grand Haven on December 16, 1944. They offered for short-term rental a similar two-unit log home at 201 Rex. In 1918 Elmer was an employee of the Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon. By 1930 he was a clerk in a Muskegon drug store and living with his parents, but by the 1950s he and his wife were living in Spring Lake. Elmer passed away on October 22, 1958 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After Elmer's death Ruth continued to manage the rental until the early 1960s. Ruth was born in Nunica about 1905.

#### **Hendrick "Henry" Sickman [1860-1925]**

Henry Sickman, a teamster, married Johanna Donker. They resided at 403 Elliot Street in the early 1900s. Henry lived from 1860 to 1925 and Johanna from 1863 to 1928. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Joe, born about 1890, Grace, and May.

#### **Joe Sickman [1890-1971]**

Grand Haven's first full-time firefighter was Joe Sickman. He was hired in 1919 at a wage of \$20 a week and was assigned the task of operating the city's first motor-driven pumper truck. His schedule was 14 days on and then a day off. Joe, the son of Henry and Johanna Sickman of Grand Haven, was born on October 21, 1890, died around September 7, 1971, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Around 1914 Joe married Alberta "Alice" Westerhouse, who was born on February 19, 1894 in Michigan, died on December 18, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest. The couple had three children, Johanna, born about 1916; Gertrude, born about 1918; and Marian, born about 1923. The family resided at 405 Elliott.

#### **Henry Siems [Sims] [1833-1913]**

Henry Siems married Eliza Wachter in Hanover, Germany about 1850. Eliza, who was born in Hanover in 1831, was the daughter of John and Dora Ronne Wachter. Henry and Eliza came to Ottawa County with Eliza's parents and by 1864 were settled on a 105-acre farm in Sections 20 and 21 of Crockery Township. Eliza died in 1912 and Henry lived from 1833 to 1913. They were buried at Nunica Cemetery. They had seven children.

#### **Martin Sietsema [1886-1960]**

In 1940 Martin Sietsema owned a company at Third and Beech Streets in Ferrysburg that produced concrete building and silo blocks. Born on April 6, 1886, Martin on June 28, 1916 married Ella Bulthuis in Coopersville. At the time of World War I was working as a "stone maker" for John Bramer of Ferrysburg. He died in 1960 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ella lived from April 22, 1892 to 1961 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Sigganacose [Sigganacose, Sigonawose, Saginaw Coosco. Magobie, Magby] [? - ?]**

Sigganacose was reported to have lived between 1834 and 1836 in a village in the vicinity of today's Ferrysburg, possibly on the south side of Smith's Bayou. His son Ahmoos accompanied him. Sigganacose was chief of a Band of Grand River Odawas. Another of his villages was located on Grand River, near the north end of today's Beechtree Street in Grand Haven, a spot once marked by a large beech tree that grew near the river and gave the street its name. Nearby was the Bailey Sawmill, owned and operated by William T. Bailey, and still in operation as late as 1880. Sigganacose's Band also occupied villages at Bass River, Spoonville [Crockery Creek], and near Ada. The chief was one of four Indians to whom Pierre C. and Clarissa André of Detroit transferred land at Fort Village, five miles upriver from Ferrysburg, on October 15, 1846. The other signatories were Waymegwonce, Peenaceewaygeechick, and Mairheewaw. On May 1, 1860 Sigganacose sold his remaining interest to an Indian by the name of Pagontish



[Payquotuch]. Ahmoos also lived at Battle Point. near the future site of Ferrysburg, probably on the south side of Smith's Bayou. Sigganacose is translated as Blackbird.

#### **Albert B. Simmons [1845-1864]**

Georgetown resident Albert Simmons during the Civil War served as corporal with Company B of the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was in East Saginaw on August 26, 1862, the time of his enlistment. He was promoted to first sergeant. On November 16, 1863 he was captured by the Confederate forces at Campbell's Station, Tennessee and sent to Andersonville Prison. Presumably he died there, but no record was found to prove it. His headstone at Oakhill Cemetery, however, cites his death date as August 24, 1864. He was born in Canada on February 22, 1845.

#### **George Simpson [1861-1923]**

Born in Scotland in November 1861, George Simpson came to the United States in 1875 and became a traveling representative for the Smith Granite Company of Westerly, Rhode Island. He learned the granite trade in Canada. George's company built a burial vault at Grand Haven for the Cutler family and one in Grand Rapids for the same family. He married Bessie Barnes in 1885. Bessie, the daughter of James and Ellen Moss Barnes, was born in Grand Haven in November 1866. In 1900 George and Bessie and their two children lived in Detroit. The family was still in Detroit in 1920. George died in Essex, Ontario on October 29, 1923.

#### **John Simpson [1828-1913]**

A native of Doune, Scotland, where he was born in August 1828, John Simpson was educated at Edinburgh University. He was parish schoolmaster for 26 years, specializing in the classics. In 1871 he came to Canada and was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad. John arrived in Grand Haven in 1882, where he became billing clerk for the Detroit, Grand Haven, & Milwaukee Railway. John's wife Annie was born in Scotland in April 1848 and died in 1929. He died in 1913. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were John, born in October 1884, and Kenneth, born in May 1887.

#### **James Bryan Sims I [1898-1995]**

Born on February 6, 1898 on a small ranch in Hico, Texas, J. Bryan Sims lived his early years at Temple in west Texas and studied at Texas A. & M. and Texas State University. He was inspired by his father, William L. Sims, a mechanical engineer, to be an engineer. James worked several years in Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia power and construction companies. An experienced pilot, he was an instructor during WWI, and he played a part in developing the Grand Haven landing strip off Comstock Street. He and his wife Lucy, who were married in October 1922, had a son, James Bryan II, who was born about 1924 and died on May 8, 1988, and a daughter, Marilyn, who was born about 1934, married William Redfield, and resided in Lake Forest, Illinois. Lucy was born in Texas about 1903. The family lived at 538 Woodlawn. James I came to Grand Haven in 1937 under the tutelage of Hartger Jonker, president of the Board of Public Works [Board of Light and Power]. James eventually became president and CEO of the power plant. When he retired in 1963, the board decided to build a new power plant on Harbor Island and name it after him. Lucy passed away at a nursing home in Nunica on August 2, 1993. James died in Nunica on May 13, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 1995.]

#### **Cecil Raymond "Sinnie" Sinclair [1888-1986]**

Born on April 8, 1888 in Chandlerville, Illinois, Cecil "Sinnie" Sinclair took his first airplane ride at age 22 and immediately knew aviation was to be his avocation. He began his flying career at Lillie-Thompson Flying School at Cicero Field in Chicago in 1912 and soloed in 1915. He was acquainted with such early fliers as Orville Wright, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, and Eddie Rickenbacker. Sinnie gave exhibitions at county and state fairs, was flying instructor for the U.S. Signal Corps in 1919 and organized the Universal Aviation Corps in Detroit. He was assistant operations manager for Ford Airport and was an air mail pilot for Universal Airlines from 1928 to 1934. [Universal became known as American Airlines.]

In 1936 he opened Sinclair Flying Service in Muskegon. Hundreds of pilots earned their wings under his guidance. His life was chronicled in a 1978 book, *All God's Children Got Wings*, by Vivian C. Branyan of Spring Lake. Sinnie received many honors and awards for his contribution to the world of flight. He helped organize the Civil Air Patrol in 1942. The street in front of the air terminal in Muskegon was named for him. At the time of his death, Sinnie was believed to be the oldest licensed flight instructor and to have held a pilot's license longer than anyone else. He gave flying lessons until his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sinnie married Ethel M. Murray in Chicago on October 15, 1917. She was 23 years old. They were divorced five years later. On October 10, 1953, he married Florence Kirby who was born on April 5, 1913 and died on July 13, 1990. Sinnie and Florence lived at 16661 Lakeview Road in Spring Lake Township., Sinnie passed away on April 7, 1986 and was buried at Norton Shores Cemetery. [*Chronicle* article, "Aviation legend 'Sinnie' Sinclair dies at 97," April 6, 1986.]

### **Peter Sinclair [1842-1916]**

Another Scotsman who helped start Robertson & Company Ship Yard, Peter Sinclair was born in Argyleshire on September 17, 1842. A ship's carpenter, he came to Grand Haven in 1870, returned to his native land from 1876 to 1880, then came back to Grand Haven to work again in the shipyard. On November 18, 1885 in Grand Haven, Peter married Ryntje Van Westrienen. She was born in South Haven on March 17, 1861 and died in Chicago on October 19, 1940. Peter died in Chicago on January 25, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Ryntje. Their one surviving child, John George Sinclair, lived from June 6, 1888 to January 12, 1973.

### **Walter Griffin Sinclair [1839-1925]**

In 1860 Walter Sinclair built the house at 415 East Savidge. On November 26, 1868 he married Mary Elizabeth Freeman in Spring Lake. In 1870 he was listed as "Secretary Mineral Spring." Later in the 1870s Walter purchased from Lewis Barnum the boarding house on the northeast corner of Exchange and Division Streets in Spring Lake [Lot 4, Block 14, Bryant's Addition]. He renamed it the Sinclair House. Walter sold the hotel to John Dixon, who in turn sold to Sylvester Rideout in March 1879. In 1880 Walter worked at a local sawmill and within two years he was foreman and bookkeeper at the Sisson & Lilly Sawmill, also in Spring Lake. In 1900 he was listed as "Solicitor," and by 1910 he was retired and living with his wife on Jackson Street. Born on August 12, 1839, Walter was a native of Illinois and came to Spring Lake in 1855 from Chicago. His wife Mary lived from 1844 to 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery near her husband, who died on November 25, 1925. Their son George was born in Ottawa County and lived from 1872 to 1951.

### **James F. Siplon [1896-1983]**

Born in Muskegon on February 5, 1896, James Siplon married Katherine Fisher [Fischer]. The *Grand Haven Tribune* employed him for 45 years as superintendent of the composing room. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, International Typographical Union, World War I Veterans of the U.S. Army, and commander of V.F.W. post #3734. James died on January 1, 1983 in Muskegon and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Katherine was born on July 26, 1896 and passed away in Muskegon on August 17, 1973. [*Tribune* obituary, January 17, 1983.]

### **George D. Sisson [1839-1899]**

George Sisson, who was born in Oxford, New York in 1839, arrived in Spring Lake in 1871 as manager of the Spring Lake House, where he stayed for two years. He then became interested in lumbering, and in June 1872 he formed a partnership with Thomas Seymour and opened a sawmill. Two years later Seymour sold his interest to Francis Lilley, and the firm of Sisson & Lilley was formed. George was president of Spring Lake Village in 1878. His home was at 319 East Savidge. His wife Margaret was born on August 12, 1839 in Scotland. They had seven children, born in Ohio and Michigan. George died on August 10,

1899 and Margaret passed away in Indianapolis on March 21, 1917 and was buried at Crown Hill Cemetery.

#### **Torry Smith Skellenger [Skellinger] [1879-195]**

Torry and Verna Skellenger in 1910 lived at 1220 Fulton Street in Grand Haven. Torry was one of 13 local residents to own a car, a Chalmers, in 1913. Proprietor of a printing company in Grand Haven, Torry was born on June 27, 1879. On October 16, 1898, he married May Drake in Big Rapids. She lived from May 3, 1877 to September 10, 1936. Their only child, born in 1901, died as an infant. They were divorced in Kent County on June 12, 1905. On July 5, 1906, he married Euphenia Dodge in Battle Creek. She was born on August 23, 1883 and died on August 6, 1907. On May 24, 1909, he married Verna Brown in Battle Creek. By 1920 they were living in Detroit, where he worked as a mechanic at an automobile factory. Verna lived from November 19, 1875 to December 12, 1944. Torry died in Battle Creek on May 13, 1955 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in that city.

#### **Olof [Olaf] Skog [1867-1920]**

Olof Skog was a farmer and fruit grower with 37 acres in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. Born in Sweden on January 19, 1867, Olof came to the United States in 1886 and to Spring Lake Township in 1910. He married Hedda [Hilda] Johnson in Chicago on March 14, 1900. Also a native of Sweden, Hedda was born on September 15, 1871 and died in Chicago on March 3, 1966. She was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Worth, Illinois. Olof died on February 4, 1920 in Detroit.

#### **Nels [Nils, Nelson] Skogland [1862-1936]**

Nels Skogland lived from September 1862 to 1936. On June 1, 1887 he married Caroline Urbom in Grand Rapids. She lived from October 1861 to 1927. Both emigrated from their home county, Sweden, in 1884. Nels was caretaker and coachman for the Savidge family all his working years, and he and his wife lived in the caretaker's home on North Park Street in Spring Lake. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with three of their four children, none of whom lived beyond four years. Their one surviving child was George, born in Spring Lake on March 26, 1888.

#### **Warren A. Skutt [1841-1912]**

Warren Skutt married Rosa Tenny in 1864. In 1880 the couple was living in Ionia County, where Warren was a farmer. By the early 1890s he was proprietor of the American House at 19 Washington Street in Grand Haven. In 1900 they were residents of Coopersville, where he was listed once more as a farmer. Ten years later they were living on State Street [Savidge Street] in Spring Lake. By then, Warren was retired. He was born in New York in 1841 and died in Montcalm County in 1912. Rosa, a native of Parma, New York, was born in 1846 and died in Montcalm County in 1920. Both were buried at Crystal Cemetery in Montcalm County.

#### **Harm [Herm, Hiram] J. Slag [Slagh] [1854-1936]**

Harm Slag's 40-acre farm was in Section 29 of Olive Township, where he settled in 1891. He also raised livestock. He was co-owner of the property with his brother Anthony Slag, who was born in November 1856. Harm was born on September 1, 1854 [1855], and their sister Tonya was born in December 1862. All three were born in Michigan and shared the family home in Olive Township. Harm died in Olive on February 4, 1936.

#### **Jacob Slager [1849-1938]**

Jacob, the son of Geert Jules [Jules Geert] and Elizabeth Jakobs Dijkema Slager, was born in September 1849. He settled on Section 15 in Spring Lake Township in 1869, three years before his brother Julle. In 1880 Jacob and Julle were both employed at a local sawmill. On December 15, 1871 in Spring Lake, Jacob married Jantje "Jane" Pruijm, who lived from February 1845 to 1926. They both emigrated from The Netherlands in 1872. Jacob died in 1938 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

### **Julle Geerts Slager [1847-1927]**

Julle, the son of Geert Julles and Elizabeth Jakobs Dijkema Slager, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 1, 1847. On December 8, 1869 Julle married Anje "Annie" Bouwkamp, who lived from November 22, 1843 to 1914 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Julle and his family settled in the Ferrysburg area in 1873, a year after his brother Jacob. Julle's mother, Elizabeth, immigrated also. The Slager children included Henry, born in September 1887, and Bessie, born in March 1884. In 1880 Julle and his brother Jacob were both employed at a local sawmill. In the early 1900s the family moved to Muskegon County. On March 23, 1918, Julle married Annie Bos, daughter of Gerrit and Jessie Timmer Bos, in Muskegon County. Annie was born in The Netherlands on April 21, 1849 and died on December 28, 1923. Julle died on June 10, 1927. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his first wife, Anje.

### **Abraham [Abram] Slaghuis [1821-1873]**

While living in Holland, Michigan, Abraham Slaghuis on September 11, 1861 enlisted in Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private. His service records listed him as "Abram Slaghers." He was discharged for disability on November 19, 1862. Abraham, a weaver, arrived in America from The Netherlands aboard the *Isabella Bath*, which docked in New York on December 19, 1846. He and the others were in Michigan by the following March. In 1855 he married Sarah Bosch. Born on June 19, 1821, Abraham died in Grand Haven on November 5, 1873. In the early 1900s Sarah was listed as his widow and living at 1008 Washington, a home she shared with their son Henry, who was born in April 1866. They also had a daughter, Hattie, who married Jacob Baar of Grand Haven, and another son, John, born in January 1873. A native of Michigan, she lived from April 1836 to 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

### **Nathaniel Slaght [1824-1892]**

Lumberman Nathaniel Slaght settled in Greenville, Kent County. He was one of three partners in the Batchellor, Slaght, and Shippey Sawmill, organized in Chicago in 1866 and moved to Ferrysburg five years later. Nathaniel was born in Ontario, Canada on April 18, 1824. He married Fannie C. Woodworth on January 6, 1883 in Charlestown, Massachusetts. She was born in New York State in 1826 and passed away in 1860. They were living in Eureka, Montcalm County in 1850 and were in Greenville by 1860. He died in Greenville on March 9, 1892 and was buried at Forest Home Cemetery, where Hannah was interred. They had at least three children: Arthur Slaght, born in 1848; Otho Slaght, born in 1850; and Ida Slaght, born in 1853.

### **Frank E. Slater [1860-1940]**

Frank Slater sold farm implements in Coopersville, where he was born in 1860. He married Marion B. Marfield in Lamont on October 14, 1886. She lived from 1866 to 1936. Frank died in 1940 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery with Marion.

### **Leonard Slater [1802-1866]**

Leonard Slater replaced Rev. Isaac McCoy as head of the Indian Mission in Grand Rapids around 1828, about two years after it was established. Leonard was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 16, 1802. His father, Captain Pela Slater, was reported by Franklin Everett to have been a participant in the "Boston Tea Party." In May 1826, Leonard married Mary French Ide. Directly after their wedding, the Slaters started for Michigan. Leonard died April 27, 1866. His wife had died in 1850. Their four children, born between 1827 and 1835, were considered by Everett to be the first white babies born in the Grand River Valley. [*Memorials of the Grand River Valley*, pp. 300-302.]

### **Louis [Lewis] W. Slaughter [1876-1958]**

Born in Michigan on January 21, 1876, Louis Slaughter married Elizabeth Marie Sophia Solms in Grand Haven on June 27, 1901. The daughter of Henry and Henrietta Oosterhouse Solms II, Elizabeth was born in Grand Haven on September 8, 1877. Louis worked as a planer at Challenge Machinery. In the early

1900s the Slaughters resided at 632 Columbus and later at 1135 Columbus. They had three daughters, all born in Michigan, including Yetta M., who was born on September 6, 1902, married Louis Bonema of Grand Haven, and died in Grand Haven on May 9, 1986. Louis Bonema was born on October 30, 1899 and died in Grand Haven in June 1970. Their other daughters were Marian, born about 1906, and Charlotte, born about 1908. Beginning in the early 1900s Lou was director of the Grand Haven Concert Band for 14 years. He was an accomplished, self-taught musician who played the baritone, trombone, and cornet, arranged his musical selections, and taught music. During the summer months Lou and his concert band performed each Thursday evening “in a lighted wooden bandstand just up from the fountain in Central Park” [*Tribune*]. Lou was a member of Martin Vyn’s band, the Elk’s band, the Little German Band, and various orchestras. He also provided music on the packet *May Graham*. He was well known locally as the bugler for military events, military funerals, and civic programs. Louis died on September 6, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth Marie passed away around April 20, 1944 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Ober [Obadiah] Slaughter [1848-1922]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1848, Ober Slaughter came to America in 1851. He settled in Spring Lake in 1870. Just prior to that he was living in Polkton Township, where he was a farm laborer. Ober opened a meat market in the year of his arrival in Spring Lake. He later moved to Eastmanville and died on January 5, 1922. He was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Buried near him was his wife Alice, a native of New York who lived from 1855 to 1929. They had two daughters.

### **Elva May Slayton [1860-1895]**

Born in Stowe, Vermont, on September 21, 1860, Elva was the daughter of Reuben Decatur and Elizabeth Gale Slayton. Reuben was Nathaniel and Thomas Slaytons’ brother, both of whom moved to Grand Haven. Elva graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1880 and married Franklin V. Smith in Stowe on July 25 the next year. Their six children, Harry, Bessie, Dwight, John, Minnie, and Mildred, all were born in Stowe, where Elva died on October 23, 1895.

### **Nathaniel Volney Slayton [1838-1889]**

Born in Stowe, Vermont on September 15, 1838, Nathaniel was the son of Samuel Stowe [1803-1881] Slayton and Millison Carver Randall [1802-1874] Slayton. In 1858 he visited Michigan, liked what he saw, and returned to settle in Grand Haven. He was employed as a clerk at Dwight Cutler’s store beginning January 28, 1862. With Willard Sheldon as partner, Nathaniel opened a dry goods store. Bad health forced him to close that business. In September 1873, he opened a grocery store in the Cutler House block. Nathaniel was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. In 1877 he was elected on the Republican ticket as City treasurer. Slayton Street was named for this early Grand Haven settler.

Nathaniel married Martha “Mattie” Florence, the daughter of George and Sarah Batchellor Shippey, on December 17, 1874 in Grand Haven. She was born in New York on July 3, 1851 and died in Grand Haven on July 12, 1928. The Slaytons had one child, Florence, who was born in Grand Haven on February 10, 1877. Martha, who married a man by the name of Berger some years after Nathaniel’s death, died in Grand Haven on August 14, 1930. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Nathaniel’s sister Mary Malvina Slayton married Willard Sheldon of Grand Haven. Caroline Fidelity Slayton, another of Nathaniel’s sisters, married Vermont native Ebenezer Winslow Barnes, onetime postmaster of Grand Haven. A third sister, Frances Eliza Slayton, who lived from October 12, 1831 to March 2, 1892, came to the Grand Haven area as well, and married Dwight Cutler. Another brother, Osman Ogilvie Slayton, was born on September 18, 1829, moved to Grand Haven, and died on September 20, 1900. After the death of Nathaniel’s brother Thomas in Vermont, his widow, Susan Harris, joined the Slayton family in Grand Haven. Finally, to round out the Slayton family’s Grand Haven contingent, Nathaniel’s mother, Millison, came here to be with her sons and daughters. Nathaniel died June 29, 1889,

and was buried with Florence, Frances, Osman, and Millison at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Slayton home at 314 Washington, then occupied by his widow, was destroyed in the fire of 1889, a few months after Nathaniel died. Apparently his widow then moved to 410 Howard, where she remained until about 1916. [*Tribune* obituaries March 2 and 4, 1892, and September 28, 1900.]

#### **Thomas Orlando Slayton [1828-1867]**

Born in Stowe, Vermont on February 5, 1828, Thomas was the son of Samuel Stowe and Millison Carver Randall Slayton and the brother of Nathaniel Slayton of Grand Haven. On March 4, 1852, in Stowe, Vermont, Thomas married Sarah Harris. One of their three children, Susan Cornelia, married George A. Farr I of Grand Haven. After Thomas died in Stowe, Vermont on June 11, 1867, Sarah left her native Vermont and came to Grand Haven to live with her brother-in-law and his family. She was born April 24, 1830 and died in Grand Haven.

#### **Meryl Jerome Slover [1916-2016]**

Meryl Slover owned a barber shop at 207 West Savidge in Spring Lake. On April 30, 1942, he married Ethel Elizabeth Werly in Louisiana. She was born in Coopersville on August 13, 1921. Meryl and Ethel resided at 16480 Lannin Lane in Spring Lake. He was born in Xenia, Illinois on June 22, 1916 and served as private with the U.S. Army during World War II. He and Ethel were living in Muskegon in 1947 and were in Lansing in 1955; Meryl worked as a barber in both places. He opened his Spring Lake barber shop on Savidge the following year, 1956. Meryl passed away on April 15, 2016, and Ethel died on November 21 that year. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Meryl and Ethel had at least one child, Gary Slover, who was born about 1949.

#### **Orrie J. Sluiter [1889-1959]**

In 1923, Orrie Sluiter partnered with George Olsen to purchase Turner Abstract Company from George Turner. At that time the office was located in the Ottawa County Court House. The two men sold the business two years later to Michigan Title Company. Orrie was born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1889. From the mid-1930s to the 1950s he was clerk for the United States District Court in Grand Rapids but returned to Grand Haven. On June 12, 1918 in Grand Haven, he married Antoinette Juistema [Justema], who lived from December 1893 to October 13, 1991 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. Her parents were John and Antje Kooiman Juistema of Grand Haven. They had two children: Ruth Helen Sluiter, who was born in Grand Haven on July 27, 1920, died under the name Ruth Killian in Indiana on March 16, 1998, and Robert Hugh Sluiter, who lived from July 16, 1924 to September 10, 2011. Both children were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth was divorced. Orrie died on December 2, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Steven Sluka I [1887-1971]**

Steve I was born December 14, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on February 7, 1971. He married Anna Hornacek, who lived from August 20, 1889 to September 8, 1974. Among their children were Steven II, who was born in Newark, New Jersey on February 21, 1909, and Julia, who was born locally in 1919 and married John Vander Meiden of Grand Haven. The family lived at 1142 Pennoyer Street.

#### **Steven Sluka II [1909-1995]**

Born on February 21, 1909 in Newark, New Jersey to Steven and Anna Hornacek Sluka, Steve grew up in the East End of Grand Haven. He enjoyed organizing neighborhood football and baseball teams, and he snuck through the coal bin window of the Armory to watch the basketball games. Finally he was hired to take tickets and do odd jobs. He played prep sports as a fifteen-year-old freshman with basketball coach Gus V. Cohrs. Steve was captain of the 1927 championship team as a senior. He attended Michigan State College [MSU], graduated from the University of Illinois in 1933, and earned his master degree in 1938 from the University of Michigan. He began teaching at Hemlock High School in 1939 and went to Morencin in 1942. He then went into the service during WWII, served in combat, was wounded, and

received the Purple Heart. Steve returned to Grand Haven in 1945 and spent twenty-eight years in the capacity of teacher, coach, and athletic director of Grand Haven High School. He was instrumental in developing the baseball field on Beechtree Street on the east side of Grand Haven, which the city named after him in 1961. Steve also served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963.

Steve, a life member of Michigan High School Coaches Association, was named to that group's Hall of Fame in 1963. He was commissioner of Officials for Lake Michigan Athletic Conference, honored with the Charles E. Forsythe award for outstanding service to the state high school interscholastic program by the Michigan High School Athletic Association in 1981, and named to the West Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. Steve retired from the school system in 1978 and died on May 6, 1995. Steve's wife Beatrice lived from June 30, 1906 to April 6, 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, May 8, 1995.]

### **Richard Smallenburg [1927-2018]**

Richard Smallenburg was born in Holland, Michigan on September 7, 1927. He served with the Merchant Marines during World War II. After the war he worked as a tree trimmer with the Holland Public Works Department. He married Joan Shearer. She was born in Chicago on March 2, 1933. They resided in Holland. In 1957 he was hired by the Ottawa County Road Commission as the first superintendent of the county's park system, a position he held until his retirement 30 years later. Joan passed away on November 28, 2014. Richard died in Holland on January 12, 2018.

### **Agnes Little Smallman [1849-1912] and Joshua Fletcher Smallman [1834-1893]**

After Grand Haven's destructive fire of 1889, Sheldon's Magnetic Mineral Springs resort was renamed the Norris Hotel. Although the structure was not damaged by the fire, destruction of the Cutler House across the street made Grand Haven less attractive to resorters. Agnes Smallman was manager of The Norris Hotel and in 1895 was hired to manage the newly opened Pines Resort in Spring Lake. Eventually she bought the property, continued to manage it, and sold it to her daughter Harriette in 1911.

On January 5, 1867 in Chicago, Agnes married Joshua Smallman. A Civil War veteran and a boat captain, Joshua worked out of Grand Haven and helped as host at the Norris. The couple was settled in Grand Haven by 1870, although at the time of the 1880 Federal Census the Smallman family was living in Norton, near Muskegon, where they were boarders in the Julius Antisdale home. After Joshua's death, Agnes applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 7, 1895. Born in New Brunswick, Canada on November 11, 1849, Agnes died on January 1, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their daughter Harriette "Hattie" Smallman married Frank W. Irish [1865-1914] in Grand Haven on April 5, 1884. After their divorce, she married Arthur Putnam Burland [1856-1927] in Grand Haven on February 29, 1892. Harriette was born in La Porte, Indiana in 1868. Agnes and Joshua also had a son George Parks Smallman who was born in Muskegon on October 19, 1881, served with the U.S. Navy, and died on February 26, 1959 in Alameda, California. [*Tribune* obituary, January 2, 1912.]

Joshua Smallman was born on Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on August 15, 1834 [1837]. He took to the ocean at age 15 and became one of the youngest captains on saltwater. As a member of the U.S. Navy during the Civil War, he commanded General Foster's staff boat. Pension records show he also served with Company I of the 20<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry. He applied for an invalid's pension on December 5, 1863. After the war, he bought the Goodrich steamer *Muskegon*, and for many years was its captain. During the halcyon lumber day, when the Pomona House was in operation at Fruitport, the *Muskegon* made frequent excursions from there to Grand Haven. In 1881 Joshua commanded the *City of Milwaukee*, the same year he had Robertson Ship Yards build the propeller-driven vessel *George P. Savidge*. Joshua was known as one of the safest captains on the lake, since not one man was killed or lost on his ships, and he always arrived in port on schedule. Joshua lived in Grand Haven for 25 years. He brought the tug *T. D. Dole* to Grand Haven from Erie, and he owned the schooner *Gertrude*. Joshua died on October 10 [12], 1893 of heart disease.

### **Gerrit [George] Smant [Smank] [1861-1948]**

Gerrit Smant's 50-acre farm was in Section 8 of Crockery Township. He also raised livestock. Gerrit married Finigjie "Fannie" Teunis in Spring Lake on June 13, 1884, two years after they both had immigrated to the United States. Gerrit was born in The Netherlands on December 7, 1861, and Fannie was born in the same country in July 1863. They were still residing in Crockery in 1930. Their children, all born locally, were Jennie, born in January 1890; Elsie, born in June 1892; Henrietta, born in January 1896; and William, born in May 1898. Fannie died in 1939, and Gerrit passed away in Grand Rapids on November 26, 1948. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Ralph Smant I [1865-1948]**

Ralph was born on September 25, 1865 in The Netherlands, the son of Henry [Henrich] and Jennie Kirk Smant. On September 18, 1891 Ralph married Johanna Bowman [Bouman] in Crockery Township, where they owned a 52-acre farm in Section 8. In August 1892 the Smants had a daughter Jennie. Jennie married Homer Powers, who was born about 1888. On March 3, 1896 a son John was born to the Smants, and another son, Henry, was born on January 29, 1899 and died January 17, 1965. A daughter, Dora, was born in 1901 and married Arthur Bradley, also a native of Crockery Township, where he was born about 1897. On November 24, 1905, the Smants had two sons, Gerald J., who was born on November 25, 1904, married Connie Kamp [1913-2003], died in Spring Lake on October 24, 1985, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and, Ralph II, who was born on September 9, 1907 and passed away in Florida on October 16, 1998. Ralph I died September 15, 1948 in Crockery. Johanna, who was born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1866 to John and Doro Schmidt Bowman, died on December 13, 1944.

### **Roger Lee Smant [1939-2019]**

Roger, the son of Gerald and Connie Kamp Smant, was born in Grand Haven on December 25, 1939. He married Gail DeBoer in Spring Lake on September 7, 1963. She was born on September 25, 1942. Rog served 33 years as elementary school principal in Grand Haven Area Public Schools. When he graduated from Hope College in 1964, he was awarded the Egbert Winter Prize for the male most likely to succeed in the field of education. He was the first recipient of the Excellence in Service Award for his work as an administrator, given by the Grand Haven Public Schools. Rog served on numerous community boards, such as Young Life and Tri-Cities Ministerial Counseling, and he helped as a volunteer to build the first Imagination Station on the YMCA campus. He and Gail had two daughters: Jodie, who married Jeff Harkness and moved to Minneapolis, and Amy Smant, who remained in Grand Haven. Rog died on January 9, 2019 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 11, 2019.]

### **Adelaide Althea Smith [1911-2001]**

Born in Canada on March 4, 1911, Adelaide Smith worked in Grand Haven as a registered nurse. She lived at 15078 Lakeshore Drive. She died on January 19, 2001 in Grand Haven and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. Manistee was her home while growing up.

### **Alexander Smith [1844- ?]**

Alexander Smith was born on November 5, 1844, in Scotland's Orkney Islands. After learning the blacksmith's trade early in life, he turned to navigation. At about the age of 21 Alexander moved to Canada and the next year to Chicago, where he began a lifetime career sailing the Great Lakes. Soon he was master of the schooner *Ottawa*, and then he took the helm of the *Charles E. Wyman*, one of the fastest sailing ships on the lakes. Later Alexander became master of the *Mosher*.

On December 14, 1875 in Chicago, Alexander married Jean Garriock of Grand Haven. She was born in Scotland about 1839. By 1880 the couple had moved to Grand Haven. In 1883, Jean returned to the Orkneys to bring back the six orphaned children of her deceased sister and brother-in-law, Mary and John Watters. John Watters had died at sea on March 17 1881 at the age of 44, and his wife succumbed to pneumonia the next year on May 11. The Smiths wrote that they were willing to take Margaret Anne Watters, then four years old and the youngest of the children, and perhaps one other. John Watters, 16 and



the oldest of the children, replied that they did not want to be separated. Captain Smith put an addition on the house and sent for the whole family, a substantial increase in their formerly childless household. The other children's names were Janeabell, Mary Tait, William, and James Edward. The Smiths raised the children in Grand Haven until all of them were through with their schooling. John, the oldest, married Margaret C. Harper, and they had two daughters: Edith Margaret and May Isabella. Edith Margaret and Arthur E. Brown were married, and their two sons were named Richard Harper and Gordon. Richard Brown married Anne R. Brown, and one of their four daughters was Nancy, who married Robert Earnest and moved to Grand Haven, not knowing her ancestors had lived in the area a hundred years earlier.

In 1895 the Smiths returned to Chicago, and at about the same time Alexander retired from sailing and became a member of the tailoring firm owned by his nephew, John Harper. Alexander was a charter member of the Orkney and Shetland Society of Chicago and was a Mason. In August 1908, the Smiths moved back to the Orkneys, where Alexander died some years later near his birthplace.

#### **Arnold Edward Smith [1898-1971]**

In January 1950 Arnold Smith purchased Grand Haven Novelty and changed the company name to Wolverine Table. He ran the company until the plant burned down in 1955. Arnold, the son of William and Anna Klintworth Smith, was born on July 11, 1898 and died in Spring Lake on April 13, 1971. As a youth, Arnold and his brother Harold operated an ice cream parlor on the corner of Washington and First Streets, and he served in Company F of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WW I. Arnold married Grace Eleanore, the daughter of Oscar and Grace Schumann of Grayling, Crawford County. The Smiths had an adopted daughter, Grace Ann. The family resided at 17754 West Spring Lake Road, then at 18028 North Shore Estates Road. Grace, the mother, passed away in California in 2003.

#### **Benjamin Smith [1818-1897]**

Benjamin Smith was an early settler in Crockery Township, where he purchased acreage in Section 36 on November 10, 1841 and built a steam-powered sawmill. He bought additional acreage in Tallmadge Township on the same date. In 1847 he set up another sawmill, this one in Ravenna in Muskegon County. He married Sarah Rathbun. On November 16, 1854 the couple deeded two acres of the Crockery Township parcel to the Board of Health of Crockery Township for a sum of \$20. The two acres became the site of Ottawa Center Cemetery. Benjamin was born in Pine Plains, New York on June 6, 1818, and Sarah was born in Cayuga County, New York [Ohio] on October 19, 1822. On August 26, 1861 in Grand Rapids, Benjamin enlisted as private in Company C of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was promoted to captain on October 2 that year and to lieutenant colonel on September 13, 1863. He was mustered out on March 6, 1865. Benjamin and Sarah had at least one child, James W., who was born in 1848 in Ravenna, at that time part of Ottawa County. James died in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 22, 1896. Benjamin died on March 4, 1897 and was buried at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sarah had passed away in Chicago a few days earlier, on February 20, 1897, and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Charles Washington Smith I [1870-1950]**

Charles Washington Smith was born on January 16, 1870. Sometime before 1917 he married Elsie Kraai Kieft, who had been married to Henry Kieft. Elsie, born on October 6, 1884, was the daughter of John and Marta Anne Rienks Kraai. Elsie and Charles had three children, including Lemuel Clifford Smith, who was born in Los Angeles on January 19, 1917 and died there six years later, and Charles W. Smith II, who was born in the same city on July 21, 1921 and died in 1989. Charles I died in Los Angeles on January 9, 1950 and was buried at Odd Fellows Cemetery. Elsie died on November 6, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Ed Smith [? - ?]**

Ed Smith started the *Times* newspaper in Coopersville in the spring of 1880. It lasted barely a month.

### **Edmon Smith [1830-1903]**

Edmon [Edmund/Edward] “Ned” Smith was born into slavery in March 1830 [1826] in Lexington, Kentucky. During the Civil War he worked in various Union camps and was with General Grant during the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was brought to Grand Haven towards the end of the Civil War by Rev. William Ferry. In 1893 Ned was working as a laborer in Grand Haven. Edmon’s wife, Sarah, was born in Virginia in July 1840 [1838]. They were married about 1870 and had five children, all born locally: Bernice, who was born about 1873 and married Robert D. Wilson of Grand Rapids; Edward “Ned,” [“Ed”] who was born on October 7, 1874 and was blind; May C., born about 1875; Ida May who was born on April 7, 1878; married Miles Woods of Grand Rapids, and Frank, who was born on April 10, 1880, died by drowning on July 22, 1893 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Miles Woods, also Black, was born in Mississippi about 1875. The Smith family was classified as Mulatto in the 1880 and 1910 censuses and as Black in 1900. The family resided at 1115 Washington Street. Edmon died in Grand Haven on March 26, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sarah passed away in Grand Rapids at the home of her daughter Bernice on December 24, 1923. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* article, “Frank Smith Drowned,” July 22, 1893, and *Tribune* obituary, December 24, 1923.]

### **Edward “Ed” [“Ned”] Smith [1874-1954]**

Edward, the son of Edmon and Sarah Smith, was born in Grand Haven on October 7, 1874. His visual disability earned him the nickname Blind Ed. Edward became a Grand Haven newsboy or news dealer, as he was sometimes called. Reported to be “despondent and blue,” in 1908 he tried to commit suicide, not for the first time, by laying his body in front of an oncoming Pere Marquette train. Alerted to the situation by some of the blind boy’s friends, two deputy sheriffs hurried toward the Rosy Mound area and took Ed to the sheriff’s office. Ed promised to make no more attempts on his life, but, he added, the “next time he decided to do it, he would not tell anyone. . . .” Two years later the *Tribune* reported that Ed had lost two dollars between his home at 1115 Washington Street and Eighth Street. “The finder of the money would confer a great favor by returning to Ned as he can ill afford to lose the money,” the newspaper pled in his behalf. [*Tribune*, September 28, 1910.]

In 1920 Ed resided with his mother at the family home on Washington Street. Ed’s father died in 1903, and Sarah passed away 20 years later, apparently leaving Blind Ed with no place to live. Another *Tribune* item, appearing on August 21, 1923, reported that Ed was sleeping at the Pere Marquette Depot on Jackson Street when lightning struck between two and three in the morning. “Ed,” the paper said, “and an unknown ‘bo’ [hobo] were the two occupants. Both were startled by the lightning.” The two men were shaken, but neither was hurt. Ed at least once walked to Grand Rapids, probably to visit his widowed sister, Bernice Smith Wilson. He was living in her house by 1930 and was still living there in 1940. Ed continued to sell newspapers and magazines while living in Grand Rapids. He died in Grand Rapids on December 10, 1954 from a heart attack. [*Tribune* articles, “Wanted to Take His Own Life,” October 19, 1908, “Grand Haven Blind Man Makes Trip Afoot over Roads to Grand Rapids,” May 14, 1921, and “Lightning Bolt Strikes P.M. Station,” August 21, 1923. Thanks to Tom Cooper for some of the detail.]

### **Edward C. Smith [1868-1927]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 1, 1868, Edward was the son of John and Christina Smith. Edward started working at the age of 13 for the Grand Haven Lumber Company and stayed with that firm for six years. He became proprietor of a saloon at 9-13 Washington Street in Grand Haven and agent for the Grand Rapids Brewing Company at the same address. He erected the two-story, brick building at that site about 1897. In early 1909 Edward opened an automobile showroom for the Reo at this site, and also offered gasoline, Brunswick tires, and car repairs. The business was called the Washington Garage with an address of 9-11 Washington. He sold the business in 1926 to Dan Riley and Ralph Van Toll. This address became the site of Carl Berg’s Pontiac showroom. Edward was president and major stockholder of the Gildner Hotel Corporation. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Knights of Pythias, Arbeiter Unterstutzungs Verein [German Workers’ Auxiliary Guild], and the Royal Arcanum. He purchased from

his sister Minnie Ewald a farm near Ludington and raised livestock. On April 27, 1891 in Muskegon, he married Eva Yeager. Edward and Eva moved to the farm. Edward died on December 17, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Eva was born in Germany in March 1869, died in 1950, and was buried Lake Forest. Ed and William Smith were brothers.

#### **Elva May Slayton Smith [1860-1895]**

See Elva May Slayton.

#### **Francis “Frank” Charles Smith [1914-1988]**

Frank Smith was born in Chicago on January 28, 1914. By 1930, he had moved to Grand Haven with his parents. On June 6, 1936, he married Mariellen K. Wekenman in Grand Rapids. She lived from November 20, 1916 to January 8, 1984. In 1940, Frank was caretaker for the Hunter Robbins estate on Spring Lake, but also was an artist and painted scenes in and around Grand Haven. He and Mariellen lived on Barber Street in Spring Lake. Ten years later, in 1950, they were residents of Grand Rapids, where Frank worked as special investigator for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Frank died in Grand Haven on May 3, 1988 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Mariellen. They had at least four children: Daniel, born about 1936; Charles Smith, born about 1938; Marjory Smith, born in 1939; and Kathleen, born about 1945.

#### **George Cornell Smith [1917-1999]**

George Smith married Helen George in Grand Rapids on June 20, 1941. Helen was born in Ohio on October 9, 1921. They had at least two children: a daughter, Neltje Smith, born about 1943, and a son, Peter Smith, born about 1945. The family resided at 201 Liberty Street in Spring Lake. George and his partner John Miller I in 1946 started Miller-Smith Manufacturing Company at 601 West Savidge Street. George served as president of Spring Lake Village in 1954 and 1955. He lived at 17819 Oakwood Drive. Helen passed away on February 1, 1988 in Sparta, Kent County. George was born on September 12, 1917 in Spring Lake and died on February 20, 1999.

#### **George Nelson Smith [1807-1881] and Arvilla Powers Smith [1808-1895]**

Old Wing Indian Mission was opened in Section 3, Fillmore Township, Allegan County in 1846 by Rev. George Smith, a Vermont native, who served as Christian missionary to the local Ottawa Indians. The mission was funded by the Presbyterian Church of Michigan through an Allegan-based Indian mission society. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. The oldest surviving house in the township, it is located at 4298 East 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Holland.

The main portion of the building was the residence of George N. Smith, a Congregational missionary to the Indians in this area and at Wakazoo's Village on nearby Black Lake [Lake Macatawa]. Old Wing Mission was named for Joseph's deceased older brother, Chief Ningweegon "Wing," a Potawatomi who had converted to Catholicism and died on March 10, 1839. Ningweegon was an active supporter of the Americans during the War of 1812.

The mission house was built in 1844 and 1845 by Isaac Fairbanks, government agricultural agent to the Indians. Nearby were a church and a school and some Indian dwellings. The first Dutch settlers lodged here and in the Fairbank's cabin on the knoll to the southeast. As the Dutch settlement grew, George and the Indians moved away and established a new village on the Leelanau Peninsula.

Arvilla Almira Powers was born on November 27, 1808 in St. Albans, Franklin County, Vermont. She and George were married in St. Albans on July 4, 1830. George, also a native of Vermont, was born on October 25, 1807. They had one son, George N. Smith II, who was born in Vermont in 1832 and died in 1897, and three daughters: Mary, born about 1836; Arvilla, born about 1838; and Esther, born about 1846, and several other children who did not survive infancy. The three daughters were born in Michigan.

In 1833 George and Arvilla left Vermont for the Michigan Territory. They settled in Gull Prairie, Kalamazoo County, where George did odd jobs, taught, distributed Bibles, and preached when he could. He was ordained Michigan's first Congregational minister on April 7, 1837. In addition to ministering to inhabitants in the Gull Prairie area, George preached in Otsego, Plainwell, and Gun Plains. News of his hard work and strong faith spread throughout the west coast of Michigan. The Ottawa and Ojibwa Indians carried the news of his work as they migrated north. At Middle Village [now Harbor Springs], two Ottawa chiefs, Chief Shinekosche and Chief Wakazoo [Waukazoo] conferred. They had been converted by the Jesuits but were dissatisfied with the Catholic faith. They headed south to visit the young minister.

When Chiefs Shinekosche and Wakazoo reached Allegan, they invited George to attend a meeting with local Indians. They impressed the pastor with their desire to learn about the Christian faith. George embraced the task of ministering to the Indians. He became their preacher, teacher, lawyer, friend, and physician, the latter made possible by a short course in medicine he had taken in Canada in 1829.

In January 1838, a group of Michigan Congregationalists and Presbyterians, both clerics and laymen, founded the Western Michigan Society to Benefit the Indians, an Allegan-based organization under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society, to sponsor Smith as Indian missionary to instruct the Ottawas in Christianity, reading, writing, and arithmetic, farming, and American government. The Presbyterian Classis of Michigan agreed to provide minimal financial support until the federal government would hire Smith as teacher. In November the Society's board appointed George to direct the mission, and within a month he began a school in Allegan for the children of Wakazoo's band.

George moved his family near Allegan, where there was a small settlement of Indians and on December 28, 1838, preached his first sermon to them using an interpreter, James Prickett, a half-breed. George slowly learned the Indian language, but for the first several years he needed interpreters. He opened a school that occasionally attracted as few as two or three pupils, but on occasion as many as 30 scholars showed up, many of them older people who wanted to learn English. Arvilla taught at the school and also taught the girls and women to cook and sew.

By spring, the mission colony's original population of 30 Indian families had turned into a village of 300. A larger site was needed. Eventually the Indians selected a location near the Black River about four miles east of the present-day city of Holland, and the colony moved there during the summer. The following winter was harsh. Provisions had to be brought from Allegan either by a forest trail or by a longer canoe trip. Either way, bad weather made the trip difficult. The Nelson's cabin had no doors and cloth covered the window openings and a bed quilt hung over the door. The quilt kept out much of the cold, but they were apprehensive when wolves came prowling nearby. Eventually, the home was made as comfortable and secure as conditions allowed.

Friction developed between the local Indians and the Hollanders who arrived at Old Wing Mission on February 12, 1847 and settled close by. As the Whites impinged on the Indians' land, George and the Indians decided it was to their advantage to move. The missionary and Chief Wakazoo found a site on Leelanau Peninsula in Leelanau County. The Indians' migration began in early June 1849, the Whites taking the schooner *Hiram Merrill*, the Indians paddling their canoes along side, while the livestock, four cattle, three horses and three calves, was driven along the shoreline. The party arrived at its destination on June 12. A temporary shelter was made from logs and the earth floor was covered with hemlock boughs. The settlers called their new home Waukazooville, later changed to Northport. Here, the Smiths continued to raise their four children and opened a mission for the Indians. On July 1, George purchased 40 acres in Section 28 at the northern tip of Leelanau Peninsula.

At the time of the 1850 Federal Census, the Smith family were residents of Northport in Michilimackinac County, where George was a Congregational minister. Their children, George II, Mary, Arvilla, and Esther were with them. Ten years later they were still in Northport. Living in the house with George, Arvilla, Esther, and Arvilla, was John Leva, a 50-year-old Indian born in Canada. [The census taker noted that daughter Arvilla was one-quarter Indian. No one else in the family had such a classification.] One of their

neighbors was Payson Wolf, grandson of Joseph Wakazoo II. Payson joined Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters during the Civil War. At the time of the 1870 Federal Census, George was continuing his work as a Congregational minister. Daughters Esther and Arvilla remained at home. By 1880 George I was a farmer in Leelanau. Their four children were gone but living with the couple was a 15-year-old grandson, Ulysses Voice. He was the son of the Smiths' daughter Arvilla, who had married Joseph H. Voice.

George died in Northport on April 5, 1881. Arvilla, his wife, died in the same community on April 15, 1895.

### **George Washington Ashley Smith [1832-1906]**

Born in Unity, New Hampshire in September 1832 to a family of 12 children, George Smith left home at an early age and crisscrossed the country doing various jobs ranging from gold mining to lumbering. He settled near White Lake and established the Smith & Fields lumber business. George lived in Grand Haven after the lumber era ended and became involved in the real estate business. As secretary of the Board of Trade, which was formed in 1900, George was instrumental in bringing some of the more important industries to the Grand Haven area. His wife, Sarah Fields of Rome, New York, was born in September 1839. In Grand Haven the Smith family lived at 414 [416] Franklin Street. Their only daughter, Jennie M., who was born in Rome, New York on September 16, 1864, died on March 10, 1923 in Grand Haven. She worked for the *Grand Haven Tribune* for 15 years as society editor, she was local correspondent for the *Grand Rapids Press* and for Detroit newspapers, and she was freelance writer, as well. George passed away on February 19, 1906 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sarah died on September 23, 1922. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 1, 1906 and March 12, 1923.]

### **Henry “Harry” [John Henry] Smith [1823-1894]**

Born in Denmark in 1823 on the island of Fernon, Harry Smith was drawn to the sea at an early age. When he was 13, he stowed away on an English ship bound for India. From then on, he was aboard ships that carried slaves, traded palm oil along the African Coast, and smuggled opium from China to India, and on at least one occasion went into innermost Africa. [An alternate source noted that Henry in 1836, only 13 years old, served as a marine in the Seminole War in Florida and aboard American merchant ships.] Following those experiences, he began to sail the Great Lakes and captained such ships as the *Michigan Belle*, *Three Sisters*, *Storm*, *Spartan*, *Sea Gull*, *Gladiator*, and *Sebastopol*, which he and Grand Haven resident Charles Pagelsen owned. In 1850, Harry was living in Grand Haven and working in one of the sawmills. After leaving the sea, he was lighthouse keeper in Grand Haven from 1875 to 1883, at a time when the beacon stood on the bluff overlooking today's Oval. He also was bridge tender of the South Channel Bridge.

Harry met his future wife, Lena Schippers, on a voyage from Le Havre to New York. They were married on October 9, 1852. She was born in The Netherlands about 1824. Lena's brothers, Henry and Kryn Schippers, immigrated to Grand Haven around 1856. Captain Smith died in Grand Haven on January 27, 1894 and Lena, born in The Netherlands about 1824, died on August 18, 1888 in Laketown, Allegan County. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Cornelia Smith, born on April 5, 1860; Nellie and Christian Smith, twins born on December 25, 1861, Jennie Smith, born in 1864, and Margareta Smith, born in 1870. In 1880 Christian was assistant lighthouse keeper. The family resided on Third Street. [*Tribune* obituary, January 29, 1894.]

### **Hezekiah G. Smith [1816-1896]**

It was Hezekiah Smith who laid the path to Spring Lake that many other African Americans followed. By one account he was born in Steubenville, Ohio in 1816 [1815], but another says he was born into slavery in Kentucky, then freed by his owner. In 1842 he married Lucinda [Luvonda] J. Sisco, the daughter of Ephraim [Ephram] Sisco. The couple settled in Spring Lake Township in 1847. Hezekiah worked two years for Jabez Barber at Barber's sawmill in Spring Lake. In the 1850 census as residents of Spring Lake

Township, Hezekiah was listed as a blacksmith. Living with him and Lucinda at that time were Charles H. Smith, born about 1829 in Canada; William H. Smith, born about 1838 in Canada; and John W. Smith, born about 1843 in New York. The relationship, if any, among the Smiths was not revealed in the census, and Charles, William, and John do not again appear in Ottawa County records. There were nearly three dozen other Black families living nearby, including Jordan and Victoria [Victoire] Turpin [Turpen/Turpan]. Five years after the census Jordan was convicted of murder.

Dr. Mary Kitchel notes in her book that Hezekiah had a blacksmith shop in Grand Haven in 1852 [*Spring Lake Community Centennial*, 1969, p. 116]. About that time he may have left the area with his wife and children, possibly under duress, but if so, he quickly returned. On August 1, 1853 he purchased 40 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. On the same day, his friend William Penn bought five acres in the same section. Hezekiah from 1853 on continued to buy or homestead substantial acreage in Sections 8, 9, and 10 of Spring Lake, finally owning all of Section 10, 640 acres, bordering a body of water that still is known as Smith's Bayou. He raised fruit for commercial and retail sale, especially apples and peaches, as well as truck crops for his own use. In the 1864 *Map of the Counties of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties*, he was listed as a horticulturist. The bayou was in the name of Tuttle. Hezekiah was listed in the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a fruit grower in Ferrysburg. By 1876 his holdings were reduced to 100 acres, still in Section 10. Hezekiah was one of several local representatives to an Equal Rights convention that met in Grand Rapids in 1894.

Hezekiah and Lucinda also were enumerated in the censuses of 1860, 1870, and 1880 as residents of Section 10. In the 1850 census, Hezekiah was listed as H.G. Smith, in the 1860 census his name was given as Hendrick Smith, and ten years later it was recorded as Richard Smith. The Smiths had at least two children: Jane [Louise], born about 1857 in Virginia [Michigan], and Annabel [Anabel/Anna], who was born in Ohio around 1863 [1865]. In the 1880 census Annabel was listed as adopted. Lucinda died on March 6, 1884 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On her Ottawa County death certificate, Lucinda's age was given as 50 years and one month, making her birth date February 1834, but her record at Spring Lake Cemetery cites that she was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1825. The earlier year seems more likely, or she would have been only eight at the time of her marriage to Hezekiah. As with Hezekiah, her birth state was cited as Virginia in the 1870 census. It is best to say her place and date of birth are uncertain.

On September 10, 1884, about six months after Lucinda's death, Hezekiah married Helen Bennett Hicks in Grand Haven. Helen's first husband, Albert Hicks, had died in 1882. Apparently Hezekiah and Helen were divorced, because on July 28, 1894 Hezekiah obtained a license to marry 20-year-old Sarah Henderson. The young woman had second thoughts and the wedding never took place. On September 8, 1894 in Ferrysburg he married Sarah Henderson Miller, young Sarah's mother. Sarah the mother was born in 1825 in New York. Helen passed away on December 1, 1921 but was buried as Mrs. Helen Hicks with other members of the Hicks family.

On December 19, 1895 the *Tribune* reported Hezekiah was very ill. He died a few weeks later, on January 7, 1896. Hezekiah's place of burial is unknown. After his death, Hezekiah's widow and her daughter Sarah moved to Grand Rapids. The year following his death, title to the Smith property on the bayou was in the name of Tuttle. [*Tribune*, September 23, 1894, and *Tribune* article, "Wouldn't Leave Until Scared Out," February 15, 1915.]

### **Jennie Katherine Tucker Smith [1882-1973]**

Helen Magee, called Nellie in her early years, was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on December 7, 1905. Her mother, Jeanette "Jennie" Katherine Tucker, married Edward Abner Magee in Grand Rapids on September 5, 1900. Edward, a carpenter, was born in Michigan in 1877 and died in Fort Wayne on September 18, 1918. Among their children were Robert William Magee, who was born in Fort Wayne on October 10, 1916; two Helen Loretta Magee, who was born on December 7, 1905 and married Fales Unger; and Lucille Evelyn Magee, who was born in Grand Rapids on April 30, 1912, married Edmund H. Davis [1914-1993], died on December 7, 1996 in Grand Rapids. Their other surviving children were Edward

Abner Magee II [1908-1995]; and Mary Katherine Magee [1914-2006], who married Robert Daniels McCabe [1911-1982]. Fales Unger was born in Detroit on April 19, 1900 and died in East Grand Rapids on July 6, 1942.

On July 19, the year after Edward's death, Jennie married E. J. Smith. They were divorced in Grand Rapids on January 31, 1928 on grounds of cruelty. E.J. was born on January 6, 1884 and died in 1942. In 1940 Jennie and Robert, still single, shared a home in Lansing.

The depression and falling revenues led to foreclosure of Khardomah Lodge, located at 1365 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Built as a private cottage in 1873, the lodge was converted to commercial use in 1919. Otto and Lena Neuchterlein had owned it since the mid-1920s but were unable to stay solvent. In 1938 Grand Haven State Bank foreclosed on the property and sold it to Jennie. About that time rooms rented for \$2.50 a night, and home-cooked meals were available for the guests. In 1945 Helen started co-managing the lodge with her mother Jennie. Jennie, who had been a cook at the Oval Inn coffee shop and other restaurants before she took title to Khardomah, continued to help Helen until she was in her 80s. Born on August 17, 1882, Jennie died in Grand Rapids on October 30, 1973 at the age of 91 and was buried at St. Andrew's Catholic Church Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Helen's sister, Lucille, also helped in the management of the business, which Steve and Carol Loftis bought in 1984. Lucille was born August 27, 1911, married William J. Davis in Grand Rapids on June 23, 1937, and passed away on December 5, 1987. Helen died in Boston, Ionia County on April 22, 1996.

### **Jeremiah [Jaramiah] Smith I [1839-1873]**

Jaramiah [Jeremiah] Smith, born in 1839 in Scotland, had the distinction of being the first recorded burial in the newly opened Lake Forest Cemetery off Lake Avenue. [Bodies buried prior to 1873 were moved from the former cemetery, now Central Park.] Jeremiah lost his life on the morning of September 15, 1873 when the 231-foot passenger steamer *Ironsides* sank in a raging storm in Lake Michigan, just off Highland Park. The wooden-hulled vessel was operated by Engelmann Transportation Company of Milwaukee. Besides Jeremiah, Captain Harry Smith and 21 other passengers and crew members lost their lives. Jeremiah was returning to Grand Haven from Milwaukee on a business trip. Although he worked as a sailor, he also was known as a cigar maker. Around 1864 he married Ellen Leonard, who was born in 1842 in England. By 1880 she was living on Clinton Street in Grand Haven with her five surviving children: Susan, who was born December 15, 1864 in Oswego, New York, married Richard James Connell, the son of Richard and Margaret Gibbs Connell of Grand Haven, and died in Milwaukee on August 15, 1902; Robert, born in 1866 in Illinois; John, born in 1868 in Wisconsin; Walter, born in 1870 in Michigan; and Jeremiah II, who was born in Michigan in 1873. Ellen died of cancer on June 6, 1886 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Another son, William, was born on November 12, 1871 and died the next day.

### **John Smith [Schmidt] [1822-1904]**

John Smith was born in Rostock, Germany on August 24, 1822. In his native land, he married Christina [Christena] Otto, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on April 18, 1823 [1824]. The couple came to the United States and settled in Grand Haven in 1857. Traveling with them were two daughters, Wilhelmina "Minnie" Elsie C. A., who was born in Mecklenburg on June 24, 1848, and Sophia [Sophie], who was born in Mecklenburg in August 1855 [1856]. On December 1, 1868 Minnie married Gottlieb Heinrich F. Ewald and moved to Ludington [see Wilhelmina "Minnie" Smith Ewald, 1848-1925]. Sophie married Horrace G. Nichols of Grand Haven. A son William was born on February 1, 1863, and five years later Edward C. was born. Christina passed away on April 22, 1892 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died on July 12, 1904.

### **John H. Smith [1849-1896]**

Captain John Smith was for years a well-known marine man in the Grand Haven area. He lived from 1849 to September 26, 1896. His wife, Bridget, was born around 1856 in Grand Haven and died on June 3, 1921. Their children included James, David R. of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Charles Mosher of Detroit. The

family resided at 832 Fulton Avenue. John was first mate on the steamer *City of Milwaukee* and a close friend of Captain Joshua Smallman. He also sailed on other Goodrich Steamers from the port of Grand Haven. He was a member of Highland Tent, Maccabees, and Free Masons. Captain Smith died on September 26, 1896 in Milwaukee. [*Tribune* obituary, June 4, 1921.]

### **Judson De Jonge [De Young] Smith [1880-1962]**

Judson De Jonge Smith was born in Grand Haven on July 14, 1880. His parents were Harrison [1855-1930] and Suzanna De Jonge [1862-1921] Smith. By 1900 he was living in Detroit. On November 7, 1903, he married Mary Du Frene [1878-1967] in Clarkston, Oakland County. They had one son and three daughters. Judson studied at the Detroit Institute of Art and was awarded a scholarship to the Art Students' League in New York. Known for his portrait, landscape, and mural paintings, he also was a teacher. He settled in Woodstock, New York, where he was named Director of the Woodstock School of Painting. In 1945, he was Professor of Art at the University of Texas. Judson died in Woodstock on December 29, 1962.

### **Lemoine [Le Moyne] Seth Smith [1808-1894]**

Born in Tompkins County, New York, on February 8, 1808, Lemoine Smith arrived in Ionia County as a Presbyterian minister in 1837 and reportedly came to Ottawa County ten years later. However, he married Bridget Ann Hopkins in Ottawa County on November 18, 1838. Bridget, born in New York in 1818, was the daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, who settled in Eastmanville. On April 2, 1849 Lemoine was elected moderator and treasurer at the first meeting of electors for the organization of Mill Point, where he had lived for two years while running the Mill Point Cheap Cash Store on the northeast corner of Park and Barber Streets. He served as the first postmaster of Spring Lake from May 1, 1851 until his resignation in 1857 at a salary of \$75 per year. In the July 1851 edition of the *Grand River Times*, Lemoine advised readers that he was a "Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, &c. at Mill Point, Michigan." He planted a small orchard of apple and peach trees in Spring Lake in 1852. He helped in the formation of the Presbyterian Society of Mill Point in 1853. On December 1, 1855 he bought 36.64 acres in Section 18 of Crockery Township. The next year he was on a committee of the Ottawa County Agriculture Society. Lemoine and Bridget had two children: Catharine H. Smith [1842-1909] and Anna Perry Smith [1846-1932].

Evidently something happened to Bridget, because in 1859 Lemoine married Phebe L. Parmelee of Lyons, Ionia County [Kitchel, page 120], where Lemoine was known to have preached. Phebe, a native of Lima, New York, was born on November 7, 1820. Lemoine and Phebe settled in Grand Haven in 1862, and the next year he became publisher and editor of the *Grand Haven Union*. Healy C. Akeley was a silent partner until Lemoine bought out his share. Republican in its leanings, the paper was sold to Nathan Church in June 1872, who ran it as an organ of the Democratic Party until after the 1872 election, when it ceased publication. Lemoine was appointed by President Hayes to be postmaster in Grand Haven, a position he held from 1881 to 1885. For a time, Lemoine was also assistant revenue assessor. He lived on the corner of Fourth and Washington. A great lover of nature, he wrote a number of poems for many occasions and conducted Sunday School at his home. Lemoine died on January 23, 1894 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Phebe passed away in Grand Haven on February 22, 1911 and also was buried at Lake Forest. She and Lemoine had one adopted child, Matilda Odien Smith, who was born in Illinois in 1865. In maturity, she used Odien as her surname. [*Tribune* obituary, January 23, 1894.]

### **Lora Avery Smith [1853- ?]**

Born in Bennington, New York on March 3, 1853, Lora Avery began teaching at Grand Haven High School in 1877 and became principal two years later, a position she held until the late 1890s. In the 1880 census she was listed under the name Laura Smith as a single woman and teacher residing on Washington Street with Healy C. Akeley and his family. Presumably she died before 1911. That year a fund was established in her name to finance the purchase of a "beautiful leather-bound edition of Shakespeare's works" to be given to the winner of a "declamation" contest at Grand Haven High School. Will Modrack



and Neal Nyland tied for second place. Apparently, Mr Beaubien took home the book of Shakespeare's works.

### **Michael J. Smith [1953-2023]**

Mike Smith served 17 years as Executive Director of the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, an annual event dating back to 1922. He was born in Bogota, New Jersey on February 16, 1953, graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1975, and retired 23 years later with the rank of Commander. He was Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Group Grand Haven from 1990 to 1994. He earned a master degree in public relations from the Newhouse School at Syracuse University in New York. After retirement, Mike, his wife Cathy, and their six children moved permanently to Grand Haven. Prior to assuming leadership of the Coast Guard Festival, Mike was director of Grand Haven Community Education and Director of Volunteer Services at the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles, California. Mike and Cathy were married about 1979. The Smiths' children were [Lieutenant Colonel] Maxwell Smith; Mollie Smith, who married Alex Wood; Moira Smith, who married Ross Gray; Maggie Smith, [Major] Matteson Smith; and McHale Smith. Mike died on April 27, 2023.

### **Mino [Mennow] J. Smith [1885-1952]**

On June 2, 1909, Mino Smith married Liebertha "Bertha" Kraai in New Holland. He was born in Olive Township on March 8, 1885, and Bertha was born in Olive Center on June 8, 1889. They had four children: Genevieve Angeline Smith, who was born in Holland on November 10, 1911; Frances Elizabeth Smith, who was born on March 16, 1916 and died in Arizona on April 28, 1982; Milton J. Smith, who was born on September 30, 1923 and died in Albion on March 22, 1982; and Paul Craig Smith, who was born in Grand Haven on February 19, 1929 and died in Holland on March 19, 2005. Mino and Bertha had moved to Grand Haven by 1914, where Mino worked as a gardener. He later was employed as caretaker and gardener of the Nat Robbins estate at 20 South Fifth Street. Mino and his family resided in the nearby carriage house [509 Franklin Street]. The Smiths later moved to 311 South Fifth Street. Mino died in Spring Lake on January 18, 1952 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After his death, Bertha married Henry P. Casemier. She passed away on December 30, 1984 in Holland and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Genevieve married James Marvin Joldersma [1912-1995] in Grand Haven on June 2, 1938. The couple moved to Holland not long after their wedding. Genevieve died in Grand Rapids on October 27, 2008 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, where her husband was interred.

### **Peter Smith [1835-1907]**

Born on October 29, 1835 in Holstein, Germany, near Denmark, Peter Smith came to this country in 1854, settling first in New Orleans, where he was a steamboat pilot. He married Anna Katie Ahrens in 1855. Anna, also from Holstein, Germany, was born on March 18, 1833. They had one daughter, Ida Emma, born on August 30, 1865 in New Orleans. In 1873 Peter bought a fruit farm in Grand Haven Township. Anna tended to the fruit farm while Peter continued to work as a river pilot out of New Orleans. In 1882 their fruit farm was for sale. In 1900 Peter was still a river pilot in New Orleans, where he and Anna resided. Peter passed away on November 30, 1907 in New Orleans. Anna died in New Orleans on November 26, 1917.

### **Raymond L. Smith [1907-1983]**

Raymond Smith was judge for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court of Ottawa and Allegan Counties for twenty-five years, at that time the longest tenure in the history of the district. Born in Holland on January 27, 1907, Raymond attended Holland schools. He received his law degree from Harvard in 1931 and returned to Holland to enter into a law partnership with Nelson A. Miles. Judge Smith replaced four justices of the peace when he was appointed Holland's first municipal judge in 1940 and held that appointment for eight years. He died on January 25, 1983 in Blue Lake, Kalkaska County.

### **Robert Alexander Smith [1871-1949]**

Born in Chicago on January 12, 1871, Robert Smith by 1915 owned and carried a “fine line of groceries” in his Grand Haven store at 1320 Washington. He married Laura Smith in Allegan County on June 5, 1907. She was born in Saugatuck on November 22, 1872. Their home at 1314 Washington was adjacent to the grocery. Their children were Robert J. Smith, who was born on February 14, 1911 and passed away in Grand Haven on November 3, 1990, and Isabel Margaret Smith, who was born on May 30, 1913 and married William Preston Bilz of Spring Lake. By 1932 the family lived at 1221 Washington. Robert died on December 3, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Laura passed away on August 15, 1954 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Theodore Dwight Smith [1852-1927]**

Theodore Smith had a painting business in Spring Lake under the name T. D. Smith. In the 1893 *Compendium*, he advertised “House and Carriage Painting, Paper Hanging, Decorating, Etc.” Theodore, the son of William and Myrty Norton Smith, was born in Oswego, New York on July 22, 1852. On April 7, 1876 he married Georgianna [Louisa] L. Briggs in Allendale. She was born in Obert, Indiana about 1855. They had three daughters: Maud Smith, who was born about 1878; Adalia [Ada] Smith, born in Spring Lake on January 24, 1879; and George Francis Smith, who was born in Spring Lake in 1881. On January 14, 1891 Theodore married Jenny [Jane] Marsh in Spring Lake. She was born in Detroit on December 23, 1858, passed away on September 1, 1939 in Muskegon, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. By 1900, Theodore and his family had moved to Muskegon, where he continued in the painting business. In 1920 Theodore and Jenny were residing with their daughter Mildreth [Mildred] A. Smith Carpenter in Muskegon. She was born in Spring Lake on May 28, 1897 and died in Muskegon on March 14, 1948. Theodore died in Muskegon on November 24, 1927 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Thomas G. Smith [1856-1923]**

Born in Albion, Illinois on July 3, 1856, Thomas Smith attended the Wabash and McCormick Theological Seminaries. He became an ordained minister in Cairo, Illinois. He was pastor of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church from 1915 to 1921 and passed away on May 26, 1923 in Mt. Plier, Ohio.

#### **William “Colonel” Smith [1863-1924]**

In his youth, William Smith worked at the Emlaw Sawmill in the Grand Haven area. He was a member of Company F, which mustered at the Grand Haven Armory on Second Street. On March 15, 1893, William married Catherine, the daughter of Menke and Henrietta [Henretta] Van Zanten Dykhouse [Dykhuis]. Catherine died the following January 10 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Grace Kathryn Christine, had been born December 25, 1893. Grace married George Rosso of Grand Haven. After his first wife’s death, William married Anna Klintworth, who was born in Michigan in March 1871. Anna was the daughter of Barthold and Anna [Hannah] Dammann Klintworth, who had emigrated from Germany and settled on a farm in Section 29 of Crockery Township. Anna and William resided at 529 Columbus and later at 603 Franklin. Harold Heinrick Smith, who was born on September 14, 1896, owned a Schlitz Beer Distributorship, and died in Grand Rapids in June 1970 was their son, and was Arnold Edward. Smith, born on July 11, 1898. The son of John and Christina Otto Smith, immigrants from Germany, William was born in Grand Haven on March 7, 1863 and died in his hometown on December 4, 1924. He was a teamster and a fire fighter. William and Edward C. Smith were brothers.

#### **William M. Smith II [1796-1877]**

The son of William and Cordelia Smith, young William was born in Connecticut on December 25, 1796. His wife’s name was Hannah. Among their children were Doncarlius, Sarah Ann, Hannah Emiline, Mary Olivia, and Harriet Corning. The family lived in Onondaga County, New York.

Hannah died in 1835 and the next year in Oswego County, New York William married Myrty [Myrta] Norton, who was born in 1814 in that state. In 1855 William and his second family moved to Spring Lake, where they were active in the Presbyterian Church. Their children, all born in New York, were Nathan,

who was born about 1837 and in 1870 offered house painting services in Spring Lake; Frances, born about 1840; Helen "Nellie," born in 1843; James, who was born about 1847 and was a painter; Theodore, who was born about 1854 and also had a painting business; Clarence, who was born about 1855 and joined his brothers in the painting business; Martha; and Gerrit. Nathan's wife Celestia was born in New York about 1841. They had a son Vernon, born in Michigan around 1867 and by 1880 had moved to Shiawassee County. Nellie married William Fernando Robbins in Spring Lake on November 3, 1869. Fernando, who was born in Maine around 1840, managed a Spring Lake hotel. Frances married George Wilmot, who owned a harness shop in Spring Lake. In 1870 William was listed as a gardener. He died on October 26, 1877 in Spring Lake. Myrty died in 1892.

### **William T. Smith [1815- ?]**

On September 2, 1855 in Ottawa County, William Smith married Lucinda Eastman Freeman, widow of Jeduthan Freeman. She was born about 1818. In 1860 the Smiths were living in Ferrysburg. By then they had a three-year-old daughter, Louise Smith. William, a sailor, was born in Ireland about 1815 and apparently died before 1867. Lucinda, a native of New Jersey, was born on June 30, 1817. On April 25, 1867, she married Joseph L Deremo of Crockery Township. Lucinda's daughter Louise died in Spring Lake on April 16, 1938.

### **Margaret Smits [1898-1981]**

Margaret Smits, "the lady in blue, whose charm and eccentric ways touched many in Grand Haven," was born in New Jersey on November 19, 1898. By 1930, she was living in Grand Haven at 1005 Washington Street with her father, Johannes "John" William Smits. At that time, he was working as a janitor in a local church, and Margaret was employed as housekeeper with a "private family." She later worked as a seamstress. John was born in The Netherlands on April 10, 1867. Daughter and father continued to share lodging at 1621 Franklin Street and later at 1655 Franklin during the 1930s and into the 1940s. John passed away on March 19, 1942. Margaret became known for picking up litter wherever she walked in an effort to keep the town clean, and she enjoyed chatting with anyone whenever possible as she toured the neighborhoods. She wore a blue or maroon winter coat year-round. When Margaret died on January 20, 1981, she was living at 112 Eighth Street. She was fearful that no one would attend her funeral, but the *Tribune* reported that approximately 300 people attended her funeral mass and luncheon, held the same day Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President of the United States. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. She and her father were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. *Tribune* article "300 people attend funeral for 'nobody,' about January 28, 1981.]

### **John Smoes [1905-1990]**

John Smoes of Coopersville was born on November 6 [5], 1905 and died on April 2, 1990. In 1930 he was a laborer in Polkton Township. John married Ruth, the daughter of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad of Grand Haven. Ruth, a practical nurse, married John in the parlor of her family's residence near Lake Forest Cemetery. She was born on March 3, 1916 and died in July 1969 in Coopersville. Their children were Paul Ernest Smoes, born on July 22, 1935; Glenn Arthur Smoes, born on January 9, 1940; and Leon Smoes, who was born on September 17, 1944, married Sharon Lenz on December 4, 1965 in Wayland, and died in Grand Rapids on August 31, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1995.]

### **Febian "February" Snay [1810-1876] and Harriet Snay [1827-1872]**

Harriet, the daughter of one of the lesser chiefs of the Ottawa Indians, was born in 1827. She married Febian "February" Snay [Senet] who traveled with Louis Campau and his family from Detroit to West Michigan in 1830. The two were employed by the Hudson Bay Company. They established a fur trading post in the area later known as Grand Rapids. February was born in L'Anse Creuse, Macomb County, on February 23, 1810. He served as private in Joseph Marsac's Company between May 22 and May 28, 1832, during the Black Hawk War.

February left the Hudson Bay Company and by the time of the 1850 census was living in Spring Lake Township, where he built a home for his family. Only Harriet was noted as being "Red" [Indian]. [At variance with the Federal Census of 1850, their son Joseph Snay's obituary stated that the family moved to Pigeon Creek about 1848 and remained there eleven years.] February and Harriet had at least eight children, all born in Michigan: Mary, born about 1838; Cicilia, born about 1840; Magdalena/Magdalena/Madeline, born about 1842; Magareta/Margareth/Margaret, who was born on January 1, 1849 [1843] in Grand Haven and married Joseph Shashaquay; Joseph, who was born in on October 12 [22], 1844 and died in 1925; another daughter named Mary, who was born on November 28, 1848 and married John Paul Shashaquay; Therdia/Theresia/Theresa, born about 1850; and John, born in November 1854. Therdia and John were born in Spring Lake. On September 8, 1860 in Grand Haven, Magdalena married Louis [Lewis] Phillip Dushane of Grand Haven Township. The son of Charles and Cornelia Dushane, he was born about 1840. In 1850 the Snays were neighbors of the Robert Darby family, and ten years later they were neighbors of Jean Baptiste Parrisien in Grand Haven.

February was counted again as a resident of Ottawa Township in the Federal Census of 1860. He was recorded as being 48 years old. With him were Harriet, 35; Mary, 22; Madelaide, 16; Margaret, 14; Joseph 12; John, 8; Sarah, 10; and Eliza, 6. Paul Chestowa, a 26-year-old Indian, was living with them. February was a farmer.

Three of the Snays' children, Joseph, Theresa, and John, were included in the 1908 Durant Roll, with "Mrs. Soot Snay" [Harriet] listed as their ancestor. Mrs. Snay appeared in the 1870 Census and Annuity Roll as a member of Chief Penayse's band of Ottawa Indians. She received \$61.20. Soot may have been another name for February. In the Roll, February's daughter Theresa was listed as a single woman, 59 years old and residing in Grand Rapids. "Mrs. Sol Snay," still referring to Harriet, was in the 1868 Census of Ottawa and Chippewa [Ojibwa] Indians, as a member of Chief Penayse's band; and received \$63.40. In the 1865 Annuity Roll, the entry "Mrs. Sor. Snay's Chn. [children] appeared; they received an annuity in the amount of \$19.60. In 1864, a similar listing for her children showed an award of \$13.68; they at that time were members of Chief Payshawsegay's band.

Harriet died of diphtheria on November 12, 1872 in Saugatuck and was buried at Douglas Cemetery. February died on April 14, 1876 and was buried with his wife.

A descendant of the Snay family offered this information: "Febian Snay was my 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather. He was born in 1812 in what was then the territory of Michigan. He was alleged to have assisted one of the founding father's [sic] of Grand Rapids, MI set up an Indian fur trading post on the banks of the Grand River in 1826. He later married a Native American and fished the waters in and around Lake Michigan. His sons also lived off fishing and navigating western Michigan waterways. My great grandfather, Joseph Fabian Snay, also served in the Civil War.

"The above facts I have verified. Family folklore asserts that the Snay's [sic], some of French Canadian heritage, also helped Jesuit missionary Father Marquette explore the upper Midwest in the late seventeenth century. This link has not been verified. Shannon Richards Date February 12, 1999." [find-a-grave.com]

### **John Snay [Snai] [1848-1942]**

John Snay, the son of February [Febian] and Harriet Snay, was born at Little Pigeon Creek, south of Grand Haven, on October 28, 1848 [November 1854], the seventh of their eight children. He left the Grand Haven area at age 12 to go on his own as a fisherman in northern Michigan. Three years later he returned to his hometown and found work as a ship's carpenter. Eventually he earned the title of captain. In 1903 he commanded the steamer *Ottawa*, and in 1917 he was commander of the tug *Ida M. Stevens*, which went ashore halfway between Grand Haven and Muskegon, and the tug *Trio*. He also piloted the *May Graham*. By 1920 he was again working as a carpenter.

John married Mary Haller in Macomb County on September 21, 1880. She was born in Allegan County on March 20, 1859. Mary also was known as Mary Jane Marks. Their daughter, Jennie [Mary Jane], was born

in Saugatuck on January 7, 1878. The three of them resided at 211 Madison and later at 321 Second Street in Grand Haven. John, who was part Ottawa through his mother, was listed in the 1893 *Business Compendium* as a Grand Haven resident, but he was not included in the 1908 *City Directory*. John, Jennie, and another daughter, Fannie, were included in the August 5, 1895 Census of Potawatomi of Indiana and Michigan as residents of Grand Haven. John's age was given as 48, Jennie's as 24, and Fanny's as 21. Jennie graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1898, under the name Mary Jane Snay. In 1900 John, Mary, and Jennie lived at 165 Columbus Street and were classified as White. John's name also appeared in the 1904 Taggart Roll of Potawatomi Indians in Michigan. Listed with him were his daughter Jennie, age 24, and Fannie, age 21.

John and Jennie were listed in the 1908 Durant Roll as members of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians. His ancestor, "Mrs. Soot Snay," was included in the 1870 Census and Annuity Roll as the recipient of \$61.20. She was a member of Chief Penayse's band of Ottawas. Jennie married John Washburn and died in Detroit on February 4, 1940. She was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in that city.

In 1920 the Snays resided at 211 Madison Street. Again, John and Mary were listed as White. Mary died while visiting her daughter in Grand Rapids on October 1, 1924. John moved to Grand Rapids shortly after his wife's death, passed away there on September 28, 1942, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon with Mary. [*Tribune* articles, "The First Citizen," August 17, 1910, and "Modern Youth Weak, Flabby, Oldest Grand Haven Man Says," undated, but about 1933, and *Tribune* obituaries, October 2, 1924 and September 29, 1942.]

### **Joseph Febian Snay I [1844-1925]**

The son of Febian and Harriet Snay, Joseph was born at Campau's trading post in Grand Rapids on October 12, 1844. About 1848 the family moved to Pigeon Creek in Ottawa County and remained there for eleven years. [See also Harriet Snay.] Joseph started sailing when he was 15 years old and remained a sailor the rest of his life. His obituary gave him the title captain. He also served in the Army during the Civil War. [This Joseph Snay may be confused with another Joseph Snay, who at the age of 24 on September 24, 1861 enlisted in Grand Rapids in Company C of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and was mustered out on August 4, 1863; he resided in Blendon Township and his wife's name was Abigail.]

On November 3, 1885 Joseph married Mary Ann Spoons in Grand Haven. [Their marriage also was listed as taking place on October 25, 1894 in Grand Haven.] Mary Ann, the daughter of John and Ellen Kibby [Kibbs] Spoons, was born in Grand Haven on June 4, 1864. John Spoons was born in Canada and Ellen in Ireland. Shortly after their 1885 marriage Joseph and Mary Ann moved to Saugatuck, where they remained for the rest of their lives. One child, Maynard J., was born in Saugatuck on September 17 [27], 1907, died in Grand Rapids on March 21, 1971, and was buried at Washington Park Memorial Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Their other children were Laura, born about 1889; Joseph II, who was born in 1893, served as corporal in the U.S. Army during WWI, died on April 8, 1937, and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Saugatuck; Minnie, born on November 2, 1895; George, born about 1899; John, born about 1905; and Robert E., who was born on October 29, 1910, died on June 11, 1951, and was buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Joseph I, Laura, Joseph II, and George W. were included in the August 5, 1895 Census of Potawatomi of Indiana and Michigan as residents of Saugatuck, and they were listed also in the 1904 Taggart Roll of Potawatomi Indians, still in Saugatuck. In the 1908 Roll, Joseph [Joe] lived in Saugatuck with his wife, who was White, and their children: Laura, age 20; Joseph II, 16; and George, 10. His mother, listed as "Mrs. Soot Snay," was included in the 1870 Census and Annuity Roll and earlier as a member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawas.

Mary Ann died on March 24, 1939 in Saugatuck and was buried at Riverside Cemetery in that city. Joseph passed away on January 6, 1925, and also was buried at Riverside Cemetery. [Undated obituary, *Commercial Record*, Saugatuck.]

### **Laurence Harold Snodgrass [1939-1995] and Mary Lou Snodgrass-Wright [1940-2020]**

Born on September 16, 1939 in Mount Clemens, Macomb County, Laurence Snodgrass married Mary Lou Jones on April 14, 1962. She was born in Detroit on December 27, 1940. Laurence, who served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the late 1950s, died on November 11, 1995 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary Lou was a realtor with the James W. Oakes Company in Grand Haven and served on the Grand Haven School Board. She was a member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, Eagles, Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and Counterpart. She and Charles Lee Wright were married on October 29, 1999. Charles was born about 1941. Mary Lou passed away on August 11, 2020.

### **Mary Lou Snodgrass-Wright [1940-2020]**

See Laurence H. Snodgrass.

### **Robert Ronald Snow I [1883-1963]**

In 1910 Robert Snow was foreman at American Brass Foundry at 500 Water Street [now South Harbor Drive]. He and his family resided at 410 Howard Street in Grand Haven before moving to 520 Lake Avenue. Robert married Emily Crosdale in Clyde, Illinois on October 29, 1903. Born in England on September 21, 1881, she died on May 10, 1966 in Lincoln, Berrien County. She and Robert were divorced in Wayne County on April 12, 1922. They had three children: James "Chase" Snow [1903-1964]; Robert Ronald Snow II [1914-1991]; and Helen Frances Snow [1917-1950]. On November 18, 1922 Robert married Frances Campbell in Port Huron, St. Clair County. Born in 1899, she died in Ann Arbor on August 31, 1930. On January 29, 1931 he married Ann Marie Elizabeth Ranger in Flint. She was born in Canada on July 7, 1900 and passed away on September 7, 1988 in Niagara, Ontario, Canada. Robert was born in Lanark, Illinois on August 3, 1883 and died on February 5, 1963 in Niagara, Ontario, Canada.

### **James Howard Snyder [1909-1983]**

James Snyder was born on July 11, 1909 and passed away in Spring Lake on April 15, 1983. On October 26, 1940 he married Hallie Elizabeth Ellis in Tallmadge Township. The daughter of Fred S. and Ruth E. Buck Ellis, Hallie was born in Grand Rapids on February 26, 1919. She received an associate degree from Grand Rapids Junior College and retired from Spring Lake schools, where she was an executive secretary. Hallie was a member of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, and she was active with the Grand Haven and Coopersville historical museums. James's and Hallie's children were Phyllis, who married Dennis Simonis of Grand Haven, and James Richard, who was born on October 15, 1945, relocated to West Olive, died on November 24, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. James and Hallie resided at 306 North Lake Avenue in Spring Lake. Hallie passed away in Grand Haven on December 15, 2005 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 16, 2005 and November 26, 2008.]

### **William Andrew Snyder [1839 -1923]**

Born in 1839 in Columbia County, Ohio, William Snyder spent most of his working life on steamboats. From 1861 to 1864 he was in the U.S. Navy, and during most of that time he was in charge of freight transportation on the Mississippi River. He came to Grand Haven in 1869. The next year he was classified as a steamboat engineer, and ten years later he owned his own tugboat. Captain Snyder ran the first winter boat on the east shore of Lake Michigan. He was collector and superintendent of the Grand Haven Tug Association. In 1874 he was captain of the steamer *City of Duluth*, and he owned several boats. During 1879 and 1880 he built the tug *Lizzie Frank*. He also built the first low-pressure walking beam engine to ply the Ohio River. He retired from sailing the Great Lakes in 1875.

In 1857 William married Alice Stoneford, who was born in July 1838 in Germany. They had six children: Charles, born about 1860; George, who lived from 1864 to 1873; Elizabeth, who was born in 1869 and died in 1955; George [named for his deceased brother], who was born in 1874 and died in 1945; Frank, born in 1878; and Arthur, who was born in 1880 and died in his second year. The three older children were

born in Illinois, and the three younger ones in Grand Haven. In 1880 the family resided on Second Street. Alice passed away in Seattle, Washington on June 4, 1906. William died on April 11, 1923 in Seattle.

### **George C. Sole [Soles] [1829-1901]**

Born in Sacketts Harbor, New York in January 1829 [1830], George Sole after the Civil War settled in Eastmanville and then in Grand Haven, where he became a ship's carpenter. In his later years he was widely known as the best fisherman and guide in the area for summer tourists. On September 10, 1861, at the start of the Civil War, George enlisted as private with Company B of the New York 81<sup>st</sup> Infantry. After being promoted to corporal, he was discharged for disability on December 26, 1862. He applied for a disability pension on February 3 the following year. In 1862, he married Mary J. Hines. She was a native of New York, where she was born in June 1837. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Mary L., born about 1864; Jennetta, born about 1867; and George H., born in April 1870. George the elder died on May 10, 1901. Ten days later, Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She passed away in Grand Haven on October 30, 1908. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Henry William Solms II [1836-1910]**

Henry Solms and his wife, Henrietta Oosterhouse, lived at 619 Washington in Grand Haven. Henry was the son of Henry [1815-1892] and Elizabeth [1813-1882] Solms I. He and Henrietta were married in New York City on October 2, 1859 and were in Grand Haven by the mid-1870s. Henry worked in a local sawmill in the 1880s. He was listed as a "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*. Their first two children, born in New York City, were Henry III, who was born on June 14, 1860 and died on April 27, 1862; and Matilda Elizabeth who was born on March 16, 1862 and died in 1930. Next was William Julius, who was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 5, 1864 and resided in Jersey City, New Jersey. The next two children were born in Brooklyn, New York: John Frederick "Fred," who was born on October 8, 1866 and died on May 23, 1913; and Henry Nicklous, born on November 15, 1868. The remaining children were born in Grand Haven: Clara Francis, born on December 19, 1871; John Martin, who was born on May 21, 1875 and died on June 28, 1882; Elizabeth Mary Sophia, who was born on September 8, 1877 and married Louis [Lewis] Slaughter; George Arthur, who was born on August 15, 1880, became a teamster, and died on August 22, 1928; and Charles William, who was born on May 9, 1883 and became a cornice maker. Henry II was born in New York on October 2, 1836 and died in Grand Haven on February 12, 1910. Henrietta lived from March 28, 1842 to July 17, 1916. They were interred with several of their children, George, John, and Matilda, at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Thomas Somerset [Sommerset] [1841-1900]**

Thomas Somerset owned a 337-acre farm in Sections 30 and 31 of Crockery Township. His land, bordered by the Grand River, was frequented by the Fort Village band of Ottawa Indians that once inhabited the area called Battle Point. Cobmoosa was their chief. In 1878 Ottawa Indians Antoine Cobmoosa, Mesuebequa Cobmoosa, and Wasaya deeded property they owned at Fort Village to the Somersets. The Somerset farm was on part of the Indians' burial grounds. Thomas traveled to Grand Rapids, where on May 13, 1861 he enlisted as private in Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was wounded on May 12, 1864 at the Battle of Spottsylvania Court House and discharged the following June 20. Thomas, who was born on August 16, 1841, died on February 2, 1900. His wife, Katherine [Catherine], was born in New York around 1845 and died about February 10, 1893. Their children were Louisa, who was born in Robinson Township on August 3, 1868; Allace [Alice], born about 1870; Ada [Addioe], who was born on March 5, 1872 in Crockery Township; Georgia, who was born in Crockery on October 7, 1874; and an unnamed infant, who was born in the summer of 1880.

### **Jack Somerville [Summerville, Sommerville] [1816-1865]**

A *Grand Haven Tribune* article on May 2, 1913 listed 13 Black Civil War soldiers who had volunteered for service while residing in Ottawa County. Jack Somerville was among those cited. On February 18, 1864 Jack enlisted as private in Company E of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Colored Regiment, later known as the 102<sup>nd</sup>

United States Colored Infantry. He was buried on July 28, 1865 at Beaufort National Cemetery, South Carolina. [The date of his death was April 30, 1862, according to the 1882 *History of Ottawa and Muskegon Counties*.] Jack was included in the 1860 Federal Census as a “farm hand” living in Saint Mary’s, Maryland.

**Frederick F. Sommers [1842-1912]**

Born in Germany in 1842, Frederick Sommers arrived in Detroit at the age of two. Upon settling in Grand Haven, he owned and operated the Grand Haven Match Factory in 1884 and another match factory in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In 1889 the Diamond Match Company bought his business, and in 1893 he moved to the Saginaw area where he formed the Sommers Match Company. He left three sons and four daughters when he passed away in Saginaw on May 9, 1912. [*Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1912.]

**Francis R. Sonrel I [1869-1948]**

Francis Sonrel owned a 90-acre dairy farm in Sections 4 and 5 of Grand Haven Township [14371 Lakeshore Drive]. The dairy farm, south of Comstock Road, was split by Lakeshore Drive. Francis was born on February 10, 1869 in Switzerland and his wife, Rosa Zwiygart, was born in the same country in 1877. They immigrated to the United States in 1890, settling first in Milwaukee and coming to Grand Haven about 1903, the year their home was constructed. Frank and Rosa had a son, Francis II, born in Wisconsin on August 24, 1905. They also had a daughter, Rosa, who was born in Grand Haven on August 18, 1907 and married Lewis Clark of Grand Haven Township. Another son, Robert, was born on September 4, 1913. Their other children were Elizabeth, born in 1904; Julien, who was born in Wisconsin in 1900 and died in 1967; Clara, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 4, 1901, married Robert C. Dunn, moved to Muskegon, and died in 1997; and Martha, who was born locally on March 27, 1909, married C.D. Blanchard, moved to Lansing, and died in Grand Haven on November 18, 1995. Francis died on January 21, 1948 and Rosa in 1931. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**Francis R. Sonrel II [1905-1986]**

Francis was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 24, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on September 24, 1986. On October 1, 1928 he married Georgie Nesbitt in La Porte, Indiana. She was born in Washington State on September 21, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on January 17, 1982. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Francis and his brother Robert Sonrel owned and operated the Washington Garage at 11 Washington in the late 1920s and into the 1930s. In 1950 Francis was manager of the pastry shop at a local gas station.

**Robert R. Sonrel [1913-1996]**

Robert Sonrel and his wife, Camilla N., lived at 14371 Lakeshore Drive. Robert, the son of Francis Sonrel I, was born on September 4, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on February 24, 1996. He and his brother Francis owned and operated the Washington Garage at 11 Washington from the late 1920s into the 1930s. Robert lived from August 18, 1916 to October 24, 1977. Their children attended Rosy Mound School, as had Robert.

**Josephine [Josephene] A. Schippers Sorensen [1905-1994]**

Born on September 26, 1905 to Dan and Anna Volkema Schippers, Josephine graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1923. She married Milo Harold Sorensen on August 11, 1939 in Grand Haven. Milo was born in Exira, Iowa on November 26, 1909. For 35 years Josephine worked as legal secretary for the Misner & Ponstein Law Firm, located on the corner of Third and Washington Streets. After retiring from that job, she worked for Grand Haven Jewelry for ten years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Milo worked for Anderson-Bolling Company in Spring Lake. He passed away in Grand Haven on July 28, 1992. Josephine died on November 30, 1994. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 1, 1994.]



### **Ambrose Latten Soule I [1801-1857]**

Ambrose L. Soule I was a native of Dutchess County, New York, and lived from June 26, 1801 to June 24, 1857. On March 10, 1824 Ambrose married Ruth Paddock Brown, a widow, in New York State. Ruth lived from 1804 to 1851. She and Rhoda Paddock, wife of Benjamin Soule, were sisters. Their sons were Ambrose II, born in Onondaga County, New York in 1838; Charles Edward I, born in Geauga County, Ohio on September 20, 1842; James Benjamin, born in Geauga County, Ohio on April 2, 1843; and Carlos, born in Ohio about 1848. Their daughters, all born in New York, were Annetta, born about 1832; Sarah J., born about 1834; Julia, who was born in Dutchess County, New York on October 16, 1836 and married Edward L. Craw of Spring Lake and Grand Rapids; and Julius M., born about 1839. After Ruth's death, Ambrose I married Sophia Everest in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on September 9, 1851. Ambrose I was credited with establishing the town of Muir, Ionia County, in 1854.

### **Ambrose Latten Soule II [1838-1905]**

In 1860 Ambrose Soule II was a resident of Ionia County, where his parents resided. On September 17, 1862 he went to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company E of the Michigan 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry as second lieutenant. On October 23, 1863 he transferred to Company G of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, and on September 2, 1865 he was promoted to captain. He was mustered out on November 11, 1865. Ambrose owned considerable acreage throughout Michigan. In 1860 he was residing in Lyons, Ionia County, in 1870 he was a horticulturalist in Spring Lake, and he remained in that area into the 1880s. By 1890 he was living in Minnesota. A monument was erected in his name at Spring Lake Township Cemetery.

Born in Onondaga County, New York, Ambrose lived from 1838 to January 13, 1905. The wife of Ambrose II was named Margaret. She was born about 1845 in New York. Ambrose and Margaret had at least two children, George and Anna.

### **Benjamin Birdsall Soule [1810-1900]**

In 1860 Benjamin Soule was a lumberman and attorney in Ionia County. Five years later he purchased 90 acres in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township, land previously owned by William and Shirley Hammond. Benjamin married his first wife, Matilda Miller, in 1832. Not long after Matilda's death the next year, Benjamin married Rhoda Paddock. She lived from 1810 to 1882 and moved from Muir, Ionia County to Spring Lake in the 1870s. Benjamin operated a dairy farm there and raised fruit. Born in Dutchess County, New York on May 20, 1810, he died in Spring Lake on January 27, 1900. Ten years after his death the Spring Lake Country Club purchased 140 acres of his land for \$6,000 and for 15 years or so used the farmhouse as its clubhouse. A native of New York State like her husband, Rhoda lived from April 20, 1810 to August 10, 1882. Benjamin was the uncle of Charles Soule, also an attorney. Benjamin and Rhoda adopted Frederick Thomson, who became known as Frederick Soule. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Benjamin Harrison Soule [1888-1967]**

Benjamin Harrison Soule was born in Spring Lake on December 12, 1888 and died in February 1957. He was the son of Frederick and Cassie Soule. In 1930 he was a die maker. He married Ruth L., the daughter of John and Louise Brunsell Linn of Spring Lake. The Soules had three children, including Virginia Soule Nichols, who moved to Fredonia, New York. Ruth, who was born in Illinois on November 5, 1896, died in Spring Lake on April 25, 1979. She and Benjamin were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Charles Edward Soule I [1842-1925]**

A nephew of Benjamin Soule, Charles was born in Geauga County, Ohio, on September 20, 1842, the son of Ambrose Latten I and Ruth Paddock Soule. Young Soule moved with his parents to Ionia County in 1855, when he was 13. He studied at Hillsdale College, graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1866, and was admitted to law practice the same year. Charles became judge of probate for Ottawa County, a post he held between 1885 and 1893, and he was circuit court commissioner for three

terms. From 1876 to 1883 he had a partnership with William N. Angel and in 1893 and 1894 he was associated with George A. Farr. On July 6, 1863 Charles enlisted as first lieutenant in the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry and was discharged for disability on December 21, 1864, almost nine months after he had transferred from Field and Staff to Company K of the same regiment. After the war, he was a prominent figure in the Grand Army of the Republic statewide and locally, including the local Weatherwax Post #75, which he helped organize. Charles continued his law practice, but in 1868 he bought a 40-acre farm in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township where he grew peaches. The area later was known as Stuart Point. On June 29, 1872 he attended a meeting of the Michigan State Pomological Society in Benton Harbor and delivered a paper on "The Best Peach." His wife went with him, as well as his brothers Ambrose and James. Charles also maintained a dairy farm.

On September 16 [20], 1867 in Grand Haven [Milwaukee], Charles married Lucinda [Lennie] Saxton Hall, who was born in Shelburne, Vermont, on July 12, 1843 and had come to Ionia with her parents, Lyman and Lucinda Hall. The newlyweds moved to Spring Lake the year following their marriage, and then onto Grand Haven five years after that, following a fire that destroyed their Spring Lake home. With William Angel, Charles purchased a large piece of lake frontage in Section 19, which became known as North Shore. A portion of this land was bought by the U.S. Government on January 22, 1922 as the site for the new Coast Guard Station. About 1881 Charles contracted to have the family residence built at 527 Lafayette in Grand Haven. He and Lucinda had five surviving children: Mary Laura Soule, born on May 7, 1869; Charles Edward Soule, born on January 27, 1871; Fayette Fletcher Soule, born on January 25, 1877; Julia Soule, born on March 4, 1873; and Leila Ruth Soule, who was born on September 13, 1881 and married George L. Bitting. Mary Laura, Julia, and Leila Ruth all became teachers. Mary became the first president of the Tuesday Musicales in Grand Haven. Charles and Lucinda also owned a cottage on the North Shore. Named Greystone Manor, the structure was built in 1892 and was inherited by Soule's daughter, Julia. When Julia died in 1945, the North Shore property [20053 North Shore Drive] went to Soule "Bill" Tryon Bitting, son of George and Leila Ruth Bitting and grandson of Judge Soule. Thirty-one years later, in 1976, it was inherited by Bitting's widow Peggy, who was still the owner of record in 1999. Charles died on January 3, 1925 and Lucinda died May 31 the next year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 5, 1925.]

### **Charles Edward Soule II [1871-1951]**

The son of Charles and Lucinda Hall Soule, Edward was born on January 27, 1871 on the family's peach farm in Spring Lake. His formative years were spent at 527 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven, and he graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889. Edward, as he was known, became an attorney and moved to Cleveland and then to Los Angeles, California. Edward at one time was Assessor for the City of Grand Haven. Ruth Walley was one of his children. Edward died in Orange County, California on January 23, 1951. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Eva Jane Soule [1884-1968]**

Eva was born in Spring Lake on November 10, 1884, the daughter of Frederick and Cassie Soule of Spring Lake. Eva worked in Chicago as a secretary. October 26, 1912 in Chicago, she married Peter J. Vander Meiden of Grand Haven. He was born on August 14, 1887. When Peter retired from the Chicago Police Department, the couple moved to Holland, Michigan. Eva passed away on December 1, 1968 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. He died on September 24, 1955.

### **Fayette Fletcher Soule [1877-1946]**

The son of Charles and Lucinda Hall Soule, Fayette was born in Grand Haven on January 25, 1877. On October 19, 1901 he married Isabel Atkinson in Chicago. She was born on July 16, 1880 in Chicago and died in Pensacola, Florida on March 9, 1964. Fayette died in the same city on March 28, 1946. Their three children were all born in Illinois. In 1910 Fayette was living in Chicago, and by 1930 he was a bridge engineer in Escambia, Florida.

### **Frederick A. Soule [Thomson] [1852-1903]**

Frederick Thomson was born in New York City on January 2, 1852 and adopted by Benjamin and Rhoda Paddock Soule. Frederick married Cajsa Margaret "Cassie" Börjesson in 1882. They raised four children on a 263-acre dairy farm in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township: Virginia; Rhoda Mae, born on November 21, 1883; Eva, born in November 1884; and Benjamin Harrison, born in December 1887. Carl A. Soule, who was born in Sweden on February 8, 1880 and died in Spring Lake on July 2, 1973, was half-brother to the others. Cassie, a native of Sweden, lived from May 1855 [1856] to 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband, who died on November 30, 1903. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 30 and December 1, 1903.]

### **James Benjamin Soule [1843-1928]**

On August 28, 1863 James Soule enlisted at Muir, Ionia County, in Company G of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, the same unit as his brother Charles, with the rank of private. He was promoted to sergeant on October 6, 1863 and was mustered out on November 11, 1865. James was born in Geauga County, Ohio, on April 2, 1843. His parents were Ambrose L. and Ruth Paddock Soule. James died on June 5, 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Julia Annette Soule [1873-1945]**

Julia Soule was born in Spring Lake on March 4, 1873, the daughter of Charles and Lucinda Hall Soule. She moved to Grand Haven when the family home burned down around 1881, and for 64 years lived at 527 Lafayette. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1891, she attended Hillsdale College and the University of Michigan. She received a lifetime teaching certificate from Central Michigan in 1918. Julia taught in Grand Haven High School from 1895 to 1904, taught in Evanston, Illinois for two years, and then returned to be principal of the Ottawa County Normal School, located in Grand Haven, between 1908 and 1917, years when Dr. Lawrence vanden Berg was superintendent of Grand Haven schools. In 1918 she taught under Dr. vanden Berg at Oswego, New York, then taught in Cleveland until 1921, when she returned once more to Grand Haven and taught American history at the Junior High School until her retirement in 1938. She was active in the Red Cross and the Woman's Club, and she was a founding member of the Grand Haven Christian Science Church, officially organized in 1910.

Julia's sister Leila Ruth was born on September 13, 1881 and on June 21, 1913 in Grand Haven married George Louis Bitting I, who was born in Illinois on May 24, 1876. Their children were George L. II, born about 1914; Soule T., born about 1916; and James T., born about 1917. Leila passed away on June 21, 1931 and George died on October 2, 1949; they were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her sister Mary raised the Bittings' children. See Soule Bitting for more detail.

In 1927 Julia bought Windydune, a two-story, cinder block cottage on the North Shore, when there were only two other cottages on that side of the river, one belonging to George and Cora Christmas of Grand Haven. The Lifeguard Station also was nearby. At that time, the only direct access to the cottage from Grand Haven was by rowboat. Three cottages fronted the lake: Windydune, built in 1916 by Louise Andrews of Elmhurst, Illinois; Greystone Manor; and The Surf. Shortly after Julia died at her home on Lafayette Street on May 31, 1945, the cottage was sold to Henrietta Van Dyk. Julia was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 31, 1945.]

### **Mary Laura Soule [1869-1948]**

Mary Laura Soule, the daughter of Charles and Lucinda Soule, was born on May 7, 1869. She taught music in the Grand Haven Public Schools for many years. Mary attended St. John's Episcopal Church and was its organist. She and her sister Julia shared the house at 527 Lafayette Street, where Mary continued to live after Julia's death in 1945. She died on October 7, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. See Julia Soule for more detail.

### **Rhoda Mae Soule [1883-1969]**

Born in Spring Lake on November 21, 1883, Rhoda Soule was the daughter of Frederick and Cassie Soule. In 1930 she was a stenographer for a lumber company in Grand Rapids. Rhoda died on February 25, 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Township. She resided at 17347 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township.

**Robert F. Soule [1922–1987]**

A county commissioner for Spring Lake Township, Robert Soule was active in the Tri-Cities Historical Society and served as its president. On January 18, 1946 he married Elizabeth Ann Carrithers, who was born December 17, 1912 and died in Spring Lake on March 5, 1979. Robert was born on November 6, 1922 and died on May 1, 1987 in Spring Lake. The Soules resided at 202 East Savidge. Husband and wife were buried at Spring Lake Township Cemetery.

**Milo Douglas Sovis I [1909-1992]**

A native of Cicero, Illinois, where he was born on September 4, 1909, Milo Sovis became a resident of Grand Haven. He married Jennie Helmers of Grand Haven in 1929. The next year the couple lived at 1044 Washington for a short time before moving to 1026 Washington. They resided in several other houses prior to relocating to 119 South Third in June 1937. Jennie was born in Michigan on October 19, 1909 and passed away in Grand Haven on March 27, 1995. In 1930 Milo worked at the Brass Foundry. By the late 1940s he was foreman at the Oldberg Company. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church. The Sovises had five children, all born in Grand Haven: Elaine, who was born on August 4, 1930 and married Jim Griswold; Robert, who was born on November 10, 1931 and retired to Jupiter, Florida; Beverly, who was born on May 24, 1939 and married Robert Avery of Grand Haven; Milo Douglas II, born on February 8, 1942; and Kenneth Charles, born on October 11, 1944. Milo died on July 2, 1992. He and Jennie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Charles J. Spadafore [Spatifore] [1881-1957]**

Born in Italy in 1881, Charlie Spadafore owned a fruit and confectionary store at 126 Washington. He and his wife, Rose, resided at the same address. She was born in Italy the same year as her husband. Their children, all born in Michigan, were William, born about 1904, Virginia, born about 1906, and Louis, born about 1908. Charlie bought the business around 1908 from Hepple Spagnolo and sold it in 1911 to Louis Fortino. Charlie then opened another fruit outlet at 104 Washington. Rose lived from 1881 to 1959, Charles died in 1957. Both were buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Pontiac.

**Hepple [Hipple, Ippolito] Spagnolo [1874- ?]**

In 1908 Hepple Spagnolo sold his fruit and candy store at 126 Washington to Charlie Spadafore. Hepple and Amelia Spagnolo lived on the second floor at the same address. Hepple was born in Italy on May 28, 1874 and immigrated to the United States when he was 13. Amelia was born in the same country about 1892. By 1910 Hepple and Amelia were sharing the upstairs apartment with Charlie and Rose Spadafore and were listed in the 1910 census as Charlie's in-laws. A cousin, also named Hepple Spagnolo, was living at the same address.

**Johann "John" N. Spangler [1850-1930]**

Born in Bavaria, Germany on May 25, 1850, John Spangler arrived in the United States soon after. He held the office of school director and pathmaster in Robinson Township for nine years. He was the father of Jack Spangler, who was deputy sheriff of Ottawa County. He married Augusta Janke [Jahnke], who was born in Germany on January 26, 1864. They settled on a 100-acre farm in Robinson Township. John died on January 28, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augusta passed away on August 20, 1942. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Spanglers' son, Johann Joseph Spangler, was born in Grand Haven on May 30, 1901.

**Henry G. Spear [1854-1924]**

Around 1900 Henry Spear and Clemens Bement owned Spear & Bement, “Manufacturers of Fish, Syrup and Pickle Packages, Flour, Fruit, and all kinds of slack barrels.” The company was located in Grand Haven. Henry was born in Maine on August 12, 1854. He was a cooper by trade. He married Ida Williams, who was a native of Nova Scotia, where she was born in September 1857. She immigrated to the United States in 1880. Henry and Ida had six children: Ora M., born in Wisconsin in December 1884; Grace, born in Minnesota in August 1887; Henry, born in Grand Haven in July 1890; Mabel, born in Michigan in December 1891; Marian, born in Michigan February 1894; and Marvin, born in Michigan in July 1899. Henry died on December 19, 1924 in Kalamazoo and was buried at Riverside Cemetery. Ida passed away in 1930 and was buried near her husband.

### **Peter [Pieter] Speelman [1854-1916]**

Born in The Netherlands on April 14, 1854. Peter Speelman on July 14, 1887 married Johanna “Anna” Sleutel. He was employed by the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. Among their children was Nellie Speelman, who was born in Grand Haven on July 7, 1891 and married George Truman Conant. The Speelman family resided at 601 Monroe Street and later at 431 Elliott Street. Peter died in 1916, and Anna lived from 1864 to 1926. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After Peter’s death, Anna married Miles Luther Eggleston and continued to live in the house until her death. Miles had been married twice before. Anna’s and Peter’s great-grandson, Charles Fuller, in 2020 purchased the home on Elliott Street as a residence for him and his wife Kim. Nellie Conant was Chuck’s grandmother.

### **Jacob John Speidel [1834-1915]**

Isadore Noantay [Naughty] and his wife Josets [Josette/Josetha] had a daughter Jessica [Teresa], who was born in Michigan about 1844. She married Jacob John Speidel, who generally went by his middle name. Isadore was of French and Indian descent. According to the 1860 census, John, Jessica, and their daughter, Julia [Julia Ann/Jenien], born about April 1860, resided with Isadore and Josets in Grand Haven Township. John, who was born in Germany about 1834, immigrated to the United States in 1852. By 1904 he was a widower and living in Ludington. Living with him in 1910 were his two sons, John and Charles. Three years later the widower was residing with his son Charles and his family in Ludington. John the elder died on February 8, 1915 in Hesperia, Oceana County and was buried at Lakeview Cemetery. He apparently had a second wife, Emma [Anna], who was born in Germany in 1842, died on November 24, 1891 in Ludington, and also was buried at Lakeview Cemetery. When son Charles was born in Ludington on March 6, 1881, his mother’s name was listed as Ann.

Under the name Mrs. Jac [Jacob] Spider, Jessica in the 1864 Roll received \$19.60 as a member of Chief Penayse’s band. She appeared under the same name in the Annuity Roll of 1868 and received \$63.40 as a continuing member of Penayse’s band. The next year her annuity amounted to \$19.60. In the 1870 Indian census, Jessica [with her last name again spelled Spider] received \$45.90, still with Chief Penayse’s band of Grand River Ottawas.

The Speidels also had a son, Louis, born on October 22, 1862 in Grand Haven, and another son, George, born in Ludington on September 6, 1886. Daughter Julia married Solomon J. Bailey in Grand Haven on June 1, 1875. John Speidel died in Ludington on February 8, 1915 and was buried at Lakeview Cemetery.

### **Louis Speidel [Speidle, Spidal, Spidell] I [1862-1937]**

Among those counted in the 1908 Durant Roll were Louis Speidel I and his children: Grace, born on February 17, 1888; Louis Edward II, born on December 30, 1889; Marion [Marian] Agnes, born on August 30, 1891; and Margaret, born on September 27, 1902. Because of Louis’s Indian heritage, he and his four children were included as members of the Grand River Bands of Ottawas in the 1908 Durant Roll. Louis and the children resided in Grand Haven at the time of the Roll. In 1908 in Grand Haven, Louis received about \$21.18 as his share of the Indian annuity allotted that year.

Louis married Margaret Johnson [Johnston] in Robinson Township on July 4, 1887. Margaret, born about 1869, was White. She died in 1938 and was buried at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Louis was born on October 22, 1862 in Grand Haven, died on February 6, 1937 in St. Joseph, and was buried at Crystal Springs. Louis's death certificate cited his father as George Speidel and his mother as Tressa Nowanta, possibly alternate names for Jacob and Jessica Noantay. Louis and his wife, named Agnes on her birth registration, had a son named Louis, who was born in Grand Haven on August 19, 1891. All of Louis's family members were born in Michigan.

In the 1900 Federal Census Louis I, Margaret, Grace, Louis II, and Marian were listed as White and living at 212 Water Street [Harbor Drive] in Grand Haven. The elder Louis worked in an unnamed fertilizer factory. In the 1908 *City Directory*, the parents and their three children were shown as residing at 114 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven, and Louis was then working with the Globe Fertilizer Company. In the 1910 census the family continued to be listed as White residents of Grand Haven. On April 21, 1915, Grace married Ralph Hoyt in Grand Haven. She died in Benton Harbor on November 3, 1955. Louis II married Lucille Furber in Detroit on February 5, 1919, and in 1920 the couple was residing in St. Joseph. Louis II died in that city on January 22, 1977. Marion died in the same city on February 20, 1937.

### **John Spelder [Spelter] [1835-1909]**

See John De Spelder.

### **Frank Spence [Spencer] [@1835- ?]**

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Frank Spence was born about 1835 and became a machinist. He and Archibald Brown in 1867 started a machine shop called Iron Works, located on the northwest corner of First and Elliott Streets in Grand Haven. Spence and Brown sold their business to James Lewis, Otto Gronberg, and John Bryce in 1871. Frank married Annie [Ann/Anna] Driscoll in Grand Rapids on August 30, 1867. She was born in New York [Massachusetts] about 1843. They had at least three children: Isabelle, who was born in 1859; Rose Maria, who was born in Ottawa County on August 8, 1874, and another daughter, Mansta, who was born locally on November 7, 1885 and died in Chicago on August 20, 1926.

### **David Spencer I [1837- 1927]**

Spring Lake resident David Spencer was born in England [Canada] in November 1837. He married Elizabeth Manley, who was born in England in November 1845. After living for a while in Canada, David and Elizabeth immigrated to Spring Lake and lived at 804 East Savidge Street. David I was a minister. Of their seven children, six were born in Canada, including David II, born about 1877. The other children were Emma R., who was born in February 1875 and married Howard Gardner of Spring Lake; Agnes, born in July 1885; Margaret; James Manley, who was born in May 1888; Gertrude, born in May 1890; Ruth; Agnes; William; John; and Mary, who was born in Canada in 1867 and married Chauncey Blakeslee of Spring Lake. David, Emma, and Agnes were born in England, and the remainder were born locally. James Manley Spencer, a mason and building contractor, worked with his brother-in-law, Chauncey. They constructed many buildings in the area, such as the Armory, Grand Theater, and former Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. James also was president of Spring Lake Boat Company, founded in 1931. David died in 1927 and Elizabeth in 1934; both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had seven children in addition to David II.

### **David Spencer II [1877-1963]**

In 1898 David Spencer II won the first race ever sponsored by the Spring Lake Yacht Club. The winning boat was owned by David's brother-in-law, Chauncey Blakeslee, who was married to his sister, Mary Spencer Blakeslee. On December 7, 1903 in Newaygo, David married Edith Frink. He died on July 25, 1963. Edith lived from 1882 to about June 1, 1950. She and David were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. David and James Spencer were brothers.

### **James Manley Spencer I [1888-1961]**

James Manley Spencer was born in Grand Rapids on May 6, 1888. His parents were David and Elizabeth Manley Spencer. He married Helen Margarita De Fraga [Fraga] in Grandville on October 26, 1921. Helen, the daughter of John and Louise Trotter De Fraga, was born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1901. James and Helen had one son, James Manley Spencer II, who was born in Grand Haven on June 13, 1922 and died in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in August 1986. James the father worked with Chauncey Blakeslee in the contracting business in the Grand Haven area, and he was president of the Spring Lake Boat Company, founded in 1931. He died in Fairhope, Alabama on October 12, 1961. Helen passed away in Harbor Springs, Emmett County, on May 4, 1984. James and David Spencer were brothers. [For more on Fairhope, see Lydia Jane Newcomb.]

### **John W. “Yukon Jack” Spencer [1866-1938]**

John, the son of Medad and Julia Williams Spencer, was born in Crockery Township on November 16, 1866. He married Ottillie Williams Creighton. She was born in New York on April 5, 1871 and died in Yukon, Alaska in November 1924. She had been married twice before: first to Johann Herman Stockfisch [1864-1895] and then to Richard Creighton [1876-1939]; they were divorced on August 18, 1910. John was classified as “laborer” in the 1893 *Compendium* and held the post of justice of the peace in Coopersville as late as 1912. He journeyed to the Yukon to search for gold. He and Ottillie were living there in 1920. He remained in Alaska into the 1930s. John passed away in 1938 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

### **Medad [Meadad, Medford] Spencer [1837-1919]**

Medad Spencer was born in New York on August 26, 1836. On December 15, 1860 he married Julia Williams. She was born on July 22, 1844 in Watertown, New York. Medad registered for the Civil War draft in July 1863 but apparently wasn't called up. On February 14, 1865 he enlisted as seaman in the U.S. Navy for a two-year tour. He was said to be in charge of the lighthouse at Grand Haven for a time after the war, but no evidence was uncovered to support the claim. Perhaps he held the post of assistant keeper, since he was at Point Betsie Lighthouse from 1894 to 1906. Medad's 120-acre farm was situated in Sections 21 and 28 of Crockery Township. By 1870 he owned a general store in Nunica, but ten years later he was classified as a farmer. Medad died in Crockery on October 25, 1919 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Julia passed away on October 25, 1922 and was buried near her husband. Julia was Sarah Ann Easterly's sister. Medad's and Julia's children were Emma, Spencer [Lillie] who lived from 1864 to 1886; John W. “Yukon Jack” Spencer, who was born in New York on November 16, 1866; Ned Burdette Spencer, who lived from 1872 to 1945; Leonard Murray Spencer, who was born in 1876 and died in 1934; and Louis Martin Spencer, who lived from 1883 to 1970.

### **William D. Spencer [1869-1945]**

Born in Eastmanville on September 9, 1869, William Spencer became an engineer on the steamer *William H. Barrett*, which operated on the Grand River. In 1898 he went to work for the Spring Lake Basket Factory, which burned down that year. He then put in two years as a secret service agent, returned to Spring Lake and worked for the Story & Clark Piano Company until 1915, when he opened the S & S Grocery with John Slingerland, the two of them having bought Fred Bertschy's grocery at 200 West Savidge Streets. Eventually the owner, Julia Falls, Andrew's widow, sold the building to Leon Campbell for his drug store. In 1923 Spencer bought out B. Klouw & Son Grocery and Feed Store and moved into their building at 212 West Savidge. In 1935 William & Sons moved to 206 West Savidge, where Jacob Whitcomb had had a dry goods and grocery store. They enlarged their store and changed the name to Spencer's Super Market. William was township clerk for 20 years, and he also served on the Board of Trade and was president of the Spring Lake School Board. He married Frances S., the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Scott Kay of Spring Lake, who lived at 403 East Savidge. Frances was born in Illinois about 1863. William died on October 24, 1945 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Frederick Wilhelm Spindler [1815-1895]**

In 1871 Frederick W. Spindler, a German, followed Rev. John Daib as pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 531 Franklin Street. Frederick had been a clergyman at a Lutheran Church in Bay City. He was born in Germany in 1815. He married Dorothea "Dora" Margaretha Moller. Also German, she was born in January 1840. Frederick died in Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 8, 1882. Dora died in August 1908 in Scott, Minnesota. They had nine children.

### **Joseph Howard Spires [1853-1913]**

Joseph Spires followed Willis Sherman as manager of the Cutler House, owned by Dwight Cutler. Joseph was a well-known hotel man in Michigan. He was injured when the gas plant at the Cutler House exploded on September 16, 1881, resulting in the death of the Dwight's brother, Charles Cutler. On August 12, 1886, he was appointed postmaster at Ottawa Beach, near Holland. He gave up the post two months later and moved to Grand Rapids to enter the lumber business. Soon afterward, he left West Michigan for California, where he was located by 1895. Born in Ohio in 1853, Joseph died in Los Angeles on January 4, 1913. His wife Mamie was born in Michigan about 1858. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 1913.]

### **John Spoelma [1884-1923]**

Born in Crockery Township on January 20, 1884, John was the son of Peter and Hattie Spoelma, both natives of The Netherlands. John was employed at the Piano Factory and later at Dake Engine Company. On August 18, 1904, he married Fannie Modderman in Spring Lake. She was born in Ottawa County on May 22, 1884. Among their children were Peter, Anna, Harriet, and Marian. Marian was born on November 24, 1912 and was married twice, first in 1936 to Ralph Ruitter, and then after Ralph's death in 1980, to Ross M. Knight. John died of pneumonia following a severe attack of grippe at his home, 829 Grant Street, on February 22, 1923. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fannie then married Klaas Huisman, who was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 13, 1878 and died in Grand Haven on March 25, 1963. Fannie passed away on January 13, 1950. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 23, 1923 and December 16, 2003.]

### **Peter Spoelma [1853-1914]**

Both Peter Spoelma married Henryetta "Hattie" Helder. They were born in The Netherlands, he in April 1853 and she in January 1847. They immigrated to the United States in 1881 with a son, Ralph, who was born in December 1878, and settled on a farm in Section 7 of Crockery Township. Their other children, all born in Michigan, were John, born on January 20, 1884; Herman, who was born in July 1886 and settled in Grand Haven; and Katherine, who married John Klunder. Peter died in 1914 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Daniel Spoon [1824-1904]**

Daniel Spoon was born on a farm in Seneca County, New York, on March 12, 1824, four years after his brother John. Daniel arrived in Spoonville a few months earlier than John and worked at the Spoon & Becker Mill. Daniel married Helen [Helene] Lautenschlager on April 14, 1859. She lived from August 28, 1833 to September 22, 1886. Their six children were all born in Michigan, including Mary, born in 1860. Daniel died on March 12, 1904, and both he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John Spoon [1820-1892]**

Born on a farm in Seneca County, New York, in 1820, John Spoon learned the carpenter's trade. In 1856 [1857] he settled in what came to be called Spoonville, and eventually he owned a thousand acres of tillable land on the north branch of the Grand River in Crockery Township. He built a sawmill thereon and also constructed a permanent residence for himself on 848 acres, the largest farm in Ottawa County at the time. His barn measured 100 feet by 40 feet, with 24 posts and measured 60 feet to the top of cupola. It cost \$2,000 to build. The sawmill had a large, circular saw, a gang edger, and a lath and picket machine. It was capable of milling 40,000 board feet per day, and in 1881 produced 7,500,000 feet. He also owned



land in Muskegon and Illinois. John married Annie Margaret Bennett in Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1850. Among their children were Emma, born in New York in 1858, and Arthur J., born in Michigan in 1869. Annie was born in Janesville on September 2, 1828 and died April 21, 1914. John died on April 26, 1892 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Daniel Spoon was his brother.

### **Francis M. Sprague [1838-1916] and Marietta “Mattie” Hutson Sprague [1848-1931]**

In the 1890s Marietta Sprague advertised herself as a “Fashionable Milliner and Dealer in Fancy Goods” at her store, located at the “Foot of Washington St.” in Grand Haven. She also was a dress maker. On October 30, 1881 in Grand Haven, she married Frank Sprague. Frank, a native of New York [Italy], arrived in the United States in 1848 and lived from April 2, 1838 [1837] to January 18, 1916. He died while living in Grand Rapids. In Grand Haven, he worked as a tallyman for a lumber company. By 1913 Mattie had opened a millinery shop on Monroe Street in Grand Rapids. Three years later she was working in the furniture city as a furrier and continued in that field until at least 1930. Born in Illinois on September 13, 1848 [1849], Mattie died on November 22, 1931 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. While in Grand Haven, they resided on Columbus Street.

### **Henry [John] Sprick [Sprik] I [1837-1918]**

Henry Sprick, born in The Netherlands in March 1837 [1838], settled in Grand Haven in 1856 and opened the town’s first livery in 1862 with a buckboard and one horse. By 1882 he had 36 horses and 12 single and four double buggies. He offered bus service between Grand Haven and Lake Michigan. He also bought and sold horses. The livery was located on Second Street near Washington, not far from Grand Haven’s first school [approximately 16 South Second], and later at 216 Fulton. In 1915 Henry purchased from Charles Wilde and Andrew Falls a livery stable on the northwest corner of Division and Savidge Streets in Spring Lake.

Henry’s wife Johanna lived from 1836 to October 28, 1856. Henry and his second wife, Martha [Wilhelmina] Rysdorp, lived at 218 Fulton. Martha, a native of The Netherlands, lived from February 20, 1839 to January 22, 1917. Henry and both his wives were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Martha had at least four children, all born in Michigan: Henry II, who was born March 4, 1865 and died on April 7, 1899; Gertrude, who was born in February 1869 and married George De Young of Grand Haven; Minnie, who was born in April 1871 and married William Van Schelven of Grand Haven; and Martin, who lived from 1876 to 1928. Both sons were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Martin Sprick [1877-1928]**

On April 20, 1927 Martin, the son of Henry and Martha Sprick, married Alice Mulder Dake, the widow of Wilford Dake, who had died on June 5, 1913. Martin’s first wife, Anna, the daughter of John and Trientje Meyer De Young, lived from 1871 to 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They were married in Grand Haven on March 11, 1903. Martin and Anna lived at 425 Fulton. Martin, who was a machinist, lived from September 20, 1877 to April 20, 1928. He died in Rochester, Minnesota and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice passed away on September 26, 1944 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Ralph Donald Springfield [1935-2017]**

Ralph Springfield was born in Detroit on April 22, 1935 and graduated from Alma College in 1957. He taught history at Kent City and Pontiac High Schools and finished his teaching career in the Livonia Public School system from 1961 to his retirement in 1994. He held the position of Athletic Director at the time of his retirement. In the meantime, he earned a Master of Education Degree at Eastern Michigan University. Ralph and his wife Sally retired to Ludington. They moved to Grand Haven in 1997. In his new hometown, Ralph created fish and wildlife carvings that often were featured in exhibits at the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven. Ralph died on July 21, 2017 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sally, who was born on July 12, 1938, remained in Grand Haven after his death. They had three children.

### **James T. Sprott [1900-1989]**

James Sprott was born on February 28, 1900. On July 22, 1922 he married Christian Watt in Detroit. They had three children: Chriss Gunn of Alpena; Jean Erdenberger of Dallas, Texas; and James A. Sprott of Grand Rapids. The Sprotts moved to Grand Haven in May 1937, where James taught industrial-vocational subjects for 20 years in the evening adult classes in Grand Haven. He retired from Gardner-Denver as chief draftsman after 22 years. He also was Sunday School superintendent at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. James was a Mason, and Christian was a member of the Eastern Star, and she was active with the local Girl Scouts for many years. Their home was at 1624 Hillcrest. James died on June 15, 1989. Christian was born in Scotland on January 5, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on April 12, 1998. She and James were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Anna M. MacDonald Squier [1858-1934]**

Anna McDonald was born in Hillsburg, Ontario, on February 11, 1858. She moved to Grand Haven when she was 14 and did custom sewing for many of the local families, including Mary A. White, the Ferrys, and the Eastmans. On May 23, 1888 in Grand Rapids, she married William L. Squier. They lived in Plainwell. Anna returned to Grand Haven after her husband's death, but in 1900, before her return, she was boarding at a home in Grand Rapids. She was listed as single at that time. However, William, who was born in Michigan on July 9, 1856, died in Big Rapids on May 13, 1903. He was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Hastings, Barry County. The 1910 census listed Anna as a widow, living in Grand Haven and running a boarding house at 215 Columbus. Her 19-year-old daughter Elsie was living with her. [Elsie was residing with her uncle in Whitehall in 1900.] Anna died in Grand Haven on August 1, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 1, 1934.]

#### **Heber "Hebe" Vincent Squier I [Squiers, Squires] [1823-1883]**

Heber Squier was born in Erie County, New York, on March 23, 1823. He came to Grand Haven in 1859 as the first agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad when the terminal was at the foot of Dewey Hill, an area considered part of Ferrysburg at the time. Heber became Grand Haven's first harbor master in 1867. In 1867 he and Thomas White were tugboat owners and partners in a ship building enterprise named Squier & White. They also advertised their company as "Wreckers & Contractors." In 1844, in Buffalo, New York, Heber married Miranda Rose. She was born July 12, 1825 in Penfield, New York and died in Grand Haven on February 12, 1902. Their children were Anna, who was born about 1845 and married Volkert Wright Seeley of Milwaukee; Susan, who was born about 1847 in New York State and married Joseph Hutty of Grand Haven; Heber II, born about 1850; and Birdie Miranda, who was born about 1864 in Grand Haven and married Fred Hutty of Grand Haven. Heber I died on November 10, 1883 in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

#### **Heber Vincent Squier II [1850-1880]**

Heber, the son of Heber and Miranda Rose Squier, was born in Dunkirk, New York in 1850. On August 11, 1870, he married Ellen "Nellie" G. Hubbard in Grand Haven. Nellie, the daughter of Alonzo and Elvira Poole Hubbard and the sister of George Hubbard of Grand Haven, was born in Cleveland, Ohio in December 1850. Heber was a steamboat captain. He and Nellie had three children, all born in Michigan: Maude Eloise Squier, who was born in December 1871 and married James Barney Alexander [1869-1918] in Grand Haven on September 17, 1907, and died in Los Angeles, California on November 21, 1949; Nellie A. Squier, who was born about 1875 and married Ora Gale in Grand Haven on April 27, 1897; and Gertrude M. Squier, who was born in October 1876 and married William N. McMillan, the son of Neil and Mary McMillan of Grand Haven. After Heber's death in the wreck of the *Alpena* on October 16, 1880, Nellie resided at or near 215 Washington at the time of the 1889 fire that destroyed much of Grand Haven. Later she lived at 400 Howard. She died on March 20, 1924 in Glendale, California, where she had moved in 1913 to be with the family of her daughter, Gertrude McMillan. Nellie was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elvira, Nellie's mother, lived from April 27, 1812 to March 11, 1894 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Peter Staal [1850-1885]**

In the 1883 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, Peter Staal was noted as being a shoemaker in Ferrysburg. He was born about 1850 and died on November 29, 1885 in Spring Lake. His wife's name is not recorded.

### **Amanzo Stafford [1870-1948]**

Born on April 7, 1870 in Kalamazoo, Amanzo Stafford became proprietor of the Riverside Laundry, which operated at 205 South Harbor in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He also had a drop-off/pick-up station at Katt's General Store in Ferrysburg. Amanzo married May Williams in Kalamazoo on January 29, 1896. She was born in Michigan about 1874. In Grand Haven the couple, lived at 113 Washington and later at 109 North Second Street, where they were residing in 1910. By 1930 they were back in Kalamazoo. Amanzo died there on November 9, 1948.

### **Joseph Edward Stalec I [1915-1987]**

Joseph Stalec, one of the founders of Stan's Bar at 208 West Savidge in Spring Lake, in 1977 became full owner. Born on December 6, 1915, Joseph died in Maricopa County, Arizona on May 19, 1987. He married Mary Kramer and resided in Grand Rapids before moving to Spring Lake. The Stalecs' son, Joseph II, who was born on July 18, 1947, eventually took over management of the bar. Another son, Mike, resided in Greenville, Montcalm County. The Stalecs had two other children, a daughter Pat and a son Bob.

### **Joseph Edward Stalec II [1947-2007]**

Joseph, the son of Joseph and Mary Kramer Stalec, was born in Grand Rapids on July 18, 1947. Joseph II and his wife Susan resided at 206 Sidney Court in Spring Lake before moving to Nunica. Susan was the daughter of Anthony "Gus" and Dorothy Ringgold Carowitz of the Spring Lake area. Joseph I was one of the founders of Stan's Bar at 218 West Savidge in Spring Lake, a business that Joseph II eventually owned and managed after moving to Spring Lake in 1973. Joseph II served with the Marines during the Vietnam War. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake, VFW Post 2326 in Grand Haven, and American Legion Post 28, also in Grand Haven. Joseph and Susan had two sons, Joseph III of Nunica and Tony of Chicago. Joseph II passed away on March 26, 2007. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 2007.]

### **Rufus Kingborn Stallings [1860-1899]**

Born in Bullitt County, Kentucky on November 6, 1860, Rufus Stallings received his education at East Cedar Hills Institute, graduating in 1878. He was living in Kentucky with his parents around 1880, and on October 24, 1888 he married Nannie W. Briggs in Jefferson, Kentucky. By 1887 he was secretary of the Louisville [Kentucky] Silvering & Beveling Company. Rufus in October 1892 established the American Mirror and Glass Beveling Company with a capital of \$50,000, and the next month arrived in Grand Haven to start production. The plant was constructed near today's intersection of Howard Street and Harbor Drive. With Rufus as president and James W. Orr as secretary-treasurer, American Mirror claimed to be one of the largest manufacturing plants of its kind in the country. The building was destroyed by strong winds in 1896, but apparently was rebuilt, since it continues to show up in the atlases of 1897 and 1912. Rufus was also head of the large glass plant in Louisville, the company's headquarters. In 1896 he was elected mayor of Grand Haven, running on the Democratic ticket and served one year. He died of "organic heart disease" in Grand Haven on September 29, 1899 and was buried at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville. Nannie was born in Kentucky on January 7, 1867 and died in Jefferson, Kentucky on February 10, 1946. [*Tribune* obituary, September 29, 1899.]

### **Louis S. Stankiewicz [1887-1969]**

Louis Stankiewicz, a native of Poland, lived from June 30, 1887 to June 1969. He immigrated to Chicago in 1906. He and his wife Frances had a daughter named Louise, who was born on May 10, 1912 and married Elmer Shabart. Louis was a Chicago realtor. Sometime around the mid-1920s the Stankiewiczzes

purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township [11250 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue] but continued to reside in Chicago, using the farm for vacations. Frances resided on the farm after Louis's death but later moved to Berkeley, California to be with her daughter and son-in-law. She died there in October 1982.

### **Walter Dean Stannard [Stanard] [1839-1930]**

While living in Jackson County, Walter Stannard on August 29, 1862 enlisted in Company F of the 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on June 19 the next year, and then on March 10, 1865 he enlisted as assistant Surgeon in Company S of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was transferred to the 137<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry, but there was "no further record" of his service after that. Walter applied for a Civil War invalid's pension on July 3, 1879. Apparently he settled for a brief time in Grand Haven after the war. By 1870 he was a physician in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Walter was born in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio on October 21, 1839, the son of Henry and Margaret Hoffman Stannard. On August 26, 1862 in Jackson, he married Narcena [Macena] Elizabeth Hunt. She was born in Michigan on March 30, 1843 and died on March 29, 1899. Their son Henry was born about 1865 in Michigan. After Narcena's death, Walter married Marian Burnell Payne, who was born in Michigan on September 14, 1858. Walter was residing in Elkhorn, San Joaquin County, California in 1910. He died in Alameda, California, on June 28, 1930 and was buried at Lodi Cemetery in California.

### **Warren Hastings Stansberry I [1871-1949]**

Warren Stansberry moved to Grand Haven from Muskegon around 1907 and purchased Kamhout's Saloon at 133 Washington Street. He renamed it The Bank. He married Henrietta "Lidia" Dykema on December 4, 1912. They resided in an apartment above the saloon and later at 403 Howard Street. Warren also was agent for the Miller Brewing Company. By 1915 he and two partners were manufacturing crochet needles, knitting needles, and button hooks at 133 Washington. Around the time of WWI they moved next door to 129 Washington and on January 1, 1917 officially opened as Peerless Novelty. When that building burned down in 1920, the company moved to 105 Fulton. Warren was a member of the Elks, Peninsular Club, Spring Lake Country Club, and Grand Haven Stag Club. His son, Warren H. Stansberry II, was born on March 13, 1916 and remained a lifetime resident of Grand Haven. Warren I was born in Fayette, Iowa on September 28, 1871 and died in 1949.

### **Warren Hastings Stansberry II [1916-1994]**

Born in Grand Haven on March 13, 1916, Warren II was the son of Warren and Lidia Stansberry. He attended local schools and graduated from Babson College and Michigan State University. He married Natalie Stromsta on July 25, 1942. They had two daughters, Dianne and Linda, and a son, Warren III. Their home was at 520 Clinton. Warren took over his father's business, the Peerless Novelty Company, on June 21, 1937, when it was located on Jackson Street. Warren, who managed the business, later changed the name to Stanco Corp. He served in the Air Force during WWII, and he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, American Legion, Golden Age, Eagles, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Peninsular Club, MSU Alumni, North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club, Long Timber Ranch, and Grand Haven Stag Club. Warren died on March 11, 1994 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. Natalie lived from July 28, 1915 to September 1982 and died in Grand Haven. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, March 12, 1994.]

### **Robert Neal Stanton [1936-1996]**

Grand Haven attorney Neal Stanton was 59 when he died on February 2, 1996. He was a member of the Scholten & Fant law firm, starting there in 1963. He acted as assistant city attorney under Howard Fant in the early 1960s and from 1971 to November 1972 he was the city attorney. Neal was recognized throughout Michigan for his expertise in municipal annexation law. Neal was born on August 14, 1936. He and his wife Grace resided at 1856 Far Hills Court in Grand Haven. Neal was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Anne [Anna] Temmen Stap [1852-1933]**

Anne Stap and his wife Swaantje “Sadie” lived at 520 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. Around 1905 Anne bought a feed store at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets [309 Fulton] from Enne Kraai, who had retired. Anne came to Ottawa County from his native Netherlands in 1880 and first found employment at a flourmill [probably Forrest Brothers on Second Street]. He worked there for seven years, then rented the mill for the next two years, when he purchased Cornelius Bos’s flour and feed business. He stayed with that for eight years, then bought a farm in Crockery Township. After five years as a farmer, he returned to Grand Haven and resumed residency in his house on Sixth Street. At that time Anne bought the feed store on Fulton and Third but continued to live at 520 North Sixth. Anne was born in The Netherlands in February 1852 and died in Grand Haven about June 14, 1933. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sadie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in February 1850 and passed away in Grand Haven about June 12, 1937. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. Among their children, all born locally, were Dora, born in February 1885; Gertrude, who born on March 20, 1888 and married John Yonker of Grand Haven; and Etta, born in October 1889.

### **John Stap I [1897-1977]**

Born on February 28, 1897, John was the son of Martin and Jacoba Pals Stap. On July 11, 1917 in Grand Haven, he married Levina Jeanette Van Vlyman of Spring Lake. He joined the U.S. Army as private on May 1, 1917. Initially he was assigned to the Supply Company of the 121<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery. He was with the Medical Supply Division of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division when he was deployed to France aboard the ship *Olympic* on June 14, 1918. He returned to the United States on May 15, 1919, with the same military unit as when he left, and was mustered out on May 22. Back in Grand Haven, John worked as a clerk in his father’s flour and feed store at 705 Washington, but by 1942 he was employed at the Story & Clark Piano Company. He and Levina were then living at 218 Wallace Street. He died on February 22, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Levina lived from October 2, 1894 to May 14, 1966. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. John and Levina had three children: Marva Stap [1920-1989]; John Stap II [1994-1997]; and Adelaide Ruth Stap [1930-1983].

### **Martin [Marten] Tiemens [Tymensz] Stap [1863-1935]**

Martin Stap was born on January 30, 1863 [1864] on the Antilles Islands, a possession of The Netherlands, and immigrated to America when he was 19. He owned and operated a flour and feed store at 705 Washington in Grand Haven during the early 1900s but had left the business by 1920. He married Jacoba “Coba” Pals in Grand Haven on May 4, 1887. Jacoba was born in The Netherlands on June 28, 1866. Their surviving children were Katie [1888-1959]; Tieman “Tim” [1890-1970]; John [1897-1977]; Martha [1900-1975]; Marie Jacoba Botbyl [1904-1996]; and Anna Margaret Vander Ploeg [1911-2006]. The family resided at 820 Franklin. The Staps were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Martin died on September 25, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Coba passed away in Grand Rapids on November 14, 1951 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **John Staple [Staples] [1848- ?]**

Born in The Netherlands on October 19, 1847, John Staple was a farmer and fruit grower with 36 acres in Section 13 of Spring Lake Township. He came to the area in 1870. Prior to his arrival, he was a teamster in his native land. His wife Mary A. was born in May 1845 in Ireland [Canada]. She died on January 7, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On August 10 that year, John married Katherina Curten. She was born about 1860 in Illinois. John passed away on December 11, 1914 of anemia. He, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Agnes Stark [1864-1931]**

See Agnes Stark Koster.

### **Bernardus [Byron] Stark [1825-1898]**

Bernardus Stark, who lived from 1825 to July 29, 1898, was listed as “laborer” in the 1893 *Compendium*. However, he and his wife, Grietje [Gracie] Kusta, lived on a farm in Crockery Township in 1870, but by 1880 had moved to Spring Lake, where Bernardus was employed in a sawmill. The Starks had a son, John, who was born in The Netherlands in 1855, and another son, William, who was born locally around 1859 and married Anna Workman in Spring Lake on March 20, 1889. Their daughter, Peterka [Anna], who was born in Crockery Township in April 1862, married Peter De Witt of Spring Lake. Grietje was born in 1825 and died in 1891. She and Bernardus, both natives of The Netherlands, were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

### **Henry Stark [1853-1927]**

Henry Stark, born in Brookfield, Wisconsin on December 20, 1853, was a farmer and stockman with 100 acres in Section 11 of Crockery Township. He moved there from Green Valley, Wisconsin in 1910 and became well known for the ducks and geese he raised. He married Tryphena Glass, who was born in Etna Green, Indiana on April 17, 1854. Their children, all born in Wisconsin, were Flora, who was born about 1878 and settled in Green Valley, Wisconsin; Carmelle, born about 1879; Walter, who was born about 1881 and moved to Muskegon; Ellen, who was born in 1882 and married a Mr. Capelle, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Josephine, who was born on March 6, 1886 and married John Klass Holtrop of Nunica; Myron, who was born in 1889 and settled in Warren, Macomb County; Levi R., who was born about 1892 and remained in Crockery; Eugene, born about 1893; Alvin, who was born in 1895 and moved to Muskegon; Rufus; and Meta. Henry died on January 13, 1927, at his home in Nunica. Tryphena passed away on April 29, 1934.

### **John Stark [1822-1903]**

John, who was born on December 7, 1822 in Montreal, was the son of Alexander Stark. Alexander, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, lived from 1791 to 1873. John came to Grand Haven in 1869 and became one of the best-known marine men of his era and was at one time chief engineer of the famous Detroit & Milwaukee steamer *Detroit*, known, with her sister ship *Milwaukee*, as one of the “black boats.” Later he served as U.S. inspector of boilers of this district and acted as clerk of the local Steamboat Inspection Board. John and his brother-in-law, George W. Miller, opened a hardware store, Miller & Company Hardware, at 202-204 Washington in 1869.

In February 1856, in Canada, John married Sarah Morse, who was born in October 1828 in Chippewa, Canada. Her sister Nellie married George W. Miller of Grand Haven. She had another sister, Jane, who married Isaac Breckon of Chautauqua County New York, and a brother, Hiram Morse. Sarah was an early member of the Grand Haven Woman’s Club and the Presbyterian Church. The Starks’ children included Agnes Y., who was born in Detroit on October 3, 1864 and married Louis F. Koster, and Margaret. Margaret, born on May 3, 1859, was the first librarian of record in Grand Haven. The family home was at 232 Franklin Street. Sarah died on November 16, 1909, and John died on May 9, 1903. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 17, 1909.]

### **John B. Stark [1855-1923]**

John, the son of Bernardus and Grietje Stark, was born in Laanda, The Netherlands in 1855 and lived in the Spring Lake area most of his life. He was associated with the White & Friant Lumber Company. He passed away July 3, 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Ricke in Spring Lake on March 26, 1884. She lived from 1860 to 1913 and was buried near her husband and other family members.

### **Margaret A. Stark [1859-1924]**

Margaret, the daughter of John and Sarah Morse Stark, was the first librarian of record in the Grand Haven area, dating back to 1882. She worked for the Grand Haven Library Association, a subscription library with membership fees of 50 cents and books costing 10 cents a week. Edward P. Ferry was president,

William H. Brown, secretary, and Emma Alford was a member of record. Margaret, who was born on May 3, 1859 in Detroit, except for teaching assignments outside the Grand Haven area, lived in her childhood home at 232 Franklin until her death. Margaret graduated from Ypsilanti State Normal College [Eastern Michigan University] and taught in public schools and as a private tutor in Grand Haven, Muskegon Heights, Gaylord, and Royal Oak, as well as in the states of Nevada, California, and Arizona. She was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club. Margaret died at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon on March 23, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She had been living with her sister and brother-in-law, Agnes and Louis Koster, at 514 Franklin Street. [*Tribune* obituary, March 24, 1924.]

#### **Benjamin Franklin Starr [1826-1905]**

Born in New York State in 1826, Benjamin Starr settled in Ottawa County. He opened the Pomona Hotel in Fruitport on Spring Lake in 1871, which was the first summer resort hotel in the vicinity. In 1871 he came to Grand Haven and managed the Cutler Hotel when it opened. Owned by Dwight Cutler, it was considered to be the finest hotel in the state. Benjamin was still listed as manager in 1873. He married Isa J. Quigley on September 16, 1884 in Jackson. According to the 1880 census, the Starrs were then residing in Allegan. Known coast to coast as a premier hotelier, Benjamin died in Denver, Colorado on January 20, 1905.

#### **Hilbrant [Hildebrandt] Start [1841-1915]**

Hilbrant Start, born in 1841 in The Netherlands, ran a boarding house in Spring Lake during the late 1880s. It was located at 410 River Street. On July 18, 1866 in Grand Haven, Hilbrant married Anje "Anna" Dobb. She was born in The Netherlands on January 24, 1841 and died in Spring Lake on May 24, 1935. Their daughter, Frances, married Albert Kruiuzenga. Hilbrant died on March 24, 1915. The other children were Jacob, who was born November 20, 1868; Urouwke, who lived from November 3, 1870 to August 17 the next year; Clara, who was born March 30, 1874 and married Peter Katt of Ferrysburg on September 28, 1893; Hipe, who was born on March 24, 1879, married Gertrude Geldersma [March 26, 1888-February 14, 1991], and died on May 29, 1862; and Neal, who married Jennie Bolthouse [April 9, 1905-February 22, 1985]. Hilbrant and Anna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Martin Start I [1889-1936]**

Born on January 19, 1889 Martin Start I died in 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Martin and John Brongersma founded the Brongersma & Start Coal Company around 1912. Martin married Elize Bookhoudt in Crockery Township on May 15, 1912. Their son, Martin Start II, was born on June 30, 1922 and died in Grand Haven on September 12, 1996. The Martin residence in Spring Lake was at 214 East Exchange.

#### **Charles E. Stearns I [1840-1910]**

Charles Stearns was born on October 5, 1840. His 100-acre farm was located in Section 8 of Robinson Township. Charles served as township supervisor from 1893 to 1901. In 1899 he was hired to build a permanent bridge over Stearns Bayou, which he accomplished by staking the existing float bridge with logs until they were nine feet above the water line and then covering them with sand. He died on October 4, 1910 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with his wife, Maria E. Fairbanks, who lived from 1846 to 1909. A son, Clinton R., who lived from August 12, 1874 to December 9, 1911, also was buried there. Another son, Charles II, was born in Grand Haven in 1883 and married Cora Seifert in Grand Haven on August 23, 1907. A daughter May married Richard Berg in Grand Haven on October 8, 1905. Richard was the son of Frederich and Minnie Krull Berg of Grand Haven Township. A daughter Nellie, born in 1878, on January 1, 1900 married Jason A. Pelton of Robinson Township. Two years later, on October 30, Nellie married Elwin G. Blakely, also of Robinson Township.

#### **George Le Grande Stearns [1832-1911]**

George Stearns came to Grand Haven from Iowa in 1873 and joined Mr. Chaffee in forming the Chafee, Stearn windmill manufacturing business. The next year he bought out Chaffee, and continued to produce regulator windmills, pumps, cylinders, windmill derricks, and tanks. By 1877 George had been joined by his brother Lawton, and the name of the business was changed first to Stearns Brothers and then to Stearns Manufacturing Company. It produced sashes, doors, and blinds. Apparently the factory, located on the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets, was destroyed by fire in 1883. George was born on January 22, 1832 [1835] in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York and moved in 1856 to Wisconsin. He was the son of Asa and Anna Paddock Stearns. On March 20, 1859 in Eagle, Wisconsin, he married Marietta [Mary] E. Snyder, who was born on May 15, 1835 in New York State. They had five children, none born in Michigan. While living in Rockford, Illinois, George enlisted as corporal in the 67<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry on June 13, 1862 and was mustered out the following September 27. He moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he married Angeline, Marietta's sister, who had died in Wisconsin on October 26, 1865. Angeline was born in New York in July 1827. George and Angeline were residing in Los Angeles, California by 1900. George died in Amsterdam, New York, in 1911. Angeline had died in 1907. Both were buried at Hollywood, California.

### **John Fisk Stearns [1813- ?]**

John F. Stearns was born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire on May 22, 1813. He built a warehouse on the northwest corner of Washington and Water [Harbor] in the early years of Grand Haven's settlement. Clark Albee later purchased the building. In 1833 John was living in Chippewa County. On September 10, 1838 he purchased 320 acres in Sections 6 and 7 in Robinson Township and additional acreage in Allegan County and elsewhere throughout Michigan, undoubtedly for lumbering purposes. His land in Robinson surrounded the inlet that was named for him, Stearns Bayou. On February 22, 1841 he was named postmaster of Port Sheldon. In the 1840s he was active in the lumber business in Newaygo County and on December 28, 1847 he was named postmaster of Stearn's Mills, which in 1850 he changed to Croton. He continued to hold the position of postmaster. On May 20, 1852 in Kalamazoo, John married Cordelia Bonney, who was born about 1831, apparently in Newaygo County. There is no record that John ever resided in Ottawa County.

### **Lawton Benson Stearns [1836-1911]**

Born on March 11, 1836 [1837] in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York, Lawton was the son of Asa and Anna Paddock Stearns. Lawton started out as a harness maker. In 1855 he went to Wisconsin, and on August 14, 1862 he enlisted Company A of the Wisconsin 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Artillery. He was mustered out on June 26, 1865, with the rank of sergeant. He came to Grand Haven before 1877 to join his brother, George L., in the manufacture of wood products, such as windmills and tanks. Lawton married Frances Caroline Payne of Wisconsin on March 23, 1864. She was born in Wisconsin around 1841. Their children included James, who was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin on June 24, 1867; Edward, who was born in Wisconsin about 1868; and twins Frances Clara and Carrie May, who were born in Grand Haven on February 19, 1878. On August 22, 1890, while living in Oregon, Lawton applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Frances died in Oregon on February 22, 1901. Lawton died in the same state on March 10, 1911.

### **Joe Steel [1860-1971]**

See Monroe Rutty.

### **George "Cal" Steele [1925-2012]**

Cal Steele, who was born in Detroit on September 9, 1925, served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was employed by Teledyne Continental Motors for 32 years following the war. He married Alice Lorraine Adams in Detroit on June 28, 1947. Born on July 15, 1927 in London, Ontario, she died in Muskegon on March 23, 1980 and was buried at Mouth Cemetery in Montague. Their children were Dan Steele, who was born in 1948 and relocated to Pinckey, Livingston County; Janice, who married Andy Scherf of Spring Lake; Diane, who married Doug Sparling of West Olive; and Kathleen, who married Ed



Archer of Spring Lake. On November 29, 1980, Cal married Marilyn Ann Neill, who was born on August 13, 1930. They lived in Spring Lake. The couple attended Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven, where Cal volunteered for the Friday Morning Men's Team, one of several volunteer groups he served with. In 1970 he received the Shelby Optimist Life Saving Award, in 2004 he was given the Governor's Service Award for outstanding work as a mentor, and in 2006 he received the Angel Award for caring for children. Cal died on November 9, 2012 and was buried at Mouth Cemetery with Alice.

#### **Gertrude Helene Burmeister Steele [1899-1988]**

Born on February 8, 1899 in Shelby, Oceana County, Gertrude was the daughter of Christian [1842-1915] and Hattie Scholtz [1861-1939] Burmeister, both natives of Germany. Gertrude and her mother were residents of Grand Haven as early as 1910. Her father remained in Oceana County. On January 23, 1924 Gertrude married Samuel Terry Steele in Grand Haven. By 1930 the Steeles were living in a farmhouse in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township, at the foot of Rosy Mound dune. The property formerly was the home of John Majerus and his family. Living with the Steeles was their son, Robert, who was born in Ann Arbor on March 4, 1922, and Gertrude's mother, Hattie, born about 1862. Gertrude was a self-employed housekeeper. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Samuel was born on June 3, 1887 in Douglass Township, Montcalm County. As a young man, he worked as a "laborer" on Henry and Flora Ingraham's farm in Douglass. He served as private with Company E of the 318<sup>th</sup> Michigan Engineers during WWI. In 1930 he worked as a cutter at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in Grand Haven, but ten years later he was doing "odd jobs" and by 1950 was unable to work at all. By 1930, he, Gertrude, and Robert were living in the family home near Rosy Mound, where he tried farming. Samuel died on March 21, 1956 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Gertrude, who moved to 222 Clinton, died on December 18, 1988 and was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery. Robert passed away in Spring Lake on July 9, 2007 and was buried next to his mother.

#### **Henry "Harry" Steele [1804-1858], Zina Steele [1807-1858], and George Steele [Steel, Stiles] [1820-@1850]**

In 1841, a year after coming to Tallmadge Township from New York, Harry Steele planted a fruit orchard near what is now Lamont, one of the first in the county. On November 1, 1841 Harry and his half-brother Zina Steele combined to buy 140 acres in Section 7 of Tallmadge Township from A. D. Yeomans. Harry was born in 1804 in Champlain, New York, Zina was born in Champlain County, New York in 1807, and George, another half-brother who settled in Ottawa County, was born in Champlain County in 1820. On April 1, 1850 Harry bought 40 acres in Section 1 of Allendale Township. Harry and Zina Steele platted the Village of Lamont in 1856, which was known first as Middleville, then Steele's Landing, and finally as Lamont. On January 1, 1867 Zina bought 80 acres in Section 26 of Robinson Township. Harry married Rebecca Calkins, was born in New York in 1805 and passed away in 1895. All three brothers were farmers, but Zina also owned a store and grist mill. George died around 1850. Harry was killed by a bursting millstone on December 28, 1858 and was buried at Maplewood Cemetery, as was Rebecca. Harry and Rebecca had a daughter, Jane Harriet, who married Peter Weatherwax [1814-1910]. Jane lived from November 27, 1820 to September 28, 1899. She, too, was buried at Maplewood. Zina also died in 1858.

#### **Albert Stegeman [Stegman] [1828-1901]**

Born in The Netherlands on September 25, 1828, Albert Stegeman settled in Holland, Michigan in 1847 with his parents. He moved to Grand Haven six years later, where by 1860 he was a merchant. In August 1863, he bought Clark Albee's commission business and continued it in the same building on the northwest corner of Washington and Harbor Streets, later the site of the Grand Trunk Depot. Albert also had a store in Allegan that carried \$60,000 worth of merchandise. He later moved to California and raised lemons and oranges. He died in National City, California on December 6, 1901. His first wife, Isabella [Poubella, Belle], was born in 1835 in New York and died on September 1, 1865 in Grand Haven. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After her death, Albert married Lamila Folsom, who lived from April

December 29, 1928. She was living in San Diego, California at the time of her death. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 1901.]

### **Ale Popke Stegenga [1842-1867]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on June 28, 1842, Ale Stegenga settled in Holland with his family in August 1847. He became a farmer and settled on Section 8 of Olive Township. He also was justice of the peace, notary public, school commissioner, town Clerk for five years, and served at least seven terms as supervisor. On December 12, 1868 Ale married Martje “Martha” Diekema, who was born on November 1, 1846. They had five children. Residing with them was Ale’s father, Popke, who was born on September 6, 1801 in The Netherlands. On April 23, 1828, Popke married Johantje Blijstra, who was born on January 27, 1801. The older Stegengas celebrated 54 years of marriage in 1882.

### **Foeke “Frank” S. Stegenga [1872-1943]**

Frank Stegenga, the son of Siebolt P. and Eke Douma Stegenga, was born in Grand Haven on December 6, 1872 and died there on April 12, 1943. On April 5, 1899 in Grand Haven, he married Marie Van Doorne, who was born in Holland, Michigan, on July 31, 1876, died in Grand Haven on April 15, 1938, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marie was the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne I. Frank was a building contractor. The Stegenga family lived at 1306 Columbus, where Frank also had his office. Later they lived at 932 Washington, with their daughters, Dorothy A., born in 1912, and Marian Ruth, born in 1916. A third daughter, Elizabeth Frances, who was born October 21, 1904, married George V. Steketee in Grand Haven on October 12, 1929 and died in San Diego County, California on August 4, 1980. The Stegenga family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

### **Siebolt Stegenga [1891-1966]**

In 1930, Siebolt Stegenga ran a candy store in Ferrysburg. Around 1940, he owned a grocery store at 309 Pine Street. [In the 1941 *Business Directory*, Stegenga’s Gas Station was listed at this address.] By 1942, the service station had been converted to a general store at the same address. In 1950 Siebolt was sorting mail at the Ferrysburg post office. Since at least 1930, he lived at 223 Pine Street with his sister and brother-in-law, Johanna “Anna” [1890-1978] and Earl [1889-1972] King. Elizabeth Bulthuis Kamhout Stegenga, Siebolt’s widowed stepmother, was residing in the same house. Siebolt was born in Ferrysburg on August 19, 1891, died in Ferrysburg on September 12, 1966, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other members of the family. Siebolt’s older brother, Aaron Stegenga, was born on January 3, 1889 and died in Spokane, Washington on February 9, 1971.

### **Willem [William] Berend Stegenga I [1860-1916]**

William Stegenga was a blacksmith in Ferrysburg. He was born in the City of Holland on June 18, 1860, the son of Siebolt [1835-1894] and Janna Gesina Koijers [Kooyers] [1841-1871] Stegenga, both natives of The Netherlands. On April 4, 1889 in Grand Haven, William married Egbertjen “Emma” Vanderkolk. The daughter of Arndt and Marichje “Mary” Wieurding Vanderkolk, she was born in Ferrysburg in 1861. At the time of the marriage, William was employed at the Johnston Brothers Company as a boiler maker. William and Emma had two sons, both born in Ferrysburg: Aaron Stegenga, who was born on January 3, 1889, served as private with the U.S. Army during World War I, and died in Spokane, Washington on February 9, 1971, and Willem Berend Stegenga II, born on August 19, 1891. On April 11, 1905 William the father married Elizabeth Bulthuis Kamhout in Muskegon. She and her first husband, Johannes “John” Kamhout [1860-1938], were married on November 2, 1881 and divorced on October 7, 1902 in Muskegon. William died on August 3, 1916 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Elizabeth, the daughter of Pieter and Stientje Volkers Bolthouse, was born on February 6, 1863, died in 1958, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Jack W. Steigenga [1942-2002]**

In the 1960s and early 1970s Jack Steigenga and his wife owned and operated the Lamplighter Restaurant at 20 Washington in Grand Haven. Their slogan was, "A Touch of Dutch." He married Hazel Bakker in Holland. Jack, the son of Jacob and Harriet De Koster Steigenga, was born in Holland, Michigan, on May 7, 1942. He served with the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Prior to opening the Lamplighter, Jack was chef for many years at one of Russ' Restaurants in Holland. He also was employed by the Grand River Inn and Christian Haven. After the restaurant closed Jack became sales representative for United Electric and Northern Electric. Jack and Hazel resided at 221 Clinton in Grand Haven and later at 14841 State Road in Spring Lake Township. The Steigengas had three children: Kendall of Spring Lake; Kimberly, who married Dean Mesman of Riverside, California; and Kristine, who married Stephen Spaulding of Enterprise, Alabama. Jack passed away in Spring Lake on May 11, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 2002.]

#### **Christian John Steinbach [1897-1959]**

C. John Steinbach started Michigan Auto Parts in 1926. It was first located at 531 Fulton Avenue, moved to 16 North Seventh Street and in 1949 expanded to 14 North Seventh. After his death in 1959, John's sons John and George ran the business and renamed it Lake Michigan Auto Parts. John's widow Melissa worked in the business until her death on March 31, 1969. She was born as Melissa Louise Schott on November 23, 1900 in Eggelston Township, Muskegon County, died on May 31, 1969, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was born in St. Louis, Missouri on June 1, 1897, died in Grand Haven on May 23, 1959, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **George W. Steinbach [1930-2002]**

Born in Muskegon on April 15, 1930 to C. John. and Melissa Schott Steinbach, George became known in Grand Haven as the "Mayor of Centertown." He was a graduate of Michigan State College [MSU]. With his brother John, George owned and operated Lake Michigan Auto Parts at 14 North Seventh in Grand Haven and A to Z Auto Parts at 1329 Wilson Road in Spring Lake Township. Their father had started the auto parts business in 1926, when it was called Michigan Auto Parts. It adopted the name Lake Michigan Auto Parts when the business was incorporated in the early 1960s. George was a member of the Grand Haven Centertown Association and the Grand Haven Central Business Association. He married Pauline E. Clarke in Grand Haven on December 27, 1956. They had two daughters, Christi and Kathleen Neil, and a son, George C. Steinbach. George and Pauline resided at 18310 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township. George died in Muskegon on November 9, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, November 11, 2002, and *Chronicle* article "Popular 'Mayor of Centertown' Dies," November 12, 2002.]

#### **Robert Steiner [1924-1991]**

Born on May 29, 1924 in Muskegon, Robert Steiner received his pharmacist's degree from Ferris State University in Big Rapids. He moved to Grand Haven in 1950 to work at Mulders' Drug Store at 136 Washington Street. He then purchased the store in 1952 and changed the name to Steiner's Drug Store. He was a pilot in the Navy for three years, and a member of Kiwanis Club, American Legion, the Elks, and Grand Haven Rotary. He and his wife Norma resided in Muskegon. Robert died on June 14, 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, June 14, 1991.]

#### **James A. Stephenson [Stevenson, Stephensen] [1842-1913]**

James Stephenson, born in England in 1842, was deputy collector of customs under Healy C. Akeley and one of the first managers of the Opera House that preceded the Armory Building on the corner of Second and Franklin Streets in Grand Haven. In 1880 he was listed as customs collector in Grand Haven. While a resident of Clinton County. James enlisted as private with Company D of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry on December 31, 1863. He was promoted to corporal on January 5, 1864 and to sergeant on November 1 that year. The next year he was mustered out on August 17. On August 15, 1868 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension and on August 18, 1913 his wife, Anna F. James, applied for a widow's Civil War

pension. Their son, George, was born in Michigan around 1872. James was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Lawrence H. Sterenberg [1933-2004]**

Larry Sterenberg was born in Muskegon on March 29, 1933 and graduated from Muskegon Heights High School. He served as corporal with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. On June 4, 1955 he married Laura Grace Fiet in Muskegon. She was born on February 18, 1932. Larry was Ferrysburg's city manager from the late 1970s into the 1980s. They resided at 540 Ridge Street and later at 504 Fifth Street in Ferrysburg. Larry died on November 10, 2004 and buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two children: Michael Sterenberg and Lane Sterenberg.

**Alfred Lovett Stevens [1874-1925]**

Born in Kansas on December 15, 1874, Alfred Stevens moved to South Haven, where he classified himself as an inventor. By 1922 he was residing in Grand Haven, where he died in December three years later. Alfred, who was unmarried, worked as an architectural draftsman in Grand Haven.

**George C. Stewart [1847-1885]**

George Stewart was a partner in Healy C. Akeley's Grand Haven law office around 1870. George was born in Ohio in 1847, died in Grand Haven on March 22, 1885, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife Carrie, also from the Buckeye State, was born about 1851.

**Mary Amelia Stewart [1875-1963]**

Mary was the daughter of William and Mary Nash Stewart. Her father was bookkeeper for the White, Friant, & Company Sawmill in 1882, and later agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad in Grand Haven. Mary was a graduate of Akeley Hall. For 18 years she was director of the Central School kindergarten in Grand Haven. Born in Dunnville, Ontario, Canada, on August 1, 1875, she came to Grand Haven with her parents when she was a girl and lived with them at 609 Washington. After her father's death, she and her mother moved to 15 North Fourth Street. Mary the daughter died on May 23, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**William Willerton Francis Stewart [1839-1906]**

William Stewart was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario in April 1839 and married Mary A. Nash of Buffalo, New York in 1871. Mary was born in February 1843 in Ontario. They had one daughter, Mary Amelia Stewart, who was born on August 1, 1875 in Ontario and became a teacher in Grand Haven schools. The family lived at 609 Washington in Grand Haven. William was bookkeeper at the White, Friant & Co. Sawmill in 1882. In later years, he became an agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad and held that job for twelve years. He was also the purser for the steamer *City of Milwaukee*. William was instrumental in building the first permanent bridge over the Niagara River. He died on March 14, 1906 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Niagara Falls Cemetery, Ontario. After his death, the two Marys lived at 15 North Fourth Street. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 1906.]

**George Stickney [1838-1916]**

When the First National Bank of Grand Haven was formed in 1871 and absorbed the business of Ferry & Son Bank, George Stickney was named Cashier. Prior to that George was Grand Haven agent for the Engelmann Transportation Company of Milwaukee. In 1881 he was named secretary-treasurer of the new Challenge Corn Planter Company, and four years later he became treasurer of the new Grand Haven Leather Company. George was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. Some time after 1900 he left Grand Haven and ten years later, he was a widower living in Boulder, Colorado and working as a banker in Boulder, Colorado.

On October 14, 1869, George married Marion Louisa Burnett in Grand Rapids. Their children, both born in Michigan, were Lorine, born about 1861, and Marion [Marian], born in October 1875. George's mother,

Martha Burnett Stickney, resided with the family in the 1880s. She died on December 30, 1888 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marion Louisa, the mother, died on July 4, 1879 at the age of 42 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. George was born on August 25, 1838 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of William Henry and Martha Burnett [Branch] Stickney. He died on October 17, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest with other family members.

### **Leonard Stickney [1838-1917]**

On August 29, 1864, Leonard Stickney enlisted in Company F of the 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry as private. He was mustered out on May 24 the next year. Leonard was born in Canada on January 12, 1838, settled in Plainfield, Wisconsin, and moved to Grand Haven about 1884 to take up the trade of carpentry. He owned more than 90 acres in two separate parcels south of Robbins Road and west of Sheldon [Section 32 of Grand Haven Township], including what came to be known as Stickney Ridge, and more than 80 acres in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. On April 26, 1867 in Plainfield, Wisconsin, Leonard married Charlotte Cook, a native of New York. She lived from July 4, 1848 to February 17, 1922 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Stickneys lived at 715 Sheldon. A son, William, was born in Wisconsin about 1869; another son, Willard, also from Wisconsin, was born on June 29, 1875; and Anna, a daughter, was born in Plainfield, Wisconsin in 1877. She married Clarence H. Buhl in Grand Haven on October 12, 1895. Leonard died in Grand Haven on February 3, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Willard David Stickney [1875-1936]**

Born on June 29, 1875 in Hansook, Wisconsin, Willard Stickney arrived in Grand Haven with his parents when he was 9 or 10 years old. He was the son of Leonard and Charlotte Stickney of Grand Haven. [Another Willard Stickney lived from 1849 to December 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.] On February 1, 1873, Willard's father bought a little more than 80 acres in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. Willard, a carpenter and house builder like his father, was among the first to promote resort business through the development of Stickney Ridge, south of Highland Park, land also purchased by his father. Willard built a garage, store, and some cottages, doing most of the work himself, at Stickney Ridge. Willard married Matilda "Tillie" Keyes in Grand Haven on August 19, 1896. Tillie was born in September 1878 in Michigan [Canada]. They were divorced on August 22, 1903. On December 27, 1907, Willard married Helen [Hellen] Baas in Chicago. In 1915 the Stickneys resided at 522 Slayton. Willard died in 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. Helen was born on August 5, 1879, died on July 28, 1962, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Heinrich "Henry" Stille [1848-1930]**

Henry Stille immigrated from Germany to the United States in 1866, when he was 18 years old. About 1869 he married Emilie [Amelia] Michalis [Michaelis], who was born in Prussia in 1852. A year later the Stilles owned an 80-acre farm in Section 24 of Grand Haven Township, where they raised their children, including Otto, who lived from 1873-1919; Willi [William], who lived from 1874 to 1930; Minna, who was born in 1876 and died on March 9, 1897; Matilda, who was born about 1885 and on November 1, 1906 married Carl Berg in Grand Haven. Two more children, Martha and Herman, were born in 1889 and 1892 respectively. In the 1880 Federal Census, Emile's parents were living on the Stilles' farm: Johann Michalis, who was born in 1819 in Prussia and died on March 5, 1888, and Johanna [Hannah], who lived from 1819 to January 23, 1903. The Stilles' farm had grown to 200 acres by the late 1890s. By 1928 Henry was a machinist at Grand Haven Brass Foundry, but he and Emilie continued to reside on the farm on 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Henry passed away in 1930, and Emilie died the next year. They and their children were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery, as were Johanna's parents.

### **Jeffrey Dean Stille [1962-2025]**

Jeffrey Stille served as Ferryburg mayor from 2007 to 2011. The son of Leon and Dzintra Stille, he was born on St. Patrick's Day 1962. Jeff's father also was mayor of Ferrysburg from 1973 to 1975. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1980, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Arabian

Sea during the Persian Gulf conflicts. For nearly 30 years he owned and operated Stille Construction Company at 16938 Royal Avenue in Spring Lake, where he also lived. Jeff had three children: Juston Stille; Alivia Stille, who married Jon Dykstra; and Grant Stille. Jeff passed away on New Year's Day 2025.

### **Agnes Caroline Campbell Stine [1895-1953] and Cleo Edwin Stine [1898-1937]**

Cleo Stine was born in Stronghurst, Illinois on March 1, 1898 and on August 28, 1920 married Mildred Rose Thompson in Knox, Illinois. Mildred lived from April 8, 1902 to February 27, 1995. On September 28, 1929, Cleo married Agnes Campbell in Grand Haven. Agnes, the daughter of Archibald and Ida Andres, was born in Grand Haven on April 8, 1895. In 1930 the couple was living in Detroit, where Cleo was a salesman for an office supply company. He passed away in Spring Lake on April 26, 1937 of bronchial pneumonia and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Agnes occupied the Campbell family home at 225 Franklin Street, where she remained for the rest of her life. She died in Grand Haven on November 13, 1953 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Edward E. Stites [1856-1932]**

Edward Stites platted the Village of Johnsville on May 16, 1889. It was named for John Behm, who settled in the area in the 1860s, but the town was renamed Agnew in 1889 for an executive of the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad, which serviced the area. Edward was born in Fulton County, Ohio, on October 31, 1856. He married Sarah Nellie Stoddard on August 24, 1879 in Fairfield, Lenawee County. She was born on July 15, 1857, died on March 28, 1941, and was buried at Ottokee Cemetery in Fulton County. Edward died on January 8, 1932 and also was buried at Ottokee Cemetery. A son, Issac Curtis, was born on February 11, 1886 in Johnsville [Agnew], died on July 3, 1949, and was buried at Wauseon Union Cemetery in Fulton County. Another son, Arthur, was born in 1884 in Ottawa County, died in 1954, and was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fulton County.

### **A. William Stittgen [1854-1916]**

In 1908 William Stittgen was proprietor of the Gildner Hotel, at the southeast corner of Washington and Water Streets [2 Washington]. William was a native of Germany, where he was born in February 1854. He married Frieda Daman, who also used the name Anna. William and Frieda/Anna made their residence at the hotel. Anna was born in Germany around 1870 [1866]. She immigrated to America in 1875, ten years after her future husband. Their daughter, Lillie Elisabeth Stittgen, was born in Milwaukee on June 14, 1891. Before coming to Grand Haven, William was proprietor of a saloon in Milwaukee, a position he had resumed by 1910. Frieda/Anna may have died, because William married Anna Piplow Gill, in St. Joseph, Berrien County on October 1, 1913. Both listed their residences as Milwaukee at the time of their marriage. This Anna was born in Michigan about 1863. William died in Milwaukee on December 15, 1916 and was buried at Holy Trinity Cemetery.

### **Luanne Lynn Stobb [1963-1978]**

Born on September 23, 1963 in Grand Haven, Luanne was the daughter of Wallace [1929-2016] and Betty [1936-2001] Stobb. Her father was principal of Grand Haven Christian School from 1957 to 1966. Luanne was sister to David, Sharon, Joy, and Judy Beth. The Stobbs resided at 1210 Oakes in Grand Haven. Luanne, an honor student, was valedictorian on June 7, 1978 of her ninth grade graduating class at Grand Haven Christian School. Two days after becoming ill with flu-like symptoms, Luanne died on October 22, 1978, of gangrene of the leg at age 15. No cause for the gangrene was found. Two paintings were commissioned by artist Rob Michmerhuizen depicting Luanne's scholastic achievements, her love of music as a pianist, her appreciation of nature, and especially growing violet plants. The panels were hung in the main entrance to Grand Haven Christian School, the one on the left showing her everyday mortal-level interests and the one on the right portraying her experience of salvation. Her mother Betty later married Frank Nagy of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, October 23, 1978, and *Tribune* article "Artist Brings Out Love and Eternity," December 18, 1979.]

### **Robert Stobbelaar [1918-1995]**

Born on January 8, 1918 in Grand Rapids, Robert Stobbelaar graduated from Central High School and then attended Harvard University and the University of Illinois and graduated from Michigan Medical School. He served in the Medical Corps during WWII. Robert married Roberta Mary Burns on December 25, 1944, and they had two children, Richard and Karen. The family lived at 78 Grand. Robert began his medical/surgical practice in Grand Haven in 1948, retired in 1976, and moved to Fort Myers, Florida. Robert was a member and president of the Ottawa County Medical Society, chief of staff and surgery at North Ottawa Community Hospital, and a member of Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Rotary, Grand Haven Stag Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church. He died on April 7, 1995 in Fort Myers.

Roberta was born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1920, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Burns. She graduated valedictorian of Grand Haven High School in 1938, continued her studies at Eastern Michigan University, and attended graduate school at the University of Michigan. Known as a sculptor, she especially enjoyed carving figures in driftwood she found along the Lake Michigan beach. She told a reporter, "Driftwood has a certain charm that lends itself to characters." She continued, "I started making nativity scenes and scenes of shepherd, the three kings, and madonnas. Depending on size and complexity, it may take from a few hours to several months to finish a carving. One contained the faces of 40 men and women. She was a charter member of the Gallery Upstairs in Grand Haven.

Roberta died in Fort Myers on May 7, 2004. Her sister Elizabeth married Walter J. Draeger I of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, April 10, 1995, and the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor *Herald-Palladium*, May 8, 2004.]

### **William Stoddard [? -1854]**

William Stoddard was commander of the *Governor Mason*, the first steamboat to run between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. Built in Grand Rapids by James Short for Richard Godfrey, the boat began service on July 4, 1837. She was wrecked in a storm off Muskegon Harbor on May 1, 1840. William died in Barry County in 1854.

### **Edwin F. Stokes [1855-1946]**

The son of Frederick Stokes, Edwin was born in Racine, Wisconsin on March 2, 1855 [1857]. He became a machinist in Grand Haven. He married Sarah Luikens in Grand Haven on October 2, 1880. She was the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Oakes of Grand Haven. Edwin and Sarah resided on Elliott Street around 1900 and were at 114 [110] Howard by 1908. Their children, all born locally, were John Edwin., born on January 2, 1883 and passed away about March 29, 1918; Frederick L., who was born on July 15, 1886, and Edna E., who was born in June 25, 1888, married Howard Bradley, and moved to Chicago. Fred and John were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sarah lived from October 1861 to May 26, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 Edwin was residing alone in the house on Howard Street. He died in Grand Haven on January 4, 1946.

### **Frederick Stokes [1815-1904]**

Frederick Stokes was born in England on March 29, 1815. He immigrated to the Grand Haven area, evidently by way of Wisconsin. In Grand Haven he was listed in the 1880 census as a florist and in the 1893 *Compendium* as "farmer." Frederick's wife, Harriet, was born in England about 1822. Their daughter, Emma, was born in London, England in 1847 and married Martin Reenders. After Martin died, Emma in 1891 became Orson Vander Hoef's second wife. Frederick's and Harriet's other children were Edwin, who was born in Wisconsin in March 1855; Walter, who was born on May 2, 1857, married Sena Helder, died on April 10, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and James, who was born about 1861 in Wisconsin, became a resident of Grand Haven and married Ella Sech. In 1906 August Boseker bought the Stokeses' farm, located at 1308 Lake Avenue. Frederick died in Grand Haven on April 27, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Frederick Louis Stokes [1886-1918]**

Frederick L. Stokes, who was born on July 15, 1886, became a Grand Haven jeweler. His parents were Edwin and Sarah Luikens Stokes of Grand Haven. On June 26, 1910 Frederick married Harriet "Hattie" Mae Kelley in Grand Haven. Hattie was born in Muskegon on October 14, 1890. Fred died on March 13, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 14, 1919, Hattie married Fred Hiram Babcock in Grand Haven. She died in Bradenton, Florida in 1969 and was buried at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Flint. A native of Wells, New York, Fred lived from March 1, 1876 to October 10, 1930 and was buried at Saint Ann's Cemetery in Flint.

### **John "Jack" Edwin Stokes [1883-1918]**

Born on January 2, 1883, John was the son of Edwin and Sarah Luikens Stokes of Grand Haven. John became a marine engineer, died on October 26, 1918, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On December 6, 1910 in Grand Haven, he married Emma Walsma. For 20 years she worked as librarian at Grand Haven's Carnegie Library. Emma died on May 15, 1974 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband.

### **Enos Stone [1826-1905]**

Born in Essex County, New York on August 10, 1826, Enos Stone was educated for a time in the English-speaking schools in New York until he was about 13 years of age, when both his parents died. He went to Summit County, Ohio where he worked in a sawmill and on a farm, and began dealing in horses, cattle, sheep, and real estate. On July 4, 1848 in Franklin County, Ohio, he married Mehitable "Hettie" Armstead. They had three children, including Mary J. Stone, who was born in Ohio on May 28, 1849, and died in Grand Rapids on April 6, 1929, and Adelbert ["Bert"] Stone, who was born in Ohio on March 21, 1861 and died in Grand Haven on October 8, 1936.

After Hettie died in 1864 in Ohio, Enos married Louisa Jane [Jennie] D. Trotter in Summit County, Ohio on October 7, 1864. Louisa was born in Ohio in October 1835. In 1872 Enos and his wife came to Grand Haven, where he purchased an interest in the Bigelow, Stone & Company Sawmill that milled pine lumber. When the company went out of business in 1890, Enos took advantage of his earlier experience with horses and bought a livery business at the southeast corner of Third and Columbus Streets [20 North Third] in Grand Haven, which became quite profitable. The 1893 *Compendium* carried one of his advertisements, in which he offered "The Finest Horses and Carriages in the City. Hearse and Hacks for Funerals." In 1894 he advertised in the *Grand Haven Tribune* that he had "on hand 400 cords of good hard and soft slab wood that formerly sold at \$1.50 a cord, but which now goes at \$1 per cord, cash." Enos died on December 23, 1905. After his death, his widow moved to Grand Rapids. Enos and Louisa had at least one child: Raymond Trotter Stone, who was born in 1873.

### **George W. Stone [1831-1890]**

George Stone, who was born in New York in 1831, moved to Grand Haven, and worked in one of the sawmills. He married Mehitable Beldin, also from New York. She lived from April 1832 to August 4, 1885. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born in Ohio, were Clara, born about 1864; Lillie, who was born about 1865 and married John W. Barnes II of Grand Haven; and Erastus, born about 1868. In 1880 the Stone family resided on Washington Street. George passed away on January 10, 1890 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest.

### **Stewart [Steward] Stone [1886-1958]**

After the post office on the corner of First and Washington Streets moved into a new building at the northwest corner of Washington and Third Streets [235 Washington] in 1905, Stewart Stone and William Fant started a billiard hall and bowling alley in the east half of the old building. They called it the Ideal Pool Room. In the early 1900s Stewart resided at 628 Fulton with his parents, Bert and Anna Hauley Stone. On June 30, 1908 in Spring Lake, Stewart married Margaret, the daughter of Andrew and Mary



Clark Falls. Margaret was born locally on December 25, 1885. By 1920 and into the 1930s Stewart and Margaret were living in Detroit with their two daughters, Eileen and Jacqueline. Stewart's father, Bert, died on October 8, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret died in Alameda, California on March 14, 1951, and Stewart passed away in Los Angeles on July 12, 1958.

#### **Theron Adolphus Stone [1904-1971]**

Theron Stone, the son of Frederick [1856-1928] and Henrietta [1864-1938] Stone, was born on May 12, 1904 in Ottawa County. He married Christine Caroline Wilhelmina Garbrecht in West Olive on November 27, 1929. She was born in Olive Township on June 26, 1911 and passed away on January 1, 2011 in Mesa, Arizona. He was a mail carrier in the West Olive area, where they also resided in a home on the corner of 146<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Crosswell Street. They attended the West Olive Methodist-Episcopal Church, later renamed Methodist Church. Theron died in Lansing on January 12, 1971. He and Christine were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. They had at least three children: Robert Norman Stone [1930-2017]; Theron Ralph Stone [b. 1931]; and Margaret M. Stone [1934-1975].

#### **Carlton L. Storrs [Stores] [1824–1894]**

One of the wealthiest and most influential businessmen in Western Michigan, Carlton Storrs owned and lumbered a large portion of Blendon Township and surrounding townships under the name C. L. Storrs & Company, Lumbermen. His headquarters were located in Section 26 of Blendon Township. Storrs built a sawmill on the banks of the river near downtown Grand Haven in 1866. Known as Storrs & Co. Mill and also as the Red Mill, it was destroyed by fire nine years later. Carlton was the moving spirit in the building of the Michigan & Ohio Railroad, which was to run from Grand Haven to Toledo, Ohio, and on to Gallipolis, Ohio, but failed after he and others and invested thousands of dollars. Sometime before 1876 he platted the western portion of Harbor Island, but the development never materialized.

On February 8, 1848 Carlton married Mary Jane Reynolds in Summit, Ohio. She lived from March 2, 1832 to December 30, 1872, and was interred at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1860 Carlton, Mary Jane, and four of their children were living in Blendon Township. Carlton, born in 1824, died penniless on November 17, 1894 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Eliza A. Storrs [1827-1890]**

See Charles Reynolds.

#### **Edward Hampton Story [1865-1939]**

When the Story & Clark Piano Company opened its Grand Haven factory in 1901, Edward Story was president. He resided in Riverside, Illinois. His father, Hampton Lovegrove Story, founded the company. After Hampton's departure, Edward worked with his brother Fuller [Frank] in running the plant. Edward was born in Burlington, Vermont on October 27, 1865, died on September 3, 1939, and was buried at San Gabriel Cemetery in San Gabriel, California. His mother was Marian L. Fuller Story.

#### **Frank Fuller Story I [1873-1950]**

The son of Hampton and Marian Fuller Story, Frank was born in Illinois in 1873. On September 21, 1901 he married Ruth Fouke in Saint Joseph, Berrien County. She was born in Illinois on December 7, 1879. In 1908 they resided in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s Fuller, as he came to be known, filled the office of vice president at the Story & Clark Piano Company in Grand Haven. By 1920 and into the 1930s the family lived in Riverside, Illinois, and Fuller was vice president and treasurer of the piano company there. Their children were Edward Fouke Story, born in Illinois in 1908, and Frank Fuller Story II, born in Riverside, Illinois on December 17, 1911. Frank the father passed away in Sarasota on January 29, 1950 and was buried at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook, Illinois. Ruth passed away in Sarasota, Florida on January 29, 1956 and also was buried at Bronswood. [*Tribune* article, "Frank Story, Sr., Dies at Fla. Home.]

### **Frank Fuller Story II [1911-1961]**

Born in Riverside, Illinois on December 17, 1911, Frank Fuller II attended Princeton University. His parents were Frank and Ruth Fouke Story. The younger Frank became vice president and general manager of the Story & Clark Piano Company that his grandfather Hampton Lovegrove Story founded. Frank was a member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, the Spring Lake Country Club, Elks Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. Around 1936 he married Florence Olive Duffield, who preferred to go by her middle name. She was born on May 30, 1908 and taught at Bignell School in Grand Haven Township for a few years. Their home was at 912 Sheldon Road. The family attended St. John's Episcopal Church. Frank died in Grand Haven on October 7, 1961. They had two sons, Frank Fuller Story III, born on August 5, 1938, and Thomas Hampton Story. Olive passed away in Los Angeles, California on May 31, 1987 and was buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

### **Hampton Lovegrove Story [1835-1925]**

Hampton, the founder of the Story & Clark Piano Company, was born in Lemoille, Vermont, on June 17, 1835, the son of Andrew and Adeline Read Story. He served as corporal with Company C of the 12<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry during the Civil War, and on December 19, 1904 he filed for an invalid's Civil War pension.

Hampton started producing pianos in Burlington, Vermont, in 1857 and moved operations to Chicago in 1867. After a short association with Isaac Camp, Hampton sold his interest in 1884 to the Estey Organ Company for \$250,000 and then teamed up with Melville Clark and started to manufacture pianos under the name Story & Clark. The company moved its production to Grand Haven at the urging of the Grand Haven Board of Trade in 1901, where it remained until 1984, some twenty years after the Story family left the firm.

Hampton married Marian L. Fuller in Burlington, Vermont, on January 1, 1862. She was born in Vermont around 1843. Their sons were Edward H., born in Vermont about 1866; Robert, born about 1872 in Illinois; and Frank Fuller, born about 1874 in Illinois.

After divorcing Marian, Hampton married his secretary, Adella B. Ellis, in Chicago on March 20, 1876. Adella was born in New York around 1847. Her mother, Charlotte Ellis, was born in New York around 1831. Hampton and Adella had two children both born in Illinois: Adeline, born about 1877, and Ellis, born about 1879. In 1880 the Storys were residing in Du Page County, Illinois. In 1884 Hampton left the Story & Camp Piano Company in Chicago and formed Story & Clark Piano Company with his son Edward and Melville Clark as partner. In the mid-1880s Hampton partnered with Elisha Babcock to form the Coronado Beach Company in San Diego., California and opened the Hotel del Coronado in 1888.

Frank and Edward took over management and ownership of the family business when their father and Adella moved to Los Angeles, California no later than 1896. The couple was residing in Pasadena in 1900, 1910, and 1920. Hampton died in Los Angeles County on October 6, 1925 and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California. Adella passed away on January 21, 1926 and was buried near her husband.

### **James Edward Stover [1850-1931]**

James Stover had a boat building business in Ferrysburg. He was born on February 22, 1850 in Wyoming, New York. He first married Mary A. Phelps in Grand Rapids on December 8, 1873. Their son Bertie Stover was born on August 12, 1874. James and Mary were divorced before the Federal Census of 1880. That year James was living with his mother and sister in Grand Rapids and working at a furniture factory. On February 20, 1882, he married Christina Bitterolf in Omaha, Nebraska. They were divorced around 1889. Christina was born in 1864, passed away in Omaha on February 15, 1932, and was buried at Propsect Hill Cemetery in that city. They were divorced around 1889. He remained in Grand Rapids until at least 1900. On June 21, 1914, he married Laura Irene Johnston in Grand Haven. They were divorced on

March 12 three years later. James by 1930 was a boat builder in Ferrysburg. He passed away on February 1, 1931 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. He and Christina had at least two children: Leon Frederick Stover [1883-1940] and Frederick Ellsworth Stover [1887-1957].

### **William Stowe [1811-1899]**

In 1865 William Stowe was living in Bristol, Rhode Island with his wife first wife, Emeline, who was born in Connecticut in 1816. Their son, William T. Stowe, was born New Haven, Connecticut on August 30, 1841 and died in Boston, Massachusetts on July 19, 1899. Emeline died in Detroit on December 5, 1873. When William married Jane Elizabeth Babcock on March 11, 1875 in Genesee County, he was Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. She was born on October 11, 1847 in Bristol, Rhode Island. By 1880, he and Jane were living in Clyde, New York. The couple eventually settled in California. Born in New Haven, Connecticut in 1811, William died in Menlo Park, California on July 13, 1899 and was buried at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. Jane passed away on February 17, 1925 and also was buried at Cypress Lawn. They had two sons: John Reynolds Stowe, who was born in Grand Haven November 15, 1876 and passed away in San Bruno, California on November 20, 1961, and Frank Rabineau Stow, who was born in Clyde, New York on November 14, 1878 and died in Palo Alto, California on June 28, 1975. [*Tribune* obituary, August 22, 1899.]

### **Frederick C. Strahsburg [1879-1973]**

In the early 1900s Fred Strahsburg owned a meat market at 1320 and 1322 Washington and remained open until at least 1957. Fred, the son of William and Maria Strahsburg of Grand Haven Township, was born June 16, 1879 and died on April 8, 1973. His wife Anna E. was born in 1886 in Michigan and passed away in 1966. Their sons, both born locally, were Chester E., born about 1911, and Albert C., born about 1913. The family resided at 1330 Washington from at least 1930 to the middle 1960s.

### **William Fredrick Strahsburg [Strassburg] [1850-1926]**

The land for the Stone School at the southeast corner of Ferris Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township was purchased from William Strahsburg for \$100 about 1911. He owned a total of 120 acres in Section 10. In 1900, William was called the "Rye King" of Grand Haven Township. The Strahsburg family owned the land as early as 1864. William was born in Germany on January 23, 1850, immigrated to the United States in 1864, died on September 20, 1926, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife Maria, also from Germany, was born on May 16, 1855, died on December 10, 1928, and was buried near her husband. She immigrated to the United States in 1875. Their children, all born locally, were John, born in April 1878; Friedrich "Fred," who was born on June 16, 1879; Emma, born in February 1883; Martha, who was born in 1885, married Donald Austin, and lived at 212 De Spelder; Edward William Fredrick, who lived from April 4, 1887 to January 19, 1943; Maria [Mary], who was born in December 1888 and married John H. Pellegrom; Henry, who was born on January 5, 1891 and died on October 28, 1987 in Grand Rapids; and Edith [Ida] Matilda, who was born on January 9, 1896, married Alexander Viau [1890-1954], and moved to San Bernardino County, California and later to Deschutes County, Oregon, where she died on December 15, 1988.

### **Frederick Charles Stratton [1836-1904]**

In 1877 Frederick Stratton was station agent for the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad. He married Charlotte Hervey, who was elected the first president of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union, formed in Grand Haven on April 23, 1877. [However, see Charles Reynolds.] The Strattons were located in Grand Rapids by November 1882, when Frederick was still associated with the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad. Frederick, who died on January 29, 1904 was born in England on June 10, 1836. Charlotte, who was born on July 26, 1840, moved to Muskegon after Frederick's death. She passed away there on July 3, 1921 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids with her husband.

### **Mary Stewart Nicholson Streeting [1923-2002]**

Mary Streeting was owner and operator of a business called Spring Lake Ceramics for over 30 years, and she was one of the organizers of the Spring Lake Arts and Crafts Festival, which she chaired for 20 years. She taught ceramics at her home. Mary was born in Oban, Scotland on August 17, 1923, the daughter of Frederick and Christine Nicholson Garner. She met Paul Streeting in London during WWII, and they were married on March 19, 1946. He was born on September 27, 1919 and died on March 2, 1997. He was a machine operator at Eagle Ottawa. The couple resided at 301 North Division in Spring Lake. Mary was a member of the Second Reformed Church while living in Grand Haven, and she transferred her membership to Spring Lake Presbyterian Church upon moving to that community. The Streetings had two children, Ann Grossman and Stephen Streeting. Mary died in Spring Lake on December 6, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, December 9, 2002.]

**Walter Streeting [Strating] [1856-1947]**

Walter Streeting was born in The Netherlands on August 23, 1857 [1859] and came to the United States in 1881. He married Arentje “Annie” [Anna] Kruizenga and they lived on 10 acres in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. Walter worked at the Johnston Boiler Company. Annie was born in The Netherlands on March 17, 1860 and died on October 10, 1926. She had been previously married to Hiram Katt [1849-1887] and had six children with him. Annie and Walter had three children: Peter, born in October 1892; John, born in July 1897; and Tina, born in May 1900. By 1930 Walter was residing in Ravenna Township in Muskegon County. He died on January 17, 1947 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Annie.

**John Streng [1870-1894]**

Born on May 7, 1870 in Michigan, John was the son of Johannes Adolf and Sietske “Sarah” Vanderkooi Streng. The Streng family had moved to Grand Haven by 1880. On November 20, 1890, John married Cora Annie Chamberlain. They had two daughters, both born locally: Emelie [Emma] Streng, born on December 3, 1891, and Sarah [Sadie] Streng, born on June 18, 1893. The Streng family resided at 400 Lake Avenue. After John’s death on October 17, 1894. After John death, Cora married George Christmas of Grand Haven.

**Johannes “John” Adolph Streng [Strang] [1836-1915]**

John Streng served with Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry from September 11, 1861 to December 29, 1863. He entered as private and was mustered out with the rank of corporal. He was a cabinet maker in Grand Haven after the war, but by 1900 he was working as a teamster and in 1915 he was a bridge tender. In 1867 he married Sietske “Sarah” Vanderkooi. John was born in The Netherlands in February 1836, immigrated to the United States in 1848, and died in Grand Haven in 1915. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sarah, also from The Netherlands, lived from September 1850 to 1926 and was buried near her husband. Their children were John, born on May 7, 1870; Rosie, born in February 1877; Louis, born in June 1878; Richard, born in June 1880; William, born on September 20, 1886; Frank, born on August 27, 1889; and Marion [Mary], born in February 1896. The Streng family resided at 309 North Third.

**Alwin Lutner Strevy [1918-1994]**

Alwin Strevy was postmaster of the Ferrysburg Post Office in 1955 when it moved to a new building at 110 Fourth Street. Alwin was born in South Bend, Indiana on April 3, 1918. On On October 31, 1942, he married Geraldine Ruitter in Indiana. The daughter of Fred and Grace Mollema Ruitter of Ferryburg, she lived from November 2, 1921 to October 27, 1993. In 1940 Alwin worked as a cabinet maker at Story & Clark Piano Company. Alwin died in Grand Haven on January 22, 1994 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Geraldine. They had three children: Daniel Strevy, born about 1955; Carol Strevy, born about 1948; and Frederick Strevy, born in September 1949.

**William Louis Stribley [1904-1967]**

William L. Stribley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 26, 1904. By 1930 he was residing in Grand Haven, where he was secretary/manager of the Chamber of Commerce. He also was one of the founders of Harbor Industries in 1938 and was still with the company in the mid-1940s. On August 6, 1933, William married Ona Wanda Sammon. They had a daughter, Mary Lou, who was born about 1936. The family resided at 15 North Fourth Street. William died in October 1967. Ona was born on March 30, 1913 and passed away in Rock Island, Illinois in October 1978.

#### **Carl “Charles” Stroebe [Strobie, Strobe] [1831-1909]**

Charles Stroebe, who was born in Saxony [Germany] on June 19, 1831, came to the United States in 1843, moved to Ferrysburg in 1864, and opened a grocery store that year at 209 Pine Street. He was postmaster for Ferrysburg for three terms: 1867 to 1878, 1880 to 1886, and 1891 to 1894. In the 1860s and 1870s the post office was located in his store. The 1870 Federal Census for Ferrysburg listed him as “Grocer & Postmaster.” He was included in the 1867 and 1891 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a grocer in Ferrysburg and in the 1893 edition of the same publication as proprietor of a general store and still postmaster in Ferrysburg. Charles also owned the lot on Savidge Street in Spring Lake that Loren O. Perham bought as a site for his drug store. On August 4, 1862 in Milwaukee, he married Mary Helen Susan Spindler, also a native of Germany. She lived from February 1841, immigrated to the United States in 1848, and died in 1920. Their children were Delos Stroebe, born in Wisconsin in February 1868; George Stroebe, born in Michigan in October 1877; and Ernest Stroebe, also born in Michigan, about 1879. Delos’s wife Kitty was born in Michigan in June 1870. Delos and Kitty remained in Spring Lake. Charles died on January 6, 1909. He and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Edward Sidney Struble [1852-1929]**

Edward Struble, the son of Sidney and Harriet E. Adams Struble, was born on May 12, 1852 in Ionia County. Edward married Clara Louisa Alvord [Alvard] in Bay City, Saginaw County on July 19, 1877. Clara was born in Gratiot County on August 31, 1855. The Strubles moved to Spring Lake. Among their children were Maude Harriet, who was born in Spring Lake on February 6, 1881, married Henry Clay Calhoun, and moved to California; and Mildred Clara, who was born on June 19, 1895 in Menominee, Menominee County, the Strubles’ new home, and died in September 1933. In 1920 Edward was residing in Spokane, Washington, where he was a buyer for a lumber company. He died in Los Angeles, California on March 29, 1929.

#### **Maude Harriet Struble [1881-1949]**

See Maude Harriet Struble Calhoun.

Maude was born in Spring Lake on February 16 [6], 1881, the daughter of Edward Sidney and Clara Louisa Alvord [Alvard] Struble. In August 1904, Maude married Henry Clay Calhoun, who was born on May 31, 1876 in Washtenaw County. Maude died on July 24, 1949. After her death, Henry moved to Los Angeles, where he died on October 16, 1950.

#### **Lora Avery Smith Stuart [@1853- ?]**

See Lora Avery Smith.

#### **Robert Stuart [1785-1848]**

Robert Stuart was born in Callander, Scotland on February 19, 1785. At the age of 22, at the invitation of his uncle, David Stuart, he immigrated to Montreal, Canada. Robert was fluent in French. In 1810, working for John Jacob Astor, Robert helped organize the Pacific Fur Company. In the same year he took the ship *Tonquin* on an expedition to the Columbia River and aided in laying the foundation of the city of Astoria, Oregon. Washington Irving chronicled this voyage in his book *Astoria*. Robert married Emma Elizabeth Sullivan on July 21, 1813, in New York City, who usually went by her middle name. She was born June 27, 1792, in Brooklyn, New York, and died in Detroit on September 26, 1866. Of their 12 children, none was born nor lived in Ottawa County.

In 1819 Robert went to Mackinac to manage the American Fur Company headquarters for 15 years. A contemporary, Juliette Kinzie of Chicago, who met Robert on Mackinac in 1830, praised him for his “noble bearing, his genial humor, his untiring benevolence, his upright, uncompromising adherence to principle, his ardent philanthropy, his noble disinterestedness.” [*Wau-bun*, 4] Rev. Ferry converted him to Christianity, and it was through Robert’s urging that Ferry in 1833 made a circuit of Lake Michigan, beginning and ending at Mackinac, but stopping at the mouth of the Grand River along the way. Robert supplied much of the capital needed for the Grand Haven settlement that followed shortly. Ferry wished to name the community “Stuart” in his honor, but Rix Robinson already had registered the name Grand Haven.

In 1834 Stuart was an equal partner with Robinson and Ferry of the Grand Haven Company for the purpose of buying pinelands, erecting mills, lumbering, etc. In 1835 Stuart became Government Indian Agent for the Northwest. In 1841 he was appointed Acting superintendent of Indian Affairs for Michigan, replacing Henry R. Schoolcraft. Robert served in that capacity until 1845. In 1846 he and his wife conveyed Block 13 of Akeley’s Addition to Ottawa County for public buildings. The county courthouse, offices, and jail were built on this site. Robert died in Chicago on October 29, 1848.

### **Edwin Stuberg [1907-1987]**

Around 1940 Edwin Stuberg and Jack vanden Berg founded Grand Haven Awning Company at 20 South Second Street. They later moved their business to 707½ Washington. Edwin eventually started his own business, Grand Haven Screen Company, and moved to 117 North Third and vanden Berg moved Grand Haven Screen to 119 South Fourth. Edwin relocated again, this time to 21 South Beechtree. He sold the business to John Kingma. Edwin and his wife, Fern, resided at 1033 Waverly. He was born on September 15, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on February 5, 1987. Fern lived from September 13, 1909 to August 11, 1981. She and Edwin were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Louis Stubman [1832-1878]**

See Kaidann [Kategan] Fishback [Fischbeck, Frohbeck].

### **Chauncey Stuck [1836-1924]**

Chauncey Stuck worked for the Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company as a craftsman. Later he went into business for himself in a shop behind his residence on South Meridian Street in Spring Lake. He was born in New York on March 3, 1836 and died on March 16, 1924. Chauncey was married three times, first to Ann [Anna] Farrah, who was born in England in 1822. In 1860, Chauncey, Anna, and their three children were living in Adrian, Lenawee County. Ann was buried at Raisin Valley Cemetery in Adrian, but her headstone has no dates. In 1869 Chauncey married Emma E. Winters, who was born in New York on April 2, 1843 and died in Spring Lake on May 4, 1880. On April 23, 1883 in Grand Rapids, he married Florence Markham Willoughby. A native of Ashtabula, Ohio, she lived from June 28, 1852 to February 7, 1920. All three were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Chauncey’s and Ann’s children, all born in Michigan, were: Thomas, about 1854; Alvin, about 1857; Ida, who was born about 1859 and married John Dowline; and Willie, about 1862. Chauncey’s and Emma’s children were Bert, born on September 7, 1875, and Ellen, born on September 10, 1877. Chauncey and Florence had at least one child, Doris, who was born about April 1900, and Florence had another child, Leroy Willoughby [1875-1959], from her first marriage.

### **Peter Stuurus [1933-2022]**

In 1977 Peter Stuurus joined Shape Corporation as chief engineer. Ten years later he was named Shape’s president. The next year the company moved from Ferrysburg to Grand Haven Township. Peter was born in Oak Park, Illinois on October 2, 1933. He married Betty Lou Dunning in Muskegon on February 1, 1952. They resided at 1324 Hillcrest Street in Grand Haven and were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. She was born on May 19, 1933, died on August 30, 1986, and was buried at Lake

Forest Cemetery. He died on November 27, 2022 and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had four children.

**Arend [Arden] J. Stuvelling I [Stuvelling, Struveling] [1822-1895]**

Like many other members of the Stuvelling family, Arend was a contractor and builder. He was born in The Netherlands on May 22, 1822 and died on March 30, 1895. He and his family settled in Grand Haven in the mid-1860s, and for a number of years he had a partnership with Cornelius Glerum. By 1893 the two men claimed to have over 20 years experience in the building business. Arend married Anje "Ann" Bronkema. Ann, a native of The Netherlands, lived from June 21, 1829 to April 1, 1891. Among their children were Nella, born in The Netherlands about 1856; Annetje "An," who was born in The Netherlands on July 9, 1858 and married Nicholas Vyn; Egbert, born in The Netherlands on March 28, 1859; Reake, born in The Netherlands in 1862; Abigail, who was born in The Netherlands about 1863 and married Albert Vyn, Nicholas's brother; Johanna, born in The Netherlands in 1864; Simon, born in Michigan in 1867; Arend II, born about 1869 in Michigan; and Kina, born in Michigan in 1873. Arend's mother, Angemitta "Nellie," born on December 25, 1797, lived with Arend after her husband died. Angemitta passed away on November 22, 1882. Arend, his wife, and his mother Nellie were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest. Nellie was born about 1797 in The Netherlands.

**Egbert [Edward] A. Stuvelling [Stevelling] [1859-1905]**

Born in The Netherlands on March 28, 1859, Egbert Stuvelling by 1880 was a building contractor in Grand Haven. He was the son of Arend and Ann Stuvelling and the brother of Simon Stuvelling. He died on January 27, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Simon [Simeon] A. Stuvelling [Stuvelling] [1867-1908]**

Simon was the son of Arend and Ann Stuvelling and Egbert's brother. Simon, who was born in The Netherlands, lived from October 29, 1867 [1866] to June 28, 1908. He had a building business in the Grand Haven area. Simon was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On December 14, 1892 he married Helena "Lena" Van Dyke in Grand Haven. She was born on June 6, 1868 in Michigan and passed away on June 17, 1943. Simon and Lena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a son Arend, born in October 1893, and a daughter Anjie, born in August 1897.

**Edward [Edwin] Raymond Styx I [1865-1947]**

Edward Styx was born on March 23 [3], 1865. On February 28, 1887 Edward married Lena Slonek [Sloneck/Slaner] in Chicago. She lived from August 29, 1867 to June 11, 1949. In 1920 they purchased Fridrich's Point Resort, a 100-acre parcel in Section 14 of Olive Township [later Port Sheldon Township]. Pigeon Creek formed the south boundary of the property. The Styxes also owned an abutting 20 acres in Section 11. A farmhouse on the main site was built in 1901 and had been converted to a resort hotel by the Friedrichs. The Styxes restored and rebuilt the hotel, which had been idle for several years, and they added a dance pavilion. Their children were Elenor [Lenora], who was born on October 6, 1888, married Peter Schmidt, and died on April 20, 1954; Frances, who was born on June 4, 1890 and passed away on June 11, 1945 [1946]; Edward R. II, who lived from January 9, 1892 to October 2, 1971; George, who was born on December 13, 1893 and died on August 4, 1980; Lillian who was born on December 19, 1896, married Henry Schreiber in West Olive on April 26, 1916, and died on October 17, 1963; and Gertrude, who was born on March 20, 1898 and married William Ebel. Edward I died in Port Sheldon Township on May 4, 1947. He and Lena were buried at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago.

**William Charles Francis Styx [1901-1964]**

In 1942, William Styx was working at American Brass Company, and his wife and children were living at 1312 Fulton Street. By the late 1940s, he owned and operated Grand Haven Auto Sales at 415 South Beechtree. William, the son of Edward and Eleanor Slonek Styx, was born in Chicago on January 11, 1901. On July 3 [23], 1919 in Chicago, he married Phyllis C. Budgick. William and Phyllis moved to

10030 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in West Olive, property earlier known as Freidrich's [Fridrich's] Point Resort, owned and operated by William's parents. They had two daughters, Beatrice Elizabeth Styx, who lived from 1920 to 2014, and Phyllis Isabel Styx, who lived from 1921 to 1990, and one son, Donald Styx, who was born on July 6, 1931, married Elizabeth Schippers in Las Vegas on February 25, 1984, and died in Grand Haven on May 29, 2022. William and Phyllis resided in the West Olive house from 1930 until his death on March 14, 1964. After William's death, Phyllis moved to 1030 Grant in Grand Haven. She lived from June 1, 1901 to January 11, 1997.

#### **Frank Such [1924-2015]**

Frank Such was a fixture in the Grand Haven Public Schools for 33 years, both as teacher and principal in the elementary schools. He retired in 1986. Frank was born on March 29, 1924 in Richmond, Indiana. His parents were George and Julia Podojak Such. Frank served with the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. In Grand Haven he was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and he was active in a variety of community services such as Meals on Wheels and Love INC. On January 17, 1948 in Saginaw, he married Virginia Drew. Their five children were Craig, who lived in Fruitport; Tad, a resident of Grand Rapids; Ross of Saugatuck, Deborah, who married Bob Ver Berkmoes of Cheboygan; and Jill, who married Charles Van Werden of Petoskey. Frank passed way at Sanctuary at the Shore in Muskegon on February 19, 2015. [*Tribune* obituary, February 21, 2015.]

#### **Edward Paul Suchecki [1935-2000]**

Edward, the son of Frank C. and Elizabeth Czinder Suchecki, was born in Grand Haven on November 22, 1935. In 1969 Edward started Grand Haven Gasket Company at 1527 Marion. About 1955 he married Ruth Ann, the daughter of Ernest "Scotty" and Tina Gankema Scott of Grand Haven. Edward and Ruth had three sons. The family resided at 17830 Dogwood Drive in Spring Lake Township. Edward died in Grand Haven on June 11, 2000.

#### **Marguerite K. Vayda Suits [1907-1998]**

Marguerite Vayda suits owned Suits Furs & Variety, a retail shop located at 13906 Cleveland in Crockery Township. As early as 1944 she advertised herself as a furrier. Marguerite was born in Hungary on October 11, 1907 and passed away in Spring Lake on August 20, 1998. On December 18, 1925 in Grand Haven, she married Earl R. Suits I. Earl, who was born on July 24, 1897, died in Grand Haven on May 6, 1976. Their children were Earl R. II, born around 1927, and Victor L., who was born on March 26, 1929 and died in Muskegon on October 1, 2009.

#### **Archibald Sullivan [1849-1937]**

In 1880 Archibald and his wife Mary had three children living with them: Siles [Silas], born in 1875, Mary, born about 1877, and an unnamed infant, born in Michigan in April 1880; the two older children were born in Canada. The infant later was given the name Garfield. The Sullivan family lived in Muskegon. By 1882, Archie was saw filer at the White, Friant, & Company Sawmill in Nortonville, near Spring Lake. On May 2 that year his daughter Minnie was born in Spring Lake. Minnie's mother's name was listed as "unknown." By 1887 Archie was filer for the Wilcox Lumber Company in Muskegon. Archie was born in Ottawa Province, Canada on November 3, 1849. His wife Mary, also a native of Canada, was a year older. At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, Archie was a widower and working as foreman with an unidentified company in Seattle, Washington. Silas, 36 years old, lived in the same household and was working as a pile driver. Archibald died in Mount Vernon, Washington in 1937 and was buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery.

#### **Raymond Earl Sullivan [1906-1966]**

Ray Sullivan was born in Roulette, Pennsylvania on May 4, 1906. On December 4, 1929, he married Madeline Krueger in Spring Lake. The daughter of Max and Molly Kappas Krueger, Madeline was born in



Spring Lake on December 16, 1909. Ray joined the Michigan State Police and for a short time in the 1920s served at the Ferrysburg Post, located at approximately 50 Pine Street. He was stationed at other posts during his career with the State Police. Ray passed away in 1966, and Madeline died on September 2, 1990. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Stanley Cursiter Sutherland I [1890-1966]**

Stanley married Mabel Sutherland in Grand Haven on July 27, 1917. They lived at 532 Pennoyer, later purchased by Bruce and Christine Baker. Stanley, who worked at Eagle Ottawa, was born in Middlesex, England on June 22, 1890 and died in July 1966. Mabel, who lived from July 29, 1893 to June 11, 1992, remained in the house until her death. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Stanley C. Sutherland II, lived from 1920 to 2006 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Peter Swagman [1886-1958]**

Peter, the son of Jan "John" Zwaagman and Peterke "Nellie" Bloek, was born in the Peach Plains area of Grand Haven Township [Section 26] on January 3, 1886. Peter finished eighth grade at Peach Plains School in 1901 and by 1910 was living in Grand Rapids under the name Peter Swagman. In 1910 he was working as a barber, but a few years later he was in the real estate and insurance business, still in Grand Rapids, where he and his wife remained the rest of their lives. On June 6, 1918 he married Henrietta Bosma. She lived from October 10, 1894 to February 1983. Peter passed away on October 6, 1958 and was buried at Chapel Hill Memorial Garden in Grand Rapids. Peter and Henrietta had three children: Esther, who was born on July 3, 1925, married Maurice Dams, and died in Hudsonville on September 20, 2011; Irene, who was born about 1931 and married Arnold Potter on September 14, 1950; and Donald P. Swagman, who was living in Spring Lake in 1975.

#### **Raymond M. Swansen [1894-1986]**

Raymond Swansen, born in Illinois on October 17, 1894, was a charter member and the first treasurer of the Tri-Cities Historical Society when it was formed in 1959. He helped locate space for the first museum, which was in an upstairs room of the Masonic [Oakes] Building at 234 Washington. He also produced the Society's first newsletter, later named the *Grand River Packet*. In 1930 Raymond was purchasing agent at a local tool factory. He and his wife, J. Velina, were married about 1922 and resided at 19 South Ferry Street. Their daughter Adeline was born in Illinois around 1923, and another daughter, Eleanor, was born in Michigan about 1925. Raymond died on March 23, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Velina, who was born in Illinois on January 22, 1895, passed away in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, in March 1987.

#### **Alfreda C. Swanson [1902-1989]**

Alfreda Swanson was an insurance broker in Spring Lake. She lived in the house of her childhood at 441 East Savidge most of her adult life. Born on September 2, 1902, she was the daughter of Alfred and Christian Swanson, who had a fruit farm in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township and later at 441 East Savidge. Alfreda died in Spring Lake on September 26, 1989 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Alfreda's sister Esther was born about 1907.

#### **Mary Elizabeth Swanson [1877-1958]**

Born in Nunica on August 13, 1877, Mary Swanson was the daughter of John and Carrie Swanson, both natives of Sweden. John lived from January 14, 1846 to January 30, 1888. Carrie was born on May 1, 1844 and passed away on September 10, 1922. John and Carrie were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary served as Spring Lake postmaster from September 13, 1918 until January 22, 1930. On November 29, 1929 she married Theodor Anderson. He was born in Sweden on April 2, 1873 and passed away on March 18, 1941. Mary died on October 22, 1958 and was buried near her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. The couple resided at 121 East Savidge in a house Mary had built.

#### **George Swart II [1882-1974]**

George Swart was born in Grand Haven on October 8, 1882. On October 19, 1905 in Grand Haven, he married Alice Prins. Born in The Netherlands on June 28, 1885, she was the daughter of Dick and Alice Huyser Prins. In 1918 George and Alice resided at 625 Franklin Street. At that time George was a mail carrier. In 1919 George joined the Juistema & Son Shoe Store at 207 Washington Street, which by the mid-1920s was known as Juistema & Swart Shoe Store. In 1925 Henry Kooiman bought out Juistema's interest in the business, and the name was changed again, this time to Swart & Kooiman. George was out of the business by 1940. In the 1920s George and Alice built and lived in the house located at 642 Pennoyer. They later were divorced, and on October 25, 1947, George married Jane "Jennie" L. Emlaw. The daughter of Miner and Elizabeth Van Uithoven Emlaw, Jane was born on March 30, 1885, died in Grand Haven on September 30, 1975, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Swarts had one daughter, Frances Mae, who was born on December 14, 1911 and married James P. Vander Sys II in Grand Haven on November 1, 1940. Frances died in Norton Shores on July 26, 1985. Living with the Swarts in 1930 was George's father, George William Swart, who was born in The Netherlands in January 1853 and died about June 28, 1945. The younger George's mother, Sena, lived from 1850 to 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. George died on October 5, 1974. His first wife, Alice, died in Amsterdam in July 1973.

### **Robert Nathan Swart [1934-2019]**

The son of William James and Anne Burns Swart, Bob was born in Grand Haven on March 24, 1934. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, he served with the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. On January 18, 1958 he married June Alice Hartman in Grand Haven. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Master in Administration Degree from Western Michigan University. He then went on to receive a Master Degree in Reading from Wayne State University. Bob began his career in education as a teacher in the Grand Rapids Public School System. In 1966 he and his family moved to Guam where he continued as a public school teacher. In 1970 the Swarts returned to Grand Haven where Bob taught in the Grand Haven Public School System, eventually retiring as principal of Griffin Elementary School. He received an Excellence in Service Award from Grand Haven schools prior to his retirement. Bob was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and served on the boards of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and Four Pointes Senior Center.

Bob's and June's children were Abby, who married Charles Gunter; Kerry; who married Paul Dame; Jennifer; who married Gordon McAdams; and William J. "Bud" Swart, who died in 2008. Bob passed away on February 28, 2019.

### **Harold Charles Swartz [1913-1992]**

Harold Swartz was born on April 16, 1913. He played the clarinet in the Grand Haven High School Band. On March 30, 1934, in Grand Haven, he married Marguerite Annette, the daughter of Govert and Hattie Laman Van Arkel. In 1940, Harold worked as an assembler at the Story & Clark Piano Factory, but in 1942 he was employed at his father's-in-law celery farm at 1025 Madison. Harold and Marguerite lived nearby at 1003 Madison. In 1946 Harold and his brother-in-law, Clyde Van Arkel, started Haven Floral at 332 North Ferry Street. In 1952, Harold was hired as Superintendent at Lake Forest Cemetery, but by 1956 he was working for Fant Monument Company. He bought the business in 1960 and operated it for the next few years. Following that, in 1969 he was Plant Manager for the Ermanco Company at 1604 Marion Avenue and then he joined Rycenga Real Estate, where he remained until about 1983, when he retired. Their twin daughters, Marjory Joyce Swartz and Marilyn Jean Swartz, were born on May 3, 1935. Another daughter, Sally Kay Swartz, was born on April 15, 1945 and moved to Melbourne, Florida. Harold was employed at Camfield Manufacturing Company. In the mid-1960s, Harold started making models of many of the boats that made their port in Grand Haven. He donated several of his creations to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Harold died on December 20, 1992, and Marguerite lived from May 8, 1915 to August 31, 2001. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marjory, who married Donald Clyde MacKenzie

[1929-2000] died in Sarasota, Florida on November 7, 2011. Marilyn married Peter George Manting [1934-2004].

### **Jack Swartz [1884-1953]**

Born in Friesland, The Netherlands on December 27, 1884, Jack Swartz immigrated to the United States as a young boy and was living in Grand Haven by 1900. On April 25, 1907 he married Clara Zietlow in Grand Haven. The daughter of Charles and Fredericka Strausberg, Clara was born in Grand Haven on September 26, 1888. They had three children: Francis Dorothy Swartz, who lived from 1907 to 1977; Harold Charles Swartz, who was born on April 16, 1913, and Marvin Jack Swartz, who lived from 1925 to 1990. The family resided at 106 North Second Street and later at 200 Fulton. Jack worked at the Story & Clark Piano Company, He died on November 8, 1953, and Clara passed away on August 20, 1966. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Ray N. “Ducky” Swartz [1894-1962]**

The area’s earliest recorded airplane crashes occurred on May 26, 1931. On that day George Ferris [1884-1963] and a passenger, Claude Gelderloos [1902-1980], flew a green and yellow Waco biplane from Muskegon Airport to Grand Haven, where they “buzzed” the house at 8 Clinton Street, the neighbor of fellow pilot Ray “Ducky” Swartz. Ducky lived across the street at 9 Clinton Street in a home owned by his parents, Nicholas [1861-1942] and Hannah [1867-1943] Johnson Swartz. Among the people residing at 8 Clinton were the owners, Henry and Henrietta Abbinga and their son, Abel. The family joined a small crowd of spectators who were watching the plane as it circled overhead and then, at 6:30 p.m., crashed through the roof of the Abbinga home. The pilot said engine problems caused the accident. Fortunately pilot and passenger walked out the front door of the house, uninjured. Mrs Abbinga, who was 80 years old, needed a sedative to calm her shaken nerves. [For more information about the passenger, see Claude J. Gelderloos [1902-1980]. The plane was salvaged and restored to fly another day.

Ducky was born in Grand Haven on November 6, 1894. During WWI, he served with Company M of the 377<sup>th</sup> Infantry. In 1942, he owned an “Oil Field Trucking & Pipe Lines” business, but he also was known as a general contractor. He married Sylvia Carter in Muskegon on April 19, 1920. She lived from May 31, 1889 to August 1979. Ducky had passed away on February 13, 1962. Both were buried at Evergreen Township Cemetery in Montcalm County.

### **Della Frances Swayze [1864-1942]**

Della Frances Swayze, the daughter of Salem and Mary Richards Swayze, was born in Chicago on March 17, 1864, married William Frederick Lawrence [1861-1940] in Muskegon on October 19, 1898, and moved to Milford, Oakland County, where she died on April 9, 1942. She was listed in *Artists of Early Michigan* as an artist living in Grand Haven in 1897. Della also was known as Ida Dell Swayze.

### **Mary Richards Swayze [1841-1911] and Salem Swayze [1836-1930]**

Born in Bayham, Ontario, Canada on March 21, 1841, Mary Richards started teaching at age 15 and later conducted penmanship classes at Grand Haven High School and Akeley Institute for Girls. She married Salem Swayze in Ontario on March 11, 1863. After her marriage, she taught under the name of Mrs Salem Swayze. Salem, also a native of Ontario, was born on February 29, 1836. In 1870 the family of three was living in Champaign, Illinois. Salem, a carpenter, became a partner in a contracting and house moving business in Muskegon as early as 1887. The business, named Ripley & Swayze, was owned and operated by Salem and Burnett Ripley [1830-1901]. Mary and Salem had moved to Muskegon from Champaign by the time of the 1880 Federal Census. Mary taught in the Muskegon Schools. She died of tuberculosis in Muskegon on March 1, 1911. A daughter, Della Frances Swayze, was born in Chicago on March 17, 1864. She was listed in *Artists of Early Michigan* as an artist, active in Grand Haven in 1897. In 1898 she married William Lawrence in Muskegon. Della died in Milford, Oakland County in 1942. A son, Glenn Richard Swayze, was born in Buffalo, New York on April 16, 1881 and died on May 10, 1944 in

Piqua, Ohio. After Mary's death Salem moved to a nursing home in Alma, Gratiot County, where he died on December 15, 1930. He and Mary were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Richard Lee Sweet [1939-2007]**

On June 29, 1970, Richard Sweet married Mary Pamela Rose in Spring Lake. She was a librarian with the Grand Haven school system. The next year Dick left his job as art teacher in the Grand Haven public schools and started a design and silk-screen textile manufacturing business in Grand Rapids. Designers Mary Pamela Bell and Victor Krawczyk were his partners. Dick named his enterprise Marüşhka, a Polish nickname for Mary, whom he married on June 20, 1970. She was born on November 13, 1941. Dick opened a retail gallery at 17771 West Spring Lake Road, next to its manufacturing facility, and then in 1984 moved from that location to 117-123 Washington Street, where it was still located in 2023. Phyllis "Pixi" Gifford for a while managed Marüşhka with Sweet. Born in Lansing on August 12, 1939, Dick received degrees in fine art and graphics from Michigan State University. They owned a cottage at 65 Poplar Ridge in Highland Park, where Mary continued to reside. Dick died in Grand Haven on November 23, 2007. [*Chronicle* obituary, November 27, 2007.]

### **Dana Warren Sweetland [Sweetland] I [1857-1911] and Sarah "Sadie" Sweetland [1857-1943]**

Dana Warren Sweetland I married Sarah "Sadie" Wicker in 1875. They lived in the Chicago area. The Sweetlands had three children, including two sons, Harold, born about 1884, Dana II, born about 1896, and a daughter, Marta [Myrta], born about 1882. Sarah Sweetland purchased Highland Park Hotel in 1906 and later was joined by her two sons in managing the business. It was during their tenure that the annex was built, serving initially as a dance hall. The Sweetlands managed the hotel for the next 15 years. By 1910 Dana I owned an 80-farm in Section 32 of Robinson Township, along the south side of Grand River. Born on July 16, 1857 in Illinois, he and his family settled on a farm in Robinson Township in 1909 and were still there in 1910. Dana II was born in Illinois about 1896. The elder Dana died in Robinson Township on March 5, 1911 and was buried at Rosehill Cemetery and Mausoleum in Chicago. By the time of the 1920 Federal Census, Sarah and Dana II were living in the home of Thomas Traill at 514 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Dana was a reporter for the *Grand Haven Tribune*, and Sadie was unemployed, although the two of them managed the hotel in the summertime. In 1930 Sadie was living at the residence of James Allston, 213 Maple Terrace in Spring Lake, and working as his housekeeper. There is no evidence that her other children, Marta and Harold, lived in the Grand Haven area. Sarah, who was born in Illinois on July 25, 1857, passed away in Los Angeles on July 20, 1943.

### **Henry "Harry" Sweetman I [1829-1873]**

Harry Sweetman was captain of the passenger steamer *Ironsides* when it sank in a storm off Grand Haven harbor on September 15, 1873, the day after it left Milwaukee with passengers and a load of wheat, flour, pork, and other items. He and 22 others lost their lives. The crew from the newly formed United States Life Saving Service, led by Richard Connell, helped save about 20 passengers and crew, whose lifeboats managed to maneuver through the towering waves. Harry was born in Ireland in 1829. He married Mary Lyons. Also a native of Ireland, she was born on December 4, 1830. Their son, Henry Sweetman II, was born about December 1859. By 1870, still in Milwaukee, they had a six-year-old daughter also named Mary. Harry was buried at the Calvary Cemetery and Mausoleum in Milwaukee. Mary passed away on August 7, 1900 and also was buried at Calvary.

### **Albert Swiftney [Swifney] II [1878-1955]**

Albert, the son of Albert and Henratta Swiftney, was born in Spring Lake Township on September 22, 1878 and died in Grand Haven on July 21, 1955. In 1900 he married Jennie, the daughter of Albert and Anna Balcom Zuidema. Jennie, who was born in May 1881, died in 1930, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Swiftneys had a number of children: Reka Pearl, who was born July 14, 1900 in Grand Haven, married Richard Breitels of Grand Haven, and died May 1963, also in Grand Haven; Bert, who was born April 27, 1902 and died November 27, 1958; Ann, who was born June 15, 1903, married Wilford

Van Hall [December 24, 1904-January 25, 1978] on November 21, 1923, and died on June 19, 1989; Cornelius, who was born November 7, 1904 and died in July 1956; Gerrit A., who was born May 7, 1906, married Christine M., and died July 2, 1985; John, who was born November 30, 1907 and died December 11, 1984; Charlotte, who was born April 16, 1909 and died February 14, 1992; Harry, who was born August 16, 1911 and died in July 1929; Henry A., who was born September 2, 1913 and died April 13, 1994; Robert, who was born August 6, 1916 and died April 25, 1992; Richard, who was born August 26, 1919; Earnest, who was born January 2, 1921 and died July 12, 1983; and Dorothy, who was born August 9, 1922 and died in Grand Rapids on March 19, 1994.

#### **Richard L. Swiftney [Swifney] [1919-1958]**

Richard Swiftney was born on August 26, 1919. The son of Albert and Jennie Zuidema Swiftney, Richard on May 8, 1943 married Ferol Katharine Tetzlaff. Richard's and Ferol's son, Jerome "Jerry" Richard Swiftney, who was born on February 18, 1951, was one of their five children. In his youth, Richard worked as an attendant at Swiftney's Standard Service Station, located at 1106 Fulton Avenue. Eventually Richard and his brother Henry "Hank" took ownership of the business. Richard died of a heart attack on May 7, 1958. His son Jerry in 1981 purchased the service station at 5 North Beacon Boulevard and named it Jerry's Citgo. He operated the gas station until his retirement on March 11, 2017. Up to the time Jerry took over the business, Gordon L. and Bud Knoll had operated it for Tri-City Oil Company of Ferrysburg. Richard was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon. Ferol, born on August 11, 1920, died on February 3, 1989 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* article, "Shutting off the pumps," March 11, 2017.]

#### **Meredith Pearl Taft [1908-1984]**

See Anthony Verhoeks and Meredith Pearl Taft Ver Hoeks.

#### **Evert Takken [1797-1869]**

Evert and Hendrik Takken, father and son, were wagon makers and blacksmiths. They were listed in the 1864 *Map of the Counties of Ottawa & Muskegon* under the Grand Haven "Business Directory" as "Wagon Maker & Black Smiths." H. and E. Takken were listed in the 1893 *Compendium* for the City of Holland, Hendrik as a "manufacturer of tables" and Evert as a blacksmith and wagon maker. Evert was born in The Netherlands on April 19, 1797 and died on January 12, 1869. He married Cebella [Sibilla] Horst, who was born in the same country on March 13, 1808. Hendrick was born Utrecht, The Netherlands on May 30, 1839. Another son Ryk Takken was born in Utrecht on August 28, 1834 and passed away on January 31, 1899. A daughter, Adriana Takken, was born in Utrecht on September 1, 1845 and married William Kooiman of Grand Haven. Evert's and Cebella's last child, Eva Takken, was born in Utrecht on May 11, 1847, married William DeBey [1846-1891], and passed away on May 30, 1926 in Grand Rapids. Cebella passed away on January 10, 1868.

#### **Hendrik "Henry" Takken [1839-1914]**

Hendrik, the son of Evert and Cebella Horst Takken, was born in The Netherlands on May 30, 1839. Evert and Hendrik Takken, father and son, were wagon makers and blacksmiths. They were listed in the 1864 *Map of the Counties of Ottawa & Muskegon* in the Grand Haven *Business Directory* as "Wagon Maker & Black Smiths." On October 21, 1891 in Holland, Henry married Anna Dekraker. Anna was born in The Netherlands on July 21, 1840 and passed away on November 2, 1912. Henry died on December 18, 1914 in Allegan County and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery with Anna.

#### **Ryk Takken [1834-1898]**

In 1859 Father Ryk Takken organized and held the first services for Roman Catholics in Ferrysburg. A year later he became the first resident priest of a new Roman Catholic parish and church building in Mill Point [Spring Lake], which served Catholics from Grand Haven and Ferrysburg until 1872. Ryk, the son of Evert and Cebella Horst Takken, was born in The Netherlands on August 28, 1834. He married Janna

“Jane” Gertuida Wilterdink on December 31, 1856 in Holland. She was born in The Netherlands on December 2, 1834. They had two children: Bell, born in 1865, and William, born in 1872. Jane died in Holland on July 23, 1898 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Ryk passed away the next year on January 31 and also was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

#### **Adrian Tanis [1916-2002]**

Adrian was born on January 17, 1916 in Reeman, Newaygo County, the son of William and Jennie Droost Tanis. He married Marion Ruth Sullivan in Muskegon on August 26, 1940. She lived from July 25, 1915 to March 30, 2000. She died in Grand Haven. Adrian was employed at the Bennett Pump Company of Muskegon for 38 years and retired in 1978. He took time out during WWII to serve with the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the First Reformed Church and was one of the founders of Kandu Industries in Holland and Grand Haven. Adrian and Marion resided at 1242 Washington. Their children were Raymond and David Tanis. Adrian died in Grand Haven on July 24, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 26, 2002, and *Chronicle* article, “Kandu founder dead at 86,” July 26, 2002.]

#### **Frederick W. Tasch [1864-1944]**

Fred Tasch, who was born in Spring Lake on May 3, 1864, owned a 25-acre vineyard on South Lake Avenue in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, along Lloyd’s Bayou. He was born in Canada [Michigan/Germany] and came to America with his parents when he was eleven. On February 6, 1894 in Spring Lake, he married Amaretta “Retta” Godby, also from Canada. She lived from November 16, 1868 to May 23, 1944. Fred passed away on November 21, 1944. He and Amaretta were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Ellen Bethel “Nellie” Tate [1848-1905]**

The first teacher at what became West Olive School was Ellen Tate of Georgetown. Born in Massachusetts on January 20, 1848, she was still listed as a teacher in the Federal Census of 1880. On April 6, 1881, she married John Bridge Riddle [1835-1900] in Georgetown. It was John’s second marriage. They were charter members of the Georgetown Community Church, founded in 1880. Ellen accidentally drowned in Georgetown on October 30, 1905. Both were buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery. They had two surviving children: Fred Thomas Riddell [1881-1950], and John Tate Riddell [1885-1945].

#### **Samuel Livingston Tate [1839-1914]**

Samuel, one of nine children, was born in Leeds, England on January 14, 1839, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Haigh Tate. When he was four, his family moved to Massachusetts, and in 1853 they moved to Peoria, Illinois. Samuel helped his father make boots and shoes after school hours. While attending several universities, he taught school, sold books, and held a number of other jobs to meet expenses. On June 1, 1864 he volunteered in Chicago to serve as first sergeant with Company I of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out on October 17, 1864. After the war Samuel continued his studies, received his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Chicago and in 1869, and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Shortly after that time, he came to Grand Haven and for a while worked in Stephen Lowing’s office. Samuel was elected judge of probate in 1872, and in 1878 he joined the Grand Haven City Council and served through 1883. The next year he was elected mayor. Samuel, an active Republican, campaigned in support of Abraham Lincoln in the election of 1860. In 1872 he was a delegate to the Republican Convention. He actively participated in reorganizing the Grand Haven Congregational Church and helping to erect a new building. In 1880 he and Samuel Glover established the Glover & Tate Tub Factory that manufactured barrels for shipping fish. His partner was a bookkeeper in Ferrysburg. Samuel Tate was secretary of the Herald Publishing Company in 1882.

On June 16, 1869, Samuel married Frances Belle Wilcox of Coral, Illinois. She lived from May 1849 to 1911. In 1900 they were residing in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Samuel died in 1914 and was buried at

Woodlawn Cemetery in Sioux Falls. They had four children, including Mary Elva, born in October; 1870, Edith Susan; born about 1873; Frances, born about 1875; and Helen L., born in March 1882. Mary Elva was born in Illinois, the other three in Michigan.

### **Edward W. Tatum [1867-1962]**

Edward Tatum had a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Dyer County, Tennessee on February 28, 1867 and was in Grand Haven Township by 1910 but moved away in the next few years. In 1899 he married Mary Ramsey, who was born in Alabama on May 1, 1872. In 1910 they had three children: Louis, age 17; Edward D., age 9; and Elsebeth [Elizabeth] J., age five. In 1912 Edward was living in Grand Rapids, where he had a book binding business. Mary died of appendicitis on May 27, 1913. By 1930 he was still a widower and operating his book binding business in Grand Rapids. He died there on May 4, 1962 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.

### **Augustus W. Taylor [1819-1893]**

Augustus Taylor was born in Warren, Connecticut on July 16, 1819. He lost both his parents when he was eight but managed to attend Williams College in Massachusetts and after graduation obtained a teaching position in New York State. In 1848 he married Alvira Smith of New York, who was born in 1819. In September 1853 the couple moved to Crockery Township, where Augustus taught in a log cabin school for \$16 a month. He was superintendent of the Clinton Street School in Grand Haven from 1865 to 1867 and county superintendent from 1867 to 1869. He was named principal of the Spring Lake school in 1870, although he was classified as "Farmer" in the census for that year. He next took the position of superintendent of Crockery Schools, which he held until 1881, when he became the first member of the County School Examiners. He held that post for ten years. Around the 1860s he was judge of probate of Ottawa County, a post he held for eight years. Augustus, a Republican, ended his career in education at Coopersville. The Taylors had two children, Herbert, born in 1852, and Elsie, born in 1861. Augustus died at his home in Nunica on June 5, 1893, and his wife died on June 18 the next year. Both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

### **George W. Taylor I [1858-1930]**

Although only 22 years old at the time, George Taylor was proprietor of a sawmill in Crockery Township in 1880. By 1900 he was a farmer in Section 16 of Polkton Township, ultimately owning 100 acres. He and Ettie were married about 1886. Their five children were Phila, born on April 30, 1887, Bertha, born on December 25, 1888; George II, born about 1898; Glen, born about 1903; and Herold, born about 1904. Both children were born locally. George was born in Michigan on May 9, 1858 and died on July 16, 1930. Ettie, also a native of Michigan, lived from October 20, 1864 to August 17, 1952. Both were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

### **Hollis Taylor [1834-1873]**

On October 23, 1863 in Grand Rapids, Hollis Taylor enlisted as captain in Company C of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry, one of the first volunteer companies formed in the Grand Haven area subsequent to the firing on Fort Sumter. Hollis was promoted from private to corporal and then to scout. He also saw service as captain with Company C of the 136<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry. He was mustered out on July 15, 1865. He had originally enlisted in the Army on March 10, 1855, and the 1860 census for Grand Haven Township listed him as a soldier. At that time he was living with his parents, Pascal and Mary Taylor, and his wife, Ann, who was born about 1849 in Ohio. Hollis served as postmaster of Grand Haven from September 14, 1866 to May 19, 1867. He and Ann had a daughter, Carrie, who was born "In a Reserve" about February 1860. In 1870 Hollis was living in Evanston, Illinois with his second wife, Lucinda Colvin, and their children. He was working as a carpenter. On December 9, 1872 he enlisted again, this time in Indianapolis. He was born about 1834 in Cleveland, Ohio and died on July 11, 1873. Lucinda in August 1897 applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born about 1845 in Illinois. They had at least two children: Charles, born in Texas about 1868, and Cora, born in Michigan about August 1869.

### **Joash Rice Taylor [1818-1900]**

Born in Niagara County, New York on October 3, 1818, J. Rice Taylor graduated from Kenyon College along with future U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes. Taylor then entered the Theological Seminary in New York, graduated and was ordained in 1845. He married Henrietta Leonard in Knox County, Ohio on October 9 the same year. They had five children. After Henrietta's death on May 29, 1858 at the age of 37 in Gambier, Knox County, he moved to Saugatuck in Allegan County, where he served as a mission priest. On December 15, 1864, while in Louisville, Kentucky, Taylor enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as chaplain in the 123<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry in Washington D.C. during the remaining months of the Civil War. He was mustered out on October 16, 1865. Taylor was the first Episcopal Rector of Grand Haven, where he served until 1868, the year he was called to formally organize Grace Protestant Episcopal Church in Holland. He spent 1874 in New York State but returned to Holland the next year. Taylor formally resigned from Grace Episcopal in 1878 because of declining health. He passed away on June 21, 1900 in Saugatuck. [*Tribune* obituaries June 21 and June 27, 1900.]

### **William Taylor [1856-1933]**

William was born in Ireland about June 4, 1856, the son of James and Elizabeth Taylor. William settled in the area in 1904 on a 40-acre farm in Section 12 of Olive Township. He also delivered mail. His wife, Anne [Mary] Hill, was a native of Ireland, where she was born on June 29, 1842. The daughter of Gregg and Mary Melanophy Hill, she died on May 27, 1930 in Polkton Township, and William passed away on April 7, 1933. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery.

### **Aletta "Lettie" Harriet Teeple [1829-1911]**

Lettie Teeple was born on November 20, 1829 in Plymouth, Wayne County. Her parents, Peter and Sarah Losey Teeple, had moved from New York State in 1827 to Wayne County. In late 1836 the family moved to Cascade Township in Kent County, where the Teeple had purchased 700 acres of government land at \$1.25 an acre. Peter built a small log home in Section 18 of the land he had taken title to. Peter was born in New Jersey in 1797, died in Cascade Township on March 10, 1878, and was buried at Cascade Cemetery. Lettie's mother, Sarah, lived from 1807 to 1873 and was buried at the same cemetery, as were several of their children.

It was in Cascade Township that Lettie spent the remainder of her youth. She came to the Grand Haven area in 1849 to be with her sister, Jane, and Jane's husband, Thomas Merrill. Jane, born on January 30, 1826, was almost three years older than Lettie. The Merrills were married in 1846, and soon afterward moved to Ferrysburg.

Lettie tended to Henry Pennoyer's children after his wife's death in 1852 and also worked for him at the Washington House in downtown Grand Haven. On April 14, 1853, Lettie and Henry were married. At the time, Henry had four children. Lettie had previously married 20-year-old William Rellingston on Christmas Day, 1849, in Grand Haven. William, a native of Germany, by July 12 the next year was gone from Lettie's life forever. She filed for divorce in 1852 and retained custody of their daughter, Sarah Jane, who was born on September 9, 1850 [September 19, 1849]. Because Henry had a daughter named Sarah, Lettie's child came to be known as Jennie. Jennie on September 15, 1875 married Joseph L. Gibbs of Crockery Township. He lived from February 4, 1851 to July 19, 1906. Sarah Jane passed away in Crockery Township on September 26, 1925. They were buried at Nunica Cemetery. She and Joseph had three children.

Five years after Henry's death in 1886, Lettie moved to Oregon. She died in Seattle, Washington, on May 7, 1911 and was buried at Lone Fir Pine Cemetery in Multnomah County, Oregon. Portions of her extensive memoirs of life in early Grand Haven were printed in the Tri-Cities Historical Museum's periodical *Packet* beginning with the Spring 2000 issue and continuing for several editions.

### **Herman J. Teitsma [1922-2006]**



Herman Teitsma was the first full-time minister of Ferrysburg Christian Reformed Church, founded in 1953. Herman was born on June 28, 1922. On August 10, 1950 he married Betty A. Vanderwerp in Fremont, Newaygo County. In Ferrysburg, they resided at 300 Maple Street but later moved to 412 Fifth Street in Ferrysburg. Herman remained with the church until 1959 and then became pastor at the Bauer Christian Reformed Church. Betty lived from October 14, 1929 to July 2, 2021 and was buried at Chapel Hills Memorial Gardens in Cascade Township. After Herman's death on September 29, 2006, she married Reverend Allen Bultman [1930-2019].

### **Reinder Tempel [Temple] [1831-1925]**

Reinder Tempel was from Groningen, The Netherlands, where he was born on April 4, 1831. He immigrated to the United States in 1867 and by 1880 was working as a brick mason in Grand Haven. He was married three times: first to Grietje Meijer in The Netherlands, then on December 17, 1872 in Grand Haven to Grietje Lappenga Van Dyk, a widow, and finally on September 9, 1882, again in Grand Haven, to Cornelia Maria Lowedyk Newhouse [1838-1913], also a widow. Five of Reinder's children died before their tenth birthdays. Reinder passed away in Muskegon on August 8, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were his second and third wives.

### **Abram [Abraham] Ten Hagen [1853-1929]**

Abram, the son of Jan and Mary Ten Hagen, was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands on October 4, 1853 and came to the United States with his parents when he was five. Abram married Lavina Erskine, who was born in Indiana on April 3, 1858. Lavina and Abram had at least four daughters, Sena, born in 1866, and Mary, born around 1879, Jennie, and Lucy, and two sons, Fred, born about 1890, and John, born about 1896. In 1893 and 1912 the family farm was in his brother John's name, including additional acreage in Section 22 of Olive Township. By 1918 Abram was the sole owner of the 300-acre farm. Lavina died of gallbladder cancer on April 9, 1923 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Abram died in Holland on April 8, 1929 and was buried at Pilgrim Home with his wife.

### **Jan [John] H. Ten Hagen [1810-1869]**

Jan Ten Hagen bought a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Olive Township on April 1, 1861, which he eventually expanded into Section 27 for a total of 540 acres. He also raised livestock. A creek flowing through his property was given the name Ten Hagen. Jan was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on August 1, 1810. On November 18, 1837 in The Netherlands, he married Gesina Maria "Mary" Wordes. Jan died in Olive Township on May 28, 1869. After Jan died, his wife Mary and their sons took over the farm. Mary was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands on August 20, 1813 and died sometime after 1900. Among their children were two sons, both born in The Netherlands: John in 1842 and Abram [Abraham] in 1853.

### **John Ten Hoeven [Ten Hoven] [1859-1921]**

John Ten Hoeven's 120-acre farm was in Section 34 of Olive Township. He settled there in 1894 and raised livestock. His wife, Johanna "Anna," was born in The Netherlands in 1860. John was born in 1859 in the same country. They had at least five children, all born in Michigan: Dick, who was around 1883; Will, born about 1886; Dena, born around 1884; Jennie, born about 1897; and Hannah, born about 1891. John died in 1921 and Johanna passed away eight years later. Both were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

### **Warren L. Tenny [Tenney] [1869-1942]**

In 1894 Warren Tenny opened a photography studio in Grand Haven in association with Fred D. Brown. Warren was born on December 20, 1869 in Berlin [Marne], Wright Township. By 1910 he was residing in Muskegon Heights, working as an electrician. Ten years later he was a plumber. He married Alma [Alina/Alena] P. Mitchell in Muskegon on May 6, 1895. She was born in Ohio about 1874. They had a son, Dale Myron Tenny, who was born on November 1, 1902 and died in Florida on September 8, 1980,

and a daughter, Alice M. Tenny, who was born on January 25, 1912 and died on July 4, 1986 in Paw Paw, Van Buren County. Both children were born in Muskegon Heights. Warren died in Muskegon on October 3, 1942 and was buried at Mona View Cemetery. Alma lived until April 1, 1971 and was buried with Warren.

### **Roscoe Verl Terrill [1903-1980]**

Roscoe Terrill, who was born on November 9, 1903 in Hillsdale County, was City manager for Grand Haven from June 18, 1945 to December 1, 1968. A Registered Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor, Elder at the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church, and a member of MENSAs, Roscoe was active for more than thirty years with the Cub and Boy Scouts. Roscoe died on August 10, 1980. On January 1, 1928, in Pittsford, Hillsdale County, he married Pauline Dorothy Ladd, who was born in Pittsford on November 24, 1902 and passed away in Largo, Florida on June 21, 1990. They had at least four children Merlin Verl, who was born about 1927, and Paul Wilson, who was born on June 4, 1930 and died in Grand Rapids on March 21, 1977 of leukemia. Merlin moved to Muskegon, where he resided with his wife, Norma. Roscoe, and his family lived at 111 South Hopkins in Grand Haven in the 1940s. Roscoe and Pauline were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Nellie Minerva Sumner Terry [1875-1940]**

Nellie Terry came to the Grand Haven area in 1905 and built a cottage at 8 Lovers Lane in Highland Park. She sold that property to William Campbell in 1912. On June 18, 1906, Nellie Terry purchased 56 acres along Lake Michigan in Section 5 of Grand Haven Township. The seller, Janna "Jane" Gringhuis [recorded as Greenhouse], was the wife of Gerrit "Dick" Gringhuis of Grand Haven. About 1912 Nellie built a cottage at the south end of 178<sup>th</sup> Avenue, near Brucker Street. Terry Trails, the name given the property, continued from the end of 178<sup>th</sup> into the wooded dunes and to the lakeshore. A series of 1909 postcards referred to the property as an "Artists Reserve" meant to serve as "... a reservation of land for the summer retreat of artists and musicians." The property was in Nellie's name, usually listed as Mrs. N.S. Terry on plat maps. By 1970 Carolyn Terry, Nellie's daughter-in-law, held title to the remaining acreage.

The daughter of Charles Augustus [1831-1903] and Amelia Van Hyde [b. 1842] Sumner, Nellie was born in Baraboo, Wisconsin on January 17, 1875. She moved with her parents to Akron, Ohio, her father's hometown, and then in 188 to Detroit. Nellie, a soprano, studied voice and music composition in Paris, France, where she graduated from Academie Internationale de Musique et des Beaux Arts [International Academy of Music and Fine Arts]. In 1900 in Detroit started the Brooklyn Avenue School of Music and was its director. In addition to singing on stage in a variety of venues in Ohio, Michigan, and Minnesota, Nellie on February 14, 1915 performed as piano soloist at the Detroit Institute of Art.

Nellie married Alfred J. Terry in Detroit on June 29, 1898. He was born on October 5, 1871 in Pontiac. They had one child, Alfred Sumner Terry, who was born in Detroit on May 16, 1899. In 1910 Nellie, Alfred, listed by his middle name Sumner, and John Terry, age 35, were in St. Paul, Minnesota. John [probably Alfred J. Terry's middle name] was a traveling salesman for a milk company. Nellie divorced Alfred on January 26, 1917, charging "Cruelty & Non-Support." According to the 1920 Federal Census, Nellie was living in Detroit with her brother Julius Increase Sumner [1865-1943], his wife Evelyn Sumner [1867-1929], and their son Charles Sumner [1899-1996]. Ten years later Nellie was a resident at St. Joseph's Retreat in Dearborn, a haven for the mentally ill. On August 18, 1919, Alfred married Ada Lee Denton [1875-1932] in Lucas County, Ohio on October 5, 1919. At the time of the marriage, he was a real estate broker in Detroit.

Nellie died of heart disease in Wayne County on February 28, 1940, and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. Her death certificate listed her occupation as "Music teacher."

The younger Alfred married Carolyn Faye Vogelsang in Grand Rapids on September 29, 1923. Carolyn was born in Indiana on September 14, 1902 and died in February 1978. She was living in Boulder,

Colorado about the time of her death. Alfred and Carolyn had a daughter, Patricia Terry, who lived from 1924 to 2009, and a son named Alfred “Mike” Sumner Terry. Mike was born in South Africa on August 30, 1928, served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957, and died in Grand Haven on October 3, 2008. He had two sons: Michael Terry and Robert Terry.

#### **George William Teunis [1913-2001]**

George was born in Spring Lake to William [1887-1961] and Anna Klaver [1894-1955] Teunis on July 2, 1913. He married Clara Tjapkes on September 24, 1936 in Muskegon. George was a rural mail carrier for the Post Office and was a licensed contractor. He rebuilt the De Witt School, restoring it to its 1880s appearance. He served on the Spring Lake Township Board for 14 years and was on several committees. The Teunises belonged to the Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He and Clara had a daughter Beverly and three sons: Stan, Milt, and Glenn. All their children were married. The Teunises lived at 18625 West Spring Lake Road. George died at his home on May 15, 2001.

#### **Gerrit B. Teunis [1854-1939]**

Born on December 7, 1854 in The Netherlands, Gerrit Teunis came to the area in 1893 and settled on 132 acres in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township. Before 1912 he purchased from Adelaide Thorp the west 20 acres of her property in Section 10. In addition to farming, Gerrit raised livestock. In 1879 he married Klaasje “Clara” Dunnink, who was born The Netherlands on August 22, 1858. The Teunises were still in Spring Lake Township in 1920. Among their children were John Teunis born on November 1, 1882, and Albert Teunis, born on June 21, 1890. By 1930 Gerrit had taken title to a 20-acre parcel in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township previously owned by his parents. Albert died on November 20, 1950. Gerrit passed away on June 29, 1939, and Clara died on March 24, 1943. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John Teunis [1882-1965]**

John Teunis, listed as John Tennis in the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, was a building contractor in Ferrysburg, and he appeared in the same profession in the 1941 *Grand Haven City Directory* with an office of Pine Street. Born on November 1, 1882, he married Kate Groenevelt [Groenevelt] in Ferrysburg on October 19, 1905. The daughter of Derk and Trintje Groenevelt, she lived from September 19, 1886 to February 15, 1960 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had four sons: Richard Teunis [1906-1987; George Teunis [1908-1983]; Jay Kenneth Teunis [1910-2008]; and Theodore Teunis [1912-1982]. The family resided in Ferrysburg. John died on November 18, 1965 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Edwin M. Thayer [1840-1907]**

Born in Hillsdale County on February 14 [15], 1840, Edwin Thayer came with his family to Eastmanville nine years later. He was the son of Ezra and Jane H. Shipman Thayer. The family settled on a 60-acre farm in Section 1 of Blendon Township where they remained until at least 1892. Edwin owned additional acreage in Sections 10 and 14 and about a thousand acres in Polkton Township, and he bought other farms and stands of pine forest throughout the state. In 1868 he joined Adam Wagner and Galen Eastman as general merchants in Eastmanville. He was township supervisor for a number of years, and he also was listed as a shipping agent. In the 1880 census his occupation was real estate broker. Edwin was looked upon as an agricultural authority. He was one of many local residents who delivered a talk, later printed, at Grand Haven’s semi-centennial celebration, held on December 2, 1884. Edwin’s paper was titled, appropriately, “Agriculture of Ottawa County.”

Edwin married Almira [Elmira] Cunningham in Grand Rapids on March 21, 1870. She was born in Michigan on September 2, 1847. Two of their children died as infants in the 1870s and were buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. Their other children were Ernest Noyes, who lived from 1873 to 1906; Maude H., born in April 1876; and William C., who was born in February 1882 and died in 1902. In 1900 the family was living in Grand Rapids. Edwin’s sister Eugenia married Adam Wagner of Eastmanville. Edwin died

on February 24, 1907 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Elmira passed away on April 8, 1910 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Elmer Leroy Thayer [1873-1926]**

Elmer, born on March 19, 1873, was the son of Porter and Sarah Abigail Randall Thayer of Spring Lake. Elmer was employed at William Buckley's hardware store in the Village [214 West Savidge]. Martin Thayer was his brother. Elmer died on February 14, 1926 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Buried near him were other members of his family.

#### **Ezra Thayer [1816-1896]**

Ezra Thayer married Jane H. Shipman in New York State on September 25, 1839. They moved to Polkton Township in 1849, where on March 1, 1852 they purchased 40 acres in Section 28. They then relocated to a farm in Section 1 of Blendon Township, where they remained until at least 1892. Jane was born on November 5, 1814 and died on February 18, 1892, while Ezra, who was born on April 5, 1816, died on January 4, 1896. Edwin Thayer, one of their children, was born on February 14, 1840 in Blendon Township. A daughter, Eunice [Eugenia], was born on September 6, 1843 in Blendon and married Adam Wagner. The Thayers had five children in all.

#### **Lester [Arthur] Leroy Thayer [1881-1922]**

Lester Thayer, the son of Martin and Mary Howe Thayer, was born in Michigan on August 3, 1881 [1882]. He married Eliza "Anna" M. Aimer on August 1, 1904 in St. Joseph, Berrien County. Anna, at the time of her wedding, was working at a hotel in St. Joseph. The daughter of William and Ella Wills Aimer, Anna was born in Delta, Ontario, Canada on May 28, 1885. After her father died when she was 11 years old, Anna in 1903 immigrated to Spring Lake, where she lived with her aunt and uncle, Eliza and Charles Hyde. For a while she was housekeeper for one of the area's early physicians, Dr. Cyril Brown of Spring Lake.

Lester and Anna had two children: Cora, who was born on May 13, 1905 and died on November 26, 1907, and Pearl, who was born on February 23, 1907 and died on September 2, 1929. The family resided at the southwest corner of Savidge and Cutler Streets [approximately 502 West Savidge].

Lester worked at a local sawmill. After an accident at the sawmill cut off Lester's thumb and fingers, he became depressed, and on November 13, 1907 he disappeared. He and Anna were divorced on August 9, 1909. At the time of the 1910 Federal Census, Lester was working at the Luce Chair Company in Big Rapids. On February 19, 1912 he married Frances Clark Geedy [Giedy] in Big Rapids. Anna married Arno "Andrew" Meinel on November 10, 1909.

When he registered for the WWI draft, Lester was still working for the chair factory in Big Rapids. The registration form noted that he had lost the thumb and fingers on his right hand. He died on January 4, 1922 in Kalamazoo under the name Arthur Leroy Thayer.

#### **Martin A. Thayer [1855-1924]**

Martin Thayer had a boat building business in Spring Lake. The son of Porter and Sarah Thayer, Martin was born in Spring Lake in November 1855. Elmer Thayer was his brother. On January 14, 1882 in Grand Rapids, he married Mary E. Howe, who was 18 years old. Lester Thayer, born on December 14, 1884, was their son. The family was still in Spring Lake in 1893. Mary lived from 1864 to 1886. On March 19, 1891 in Big Rapids, Martin married Addie Clark, who was 24. By 1910 Martin and Addie were living in Wayzata, Minnesota and remained there for at least the next ten years. By 1923 they were located in Long Beach, California. Martin, a boat maker, passed away on June 12, 1924 in Long Beach and was buried at Sunnyside Cemetery. Addie, who was born in Michigan in 1857, died on February 20, 1957 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Porter Brown Thayer I [1830-1886]**

On August 14, 1890 Sarah A. Thayer applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Her husband Porter Thayer on November 18, 1861 was a resident of Alpine Township, Kent County, when he enlisted as private in Company G of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863 and wounded again on November 27 the same year at Mine Run, Virginia. On June 10, 1864 he transferred to Company A of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. Porter was mustered out on July 5, 1865. In Spring Lake, he ran a boarding house. He was born on November 25, 1830 in Michigan. Sarah was born in October 1835 in the same state, passed away on July 11, 1921, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Thayers were married in Grand Rapids on February 13, 1855 and had five children, all born in Michigan, including Martin, born in November 1855; Mary, born about 1861; Porter II, who was born in 1864, died in 1895, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Cora, born in February 1863; and Elmer, born on March 19, 1873. Porter was killed when hit by a train on September 11, 1886 and buried at Ashland Center Cemetery in Grant, Newaygo County.

#### **Albert Joseph Theiler I [1885-1962]**

The son of Xavier "Joseph" and Marie Theiler, Albert was born in Switzerland on February 18, 1885. He became a machinist in Grand Haven, and about 1915 married Alice Elizabeth Lysaght. Alice, the daughter of Captain John and Mary Haney Lysaght, was born in Grand Haven on September 16, 1888 and died on January 11, 1953. Their children included Albert II, who was born locally on November 12, 1916 and died in Orange County, California on September 11, 1993, and John, who was born in Wisconsin about 1922. By 1928 the family resided at 417 Leggat. At that time Albert was a clerk in a local factory. He died on December 12, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Alice.

#### **Xavier "Joseph" Theiler [Tyler] [1860-1892]**

After Joseph Theiler died on October 18, 1892, his wife, Marie [Mary], continued living in the family home at 213 Howard Street. Marie's maiden name was Stoeckel. She was born in Switzerland about 1865. In 1908 Marie and some of her children were still residing at 213 Howard. Joseph was an engineer and brought his family from Switzerland to the United States in 1885. He was born in Switzerland in 1860. Their children were Mary, who was born in Switzerland on November 26, 1882, became a teacher, and married Philip Rosbach II of Grand Haven; Emily/Emilie, who was born in Switzerland on 20, December 1884 and became a nurse; Jane, who was born in Switzerland about 1884 and became a nurse; Albert Joseph, who was born in Switzerland on February 18, 1885 and died in 1962; Julia E., who was born in Illinois on June 3, 1887 and passed away in December 1967; William, born in Michigan in July 1889; and Rose C., who was born in Grand Haven on November 9, 1892 and entered the nursing profession. Marie was born on April 2, 1863 in Switzerland. By 1920 she and several of her children [Jane, Julia, and Rose] were living in Chicago at 843 Grace Street, and ten years later they were located at 5245 Kenwood Avenue. Marie passed away on November 7, 1937.

#### **Peter James Theune [1943-2021]**

Peter Theune graduated from Hope College in 1965 and went on to earn a master degree in Christian Education from Western Theological Seminary in Holland four years later and then, in 1990, he was ordained as minister in the Reformed Church in America. He worked for that organization as Director of Children's Life and in various positions with other Christian groups, including Christ Community Church in Spring Lake and First Reformed Church, also in Spring Lake. Following retirement, he worked part time at First Presbyterian Church in Holland. Locally, Peter helped establish three enduring organizations: The Little Red House, The People Center, and Bluebird Cancer Retreats of West Michigan.

Peter and Judy were married on August 14, 1965. They had three sons: Curt Theune, Michael Theune, and David Theune. Peter was born in August 1943 and grew up in Oostburg, Wisconsin. He died in Spring Lake on October 10, 2021.

#### **August "Gust" Thieleman [Thielman] [1885-1958]**

Gust, the son of William and Bertha Wilburt Thieleman, attended Grand Haven schools and was employed by the Dake Engine Company. In 1911 he started the Thieleman Auto Company at 33 Franklin and sold Ford automobiles and other makes, as well as tractors. Not surprisingly, Gust was among the first local residents to own an automobile. In 1913 it was, of course, a Ford. In 1926 he constructed a new showroom at 12-16 North Third Street. In 1952 Gust retired and sold the business to his manager, Aubrey Ernst, and Arnold Redeker. In 1911 he married Blanche E. Albright of Grand Rapids. They lived at 119 Second Street and later at 824 Lake Avenue. After retiring and moving to Ft. Lauderdale, Gust and Blanche spent summers at 541 Leggat Street. Their children, all born locally, were Theodora, who was born on June 15, 1912, married Charles Leonard of Pebble Beach, California, and died in Monterey, California on April 1, 1996; Harriet, who was born about 1916 and married Robert Sproul of Grand Rapids; and Margaret Elizabeth, who was born on March 1, 1917, married James Jardine of Ukiah, California, and died on October 15, 1996 in Monterey, California. Gust was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Elks, the Spring Lake Yacht Club, Rotary Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. Gust also served on the Grand Haven Cemetery Board. Blanche was born on December 6, 1885 and died in Monterey, California on June 24, 1985. Gust lived from May 1, 1885 to February 16, 1958. He died in Ft. Lauderdale. [*Tribune* obituary, February 17, 1958.]

#### **Wilburt [William] Thieleman I [Thielemann] [1854-1938]**

Born in West Prussia [Germany] on May 28, 1854, Wilburt Thieleman came to Grand Haven in 1870, working first in the sawmills, where he hauled sawdust to the tanneries to be used as fuel. He worked for Julius Radeke in the wholesale liquor business, and in May 1879, he became a saloonkeeper at 8 Washington, next to the Kirby House. He was wholesale representative for the Schlitz Brewing Company for 20 years at the same location. He also worked for three years with Ignatz Seifert as co-owner of Thieleman and Seifert Meat Market. Wilburt was alderman from 1888 through 1894 and a member of the Board of Trade. In 1904 he sold his lumber business to Peter Van Zylén, who operated it under the name Van Zylén Lumber Company. In 1912 he and his son Gust opened a Ford garage and salesroom.

Wilburt married Bertha Wilbert on July 15, 1879. She was born in Prussia around 1858. They had three sons, all born in Grand Haven: William II, born on May 25, 1881; Charles, born in 1883; and Gust, born on May 1, 1885. Wilburt and Bertha also had two daughters, including Emma, who was born in Grand Haven around February 1880 and married John Pardee of that community. The Thielemans resided at 111 South Second Street. They were members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, which Wilburt helped organize. He died January 31, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Thirkettle [Thurkettle] I [1833-1885]**

On August 11, 1862 William Thirkettle joined Company B of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry and was mustered out on February 6, 1865. Born in Marshall, England on August 19, 1833, William died on December 19, 1885 in Allendale and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] Post #388 was named in his honor. William married Margaret Tuttle in Ottawa County on March 28, 1858. She was born on July 13, 1844 in Oakland County. They had at least four children: Alida M., who was born about 1866; William H., II, who was born on November 30, 1870, died in Grand Rapids on February 21, 1918, and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery; Harry B., who was born about 1878; and Lucius, who was born April 15, 1881. The children were all born in Allendale. Following William's death, Margaret married Aaron Judson Clayton [1842-1921] in Grand Rapids on September 27, 1888. She passed away on October 14, 1892 in Wright Township.

#### **Jack Thoma [1905-1947] and Flora Quigley Thoma [1904-1985]**

Born on August 11, 1904 in Grand Rapids to John and Flora Quigley, young Flora graduated from the University of Michigan and married Jack E. Thoma on July 1, 1933 in Grand Rapids. The couple moved to Grand Haven, where Jack took a teaching position. Flora was a teacher of commercial subjects in the Grand Haven School system for many years and was considered one of the best typing teachers on the

faculty. She was a member of the Women's Circle, American Red Cross, and Mary Free Bed Guild. She was the first woman trustee of the Presbyterian Church. Flora passed away on January 17, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 17, 1985.]

Jack Thoma was born on December 30, 1905 in Grand Rapids. He graduated from Alma College with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1928 he joined Grand Haven High School as a biology and chemistry teacher, and he was also Dean of Boys. Jack taught until his death. The 1935 Grand Haven High School yearbook was dedicated to him with the inscription that Jack's "buoyant humor has continually livened our high school." He and Flora lived at 400 Duncan Court. They had two daughters, Jane and Judie. An avid tennis player himself, Jack coached the high school tennis team. He started and sponsored the "Saturday Nite Club" when he realized the need for youth recreation in the area. He organized and operated the information booth for the Chamber of Commerce; was in charge of cottage rentals; worked with Claude Ver Duin in setting up the Coast Guard Festival; and was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Duncan Park Board of Trustees. He died on June 16, 1947 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Thomas had two daughters, Jane and Judie.

#### **Mathias Thomas [1836-1909]**

Mathias Thomas was born in April 1836 in Prussia and immigrated to the United States in 1842. On October 6, 1860 in Spring Lake, he married Martha Jane Hunt. She was born in Michigan on January 20, 1835. On March 14, 1864, Mathias enlisted as private in Company G of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out of that unit on January 20, 1863. In 1900 he and Martha were residing at 113 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Mathias then was working as a watchman. He died on September 11, 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Martha applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Martha passed away on February 19, 1922 and was buried with Mathias. A daughter Hannah was born in Robinson Township on June 13, 1872, and another daughter, Mattie, was born on August 8, 1874.

#### **Francis "Frank" C. Thompson [1856-1923]**

Frank Thompson, the son of Leonard and Mary Bennett Thompson, was born in Ferrysburg on March 16, 1856. Frank owned a barbershop at 17 Washington Street in Grand Haven as early as 1879. An African American, he learned the barbering trade from his Uncle Rutson Bennett, his mother's brother. Frank married Cora Banks in Grand Haven on April 15, 1879. They lived at 1227 Franklin. Cora, a White woman, was born in Ireland [Michigan] in 1856. On their marriage registration form they both were listed as White. They resided at 1227 Washington Street in Grand Haven and had at least one child, George E., who was born in 1874. Cora died in Grand Rapids on February 3, 1890.

Although no record was found of a divorce, Frank married Matilda [Mathilda] Barkquist Bartlett on October 6, 1885 in Montague. She was born in Sweden on December 29, 1858 [1859]. Frank had a business in Montague around the mid-1880s, presumably a barber shop. Frank, Matilda, and their family moved to Grand Haven permanently in 1889. Frank was a member of the Negro Masonic Fraternity and Knights Templar. In Grand Haven by 1900, he and Matilda resided at 1227 Franklin, the house he earlier had occupied with Cora. Their children were Lyle Ermine Thompson., who was born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1896, and Ethel T. Thompson, who was born on June 13, 1898 and married Edward W. Nash. Lyle and Ethel were listed as White in the 1900 census, as was their mother. In the 1910 census the children were listed as Mulatto. Frank died on October 18, 1923 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Matilda, who died on May 18, 1926.

#### **George Thompson [1804-1861]**

English-born George Thompson lived from 1804 to 1861. His sister Frances married Captain Robert Howlett of Grand Haven. George, who never married, was living at the Ottawa House at 1 Washington Street in 1860. His occupation was listed as farmer. George was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Gilbert William Thompson [1830-1911]**

Gilbert Thompson was appointed Ferrysburg's postmaster on December 17, 1866. He held the position until September 2 the next year. Gilbert was classified as a "laborer." He married Sarah Jane Spruce in Union, Illinois on March 28, 1856. Their son John William Thompson was born in Ferrysburg in December 1859. Gilbert was listed as station agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway and express agent in the 1867 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* for Ferrysburg. By 1870, the family was living in Grand Haven, where Gilbert worked as an "express-driver." Ten years later, he was employed as a "United States Mail Agent." By 1900 the family had moved to Muskegon. Born on October 31, 1830 in New York State, Gilbert died in Grand Haven on November 29, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A native of West Virginia, Sarah Jane lived from June 29, 1839 to November 18, 1915. She was living in Muskegon at the time of her death and was buried at Lakeside Cemetery. Another son, Charles Henry Thompson, was born on January 4, 1862, and a daughter, Minnie Frances Thompson, was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1869 and married Joshua Clark Lehman of that city.

### **Leonard Thompson [Thomson] [@1831- ?]**

As early as 1850 and as late as 1864, Leonard Thompson [Tomson] was living on a 160-acre farm in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township. He bought the property from Jeduthan Freeman on April 20, 1853. Also in the household in 1850 were James Alexander, a laborer who was born in Tennessee about 1826, and Jakob Goodlow, another laborer, who was born in Kentucky about 1826. All three were African Americans. Hezekiah Smith, an African American, was a neighbor. Leonard was from New York, where he was born about 1831. He married Mary J., the daughter of Alfred and Louisa Bennett, first of Spring Lake and later of Grand Haven. Mary was born in New York about 1839. Among their children were Francis C., born locally on March 16, 1856; Alfred, who was born about 1861 and drowned on September 2, 1881 [another son, named Alferd (sic) drowned on September 30, 1880 at the age of 20]; Lucy, who was born on June 29, 1869 in Spring Lake; and Richard, who was born on October 5, 1874 in Ferrysburg. In Spring Lake on April 19, 1894 Richard married Emma V., the daughter of Ephraim and Adelia Conner Molson of Spring Lake. Emma was born in Coloma, Berrien County in 1878.

On October 25, 1856, Leonard sold his land in Section 8 to Alfred and Louisa Bennett, his parents-in-law. By 1860 Leonard and Mary were residing in Grand Haven adjacent to the Alfred Bennett family in Bennett's Hollow, later called Mulligan's Hollow. Leonard continued to work as a laborer. Mary died in Grand Haven on February 8, 1899 of pneumonia. On March 1, 1900 Leonard married Georgia Johnson, then 35 years old and a native of Maryland. Leonard was listed in the marriage record as 60 years old, which would make his birth year 1840. He and Georgia were classified as Mulattoes. Four months after their marriage, Leonard and Georgia were living in Fruitport, where he continued working as a farmer. In the 1900 census Leonard's birth date was cited as August 1833 and Georgia's as January 1865. No records were found for them after 1900.

### **Lyle E. Thompson [Thomson] [1896-1961]**

The son of Francis and Matilda Bartlett Thompson, Lyle was born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1896. Lyle remained in Grand Haven, where he married Emma Chilcotte on January 5, 1916. Emma was born in Michigan on January 12, 1894. In 1918 Lyle was working as chauffeur for William Robertson Loutit. He and Emma were living with Lyle's sister Ethel at 18 Washington. Ten years later Lyle was working as a mechanic at Kooiman Auto Company [219 North Seventh Street]. In the 1910 census the children were listed as Mulatto. In the 1930 census Lyle was classified as Negro. He was still working as a mechanic. He and Emma then resided in Grand Haven Township. Lyle died on June 12, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Emma passed away on July 8, 1979 in Grand Haven, under the name Emma M. Chilcotte. Lyle and his sister Ethel were listed as White in the 1900 census, as was their mother.

### **Richard Abner Thompson [1874-1938]**

The son of Leonard and Mary Bennett Thompson of Spring Lake and Grand Haven, Richard was born in Ferrysburg on October 5, 1874. The family was African American. In Spring Lake on April 19, 1894, he



married Emma V., the daughter of Ephraim and Adelia Conner Molson of Spring Lake. Emma was born in Watervliet, Berrien County, on August 2, 1877 and died in Fruitport on December 17, 1898. The Moulsons also were Black. At the time of the 1900 Federal Census, Richard was living in Chicago with his wife Nellie, presumably Nellie Burrill Williams Graves. Nellie Burrill, who also went by the name Cora, had previously been married to John Williams, followed by Frederick Graves. Cora was born in Ohio about 1868. In Chicago in 1900, Richard and Nellie were employed as servants in the same household. By 1910 Richard and Cora were residing in Muskegon. She was unemployed, while Richard was a “coachman” for a family. At that time, they had a daughter, Elizabeth, born in Michigan on September 23, 1894. Berrien County She was not listed with Richard and Cora in the 1900 census, but she died in Muskegon on August 13, 1917. She was buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Muskegon. At the time of the 1920 Federal Census for Muskegon, Richard was working as a chauffeur for a private family, and Nellie Thompson was employed as a “nurse baby,” possibly a wet nurse. On March 6, 1924 in Muskegon, Cora Ann Thompson married John Traviet [Traviot]. In 1938 Richard was living alone at 525 Clinton. He died in Chicago on April 27, 1938. See Frederick Graves II for more information about Cora/Nellie.

### **William Thompson [1818-1888]**

William Thompson was raising fruit in Sections 23 and 24 of Crockery Township in the late 1840s. William was born in Monroe County, New York, on March 25, 1818, and moved to Crockery in 1843 with his mother and father, Henry and Desire Thompson. Desire died on November 28, 1868 at the age of 84 and her husband passed away on January 15, 1857 at the age of 73. By 1864 William owned 540 acres in Sections 14, 16, 23, and 24 in Crockery and substantial acreage in Ravenna Township, Muskegon County, just north of Crockery. In addition to farming, William was an associate of John Spoon and his lumber business and at some point bought Ezekial Van Drezer’s 1845 sawmill on Crockery Creek. William’s wife, Emily, was born about December 3, 1825 and died on July 2, 1862. The next year he married Mary J. Tibbets, who was born about 1842 in New York. William and Mary had three children, all born locally: Emma, born about 1864; Edith, born about 1867; and Maud M., born about 1875. Mary’s father, John Tibbets, was born in New York about 1800 and resided with the Thompsons in Crockery in 1880. William died on April 2, 1888 and was buried with Emily at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

### **Andrew W. Thomson I [Thomsen] [1824-1902]**

Andrew Thomson was born in Dennyloan Head, Scotland on October 19, 1824. He married Charlotte Arkley while they were still residents of their native land and where five of their children were born. Charlotte was born in Scotland in February 1830. Andrew received a liberal education and found employment with the Summerlee Iron Company in Glasgow, where he remained for more than 22 years. In 1865, at the close of the Civil War, he severed his connections with that company and brought the family to the United States. They lived in Detroit for a time before coming to Grand Haven. On February 1, 1868 he became general manager of Senator Ferry’s lumbering operations and real estate business. He also was part owner of the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg and shareholder in the American Brass Novelty Company of Grand Haven.

The Thomson family lived on the corner of Fifth and Clinton [201 South Fifth]. Andrew and Charlotte had three children: Anna Thomson, who was born in Scotland in 1863 and married Charles H. Adams of Grand Haven; Isabel Thomson, who was born on January 23, 1867 and became a city librarian; and Andrew W. Thomson II, born on October 18, 1870. The Thomsons were members of the Presbyterian Church, where Charlotte served as president of the Women’s Missionary Society and Ladies Social Society. Andrew was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He died on November 25, 1902. Charlotte lived from February 5, 1830 to February 23, 1910. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Anne. [*Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1902.]

### **Andrew W. Thomson II [Thompson] [1870-1954]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 18, 1870, Andrew II was raised at 201 South Fifth Street, where he lived with his parents, Andrew and Charlotte Thompson. As a youth he pumped the pipe organ for each service at the Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1887 and attended Alma College. Andrew organized and directed a boys' band, the first local high school ensemble that was known as the "Jackie Band." The group played concerts and parades throughout Michigan from 1915 [1917] to 1924. He and his family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in the 1890s, where he owned a storage business, and returned to Grand Haven about 1902 to fill the position of secretary-treasurer for the American Brass Novelty Company [Michigan Brass] for the next 50 years. On November 7, 1893, he married Helen McIlhinny. Helen became active in the Presbyterian Church and, like her mother-in-law, served as president of the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies Social Society. Helen was born in Iowa in May 1872 and died in Grand Haven about July 21, 1945. They had a daughter, Helen A., who was born in February 1895, and another daughter, Mary C., who was born in August 1896. Both children were born in Minnesota. In Grand Haven, the Thomsons lived at 201 Fifth Street, Andrew's childhood home. He died on May 30, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

**Isabel [Isabelle] M. Thomson [Thompson] [1867-1952]**

Born on January 23, 1867 [1868], Isabel was the daughter of Andrew and Charlotte Arkley Thomson of Grand Haven. At the age of 16 Isabel started working for the Grand Haven Library Association, which had been founded the year before. By 1891 the Library Association had merged with the Grand Haven public school library, located on the second floor of the high school on Sixth Street. When fire destroyed the Central School library in 1901, she opened a substitute library in her home at 201 South Fifth on the second floor. She also offered music lessons at her home. In 1914 she became the first head librarian of the new Carnegie Public Library at 315 North Third Street, later the site of a parking lot behind Fifth Third Bank. Isabel continued to work as both school and public librarian until 1924 when she left the public side of her profession. She was also a music teacher, and she had a master degree from Northwestern University. Her brother was Andrew W. Thomson II and the family home was located 201 Fifth Street. Isabel died on July 31, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**John Thomson [Thompson] [1837-1912]**

John Thomson, an early Spring Lake lumberman, was connected with Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. He also had an interest in the Munroe, Thomson & Company Sawmill, formed in 1868 and located in Spring Lake at the foot of Jackson Street. He sold his share to Sherman Boyce in 1872. Born in 1837, John married Mary Ellen Lovell, who was born in Grand Haven about 1843. She was the daughter of George G. Lovell, whose homestead on Spring Lake became known as Lovell Park. Born in 1840, she died at Ionia on January 16, 1922, but was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband, who died in 1912. The Thomsons were married in Ottawa County on July 27, 1864. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1922.]

**Conrad E. Thornquist [1906-1989]**

Born on April 12, 1906 in Grand Rapids to Otto and Charlotte Thornquist, Conrad graduated from the University of Michigan in 1928 and Harvard University in 1931. He joined the firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd of Grand Rapids as a corporate lawyer and became a full partner in 1937. A veteran of WWII, he married Helen Moon Hopkins, the adopted daughter of Claude B. Hopkins, on July 2, 1949. Conrad was a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He was director emeritus of Guardsman Products, Inc., Crampton Corp., AGM Industries, and Great Lakes Oil and Chemical Corp. He was on the boards of Gerber, Inc. and JSJ Corp. He was also director and secretary of Michigan Bumper Corp., which became Gulf and Western Industries. Conrad was a member of the University Club, Peninsular Club, Kent Country Club, Chicago Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church. He passed away on January 3, 1989 at Pinecrest, his home on Spring Lake [7437 South Walker Road, Fruitport Township]. He was interred at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 1989.]

### **Helen Moon Hopkins Thornquist [1898-1986]**

Helen was born in Chicago on December 26, 1898 to Samuel and Harriet Moon. Upon her father's death, her mother married Claude B. Hopkins on July 14, 1914. Hopkins adopted Helen when she was fifteen. Harriet was born November 29, 1870 in Prairie City, Illinois. Helen was a secretary for the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. She married Conrad Thornquist on July 2, 1936 and lived in the family home [Pinecrest] on Spring Lake until her death July 1, 1986. Pinecrest was located at 7437 South Walker Road, Fruitport Township. She was a member of the St. Elizabeth Guild and St. John's Episcopal Church, and she was president of Junior League. The King of England during World War II decorated her for assisting in the British War Relief. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1, 1986.]

### **John H. Thornton [1845-1922]**

In 1869 John Thornton was foreman of the "Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company" in Grand Haven. A native of Geneva, New York, where he was born in 1845, John enlisted as private with Company H of the 33<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry on December 28, 1861. Discharged on June 2, 1863, he immediately reenlisted in the 4<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery and served until the end of the war. In 1866 he came to Grand Haven and was a carpenter and builder from 1870 on. On November 7, 1887 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He married Mary [Marietta] Mink in Grand Haven on March 3, 1868. She was born in Russia and lived from 1847 to 1912. Their son Willy was born in Michigan around 1870. John died in 1922 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Henry B. Thorp [Thorp] [1827-1905]**

Born in Connecticut in June 1827, Henry Thorp farmed 31 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 18450 West Spring Lake Road]. Henry died about March 17, 1905. After his death, his wife, Adelaide L., ran Beechwood Resort on the eleven acres remaining after selling 20 acres to Gerrit B. Teunis, who already farmed 133 acres in Section 3, just to the north. Adelaide, also from Connecticut, was born in December 1842. Henry and Adelaide had a son, Fred E., who was born in Michigan around 1876.

### **Nathan Throop [Troop] [1798-1850]**

Nathan Throop was born on July 1, 1798 in Barnard, Vermont [Ontario, Canada]. He and his family were early settlers in Grand Haven, arriving by canoe from Canada in 1835. A carpenter by trade, he built his house at the northwest corner of Franklin and First Streets, and he constructed Louis Campau's warehouse near Government Pond, then called the Lower Diggings. At an undetermined date, he built Timothy Eastman's residence in Eastmanville. Nathan purchased the steam sawmill built by William Butts and William Hathaway in Grand Haven in 1836, which he subsequently sold to Francis and Thomas Gilbert. The first meeting of the County Board of supervisors was held at Nathan's house on April 11, 1838. In 1839 Nathan became proprietor of the first public tavern in Grand Haven, located at 33 Franklin Street. On November 10, 1841, Nathan purchased almost 250 acres in Section 3 of Allendale Township. Nine years later he bought 40 acres in Muskegon County. He was included in the Federal Censuses of 1840 and 1850 as a resident of Ottawa Township [which included the town of Grand Haven and is now Grand Haven Township].

On January 20, 1830 Nathan married Mary E. Munshaw in Ontario, Canada. Nathan's and Mary's had at least one child, Caroline Elizabeth Throop, who was born about 1831 in Ontario. She married Francis Gilbert who, in partnership with his brother Thomas Gilbert, bought a sawmill from Nathan. Nathan died in Grand Haven on August 23, 1850. Mary, who was born in 1811, passed away on June 27, 1876. Both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **Hugo Thum [1853-1929], Ferdinand Thum [1855-1920], William Thum II [1861-1941], and Otto Thum [1865-1943]**

Hugo Thum was born in Detroit on December 22, 1853. His father, Karl Wilhelm "William" Thum, was born in Württemberg, Germany on April 12, 1824 and died in Grand Rapids on March 11, 1883. William became a druggist in Grand Rapids, where he owned a drug store in association with Hugo and three other sons: Ferdinand Thum, William Thum II, and Otto Thum. Their mother was Christina [Christiane] Griner [Greiner], whom William married in Grand Rapids on September 28, 1850. She was born on December 28, 1825 and died in Grand Rapids on December 29, 1909. She and William were buried at Valley City Cemetery. Shortly after their marriage, the Thums moved to Detroit, where William was in the drugstore business for the next 16 years before returning to Grand Rapids. About the time of their father's death, Ferdinand was developing an adhesive for flypaper much easier to work with and longer lasting than the typical product.

The brothers in 1885 formed the Thum Company and two years later started production of their broadly accepted innovation, which soon had world-wide distribution. In 1887 Hugo patented a holder for "Labels, Checks, and the Like," among other inventions he patented. The four brothers sold their business in 1909 and moved to Southern California. In 1911 Hugo was elected mayor of Pasadena. Fourteen years later new owners changed the trade name to the Tanglefoot Flypaper Company [also known as the "Sticky Flypaper Co."]. Ferdinand died in Pasadena, California in 1920 at the age of 65. Apparently he never married. By 1900 the Thums owned a 40-acre summer estate, called Exmoor, on the west shore of Spring Lake [17500 West Spring Lake Road]. At different times, Ferdinand, Hugo, and Otto were each shown as owners of Exmoor. Otto was born in Grand Rapids on January 5, 1865 and died in Los Angeles, California on November 10, 1943. William lived from December 21, 1861 to May 10, 1941 and died in Los Angeles. On May 11, 1916 the *Tribune* reported that Hugo had donated *Exmoor* to the Village of Spring Lake to be used as a park. The gift included the yacht *Lorna Doone* and other property along the Grand River at the south end of School Street. Overall, the gift had a value of \$50,000 at that time. In 1931 the Spring Lake Yacht Club negotiated with the Village for a long-term lease on the property and soon moved there. The Yacht Club had been formed in 1897 with 23 charter members. Hugo's wife, Louisa, was born in Ohio about 1854 and married Hugo in 1878. Hugo passed away in San Diego, California, on August 9, 1923.

### **Edmund Tickner [1905-1970]**

In 1946 the Tickner Company moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven with Edmund Tickner as general manager. The firm produced radio cabinets. In 1952 he started Lakeview Manufacturing, which produced portable iceboats. Edmund resided at 16932 De Witt in Spring Lake. He lived from October 14, 1905 to November 1970.

### **Wilhelm "William" Tietz [1857-1933]**

William was born in Grand Haven on October 10, 1857, soon after his parents, August John and Augusta Kant Tietz, arrived in the United States from Prussia. On April 28, 1884, William married Anna Ladewig in Grand Haven on April 28, 1884. She was born on December 4, 1863. Anna, the daughter of Charles "Carl" and Wilhelmina Behm Ladewig, died on November 1, 1927. The Tietzes made their home at 118 Elliott Street in Grand Haven.

In 1912, William also owned a 30-acre farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township [North]. His granddaughter, Dorothy Elizabeth "Bette" McGill and her husband Norman Anderson built their home on Ferry Street on two acres of land formerly owned by her grandparents [1209 South Ferry]. William and Anna had 14 children: Emily, who was born in October 1884 and married Harry McGill and were Bette's parents; Hannah T., born in October 1885; Mathilda, born November 1886; William, born in July 1888; Marian, born in October 1889; Henrietta Willeminia, born in June 1890; Emma Louise, who born in September 1892; Elizabeth, born in December 1893; Julia, born in July 1895; Otto, born in May 1897; Martha, who was born in August 1898 and married Chester Brockway; Benjamin; Dorothy, who became the wife of Jack Bramer of Ferrysburg; and Isabel, who married Jay Poel. After his wife's death in 1927, William built a home at 1509 Sheldon Road, where he lived with several of his daughters until he died at home on August 21, 1933.

### **Jack Thomas Tighe [1913-2002]**

Born on September 1, 1913 in Kearny, New Jersey, Jack Thomas Tighe was manager of the Detroit Tigers in 1957 and 1958. He continued to work for the Tigers until he was fired in 1990. Tighe was a minor league catcher with Charleston, West Virginia in 1936. From 1940-41, he was a player-manager for the Muskegon Clippers of the Michigan State League. He coached other minor league teams, such as the Toledo Mud Hens. The *Sporting News* recognized him as minor league Coach of the Year in 1968, when the Mud Hens won the league championship. Jack was inducted into the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1988. Jack married Beverly Yeager in Detroit on September 25, 1940. For a short time in the early 1960s, the Jack Tighe Hardware and Sporting Goods Store opened at 116 West Savidge in Spring Lake. In 1983 they sold their home in Spring Lake and moved to Florida permanently. She lived from April 11, 1920 to March 28, 1990 and died in Pompano Beach, Florida. Jack died in the same community on August 2, 2002. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son John died in Grand Haven Grand Haven in 2017 at the age of 73. Another son, Bob Tighe, lived in Florida. [*Chronicle* article, "Former Muskegon, Detroit manager dies," August 3, 2002.]

### **Thomas Tennes Tilden I [1930-1981]**

Thomas Tilden was chief of the Grand Haven Fire Department from 1963 until he died on July 23, 1981 at the age of 51 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He served with the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1954. The Tilden home was at 124 South Eighth Street. His wife, Dianne Joyce Tilden, was born in November 1934. Their son, Thomas T. Tilden II, died on June 16, 1972 at the age of 14 and was interred at Lake Forest. Tom the father was born in Forth Worth, Texas on June 22, 1930.

### **Frank T. Tiles [1918–1998]**

Frank was born on September 4, 1918 to Steven and Katie Duieks Tiles of Chicago. Frank died on August 19, 1998 at his home in West Olive [10095 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue] and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Wilma Peterson on November 25, 1942 in Flint. He owned and operated the Frank Tiles Excavating Company. Prior to opening that business, he worked for Continental Motors in Muskegon, and he served in the U.S. Army prior to World War II. A brother, Walter, died on May 25, 2000 at the age of 75.

### **Stefan "Steven" Tiles [1879-1957]**

Steven Tiles was born in Czechoslovakia on August 15, 1879 and died on September 14, 1957. On July 12, 1912 in Buffalo, New York, he married Kate Duieks [Drienko/Drinko], who lived from August 9, 1886 to December 27, 1977. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Steven emigrated from Germany to Chicago in 1909 and Kate arrived the next year. The couple moved to Grand Haven in 1932, first owning a farm on Beechtree Street in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township and then settling on 156 acres in Section 29 of Robinson Township [11184 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue]. Frank Tiles, born on September 4, 1918, was one of their children. Their other children were Annie, Elsie, John, Walter "Wally," Albert, Bill, and Betty.

### **Roelof "Ralph" Hendricks Timmerman I [1839-1928]**

Roelof Timmerman was born in Drenthe, The Netherlands, on July 1, 1839 [October 17, 1836] and arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1882. He was the son of Hendrick Eilerds and Henderkien Alting Timmerman. Roelof's 100-acre farm was located in Section 12 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. While still in The Netherlands, he married Jentjen [Jantje] "Jenny" Musche, who was born in The Netherlands on August 10, 1835. They had at least two sons: John, who was born in The Netherlands about 1874, and Roelof II, who was born in Michigan around 1897. Jenny passed away on October 8, 1925, and Ralph died on March 23, 1928 in Olive Township. Both were buried at Borculo Cemetery.

### **Gerald John Tinholt [1897-1958]**

Gerald Tinholt owned a Conoco Service Station at the junction of Pine and Ridge Streets in Ferrysburg Carl. In 1936 he and Carl "Swede" Erickson formed a partnership and started the Tri City Oil Company at

this location. The station initially offered D-X gasoline [now Sunoco], but before long the owners changed to Cities Service [now Citgo] gasoline. Gerald, a machinist and tool maker, worked at a foundry during the 1930s and at Keller Tool Company in Grand Haven in the 1940s. He was born in Graafschaap, Allegan County, on August 31, 1897 and married Johanna “Nan” Dobbin [Dobben] in Holland on June 24, 1923. She was born on February 24, 1899 and died on March 3, 1982 in Grand Haven. He passed away in Ferrysburg on April 29, 1958. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two daughters: Shirley Tinholt, who was born on April 20, 1924 and married Sidney Shaver, and Mary Ella Tinholt, who was born on May 6, 1933, married Hollis Heemstra, died in Hudsonville on June 17, 2001, and was buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery.

### **Denver John Todd I [1913-1986]**

Born in Kaleva, Manistee County on February 21, 1913, Denver Todd settled in Grand Haven around 1944 and was agent operator for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, with which his whole family was associated. He later became purchasing and job costing accountant for Grand Haven Harbor Industries. Denver was one of the founders of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and many times its president. On March 30, 1940, Denver married Ruth Eleanora Breckenridge in Bangor, Van Buren County. They resided at 520 Pennoyer in Grand Haven. He died on December 29, 1986. Ruth lived from August 19, 1918 to September 3, 2009. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Darla Todd, who was born about 1943, and Denver Todd II, who was born in June 1946.

### **Thomas Tokarczyk [1890-1981]**

Thomas, the son of Anthony and Maria Ogoreaty, was born in Poland on September 11, 1890. He married Anna V. Majsterkavicz in Chicago on May 24, 1919. She was born on November 1, 1895 in Massachusetts. Thomas and Anna opened Tokarczyk’s Food Store near the corner of Mercury Drive and 160<sup>th</sup> Street in 1950. It closed a few years later. Among their children were Ed Tokarczyk, who was born about 1920 in Chicago and died in 1999; Helen, who was born in Chicago on May 28, 1924, married Joseph Homik [1918-1982] in Grand Haven on August 17, 1946, and died in Grand Haven on January 5, 1999; Kazmer “Casey” Tokarczyk, who lived from October 30, 1930 to November 14, 2016; Mary Tokarczyk, who was born on September 13, 1937, married Charles Vogler on September 30, 1961, and passed away on December 7, 2020. Chuck died on September 23, 2013. The Tokarczyk family lived in Robinson Township. Maria passed away on September 20, 1981 in Grand Haven. Thomas died on December 31, 1981. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **William D. Tolford [Talford] [1825-1915]**

Born in New York State in 1825, William Tolford by 1850 was working as a clerk in Hudson, Lenawee County, and ten years later he was employed as a mercantile agent in Grand Rapids. By 1870, still in Grand Rapids, he owned a candle manufacturing business and owned real estate valued at \$33,000, while his personal estate amounted to \$4,000. Two years after that, William was the treasurer of Phoenix Furniture Company in Grand Rapids. In 1880 he was listed in the Federal Census of that year as a real estate agent. His wife Cordelia died in 1893, not quite 70 years old, and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. William, who passed away in 1915, was buried near her.

Although William never resided in the Grand Haven area, he did have business interest there. In 1871 he purchased Edward Cole’s shares in the Haire & Cole Sawmill on Grand River in Spring Lake. The mill’s name was then changed to Haire & Tolford. The disastrous fire of 1871 destroyed the mill and much of the village. Tolford Street in Spring Lake Village was named for William, and the Haire Tolford Hancock Addition to the village similarly continued his name.

### **Ira Gale Tompkins [1831-1900]**

In the early 1870s, Ira Tompkins had a photography studio in Spring Lake, although he apparently resided in Grand Rapids, where he also worked as a photographer. He opened his studio in Grand Rapids in the

spring of 1860 with his brother, Joseph Howard Tompkins. Born in Wyoming County, New York in 1831, Ira married Demaris C. Ide in Grand Rapids on October 25, 1861. Desmaris, a native of the Empire State, was born on July 6, 1844. She and Ira had at least five children, all born in Michigan: William S., who was born in 1862 and died in 1917; Edmund Gale, born in 1864; George Ide, who lived from 1869 to 1952; Lillian Mabel, who was born in 1873 and died in 1967; and John Joseph, born in 1875. By 1880 the family was living in Wisconsin. Ira died in Chicago on March 16, 1900 and was buried at Graceland Cemetery. Desmaris passed away in 1917 in California and was buried at Valhalla Cemetery in Bel-Nor, Missouri in the same crypt as her brother-in-law, Joseph Tompkins [1825-1936].

#### **Nathan R. Tompkins [1825-1864]**

While a resident of Spring Lake, Nathan Tompkins on February 9, 1863 enlisted as private in Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters. He was taken prisoner at the Siege of Petersburg on June 17, 1864, died of disease in Anderson Prison on August 24, and was buried there. Nathan was born in New York about 1825. Just prior to the war, Nathan was a resident of Spring Lake, working as a carpenter. He married Celestia Baxter, who was born in New York about 1825. Their daughter, Louisa L. Tompkins, was born in Michigan in 1850 [1852] and died in 1905. On February 14, 1865, Celestia filed for a widow's Civil War pension. On November 2, 1866 she married Franklin K. Demmings [1840-1911] in Ottawa County. They moved to Muskegon.

#### **Franklin Pratt [E.] Torrance [1841-1895]**

A native of Tarrytown, New York, where he was born on July 13, 1841, Frank Torrance moved to Ottawa County before the Civil War. He enlisted as private in Company C of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry on September 7, 1861, and served until the end of the Civil War, when he was mustered out on August 17, 1865, in Georgia with the rank of Ferrier [horse shoer]. In the military he also may have been listed as Torrance Franklin. In 1867 Frank came to Grand Haven from Georgia. He was with the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company until 1881, when he joined the Grand Haven Lumber Company as engineer at the Fourth Ward mill. On February 3, 1872 he married Clara E. Hudson in Spring Lake. Clara was born in Grand Haven on October 4, 1854. Their son, Franklin Harvey Torrance, was born in the Village on April 30, 1873, and subsequently lived in Shiawassee, Wayne, and Macomb Counties. Franklin and Clara also had a daughter, Susan Maude, who was born on August 1, 1877 and died in Piqua, Ohio on August 22, 1943. At the time of her death, she was known as Maude Susan Smith. In 1880, Frank, Clara, Franklin, and Maude were living in Ferrysburg, where the father was an engineer. After Franklin's death in Ely, Minnesota on September 14, 1895, Clara married Fred L. Souter, a widower, on June 11, 1904 in Saginaw. Clara died on June 3, 1908 in Piqua, Ohio, where her daughter Maude lived.

#### **August [Augustus] Torrey [1850-1902]**

August Torrey died in Detroit as the result of a train accident on August 20, 1902. At the time, he was Civil Engineer for Michigan Central Railroad. He was a friend of the Dunbar family in Grand Haven and may have lived for a short time in the city. The son of Augustus and Deborah Cox Torrey, August was born in Beverly, Massachusetts on November 21, 1850. On June 18, 1878, he married Letitia Estella Durant in Burlington, Vermont. Their daughter, Letitia Torrey, was born in Burlington on June 7, 1879 and died in 1963. Letitia the mother, who was born in Waterbury, Vermont on June 26, 1854, died of childbirth complications on June 20, 1879. On December 10, 1885 in Detroit, August married Charlotte Austin Foote. Charlotte, a native of Burlington, Vermont, was born on August 1, 1865. August and Charlotte had three children, all born in Detroit: Dana Hungerford Torrey, born on August 3, 1887; Helen Cutler Torrey, born on August 12, 1888, and Charlotte Foote Torrey, born on August 17, 1896. Charlotte the mother died on March 11, 1917. George Torrey was August's uncle.

#### **George Torrey [Torrey] [1801-1854]**

Captain George Torrey in 1849 was appointed the third keeper of the Grand Haven lighthouse [900 Harbor] when it was located at the bottom of the bluff. He replaced William Haucland. George tended the

beacon from 1849 until it was destroyed by a storm on December 17, 1852. He was replaced the next year by Peter vanden Berg. George was born in Salem, Massachusetts in 1801. He had a son, Charles C., who was born in Massachusetts about 1828, two other sons, and a daughter. In his short life, George had a variety of careers: first as farmer, then as a dry goods merchant, editor of the *Kalamazoo Telegraph*, and lumbering. He died in Chicago in January 1854 of an undisclosed illness and was buried at Mountain Home Cemetery. His wife, Eunice, died in 1839 and was buried at Yorkville Cemetery in Kalamazoo County. August Torrey was his nephew.

#### **Asher Tourison I [1916-2004]**

Asher, the son of George Bartle and Hazel Lambert Tourison, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1916. He married Jane Lee Stokes in New Jersey on December 6, 1947. Asher, an inventor who held several patents, worked as mechanical engineer and manufacturing manager with various companies. In 1965 he became plant manager at a Muskegon tool-making company. Three years later he started a charter fishing business with his son Bruce. In 1970 Asher became director of Buildings and Grounds for North Ottawa Community Hospital. He was a member of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church and served as president of several associations. Asher's and Jane's children included Joan L. Tourison of Grand Haven; Susan, who married Dan Day of East Grand Rapids; Mary, who married Jim Dana of Grand Haven; Margaret, who married Kellen Berndt of Grand Haven; Bruce S. Tourison of Grand Rapids; and Asher Tourison II of Zeeland. Asher the elder died in Grand Haven on November 20, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jane lived from November 12, 1923 to March 17, 1997. She passed away in Grand Haven and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, November 22, 2004.]

#### **Avis Ella Towers [1895-1981]**

The daughter of Lewis [1868-1952] and Emma [1871-1963] Towers, Avis was born in Michigan on July 24, 1895. In 1920 she was living with her parents in Converse, Wyoming and teaching in the public schools there. Six years later she moved to Grand Haven and taught home economics at Grand Haven High School. She resided at 514 Franklin Street in a two-unit apartment building owned by Agnes Louise Stark, also a teacher. Agnes willed the property to the First Presbyterian Church. After retirement, Avis became lunchroom supervisor at the high school. She died in Grand Haven on April 26, 1981 and was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Mattawan, Van Buren County.

#### **Alfred A. Tracey [1828-1895]**

Alfred Tracey born in Ohio on September 11, 1828, arrived in Ottawa County in 1847. He was elected county clerk of Ottawa County in 1868 and held that position for twelve years, until replaced by George D. Turner in 1881. Alfred married Orpha Emeroy Sumner in Ottawa County on March 28, 1855. Orpha, who came from Vermont, was born about 1838. Alfred and Orpha had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Anje S., born about 1861, and Williette, born around 1863. Alfred passed away in Milwaukee on December 12, 1895 and was scheduled to be buried at an unidentified cemetery Grand Rapids.

#### **Hosea H. [1825-1865] and Nathan O. Tracy [Tracey] [1845-1864]**

By 1860 the Hosea Tracy family was situated on an 80-acre farm in Section 10 of Crockery Township. On May 13, 1861 Hosea and his son Nathan traveled to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. Hosea, who was born in New York about 1823 [1826], was discharged for disability on November 4, 1862 and applied for a disability pension on March 2, 1863. Nathan also was discharged for disability, but not until January 5, 1864. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension the following August 6. Hosea married Jane A. Custer, who was born in Connecticut in 1828. Nathan O. was born in Ohio on January 9, 1845 [1840]. Another son of Hosea's, Austin E., was born in Illinois around 1853, and a daughter, Betsy J., was born in Michigan around 1857. Nathan and Hosea died at home in Crockery Township, Nathan on December 13, 1864 and Hosea on December 17, 1865. Both men have undated monuments at Ottawa Center Cemetery, where Jane also was buried. She died on March 1, 1898.



### **Levi Tracey [Tracy] [1807-1882]**

Levi was born in Orange County, Vermont [New London, Connecticut], on August 6, 1807, the son of Perez and Olive Flint Tracey. He studied law and became a justice of the peace. In 1852 he went to Wisconsin to work as a carpenter and wagon maker, and in 1867 he settled in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township. He served as school commissioner for a while. In May 1840, he married Anna [Ann] Ford. She was born January 8, 1820, also in Orange County, the daughter of Elisha and Asenath Spear Ford. Levi and Anna had two children. Levi died in Grand Haven on January 15, 1882.

### **Thomas Traill [1856-1930]**

Thomas Traill was born in the Orkney Islands in Scotland on November 10, 1856 to a family with a long history of salt-water sailing. He was the son of Peter and Catherine Millar Traill. Thomas was encouraged to come to Grand Haven by a fellow Scotsman, Captain George Robertson. He arrived in Grand Haven in 1880 and married Janet Mainland in Grand Haven on December 13, 1883. Janet, also a native of the Orkney Islands, was born on October 15, 1862. They had two sons, Thomas William Traill, born on October 16, 1884, and Hugh Maisland Traill, born on November 11, 1886. The Traills also had one daughter, Catherine Janet Traill, born on November 26, 1890. All three children were born in Grand Haven. Thomas William Traill married Helen L. Waggoner in Cleveland, Ohio on December 19, 1908. Helen was born in Ohio about 1884. She and her husband lived in Northville, Wayne County in 1930. Thomas passed away in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on April 25, 1962. Thomas and Helen had a daughter, Mary Janet, who was born in Toronto, Canada on December 27, 1909 and died on December 27, 2005 in Macedonia, Ohio. The Traills lost their daughter, Catherine Janet, to the influenza epidemic on November 18, 1918. Catherine had married William J. Martin in Grand Haven on January 27, 1917 and was living in Salvadore, Saskatchewan, Canada at the time of her death. William died the next year and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hugh Traill died on April 11, 1919, a victim of the same epidemic. He also was buried at Lake Forest.

Captain Traill and his family initially lived in the 200 block of Lafayette Street. In 1898 Captain Thomas Traill and his wife bought part of the former Ferry property on Lafayette Street [514 Lafayette] from the heirs of John Furlong. Thomas was a sea captain, and he commanded some of the largest ships steaming out of Grand Haven harbor, including the passenger and freight steamer *Naomi*, a Crosby line freight and passenger steamer, the car ferries *Grand Haven* and *Milwaukee*. Those who sailed with Captain Traill considered him a “square shooter.” On May 21, 1907 the *Naomi* caught fire in mid-Lake, as the vessel was traveling between Grand Haven and Milwaukee, with the loss of five lives. The burned-out hulk was towed back to Grand Haven.

Thomas died on January 22, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Janet remained in the house at 514 Lafayette until her death on March 10, 1941. She also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 23, 1930.]

### **Calla Viola Travis [1873-1954]**

Born on November 3, 1873, Calla was the daughter of James and Marcia Travis of Grand Rapids. Calla began teaching dance in 1890 in people’s homes. In 1891 she furthered her dance skills by taking private lessons in Chicago. In 1893 she enrolled at the Akeley Institute for Girls in Grand Haven. Calla graduated from Akeley in 1895 but continued there as a teacher of dance. By 1896 she was back in Grand Rapids, teaching dance at the YWCA before opening her own studio. Calla wrote original dance instruction pamphlets that were popular in the United States and overseas. She ended her career in 1948 after 58 years of teaching dance. Calla died on February 2, 1955 in La Jolla, California. Her brother, Charles C. Travis, also of Grand Rapids, owned a cottage at the Wilderness, a second home community a few miles south of Grand Haven, and either he or James Travis, their father, bought Braeside, a cottage in Highland Park. Calla is credited with bringing to Highland Park from China the silver dollar bushes that have spread throughout the landscape. Marcia Travis Pilling of Grand Haven was her niece.

### **Elmore Alanson Treadway**

Elmore Treadway was listed in the 1875 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Rail Road in Ferrysburg. The 1870 Federal Census listed him as a fruit grower living in Spring Lake. By the mid-1870s he was living in Grand Rapids and working as a railway agent. By 1880 he and his family had relocated to Detroit, where he was, again, a railway agent. Elmore was born in Whiting, Vermont on April 10, 1847. He married Caroline Platt, who was born on May 15, 1849 in Kingsbury, New York and died in Detroit in September 24, 1912. Elmore died in Detroit on July 23, 1920 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids with Caroline. Their first son, Howard Platt Treadway, was born in Spring Lake on October 26, 1874. They had at least two other children, both born in Grand Rapids: John Elmore Treadway, born on August 5, 1876 and Alfred A. Treadway, who was born on January 10, 1884.

### **Bastian Trimpe I [1852-1944]**

Bastian Trimpe, who settled on 80 acres in Section 24 of Olive Township in 1894, also raised livestock. He was still on his farm in 1908. Bastian was a native of The Netherlands, where he was born in July 1852. His wife, Carrie, was born in The Netherlands on July 23, 1852. Their children were James, born in February 1883; Carrie, born in July 1885; Johanna J., born in February 1888; and Bastian II, born in August 1895. By 1930 Bastian was residing in Georgetown Township. Bastian was born locally. The other children immigrated with their parents to the United States from The Netherlands in 1889. Bastian died on November 3, 1944 in Grandville.

### **Stephan F. Trinker [1886-1914]**

Shortly before his death Stephan Trinker was a boat builder residing in Ferrysburg, and also was a bridge tender. He was born in Austria on December 22, 1886 and married Mary Emily Viola Baker in Grand Haven on April 12, 1911. Stephan drowned on October 13, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Emily had two children: Albert Stephen Trinker [1912-1989] and Cletus Trinker [1913-1965], who was born in Ferrysburg. On December 14, 1918, Emily married George Anaba Sparks [1880-1960] in Grand Haven. She was born in Olive Township on September 2, 1891. They were divorced on September 7, 1928 and remarried on November 29, 1928. Emily died in Holland, Michigan on November 4, 1961.

### **Ernest Henry Tripp [1912-1996]**

Born in Grand Haven on January 12, 1913, Ernest was the son of Henry and Ida Brunsma Tripp. He married Anna Yonker on July 22, 1937 in Grand Haven. In 1940 they resided at 944 Pennoyer. Later Ernest became an inspector at Keller Tool Company, and he and Anna resided at 1028 Grant Street in a house they built. Anna was born July 24, 1916 and died in Grand Haven on November 12, 2009. Ernest had passed away on February 16, 1996 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two sons, David Tripp and Gary Tripp.

### **Henry Albert Tripp [1871-1939]**

The son of Samuel and Amelia Owen Tripp, Henry was born in Robinson Township on May 1, 1871. Henry served with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry during the Spanish American War. He married Ida Brunsma in Grand Haven on June 14, 1906. In their early married years, the Tripps resided at 509 Madison Street and Henry worked at Story & Clark Piano Company. Later, Henry became a celery farmer and owned property at 1000 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard], which they sold in 1945 to Ralph De Young. Henry and Ida moved to 809 Wallace Street, where they continued to raise celery. Henry died on March 21, 1939 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. One of their children, Ernest Henry Tripp, was born on January 12, 1913.

### **Jesse Gilbert Tripp [1866-1952]**

Jesse Gilbert Tripp, the son of Samuel and Amelia Owen Tripp, was born on June 21, 1866 in Kalamazoo County. On December 4, 1895, he married Ida Adell Cooper in Allendale. In 1900, Jesse was a farmer in

Robinson Township. He and Ida had five children: Florence Tripp [1897-1898]; Earl Arthur Tripp [1899-1972]; Gilbert Tripp [1900-1960]; Clarence Samuel Tripp [1906-1969]; and Dorothy Mae Tripp [1912-1978]. Jesse died on September 23, 1952, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Ida lived from 1878 to 1964 and also was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

### **Samuel Gilbert Tripp [1836-1912]**

A native of Massachusetts, where he was born on April 28, 1836, Samuel Tripp enlisted in Company G of the New York Marine Artillery during the Civil War. In 1860 he was single and living in Kalamazoo, working as a cooper. He married Amelia Owen in Plymouth, Massachusetts. By 1871 they were living in Robinson Township. Amelia was born in New York in 1840 and died in 1917. Samuel passed away on November 2 five years later. They were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Their surviving children were Jesse Gilbert Tripp [1866-1952]; Theodore Tripp [1868-1954]; Henry Albert Tripp [1873-1939]; Myron Owen Tripp [1874-1955]; and Myrta Tripp [1879-1901]. Jesse and Theodore were born in Kalamazoo, the others were born in Robinson Township. Jesse married Ida A. Cooper in Allendale on December 4, 1895, and Theodore married Anna Robinson on April 27, 1892 in Grand Haven. Anna, the daughter of George and Mary Noantay Robinson, was born on November 4, 1872. Mary's mother was the daughter of Isadore and Joset Noantay, both of whom had Native American ancestors.

### **Theodore Tripp [1868-1954]**

On April 27, 1892 in Grand Haven, Theodore Tripp married Anna [Susanna, Annie, Hannah] Robinson. The daughter of George and Mary Noantay Robinson, Anna was born on November 4, 1872 in Robinson Township. Anna's mother, Mary, was part Ottawa. Theodore, the son of Samuel and Amelia Owen Tripp, was born in Kalamazoo County on September 28, 1868 and had moved to Robinson Township with his parents by 1871. He worked as a raftsman for the Basket Factory, bringing logs down the Grand River for milling.

Anna's and Theodore's children were Claude Owen Tripp, who was born on February 4, 1895 in Robinson Township, married Gertrude Venema in Grand Haven on April 24, 1913, and died in Grand Haven in September 1968; Laura [Anna Laura] Tripp, who was born on October 4, 1906 [1905], married Walter Kahnke [Kuhnke/Kohnke] of Grand Haven, and died on September 20, 1988 in Grand Haven; and Velda Tripp, who was born on May 31, 1908 and died in Kalamazoo on January 5, 1959 under the name Valda Fern Holman, the wife of Jacob Holman. Living with the Tripps at 613 Monroe Street in 1920 was Walter [Walther] Robinson, the son of Frank and Anna Valincourt Robinson of Grand Haven Township and Anna's nephew. Also in the Tripp household in 1920 was Anna's grandmother, Mary Robinson. All were considered White by the census taker.

Anna, Claude, and Laura were cited in the 1908 Durant Roll as members of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, and all were residents of Grand Haven. By 1930 the Tripps were residing at 305 De Spelder in Grand Haven, and Theodore was working at the Dake Machinery Company, as he had been since at least 1920. Living with them was their son Claude Tripp, his wife Gertrude, and their two children: Marian Tripp, 14 years old, and Robert Tripp, six years old. All family members in that census were noted as being White. Ten years later, Theodore and Anna were still living on De Spelder, but Clarence and his family had moved out. Theodore was employed as a vault maker in a local funeral home. He passed away in Grand Haven on December 15, 1954, and Anna died on May 10, 1955 in Kalamazoo and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Anna attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 15, 1954 and May 10, 1955.]

### **Clinton Richard Trotter [1896-1991]**

Clinton Trotter, born on March 30, 1896 in Spring Lake, was William and Mary Trotter's son and Leroy D. Heath's grandson. Leroy and his wife raised Clinton after both his parents died when he was a boy. After graduating from high school, Clinton moved to Chicago, where he was enumerated in the 1920 and 1930 censuses. In 1930 he worked as a clerk in an insurance office. Clinton remained in Chicago until he

retired and returned to Spring Lake. He resided at 736 East Savidge, next door to the family home at 746. He was a veteran of World War I. Clinton died in Grand Rapids on March 28, 1991.

### **Richard Trotter I [1843-1925]**

A native of Ontario, Canada, Richard Trotter came to Spring Lake in 1881, and worked at several sawmills. Richard married Eliza Jane Bolton, also from Canada, where she was born in July 1850. They built a home at 746 East Savidge, which remained in the family for decades. The Trotters' children were Thomas, born in Canada in June 1872; William H., who was born on November 18, 1878 and died on August 13, 1897; Ida E., who was born in January 1879 and married Floyd H. Lee; Richard II, who was born on August 24, 1877 died of tuberculosis on August 20, 1897 [seven days after his brother William died of the same disease]; Monford B., who was born February 15, 1881 and died July 27, 1898; and Esma, a son, born in June 1884. All the children except Thomas were born in Spring Lake. Thomas, a carpenter, built a cottage in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township [15735 Littlefield Lane] in the fall of 1897. Richard I, a native of Canada, was born on February 12, 1843 and died of a cerebral hemorrhage on July 21, 1925 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

### **William H. Trotter [1873-1897]**

The son of Richard Trotter, William was born in Ontario, Canada on November 18, 1873. On January 14, 1896 in Spring Lake, he married Mary Agnes Heath, the daughter of Leroy and Susanna Heath of Spring Lake. Agnes was born on May 8, 1877 and passed away on April 27, 1890. They had one son, Clinton, who was born of a tuberculosis on March 30, 1896. After his parents' deaths, Clinton was raised by the Heaths. William died of tuberculosis on August 13, 1897 [seven days before his brother Richard died of the same disease]; and his wife passed away on April 27, 1900. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After the deaths of his parents, Clinton was raised by the Heaths.

### **Ira Trowbridge [1951-2016]**

Artist and photographer Ira Trowbridge was born in Charlotte, Eaton County on May 5, 1951. Around 1975 he married Ann Fix. The couple moved to Muskegon in 2007 after living for a number of years in Grand Rapids where he worked as an automotive technician for the Toyota Company. After Ira was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at the age of 40, he found joy in repairing electric wheelchairs as a volunteer for Alternatives in Motion. His wife Ann also was an artist, and both were members of the Gallery Uptown. Ira also had his works displayed at Gallery 800 in Grand Rapids. They had three children: Julia Trowbridge, who married Eric Keen and moved to Kansas; Janet Trowbridge, who married Matt Kuiper; and Isaac Trowbridge.

In his artist's statement, Ira noted that he "uses a field camera to produce traditional black and white medium format silver gelatin prints. In his darkroom, Ira continued, "with the use of toners and hand coloring, he creates images which have personality and create a mood." He entered a variety of juried shows, ranging from the Regional Exhibition sponsored by the Muskegon Museum of Art [now called the Contemporary Art Show] to the Grand Rapids Festival of Arts to Holland Friends of Art and Grand Haven's Winterfest, all between the years 1999 and 2006. He had solo exhibitions at 10 Weston in 2003, First United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids in 2005, the Gallery Uptown in 2004 and 2005, the Huntington Gallery in 2004 and 2005, and the Lowell Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

Ira passed away on January 25, 2016.

### **Edith M. Miller Truax [1854-1928]**

See Edith M. Miller.

### **Thomas Henry Truscott [1826-1905]**

A St. Joseph boat builder had a strong presence at the Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago in 1893. The Truscott Boat Company manufactured the gondolas and small steam launches that moved many of the

Exposition's millions of visitors between the various sights. The company in 1904 supplied thirty-foot electric boats to sail the lagoons of the St. Louis Exhibition, and the company's boats were used at the 1933-34 World's Fair in Chicago, as well. The Truscott Boat Company was St. Joseph's largest employer in the early twentieth century. Seven hundred Truscott craftsmen built 600 wooden boats a year, from simple rowboats to 85-foot yachts. By the early 1900s, Truscott had offices as far apart as Chicago and China. The company was sold to Thomas Temple of Chicago, who kept it going through WW II and up to 1950.

The founder of the company, Thomas H. Truscott, was born in Falmouth, England on August 11, 1826. In England, he married Mary E. Dorkes. They had at least four children, all born in England: John, born about 1866, Harry, born in December 1867, James, born about 1869, and Edward E., who was born in 1870 and died in 1939. Apparently Mary died before Thomas. He and their sons immigrated to America in 1870. By 1876 they were settled in Grand Rapids, where Thomas started the Truscott Boat Company. They produced small wooden steam launches, sailboats, and rowboats. The company moved to St. Joseph in 1872. Prior to 1880 he married Elizabeth L. Smith in Ottawa County, apparently his second marriage. According to newspaper reports, they resided in Ottawa County for a while before relocating to St. Joseph. Elizabeth was born in Wales around 1831 and died in Georgia in early January 1896. By 1900 Thomas was living with his son, Harry and Harry's family in St. Joseph. Harry was foreman of the Truscott Boat Company. Thomas died in 1905 and was buried at City Cemetery in St. Joseph.

#### **Nicholas John Tsaggaris [1894-1981]**

In the mid to late 1920s, Nicholas Tsaggaris owned and operated a restaurant in Ferrysburg at an unknown location. He was born in Greece on August 1, 1894, served with the U.S. Army during World War I, and was living in Muskegon by 1920. He married Panagoula "Pauline" Thomopolous Roumpanis, also a native of Greece, who lived from September 8, 1909 to August 16, 2003. They remained residents of Muskegon. Nicholas died on December 21, 1981. He and Panagoula were buried at Mona View Cemetery in Muskegon. Their son, James Nicholas Tsaggaris, was born in Muskegon on September 10, 1932 and passed away on November 10, 1997 in Morton Grove, Illinois. They also had a daughter, Bessie Tsaggaris, born in Muskegon about 1935.

#### **Milo A. Tubbs [1861-1887]**

The son of Ozias and Hellen [Ellen] Eastway Tubbs of Olive Township, Milo was born on March 13, 1861. On April 1, 1883 in Olive Township, he married Emma Kirkland. Emma, born in Greenville, Montcalm County about 1868, was adopted by Samuel and Martha Purchase of Olive Township. Milo and Emma had at least one child, Wilder D., who was born in Olive Township on April 6, 1884. Milo died on October 16, 1887 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

#### **Newton Isaac Tubbs II [Tubb] [1855-1930]**

The son of Newton Isaac I [1825-1874] and Lucinda Goldsmith [1830-1904] Tubbs, both originally of New York State, Isaac was born in Charlotte, Eaton County on August 25, 1855 and was in Shiawassee County at the time of the 1880 Federal Census. He came to Grand Haven in 1893 to start a photography business, specializing in fine photographs, view work, and flash pictures. His Cottage Studio of Photography was located at 217 Washington Street. Prior to that he was a farmer and proprietor of a grocery store. On December 2, 1879 in Shiawassee County, he married Ella M. Lewis. She also was a photographer and assisted him in his new business. She was born in Michigan in August 1853 and died on August 28, 1938. A daughter, Ruth, was born in November 1895. Newton also was justice of the peace, an elected position that did not require a legal education. He and Ella lived on Third Street around 1900, but by 1910 were located at 534 Lake Avenue. His mother Lucinda was born about 1828 and died on August 16, 1904. Newton died of cerebral apoplexy on November 16, 1930 and was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Charlotte. Ella was buried in the same cemetery.

#### **Ozias [Ozians] Tubbs [1830-1904]**

Ozias Tubbs was born on November 23, 1830. On July 30, 1856 in Grand Haven, he married Hellen [Ellen], the daughter of James and Patty Dale Eastway. Ozias had a 40-acre farm in Section 3 and another 80 acres in Section 10 of Olive Township. Hellen was born on August 28, 1840 and died February 15, 1904. A son, Milo, was born March 13, 1861 and died October 16, 1887. Another son, George, was born in 1864. Ozias died on June 7, 1904 and was buried with his wife and other family members at Olive Township Cemetery.

#### **William Thomas Tuer [1878-1969]**

In the early 1900s William Tuer and his partner Emmet L. Wightman owned the Grand Haven Boat Company. Their business was located at the “foot of Clinton” and Harbor Drive. One of the company’s advertisements said they were “Manufacturers of Boats and Launches and dealers in Boat and Engine Supplies, Stationary and Marine Engines, Boat Repairing and Boat Storage.” On December 27, 1901 William married Katherine [Catherine] Annette Grant in Roseburg, Sanilac County. They soon moved to Grand Haven and resided at 123 Columbus. By 1910, William was an accountant for one of the railroad companies. He was born in Canada on May 15, 1878. Katherine was a native of Sanilac County, where she was born on June 10, 1880. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Ralph Grant Tuer [1904-1975]; Raymond Waldo Tuer [1908-1983]; Lowell E. Tuer [1910-1944]; and Margaret Annette Tuer [1918-1994]. The Tuers moved from Columbus Street to 534 Lake Avenue. By 1920 the family had moved to Port Huron, and ten years later they were living in East Grand Rapids. Katherine died on August 15, 1948 in Wayne County. When William passed away in November 1969, he was residing in Wayne County. He was born on May 15, 1878 in Plympton, Ontario, Canada. Both were buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Wayne County.

#### **William Henry Tuggle I [1910-1978]**

With Charles Anderson as his partner, William Tuggle in 1962 started ATCO Rubber Products at 14261 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Later the business name was changed to Atco Flex. After William’s death on October 16, 1978 the company closed. He was born on January 12, 1910. He and his wife, Muerila [Helen], lived at 17639 Dogwood Drive in Spring Lake Township. Helen lived from February 13, 1909 to December 16, 1994 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son, William H. Tuggle II, owned and operated Western Packaging Corporation at 14260 172<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Herbert H. Tullson [1877-1923]**

Herbert Tullson was born in Knox County, Illinois on February 25, 1877 and arrived in Grand Haven on July 1, 1918 with the title of “meteorologist.” He was in charge of the weather bureau in Grand Haven until August 28, 1922. On January 17, 1901, he married Juna Harpman in Uintah, Utah. In Grand Haven they resided at 411 North Fourth Street. They had two sons and two daughters. One son, Waldo Tullson, was born on November 25, 1901 in South Dakota and died on September 14, 1977, and the other, Rex Tullson was born in the same state on June 19, 1907. The two daughters, both born in Texas, were Volney Tullson, born about 1914, and Roxane, born about 1916. Herbert died in Grand Haven on March 26, 1923. Juna was born on June 19, 1881, in Victoria, Illinois. On August 9, 1932, she married Charles Chester Adams [1881-1938] in Chatauqua, New York. Juna passed away on September 4, 1954 in McCandless, Pennsylvania. [*Tribune* March 26, 1923.]

#### **Rex Tullson [Tullsen] [1907-1991]**

Rex Tullson was born in Pine Ridge, South Dakota on June 19, 1907. He moved to Grand Haven in 1918 with his parents, Herbert and Juna Harpman Tullson, and remained long enough to become manager of the Western Union office in 1928. His residence was at 308 Franklin Street. By 1930 he was living in Muskegon. Rex died on September 26, 1991.

#### **Luke Turnbull [1805-1881]**

Ferrysburg resident Luke Turnbull was listed as a carriage maker in the 1863 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*. Soon after, Luke and his family moved from Ferrysburg to Muskegon, where he and his son Thomas started Muskegon Boiler Works in 1867 for the manufacture and repair of boilers, primarily in sawmills. After several subsequent owners, the company was acquired by James B. Johnston of Ferrysburg and his three partners.

Luke was born in England on April 6, 1806. On May 8, 1827, he married Isabella Bell in New Castle on Tyne. She was born in 1809. They emigrated from England to the United States in December 1849. Arriving with them were their children: Robert William Turnbull, who was born on February 4, 1834 and by 1870 was living in Manistee with his wife Julia and their three children; Isabella Ann Turnbull, born in 1838; Luke Leslie Turnbull, born in October 1840; Richard Turnbull, born in 1842; William Bell Turnbull, born in 1847; and Joseph Turnbull, not yet one year old. Another son Thomas Turnbull, born on November 24, 1829, was not with them and may have arrived in the United States earlier. Their last child, James Turnbull, was born in 1851, two years after their arrival.

In 1871 the couple moved to Lambton, Ontario, Canada, where Isabella died the next year. Luke passed away on October 10, 1881 in Lambton and was buried at Froomfield United Cemetery with Isabella.

### **Thomas Turnbull [1829-1871]**

Thomas Turnbull started Turnbull's Boiler Shop in Ferrysburg in 1859, probably with his father Luke Turnbull. Thomas and his family were living in Ferrysburg at the time of the 1860 Federal Census. Thomas's business failed, was abandoned in 1862 and later taken over by Johnston Boiler Works. He was listed in the 1863 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a boiler maker and may have been working for Johnston's company. He also owned a boiler works in Muskegon.

Around 1855 Thomas married Jane Cole, who was born in New York State in 1834. Living with Thomas and Jane in Ferrysburg in 1860 were their three-year-old daughter Isabella Trunbull and a son, William Turnbull, less than a year old. Also in the household was Thomas's brother, Robert William Turnbull, who worked as a blacksmith at the Boiler Works. Another daughter, Jennie Kate Turnbull, was born in Ferrysburg on May 6, 1862. By 1864 Thomas and his family were living in Muskegon where he and his father Luke founded the Muskegon Boiler Works. Thomas and Jane had two children in Muskegon: Leslie Turnbull, born in 1866, and Thomas Turnbull, birth date unknown.

Thomas, the son of Luke and Isabella Turnbull, was born in England on November 24, 1829 and died in Muskegon on July 24, 1871. Jane passed away on March 3, 1876. After their deaths, Thomas's nephew Luke Leslie Turnbull became guardian of Thomas's and Jane's two minor children, Leslie and Thomas. Luke moved to Denver, Colorado and rescinded his guardianship in 1878. Thomas and Jane were buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon.

### **Demetrius Turner [1815–1898]**

The son of Elisha Turner and a native of Essex, Connecticut, where he was born on February 25, 1815, Demetrius was in Grand Rapids by 1835 and a landowner as early as 1839. About 1836 he became an engineer at the first sawmill in Grand Haven, where he remained for two years, and he was engineer on the vessel *Owashtanong*, launched in 1837. For the next ten years he was employed as an engineer on steamboats on the Grand River. Demetrius developed the first steam whistle to be used west of Detroit. In 1864, he built an engine for Captain Ganoe's steamboat, the *L. G. Mason*. He returned to Grand Rapids and became chief engineer of the Grand Rapids waterworks, where he invented and built the necessary engines, for which he received a patent. He married Hannah Pickett in March 1837. Hannah was a Vermont native, where she was born in 1815. She passed away in Grand Rapids on January 2, 1892 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Demetrius died on June 14, 1898 in Rochester, New York. [*Tribune* obituary, June 14, 1898 and Chapman's *History of Grand Rapids*, pages 1148-1149.]

### **George D. Turner [1849-1936]**

Born in June 1849 in Canton, New York, George came to Michigan in 1867 with his father, John W. A. Turner. Two uncles, Eliphalet and Isaac Turner, had preceded them by more than 30 years. In 1845 Eliphalet was instrumental in building the first bridge over the Grand River in Grand Rapids [Bridge Street Bridge] and took 40 acres of land in Berlin [Marne] for payment. Isaac built some of the early sawmills in Kent County. Both Eliphalet and Isaac remained in the Grand Rapids area. John Turner owned a farm in Section 1 of Tallmadge Township, where young George lived and taught school for a while. After taking a course at Grand Rapids Commercial College he was elected on the Republican ticket to the post of county clerk and held that position between 1881 and 1895. As early as 1892, George owned the Ottawa County Abstract Office, later known as Turner Abstract Office, with an office in the Ottawa County Court House. An advertisement in the 1892 *Historical and Business Compendium* claimed that Turner's office owned the "only set of abstract books in the county." He was one of the litigants in the case of Merrick v. Orchardson about 1898. [See Charles Orchardson for more detail.] In 1923 he sold the real estate title business to George Olsen and Orrie Sluiter. He was one of the organizers and a director of Peoples Savings Bank, formed in 1909; chairman and secretary of the Republican County Commission for four years; and deputy collector of customs until that position was abolished in 1913.

On September 14, 1873 in Grand Rapids, George married Lillian [Lilly] C. Marvin of Wright Township. In Grand Haven they resided at 411 Howard Street, where they raised two sons: Marvin Walter Turner, who was born on April 24, 1877, married Marian Stickney of Grand Haven, and died on July 4, 1935, and Lynn D. Turner, who was born on July 8, 1882 and died in Ann Arbor on March 20, 1901. George died on November 13, 1936. Lillian, who was born in Novi, Oakland County on October 12, 1853 [1852], passed away on November 28, 1924. George, Lillian, Marvin, and Marian were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Turners. Marian lived from October 8, 1875 to September 5, 1919.

#### **Jordan [Jorden, Jordon, Juda] "Dick" Turpin [Turpen] [1810-1868]**

Jordan Turpin [Turpan/Turpen] committed one of the earliest murders on record in Ottawa County. He was born in Kentucky about 1810 [1806], and his wife, Victoria was born in the same state about 1810. They were residing in Spring Lake by 1850, where Jordan worked as a laborer, undoubtedly on a farm. [He may be the Judson Terrapin listed in the 1840 census under "Free Colored Persons."] Two years later, he took a job as a cook on a vessel named *Magic*. Aboard that boat he became friends with William Vandenberg, a member of the crew. Also known as Nigger Dock [a variant of Doc], Jordan was tried for murder before Judge Flavius J. Littlejohn. Thomas B. Church was prosecuting attorney. William Vandenberg was one of those called to testify. After a four-day trial Jordan was found guilty on October 27, 1855 of killing William Haskins in Spring Lake, possibly the result of an argument between the two men over William's wife, Sarah. According to the *Grand Haven Tribune* of March 14 and 15, 1894, the murder took place on the north side of Spring Lake in a log cabin owned by Turpin, across from the Monroe & Boyce sawmill, early Saturday morning, May 26, 1855. The newspaper reported that Jordan overtook Haskins and stabbed him in the back, but other witnesses said that Turpin killed Haskins by thrusting a knife into his chest. Hezekiah Smith was credited with capturing Jordan, binding him, and conveying him to Grand Haven in a canoe. According to later testimony by Grand Haven resident and lumberman Andrew Emlaw, Haskins's widow married G.W. Fox five weeks after the murder. No record of the marriage nor the couple's whereabouts was uncovered, however. Jordan was sentenced to life in Jackson Prison, where he died in 1868.

#### **Frederick August Tusch [1854–1911]**

Frederick August Tusch was a Grand Rapids resident who maintained a cottage on Spring Lake in an area now known as Veit's Landing in the City of Ferrysburg. Frederick Tusch and Jacob Veit were joint owners of the point. With his brother, Frederick started a small brewery in Grand Rapids, which later merged with the Grand Rapids Brewing Company. He held the office of secretary-treasurer when he died on October 23, 1911. He was born in Germany on April 16, 1854. His wife Caroline "Carrie" was born in Austria in 1859 and passed away on June 30, 1898. Both were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.



### **Charles Tuttle [1828-1923]**

Charles Tuttle was born in Ohio on March 25, 1828. On March 31, 1864, while in Perryville, Indiana, he enlisted in Company C of the 1<sup>st</sup> Indiana Heavy Artillery as private. He was listed as a deserter on May 31, 1865. He married Lucina Sagebie, who was born in 1848 and died in 1932 in Osceola County. They had a farm in Section 8 of Olive Township. By 1918 they had moved from the farm and owned a house and lot in West Olive village. Charles died on October 15, 1923, and the next month Lucina applied for a widow's Civil War pension. One of their sons, James, died on October 10, 1893 at the age of 18, and another son, Vern, was born November 14, 1885 and died on July 12, 1941. All four were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

### **James Henry Tuttle [1847-1941]**

Born in 1847 in Ohio, James Tuttle by 1900 had settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 15 of Robinson Township. In addition to farming, he raised livestock. On February 8, 1871 in Ashland, Ohio, he married Delilah Fast. She was born in Ashland on October 7, 1847. Their children, all born in Ohio, were Pelo Marion Tuttle, who lived from September 3, 1872 to March 19, 1945 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery; Elma Tuttle, born in May 1876; Elsworth James Tuttle, born in October 1878; and Howard Tuttle, born in March 1888. Delilah died on August 30, 1930 in Holland. James died in 1941.

### **Clarence C. Tuxbury [1851-1926]**

Clarence Tuxbury of Grand Rapids owned a cottage in Highland Park. He was a partner with Edward Peters in developing Highland Park. Clarence was born in Alpine Township, Kent County in 1851, died in 1926, and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Sparta Township, Kent County. On October 1, 1870 he purchased a 40-acre parcel in Section 2 of Muskegon County. On December 11, 1871 in Walker, Kent County, he married Anna "Annie" C. Saur [Sor], who was born in Sweden in 1848. Anna died in 1942 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery with her husband. Buried near them was a son Leonard, who was born on November 22, 1882 and lived thirteen months. They had at least one daughter, Eva Ommolene Tuxbury, who was born in Sparta, Kent County in 1885 and died in 1968. A son, Leonard Tuxbury, died in 1883 at the age of one.

### **Jonathon Patrick "Pat" Twa [1954-2021]**

On April 5, 1975, Pat Twa married Roberta "Bobbie" Young. She was born locally about 1957. After 18 years working in a local foundry, Pat started a home remodeling business named JP's Carpentry Service. From 2015 to his retirement in 2021, Pat was construction manager for Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity. A member of Covenant Life Church, Pat served as building superintendent for several years. He was a member of the Ferrysburg City council from 2015 to 2019 and the building, planning, and police commissions. In his youth, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He and Bobbie had two sons, Adam Twa of Grand Haven and Benjamin Twa of Norton Shores. Pat lived from October 8, 1954 to December 21, 2021.

### **Henry Tysman [1886-1987]**

Henry Tysman was born in Ulrum, The Netherlands on December 20, 1886 and died in Grand Haven in March 1987. He worked at the Story & Clark Piano factory, Kilbourn's, and elsewhere. Later he became a painter and continued to work well into his 80s. He also taught Sunday School. Henry married Jeanette Van Woerkom on April 16, 1913 in Grand Haven. They lived at 824 Madison. Their children were Margaret, who married Harold Le Tart; Gertrude, who married Albert De Haan; and Agnes Louise. Agnes, the wife of William Edward Graska, was born May 18, 1914 and died December 26, 1990. Sena, Etta, and Louis and his wife Angie also lived at the Tysman house on Madison. Jeanette was born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1890 and died on January 7, 1975. Sena, the daughter of Louis and Angie, married Charles Rycenga I. Born on December 5, 1890, she lived to be 92. Etta lived from 1888 to 1961.

### **Jacob "Jack" Tysman [1910-2000]**

A Grand Haven native, Jack was born on March 18, 1910, the son of Theo and Grace Exter Tysman. He married Jennie Baker, also of Grand Haven, on September 25, 1935. Jack founded the Robbins Road Hardware in 1952 and managed it for 19 years. He also owned and operated a celery farm in the area for 20 years. Jack was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and was a deacon and elder for several years. He served on the Board of Christian Haven Home and was its president for a time. The Tysmans had two sons, William and Edward, both of Grand Haven. Edward married Joann, daughter of Bud and Bette Oosse Karsten of Grand Haven. William was born on May 11, 1940. Jack died on December 9, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jennie, who was born on December 18, 1910, died on February 11, 2004 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, December 11, 2000.]

#### **Louis Tysman [Tisman] [1862-1944]**

Louis Tysman and his wife Angie [Antje/Annie] lived at 824 Madison in Grand Haven. Louis and Angie immigrated from The Netherlands to the United States in 1882. Lois made his living as a commercial fisherman, working out of Grand Haven. He also worked at Eagle Ottawa. Louis lived from September 1862 [1863] to around January 14, 1944, and Angie from June 1855 [1860] to about December 31, 1936. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all but Henry born locally, were Henry, born in December 1887; Ettie, born in December 1889; Sena, who was born on December 5, 1890 and married Charles Rycenga I of Grand Haven; Anna, born in December 1893; Jennie, who was born on October 2, 1894 and married Giles Hiler of Grand Haven in 1941; and Albert, born in October 1897.

#### **Ollie [Allie] Tysman [1896-1993]**

Born on October 20, 1896, Ollie Tysman was a veteran of World War I and fought in France. After the war he became a commercial fisherman in the Grand Haven area. On June 20, 1924 Ollie married Henrietta Swiftney in Spring Lake. He died on January 24, 1993 at the age of 97 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She was born December 30, 1904, died on January 27, 1997, and also was buried at Lake Forest. They were members of the First Christian Reformed Church.

#### **William J. Tysman [1940-2015]**

Bill, the son of Jacob "Jack" and Jennie Baker Tysman, was born in Grand Haven on May 11, 1940. He married Nancy Katt in Grand Haven on October 23, 1959. She passed away on October 25, 2015. As a boy, Bill worked with his father in the celery fields and later at Robbins Road Hardware, which Jack Tysman had started in 1952. In 1973 Bill and Nancy took over ownership and management of the store and ran it for the next 35 years. Bill started and operated Bill Tysman Trucking and Snowplowing for 53 years. He then organized Bill Tysman Companies and added mini and mobile storage and landscaping. As a young man, he served as deputy sheriff, on the building committee for Grand Haven Christian School and other organizations, and he was a contributing member of the First Christian Reformed Church, serving as deacon and elder. Bill died on December 25, 2015 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Jasper Uitermark [Uitermarkt] [1857-1946]**

Jasper Uitermark was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on March 29, 1857 and came to America with his parents when he was seven years old. They settled on a farm in Rockland County, New York, and two years later moved to Grand Haven. He started working for a commercial fishing firm at the age of eleven. By 1878, his last year in the fishing business, Jasper was working for Captain Adrian O'Beck, Cornelius Van Zanten, Henry Fase, and John Ball, owners of the fishing tug *Pearl*. From 1879 to 1883 Jasper worked in a local shingle mill, and then he shifted to similar work in Muskegon.

Jasper married Margaret Bymhold on July 14, 1866 in her hometown of Muskegon. Their two children were Jennie Uitermark [1888-1929], who married William Eben Barr [1887-1947], and Andrew B. Uitermark [1892-1965], both of Muskegon. Andrew was born on November 27, 1892 and died in May 1965. In 1891 Jasper and his family returned to Grand Haven, where he resumed employment as a woodworker. He built a cold storage building for Henry Dornbos, which was destroyed by fire. He

constructed a similar building for Ed Kinkema. The Uitermarks then moved back to Muskegon, where they remained for the rest of their lives. Jasper worked at a variety of places, including Shaw-Walker for the twenty years preceding his retirement in September 1934. In Muskegon, the family lived at 516 Allen Avenue. Jasper died on August 21, 1946, and Margaret passed away on November 16, 1940. Both were buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. [*Chronicle* article, April 7, 1935.]

#### **Rokus [Rochus, Rogus, Drewes] Uitermarkt [Uitermerkt] [1830-1905]**

Listed in the 1893 *Business Compendium* as “farmer,” Rokus Uitermarkt was born on August 23, 1830 and died in Grand Haven on April 9, 1905. His widow, Johanna “Anna” Van Weelden Uitermarkt, lived at 325 Lafayette with her son Gysbert and his family after Rokus’s death. Gysbert was born in Grand Haven on August 12, 1860 and died in Kalamazoo on May 13, 1939. Anna was born on July 8, 1832 in Gelderland, The Netherlands, died on November 24, 1914 in Crockery Township, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rokus and Anna also had a daughter Eda, who was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1867 and died as an infant, and another son, Art [Aart], who was born in Grand Haven on March 16, 1871 and died in 1903. [*Tribune* obituary, April 10, 1905.]

#### **Edward Unger [1908-1948]**

The son of George and Mary Fleck Unger, Edward was born in Chicago on August 13, 1908. By 1930 he was working as a baker at Dee-Lite Bakery in Grand Haven. On May 4, 1935 he married Henrietta E. Pitchure in Grand Rapids. They lived at 119 Sherman Avenue in Grand Haven. By 1940, James owned Dee-Lite Bakery. He died on May 29, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On September 23, 1950, Henrietta married Hunter Florance Hice [1903-1962] in Grand Rapids. Henrietta passed away on April 17, 1971 and was buried at Rosedale Memorial Park in Tallmadge Township.

#### **George Unger I [1878-1973]**

George Unger, who was born on May 4, 1878 in Hungary, passed away in Pasadena, California on May 9, 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1900 in Hungary, he married Mary Fleck, who was born in Hungary on August 13, 1876, died on July 8, 1951, and also was buried at Lake Forest. The couple immigrated to the United States in 1907 and by 1920 had settled on a farm in Section 11 of Grand Haven Township. Their son, George II, who was born in Hungary on March 14, 1904, took over the family farm. They had at least three other sons, all born in Illinois: Edward Unger, who was born in Chicago on August 13, 1908. [1908-1948]; Robert Samuel Unger [1912-1982]; and Frank Joseph Unger [1915-1975].

#### **George Unger II [1904-1990]**

George Unger II was born in Hungary on March 14, 1904 and immigrated to the United States with his parents, George and Mary Unger, in 1907. He took over the farm his father purchased at 15570 Ferris Street in Grand Haven Township [Section 11], which totaled 110 acres in 1930. The property was noted for its 160-year-old stand of chestnut trees. The younger Unger died on September 24, 1990 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

#### **Helen Loretta Magee Unger [1905-1996]**

Helen Magee, called Nellie in her early years, was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on December 7, 1905. Her mother, Jeanette “Jennie” Katherine Tucker, had married Edward Abner Magee in Grand Rapids on September 5, 1900. On June 25, 1925, Helen married Fales Unger in Grand Rapids. Fales was born in Detroit on April 19, 1900 and died in East Grand Rapids on July 6, 1942. See also Jennie Katherine Tucker Smith, who owned Khardomah Lodge for several decades. Helen worked with her.

#### **Lucien B. Upham [1868-1949]**

Lucien Upham was born on August 15, 1868 in Saugatuck. He was captain of various small boats that offered lake excursions. Later he worked for Construction Aggregates Company of Ferrysburg as skipper of the tugboats that brought aggregate down the Grand River from the gravel beds at Bass Creek. On June

14, 1922 he married Marie E. Beaudry of Grand Haven. Marie, born in 1876, was the daughter of Nazarie and Mary Beaudry, founders of the Beaudry Dry Goods Store. Marie ran the store at the southwest corner of Washington and Third Streets [232-234 Washington] after Nazarie died in 1915. The store closed permanently in 1930. The Uphams also operated Hillcrest Manor, a retirement home at 219 South Second Street that formerly was the Beaudry residence. Marie died on December 24, 1936, and her husband died on November 7, 1949. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **David J. Utter [1822-1897]**

Born in New York in 1822, David Utter moved from St. Clair County and settled in Grand Haven about 1866. He was a distinguished police officer and deputy sheriff in Port Huron, where he was listed in the 1860 census, and he also was an accomplished millwright and carpenter. In Grand Haven, David entered into a contract with Clark B. Albee to erect the Albee Tannery, which became Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He began construction in 1866 and finished in 1868.

David married Catherine [Caroline] De Vine on July 7, 1866. She lived from 1842 to 1930. The Uppers had two sons and two daughters. David passed away on June 27, 1897. He and Catherine were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 28, 1897 and October 25, 1930.]

#### **Isadoro [Isadore, Isidore] A. Valenti [1888-1957]**

Isadoro Valenti in the 1920s opened the Hitching Post Restaurant at 500 South Beechtree. On August 1, 1938 he sold the property and the business to Ray and Lorraine Harz of Chicago for \$400. During the 1920s Isadoro also owned a café, drug store, and grocery at 632 Fulton Street, where he sold home made candy. By 1941 his business was called Val's Café. He married Anna Fricano, who lived from June 16, 1888 to April 29, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Isadoro, who was born in Italy on April 25, 1888, died around September 27, 1957 and was buried with his wife.

#### **Klaus [Klass, Klaas] Valom [Valon] [1853-1918]**

In Spring, 1892 Klaus Valom's tailor shop and Juistema's Shoe Store shared store space at 207 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. By the early 1900s Valom's shop was located at 103 Washington. On March 29, 1887 Klaus married Janna "Jane" Brons in Grand Haven. They lived at 719 Franklin Street with their children, all born locally: Roelph "Rudolph," born in February 1888; Anna, born in February 1891; Deborah, who was born on September 13, 1892 [1893] and married Edward Rycenga of Grand Haven; Marguerite, born in February 1895; and Ruth, who was born on January 21, 1899 and married Frank Ryder of Grand Haven. Klaus was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 14, 1852 and died on April 30, 1918. Jane, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands in March 1862. She passed away on March 6, 1909. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Henry "Wayne" Van Agtmael [1946-2005]**

Wayne Van Agtmael joined Peggy White as her partner at 216 Washington in a business first known as Peggy White Beauty and Health Salon and later as Peggy White Plus Wayne. Wayne bought out his partner and renamed the business Wayne and Company Salon Hair Studio, operating in the rear of the building. He had graduated from the Peggy White School of Cosmetology. Wayne and Peggy also had a salon in Las Vegas, Nevada. Wayne was the son of Henry "Pete" and Frances "Sis" Herbst Van Agtmael, who lived at 133 Columbus in Grand Haven. Sis was born on September 3, 1918 and passed away in Grand Haven on May 27, 1993. Wayne was considered a master stylist and platform artist and had an instructor's license in cosmetology. He attended St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Wayne, who resided at 307 Lafayette, was born on December 19, 1946 and died in Grand Haven on February 16, 2005. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 17, 2005.]

#### **Henry Van Anrooy [1884-1973]**

Henry, born on October 20, 1884 in Osceola County, was the son of John and Mary Van Anrooy. On August 14, 1925 he married Lula Bell Clark in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She was born on June 17,

1887. Henry, his father, his sister, and Lulu all lived at 628 Lake Avenue around 1930. Henry sold vacuum cleaners from this home around 1918. By the 1930s he was district representative for Speed Queen ironers and washing machines, still working out of his home, now located at 703 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven, where Henry and Lula remained into the late 1960s. The couple next resided at 520 Franklin Street in Spring Lake. He died in Spring Lake on April 17, 1973. Lula passed away on February 28, 1984 in St. Joseph, Berrien County.

#### **John Frederick Van Anrooy [Van Anrooi, Van Anroy] [1858-1943]**

John Van Anrooy was born on August 29, 1857 in Fillmore, Allegan County. He married Mary Vanderwilt in Ottawa County on July 18, 1881. They had at least two children: Henry, born on October 20, 1884, and Cornelia, who died on January 7, 1892 at the age of three months. Another daughter, Cornelia, was born in 1895. John, Cornelia, Henry, Henry's wife Lula and their son were living at 628 Lake Avenue in 1930. Mary died prior to 1930. John was Grand Haven's City Assessor in 1930. He died in Grand Haven on February 28, 1943 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

#### **John W. Van Anrooy [1886-1957]**

John Van Anrooy had a marine contracting business at 307 Pine Street in Ferrysburg around 1940. He and William J. Wipperfurth started Tri-Cities Fuel & Supply in 1948. John sold his interests to his partner in 1952. The son of William F. and Gertrude Dyck Van Anrooy, John was born on August 30, 1886. On March 31, 1924, he married Lily [Lilly/Lillie] S. McLellan, the widow of Perry McLellan, who died in 1922. The daughter of John B. and Ida Elskeneby Courner of Coopersville, Lily was born on March 5, 1884. The couple resided in Ferrysburg before moving to 209 Meridian in Spring Lake around 1948. They remained there into the 1950s. John passed away on February 19, 1957, and Lily died on January 5, 1963. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1930, Lily's daughter Dora Jean McLellan was living with her mother and stepfather. Dora was born in February 1918 and married Gerard Ringold of Spring Lake.

#### **Art Van Arendonk [1871-1932]**

Art Van Arendonk married Maria [Mary] Johanna vanden Berg on September 28, 1899 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Albert G. and Johanna Hoffman vanden Berg, Mary was born in Grand Haven about 1871, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1881, and was a teacher prior to marriage. Art was a minister in a Grand Haven church. By 1930 the Van Arendonks and their three children were residing in Pella, Iowa, where Art was a clergyman. He lived from 1871 to 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In Grand Haven the family resided at 425 Howard.

#### **Clyde A. Van Arkel [1921-1997]**

From the mid-1940s into the mid-1950s Clyde and Cora Van Arkel were the owners of Haven Floral at 332 North Ferry. Clyde's brother-in-law was also part owner of the business. Born on January 11, 1921, Clyde was the son of Govert and Hattie Van Arkel of Grand Haven. Clyde died in Phoenix, Arizona on February 6, 1997.

#### **Govert Van Arkel [1888-1969]**

Govert Van Arkel immigrated to the United States in 1908 and married Henrietta "Hattie" Laman in Grand Haven on August 20, 1913. She was born in Michigan on May 16, 1891 and passed away in Bradenton, Florida on June 1, 1965. Govert was born in The Netherlands on September 26, 1888, died in Bradenton on April 17, 1969, and was buried with Hattie at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Marguerite Van Arkel, was born on May 8, 1915 and married Harold C. Swartz of Grand Haven. The Van Arkels had a son Clyde Van Arkel, who was born in Grand Haven on January 11, 1921. Govert and Hattie and their family resided at 1025 Madison, where they raised celery.

#### **Herbert [Hendrick] Van Balgooyen [1828-1888]**

See Herbert Balgooyen.

### **Clyde Van Bemelen [Van Bemelen] 1915-1955]**

Born in Grand Haven on July 11, 1915, Clyde was the son of John and Minnie Van Bemelen. He had two sisters, Anna, who was born on May 10, 1898, married Walter J. Bruhn of Spring Lake, and passed away in Grand Haven on March 20, 1971, and Jean, who was born about 1906 and on October 20, 1930 married Ralph Martin of Ravenna. Clyde's brother Marvin was born on October 24, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on November 18, 2000. Walter Bruhn lived from March 28, 1890 to July 1, 1973.

Clyde lived at 814 Pennoyer as a boy. He was seriously wounded in action in France on October 22, 1944 and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. After the war, Clyde was employed at the Bastian Blessing Company. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the American Legion. On August 21, 1940 Clyde married Thelma Grant in Muskegon. They and their daughter Thelma lived at 515 Waverly. Clyde died March 20, 1955 from lymphoma at age 39 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 21, 1955.]

### **Gerrit Van Beukering [1913-1989]**

Gerrit Van Beukering owned a paint and wallpaper store at 11 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven in the 1940s and into the 1950s. He married Sophronia Comerford in Muskegon on July 23, 1947. A Muskegon native, she lived from September 25, 1919 to August 14, 1999. The couple resided at 1201 Woodlawn and one child, Gary Van Beukering who was born in Grand Haven on November 1, 1953 and died in Spring Lake on May 21, 1972. Gerrit was born on November 13, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on July 27, 1989. Gerrit and Gary were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Teunis "Tony" Van Burgel [1894-1980]**

On June 30, 1916 Teunis Van Burgel married Isabelle Fleming in Muskegon, her hometown. Teunis was born in The Netherlands on July 18, 1894. Among their children were two daughters: Ella Mary, who was born on May 26, 1919 and married Robert Bethke of Robinson Township; and Helen Annette, who was born on October 30, 1928 and married David LaVercombe of Grand Haven. A son, Herbert, lived from 1925 to 2001. Teunis, who worked as a carpenter, died in Ewart, Osceola County, on June 8, 1980. Isabelle, who was born in Iowa, lived from 1893 to 1958. She and Teunis were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was their son, Herbert.

### **Arie [Orrie] Van Coevering [Van Covering] [1892-1948]**

With his brother John, Arie Van Coevering owned and operated the Van Coevering Shoe Store. The store first opened in 1913 at 113 Washington, but subsequently was located at several different sites in downtown Grand Haven. Arie was born in The Netherlands on October 27, 1892 and immigrated to the United States in 1908. He married Ida Casemier, who was born in Michigan on May 1, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on December 27, 1977. They were married about 1918 and had at least three sons: Claude born on September 1, 1918; William, who was born on March 28, 1920 and died in Grand Rapids in December 1984; and Russell J., who was born on October 26, 1925 and died in January 1982 in Buffalo, New York. The Van Coeverings resided at 107 Sixth Street as early as 1920 and into the mid-1950s. Arie died on May 26, 1948. Arie and Ida were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Claude A. Van Coevering [1918-1993]**

Claude, the son of Arie and Ida Casemier Van Coevering, was born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1918. He became part-owner of Metal-Wood Corporation, which started in 1972, and he was sales representative for the T. R. Miller Mill Company of Brewton, Alabama for 40 years. On August 25, 1941, he married Ruth Doris Ringelberg, the daughter of Adrian and Dora Ringelberg. During WWII Claude served in the U.S. Army. The Van Coeverings resided at 1814 Gladys. He died on September 15, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Patsy, who married Charles Postma of Clinton, Ohio; June who relocated to Grand Rapids; and Jack, who moved to Detroit. Ruth was born on February 13, 1918 in

Grand Haven. After Claude's death, she married Benjamin Ypma [1919-2019]. Ruth passed away on February 21, 2023 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, September 16, 1993.]

**Christiaan Van Coeveringe [Van Koeveringe, Koeveringa] [1840-1905]**

A native of The Netherlands, Christiaan Van Coeveringe was born on March 23, 1840. While still in The Netherlands, he married Cornelia vanden Berg on April 7, 1865, and the couple immigrated to the United States aboard the steamer *Heckla* four years later. Cornelia, a native of The Netherlands, was born in October 1845 [1846]. Their daughter, Cornelia "Cora," married Fred Beukema of Grand Haven. Their other children were Chris, born in October 1884, and Frank, born in June 1886. Christiaan was listed as a laborer in the 1893 *Compendium*. Their home was located at 814 [820] Pennoyer. He died on February 8, 1905 and Cornelia in 1922. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Privately printed article "These Are Mine," 1988, by Cornell Beukema.]

**Emil W. Van Cura [1914-2000] and Otto Van Cura [1919-1957]**

In the 1940s the Van Cura brothers, Emil and Otto, owned Van Cura Motor Sales located at 300 South Beechtree. In the late 1940s the company carried Kaiser/Frazer automobiles, and in the 1950s it offered Plymouths. Van Cura Motor Sales also sold Cooper tires and Frazer tractors. Emil and Otto were the sons of Joseph and Matilda Starman Van Cura, who resided in Necedah, Wisconsin before moving to Robinson Township prior to 1930. Joseph was born in Hungary about 1876 and Matilda was from Czechoslovakia, where she was born about 1879. Emil was born on October 8, 1914 and died on October 9, 2000 in Sterling, Colorado. Otto was born March 23, 1919 in Necedah, Wisconsin, where his sister Martha also was born about 1918. He died in January 1957.

**Edward Van Dalsen [1840-1912] and Jennett [Jeanette] Shelby Van Dalsen [1845-1922]**

See Daniel Shelby and Jeanette [Jennett] Shelby [Schelby].

**Ernest Vandam [1921-1993] and Doris De Vries Voshel Vandam [Van Dam] [1924-2015]**

Ernest was born on April 17, 1921 in Grand Rapids to Dick and Fanny Buikema Vandam. He came to Grand Haven in 1973 and was owner and president of Riverside Gravel before retiring in 1985. A WWII Army veteran, Ernest was a member of Christ Community Church, Spring Lake Country Club, Hawk's Nest Country Club, Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, Century Club, and Greater Grand Rapids Builders Exchange.

On January 27, 1971 Ernest married Doris May De Vries Voshel in Grand Rapids. Born in Grand Rapids on January 27, 1924, she first married Lloyd Voshel on October 30, 1946. They were divorced in 1969.

Doris intended to become a physician, but she gave up that goal early in her career in order to raise a family with Lloyd. She did receive a degree in music, a subject she taught at Ferris State College [FSU], and she was occasional organist at Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. She taught mathematics, chemistry, hydraulics, and chlorination at Grand Rapids Junior College [Grand Rapids Community College]. Doris was the chief chemist and assistant superintendent at the Grand Rapids Filtration Plant and was Michigan's only female Class A certified wastewater plant operator. She retired as superintendent [general manager] of the new Grand Haven-Spring Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant that opened in 1974. Doris and Lloyd had two children, David Voshel, who was born about 1951, and a daughter Anne, born about 1955. Anne married Jerry Nudo and resided in Chicago.

Doris and Ernest resided at 10975 Lakeshore, West Olive. Ernest died on May 24, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. When Doris passed away on June 26, 2015, she was living in Chicago. [*Tribune* article, "Talented Woman Operates Plant," November 30, 1973, *Tribune* obituary, May 24, 1993, and *Holland Sentinel* obituary, July 2, 2015.]

**John R. Van Dam [Vandam Van Dame] [1857-1938]**

John Van Dam was born in Overisel, Allegan County, on January 30, 1857 [1856]. His father, Roelof, arrived from The Netherlands with the Holland Colony in 1847, and moved his family to Grand Haven in 1876. Roelof, who lived from 1830 to 1912, married Maartje Broekman. She lived from January 21, 1835 to 1911. Both were buried at East Drenthe Cemetery in Zeeland Township. After studying for six months at Chicago Business College, John stayed to work in that city for two years. He returned to Grand Haven in 1880, opening a dry goods business on the corner of Washington and Second Streets [probably 135 Washington]. He sold out in April the following year and became an agent for the New Home Sewing Machine.

John on March 31, 1878 married Margaret "Maggie" Vanden Bosch. She was the daughter of Koene Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven, where she was born on February 17, 1859. The Van Dams had two daughters, Caroline and Esther, and three sons, including John II, who lived from 1889 to 1922. By 1910 the family had moved to Grand Rapids, where Maggie died in 1925 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County with her husband, son, and other family members. John I died on May 28, 1938. He added an "e" to the family name, making it "Van Dame."

#### **Henry V. Vandekoppel [1901-1955]**

See Henry Koppel.

#### **Albert Frederick vanden Berg [1900-1965]**

Born on March 9, 1900, Albert F. vanden Berg started Michigan Specialty at 22 South Second Street in 1937, with Martin Van Schelven as his partner. Albert married Lavina Baert. They resided at 1015 Sheldon Road. Their children were Martha R., born about 1921; Peter M., born about 1925; and Jack R., born on August 16, 1926. After Albert died on July 5, 1965, his widow continued living in the Sheldon Road house into the early 1970s. Lavina was born in Zeeland on July 18, 1903 and died in Grand Haven on August 17, 1985. Albert was the son of Peter Martin vanden Berg.

#### **Albert Gerrit vanden Berg I [Vandenberg] [1838-1913]**

Born at Overisel, The Netherlands on May 7, 1838, Albert was the son of Pieter "Peter" [1812-1866] and Berendiena "Dena" Dena Kamphorbeek [1803-1864] vanden Berg. The vanden Berg family came to the United States in 1847, living first in Chicago, then Holland, and finally settling in Grand Haven in 1853. In Grand Haven Peter served as lighthouse keeper from the year of his arrival to 1859. He also was a Justice of the Peace and Register of Deeds for Ottawa County after finishing his tenure as lighthouse keeper. In his youth Peter served aboard the sailing craft *Lookout*, one of the largest vessels to sail into Grand Haven in the early days. Later he was prominently identified with the fishing industry, owning and operating a number of important outfits. After retiring from that business in 1886, he opened a meat market in Grand Haven. He also served on the Board of Education and was city marshal and night officer. He was a Democrat.

On November 6, 1860 Albert married Johanna Hoffman, who was born in The Netherlands in November 1841, arrived in America at the age of four, and died on March 30, 1907. Their children, all born locally, included Martin D. vanden Berg, who was born on March 12, 1862, became a dentist in Grand Rapids, and died on September 28, 1931; John H. vanden Berg, who was born about 1864 and relocated to Chicago, where he also was a dentist; Peter Martin vanden Berg, who was born about 1867, became a medical doctor, and remained in Grand Haven; Maria [Mary] Johanna vanden Berg, who was born about 1870, became a teacher, and married Rev. Art Van Arendonk of Grand Haven; Albert "Bert" G. vanden Berg II, who was born about 1872 and worked with his father at the meat market; Dena [Dina] vanden Berg, who was born about 1875, became a bookkeeper, and married William H. Mead of Grand Haven and later of Detroit; Lawrence H. vanden Berg, who was born on February 26, 1877; Frank vanden Berg, born in September 1879; and George T. vanden Berg, who was born on December 15, 1881 and remained in Grand Haven. Five years after Johanna's death, Albert married Alice Van Tol, the widow of Antony Van Toll, who passed away on April 13, 1893. Albert died at his home at 423 Howard Street on October 14,



1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Alice is listed as Dora Vanden Berg in the 1914 *City Directory*.] Albert and his family had moved into the home on June 13, 1901. Daughter Dena and her husband, William Mead, also resided in the home in the early 1900s, before moving to Detroit. Living next door at 425 Howard in that period were his daughter Mary and her husband, Art Van Adrendonk. Alice lived from March 1835 to June 12, 1922. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 1, 1907 and October 14, 1913.]

### **Edward Vandenberg [1861-1933]**

On April 26, 1882 in Grand Haven, Edward Vandenberg married Maarke “Maggie” [Margaret] Van Hall of Grand Haven, where she was born in 1864. Maggie was the daughter of Aart and Nellie Van Drunen Van Hall. Edward and Maggie resided in Spring Lake and Holland. Edward was born in Spring Lake on May 4, 1861 and passed away in Holland on May 8, 1933. Maggie, who was born in Grand Haven, lived from February 20, 1863 to September 16, 1946. Both Vandenberg were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two children: Eva Vandenberg [1883-1952] and Arthur Vandenberg [1886-1918].

### **Essel Ruit Vandenberg I [1874-1930]**

Essel, the son of Paul Francis Vandenberg, was born in Grand Haven on November 23, 1874. On September 28, 1895 in Grand Haven, he married Cora Jane Buxton, who was born in Allendale on January 12, 1875. By 1900 Essel was working as an electrician. He started Grand Haven Electric Supply at 111 Washington, and Cora worked with him. They moved the business to 119 Washington Street after 1918, and they moved it again, this time to 113 Washington, where it remained into the 1960s. The family resided at 107 Clinton. Their children were Paul F., who was born on January 27, 1897, worked in the family business, married Theresa Workman in Grand Haven on September 21, 1918, and died in 1939; Margaret, born in June 1898; Edward Burton, born on July 29, 1900; Essel II, who was born on October 15, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on December 4, 1980; Cora, who was born on January 29, 1905, married Weldon “Spike” Marks, and passed away in Grand Haven on June 25, 1977; and Searles, who lived from June 20, 1907 to July 13, 1975 and worked for the County Sheriff’s Department after starting out as an electrician. Both Edward and Essel II worked as electricians in the family business. Essel I died on July 9, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Margaret and Margaret’s brother-in-law, Spike Marks, ran the business. Spike lived from August 8, 1904 to August 23, 1975. He had been an electrician at Eagle Ottawa. Cora passed away on June 29, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband.

### **George Tervree vanden Berg I [1881-1942]**

George, the son of Albert and Johanna Hoffman vanden Berg, was born in Grand Haven on December 15, 1881. George operated a bus line operated from his home at 1150 Washington in the 1920s. He owned two busses, which began plying the streets of Grand Haven about 1920, including a run to Highland Park. The line discontinued business shortly after 1925, due primarily to the growing use of the family sedan. He also owned a billiards and bowling facility at 117 Washington Street, and he started the Grand Haven Bottling Works at the same address before 1914. In the mid-1920s he operated City Cab Service from 1150 Washington Street. His son was a driver for the company. George the father was a charter member of the Elks Club. He married Jannetje “Jennie” [“Jane”] Marine Nyland in Grand Haven on August 1, 1906. Jennie, the daughter of Cornelius and Mary Nyland of Grand Haven, was born on August 5, 1884. The vanden Bergs resided at 1200 Washington, 1150 Washington, and 215 Columbus. George passed away on October 2, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jennie died on November 22, 1982, and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had two children, both born in Grand Haven: George vanden Berg II, born on November 6, 1908, and Margaret Ruth vanden Berg, born on June 6, 1910. Margaret married Franklin Pierce Decker [1905-1950] in Grand Haven on August 2, 1930 and moved to Ohio. She passed away in Grand Haven on September 15, 1989. Margaret and Frank were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **George Tervree “Bud” vanden Berg II [1908-1990]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 6, 1908, George was the son of George and Jennie Nyland vanden Berg. He had two nicknames: Bud and Pop, the second one probably because he treated himself and his friends surreptitiously to the soft drinks his father produced at the Grand Haven Bottling Works at 117 Washington. In the mid-1920s, George was a driver for his father's City Cab Service business. George served with the Army Air Corps during WWII. He married Elaine Ethel Middleton in Chicago on September 23, 1944. They lived at 105 North Lake Street in Spring Lake, 831½ Pennoyer, and later at 15188 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. George II died in Grand Haven on October 11, 1990. Elaine, a native of Chicago, lived from May 16, 1918 to March 17, 1993. Their children were Beverly Elaine vanden Berg, born on January 6, 1946, and twins Larry and Garry vanden Berg, born in June 1951. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 1990.]

### **Jack R. vanden Berg [1926-1993]**

In the mid-1950s Jack vanden Berg owned Grand Haven Screen Company at 119 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven, where he also resided with his wife, Lillian H. The son of Albert and Lavina vanden Berg, Jack was born on August 16, 1926, died in Grand Haven on October 8, 1993, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Lawrence Hoffman vanden Berg [1877-1943]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 26, 1877, Lawrence was the son of Albert G. and Johanna Hoffman vanden Berg. He graduated from Grand Haven High School and in 1898 from the University of Michigan. He went on for a master degree at Columbia University and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy from Albany Teacher's College. He next taught in Grand Haven area schools before succeeding Edward P. Cummings as principal of Grand Haven High School in 1901. His salary was \$700 that year. In 1902 Lawrence was offered the superintendent's position with the Howell, Livingston County school system.

At two different times Lawrence was superintendent of Grand Haven Schools, first from 1907 to 1913 and again from 1921 to 1925. He also held positions in the Owosso school system, was superintendent of the teachers' school at Mt. Pleasant Normal College [Central Michigan University] and was at Oswego State Normal College in New York. He married Clara Vyn in Grand Haven on March 31, 1903. She was born in August 1880 and died on September 11, 1943. Lawrence and Clara lived at 415 Clinton. Lawrence was a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died on September 28, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Clara.

### **Lendrick Vanden Berg [1808-1874]**

An undated photograph in the archives of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum identifies Lendrick Vanden Berg as sexton of the Grand Haven cemetery when it was located at Central Park. In the photograph, Lendrick wields a shovel in his right hand and has two straps for lowering caskets over his shoulders. Lendrick was born on June 27, 1808 and died in June 1874. No other records were found.

### **Louis [Lewis] Vanden Berg [van den Bergh] I [1809-1875]**

Louis Vanden Berg was born in the Netherlands on August 9, 1809 and arrived in Grand Haven on August 20, 1847. In The Netherlands, he married Sarah Snikens, who was born on July 26, 1818. Among their children was William, who was born in 1837; John, who was born in 1838; Sarah, who was born on November 28, 1840 and married John Luikens of Grand Haven; Leuntje "Lucy," born in The Netherlands on August 16, 1843, was married twice, first to a Mr. De Keep [De Kiep] and then to Albert Kiel; Jane, who was born in 1846; Henry, who was born in 1852 and was classified as a sailor in 1880; Peter, who was born in 1857; and Louis II, who was born in 1859. The first five children were born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, and the others were born locally. In Grand Haven, Louis I worked as a butcher. He died on June 27, 1875 and Sarah, the mother, passed away on April 29, 1895. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Paul Francis vanden Berg [Vanden Berg] [1836-1901]**

Born on January 28, 1836 in Overisel, The Netherlands, Paul was the son of Peter and Dena Kamphorbeek vanden Berg who immigrated to America in 1847, settling first in Chicago, then going to Holland in 1849. Paul and his family remained residents of Holland until at least 1860. Paul was apprenticed to Mr. D'Ooge in the painters' trade. He did not like the painting business and followed sailing for many years before becoming a fisherman. In the 1880 census he was listed as a sailor. About 1888 Paul opened a fish smoking and wholesale business, which he was still operating at the time of his death. He was a member of the Grand Haven Masons and a Democrat. He served on the Grand Haven City Council in 1895 and 1896. His wife, Johanna, was born in The Netherlands around 1830 and died before 1880. Their children included Fred of Sherwood, Washington, Peter of Ogdensburg, New York, and Essel, who was born in 1874 and remained in Grand Haven. Paul's wife in 1900 was Alice, who was born in Canada in January 1852. Alice had previously been married to a Mr. Roland and had a daughter, Claretta, who was born in Michigan in November 1876. Paul died of "grip and a complication of causes" on April 21, 1901. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 22 and 25, 1901.]

### **Peter vanden Berg I [1812-1866]**

Born in The Netherlands on May 31, 1812, Peter vanden Berg was reputed to be a man of position and influence in his native country. He moved to America in 1847 with his family, residing in Chicago for two years, then moving to Holland, Michigan, and finally settling in Grand Haven in 1853. Peter received the first regular government appointment by President Pierce as lighthouse keeper at Grand Haven Harbor and was the first to tend the light that was built in 1855 on the bluff overlooking today's State Park [900 Harbor Drive]. He served for six years. Peter also was Register of Deeds and justice of the peace for many years. He married Berendiena "Dena" Kamphorbeek [Kamferbeek], who was born April 26, 1803 in The Netherlands and died in Grand Haven on May 1, 1864. Their children, all born in The Netherlands, included Paul F., who was born on January 28, 1836; Albert G. I, born on May 7, 1838; Martin, born about 1841; and Peter II, born about 1847. Peter I died in Zeeland on August 30, 1866 [1867], two years after his wife. Both Peter and Dena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 14, 1913.]

### **Peter Martin vanden Berg [1867-1921]**

Born in 1867 in Grand Haven, Peter was the son of Albert G. and Johanna vanden Berg. Peter graduated from the University of Michigan School of Medicine in 1894. He located in Chicago and later in Graafschaap, Allegan County. About 1910 he came to Grand Haven, where he served as Health Officer. He was a Democrat. On January 1, 1897 Peter married Grace Vander Werp in Grand Rapids. She was born on December 5, 1871. Their children included Albert, who was born on March 9, 1900, and Ruth. Peter died at his home at the northwest corner of Fifth and Lafayette Streets [219 South Fifth] on March 2, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Grace passed away on August 8, 1950. [*Tribune* obituaries March 3, 1921 and August 9, 1950.]

### **William Van Den Berg [Van Der Berg and other variations] [1836-1904]**

William Vandenberg [Vanderberg] married Mary Sophia Duvernay in Grand Haven on November 30, 1865. William and Mary had a daughter, Minnie Nellie [Nelli], born about 1867. She was considered part Ottawa. On May 5, 1883 Nellie married Robert McClellan in Grand Rapids.

William Vandenberg was born on July 26, 1836 in Zeeland, The Netherlands, and arrived in Holland, Michigan with his parents and other members of the Van Raalte colony in 1847. He married his first wife, Mary, in Grand Haven on November 30, 1865. They had a daughter, Minnie Nellie [Nelli], who was born about 1867. Two years after Mary died around 1873 in Grand Haven, William married Mary [Marie/Maria] Parrisien [Duvernay]. The daughter of Pierre and Julia Duvernay of Grand Haven, Mary was born in Grand Haven in February 1843 [1850/1858]. She was adopted or taken in by Jean Baptiste and Madeline McGulpin Parrisien, also of Grand Haven. Mary was one-half Indian because her mother, Julia, was the daughter of a Ojibwa chief and an unknown Indian woman.

William and his second wife had a daughter, Madeline, who was born in Grand Haven on March 19, 1880. She married Henry [Harry] F. Gardner of Grand Haven. The other Vandenberg children were Louis, who was born in Grand Haven on June 1, 1878 and died on July 29, 1888, and William II, born in Grand Haven on June 11, 1888. In the 1880 census Mary was listed as Indian, but her children were noted as being White. They resided on Monroe Street. In 1900 William, Mary, and William II were living at 619 Monroe Street, and William the father was working as a painter. Mary, William, and Madeline were included in the Durant Roll of 1908, and were then residing in Grand Haven. [Madeline appeared under the name Vandenburg, the others as Vanderburg.] Mary's age was given as 45. Also on the list was Nellie, William's child by his first wife, shown as Nelli Vanderburgh. All five were considered members of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians. William was listed in the Durant Roll as William Vanderberg and again as William McClellan. In the same Roll, a 25-year-old Eva Vanderberg, born in Michigan, was listed as the wife of Edward Bieneman, of White descent. The couple resided in Kenosha, Wisconsin and had two sons: James, age 4, and Jack, age 2. An Eva Vanderberg, the daughter of Edward and Maggie Vanderberg, was born in Spring Lake on August 7, 1883. She was a member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawas.

On May 5, 1883 William's daughter Nellie married Robert McClellan in Grand Rapids.

In 1908 in Grand Haven, Mary received about \$21.18 as her share of the Indian annuity allotted that year. In the Federal Census of 1910 William II was listed as Mary Vandenberg's foster son under the name Willie McLellen. They were residing at 619 Monroe Street, possibly in the same house cited in the 1880 census.

Before the Civil War, William I was a sailor on the Great Lakes. In 1863 he enlisted as private with Company K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and Mechanics but soon was transferred to the U.S. Navy to serve as Seaman aboard *Red Rover*, a Confederate steamship that was captured by the Union and converted to a hospital vessel. Following discharge, William resumed his life as a sailor, this time on ocean vessels. On one occasion he was shipwrecked in the tropics, picked up by a passing ship, and carried to Haiti. In 1891 William applied for an invalid's pension, based on his Civil War service. After his death on August 16, 1904, Mary applied for a widow's pension. In 1908 Mary was still residing at 619 Monroe Street. With her was her son, William II. Ten years later she was at the same address, where her other son, Louis also lived. Mary passed away on May 9, 1928 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. [Tribune obituary, August 16, 1904.]

### **Vanden Boomgaard [Van Den Boomgaard]**

See Boomgaard.

### **Andrew Vanden Bosch [1879-1949]**

Born on November 10, 1879 in Michigan, Andrew Vanden Bosch in September 1906 [1905] married Minnie [Willimina/Wilhelmina] Osterhoff. Born on July 27, 1878 in Michigan [The Netherlands], she was the daughter of Hessel and Willemetje Osterhoff of Spring Lake. The Vanden Bosches were Spring Lake residents and lived at 213 West Mason, where they raised their children: Thomas, born on July 8, 1906; Winifred, born about 1909; and Ruth Mildred, who was born on January 12, 1916 and died on November 22, 1994. Minnie had previously been married to Jacob Le Febre of Grand Haven Township and had a son, James Le Febre, born about 1902. James resided with the Vanden Bosches in Spring Lake. Jacob lived from October 16, 1875 to April 16, 1902 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. Andrew passed away on February 12, 1949, and Minnie died on January 30, 1969. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Charles H. Vanden Bosch [1877-1942]**

The son of Hendrik and Johanna Smit Vanden Bosch, Charles was born in Holland, Michigan on April 7, 1877. He married Hilda [Hattie] Kieft, who was born on July 8, 1879. Hilda was the daughter of Fred and

Anna Kieft of Grand Haven. Charles worked with other Vanden Bosches at the Vanden Bosch Store located at 100 North Third Street. He and Hilda lived on the second floor of the building at first, but later moved to 519 Slayton. Charles died on December 4, 1942 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hilda passed away on April 29, 1947 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest.

### **Gerardus “Gerrit” Vanden Bosch [1851-1911]**

Born September 3, 1851 in The Netherlands, Gerrit was the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch. Gerrit came to Grand Haven with his parents in 1856, and about 1875 he opened a grocery and dry goods business. The store was located at the northeast corner of Third and Columbus Streets [100 North Third] in Grand Haven. It was known as Vanden Bosch & Company and later as the Big Store. In 1884 a clothing department was added under the management of Gerrit’s brothers, Thomas and Henry. Thomas died in September 1894, and Martin retired in 1897. About that time Martin’s and Thomas’s sons, Charles, Conrad, and Bert, joined the firm, and it became known as G. Vanden Bosch & Sons. By 1908 at least six Vanden Bosches were associated with the business, and several others were part of Enterprise Clothing Company at 106-108 Washington. Gerrit also was treasurer of Grand Haven Furniture, which operated between 1890 and 1895.

Gerrit and his wife Neska “Nancy” in their early years resided above the retail establishment and later at 218 South Fifth Street. Nancy, also a native of The Netherlands, was born about 1850. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Mary, born in 1873; Johanna, born in 1876; Conrad, who was born in 1878 and died November 25, 1952 and whose wife, Daisy, died on January 3, 1965; Martin G. Henry, who was born on March 28, 1883 and died in Grand Rapids on May 3, 1966; Henry, who was born December 20, 1887; Geraldine, born about 1895; Hermina, who died Oct 1, 1937; Thomas; and Josephine, who married Herman J. Schram of Mason City, Iowa. Gerrit died on April 2, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nancy lived from 1850 to 1930, at least part of the time in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituaries October 28, 1899 and April 5, 1911.]

### **Hendrik “Henry” K. Vanden Bosch [1844-1928]**

Born in The Netherlands in January 1844, the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch, Henry came to Holland, Michigan with his parents in 1856 aboard the ship *Fairfield*. Henry later engaged in farming. In 1883 he moved to Grand Haven, and the next year he and his brother Thomas joined another brother Gerrit to open the Vanden Bosch Store at 100 North Third Street, later known as the Big Store. Henry and Thomas supervised the clothing part of the business.

Henry and his wife, Johanna Smit, lived at 509 Lafayette. Johanna, who was born in 1845, died at the State Hospital at Kalamazoo at age 67 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, included Mary, who was born in June 1865, married Harry Bos, and died in 1938; Tena, born in January 1867; Geesje “Anna,” who was born on April 20, 1873, married Jacob Achterhof, and died February 21, 1943; Cora, who was born about 1874 and married Harry Zeldenrust of Grand Haven; Grietje “Gertrude,” who was born on May 20, 1875 and married Jan “John” Dirkse; Koene “Charles,” born on April 7, 1877; Gysbert, who was born in August 1879, married Jacoba Van Zanten, and died in 1943; Harriet, who was born in September 1882 and died on September 25, 1951; Thomas Cornell, born in January 1885; and Albert. Henry died on November 6, 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 6, 1912.]

### **Koene Vanden Bosch [van den Bosch] [1818-1897]**

Born in Friesland, The Netherlands on February 20, 1818, Koene Vanden Bosch was educated in theology at schools in Overisel and Drenthe. In 1846 he was ordained pastor in a church at Gelderland, The Netherlands and later at Noordeloos and Appeldoorn in South Holland. In the spring of 1856, he came to America and took charge of a church in Noordeloos, a new colony in southern Ottawa County. Not long after his arrival, the reverend joined a debate that was dividing church membership. On April 8, 1857, in a letter to the official meeting of Classis Holland that gathered in a Zeeland Church, he wrote, “By this

[letter] I declare myself no longer to belong to you." He continued, "I hope that your eyes may yet be opened to see your extreme wickedness, to take it to heart, and to be converted therefrom."

Under Vanden Bosch's leadership, 19 members of his church joined 250 like-minded worshippers from Graafschap, Coopersville, and Grand Rapids to organize what at first was called the Reformed Church. Reverend Vanden Bosch was the only pastor to serve these four churches for seven years. He rode in a wagon pulled by a team of oxen, and carried a shovel and ax in case he became stuck in the mud or to clear fallen trees and other debris from the road. He later was pastor of Christian Reformed Churches at Zeeland, Vriesland, Grand Rapids, Polkton, Milwaukee, and Grand Haven. In 1883 he retired.

Koene married Maijge [Moje] Rook on December 26, 1840 in The Netherlands, where she was born about 1817. Their children were Tamme "Thomas," who was born in 1841; Henry, who was born in January 1844; Marinus "Martin," who was born in 1848; and Gerardus "Gerrit," who was born in 1851; Henrietta, who was born in February 1853 and married Otse "Otto" Visser of Olive Township; and Grietje "Margaret," who was born in 1859 and married John Van Dame of Grand Haven and later of Grand Rapids. The children were all born in The Netherlands except Margaret, who was born in Grand Haven. Maijge died in Grand Haven on May 11, 1887. Koene died on November 12, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1897. [Thanks to Bob Van Hees for adding to this entry.]

#### **Koene Tamme Vanden Bosch [1864-1956]**

Born on December 21, 1864 on a farm in Holland Township, Koene was the son of Tamme Vanden Bosch. He moved to Grand Haven with his parents at 19. He was employed by his father and his uncle Henry as a clerk at the Big Store. Later he became bookkeeper for his uncle Gerrit, and later with his brother, John, he organized the Enterprise Clothing Company in the 200 block of Washington Street. He was an original director of the Grand Haven State Bank when it was organized in October 1901 and served on the Board until 1914. In 1916 and 1917 he was City treasurer and from 1918 to May 1931 he was city clerk and had an office in City Hall. Koene served as deputy city clerk until his retirement in 1947. During his tenure as city clerk, he augmented his salary by working at Story & Clark. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On May 19, 1897, Koene married Cora Howe in Grand Haven. Born on November 6, 1866 in Kalamazoo, Cora died on March 24, 1910. Their son, Ernest D., was born in Grand Haven on May 1, 1898. He served with Company F in France during WWI and was wounded at the Battle of Chateau Thierry. Ernest married Frances Mills and after the war became a Presbyterian minister. On October 22, 1925 Koene married Marguerite "Maggie" Groendal in Grand Haven. Born on July 17, 1868, she died on September 29, 1960. Their children included Herbert of Grandville, Franklin of Dearborn, Kenneth of Silver City, New Mexico, Jeanette Benton of Denver, Colorado, and Emma, who married Duncan Poland of Muskegon. Koene died on February 7, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 7, 1956.]

#### **Marinus "Martin" K. Vanden Bosch [1848-1916]**

Martin, the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch, was born in The Netherlands in 1848 and came to Holland with his parents in 1856. He took up the carpentry trade. His first wife Hubertje was born on October 29, 1845, died on September 6, 1901, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martin then married Katie Douma in Holland on November 27, 1901. They lived at 732 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Martin died on December 30, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Martin Van Den Bosch [Vandenbosch] [1876-1931]**

Martin Van Den Bosch raised livestock on his 170-acre farm in Section 15 of Olive Township. Born in Michigan in 1876, he and his family came to the area in 1906. On July 1, 1898 in Olive, he married Jennie Kieskamp, who was born in Michigan in 1879. They had two sons and a daughter, all born locally: Cornie,

born about 1899; Herman, born in 1901; and Annie, born about 1904. Martin died in 1931, and Jennie passed away in 1965. Both were buried at Borculo Cemetery.

#### **Tamme “Thomas” Vanden Bosch [1841-1894]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1841, Tamme was the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch. Tamme came to Holland with his parents in 1856 and first went into farming. On February 15, 1865 he enlisted in Company I of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry and four months later transferred to Company A of the 28<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on February 21, 1866. In 1883 he came to Grand Haven and in 1884 he and his brother Henry joined their other brother Gerrit to expand the Vanden Bosch store, also known as the Big Store, at 100 North Third Street.

Thomas married Cornelia J. Duiser in Ottawa County in 1863. She lived from October 7, 1846 to June 19, 1923. Thomas and Cornelia had 14 children, including: Koene T., born on December 21, 1864 in Holland Township; Mary, who was born about 1868 and married Alle Ekkens of Grand Rapids; Martin, who was born about 1880 and moved to Grand Rapids; Thomas H., who was born in January 1882 and moved to Detroit; Cornelia, born in August 1883; Nellie, who was born in October 27, 1885 and married Cornelius Pippel of Grand Haven; Jacoba, born in August 1887; Bertha, who was born in October 1891 and married William Fox of Grand Haven; John; Henry of Grand Rapids; Gerrit; Cora, who married Dick Kieft; and Kate, who married D. Peterson of Redlands, California. The Vanden Bosches resided at 427 Columbus Street. Thomas died of typhoid malaria [*sic*] on September 2, 1894 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 4, 1894 and June 28, 1923.]

#### **Thomas Cornell Vanden Bosch [1885-1961]**

Born in January 1885, Thomas was the son of Henry K. and Johanna Vanden Bosch. He studied at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and at Harvard, Columbia, Wisconsin, abroad, and at the Interlochen National Music Camp. He actively participated in the birth of the Interlochen Music camp in 1928 while studying at Columbia University in New York. In 1929 he was appointed piano technician at Interlochen. He was active as music director in private schools and military academies in New York and abroad. Thomas presented Interlochen with his own composition, the “Nu-Mu-Chi” song. He also wrote “Bells of Interlochen,” “Three Ginger Snaps,” “Jumping Jack,” and “Hit That Ball! Oh! Boy!” which was written for Ted Williams, the famous baseball star. In 1935 he composed and played “Mackinac-Interlochen Suite” at the John Jacob Astor house on Mackinac Island. He rebuilt an antique musical instrument called “McKeogh,” made in Buffalo and brought to Michigan by boat in 1824. For part of his composition he used this instrument, which had once brought entertainment to the early Courier-Bois and French Indian fur trappers. Thomas also wrote the March of Dimes song “Our Presidents on Parade” for President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s polio balls held in major cities. In 1948 he wrote the coronation song “Juliana” for Queen Juliana of The Netherlands.

Thomas married Katherine Cook Kieft, who was born July 4, 1883, the daughter of Peter and Marjorie Sluiter Cook and the widow of Peter Kieft. Thomas died on March 1, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Katherine died in April 1981. [*Tribune* article, “Local Musician Honored at Camp,” August 4, 1960.]

#### **Thomas H. Vanden Bosch [1906-1988]**

Born in Spring Lake on July 8, 1906, Thomas was the son of Andrew and Minnie Osterhoff Vanden Bosch of Spring Lake. As a young man Thomas was a well-known sailor, but later he became a dentist with an office in Grand Rapids. Thomas died on March 25, 1988 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 1988.]

#### **Jacob Vanderberg [1848-1926]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born in about 1848, Jacob Vanderberg came to Spring Lake in 1858. Beginning in 1869 he scaled lumber for a living. Jacob’s wife, Loretta Plant, was born in New York

in 1851. The Vanderbergs had two daughters, both born in Michigan: Margaret, born about 1870, and Olive, born the next year. They also had a son, Byron, born about 1874. Loreta died in 1920, and Jacob passed away six years later. They were buried at Garfield Park Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

**Louis R. Vanderberg [1883-1940]**

Born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1883, Louis was the son of John Vanderberg. Louis was a marine engineer and worked many years for the Tomlinson Line out of Cleveland. Louis died on November 25, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On January 3, 1905 he married Martha Nichols in Nunica. She was born in 1885, died in February 1970, and also was buried at Lake Forest. In Grand Haven they lived at 109 Howard Street.

**Teunis [Tunis] Van Der Berg [Vanderberg, Vandenberg] [1837-1917]**

The Teunis Van Der Berg farm was located on 160 acres in Section 34 of Olive Township, where he settled in 1887. He also raised livestock. Teunis, who was born in April 1837 in The Netherlands, immigrated to the United States with his wife Dora in 1872. Dora was born in April 1850. Their children, all born locally, were Dick, born in September 1877; John, born in July 1883; Herman, born in June 1885; Gertie, born in February 1891; and Theodore, born in July 1894. Teunis died in 1917, and Dora passed away three years later. They were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

**Cornelius Jannis Vanderboegh [1840-1921]**

Cornelius was born in Zuidzande, The Netherlands on October 24, 1840, the son of Cornelis and Janna Vanderboegh. He settled in Grandville with his mother in 1847 or 1848 at the age of 7. He married Mary Elizabeth Dykema [Dyckmeester] in Ottawa County on November 16, 1864. She was born on September 19, 1841 and died on January 20, 1880 in Georgetown Township. On August 6, 1862, while living in Grand Haven, Cornelius enlisted as private in Company G the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on May 30, 1863. Cornelius died in Muskegon County on May 20, 1921.

**Evert Van Der Hart [1847-1889]**

When the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven was formed on November 22, 1871, Reverend Evert Van Der Hart became the first pastor. In 1880 he was minister at a church in Mason, Ingham County and later he was called to Rochester, New York. He and his wife Wilhelmina Everdina had a son who was born in Grand Haven on December 4, 1874. Wilhelmina died on February 25, 1875 at the age of 21, and on October 10, 1876 Evert married Jennie E. Brower, who was born on February 22, 1856 and died in Grand Rapids on January 20, 1892. She was the daughter of Hendrick and Aaltje Bolt Brouwer and the sister of Christina Brouwer. Evert and Jennie had a daughter, Lillie, born about 1889. Evert was born in Nijkerk, The Netherlands on January 28, 1847. He died in Rochester, New York on April 29, 1889 after preaching his Sunday morning sermon the previous day. He and Jennie were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, January 21, 1892.]

**Orson G. Vander Hoef [Vanderhoof] [1836–1915]**

Born in Homer, Ohio on January 9, 1836, Orson was the son of Samuel and Roxy Ann Vander Hoef and brother of Lorenzo of Washington, D.C.; Rueben of Grand Haven and Chicago; Orange; Ransom of Spencer, Ohio; Mrs. E. S. McCrath of Grand Rapids; Lydia [Mrs. John M. Scoville of Pioneer, Ohio]; and Mrs. M. L. Boughman of Lodi, Ohio. On September 6, 1862 Orson enlisted as private in Company B of the 124<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry, was immediately promoted to sergeant, reportedly was wounded at Chickamauga and discharged on June 9, 1865, the year he came to Grand Haven. His service record did not mention his being wounded in battle, but he did apply for a pension on December 30, 1879. Orson was engineer for the City Flour Mills on Second Street in Grand Haven, founded by the Forrest Brothers in 1879. In the early 1900s Orson was employed as a janitor at the Grand Haven Federal Building [Post Office].

Orson's first wife, Mary M., died on November 1, 1879 at the age of 34 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary was a native of New York State. The next year Orson resided with his brother, Reuben.



On March 25, 1891 in Grand Haven, Orson married Emma Stokes Reenders, the widow of Martin Reenders. Emma was born in London, England in July 1847 [1846]. She was the daughter of Frederick and Harriet Stokes of Grand Haven, and sister of Walter, Edwin, and James Stokes. While under the care of her daughter Alice, Emma died in Grand Haven of “quick consumption” at the age of 55 on January 15, 1902. Alice, who was born in 1872, married Charles Van Norman. Another daughter, Laura [Lora], was born in Michigan in August 1863, moved in with her uncle Lorenzo Stokes in Washington, D.C. after her mother’s death, married Frank O. Ladewig [Ladwig/Ludewig], moved to Chicago, returned to Grand Haven before 1900, and then relocated to Chicago before 1910, where they remained until at least 1920. Frank was born in Illinois in January 1871. Bessie, their third daughter, was born about 1873 and married Arthur A. Wilcox in Grand Haven on April 19, 1893. A fourth daughter, Shirley [Shurly/Sherly] Irene Edmonds was born in Grand Haven on January 17, 1875 and married Charles Edmonds of Grand Haven. The Vander Hoefs lived at 318 South Second Street, in a house later inhabited by Shirley and her family. Orson died on September 2, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 21, 1912.]

### **Reuben Vander Hoef [Vanderhoof] [1834-1918]**

Reuben Vander Hoef moved to Berlin [Marne] in 1859 and a year later came to Grand Haven. He was a jailer until 1864, when he was elected deputy sheriff. In 1865 he ran the first steam ferry to cross the river to meet trains that ran along the west shore at that time. He owned the ferryboat *Phoebe*. Reuben piloted boats around Little Traverse Bay and through the Mackinac country. He was born in Homer, Ohio on April 20, 1834. Reuben’s wife, Phoebe [Phebe] Fordham, was born around 1840 in New York and died in 1890. Their surviving children, both born in Michigan, were Ralph, born in May 1861, and Helen, born about 1865. Another daughter, Mary, died on August 10, 1867, not quite six months old. On January 20, 1892 in Grand Rapids, Reuben married Henrietta Krantzze, who was born in 1836. The Vander Hoefs resided at 20 North Fifth, property that was bought by Nat Robbins around 1899. Orson Vander Hoef was Reuben’s brother. Reuben died in Chicago on February 22, 1918. Henrietta died in 1920. [*Tribune* article, “Portrait of Reuben Vander Hoef,” July 24, 1930.]

### **Peter Robert “Bob” Vander Hoek [1929-1997]**

[Peter] Robert Vander Hoek and Robert Jager purchased Arcadia lanes at 117 Washington in 1957. In 1960 they opened Starlite Lanes with 20 alleys at 1305 South Beacon [U.S. 31]. The two continued to operate both Arcadia and Starlite until 1966, when Starlite was increased to 30 lanes and Arcadia was closed. Robert bought out Jager’s share of the partnership in 1965, and in 1992 he sold the business to his son David. The Vander Hoeks owned Driftwood Inn at the same address. Bob was born on September 21, 1929 in Denver, Colorado and died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1997. He married Pauline Marie Lumpel Munch. They resided at 433 Sand Drive in Grand Haven. Pauline passed away on October 20, 2023.

### **Albert Vanderkolk [Vandercock] [1870-1918]**

A farmer and fruit grower, Albert Vanderkolk had 55 acres in Section 16 of Spring Lake Township, where he was born on January 1, 1870. By 1912 he was joint owner with his brother, Ralph Vanderkolk, of 120 acres in Section 17. They were the sons of Arndt [Arend/Arne] and Mary [Maria] Vanderkolk, both from The Netherlands where they were born in 1830 and November 1832 [1834], respectively. Henry Vanderkolk was another brother. Albert died on October 9, 1918 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Arndt [Arend, Arne, Aaron] Vanderkolk [Vandercolk, Vandercock, Fundercolick] [1825-1889]**

A resident of Ferrysburg, where he owned 15 acres in Section 16 of Spring Lake Township, John Vanderkolk was a boilermaker at Johnston Brothers. The son of Arndt and Mary Weering Vanderkolk, he was born in Ferrysburg in November 1856. On June 14, 1893 in Grand Rapids, he married Ella Burley. She was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on December 17, 1857 and passed away on October 5, 1937. John died on June 20, 1921. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Dorothy Vanderkolk was born in 1897 and married Leslie Hanna of Ferrysburg.

### **Bonnie Lee Vanderkolk [1946-1997]**

Marushka [Michigan Rag] employed Bonnie Vanderkolk, an artist, as a designer of fabric prints. The daughter of John [December 8, 1924-January 20, 1984] and Jean Pelon [March 8, 1921-May 27, 2007] Vanderkolk, Bonnie was born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1946. She worked as an account clerk at Challenge Machinery in 1979, while living at 1642 Pennoyer Street. Later, she resided at 211 Friant Street in Grand Haven. Bonnie died on October 14, 1997 and her ashes were spread in the Scatter Garden at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cemetery records list her name as Bonnie Vanderkolk Campbell. Her husband, Harry McMillan Campbell, was born at Sault Ste. Marie on September 26, 1950 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1968. His first wife, Volda Lynn, was born in April 1948. In 1979 Harry and Volda resided at 104 Williams Street in Grand Haven. Harry served as sergeant with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He passed away on January 9, 2004 and was memorialized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Memorial Garden. Bonnie's brother Steven Brent Vanderkolk was an artist and architect. He lived from January 19, 1950 to May 11, 2006 and had his ashes spread in the Scatter Garden at Lake Forest.

### **Charles Edward Vanderkolk [Vander Kolk] [1907-1943] and Grace Austin Vanderkolk [1902-1965]**

The son of Henry and Grietje "Grace" Vanderkolk, Charles was born in Spring Lake on February 27, 1907. On October 26, 1930 he married Grace Esther Austin in Indiana. She was born in College Park, Maryland on December 23, 1902, graduated from Michigan State College [MSU], and taught home economics at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek for five years before joining the Home Demonstration Extension Service of Michigan State College. She served Ottawa County for over 25 years doing home demonstrations and carrying out other duties. She and Charles lived at 504 River Street in Spring Lake, his boyhood home. He died on April 28, 1943 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. She died in Muskegon on May 26, 1965 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Buried next to her was a sister, Josephine Austin, who lived from 1905 to 1997.

### **Henry Vanderkolk [Vanderkoek] [1868-1933]**

Henry, the son of Arndt and Mary Vanderkolk, was born in Michigan on August 15, 1868. On July 10, 1902 in Grand Rapids, he married Greitje "Grace" Bolthouse, who was born in Spring Lake [Ferrysburg] on June 7, 1874. She was the daughter of Henry [1833-1917] and Mary "Maggie" [Maria] [1834-1909] Jonker Bolthouse. As a child, Grace went by the name Lucretia. The Vanderkolks resided at 504 River Street in Spring Lake. A son, Harold, was born about 1904, and another son, Charles Edward Vanderkolk, was born on February 27, 1907. On August 25, 1923 in Ludington, Harold married Marie, daughter of John and Bena Olsen Brongersma. Henry passed away on May 13, 1933 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Grace died on April 13, 1936. Albert, Ralph, and Henry were brothers.

### **Lambert John [John Lambert] Vanderkolk [Vander Kolk] [1856-1921]**

A resident of Ferrysburg, where he owned 15 acres in Section 16 of Spring Lake Township, John Vanderkolk was a boilermaker at Johnston Brothers. The son of Arndt and Mary Vanderkolk, he was born in Ferrysburg in November 1856 and died on June 20, 1921. On June 14, 1893 in Grand Rapids, he married Ella Burley. She was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on December 17, 1857 and passed away on October 5, 1937. John and Ella were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Dorothy Vanderkolk was born in 1897 and married Leslie Hanna of Ferrysburg.

### **Ralph [Roelf] "Louie" Vanderkolk [1865-1947]**

Like his brother, Albert Vanderkolk, who resided in an adjacent section, Ralph Vanderkolk was a farmer and raised fruit on 120 acres in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township. By 1912 the property was held in the names of Ralph and Albert Vanderkolk. Ralph, the son of Arndt and Mary Vanderkolk, was born in Michigan in January 1865. Ralph married Mina Vander Meiden in Spring Lake on October 16, 1901. She was born in Spring Lake on March 19, 1876. The Vanderkolks had at least two daughters, both born in Ferrysburg: Marian, who was born on February 6, 1909 and on December 23, 1936 married Henry Peter

Beukema [May 13, 1897-March 15, 1974]; and Laura, born about 1913. Ralph passed away on April 29, 1947. Mina died on August 7, 1970. Ralph and Mina were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Henry Vanderkolk was another brother.

### **Richard Vander Kolk [1907-1983]**

Born on August 11, 1907 in Drenthe, Ottawa County, Dick was the son of Henry and Minnie Commisaris Vander Kolk. Henry lived from April 14, 1878 to October 8, 1966 and Minnie from May 17, 1875 to July 29, 1938. They were married on October 10, 1900. Their son Dick graduated from Western Michigan College [WMU], attended Hope College, and earned a master degree from the University of Michigan. He taught school in Cedar Springs for 12 years and Wayland Schools for one and a half years. He then taught chemistry, biology, general science, math, and physics at Grand Haven High School for 30 years until he retired in 1972. In 1943 he started the Cedar Kraft Company at his home on Pennoyer and produced electric basketball scoreboards and 110-volt horns. Dick was also a school counselor. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, Missionary Society, Senior Citizens of the Church, Boy Scouts, Michigan National Education Association, Tri-Cities Historical Society, National Retired Teachers Association, Kiwanis, and director of Teachers' Credit Union, and HiY director at school.

On August 4, 1931 Dick married Ruth Breen in Holland. Ruth was born August 27, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on December 8, 1989. The Vander Kolks resided at 528 Taylor and later at 948 Pennoyer. Their children were Donald, who was born on July 16, 1932 and relocated to Mt. Sinai, New York; Marilyn, who was born on February 2, 1935 and married James Peters; and Kenneth, who was born October 1, 1944 and moved to New York City. Dick died of cancer on April 12, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, April 14, 1983]

### **Hendrik [Henry] Vander Laan [1891-1942]**

Henry Vander Laan was born in Michigan on November 15, 1891. In 1928 Henry worked for Gustave A. Fett, who owned a shoe store at 213 Washington Street. On November 19, 1913 he married Henrietta [Hendricka] Tiens in Muskegon. Henry and Henrietta lived at 716 Washington Street. Between 1930 and 1936 Henry opened his own shoe shop at 1123 Washington. Among the Vander Laan children were Raymond Henry Vander Laan, born in Muskegon on February 20, 1917. They also had a daughter Albertine, who was born about 1915, and another son, Richard James Vander Laan, born about 1924. Henry died in Grand Haven on June 27, 1942.

### **Raymond Henry Vander Laan [1917-1991]**

Born February 20, 1917 in Muskegon to Henry and Henrietta Vander Laan, Raymond moved with his parents to Grand Haven in 1922. He went to work for his father, who owned Van's Shoe Store at 116 North Third Street. Raymond attended local schools and worked as a meat cutter for Henry Casemier's Grocery Store. He then went to work for Herrud Meat Company as a salesman. During World War II, he served with a unit in the First Replacement Depot in Africa. He enlisted March 21, 1941 and left the military on November 6, 1945. Upon returning to Grand Haven, he worked as an apprentice in the funeral industry until 1947. Raymond graduated from Wayne State University in 1949 and purchased a funeral home in Hudsonville, where he built a new facility in 1968. Raymond was a member of the Medical School Board of Mortuary Science and the Hudsonville Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners and its chairman. He helped organize Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church and Unity Christian High School and served 11 years as its president.

On June 8, 1942 in Grand Haven, Raymond married Jeanne Genevieve Bonema. She was the daughter of Jan and Altje "Alice" Katt Bonema. Raymond and Jeanne had three children: Philip, Frederick, and Brenda. Raymond died on June 15, 1991. Jeanne was born in Ferrysburg on January 3, 1919 and passed away in Zeeland on September 17, 1992. On April 30, 2002 their bodies were moved from Georgetown Township Cemetery to Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son Fredrick John Vander Laan lived from 1955 to 2011. [*Tribune* obituary, June 15, 1991.]

### **John Vandermeer [1888-1988]**

John Vandermeer owned a bakery in Grand Rapids, and for at least a short time he operated Van's Ideal Bakery at 603 Fulton Street in Grand Haven. His motto was "NO BREAD LIKE MOTHERS' BREAD." John was born in Friesland, The Netherlands on November 3, 1888. On May 19, 1911, he married Antje "Anne" ["Anna"] Diemers. Helder. A native of The Netherlands, she was born on May 30, 1889. They immigrated to the United States in 1914 and settled in Grand Rapids. The couple worked together at the Grand Haven store. Anne died in Florida on January 11, 1973, and John passed away in Florida on February 17, 1988. They were buried at Garfield Park Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Their son Diemer Vandermeer was born in Grand Rapids in 1915.

### **Calvin Vander Meiden [1924-1981]**

Born on January 3, 1924 in Grand Haven, Calvin Vander Meiden was an auto mechanic for the City of Grand Haven. He also worked for the Rosso and Miller automobile dealerships. He was a member of the V.F.W. Calvin's wife, Grace, died September 9, 1952. Their children included Denise Glenn of Redwood City, California; Darcia, who married Donald Manning of Grand Haven; Kendra, who married Thomas Elwood of Hope Mills, North Carolina; Lynn, also of Hope Mills; Anita Gail Zimonick of Grand Haven; and Matthew John. Calvin resided at 726 Clinton and at 915 Columbus in Grand Haven. He died of a heart attack on January 16, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 17, 1981.]

### **Eugene Vander Meiden [1917-1983]**

Born April 30, 1917 in Grand Haven, Eugene Vander Meiden was a general contractor and also served as pastor of the Blue Lake Chapel for 19 years. He moved to Blue Lake and then to Holland. On November 1, 1938 he married Mildred Tatroe in Grand Haven. Mildred was the daughter of Percy and Hattie Tatroe, who resided at 820 Grant Street in Grand Haven. Eugene and Mildred resided at 431 Diekema in Holland, but in 1952 moved to the house on Grant Street. The Vander Meiden children included Nancy, who married David Hitsman; Sally, who married John Keeme; and Beverly, who married Terry Velik, all of Grand Haven. Other children were Linda George of Rohnert Park, California; Mary, who married James Bennes of Leander, Texas and toured with the "Varsity Vagabonds," a musical group from Western Michigan University; and Marty, who married Daryl Hassevoort of Holland. About 1975 the Vander Meidens returned to Holland. Eugene died at his home in Holland of myocardial infarction on March 16, 1983. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 17, 1983.]

### **John Vander Meiden I [1896-1975]**

John Vander Meiden was a concrete contractor in the Grand Haven area. He was born November 12, 1896 and died in May 1975. John married Anna Mulder in Grand Haven on November 17, 1915. She was born in Kent County on December 24, 1896 and passed away in Grand Haven on May 5, 1986. Their children, all born locally, were Marian J., born about 1917; John II, born on February 25, 1919, and Robert A., born about 1925. The family resided at 802 Fulton.

### **John Vander Meiden II [1919-2000]**

The son of John and Ann [Anna] Vander Meiden I, John II was born in Grand Haven on February 25, 1919. He teamed up with Michael J. Koteles to form Vander Meiden Koteles & Associates, an architectural firm located at 1203 South Beechtree. On August 22, 1942 in Grand Haven, John married Julia Sluka. The daughter of Steve and Anna Sluka, Julia lived from September 27, 1919 to October 26, 1975 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1976 he married Eleanor Denny Muir. They resided at 1535 Pineridge Drive. John died in Naples, Florida on August 13, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest. Eleanor was born on January 5, 1920, died in Naples on April 16, 2010, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Orrie [Arie, Warren] Vander Meiden I [1872-1921]**

A Grand Haven cement contractor, Orrie Vander Meiden was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands in February 1872 [1873] and died in 1921. Some Grand Haven sidewalks still bear his stamp. His parents were Jan and Jantje [Jennie] Pippel Vander Meiden, who immigrated to the United States in 1878 and settled in Grand. Orrie married Jennie Boyink in Grand Haven on January 18, 1893. They resided at 1030 [1014] Madison. Jennie was born in Michigan in July 1874 [1875]. Their children, all born locally, were Janette [Jeanette], born in September 1894; John, who was born on November 12, 1896; Johanna, born in November 1898; Bessie, who was born in Grand Haven on June 16, 1901, married Arthur Edward Stang [1900-1974] of Grand Haven on September 11, 1918, was divorced on January 10, 1921 [they may have remarried, because they were divorced a second time on December 2, 1925], and married Walter Harold Johnson on February 27, 1928; Barnard, born about 1904; Ruth, born about 1908; Orrie II born on January 16, 1913; Lucille; Irene; and Eugene. Orrie I and Jennie were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Orrie Vander Meiden II [1913-1977]**

Orrie, son of Orrie and Jennie Vander Meiden, was a general building contractor. He was born on January 16, 1913, died on October 6, 1977, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On April 7, 1937 he married Swannie [Swanie] Alberta Katt of Ferrysburg. They resided at 109½ North Fourth Street and later at 318 Lafayette and then 616 Grand. Swannie, the daughter of John and Reka Katt of Ferrysburg, was born on February 4, 1918. December 28, 1979 she married Reverend Edward M. Ruhlig [1913-2010]. Swannie passed away May 27, 2013 and was also buried at Lake Forest. The Vander Meiden children were Orrie III, John, James, and David.

#### **John M. Vander Meulen [1870-1942]**

John Vander Meulen, pastor of the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven for five years, came to Grand Haven from Hope Church in Holland, Michigan, where he had been from 1907 to 1909. Prior to Grand Haven he was pastor at a church in High Falls, New York. He left Grand Haven in 1913 to become pastor at a church in Pueblo, Colorado. John died on October 24, 1942. His brother Jacob headed the Grand Haven church from 1900 to 1907 and by 1920 was with a church in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. John was born in 1870 in Michigan. On July 15, 1898 in Holland, he married Nellie Notier. She lived from September 3, 1875 to 1956. Both were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. John and Nellie had one daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in New York about 1900, and two sons, Notier born in New York about 1903, and Jacob, born in Illinois about 1904. The Second Reformed Church was located on the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington Streets [600 Washington].

#### **Barney Vander Molen [1907–1959]**

Barney Vander Molen of Nunica on May 26, 1927 married Elizabeth Laretta, daughter of Wilford and Alice Mulder Dake. The Vander Molens' children included Virginia, who became a registered nurse; Wilford, who went into electronic technology and nuclear weapons; David, who was a mathematician; and Sue, who was a social worker. Another daughter, Jean, died at birth. Elizabeth worked for Ventura County, California, and was an organist for various churches. Barney, who was born in Grand Haven on November 21, 1907, died in Ventura County on March 23, 1959. Elizabeth lived from April 3, 1910 to April 8, 1997. She died in Santa Clara County, California.

#### **Bouwke “Barney” van der Molen [1842-1922]**

Bouwke “Barney” van der Molen was born in Groningen, The Netherlands in December 1842 [1843] and immigrated to the United States in 1879, six years after his marriage. He married, Margaret [Matje/Mica/Maggie] Selstra [Zylstra]. They resided in Ferrysburg before moving to a 50-acre farm in Section 9 of Crockery Township. The couple had a daughter Ida, who was born in Spring Lake Township on October 28, 1880 and was living with her father in Crockery in 1900. Ida, who was born on October 29, 1880, married Egbert C. Doane in Grand Rapids on October 15, 1908. A son, John, married Millie Johnson in Nunica on November 30, 1903. John was born in The Netherlands on January 25, 1874 and died in

Spring Lake on November 20, 1922. Another daughter, Kate, was born in The Netherlands in 1872 and married Leonard Holler in Muskegon on October 19, 1891. Bouwke died in Nunica in 1922.

**Cornelius Neil Vandermolen [1914-1984]**

In the 1940s the Theater Grill, owned by Cornelius Vandermolen, was located at 20 Washington Street. Cornelius was born in Crockery Township on April 18, 1914. On August 7, 1978, he married Elizabeth Van Dongen. Cornelius died in Grand Haven on February 17, 1984. Elizabeth lived from August 15, 1921 to March 12, 2005.

**Jan "John" Vander Molen [1850-1896]**

John Vander Molen, who lived from 1850 to July 12, 1896, married Zwaantje Dornbos of Grand Haven. Zwaantje was born in 1849. John was listed as a laborer in the 1893 *Compendium*. The Vander Molens adopted Kate Vander Ploeg, who was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1873 and died in the same place on March 14, 1963. Kate was the daughter of Harm and Grietje Vander Ploeg. John and Zwaantje were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Cornelius Vander Noot [Nood] [1873-1953]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 26, 1873, Cornelius Vander Noot was proprietor of the City Transfer Line at 109 Washington in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. His parents were Maarten and Francina Dronkers Vander Noot. Cornelius married Nellie H. Van Der Ploeg on March 1, 1893 in Grand Haven. Nellie was the daughter of Harm and Grietje Holstein Vander Ploeg. The Vander Noots lived at 629 Columbus and at 423 Howard. They had several children, including Frances, who was born on August 7, 1893 and married Walter Lehman; Martin, who was born on September 26, 1895 and married Marie Laura Senn; Gertrude, who was born on December 29, 1897 and married Cecil Seery of Grand Haven; Ann, who was born on November 30, 1900 and married Henry F. Klugas; Eleanor, who was born on December 16, 1908 and married George Vincent Hoffer of Grand Haven; and Johanna, who married Charles William Dake of Grand Haven. Cornelius died November 14, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1870, died on August 16, 1957 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

**Maarten Vander Noot [Nood] [1851-1886]**

Maarten Vander Noot was born in The Netherlands on November 15, 1851, died on March 20, 1886, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His first wife was Francina Dronkers, whom he married in Grand Haven on June 6, 1872. She was born in May 1851 and died on January 10, 1883. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Cornelius, born in 1873; Frank, born in 1876; Lavinia, who was born in 1880 and died about two years later; and Johanna, who died on August 20, 1887 at the age of six or seven. After Francina's death Maarten married Hendrika Vetcher in Grand Haven on March 23, 1883. Evidently Hendrika died and he then married Elizabeth Jonkers in Grand Haven on January 8, 1885. Elizabeth was born in Michigan in July 1862. Maarten worked with the United States Lifesaving Service in Grand Haven.

**Martin G. Vander Noot [1895-1990]**

Martin, the son of Cornelius and Nellie Vand Der Ploeg Vander Noot, was born on September 26, 1895. He married Marie Laura Senn on February 12, 1927 in Grand Haven. Marie, the daughter of Stephen and Alice Van Bemmelen Senn, was born in Grand Haven on August 24, 1904 and died in Grand Rapids on March 9, 1963. Martin, who was a truck driver for an oil company, died in Grand Haven on May 13, 1990 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. The Vander Noots resided at 400 Howard. Their children were Neil, born about 1923; Marvin, born about 1924; Frances, born about 1927; and Nelson, born about 1928.

**Harm Vander Ploeg [1835-1905]**

Harm was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on February 20, 1835 [1836], the son of Klaas Vander Ploeg. Harm married Grietje Huisman in Groningen December 3, 1863. Grietje also was a native of Groningen, where she was born on May 11, 1844. Nellie, one of their daughters, married Cornelius Vander Noot of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Kate, was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1873 and died in the same place on March 14, 1963. Kate was adopted by John and Zwantje Vander Molen. The Vander Ploegs also had a son, Klaas, who lived only a few months. Grietje died at the Kalamazoo State Hospital on February 5, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On April 15, 1881 in Grand Haven, Harm married Aafke Wolma Apall, who was born on April 11, 1833 in The Netherlands, passed away in Grand Haven on June 25, 1888, and was buried at Lake Forest. Harm died in Grand Haven on May 30, 1905 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **John Vander Sande [1868-1951]**

Born in The Netherlands on October 29, 1868, John Vander Sande came to the United States about 1907. He was employed at various times by Braak's Bakery, Grand Haven Baking Company, Home Baking Company, and Spoelma's Bakery. He was a member of the First Reformed Church. John and Tillie Wessies of Grand Haven were married in Chicago. He died at his home, 528 Elliott Street, on March 24, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 26, 1951.]

#### **Richard Marvin Vander Stel [1912-1978]**

Richard Vander Stel was president of Di-X-Cell Tool Industries, a die-making company he founded in 1966. He was born on March 31, 1912 in Grand Rapids and married Elizabeth Gertrude Hobeke in his hometown on January 18, 1935. Their son Richard Cornelius Vander Stel was born on November 1, 1936 and joined his father in the business. Richard and Elizabeth had three other children. Richard died in Grand Haven on September 4, 1978, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth was born in Grand Rapids on December 26, 1914 and passed away on September 27, 1996 in Grand Haven and was buried with her husband.

#### **Richard Cornelius Vander Stel [1936-2016]**

Richard Vander Stel II was vice president of Di-X-Cell Tool Industries, a die-making company founded in 1966 by his father, Richard Martin Vander Stel. The plant was located at 1604 Marion. Patricia Vander Stel, wife of the younger Richard, was secretary. Richard was born in Grand Rapids on November 1, 1936 and died on April 15, 2016 in Spring Lake. He married Patricia Louise Townshend, also originally from Grand Rapids, who lived from November 5, 1937 to March 1, 2015. The couple had three children and resided at 1611 Colfax.

#### **Arie Vander Sys [Vander Sijs] [1884-1963]**

Catherina Maria Johanna Kop was born in The Netherlands on September 10, 1881. She married Arie Vander Sys in their home country on March 15, 1905. Also a native of The Netherlands, he was born on May 16, 1884. The family immigrated to the United States around 1914 and settled in Ferrysburg. By that time, they had eight children. Another son, William Vander Sys, who was born in Ferrysburg on August 27, 1922. In 1930, Arie was a carpenter and in 1940 he was a cabinet maker at Story & Clark Piano Company in Grand Haven. He died San Diego County, California on February 28, 1963. Catherine passed away in San Diego County on April 1, 1969. Both were buried at Greenwood Memorial Park in San Diego.

#### **Arthur Vander Sys [Sijs] [1906-1987]**

Arthur Vander Sys was born in The Netherlands on April 1, 1906. Travelling with his parents, Arie [1884-1963] and Katherine Kop [1881-1969] Vander Sys, he and his parents arrived in the United States from Rotterdam aboard the liner *Amsterdam* on April 1, 1914. On May 5, 1928 in Grand Rapids, Art married Johanna "Hannah" Veltman, who was born on February 23, 1909. However, the 1930 Federal Census listed Art as a single man, living in Spring Lake with his parents, and working as truck driver. In the Grand

Haven census that year, Hannah was noted as divorced, living with her parents, and working as a machine operator at Peerless Glove Company. If they were divorced, they were soon reunited. In 1940, Art was a core maker in a local foundry. He and Hannah lived in a farmhouse on U.S. 31 in Ferrysburg. In 1949, the couple opened the 15-unit North Shore Deluxe Cabins/Motel on that site, later given the address 17552 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue [also called Ferrysburg Road and Old Grand Haven Road]. By the mid-1970s, Louis and Kathy Groeneveld were owners. Art died in Spring Lake on November 11, 1987. Hannah passed away in Crockery Township on November 19, 1994. Their children were Norma J. Vander Sys, born about 1935; Dennis Vander Sys, born about 1940; and Rodney Vander Sys, born about 1945. Arthur and William Vander Sys I were brothers.

#### **William Vander Sys [1889-1967]**

Born on June 2, 1889 in The Netherlands, Bill married Johanna “Anna” Kopp in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on June 14, 1911. Also a native of The Netherlands, Johanna was born on February 6, 1889 and died on October 11, 1952 in Grand Haven. Bill, Johanna, and their son Arthur arrived in the United States on May 7, 1913. Bill and Johanna settled first in Chicago and later moved to Spring Lake. William was a carpenter. He passed away on June 1, 1967. He and Johanna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had five children, including William II, who was born on August 16, 1922. William and Arthur Vander Sys were brothers.

#### **William Vander Sys II [1922-2002]**

William Vander Sys II, the son of William and Johanna “Anna” Kopp Vander Sys, was born on August 16, 1922. On May 19, 1950, he married Ruth L. Robinson in Grand Rapids. A pattern maker, in 1960 Bill was working at Continental Motors in Muskegon, but in the 1970s he was working for Monarch Company in Fruitport. Ruth was a Community Education Aide with the Grand Haven Public Schools. By 1986, Bill was retired, and he and Ruth were living at 17246 Van Wagoner Road, land formerly owned by his parents and today the site of Trillium Event Center. William passed away on January 31, 2002 and was buried at United Church of the Dunes Remembrance Garden. Ruth lived from July 3, 1924 to March 9, 2015. Bill and Ruth had four children: Daniel Vander Sys, Douglas Vander Sys, Jeffrey Vander Sys, and Steven.

#### **William Vander Sys [1922-2010]**

William, the son of Arie and Katherine Kop [Copp] Vander Sys, was born in Ferrysburg on August 27, 1922. He served as seaman first class with the U.S. Navy during World War II. On October 28, 1949, he married Lois Elaine Dalrymple in Muskegon. Bill was a member of American Legion Charles A. Conklin Post #28 and the Grand Haven Elks Club, and the couple attended Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. In the mid-1950s Bill was a bookkeeper at Grand Haven Motors, but by 1960, he was employed as an accountant at Continental Motors in Muskegon. He and Lois resided at 300 Visser Street in Spring Lake then and into the early 1990s. By 1993, they had moved to 14715 Calgary Street in Spring Lake. Lois was born on November 22, 1930 in Muskegon and passed away on June 18, 2008. Bill died on October 9, 2010. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had four children: Lois, Fred, Jack, and Gerald.

#### **Arend Vander Veen [Vanderveen] [1840-1930]**

Born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on September 19, 1840, Arend was the brother of Christian, who became minister of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven, and Jacob, who became a druggist, also in Grand Haven. In 1847 Arend and his family joined the second Van Raalte colony that settled on Black Lake [Macatawa Lake] near Holland. Arend studied for the ministry at Van Vleck Hall [Hope College] but did not become a preacher and began instead to study medicine under the tutelage of a local physician. On September 11, 1861, just months after the Civil War broke out, he joined Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, called the “Wandering Regiment,” and became known as the “boy surgeon.” He was named assistant surgeon on February 26, 1863 and discharged in July 1865. Arend was on guard duty in Washington, D.C. after the war and was a witness to the court martial of the group that assassinated



President Lincoln and the hanging of David Herold, Mary Surratt, George Atzerodt, and Lewis Payne in the Capitol Prison Courtyard.

Following his discharge, Arend attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and returned to Grand Haven and began his practice of medicine in 1868. He did a special study of malarial diseases at the University of Alabama where he obtained his medical degree. Arend was said to have delivered over 4,200 infants during the 60 years of his professional career, and he was called to nearby cities for consultations. He had a gold-colored horse called "Ned" whom everyone loved and which he used even after the auto had been perfected. If the doctor was out on sick calls, his wife mounted the stairs to the tower in their home, signaled with a lantern to let him know there was an emergency, and dispatched a man to tell the doctor where he was wanted. Arend was alderman for the First Ward on the first City Council in 1867, a member of the Board of Health, and a member of the Grand Haven Concert Band.

Arend married Kate Elizabeth Howard of Holland on September 14, 1869. Kate was born in Grand Haven in December 1850 [1849] and became a physician after studying at Sacred Heart Convent in Detroit. She learned to speak Dutch so that she could understand the medical needs of her local patients, many of them born in The Netherlands.

The Vander Veens built a home on the hill at 508 Washington, across from the later City Hall. The couple had two daughters: Marian, who was born on July 12, 1870 and married Henry Dubee of Grand Haven; and Marguerite, who was born in August 1886, married Charles Floyd, and settled in Detroit. The doctor died on March 14, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Kate applied for a widow's Civil War pension after his death. She died on January 26, 1935 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, March 15, 1930, and *Grand Rapids Press* article, "Veteran Doctor of G. H. Lives Eventful Life," June 15, 1929.]

#### **Christian Vander Veen [1838-1896]**

Born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands in 1838, Christian was the brother of Jacob and Dr. Arend Vander Veen. Like them, he came to Holland in 1847 with his parents. He attended Hope College and later went to Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he graduated with a degree in theology. From 1861 to 1868 he was the first minister of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, and between 1875 and 1879 he was minister at Drenthe Reformed Church. After various other pastorates he returned to Grand Haven to serve the Second Reformed church for five years. He held many important positions in his synod and was once president of the Reformed Synod of America. Christian was a Democratic candidate in the 1880s for regent of the University of Michigan. He retired in Grand Rapids, where he filled in for pastors in the area when his health permitted. His wife Maria was born in New York about 1838. Their children included Charlotte, born about December 1869; Richard, born about 1872; Christian, born about 1873; Maria L., born about 1875 in Colorado; Hugh M., born about 1877; Theodore, born about 1879; Frank; Agnes; Edward; James; and Louise. Except for Maria, the children were born in Michigan. Christian died at his home in Grand Rapids on October 14, 1896. [*Tribune* obituary, October 17, 1896.]

#### **Claude Friant Vander Veen [1879-1960]**

Claude, the son of Jacob and Adelaide Vander Veen, was born in Grand Haven on September 29, 1879. He was a partner in the Vander Veen & Ehrmann Insurance Company, and he served Grand Haven as alderman in 1914 and 1915. On April 29, 1916 he married Katherine [Kathryn] Collins. They resided at 115 Sherman and attended St. John's Episcopal Church. Claude was a member of the Elks and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died July 22, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Katherine, who was born on October 1, 1887 in Michigan, died on September 15, 1959 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Their children, all born locally, were Russell, born on January 20, 1920; Jane, born about 1913; Patricia, born about 1915; and Gretchen, born about January 1920.

#### **Jacob Vander Veen [1844-1938]**

Born in January 1844 in The Netherlands, Jacob came to Holland, Michigan in 1847 with his parents as part of the Van Raalte group. The trip took 56 days to cross the Atlantic and an additional 25 days to get from New York City to Holland. His father, who was a coppersmith, died in 1849 and his mother started a hardware store in Holland at Eighth and Lake Avenue. In 1861 Jacob and his mother moved to a house in Grand Haven on the southeast corner of Fifth and Washington Streets [502 Washington], next door to the house his brother, Dr. Arend Vander Veen, later built. Jacob was a member of the first graduating class of 1861 at Hope College, where he got his degree as a registered pharmacist. He then worked in New York with several drug companies and came to Grand Haven, where he started the Vander Veen Drug Store at 136 Washington Street. He operated the store for 35 years until 1918 [1914] when he sold it to John W. Mulder. Jacob was City treasurer in 1920 and 1921 and again in 1923 and 1924. He also was chief of the Fire Department.

Around 1881 Jacob formed a company with John W. Cook and an unnamed "Grand Haven lumberman" to carry out lumbering operations in Wisconsin. The business was named Cook, Vanderveen & Company. In mid-September 1881, the company purchased the Monroe, Boyce & Company saw and shingle mill at Spring Lake, which they planned to move to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where they had extensive holdings in real estate and equipment. The Spring Lake mill was to be converted into a combination band and circular mill.

On February 14, 1876 in Grand Haven, Jacob married Adelaide [Adeline] Russell, Adelaide was born in Michigan January 1852. Their children included Claude F, who was born in September 1878 in Michigan; Kate R., who was born in August 1880 and married Edward Pippel; Arend, born in September 1885; and Maurice, who moved to Grand Rapids. The family attended St. John's Episcopal Church. Jacob died on May 17, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 17, 1938 and *Grand Rapids Press* obituary, May 18, 1938.]

#### **Russell J. Vander Veen [1920-1995]**

Born on January 27, 1920 Russell was the son of Claude F. and Katherine Vander Veen. He graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] with a bachelor degree in economics. During WWII he served in the Pacific Theater with the Marines as a first lieutenant and returned to serve as alderman of Grand Haven from April 14, 1947 to April 23, 1951. He was employed as manager of Norge Machine Products Corp. in Muskegon and later became a New York Life Insurance agent. Russell was a member of the Elks and St. Patrick's Church. He had three children. The family resided at 603 Lafayette Street and later at 607 Lake Avenue. Russell died June 27, 1995 in Dover, Delaware. [*Tribune* articles, Source: August 8, 1947 and "Vander Veen Given Award," April 24, 1951.]

#### **Hendrik "Henry" Vanderveere [Vandervere, Vander Veere, Van Der Veer] I [1800-1869]**

Henry Vanderveere was born in The Netherlands in 1800 and sometime after 1850 became a commercial fisherman in Newark, Allegan County and later in Grand Haven. His wife, Pieterella "Nellie" Young, lived from September 7, 1812 to February 24, 1904. Henry and Nellie had at least five children, all born in The Netherlands: Pieter, who was born about 1836, married Mary Ann Semple, resided in Muskegon, and died on February 25, 1899; Cornelius, who lived from 1838 to 1914; Kaatje "Catherine," who lived from 1841 to 1931 and was married to John de Haas of Muskegon; Teunis "Tony," born on October 12, 1843; Maria, who was born in The Netherlands on July 2, 1845 married Martinus De Glopper of Grand Haven, and died in 1934; and Henry II, born on September 30, 1849. The home of Henry and Nellie Vanderveere was at 436 Slayton. Henry died on March 14, 1869 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Nellie later was buried.

#### **Hendrik "Henry" Vanderveere II [1849-1898]**

Henry, the son of Cornelius and Pieterella Vanderveere, was born in The Netherlands on September 30, 1849. He came to the United States with his parents as a boy and, like his father, became a commercial fisherman. On November 21, 1877 in Grand Haven, he married Jantje "Jane" Wierenga. Born about 1856

in The Netherlands, she was the daughter of Pieter and Aaltje Ostma Wierenger of Grand Haven. Henry and Jane had at least three children, all born in Grand Haven: Alice, who was born about 1879; Peter, born on February 14, 1884; Nellie, who was born in 1886 and married Nels Anderson of Spring Lake; and Cornelius, born on July 12, 1894. Alice married Alexander Miller in Spring Lake on January 21, 1906. Alexander, of Chicago, was 36 years old at the time of the marriage. Henry, Jane, and their children lived on Columbus Street. Alice died in Grand Rapids on May 13, 1922. Henry died in Chicago on February 17, 1898.

#### **Henry Vanderveere [Vander Vere, Vander Veere] [1869-1946]**

Henry Vanderveere was born in Grand Haven on May 16, 1869 and lived there all his life. He began his trade as a barber in the Cutler House Barber Shop when he was 13 years old. He worked two years for Louis Lehman and then opened his own shop at 710 Washington Street in the early 1900s and continued until 1945. In 1908, Henry was one of eight barbers in Grand Haven. He cut hair for nearly half a century and became known as “Dean of Barbers.” Henry was the son of Captain Tony and Nellie De Voss Vanderveere. Tony was a commercial fisherman who worked out of Grand Haven. The Vanderveere home was at 436 Slayton Street. Henry died on November 16, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Teunis “Tony” Vanderveere [1843-1923]**

A Grand Haven fisherman, Tony was the son of Henry and Nellie Vanderveere. Tony’s wife, Nellie, was born in The Netherlands in June 1847 [1849] and passed away in 1933. Their children were Henry, born in June 1869; Nellie, born in September 1870; Herbert, born in December 1880; Jennie, born in October 1884; Peter and Mary, twins who were born in June 1888; and Edward, who was born in March 1889 [1890] and died in 1922. Tony, who was born in The Netherlands on October 12, 1843, died in 1923. He, Nellie, and Edward were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Vanderveeres.

#### **Age [August] Van Der Wagen [Vanderwagen] [1848-1932]**

August Van Der Wagen was listed in the 1891, 1893, 1903, and 1909 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as an “apiarist” in Ferrysburg. He was born in Friesland, The Netherlands on December 27, 1848 and immigrated to the United States on June 9, 1873. He married Wilhelmina Berendina on December 22, 1874. She was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on August 30, 1850. August died on October 4, 1932. Wilhelmina passed away in Ferrysburg on January 19, 1942. She and August were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had eight children. August Vander Wagen of Ferrysburg was their grandson.

#### **August Vander Wagen [Vanderwagen] [1906-1989]**

Born in Ferrysburg on March 17, 1906, August Vander Wagen by 1948 was owner and operator of Vander Wagen Iron & Metal Company at 520 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. His father, Jacob Vander Wagen, had run a carpenter/contractor business from the same address, and his grandfather, August Van Der Wagen was a farmer and apiarist in Ferrysburg. In 1930 August worked at a gravel plant in the area, and ten years later he was a crane operator at an undisclosed business. He married Lenore Warner in Coopersville on May 29, 1928. They had two daughters, Marlene Vander Wagen, born in November 1928 and Rose Marie Vander Wagen, born in November the next year. Lenore, who was born in Glen Arbor, Lenawee County on February 1, 1907, passed away on August 29, 1955. August died on January 29, 1989 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. August is credited with building a tugboat in 1953 that was still operating in 2021 in Lorain, Ohio. He closed his business around 1960. [Personal correspondence with Samuel Hankinson.]

#### **Jacob Vander Wagen [Vanderwagen] [1880-1962]**

Born on December 26, 1880, Jacob Vander Wagen married Alta Stearns in Ferrysburg on August 17, 1905. Alta was born about 1881. They had at least four children, all born in Ferrysburg: August, born on March 17, 1906; Helen, born about 1908; Wilma, born about 1909; and Freda, born on December 16,

1914. Jake, a carpenter, ran his business from the family home at 520 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. In the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* he was listed as a building contractor. Jake and Alta were divorced on February 24, 1919. In 1928 Jacob and his second wife, Maude, had a daughter named Donna. Jacob died in 1962 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Maude, who was born in The Netherlands about 1888, passed away on May 17, 1937. Alta remarried, moved west, and died in Seattle, Washington on June 15, 1948.

#### **Gerald “Jerry” Dean Vander Wall [Vanderwall] [1923-1997]**

Jerry, the son of William and Grace Cook Vander Wall, was born in Grand Rapids on September 27, 1923. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII. On June 16, 1945, he married Rosemary Rank in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Haven on November 19, 1924. Jerry followed in his father’s footsteps and entered the family-owned business, Vanderwall Bros. Concrete Products, located at 19156 Old Grand Haven Road, about two miles north of Ferrysburg. Lakeshore Redi-Mix, located nearby at 19126 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in 1978 purchased the Vander Wall business. The Vander Walls resided at 1604 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Jerry died on April 1, 1997, and Rosemary passed away on April 13, 2017. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Vander Wall [Vanderwall] I [1890-1955]**

Born on February 6, 1890 in Spring Lake, William was the son of Claus Vander Wall, brother of Peter and Henry Vanderwall of Spring Lake, Mrs. Robert Loosemore of Grand Rapids, and Susan, wife of Orrie De Bruyn of Grand Haven. Claus was born in The Netherlands around 1848. William began work as a road builder in Muskegon County and in 1922 started a concrete block business known as Vander Wall Bros. Block Plant. He served with the military during WWI and was a member of the American Legion. On June 29, 1921 he married Grace Cook in Grand Rapids. They resided on Route 2 in Spring Lake Township. Their children included Beverly Vander Wall; Kay Sue Vander Wall; William Vander Wall II, born on September 5, 1922; Debbie De Gram Vander Wall; and Gerald Dean Vanderwall, born in Grand Rapids on September 27, 1923. William died on April 2, 1955 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Grace was born on July 12, 1889 and died in Spring Lake on March 10, 1985. Gerald and William II ran the concrete business after their father’s death. [*Tribune* obituary, April 2, 1955.]

#### **William Vander Wall [Vanderwall] II [1922-2011]**

Following their father’s death in 1955, William Vander Wall and his brother Gerald Vander Wall took over the family concrete business and gave it the name Vander Wall Bros. Concrete Products. They sold the business in 1978 to Lakeshore Redi-Mix. William, the son of William and Grace Cook Vander Wall, was born on September 5, 1922. He served as sergeant with the U.S. Army during WWII. On May 24, 1947 he married Lois Parchert in Grand Haven. She lived from December 10, 1927, passed away on July 23, 2018, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. William died on August 12, 2011 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Donald A. Vander Wier [1930-1981]**

In 1962 Donald Vander Wier started Beacon Steel Supply at 1600 Madison in Grand Haven. He was born on February 14, 1930 and died in Norton Shores on November 30, 1981.

#### **James T. Vander Zalm I [1867-1938]**

Born in Grand Haven on July 25, 1867, James Vander Zalm was proprietor of the Novelty Store, also known as the Cheap Cash Department Store, at 208 Washington Street in Grand Haven in a structure called the Vander Zalm Building. He later renamed his business the Vander Zalm Variety Store. On January 4, 1888 in Grand Haven, he married Johanna Moll [Mull]. Johanna was born in Michigan on July 18, 1866 and died on June 25, 1937. James died one year later and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. They lived at 200 Clinton. Their son, James II, born on September 1, 1889, ran the store after his father’s death. They had at least two other sons, Theodore P. and L. Edward, who graduated from

Grand Haven High School in 1911. Theodore was born on October 16, 1891 and died in Lansing on February 3, 1973. He married Elida Marie Knudsen, who lived from November 8, 1893 to February 12, 1961. It was Elida's second marriage. Edward was born in November 1895. They also had a daughter, Ethel May Vander Zalm, who was born on May 27, 1897 and married Sabin L. Nienhouse [Nienhuis.

#### **James T. Vander Zalm II [1889-1972]**

James II, the son of James and Johanna Vander Zalm, was born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1889. He and his wife, Amelia M. Farmer, who was born about 1891, lived at 123 Howard Street. James took over the family store at 208 Washington after his father's death. James died on November 9, 1972 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Amelia passed away around November 9, 1955 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Teunis "Toney" ["Tony"] Vander Zalm [1844-1880]**

Toney Vander Zalm was killed accidentally, evidently in a mishap with a train at the Pere Marquette Station, on October 11, 1880 at the age of 36. His wife, Dora Voss, was born on April 15, 1851 and came to the Grand Haven area with her parents when she was six. One of Vander Zalms' daughters, Nellie, was born in Grand Haven on November 15, 1875 and died in 1937. Another daughter, Jennie Mathilde, was born in Grand Haven in 1879 and married Henry Bolt of Grand Haven. Dora never remarried after her young husband's untimely death. She died at Jennie's home at 719 Pennoyer on August 14, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Tony. [*Tribune* article, August 14, 1917.]

#### **John Vander Zwaag [1918-1988]**

John was born in Spring Lake on May 11, 1918. He was greenskeeper at Spring Lake Country Club. He died at his home at 317 East River Street in Spring Lake on August 8, 1988 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 11, 1988.]

#### **John Lambert Vander Zwaag [1872-1958]**

John, the son of Lambert and Gertrude Bolhuis Vander Zwaag, was born in Spring Lake on July 31, 1872. He started the first trash collection business in Spring Lake. He also worked several years for Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg. On November 29, 1890 he married Antje [Anna/Annie] Y. Huizenga in Holland, Michigan. She was born on January 29, 1873 in Holland and died in Spring Lake on November 3, 1949. They had ten children, all born in Michigan: Lambert, born on March 22, 1891; Margaret, who was born June 17, 1893 [1894] and married Hilbrand Bol of Grand Haven; Benjamin, born in May 1897 [1897]; Gertrude, who was born in October 1899 and married Edward Rosema; Helen, who was born in Kalamazoo on December 31, 1901 and married Andrew Peterson of Spring Lake; Minnie, who was born May 19, 1908 and married Ralph De Young; Edith, who was born about 1910 and married Gerrit Vander Lee; Jeanette, who was born about 1912 and married Louis De Young; Louise, who was born on May 21, 1914, married Stuart Vander Lee of Spring Lake, and died in Grand Rapids on January 5, 2000; and Della, who married Adrian Vanden Bosch. John died in Grand Rapids on December 24, 1958 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "J. Vander Zwaag Taken by Death," December 26, 1958.]

#### **Lambert H. Vander Zwaag [Vanderswaag] [1844-1926]**

Lambert Vander Zwaag married Gertrude Bolhuis in their native county, The Netherlands, in 1864. Gertrude lived from April 1844 [1836] to 1883. Lambert who was born on April 5, 1844, came to America when he was 22, spent two years in Paterson, New Jersey, and then moved to Spring Lake. The Vander Zwaags owned a farm in Section 8 of Crockery Township. Among their 11 children were Henry, born in August 1871; John L., born on July 3, 1872; Jane, born in August 17, 1880; and Jacob. Lambert died in Spring Lake on April 22, 1926 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* article, "L. Vander Zwaag Dies Thursday in Spring Lake, April 23, 1926.]

#### **Lambert H. Vander Zwaag [1891-1965]**

Lambert was elected president of Spring Lake Village in 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944. The son of John L. and Anna Huizenga Vander Zwaag, Lambert was born in Holland, Michigan on March 26, 1891 and died on October 1, 1965. On August 11, 1916, he married Elizabeth Rose, who was born in Michigan on February 20, 1898. They resided at 317 East River in Spring Lake. In 1918 Lambert was a machinist at the Challenge Company and resided in Spring Lake. In 1930 he resided in Crockery Township and was classified as a laborer. Lambert and Elizabeth had eight children. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Johannes “John” Van Dongen [Van Dong] I [1845-1934]**

John Van Dongen was a mason by trade. Under the direction of homeowner Charles Soule, in 1881 he built the first central furnace in Grand Haven by laying a square of brick walls around a four-foot stove at 527 Lafayette. This method was in common use in stores and large buildings. The stove was sufficiently large to take the regulation cordwood of the day, as well as slabs from the mills. Charles Soule’s son, Edward, wrote that it “made a wonderful heating plant that soon became the talk of the town.” John was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a laborer.

John married Ida [Eda] Erkens on January 27, 1866 in The Netherlands. John and Ida came to the United States in 1872. In Grand Haven, they lived at 14 North Seventh Street. Their children included John II, who was born in The Netherlands in April 1868; Philip, who was born in The Netherlands about 1870 and died on February 23, 1938; William, born in 1875; Cornelia Johanna, who was born on July 25, 1877 and married Peter Koopman of Grand Haven; Henry, who was born in September 1884, married Augusta Hubert, and died on February 21, 1934; Abram [Abraham], who was born in November 1885, took up the trade of masonry, and died on February 20, 1956; Ida, who was born on December 17, 1886, married Earl Herbert Fulsher, and then married Klass Cornelius Rink of Grand Haven, and died in Grand Haven on October 25, 1950; Walter, who was born in December 1888 and died on June 6, 1931; and Albert. All the children except John and Philip were born locally. The Van Dongens were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. John I, who was born in The Netherlands on November 12, 1845, died on December 21, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ida, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from May 21, 1849 to March 30, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **John Van Dongen II [1868-1916]**

John II, the son of John and Ida Van Dongen, was born in The Netherlands on April 12, 1868. John, a bartender, married Josephine Smith on March 8, 1899. They lived at 703 Elliott. John died on June 3, 1916. Josephine was born in Pennsylvania in May 1869 and passed away on January 23, 1952. At the time of her death, she lived at 510 Elliott. The Van Dongens were members of the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Their son Clarence was born in December 1899.

#### **William Van Dongen I [1875-1922]**

Born in Grand Haven on January 21, 1875, William was the son of John and Ida Van Dongen. He was employed for many years at the Grand Trunk terminal. On October 20, 1897 he married Edith M. Johnson of Robinson Township. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Ida, who was born about 1899 and married John Timmer of Muskegon; Fred, who was born December 3, 1900 and died in Muskegon on June 8, 1973; Gertrude, who was born April 8, 1904, married Fred Rescorla of Grand Haven, and died September 14, 1980; Gerald, who was born June 16, 1911 and died October 11, 1967; William II, who was born April 30, 1917 and died February 28, 1971 in Windsor, Eaton County; Alice; and Anna. William died at his home, 625 Elliott, on September 7, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, September 8, 1922.]

#### **Cornelius [Cornelis] Van Doorne [1842-1903]**

Cornelius Van Doorne was born in The Netherlands, in March 1842. He was the son of Martinus and Maria De Bruin Van Doorne. At the age of nine, Cornelius immigrated to the United States with his parents and settled near Buffalo, New York.

In 1866 Cornelius married Anneke [Ameke] Verwy, who was born at Geldersmaalsche, The Netherlands, on February 24, 1849. Anneke moved to Buffalo with her parents when she was two years old, and her family arrived in Grand Haven the next year. Cornelius and Anneke lived on an 80-farm in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Cornelius died at his home on January 27, 1903. At the time of her death on October 18, 1912, Anneke shared her home, then located at 734 Washington, with a son and his family. Among the Van Doornes' 15 children, all born locally, were Martje "Martha," who was born in 1858 and married Dick Gringhuis; Cornelius J., who was born in April 1869 and after 1900 moved with his wife Marie to Snoqualmie, Washington and later to Vavenby, British Columbia; Martinus, born on December 25, 1870; Marinus S., born about 1871; John C., who born about 1874 and on February 23, 1898 in Grand Haven married Clara Warber; Annike "Anna," who was born in May 1878 and married Adrianis Botybl in Grand Rapids on January 25, 1911; Dirk [Derk], who was born in February 1880 and married Martha Reenders; Margae, born in February 1882; Cornelia, who was born on September 9, 1885 and on December 5, 1907 married Benjamin Borgman; Annas [Annis] C., who was born in January 1888 and on November 2, 1910 in Grand Haven married Mary, the daughter of George and Fredrica Botbyl; Peter, born in June 1892; and Haline, who was born about 1898 and married Benjamin Borgman of Grand Haven. Annas and his wife Mary remained in the family home at 734 Washington after Anneke's death. Her brother Derk "Dick" Verwy also lived in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 28, 1903 and October 19, 1912.]

#### **Dirk [Derk, Dick] Van Doorne [1881-1952]**

The son of Cornelius and Anneke Ver Wy Van Doorne, Dirk was born on February 28, 1881. On June 15, 1904, he and Martha Reenders were married in Grand Haven. Martha, the daughter of Alle and Grietje Nederveld Reenders of Grand Haven Township, was born on January 12, 1882 and died in Grand Haven on July 31, 1950. Dirk was a carpenter. The Van Doornes lived at 523 Slayton Street in Grand Haven. He died on September 12, 1952. Martha had passed away on August 3, 1950. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Jason Van Doorne [1916-1992]**

Jason, the son of John C. and Clara Van Doorne, was born on August 2, 1916. He married Maria Helena Nielsen in Muskegon on October 18, 1939. She lived from August 31, 1917 to June 26, 1998. They resided at 316 Fifth Street in Ferrysburg. Jason was an agent for Allstate Insurance. He died on August 26, 1992.

#### **George C. Van Doorne [1911-1963]**

George Van Doorne started Ferry Heights Products at 520 Oak Street in Ferrysburg in 1962. His company did metal stamping and fabricating, welding, and assembly. Born on February 27, 1911, George died on May 12 the next year. On February 14, 1931 he married Doris Cook in Grand Haven. Born in Ferrysburg on November 13, 1914, she married Lou De Boer after George's death. Doris passed away in Muskegon on November 29, 2008. She and George were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John M. Van Doorne [1858-1929]**

Born in Grand Haven Township on May 18, 1858, John was the son of Martinus and Maria De Bruin Van Doorne. Maria was born in September 1821 and came to the United States in 1851. John owned 60 acres in Section 4 and 80 acres in nearby Section 3 of Grand Haven Township and served on the Township School Board and was treasurer of the Stone School District from the time of its opening in 1911 until his death. Stone School was on the southeast corner of Ferris Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue. On October 21, 1883 in Grand Haven, he married Olchercline "Dena" Tempel Dena lived from March 1862 to 1916. Their children included Martin Jay, who was born in December 1885 and moved to Grand Rapids; Gertie, born in August

1887; Maria, born in December 1889; and Rena, who was born in December 1895 and died on January 11, 1988 in Grand Haven. Gertrude and her husband, Ed Haan, moved into the Van Doorne homestead. John died at his home on September 23, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 26, 1902 and September 24, 1925.]

#### **Martin Van Doorne I [1853-1921]**

Born in Grand Island, New York on November 2, 1853, Martin Van Doorne was the son of Martinus and Maria De Bruin Van Doorne and the brother Martinus of Grand Haven Township. Martin I came to Grand Haven Township as a child. He served the township as supervisor, treasurer, and justice of the peace. On October 23, 1874 in Grand Haven, he married Elizabeth, the daughter of William Balgooyen of Grand Haven. Elizabeth was born in The Netherlands in May 1855 and died June 1, 1908 in Grand Haven. Elizabeth's father, Peter Balgooyen, was born in July 1849 and came to the United States in 1870 with his family, including Elizabeth. The Van Doornes' children were Marie, who was born on July 1, 1876 and married Frank Stegenga of Grand Haven; Martin II, born on June 2, 1885; Minnie, who was born on May 7, 1887 and married Klaus Reenders of Grand Haven; and Jeanette [Janette], who was born on August 9, 1890 and on November 19, 1901 married Leon Ver Way [Ver Wey] of Muskegon. The Van Doornes were members of the First Reformed church. They owned two 40-acre parcels in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. Martin died on January 18, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 18, 1921.]

#### **Martin Van Doorne II [1885-1922]**

Martin, the son of Martin I and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne, was born on June 28, 1885. In the early 1900s, he was a dealer in farm implements and buggies at 210 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. By 1917 he had a contracting and building business at 1203 Columbus. On November 28, 1908 in Grand Haven, he married Kate Van Zanten. Martin died November 1, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Kate married Anthony Hoebeke of Grand Haven after her husband's death.

#### **Martinus [Marinus] Van Doorne [1802-1882]**

Martinus Van Doorne was born on September 13, 1802 in The Netherlands and died on December 19, 1882. His wife, also a native of The Netherlands, was Maria De Bruin [De Bruyn], who lived from September 14, 1821 to April 16, 1902. They immigrated to America about 1851, going first to the Buffalo, New York area, then settling on 80 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. Among their children were Gertrude, who was born in The Netherlands on July 12, 1833 and married Berend Middag of Grand Haven; Cornelius, born in The Netherlands in 1842; Maria, who was born in Grand Island, New York on January 26, 1852 and married Cornelius Bos in 1873; Martin, born in Grand Island, New York on November 2, 1853; and John, born in Grand Haven Township on May 18, 1858. Both Van Doornes were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Martinus [Marinus] C. Van Doorne [1870-1960]**

Born on December 25, 1870 in Grand Haven Township, Martinus was the son of Cornelius and Anneke Van Doorne. His brother, Peter, lived in Grand Rapids. Martinus was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company for 25 years and then did carpentry work. He retired about 1955. He was a member of the First Reformed Church. On October 14, 1897 in Grand Haven, he married Reka Laman, who was born in July 1871 and died August 4, 1931. Their children included Hannah, who was born April 19, 1908 and married Joseph E. Kammeraad of Grand Haven; Cornelius, born on September 22, 1898; and Arthur, who was born on March 1, 1903. Both Cornelius and Arthur resided in Spring Lake. Martinus died on March 20, 1960 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 21, 1960.]

#### **Dale Rodger Van Dort [1928-2003]**

Dale Van Dort started Van Dort Insurance Agency, located at 515 South Beacon Boulevard. He was born in Holland, Michigan on November 13, 1928 and died in Winter Haven, Florida on December 12, 2003.



On September 8, 1950 he married Karen Lynn Byl in Holland. She was born on September 30, 1932. Their children were Michael, Anthony, Daniel, Matthew, Susan Allred, and Beulah Handweg. Dale was buried at Florida National Cemetery in Sumter County, Florida. [*Tribune* obituary, December 17, 2003.]

#### **Eleazar [Ezekiel] Van Drezer [1801-1864]**

Eleazar Van Drezer in 1845 erected a sawmill on Crockery Creek, later known as the William Thompson Mill. He lived in Crockery for a short time, since by 1850 he was working as an inn keeper in Ionia County. On July 10, 1824, he married Ann [Anna, Polly, Mary] Shupe, who lived from February 6, 1818 to March 11, 1889 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Eleazar was born in 1801 in Pennsylvania and died in 1864 in Ionia County. Among their children was Luman Van Drezer, who was born in Ohio on January 24, 1833 and settled in Grand Haven.

#### **Louis [Lewis] N. Van Drezer [Van Dreezer] [1872-1958]**

Louis was the son of Luman and Alwilda Smith Van Drezer. Louis worked at the American Express Company. He married Hazel "Effie" Tubbs in Lyons, Ionia County, on May 14, 1896. They lived at 449 Slayton Street in Grand Haven. Louis was born on November 14, 1873 and died on February 13, 1958. Hazel was born on July 18, 1871 in Lyons and died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1934 in Grand Haven. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A son, Ross, was born on October 12, 1897 and died on September 7, 1981. After Hazel's death, Louis married Clara May Shulmier of Grand Rapids. She was born on October 22, 1884 and died on March 17, 1977. Louis worked for the American Express office in Grand Haven, and for 26 years sold check protector machines for Hedmen Manufacturing Company in Chicago. Louis and Clara were buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* article, "L.N. Van Dreezer Dies at Age 84," February 14, 1958.]

#### **Luman T. Van Drezer [1833-1903]**

Born in Ohio on January 24, 1833, Luman Van Drezer came to Grand Haven from Illinois in 1843 with his parents. His father, Luman, and his brother, Stephen R., worked at the Crockery Creek sawmill for a few years until they joined their father in a grocery business at Ionia. Stephen was born about 1831, probably in Ohio. Later Luman opened the American House at Saranac and then in 1848 took charge of the Union Hotel at Ionia until 1861. In 1861 Luman returned to Grand Haven and with his wife ran the City Hotel, located at approximately 108 Washington Street in Grand Haven, until it burned down in the February 22, 1866 fire. Luman then rebuilt the structure and reopened the hotel. It became one of the best known in the county. His advertisement in the 1893 *Business Compendium* quoted rates of \$1.00 a day. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow.

On May 17, 1862 Luman married Alwilda Smith, who was born in Indiana on July 25, 1847 and died on June 7, 1923. Their children included William Edward, who was born September 29, 1863 and married Anna White; Mary Amanda, who was born in February 1870, first married George Sheldon, who died in 1890, then in July 1896 in Allendale married Leonard Foster Ralya of Robinson Township, and died about 1936 in Wisconsin; Louis N., who was born in September 1872; Stephen Richard., who was born on July 8, 1877, relocated to Los Angeles, and died in October 1923; Alwilda Julia, who died on December 9, 1885, just under three years old; Edward, born about 1885; and Ross, who was born in January 1897. The Van Drezer family lived on Columbus Street. On December 28, 1900 Luman suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed. He died on September 16, 1903. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the family plot. [*Tribune* obituary, September 16, 1903.]

#### **William E. Van Drezer [1863-1935]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 27, 1863, William was the son of Luman and Alwilda Smith Van Drezer. For 43 years William and his wife ran Van Drezer's Restaurant and Billiard Hall at 19 Washington. He related that William "Buffalo Bill" Cody at one time rented the building for the sale of buffalo hides. William was City alderman from 1905 to 1908, and he served on several civic boards.

On August 20, 1882 William married Elizabeth A. Schmidt in Grand Haven. The daughter of Carl Schmidt, she was born in New York on June 21, 1863. The Van Drezers lived above the restaurant at 19 Washington Street, and they had a cottage on Potawatomie Bayou. Elizabeth, who was born on June 21, 1863, died on August 16, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Dr. Homer F. Van Drezer, a dentist in Grand Rapids for over 30 years, was born in August 1885. Elizabeth died on August 16, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William was injured in an automobile accident and died four months later at Doyle Sanitarium in Grand Rapids on May 1, 1935. He also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 16, 1923 and May 2, 1935.]

**Jan “John” Van Drunen [Van Dreunen, Van Druinen] [1813-1898]**

Jan Van Drunen, who was born on November 26, 1813, came to Grand Haven with his wife and children about 1854. His wife Manike, who was born on February 24, 1805, died of the “grippe” on December 10, 1893. The family resided on Pennoyer Avenue. They had a son, Peter, who was born about March 1837 and died on April 9 [16], 1900, and a daughter, Neltje “Nellie”, who was born about 1841 in The Netherlands and married Aart Van Hall of Grand Haven. Jan died on December 21, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1893.]

**Abram [Abraham] Van Dusen [Van Duzen] [1811-1879]**

Abram Van Dusen, a medical doctor, operated Griffin’s Drug Store in Grand Haven before going to Lemoyne Smith’s Drug Store in Spring Lake about 1856 to replace Dr. Russell J. Collins. He also was “Practicing Physician” at C. H. Peck’s Mill Point Drug Store at the same time. In 1857 Dr. Jacob McNett referred to him as “surgeon in chief” in Nortonville. Abram married Louisa Malcom in 1837 in Canada. The couple remained there until moving to Detroit, where they were residing in 1850. Two years after Louise died on August 28, 1853 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, Abram married Laura Robinson. Abram and Laura were listed in the 1860 Federal Census for Spring Lake Township. Residing with them were two children: Lahira, age 8, and Eugene, age 3; both born in Spring Lake. On October 2, 1861 Abram and Laura had another child, William Abram Van Dusen, born in Spring Lake. William moved to Tulare, California, where he died on October 31, 1919. Laura, who was born in New York about 1823, died in Muskegon on December 25, 1861 after a two-week illness. On November 2, 1862 in Muskegon, Abram was married again, this time to Lucinda Newell, who had a child, Frank, by a previous marriage. Lucinda was born in 1828. Abram, the son of Jacob and Gertrude Van Alstine Van Deusen, was born in Charleston, New York on April 12, 1811 and passed away in Milford, Oakland County, on January 18, 1879.

**Charles Brian Van Dusen [1873-1970]**

See Charles Van Dusen Brian.

**Henrietta Van Dyk [1881-1974]**

Shortly after Julia Soule died at her home on Lafayette Street on May 31, 1945, the cottage she owned on the North Shore was sold to Henrietta Van Dyk. Henrietta had been a teacher in Grand Haven in the early 1900s, but at the time of her purchase she resided and taught in Detroit. She later returned to Grand Haven and lived at 426 Ottawa. Henrietta, the daughter of Jurrien J. and Johanna Van Dyk, was born on December 7, 1881 and died in Tucson, Arizona in February 1974.

**Jurrien J. Van Dyk [Van Dyke] [1850-1905]**

Jurrien Van Dyk was born in The Netherlands on December 15, 1850 and died in Grand Haven on November 7, 1905. He and his wife, Johanna, and their children resided at 517 Jackson Street in Grand Haven. Among their children were Henrietta, who was born in The Netherlands in Decembe, 1881, and Gertrude, who lived from 1884 to 1937. They also had a son, Jacob, who was born in April 1887. Gertrude and Jacob were born locally. In the 1893 *Compendium* Jurrien was listed as a gardener. Johanna was born in The Netherlands in August 1861. She and Jurrien immigrated to the United States in 1882.

### **Johannes “John” Van Dyk [Vandyk, Van Dyke] [1861-1948]**

Born in 1861, John Van Dyk married Henrietta, the daughter of William Helder. With Isaac Dornbos as his partner, John owned a shoe store at 703 Washington in the early 1900s. The business later moved across the street to 704 Washington. They sold the business in 1923 to brothers John and Henry Poel. John Van Dyk and Henrietta resided at 712 Washington and later at 901 Washington. She lived from 1860 to August 2, 1930. John passed away around September 8, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Henrietta.

### **Albert Van Dyke [1858-1919]**

Albert Van Dyke operated a grocery store at 729 Columbus in the early 1900s. He and his wife, Gertrude [Griet], who lived from July 1865 to 1919, resided above the grocery store. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Albert was born in The Netherlands in May 1858. Gertie also was a native of The Netherlands, arrived in the United States in 1882, a year after Albert. Their children, all born locally, were Katie, born in February 1886; Mattie, born in January 1890; Louis, born in February 1895; and Etta, born in July 1897.

### **John Phillip Van Eenenaam [1929-2021]**

John, the son of Gordon and Isla Pruim Van Eenenaam, was born in Grand Rapids in 1929. He graduated from Hope College and the University of Michigan Law School and later in life earned a master's degree from Grand Valley State University. He spent 20 years with the U.S. Navy, including four years of active duty and 16 years in the Naval Reserve. John learned Mandarin at Yale University and assigned to Taiwan with the U.S. Navy intelligence branch. His fiancée Marianne joined him in Taiwan where they were married in 1957.

At the end of his active duty, John practiced law with his father Gordon Van Eenenaam, a Muskegon lawyer and former state senator. John moved to Grand Haven in 1971 and joined Landman Luyendyk. In 1985 he and Randy White formed the law firm Van Eenenaam and White. In 1997, the firm merged with the Scholten Fant law office of Grand Haven. John served as president of the Ottawa County Bar Association, chairman of the building committee of Christ Community Church, president of Grand Haven Rotary Club, president of the North Ottawa Community Hospital Board, chairman of the board of Grand Haven Bank, among other civic responsibilities. John, who was proficient on the four-string banjo, was a founding member of the West Michigan Banjo Club. He and Marianne raised four children. One, John Andrew Van Eenenaam, died of leukemia in 1969. John the father died on Easter morning, April 4, 2021. He and Marianne resided at 17176 Berkshire Drive in Grand Haven Township.

### **George W. Van Etten [1821-1885]**

A native of New York State where he was born July 28, 1821, George Van Etten settled in Crockery Township in 1855 with his brother Samuel. On August 11, 1862 George and Samuel enlisted as private in Company H of the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. On December 15 that year George was taken prisoner of war in Nashville, Tennessee. He was returned on May 15 the next year. George was promoted to blacksmith on April 15, 1864 and mustered out on July 1, 1865. George was in Spoonville by 1877, where he worked for two years at John Spoon's Sawmill. George later went to work for White, Friant, & Company. His wife, Leah C., lived from June 2, 1832 to February 8, 1903. Leah's sister, Jennie, married Henry Ebenezer Plant of Crockery Township. The Van Ettens had three children and lived on approximately 120 acres in Sections 21, 22, and 27 of Crockery Township. George died on March 4, 1885 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with his wife and other family members. His wife applied for a widow's Civil War pension on October 26, 1891.

### **Samuel Van Etten [1827-1891]**

Samuel Van Etten was born in Tompkins County, New York in 1827. When he was five, his family moved to Seneca County, also in New York. In 1847 Samuel enlisted in Company K of the 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Regulars and

served in the Mexican War. He was discharged on August 8, 1848. He moved to Chicago and then on to Kalamazoo. He next relocated to Niles, Ohio, and in 1852 to Steubenville, Ohio, where he worked on the Erie Canal until 1856, when he arrived in Crockery with his brother George. On August 11, 1862 he and George joined Company H of the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry as privates Samuel was promoted to corporal on July 12, 1863 and to sergeant on May 21, 1864. Samuel was mustered out on July 1, 1865 and resumed residency on 95 acres in Section 22 and 27 of Crockery Township. He died on March 28, 1891. On March 4, 1927 Charles H. Van Etten, presumably his son and listed as a "Helpless Child," applied for a miscellaneous Civil War pension.

### **Lee Van Haaften [1930-1988]**

Born on April 30, 1930 in Kalamazoo, Lee was the son of Cornelius and Marion Wilcox Van Haaften. Lee served in the Coast Guard from 1951 to 1954, graduated from Kalamazoo College, and earned a Master of Education degree from Michigan State University. Lee came to Grand Haven in 1957 to work for Dornbos Fisheries. He taught sixth grade in the Grand Haven school system and coached ninth grade basketball. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, American Legion, National Deer Hound Association, and he was active in sports.

On June 22, 1957 Lee married La Mar Ethel Dornbos. The daughter of Harold and Beverly Mills Dornbos, La Mar taught in Grand Haven schools for many years. The Van Haaftens had two children, Virginia Mills, who married Brian McDowell, and Mark. The family resided at 6 McCrea Court. Lee died on October 13, 1988 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. La Mar lived from May 11, 1934 to 2018 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, October 14, 1988.]

### **Eleanor May De Pree Van Haitsma [1921-1992]**

Born in New York City on May 17, 1921, Eleanor Van Haitsma earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She was the daughter of Edward John De Pree [1890-1967] and Alice Benoist [1897-1999]. Eleanor joined the faculty at Hope College in 1950, helped organize the Art Department, and taught there for seven years. She married Titus Van Haitsma on June 1, 1957. Titus had previously been married to Ruth Virginia Olthoff [1911-2000]. He and Eleanor resided in West Olive. Eleanor died in Port Sheldon on September 16, 1992 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. Titus lived from March 3, 1911 to August 13, 2004.

Two of Eleanor's watercolors, "Torremolinos, Costa del Sol" and "Fuschia" were accepted into the Holland Friends of Art Juried Competition in 1984. "Torremolinos" received Honorable Mention. Her work also was exhibited at the 1990 Summer Blooms show sponsored by the Muskegon Museum of Art.

### **Aart Van Hall I [1843-1894]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1843, Aart Van Hall came to Grand Haven around 1849, where he later took up commercial fishing. He married Neltje "Nellie" Van Drunen, who was born in The Netherlands about 1841 and died on August 13, 1888. Elizabeth was the daughter of Jan and Manike Van Drunen. The Van Halls' children, all born locally, included John, who was born about 1862 and suffered from paralysis; Maggie [Manike], who was born in 1864 and married Edward Vandenberg of Spring Lake; another boy who also went by the name of John, born in 1865; Adriannus "Orrie"/"Arie", who was born in 1868 and died on March 15, 1923; Peter, who was born about 1870 and died on May 28, 1916; Henry [Hendrik], born in 1873; Aart II, born in 1875; Jacob, born about 1877; Lizzie, born in April 1880; and Daniel, who was born and died in 1881. The family's home was on Fulton Street. Aart I died on July 24, 1894. [*Tribune* obituary, July 24, 1894.]

### **Edward Lloyd Van Hall [1894-1971]**

In the mid-1930s, Edward Van Hall managed Washington Auto Accessories at 107 Seventh Street. Born in Grand Haven on June 5, 1894, Ed married Pieterke "Nellie" Donselaar in Grand Haven on June 6, 1916. She was born on February 19, 1898. During WWII, he was employed at Challenge Machinery Company.

The couple resided at 326 Franklin Street. He died in Muskegon on February 5, 1971, and Nellie passed away on February 12, 1939. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had six children.

#### **Edwardine Van Hall [1918-2003]**

See Edwardine Van Hall Olsen.

#### **Erastus “Ray” [Raymond Erastus] Van Hall [1892-1941]**

Captain Ray Van Hall was a commercial fisherman out of the port of Grand Haven. He started his fishing career as a youngster in 1906. He worked for Captains Van Zanten, Fase, and O’Beck before setting out on his own. In the early 1930s he operated the only gasoline-driven tug in the Grand Haven fishing fleet, the *Arlene*. [See also Adrian O’Beck I for a similar claim.] Earlier he owned the steam tug *Viola*. He fished exclusively for whitefish. His vessel named RVH was launched in 1936.

Ray, the son of John and Nellie Van Hall of Grand Haven, was born on July 20, 1892. On September 22, 1920 he married Charlotte “Lottie” Wekenman in Reed City, Osceola County. She was born in Reed City on May 16, 1892. She and Ray had two children, Welby Thomas Van Hall [1921-1981], and Arlene Ione Van Hall, who was born on December 21, 1922 and married Andrew Theodore Hass of Grand Haven. The Van Halls lived at 308 Madison Street. Ray passed away on October 8, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lottie died in Grand Haven on September 19, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest. Clara Wekenman, who also resided in Grand Haven, was her sister. [See Clara Wekenman for more about Lottie.]

#### **Eugene Arthur Van Hall [1926-1999]**

Eugene Van Hall was killed in an automobile accident in Spring Lake Township on September 2, 1999. He was born on August 5, 1926 in Grand Haven, the son of Lawrence and Martha Kielberg Van Hall. His first wife, Jean [Joan] Richardson, whom he married on January 17, 1948, was born in Muskegon Heights on June 13, 1928, died on June 22, 1971, and was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery, where Eugene also was interred. Eugene married Betty L. Wildey on June 27 four years after Jean’s death. Betty was born on March 6, 1926 and passed away in Grand Haven on August 9, 2001. Eugene was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church and was a cabinetmaker at Story & Clark Piano Company for 38 years. Later he worked for the Best Western Motel for several years. During WWII he served with the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the Pacific and was wounded in action. He became a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion in Grand Haven. Eugene’s children were David of Spring Lake, Donald of Grand Haven, Linda Fiorenzo of Spring Lake, and several stepchildren. He also had a brother Lawrence and a sister Barbara Schroedter.

#### **George Van Hall [1899-1976]**

Born on November 10, 1899, George Van Hall was a commercial fisherman with fishing shanties located at Muir, at the foot of Dewey Hill. Many were destroyed by fire the night of March 17, 1922. Henrietta C. Neitering, the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Harvey Neitering, was first married to John King [1884-1919]. The young Henrietta was born on February 16, 1892 and died on May 19, 1978. She and George were married on May 5, 1925 in Muskegon. They resided at 128 Fulton in Grand Haven. George operated several tugs, including the *Bertha G.*, *Henrietta M.*, and *George Van Hall*. George died of gastrointestinal bleeding on February 18, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Henrietta.

#### **John Van Hall [1865-1915]**

John Van Hall, a marine engineer, in 1887 married Nellie Barden. They lived at 114 Fulton Street. Among their children were Arthur Van Hall, born in August 1890; Erastus “Ray” Van Hall, who was born on July 20, 1892 and became a commercial fisherman; Edward Lloyd Van Hall, who was born on June 5 1894; Lawrence Van Hall, born in January 1897; George Van Hall, born in November 1899; James Van Hall, born in 1902; and Wilford Van Hall, who was born on December 24, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1978. John, the son of Aart and Nellie Van Drunen Van Hall, was born in Grand Haven on July 13, 1865 and died on May 26, 1915. On April 20, 1925, Nellie married John Bushman [1873-1938] of

Grand Haven. Nellie was born on April 20, 1869 and passed away on September 13, 1948. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**John H. Van Hall [1897-1964]**

John Van Hall was born on February 27, 1897. On August 21, 1920 in Grand Haven, he married Christine, the daughter of James and Mary Zajc Prelesnik. Christine was born in Pueblo, Colorado on August 6, 1903. The Van Halls lived at 15916 East River Street in Spring Lake. In 1930 John was a dry tacker at Eagle Ottawa. He died on May 14, 1964 and Christine passed away on June 14, 2001. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Walter, born about 1921, and Evelyn, born about 1922. [*Tribune* obituary, June 16, 2001.]

**Ray Van Hall [1892-1941]**

See Erastus "Ray" [Raymond Erastus] Van Hall.

**Walter Van Hall [1902-1987]**

Walter Van Hall had been an employee of the *Grand Haven Tribune* for 53 years at the time of his retirement in May 1968. After that, he added another 11 years of part-time work at the *Tribune*. His total of 64 years of service was the longest tenure in the history of the newspaper. Walter was born on May 6, 1902 to Henry [1873-1951] and Ruth Boersma [1874-1953] Van Hall. The family then resided on Second Street, not far from the Grand River. Henry was a veteran employee at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company.

At the age of 13 or 14, Walter delivered a Grand Rapids newspaper. When his friend Sherm Palmer told him about a route opening for the *Tribune*, Walter applied for the job and got it. His first route was the downtown district, at a time when the lake passenger boats and car ferries were making daily stops at port. At one time, he had 100 customers. In 1917 he quit school during the tenth grade to become a printer's apprentice for the newspaper. Walter taught himself how to operate a linotype machine soon after becoming an assistant printer and typeset all of the legal notices, city council proceedings, board of supervisors' proceedings, township statements, and tax sales until his retirement in 1968.

When Walter began working full-time, he and his family moved to 411 Leggat Street. In 1931 he had an appendectomy at Elizabeth Hatton Hospital. His bill, including five nights as an inpatient, was \$66.00. In 1933 Walter married Martha Verner of Grand Rapids and moved into a home at 1146 Pennoyer. They had one daughter, Marlene, who was born on October 1, 1936 and died in Ann Arbor as Marlene Ruth Prince on June 13, 2019. Her husband, William G. Prince, lived from 1936 to 2013. Walter died in Ferrysburg on January 7, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martha passed away on December 24, 1983 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

**John A. Van Haver I [1893-1974]**

Grand Haven mason John Van Haver was born on May 23, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on September 10, 1974. On December 7, 1914 in Grand Haven, he married Emma Seeman. They had at least two children: Margaret, born about 1916, and John II, born a year later. The family resided for a while at 5745 Wilson Road, Fruitport Township, and in the late 1960s at 618 Elliott in Grand Haven. Emma was born on July 15, 1892 and died on February 18, 1972.

**Hendrikus "Drikus" Gerard Van Hees [1892-1931]**

The son of Hendrik A. and Willemina Van Lopik Van Hees, Drikus was born on February 14, 1892 in Bruchem, The Netherlands. He emigrated to Grand Haven in 1915 and began working for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and later for the Story & Clark Piano Company. Drikus married Tryntje [Katherine/Kate] Veltman [Veldman] on October 23, 1916 in Muskegon. The daughter of Hendrik and Janna Helmus Veltman, she lived from June 15, 1889 to October 22, 1973. Drikus and Kate had two children: Henry Abraham Van Hees, born on November 22, 1917, and Cathryn Johanna Van Hees, born on June 17, 1921. The family resided at 512 N. Sixth Street. Drikus died of a heart attack on January 28, 1931. He and Kate

were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Drikus and Henk Van Hees were brothers. [Thanks to Bob Van Hees for adding to the family's genealogy.]

### **Hendrik "Henk" Abraham Van Hees [1889-1960]**

Henk Van Hees was born in Bruchem, The Netherlands on June 15, 1889 to Hendrik A. and Willemina Van Lopik Van Hees. In the Netherlands, Henk worked as a baker's apprentice. He married Areke [Arika] Wilhelmina Hilgers on August 14, 1913 in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands. Their son, Henry Abraham Van Hees I, was born in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands on April 3, 1914. With the growing threat of war, the family in 1915 decided to emigrate to Grand Haven, where Henk's brother Hendrikus was living. Henk could not continue to work as a baker since he did not know U.S. weights and measures, so he was employed at Eagle Ottawa for a short time. Deciding that job was not for him, he moved his family to Evergreen Park, Illinois and "truck farmed," selling their produce at Chicago's South Water Street Market. The family relocated to Platte, South Dakota in 1920. There Henk was finally qualified to open a bakery. A second son, Francis "Frank" Peter Van Hees, was born there on April 5, 1925. Due to failing health caused by gases emanating from the bakery oven, Henk closed the bakery and returned to Grand Haven with his family in 1930. At their new home at 1203 South Griffin Street, the Van Heeses raised celery, cauliflower, and pansies. In his later years, Henk worked for Challenge Machinery and resided at 1021 Washington Street. He passed away on February 8, 1960. Areka, who was born in Utrecht, The Netherlands on April 7, 1886, died on October 5, 1983 in Fort Myers, Florida. She and Henk were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Thanks to Bob Van Hees for adding to his family's genealogy.]

### **Henry "Hank" Abraham Van Hees I [1914-2001]**

The son of Hendrik Abraham Van Hees and Areke Hilgers, Henry was born on April 3, 1914 in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands. When he was one year old, Hank immigrated with his parents to Grand Haven on the *SS Rotterdam*. The ship was stopped by a German U-boat and held at sea for two weeks, a frightening situation since the *Lusitania* had been sunk only a month earlier. In Grand Haven, Hank worked on the family farm at 1203 South Griffin Street until his marriage to Florence Dirkse on August 16, 1934 in South Bend, Indiana. Florence, the daughter of John and Gertrude Vanden Bosch Dirkse, was born in Grand Haven on July 2, 1910. The couple had four children: Henry Arthur Van Hees, who was born on July 1, 1935 and passed away on January 8, 2012; John Edward Van Hees, who lived from September 27, 1936 to May 4, 1975; Betty Ruth Van Hees, who was born on July 21, 1944 and died on July 26, 2002 in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico; and Carla Jane Van Hees, who was born on October 29, 1948. Hank worked at Challenge Porcelain, Story & Clark Piano Factory; and Economy Tool and Die. He retired from Olderberg Manufacturing as a union steward. The family lived at 1150 Colfax Street and later at 1114 Oakes. Florence passed away on November 19, 1971, and Hank died on February 18, 2001. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Thanks to Bob Van Hees for adding detail to his family's genealogy.]

### **Cornelius [Cornelis] "Nellis" Van Hemert [1879-1933]**

Cornelius Van Hemert was born in The Netherlands on April 23, 1879. On April 28, 1910 he married Nellie Dykema in Grand Haven. After Nellie's death, he married Mary Ver Berkmoes on April 23, 1919. The daughter of Adrian and Elisabeth Rogge Ver Berkmoes of Grand Haven, she was born on June 16, 1889. In the 1920s Nellis owned Van's Economy Market at 800 Washington. It was replaced in the 1930s by Wolf's Dairy Bar, owned by Anthony Wolf. Nellis and Mary resided in a house at 802 Washington, next door to the market. The Van Hemert family resided in the City of Holland prior to coming to Grand Haven. Nellis died on June 11, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary passed away on August 15, 1951 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Jane Van Herwyn [1884-1977]**

See Edward E. Peters and Jane Van Herwyn [Herwynen] Peters.

### **Adriaan Van Herwynen [Herwijnen] I [1858-1923]**

Adriaan and Neeltje “Nellie” Vander Meijden Van Herwynen resided at 829 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Nellie was born in The Netherlands on October 20, 1865. They both immigrated to the United States in 1876 and were married in Grand Haven on April 10, 1884. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were May born in June 1888; Adriaan II, who was born on November 20 [September 20], 1889 and died in San Joaquin County, California on October 19, 1941; Jennie, who was born on July 25, 1892 and died on February 26, 1962; Johanna, who was born on May 20, 1895 and died in 1917; John, who was born on September 24, 1898 and died August 3, 1979; and Nellie, born on December 7, 1903 and died on May 29, 1968. Adriaan I was listed as “laborer” in the 1893 *Compendium*, but by 1900 he worked at Grand Haven Brass. He was born in The Netherlands on January 17, 1858 and died in Topeka, Texas on October 29, 1923. Some family members changed the spelling of their name to Van Herwyn. Govert Van Herwynen was Adriaan’s brother.

#### **Govert [Grover] Van Herwynen [Herwijnen] [1845-1923]**

On November 28, 1882 Govert Van Herwynen married Areka “Reka” Van Der Meijden in Grand Haven. Natives of The Netherlands, they immigrated to the United States in 1870. Their children were Adrian “Arie”/“Orrie,” who was born in July 1883, became a cabinet maker, and died around March 20, 1931; Jane, who was born on November 20, 1884 and married Edward Peters of Grand Haven; Jennie, born in November 1885; Kate, born in June 1888; John, who was born on February 20, 1889; Lena, born in October 1892; Govert, who was born in December 1898 and worked at the brass factory, and Reka, who was born on November 23, 1901 and married Louis Voelker of Grand Haven. The family resided at 905 Madison. Govert, a mechanic, lived from December 1845 [1846] to about December 13, 1923. Areka was born in September 1857 and passed away about December 14, 1943. Some family members changed the spelling of their name to Van Herwyn. Areka, Govert, Arie, and John were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Adriaan Van Herwynen was Govert’s brother.

#### **Jane Van Herwynen [1884-1977]**

See Edward E. Peters and Jane Van Herwyn [Herwynen] Peters.

#### **John Van Herwynen [Herwijnen] [1889-1948]**

Born in Grand Haven on February 20, 1889, John Van Herwynen worked for the City of Grand Haven for 30 years and became superintendent of the Street, Sewer, and Water Departments. The son of Govert and Areka “Reka” Van Der Meijden Van Herwynen, John served in the military during World War I. On August 11, 1920 he married Gertrude A. Stang in Grand Haven; she was born in Chicago on December 7, 1891 and passed away on March 1, 1967. She previously had been married to Alfred Boyink, who was born on September 22, 1889, died on March 4 1914, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and Cornelius J. Boomgaard. In 1928 the couple resided at 1450 Pennoyer and later at 511 South Griffin Street. They had a daughter, Jane Kathryn, who was born on September 12, 1923 and on September 20, 1943 married Frank Vormittag. John died on December 12, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Gertrude. Some family members changed the spelling of the family name to Van Herwyn or simply Herwyn.

#### **Andrew Van Hoef [1859-1932]**

Andrew Van Hoef was a commercial fisherman who worked out of Grand Haven. In 1884 in Grand Haven, he married Helena [Lina], the daughter of Johannes “John” Behm of Grand Haven Township. The Van Hoefs resided at 222 Elliott. Andrew was city marshal in Grand Haven in 1890 and 1891 and again in 1895 and 1896. The Van Hoefs had three children, all born locally: Claude, born on May 8, 1884; John Andrew, born in 1887; and Kate E., born in 1891. Andrew died in 1932. Helena was born in 1864 and passed away on April 2, 1919. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Andrew had two sisters: Clara, who married William Baker, and Dirkje “Delia,” who married Jurrien Ball. [*Tribune* obituary, April 3, 1919.]



### **Meindert Van Holstyn [1917-2007]**

Born in The Netherlands on March 2, 1917, Meindert Van Holstyn immigrated to the United States about 1953 and settled in Grand Rapids. Trained as a draftsman, Meindert worked for Keeler Brass and Imperial Metal in Grand Rapids. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States on June 25, 1962. He moved to Grand Haven, where he was employed by Challenge Machinery and put in charge of manufacturing and the tool room. He retired from the company in 1980. Meindert married Manna, who was born on July 10, 1928. Their son Alexander Van Holstyn was born on October 9, 1954, and another son, Douglas Van Holstyn was born on August 3, 1956. After their move to Grand Haven, the family resided at 14510 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township and Manna started teaching art at the elementary level in the Grand Haven schools, and she was a charter member of the Gallery Upstairs, and its president in 1970. Meindert passed away on July 31, 2007 and was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Park Township. Manna, known also as Manna Henrietta McGrew, lived in Petoskey, Spring Lake, and Grand Haven.

### **Martin Johannis Van Horssen [1888-1941]**

On September 6, 1917 Martin enlisted as private in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. He was wounded in France on July 31, 1918. Before the war, Martin worked with the Michigan State Telephone company and at a Grand Haven livery. He resided at 430 Slayton. The son of William and Maria Van Horssen, Martin was born in The Netherlands on March 5, 1888 and died about July 25, 1941.

### **Robert W. Van Horssen [1923-2002]**

Robert, the son of Henry and Henrietta Erkes Van Horssen, was born in Grand Haven on January 23, 1923. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1941, enlisted in the Army on July 4, 1942, and became a Paratrooper with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He received five Bronze Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead, American Theater Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Silver Star, and Good Conduct Medal. He also was decorated with the Croix De Guerre Medal and Bronze Star from France, bestowed by French President Charles De Gaulle. He served as guard to General Eisenhower at Allied Headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. In February 2001 Robert went to Washington, D.C. with other members of the 551<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry to receive the Presidential Unit Citation Award. He also served with the Army during the Korean War and left the military with the rank of master sergeant.

Robert married Virginia A. Raskiewicz in Grand Haven on June 15, 1946. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the VFW, and the American Legion, where he served as post commander from 1969 to 1970. The Van Horssens had two daughters, Susan, who married Greg Fodrocy, and Melissa Marcinkus, both of Grand Haven. Their six sons were Kurt and Chad of Grand Rapids, Gunther of Ann Arbor, and Matthew, Leif, and Hans, all of Grand Haven. Robert and Virginia resided at 15120 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. Robert died on May 24, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 28, 2002.]

### **William H. Van Horssen I [Van Harssen] [1858-1925]**

William Van Horssen lived from February 1858 to 1925 and his wife, Maria [Marie] H., from February 1863 to 1927. They were both natives of The Netherlands and immigrated to the United States in 1894. They resided at 430 Slayton. Their children included Martin John, who was born on March 5, 1888; Ettie, born in November 1889; Toney W., who was born on September 21, 1891 and worked for Peter Klaver in Grand Haven; Johanna, born in October 1893; Anna W., who was born about 1894 and became a clerk at the Ottawa County Court House; William II, born in October 1896; Arthur, who was born on October 11, 1897 and became a clerk at Gerrit Ball's store on Washington; Henry, who was born on December 8, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on November 2, 1978; Marie, who was born about 1902 and in 1930 was clerk at a local motor company; Louise, who was born June 26, 1903 and died in Grand Haven on December 16, 1973; Howard, who was born November 11, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on November 13, 1975; and Eddie. The five oldest children were born in The Netherlands, the remainder in Grand Haven. Both Martin

and William served with Company F during WWI. In 1920 William I worked as janitor at a government building.

**William H. Van Horssen II [1896-1918]**

A Grand Haven native, William was born in October 1896, the son of William and Maria H. Van Horssen. On April 30, 1917 William II enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. He was promoted to sergeant. He was wounded on August 28, 1918 in the Oise-Aisne Offensive in France and died in a Red Cross hospital five days later.

**Robert D. Van Kampen [1938-1999]**

Robert Van Kampen, a native of Illinois, graduated from Wheaton College in 1960. Born in 1938, he was the founder of the Van Kampen Merritt investment banking firm, which he sold in 1984. He also was one of three general partners of VMS Realty from 1980 to 1992, and he established the Van Kampen Asset Management Company with offices in Grand Haven and Wheaton, Illinois. Robert held a controlling interest in Fitch Investors Service until 1997, and he also controlled Marseilles Brick Venture in Illinois from 1989 to 1999. He was a board member of the Master's Mission, located in North Carolina, and Zion's Hope, in Florida. He started Grace Church in West Olive.

In the mid-1980s Robert bought lake front acreage south of Grand Haven, farmland at one time owned by Jacob and Anna Schuld, whose abandoned farmhouse was razed. The Van Kampens built several large homes on the site and called the estate "Stonegate." Also on the property was a building called the Scriptorium, designed to hold his collection of ancient Bibles and manuscripts. Some years later the collection was moved to Orlando, Florida. Robert provided the funds for the annual fireworks display on Dewey Hill during the Coast Guard Festival.

Robert and his wife Judith, whom he married in 1960, had three daughters: Kimberly, Kristen, and Karla. He died at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago on October 29, 1999 while awaiting a heart transplant. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Christiaan Van Koeveringe [Van Koeveringa] [1840-1905]**

See Christiaan Van Coeveringe.

**Preston "Pres" James Van Kolken I [1912-1971] and Dorothy Van Kolken [Neher] [1915-2011]**

Preston Van Kolken was born on June 13, 1912. He graduated from Hope College, where he was editor of the campus newspaper, *The Anchor*. He married Dorothy Van Otterloo on December 23, 1937 in Holland. Dorothy was born on a farm near Maurice, Iowa on December 23, 1915. Around 1930, during the Great Depression, financial difficulties necessitated that the Van Otterloo family leave their farm in Iowa and move to Holland, where Dorothy's father found work as a carpenter. One summer while living in Holland, she took private art lessons at the Ox-Bow Art School in nearby Saugatuck and that experience launched her career in art.

In 1938, Pres received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Chicago Medical School. After receiving his degree, Pres and Dorothy moved to Portland, Maine for his one-year internship. They then moved to Pine Mountain, Kentucky, where Pres was put in charge of a 14-bed hospital. They next agreed to the Presbyterian Missionary Board's offer to serve in Cameroon, West Africa. Pres was put in charge of a 140-bed hospital, outlying clinics, and a leper colony for the next five years. During that time, Dorothy taught nursing and sewing classes and drew illustrations for the mission's publications. The family returned to Michigan in 1944. They spent the next two years doing missionary service in the Wolverine State and then returned to Africa. In 1948, they purchased from Jo Ann Laughead the Carriage House at 509 Franklin Street. It originally was part of the Robbins mansion on the northeast corner of Fifth and Franklin Streets, where Jo Ann and her husband, Gordon Laughead, resided. He was the founder and owner of Laughead Piano in downtown Grand Haven. Pres maintained his medical office on the ground floor and the family lived on the upper floor. In Grand Haven, Dorothy started painting again. She was a

founding member of Lakeland Painters and helped obtain and organize Lakeland's first gallery. Called the Garret, it was located at 214 Franklin Street, behind the Kammeraad Funeral Home.

Pres and Dorothy had three children: Robert Gayle Van Kolken, who was born in Cameroon in July 1943, Richard James Van Kolken, born on June 5, 1945, and Stanley Wayne Van Kolken, who was born in Grand Haven on October 13, 1948. After Pres's death on April 2, 1971 in Grand Haven, Dorothy resumed missionary duties, this time in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She returned to Michigan briefly before moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she served two years at Menaul Boarding High School as assistant to the girls' dormitory housemother, among other duties. She now had the time to resume her interest in painting. She next moved to Green Valley, Arizona and then in 1975 to nearby Tubac, where Dorothy opened Elefante Gallery to exhibit and sell her watercolor and oil paintings.

In 1994 she married Lauren Neher, a medical doctor who had been a family friend since the late 1930s. He lived from July 10, 1915 to December 29, 2003. Dorothy continued creating art even after she was diagnosed with macular degeneration. She was living in Grand Haven when she passed away on June 1, 2011.

### **Cornelius Van Loo [1838-1927]**

Born in The Netherlands on August 7, 1838, Cornelius Van Loo immigrated with his parents to America, settling in 1849 in Ottawa County. The family moved to Montcalm County the next year and stayed there until 1856, when they returned to Ottawa County. From 1858 to 1859 Cornelius attended Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in Lansing, and he took classes at Albion Seminary for two semesters. After teaching in Montcalm County from 1860 to 1861, on August 14, 1862 he enlisted as corporal in the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry and served in the Civil War until 1865. He was promoted from corporal to first lieutenant and then to first sergeant on March 1, 1863, was twice wounded at Chickamauga, and was with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea. After the war, he returned to Albion College for three years. Cornelius was elected three times as register of deeds in Ottawa County, serving from 1869 to 1875, was Superintendent of Schools for four years, and supervisor and chairman of the County Board of Supervisors for two years. He was a farmer by trade and a Republican in politics. In the 1880 census he was listed as a farmer in Zeeland Township. Cornelius died on September 22, 1927 and his wife Jannetje, who was born on November 24, 1845, died November 19, 1923. They had three children, including Rosalie H., who was born locally about 1884.

### **Sybrand John Van Loo [1881-1943]**

John Van Loo married Emma Swartz in Grand Haven on September 5, 1907. He was born in Grand Rapids on October 9, 1881, and she was born in Friesland Province, The Netherlands, on November 3 the same year and came to the United States when she was seven. The couple resided at 922 Madison and had at least three children: Peter Clarence Van Loo, who was born in Grand Haven on July 1, 1908 and died on March 3, 1988; Frances Josie Van Loo, who lived from December 1, 1910 to October 17, 1997; and Joseph Sybrand Van Loo, who was born on August 31, 1919 and died on August 18, 1989. John was employed at Western Piano Supply in 1908. That business closed in 1910, and John then went to work for Challenge Refrigerator Company. He died in Grand Haven on March 31, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Emma passed away on July 5, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband.

### **Josiah Van Loo [1821-1897]**

Josiah Van Loo was born in s'Heer Arendskerke, Zeeland, The Netherlands on January 24, 1821. The son of Willem and Jannetje De Weerd Van Loo, Josiah married Cornelia Vermerris, also a native of The Netherlands. Corneilia lived from October 8, 1822 to October 17, 1864. Among their children was William Van Loo, who was born in The Netherlands in 1847. The family resided on Fifth Street in Grand Haven. Josiah passed away on September 7, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 7, 1897.]

### **Josiah [Joseph] William Van Loo [1877-1954]**

Born on January 1, 1877 in Grand Haven, Josiah, the son of William and Katie Van Loo, was named for his grandfather. In 1899 the younger Josiah married Minnie Fisher, who was born in Michigan in April 1876, died on November 22, 1955, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 318 South First Street in Grand Haven. Josiah was employed as a clerk at Albert Bolt's grocery store. Their children included Katherine Van Loo, who was born in 1900, married Walter Johnson, and had a son, Robert A. Johnson, born on February 25, 1920; Elizabeth Van Loo, who was born in 1902 and died in 1970; Margaret Van Loo, who was born December 27, 1905 and married Richard "Dick" Klouw of Grand Haven; John William Van Loo, who was born about 1910; and Franklin J Van Loo., who was born on August 21, 1911 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 30, 1995. Josiah died on September 10, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest with Minnie. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 21, 1955 and November 1, 1995.]

### **William Van Loo [1846-1927]**

The son of Josiah and Cornelia Vermerris Van Loo, William was born in New Zealand, The Netherlands on October 21, 1846. He settled in Grand Haven in 1872 and married Katherine Temple on May 26, 1875. Katie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in 1855, came to the United States in 1868. William worked as a carpenter. At the time of his death, he was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church, which he joined when the Second Reformed became an English-speaking congregation. He had served as Deacon in the First Reformed Church and was Elder for many years with the Second Christian Reformed Church, where he also was acting clerk of the Consistory. William died on January 1, 1927, exactly a week before Katie passed away. He and Kate were residing at 107 Eighth Street at the time of his death. They had a daughter, Grietje "Maggie," who was born in 1878 and married Dick Van Woerkom of Grand Haven, and a son, Josiah, who was born in Grand Haven on January 1, 1877. William and Kate were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **William D. Van Loo [1867-1943]**

In 1906 William Van Loo became cashier at the National Bank of Grand Haven, which later merged with Grand Haven State Bank. William was born in Michigan in February 1867, and Dena, his wife, was born in The Netherlands in August 1866. She sailed to America when she was two. The Van Loos resided at 614 Clinton. Prior to their arrival in Grand Haven, William and Dena lived in Zeeland, where he was an accountant. Their children, all born in Ottawa County, were Gertie [Gertje], born in September 1886; Cora A., born in March 1892; and Dora M., born in October 1898. William passed away about November 30, 1943. [*Tribune* obituary, November 30, 1943.]

### **John Van Loozenoord [1870-1935]**

John Van Loozenoord settled in Crockery Township in 1877 and eventually farmed 80 acres in Section 10. He also raised livestock. He married Dena [Dina] Steketee on February 2, 1893 in Holland, Michigan. The daughter of Jan and Fenna Rotman Steketee, she was born June 20, 1870 in Saugatuck, and died December 20, 1938. John was born in Holland on March 10, 1870 and passed away on December 19, 1935. Both Van Loozenoords were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least seven children.

### **Andrew Van Lopik [1891-1951]**

Andrew, the son of Peter and Cornelia Byl Van Lopik, was born in Grand Haven on October 22, 1891. On June 17, 1920 he married Jessie Evelyn Martin in Highland Park. Jessie was born on June 26, 1894 in Chicago. Andrew and Jessie had at least one child, William Peter Van Lopik, who lived from 1921 to 1981. William joined the Coast Guard and was on convoy duty in the North Atlantic when he witnessed the explosion that sunk the *Esanaba* on June 13, 1943. Andrew died in Detroit on September 24, 1951. Jessie passed away on August 7 1980 in Grand Haven. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Anton [Antony, Antonie] Van Lopik [1863-1902]**

Antony was the son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik. He was born on June 7, 1863, in Grand Haven and died of consumption in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on November 20, 1902. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Before moving to Colorado in 1898 for his health Anton helped his father and brother in the grocery business in downtown Grand Haven. In the early 1890s he and his brother had a clothing store in Kalamazoo and in Athens, Calhoun County.

#### **Evan Van Lopik [1901-1965]**

Born on May 7, 1901, Evan Van Lopik joined the Coast Guard as a crewman before 1930 and was the only Grand Haven native to serve on the first *Escanaba*. During WWII he became a commissioned officer and made the Coast Guard his career. He married Mary V., the daughter of Captain William and Cornelia Ver Duin of Grand Haven. Mary was born in Grand Haven on March 21, 1902 and passed away in Grand Rapids on February 10, 1998. Evan died in Grand Rapids in May 1965. Their son, William C., was born in 1928 and later resided at 212 Sherman in Grand Haven.

#### **Gerrit Peter Van Lopik I [1822-1907]**

Gerrit Van Lopik was born in The Netherlands in 1822 [January 1831]. He came to Michigan in the days of Rev. Van Raalte and settled in Grand Haven in 1855. Gerrit married Elizabeth Van Lett in Grand Haven in 1856. She was born on November 8, 1833, died on March 15, 1898, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gerrit and two of his sons, Peter and Antony, operated a grocery and general store known as Van Lopik & Sons. Peter was born in 1861 and Antony in 1863. The Van Lopiks' other surviving children were Katerina, who was born on October 18, 1856 and married Wiebbe Ekkens of Grand Haven; Martin, who was born in 1865 and moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado; John, who was born in August 1870 [1869]; Gerrit II, who was born on January 8, 1873, married Meetje [Elizabeth] Van Druenen [Van Druinen], moved to Zeeland, and died in February 1964; and Roelof, born on September 27, 1879. By 1900 Gerrit I was married to Nellie, who was born in The Netherlands in July 1840. Gerrit I died of complications from pneumonia on April 19, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Van Lopik [1870-1911]**

John, born in Fillmore, Allegan County in August 1870 [1869/1871], was the son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik of Grand Haven. On May 22, 1895 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie, the daughter of John and Adriana Glerum. One of the Van Lopik', Gerrit M., was born in Grand Haven on January 27, 1896. They also had a daughter, Adriana, born in December 1897. The Van Lopiks lived at 302 South Second. John drove a delivery wagon in the early 1900s. He died in 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the family plot. Jennie lived from February 1875 to 1937 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Peter Van Lopik [1861-1929]**

Born in Grand Haven in May 1861, Peter was the son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik. When he was 20 years old, he opened a general store with his father and his brother Antony. Later Peter established and operated a factory making naval blouses and surfmen's supplies in one of the upper floors of the former Cutler House [234 Washington]. His midy blouses and uniforms were sold to the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard and to the girls at Akeley Institute. He also owned and operated the Central Clothing House in downtown Grand Haven [212 Washington]. Peter, a Democrat, retired from business in February 1915 when he was appointed postmaster by President Wilson, a position he held until 1923. He was director of the Grand Haven State Bank and a member of the Second Reformed Church. His son continued to operate the clothing store.

Peter was married first to Cornelia Byl on November 29, 1883 in Grand Haven. Cornelia was born on July 28, 1861, died on February 8, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Gerrit [Garrett] Peter, who was born on November 20, 1884 and bought the family business; Adriaan, who was born on May 5, 1886; Elizabeth, who died on June 11, 1888, not quite a year old; Andrew who was born on October 22, 1891, served with the U.S. Infantry as second lieutenant during World War I, and later

lived in Detroit and Coldwater; another daughter named Elizabeth, who was born in August 1893, married Henry Austin Lucas of Grand Haven, and later moved to Los Angeles; Katherine, who was born on May 18, 1895 and married Maynard Manting of Grand Haven; and Cornelius, who died on October 31, 1899 at the age of two. On September 9, 1902 in Zeeland, Peter married Martha Baert, who was born on November 15, 1865 in Zeeland to Daniel and Trientje Boonstra Baert [both born in 1839]. Peter and Martha had one child, Lavina, who was born on July 18, 1903 and married Albert Frederick vanden Berg [1900-1956] of Grand Haven. Martha died on January 19, 1951. The Van Lopiks lived on the corner of Sixth and Columbus Streets [101 North Sixth]. Peter died from heart disease at his home on January 10, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Van Lopik Avenue, close to Grand River in Robinson Township, was named for Peter. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 10, 1929 and January 20, 1951.]

#### **Peter H. Van Lopik [1897-1967]**

Peter Van Lopik was born on December 19, 1897, Allegan County. In 1918 he was assistant manager at the Central Clothing House, 226 Washington, owned and operated by Gerrit Peter Van Lopik. Peter resided at 100 Sherman. On June 19, 1921 he married Pauline Bolt in Grand Haven. They lived at 1044 Washington. At that time, Peter was manager of Marland Oil Company, a service station located at the southeast corner of North Third and Fulton Streets [approximately 300 Fulton]. Peter died in March 1967 in Lansing.

#### **R. and L. Van Lopik [? - ?]**

R. and L. Van Lopik were among the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. Their identity remains a mystery.

#### **Charles Henry Van Norman I [1872-1923]**

Charles Van Norman was the brother of Abraham and George Van Norman, both of Grand Rapids. Charles for several years was proprietor of an oyster house near the corner of Seventh and Washington [703 Washington]. He later established himself in a modern brick building on Washington Street, around the corner from his old location, and called his new place Van's Quick Lunch. He was a member of the Eagles. Charles's wife, Alice, the daughter of Martin and Emma Reenders of Grand Haven, was born on October 28, 1872 and died on January 10, 1902. The Van Norman children, all born locally, included Edward McKinzie Van Norman [1889-1956], who moved to Tomahawk, Wisconsin with his wife and family; Mabel R. Van Norman [1895-1943], who married Edward Mieras [1894-1974] and moved to Chicago; and Vernon O. Van Norman, who was born in May 1896 and moved with his wife to Detroit. Charles married Maude Elise Cooley in Grand Haven on June 28, 1902. She was born in Fruitport on July 28, 1879. Their children were Maud Van Norman, who was born in 1904 and married Russell Wilds of Grand Haven, and Charles Henry Van Norman II [1906-1960]. By 1908 Charles had a painting and wallpaper business at 10 North Seventh Street, where he and his family also resided. Charles, who was born in Saginaw on April 16, 1872, died from influenza at his home on February 17, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Alice and Maude also were buried. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1923.]

#### **Allen Van Oordt I [1895-1987]**

Allen Van Oordt was born on January 15, 1895. He married Mabel Rase in Muskegon on September 18, 1919. She was born in Wood County, Ohio on October 11, 1897. In 1918 the couple resided in Spring Lake Township. In 1930 Allen was a marine engineer working for the United States government. The Van Oordts' son, Allen II, was born in 1923. Allen II and his wife, Helen Rose, lived at 15831 Lake Street near Potawatomie Bayou with their children, including Pat, who married James Best, Linda, Joyce, and James. Another son, Herald, was born about 1925. Allen I and his family resided at 18146 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Mabel passed away on November 15, 1933 in Kent County and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Allen died in Spring Lake on October 26, 1987 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, January 9, 1970.]

### **Gerrit J. Van Oordt I [1859-1949]**

Gerrit Van Oordt I was a farmer and fruit grower who owned 40 acres in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. He married Anna Catherina van der Maas [Doctor] in Grand Rapids on November 10, 1888. Anna “Annie,” was born in The Netherlands on June 21, 1867. They came to the Tri-Cities area in 1898. She passed away in Spring Lake on December 4, 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Gerrit was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on July 5, 1859 and died on December 18, 1949, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had ten children.

### **Gerrit J. Van Oordt II [1902-1986]**

The son of Gerrit J. and Anna “Annie” Van Oordt, young Gerrit was born on June 9, 1902 in Spring Lake. Gerrit II lived at 18100 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township with his wife, Genevieve Jean. They later resided at 200 De Witt Lane in Spring Lake. Gerrit died on July 31, 1986. Genevieve was born on January 20, 1916 and passed away in Spring Lake on May 29, 1993. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Arthur Leroy Van Pelt I [1879-1976]**

In 1932 Arthur Van Pelt I started a business primarily for the manufacture of plywood boats. He started by leasing a section of Van Zylen Lumber Company in Grand Haven and later moved to Spring Lake, where Stanco Company was located. In 1935 Art erected a building at 612 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake, where the business remained. [The building was razed around 2020.] He designed the “crescent-type” sailboat, popular on small lakes. It had a V-shaped bottom and marconi rig. It was considered especially safe for children and inexperienced boaters. Art also made boats that could be rigged with outboard motors and other flat-bottom boats. In 1936 he sold about 75 boats ranging in price from \$75 to \$175. After the elder Art’s death, his son, Arthur II, took over. The name was changed to AVPI [Art Van Pelt Industries]. The company discontinued producing boats in the mid-1960s.

Art first married Mary Adora Albring in Lucas, Ohio on October 16, 1902. She was born in Michigan on April 21, 1881. They resided in Monroe County, where they raised four sons: Leroy Van Pelt, born about 1904; Carleton Van Pelt, born about 1905; Vernal Van Pelt, born about 1909; and Elmer Van Pelt, born about 1919. Mary died in Monroe County on February 11, 1920. On November 4, 1921 in Hillsdale, Art married Cora [Cara] Welsh in Hillsdale. She was born in Ohio on March 1, 1889. Their children were Artthure Van Pelt II, born in Grand Rapids on September 19, 1920; and Edith Van Pelt, born about 1923. After their move from Monroe County to Spring Lake, the family resided at 211 Monarch. Cora passed away in Goshen, Indiana on November 5, 1972. Art, who was born in Michigan on March 29, 1879, died in Goshen on April 29, 1976.

### **Arthur Van Pelt II [1920-1980]**

Arthur II, the son of Art and Cora Van Pelt, was born on September 19, 1920 in Grand Rapids and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1939. He married Lorraine Fleming on October 4, 1946 in Grand Rapids. After Arthur died on April 15, 1980, not quite 60 years old, his wife, Lorraine, managed the family business, Art Van Pelt Industries [AVPI] at 612 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Art and Lorraine resided at 210 Dixie in the 1950s, and then moved to 17859 Channel View Drive in Spring Lake Township. Lorraine, the daughter of Emma and Edward Kerner, was born in Bismark, North Dakota, on October 24, 1921. She and Art were married in Grand Haven on October 4, 1946. They had three children: Jayne Van Pelt, who married Daniel Flaska; Nancy Van Pelt, who married Robert Johns; and Steven Arthur Van Pelt. Lorraine passed away on June 29, 2006 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1, 2006.]

### **John “Jack” Wesley Van Schelven [1899-1981]**

Born December 20, 1899, Jack was the son of William and Minnie Sprick Van Schelven of Grand Haven. Jack was associated for 62 years with the Oakes Real Estate Agency in Grand Haven, where he started as Office manager in 1920. Also, in his early years, he was the attendant at James Oakes’ service station on the corner of Columbus and Third Street. Jack gave “radio reminiscences” of early life in the community and was well versed in local history. On November 28, 1925 in Grand Haven, he married Maleta, the

daughter of Joseph and Louise Zeimet I. Maleta was born in Wisconsin on October 6, 1898 and died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1979. They resided at 210 Grand Avenue. Jack died on November 15, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* article, "Oakes Vision Began 97 Years Ago," December 11, 2000.]

#### **Louis Henry Van Schelven [1904-1997]**

Louis, the son of William and Minnie Sprick Van Schelven of Grand Haven, was born on September 23, 1904. Louis worked at Grand Haven State Bank, where he started as a teller, and worked his way up to vice president. He married Hazel Snell in Grand Haven on June 18, 1928. She was born in Muncie, Indiana on September 1, 1907 and passed away in Grand Haven on November 16, 1999. They had two sons: Robert Louis Van Schelven, who was born on April 15, 1932. Bob married Caroline Zuidema, who was born on January 26, 1933. The couple relocated to Ho Ho Kus, New Jersey and then to Hilton Head, South Carolina. Louis's and Hazel's other children were John "Jack" William Van Schelven, who was born on August 22, 1935 and died on September 24, 2022, and Donn Van Schelven, who was born about 1944. Louis died on June 21, 1997. The family resided at 317 South Seventh Street.

#### **Martin George Van Schelven [1910-1971]**

With Albert F. van den Berg as his partner, Martin Van Schelven in 1937 started Michigan Specialty, a sporting goods outlet located at 22 South Second Street in Grand Haven. In 1943, with Lewis Hodges as his partner, Martin started Grand Haven Novelty in a small building behind Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. The next year the novelty company purchased the assets of the Gerrit P. Van Lopik Company, then located in the 600 block of Fulton Street. In 1945 the partnership was dissolved and the business incorporated under Martin's direction, who at the same time purchased the buildings and equipment of Variety Woodworks at 407 Davis Street. He was on the faculty of Grand Haven High School, where he acted as Coordinator of Business Education. Martin later had an office at 226½ Washington, and he resided at 404 Duncan Court.

Martin, the son of William and Minnie Van Schelven of Grand Haven, was born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1910 and died there on January 16, 1971. He married Aurelia Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven on June 26, 1935. She lived from October 24, 1911 to October 16, 2001. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter Connie Van Schelven lived from April 3, 1950 to September 14, 2022.

#### **William Van Schelven I [Van Schelvan] [1869-1933]**

William Van Schelven, who was born in The Netherlands on September 3, 1869, was listed as a butcher in the 1893 *Compendium*. In January 1892 he had purchased a meat market on the corner of Fourth and Fulton streets, formerly owned by John Bottje, and named it People's Market. William had worked as a butcher in Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. He married Minnie, the daughter of Henry and Martha Sprick of Grand Haven. Minnie was born in April 1871. The Van Schelvens' children were John W., born on December 20, 1899; William M., born on June 6 [8], 1902; Louis Henry, born on September 23, 1904; and Martin G., born on June 17, 1910. The family resided at 218 Fulton. William died in 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Minnie. His father John, a dock worker, was born in The Netherlands, about 1834 and was widowed by 1880. William had a sister, Wilhelmina "Minnie," born on April 3, 1866 in The Netherlands.

#### **William Martin Van Schelven II [1902-1972]**

The son of William and Minnie Van Schelven of Grand Haven, William II was born on June 6 [8], 1902 and died in Grand Haven on April 24, 1972. On May 9, 1925, he married Lillian Ruch in Grand Haven. She lived from January 24, 1905 to November 13, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their daughter, Norma Van Schelven, was born on January 12, 1926 in Grand Haven and married William Louis Vyn of Grand Haven.

#### **Frank Van Slooten [1884-1949]**



Frank was one of ten children of Folkert and Betje Van Eyk Van Slooten of Holland, Michigan. Frank was credited with starting the Christmas tree industry in Ottawa County in the late 1920s. Born in Holland on August 6, 1884, he owned 80 acres in Section 13 of Port Sheldon Township, where he started planting white pine and Norway spruce, and later added Scotch pine, red and white pine, and blue spruce. On April 12, 1912, he married Pearl Anne Packard, who was born in North Dakota on July 30, 1895 and passed away in Grand Rapids on April 24, 1932. They were divorced in Grand Rapids on February 27, 1932. Frank died on February 8, 1949. [*Whispering Sands*, 25.]

#### **Cornelius Van Sluys [1872-1938]**

Cornelius Van Sluys farmed 80 acres in Section 10 of Crockery Township, where he settled in 1887. He also raised livestock. Cornelius lived from July 1872 to 1938. He married Jennie Poller in Spring Lake on July 15, 1892. She was born in December 1874. Both came from The Netherlands. Cornelius immigrated to the United States in 1882 and Jennie in 1880. A son, Gilles, was born in December 1892, and a daughter, Nancy, was born in January 1895. Cornelius and Jennie were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

#### **Walter G. Van Slyck [1856-1931]**

Walter Van Slyck, an attorney in Grand Haven toward the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. On June 16, 1892 he married Jennie Apsey Miller in Grand Haven. Jennie was the widow of David Miller, who died on September 23, 1890. Jennie was born in England about 1850 [1857]. Jennie and Walter moved to Ontonagon, Ontonagon County, in 1892, where he became judge of probate. Walter was born November 27, 1856 in Ontario, Canada and died in Hancock, Houghton County on October 29, 1931.

#### **John Van Stratt [Van Straat, Van Strat] [1867-1930]**

Born in Georgetown Township in October 1867, John Van Stratt raised livestock on his 160-acre farm in Section 25 of Robinson Township. He settled there in 1904. John was the son of Abram and Lamena Gant Van Stratt. He married Jennie Huizenga, who lived from July 17, 1869 to November 9, 1910. They had at least seven children. John died on January 4, 1930 and was buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery with Jennie.

#### **Aart Van Tol I [Van Toll] [1836-1899]**

Born in 1836 in The Netherlands, Aart Van Tol came to America when he was 16 and to Grand Haven two years later. Adrian, John, and Anthony Van Tol were his brothers. Aart was always connected with the tug business as captain and engineer. In 1866 he built and operated the 17-ton tug *George Stickney*, formerly called the *Phoebe*. [According to the 1893 *Compendium*, Van Tol built the tug and Mr. C. Fleming was the owner.]

On November 28, 1861 in Grand Haven, Aart married Jansje "Johanna" Mull, who was born about 1840. Johanna died in Grand Haven on November 23, 1872. On August 20, 1873 in Grand Haven Aart married Dirkje Vandenberg, who was born in The Netherlands about 1853. Aart and Johanna's children, all born locally, included Elizabeth, born about 1864; Adriana, who was born about 1866 and died February 10, 1953; Paulina, born about 1868; Aart II, born about 1870; and Arie, born about 1871. Aart and Dirkje had at least one child, Ralph, who was born on August 29, 1874, became assistant Engineer of the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids, and died February 7, 1966. Their other children were Arthur and Nelson. The family attended the Second Reformed Church. Aart died on May 15, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dirkje passed away in 1926 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 1899.]

#### **Aart [Arthur] Van Tol [Van Toll] [1868-1935]**

Born in Grand Haven in November 1868, Aart was the son of Adrian and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. Aart and his brother, Frank, had a hardware store at 704 Washington. Aart married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bouwman on the courthouse steps in Grand Haven on July 4, 1894. She was born in May 1874. Their

children were Amelia, born in April 1895, and Edna F., born in September 1896. The family lived at 214 South Seventh. Lizzie passed away on March 2, 1933, and Aart died on May 28 two years later. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1893.]

#### **Adrian [Adriannus] Van Tol [Van Toll] [1824-1893]**

Born on December 23 [26], 1824 in The Netherlands, Adrian Van Tol came to America in 1852, first settling at Grand Island near Niagara Falls and then coming to Grand Haven about 1854, where he became a commercial fisherman.

On December 26, 1853 Adrian married Johanna Bentley Mull, a native of Munich, Germany, who was born on November 15, 1828 and died on November 21, 1907. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Elizabeth, who was born in October 1855 and married Gerrit Bottje of Grand Haven; Frank Anthony [Antonie], who was born in 1857; Adrianna "Anna," who was born in 1863 and married Frederick Albers; Amelia, born in 1865; Paulina [Pauline], who was born in 1867, married Stephen Coleman Emmet [1865-1954] in Grand Haven in 1891, and died in Minnesota in 1957; Aart, born in November 1868; August born in 1870; Arie, born on February 2, 1871; and Julia, who was born in March 1875 and married Harry Nichols. All the children remained in Grand Haven. Adrian died on November 3, 1893 from "bronchial troubles" and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Aart, Anthony, and John Van Tol were his brothers. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1893.]

#### **Anthony Van Tol [Van Toll] [1831-1893]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1831, Anthony was the brother of Adrian, Aart, and John Van Tol. He came to Grand Haven about 1854. Anthony was one of the owners of the tug *George Stickney* and was tugboat captain. His wife, Aaltje "Alice" was born in The Netherlands in March 1835. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Adriana, born in 1855; Elizabeth, born in 1857; Aart, born in 1858; Rika [Reka], born in 1861; Anna, born in 1863; Adrianus, born in 1866; Jan "John," born in March 1869; Flora, born in 1872; and Maria, born in 1874. For many years the Van Tols lived at 213 Clinton Street. Anthony died of "inflammation of the bowels" on April 13, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1912 Alice married Albert G. vanden Berg, a widower and resident of Grand Haven. Alice died at the Poor Farm near Eastmanville on June 12, 1922 at the age of 86. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 13, 1893 and June 13, 1922.]

#### **Arie Van Tol [Van Toll] [1871-1936]**

Born on February 2, 1871 in Grand Haven, Arie was the son of Adriannus [Adrian] and Johanna Van Tol. Arie and Gerrit Ekkens owned and operated a grocery store at 208 Washington in Grand Haven. The pair was in business together until 1913, when Gerrit bought out his partner. Arie later became a partner in the Van Tol Clothing Store. He and his wife, Amelia "Millie" M., lived at 117 South Third Street in the early 1900s, 108 Washington around 1920, and later on Sherman. Amelia was born in Michigan about 1880. Arie was a Mason, Elk, and charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died on January 12, 1936 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **August Van Tol [Van Toll] [1870-1954]**

Born in Grand Haven on July 10, 1870, August was the son of Adrian and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. He worked for the Kilbourn Company and later was employed at Story & Clark Piano Company until his retirement. On June 8, 1896 August married Louisa [Louise] Dorthea, daughter of Henry and Matilda Ahrens of Grand Haven. Louisa was born in Michigan in May 1876. They lived at 728 Washington in the early 1900s and for several decades after that. Later they resided at 739 Columbus Street. Their children, all born locally, were Clarence E., who was born in June 1896; August "Smokie," who was born April 24, 1898, moved to Traverse City, and died in September 1963; Caroline E., who was born about 1902 and married Harold W. Richter of Long Beach, California; and Paul Henry, who was born October 17, 1904 and died in Grand Haven June 14, 1984. August died on July 13, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Frank Anthony “Tony” Van Tol [Van Toll] [1857-1937]**

Frank Anthony “Tony,” who was born in August 1857, was the son of Adrian and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. He and his brothers Anthony and Aart owned a hardware store at 704 Washington in Grand Haven. Frank and his wife, Magrieta “Maggie,” lived at 210 South Seventh Street. Among their children, all born locally, were Frank, born in October 1884; Andrew, born in March 1885; Sherman, born in August 1887; and Jeanette, who was born on April 17, 1891 and married John Verseput of Grand Haven. The Van Tols were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Tony died in 1937. Magrieta was born in November 1858 and died in 1934. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other members of the Van Tol family.

### **Paul Henry Van Tol [Van Toll] [1904-1984]**

The son of August and Louisa Ahrens Van Tol, Paul was born in Grand Haven on October 17, 1904. On December 3, 1927 he married Margaret Klop in Grand Haven. The daughter of Adrian and Angenieta Briedels Klop, Margaret was born in Grand Haven on December 5, 1908 and died in the same city on December 1, 1996. The Van Tols’ children were Angenieta Margaret, who married Donn Paul De Young of Grand Haven; Paul Louis; and Marlene. In 1930 Paul was a meter reader for the City of Grand Haven, and the family then resided at 433 Jackson. He died on June 14, 1984 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Margaret also was interred.

### **Ralph Van Toll [Van Tol] [1874-1966]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 29, 1874, Ralph Van Tol was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as a marine engineer. During the 1910s John and Ralph Van Tol owned the tugboats *Gunderson Brothers* and *Robert E. Johnston* to tow bargefuls of gravel and aggregate from their quarries eleven miles up the Grand River from Grand Haven. Their business, called Walsma & Van Toll Towing Company, performed “TOWING OF ALL DESCRIPTION,” and they were “DEALERS IN GRAVEL.” Around 1916 they sold the quarries to Construction Aggregates, located on the Grand River in Ferrysburg. In the early 1920s, Ralph and his partner, Dan Riley, purchased from Edward C. Smith the Washington Garage at 9-11 Washington, Grand Haven. Ralph and his wife Anna lived at 120 South Third in the early 1900s, 307 Clinton around 1920, 512 Washington in the late 1920s, and then 108 South Second Street. Anna was born in New York in May 1877. Ralph was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died in February 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Ralph M. Van Volkinburg [1907-1988]**

Ralph Van Volkinburg was superintendent of Grand Haven Public Schools in the 1950s. He was born on October 5, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1988. In June 1938 in East Lansing, he married Margaret, the daughter of William and Christina Ross Armitage of Greenville. Margaret was born on August 22, 1910. She earned a bachelor degree from Central Michigan University and taught at the elementary level in Grand Haven. Ralph and Margaret lived at 628 Lake Avenue in the 1950s, moved to 1850 Far Hills Court in the early 1970s and then to 808 South Beacon Boulevard. Their children were Jane, who married Jim Sexsmith, and John. The Sexsmiths and John and his wife, Pat, were residents of Ann Arbor. After her husband’s death, Margaret moved to Freedom Village, in Holland, where she died on July 28, 2004. She and Ralph were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 7, 2004.]

### **Cornelius Van Weelden [1871-1963]**

In 1928 Butterfield Corporation presented Grand Haven resident Cornelius Van Weelden with a prize of \$25 for suggesting that the new movie theater in downtown Grand Haven be named the “Grand.” Cornelius, the son of Gerrit and Pieterella Van Weelden, was born in Grand Haven on December 21, 1871. On March 12, 1903 in Grand Haven, he married Hannah Corneria Van Loo. She was born in Grand Haven in 1875 and passed away on March 3, 1934. Cornelius was a bookkeeper, and Hannah taught music. The couple resided at 623 Lafayette Street. They had at least one child, Harriet Van Weelden, who

was born in Grand Haven in 1904, died in 1957, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He died on December 17, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Hannah and Harriet.

#### **Gerrit Van Weelden [1842-1910]**

A butcher by trade, Gerrit Van Weelden was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands in March 1842. He and his wife Pieterella resided at 113 South Fourth Street. Gerrit owned a meat market nearby at 115 South Fourth. Pieterella was born in The Netherlands in September 1850. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Cornelia, who born on July 4, 1869 and died as an infant; Cornelius, born on December 21, 1871 [1872]; Lena, who lived from February 5, 1875 to May 10, 1896; and Isaac, born in July 1885. Gerrit, Klaas, and Peter Van Weelden were brothers. Gerrit died in 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Klaas Van Weelden [1839-1919]**

Klaas Van Weelden was born in The Netherlands on January 30, 1839 and died on June 2, 1919 in East Grand Rapids. Gerrit and Peter Van Weelden were his brothers. Klaas's wife Grietje "Margaret" was born in The Netherlands in 1837 and died in Grand Haven on December 12, 1885. They and their five children resided at 114 South Second Street. One of their daughters, Ida, was born on November 17, 1870, and married Evert Zwermer of Grand Haven. Klaas was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Peter Van Weelden [1837-1900]**

Born in Gelderland, The Netherlands on January 15, 1837, Peter was the brother of Klaas and Gerrit Van Weelden and Johanna "Anna" Van Weelden Uitermarkt. He settled in Grand Haven in 1855. From 1865 to 1869 he worked with his brothers in commercial fishing. He was a member of the first City Council in 1867 and held the post through 1871. While he was City Sexton from 1875 to 1878, he resided near Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter also served a term as deputy marshal. In the 1880s he was street commissioner for a term and in the 1890s for three terms. He was a Democrat. After leaving the fishing business he learned carpentry with Mathias Pellegrom and followed that trade the rest of his life.

On March 10, 1857 Peter married Ida Kooiman of Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands in April 1838 and died on September 6, 1914. The family resided at 406 Clinton. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Isaac, who was born in February 1865 and died on September 10, 1922; Orrie [Arie], born in January 1868 [1867]; Elizabeth, born on September 14, 1869; Peter, born in December 1870 [1869]; Cornelia, who was born about 1872 and married a Mr. Brown of Coopersville; Elizabeth, born in September 1873; and Jennie, born in June 1877. Peter died "from paralysis" on March 3, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 1900.]

#### **James Van Wessem [1877-1963]**

James Van Wessem was born on June 19, 1877. He owned and operated a "Candy Shop and Ice Cream Parlor" at 100 Washington in Grand Haven around 1907, and in 1918 he was a jewelry salesman in Chicago. On September 27, 1898 in Grand Haven, he married Katherine Smith. Born about 1875 in Pennsylvania, Katherine died on October 27, 1963. They lived at 622 Fulton. James served as mayor of Grand Haven in 1941 and 1942. He died on October 27, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Gerrit [Garret] John Van Westrienen I [Van Wiestren] [1832-1891]**

Gerrit Van Westrienen arrived in America on June 27, 1854. On November 25, 1855 he married Hester Van Allsburg, sister of Gijsbertje, Arie, and Engle Van Allsburg of Coopersville. Gerrit was born in The Netherlands on August 18, 1832 [1828]. Hester, who was born in The Netherlands in August 1832 [1833], died on January 16, 1922. Gerrit had a grocery store at 434 Franklin Street, near the corner of Fifth and Franklin. He and his family lived next door at 430 Franklin. They had seven children, all born in Michigan: Aartje "Alice" [Edna], who was born December 29, 1858 and married Egbert H. Hollestelle of Grand Haven; Reka [Reeka], who was born about 1861 and married Peter Sinclair of Chicago; John, born in 1864; Gerrit J. II, who was born in 1866; Aart, who was born in 1870, became a physician, and relocated to Kenosha, Wisconsin; and Peter, who was born in 1872 and died April 23, 1906. Gerrit died on

December 25, 1891. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1922.] Edna and Egbert Hollestelle and their children lived with the Van Westrienen at 430 Franklin Streets and continued to reside there after Gerrit and Hester died.

### **Gerrit John Van Westrienen II [1866-1930]**

Born in Grand Haven in a home on the southwest corner of Franklin and Fifth Streets [434 Franklin] in July 1866 [1865], Gerrit Van Westrienen worked as a youth in the lumber industry. Later he worked for Challenge Refrigerator Company for 45 years, starting as a young man and working up to the head of the production department. His parents were Gerrit and Hester Van Allsburg Van Westrienen. The younger Gerrit was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven and Maccabees. About 1890 he married Elizabeth Van Dyke of Grand Haven, who was born in April 1868. Their children, all born locally, included Harold J. who was born in August 1897, worked with his father at the grocery store, and later became supervisor of a Vocational School in Detroit; Henry A. who was born about 1902 and became a teacher in Kalamazoo; Charles M., who was born about 1919, died at home at 530 Franklin Street on December 5, 1930, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Mildred. Gerrit II also died in 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, December 5, 1930.]

### **Daniel Van Woerkom [1898-1968]**

Daniel, the son of Henry and Anna Kruidenier Van Woerkom, was born on December 28, 1898. He served with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. Daniel, a physician, married Ada Van Loo in Grand Haven on June 21, 1928. He opened a medical practice in Grand Rapids, where he died on November 25, 1968. Daniel was the first commander of the local American Legion, Charles Conklin Post # 28.

### **Dick Jan Van Woerkom [1873-1950]**

Dick Van Woerkom was born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1873. His mother Jennie was born in The Netherlands in December 1838. He had three brothers, Peter, born in The Netherlands in February 1864; William, born in Michigan on May 1875; and Arthur B., born in Michigan in November 1884. He also had a sister Nellie, who was born in Michigan in March 1870. On August 7, 1918 in Grand Haven, Dick married Maggie Van Loo. The daughter of William and Katherine Van Loo, Maggie was born in Grand Haven on February 24, 1877 and died on February 1, 1930. Dick was a varnisher at the Story & Clark Piano Company. The family resided at 437 Grant. Dick passed away on July 6, 1950 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

### **Henry [Hendryk] Van Woerkom [1863-1939]**

Born in The Netherlands on February 4, 1863, Henry Van Woerkom arrived in the United States in 1870. In Grand Haven he started working at the De Spelder grocery store on Seventh Street and was later employed by Gerrit Vanden Bosch, who operated one of the first clothing stores in Grand Haven. Later Henry was hired by the Enterprise Clothing Company in downtown Grand Haven, and a few years after that he joined Peter Van Lopik, who operated one of the largest stores in the area. Van Lopik's business was reorganized as the Central Clothing Company at 212 Washington, and Henry became a partner in the business. The company was dissolved in 1931, and Van Woerkom retired at that time, although he was associated with Van Woerkom's Men's Shop at 126 Washington until at least 1934.

On September 11, 1888 in Holland, Michigan, Henry married Johanna "Anna," the daughter of Bastian Kruidenier. Anna was born in The Netherlands on February 12, 1866. The Kruidenier family settled in Holland when Anna was five. The Van Woerkom children included Jeanette, who was born on May 25, 1890, married Henry Tysman of Grand Haven; Bastian, who was born on March 6, 1894 and ran a clothing store in Grand Haven for several years before moving to Berkley, California; Gertrude, who was born on November 9, 1896 and married Lawrence Dornbos of Grand Haven; Daniel, who was born on December 28, 1898; and Nell, who was born on February 11, 1903 and married Carroll E. Ackerman on

April 14, 1934. Henry died on August 1, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna died on March 19, 1951 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1951.]

**Orrie Van Woert [1906-1983]**

Born on September 2, 1906 in The Netherlands, Orrie was the brother of Gerrit Van Woert of Grand Haven. He was a machinist for Grand Haven Ottawa Steel Company and worked at Teledyne for 28 years. He married Christine Braak of Spring Lake who preceded him in death by 35 years. His second wife, Martha, died in July 1982. His children included Mrs. Frank Verna Di Giovanni of Wyoming; Gordon of Grand Rapids; Judy Steggerda of Missouri; Christina Sue of Florida; and Paul of Dearborn. Orrie died on February 17, 1983 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1983.]

**Adlebert M. Van Wormer [1847-1910]**

The brother of Edmond Van Wormer of Grand Haven, Adelbert was born in Auburn, New York on February 4, 1847. He moved with his family to Oxford, Oakland County in 1856. He and three of his brothers, including Edmond, enlisted in Company F of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry on May 5, 1864. Adelbert was discharged on July 21, 1865. On July 1, 1866, he married Mary Hybter in Lapeer, Lapeer County. She died on May 11, 1881, leaving Adelbert with three sons: Orrie, Edmond, and Bernard. Edmond was born in Oxford on April 9, 1871, lived in Grand Haven until 1915, and died in Oregon about March 30, 1931. Adelbert and his sons moved to Grand Haven in 1882. The same year, he married Louise Bollow. Of their four children, only Corabelle survived. Adelbert was an architect and millwright. He was a member of the Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R., International Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. He died in Grand Haven on May 1, 1910. Louise, who was born in Niagara County, New York in June 1862, passed away on June 12, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Adelbert and other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 30, 1910 and March 31, 1933.]

**Edmond Van Wormer [1841-1921]**

Born in New York State on March 1, 1841, Edmond Van Wormer moved to Grand Haven. Adlebert Van Wormer was his brother. In the 1880 census for Flint, he was listed as a railroad engineer. By 1900 Edmond had opened a restaurant at 18 Washington, where he also resided. He was a widower at the time of the 1900 census. Edmond was still in the restaurant business at the same address in 1908, but did not appear in the 1910 census, although he is mentioned in his brother's obituary as being a resident of Grand Haven. He and his wife, Julia, had at least one child, William. Julia was born in Flint about 1847. Edmond appeared in a census of Civil War veterans who were living in Grand Haven in 1894. He and his three brothers served with Company F of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry, enlisting on May 5, 1864 and mustering out on July 21, 1865. He died at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids on February 5, 1921 and was buried there.

**William Van Wormer [1872-1964]**

See Martha Maude Mandi Kraai.

**Jan "John" Van Wyk [Van Wyke] [1832-1909]**

Jan Van Wyk was an early member and leader of the First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He was born in The Netherlands and lived from October 1832 to 1909. He arrived in the United States in 1854. He was listed as a "retired laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*. He married Tryntje Bakker in Grand Haven on October 28, 1867. Also from The Netherlands, Tryntje was born in March 1842 and died in 1912. She immigrated to the United States in 1867. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Govert Van Wynen [Van Der Wynen, Wynan] [1860-1935]**

Born in The Netherlands on December 4, 1861, Govert Van Wynen owned a 120-acre farm in Section 36 of Olive Township later known as Port Sheldon Township. He came to the United States in 1893 and

settled in Olive Township in 1908. He also raised livestock. His wife, Gysbertje [Gertrude/Grace J.], was born in The Netherlands about 1858. She came to the United States the year after Govert, bringing with her their sons Jacob Grover, born on February 7, 1887, and Peter Henry, born February 1, 1889. The Van Wynens had a third son, Gilbert Adrian, born September 10, 1895 in Michigan. The Van Wynens continued to own their Olive Township farm into the 1930s. Govert died on June 24, 1935 in Port Sheldon and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. His wife had died three years earlier.

### **Charles Van Zanten I [1872-1903]**

Charles, the son of Folgert and Alice Baar Van Zanten, was born in 1872. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, he married Sena Powell, daughter of John Powell of Grand Haven, on May 11, 1898. Sena was born in 1874. Charles became assistant postmaster in Grand Haven. He and Sena had a daughter, Alice, who was born in Grand Haven on May 10, 1899 and married Henry Veld, and a son, Charles II, who was born locally on July 29, 1901. Charles the father died of smallpox on January 20, 1903. Four years later Sena married Teunis W. Muilenberg, pastor of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven.

### **Cornelius [Corneil] Van Zanten [1838-1920]**

Cornelius Van Zanten was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on January 27, 1838. He and his wife, Frieka [Freerkjite] "Frances" Wierenga, whom he had married in Uithuizen, The Netherlands on May 14, 1864, crossed the Atlantic aboard the *Germania*. Frances was born in The Netherlands on September 30, 1837. They left Rotterdam on June 4, spent a brief time in New York, and arrived in Grand Haven on August 11 that year. Cornelius intended to go on to Muskegon, but a delay in Ferrysburg led to the young couple staying in the Grand Haven area. He found work loading vessels with lumber and later was employed at the Albee Tannery during the winter months. In 1869, in company with John Ball, Henry Fase, and Johannes Fisher, he invested in a small fishing sailboat that they purchased from the three Van Weelden brothers. In 1872 they bought the steam tug *Pearl* to use in fishing, with Captain Adrian O'Beck as master. Duncan Robertson built the tug at his shipyard, William M. Ferry II built the engine at his Ferrysburg Iron Works, and the boiler was constructed at the Johnston factory, also in Ferrysburg. Cornelius secured engineer's papers and continued to engage in fishing the rest of his life.

The Van Zantens' children, all born locally, included Jan "Jane," who was born on November 15, 1865 and married Edward P. Kinkema of Grand Haven; Katie, who was born about 1867 and married Albert De Jonge; Dena [Dina/Wieberdina], who was born on January 13, 1869 and married John J. Bolt of Grand Haven; Cora, who was born about 1871 and married Jacob Dykema; Jennie, who was born about 1874 and married John Lang of Coopersville; Geertje "Gertrude," who was born in 1875, married William S. Gruys and moved to Riverside, Berrien County; Cobia [Jacoba], who was born in 1878 and married Bert Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven; and Cornelia, who was born in 1880, married Bernard [Barend] K. Kuiper, and moved to Grand Rapids. The Van Zanten family attended the Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, which Cornelius helped organize in 1882. On November 5, 1891, Cornelius purchased Johannes Golberg's 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township [Peach Plains] for \$1,200. After Frances's death in Grand Haven on July 26, 1902, Cornelius married Cornelia Veltkamp in 1905. She was born in The Netherlands on August 30, 1839, died on September 26, 1914, and was buried at Lake Forest. Cornelius died on December 13, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Frances. Folgert Van Zanten was Cornelius's brother. [*Tribune* article, "Nearly Half Century in America," August 11, 1913," and *Tribune* obituaries, May 7, 1910 and December 13, 1920.]

### **Corneil "Neil" Van Zanten II [1879-1949]**

In the early 1900s Corneil Van Zanten II was part owner of a general store at 222 North Seventh. His partner was Charles Fisher. They carried primarily groceries, but also patent medicines, fabrics, and other items. On August 26, 1909 in Grand Haven, Neil married Henrietta "Etta" Cook. Etta, who was born in Grand Haven on December 30, 1882, the daughter of John M. and Maggie Cook, died May 6, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Neil built and lived in the home at 620 Lafayette. Born on May 26,

1879, he was the son of Folgert and Alice Baar Van Zanten of Grand Haven. He died in 1949 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **Folgert [Folkert] Van Zanten [1849-1931]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on March 14, 1849, Folgert Van Zanten came to America alone at the age of 14 to join his older brother Cornelius, who was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. He worked in the sawmills and advanced to head sawyer. In 1892 Folgert went into partnership with Tyl Groenendal and started a coal and wood yard at 520 Elliott Street in Grand Haven, which they named Groenendal & Van Zanten. A little later Folgert bought out his partner and renamed the business Van Zanten & Son. He also bought out an ice firm and made that industry a branch of his business, which he advertised as "The Coal and Ice Men." He was a member of the Board of Education and of the First Reformed Church.

On October 7, 1870 Folgert married Aaltje "Alice" Baar, who was born in May 1852 in The Netherlands, the daughter of Simon and Helena Yonker Baar of Grand Haven. The Van Zantens lived at 520 Elliott, the same location as the business. Their nine children, all born in Michigan, included Charles, who was born in 1872; Simon, who was born in 1877, moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, and died on February 9, 1967; Corneil [Cornelius], who was born in May 1879; Lena, born in October 1881; Jacob, who was born in August 1884, worked at the post office for many years, and died on December 20, 1954; Helena, who was born about 1882, worked for many years at the Addison Baltz store in downtown Grand Haven, and died on October 18, 1967; Kate, who was born in November 1886, became a milliner, and married Martin Van Doorne II of Grand Haven, who died in 1921, and then Anthony Hoebeke, also of Grand Haven; Alice, who was born in November 1889, and married Myron Rose of Grand Haven; and Jennie, who was born in May 1897 and married Louis Loetz. Alice died of "a weakened condition and smallpox" on February 23, 1903, about a month after her son. In 1918 Folgert married the widow Gertrude Stevens of Grand Haven. Gertrude lived from 1864 to 1938. Folgert died at his home on Elliott Street on December 17, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 23, 1903 and December 17, 1931.]

### **Govert Van Zantwick [Van Zantwyk] I [1836-1917]**

Govert Van Zantwick and Henrietta Bartels were married in Grand Haven on July 3, 1861. They both were natives of The Netherlands, where Govert was born on July 25, 1836 and passed away on March 4, 1917. Henrietta lived from 1845 to around December 16, 1912. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a daughter, Henrietta, who was born in Grand Haven on August 14, 1867, and two sons, Herman [Harmon], born in September 1869, and Dirk, who was born on August 23, 1873. Govert was a laborer. He and his family were residing at 625 Columbus as early as 1880, where they remained into the early 1900s. Govert Van Zantwick II was their grandson.

### **Govert Van Zantwick II [1893-1944]**

After working at the Story & Clark Piano Company, Dake Engine Company, and John Boer & Sons, Furniture and Undertakers on Washington Street in Grand Haven, Govert Van Zantwick opened Ottawa County's first funeral home at 208 Franklin Street in 1926. Two years later the business was located at 620 Washington, property they purchased from the George D. Sanford estate. In May 1926, Van Zantwick conducted his first funeral. The funeral home on Washington, which also served as their residence, later became known as Van Zantwick, Bartels, and Kammeraad, operating in both Grand Haven and Spring Lake. The business remained at 620 Washington into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

On December 11, 1916 Govert married Winifred De Witt. The daughter of Johanes and Jennie De Witt of Grand Haven, Winifred was born October 25, 1893. The Van Zantwick children included Herman L., who was born on September 27, 1917. Other children were Joan Katherine, born about 1921, and Allen M., born around 1925. Govert, the grandson of Govert and Henrietta Bartels Van Zantwick, was born in Grand Haven on December 3, 1893, died on September 4, 1944, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His



parents were Herman and Alice Van Zantwick. Govert's widow, who married Jacob Cook in 1961, died on February 27, 1982.

### **Herman [Harmon] Van Zantwick [1869-1931]**

The son of Govert and Henrietta Bartels Van Zantwick, Herman was born in Grand Haven on September 3, 1869 [1870]. On March 6, 1890 in Grand Haven, he married Alice "Allie" Cook. She was born on August 27, 1873. They had a daughter Maude, who born in March 1892 and died in 1919, and a son Govert, born on December 3, 1893. Herman was a cook in the early 1890s, but later worked at Challenge. He died on August 19, 1931 in Grand Haven. Alice passed away on April 10, 1943. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family resided at 325 North Fifth Street.

### **Herman L. Van Zantwick [1917-1983]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 27, 1917, Herman was the son of Govert and Winifred De Witt Van Zantwick. After graduating from Cincinnati College of Embalming in Cincinnati, Ohio, Herman was licensed as an embalmer in 1939. He then joined his father in the funeral home business. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a hospital corpsman at Treasure Island and Fleet Receiving Hospital in California. After the war Herman assumed management of the business in place of his father, who had died two years earlier. In 1946 Charles M. Ayers joined Herman as part owner. In 1963 Herman contracted tuberculosis and was hospitalized for six months. He went into semi-retirement in May 1981. He enjoyed golf and was a caddy master and assistant pro who shot in the 70s at Spring Lake Country Club in 1937 under Denny Allen.

On April 4, 1941 Herman married Geneva Jane Palmer of Muskegon, who died in Spring Lake of congestive heart failure at the age of 70 on January 29, 1990. Their children included Kay, who married Geoffrey Bernd, became a nurse, and lived in Clinton, Lenawee County; Jane, who married Danny Miller of Spring Lake; and Dale Van Zantwick, who married Susan and took an active role in management of the funeral home. The family resided at 620 Washington, the site of the funeral home. Herman died on September 24, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Herm Sees Lots of Changes, Retiring at 63," May 8, 1981.]

### **Peter Van Zylen [Van Zijlen, Van Zylin] [1818-1894]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands in October 1818 [1817], Peter Van Zylen came to Grand Haven around 1865 [1877]. His wife, Wiepke, was born in The Netherlands in October 1817. They were married about 1854. Listed as Milkman in the 1880 census and as Drayman in the 1893 *Business Compendium*, Peter died at his home on October 22, 1894 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Wiepke died on March 20, 1904 and was buried near her husband. Their children, both born in The Netherlands, were Luther, born about 1852, and Mary, born about 1863. [*Tribune* obituary, October 23, 1894.]

### **Peter Henry Van Zylen [Van Zylin] [1877-1957]**

Born in Grand Haven on June 9, 1877, Peter was the son of Heine [Henry] Pieter and Grietje Yonker Van Zylen, who both were born in The Netherlands, Cornelius. His grandparents were Peter and Wiepke Van Zylen of Grand Haven. Peter the younger went to work at the age of 14 in local industries before entering the produce business in Grand Haven in 1903. In 1904 he bought out William Thieleman I and went into the lumber business under the name of Van Zylen Lumber Company. He dealt in lumber, Pittsburgh paints and varnishes, sashes, doors roofing, cement, and coal. The company at first was located between Adams Street and the South Channel, near Sixth Street [701 North Sixth]. Later Peter moved his business to the corner of Seventh and Jackson Streets in Grand Haven [approximately 430-440 North Seventh]. For 53 years he operated lumber and coal yards at these two sites and another one on Davis Street, near Baker Lumber Company. He also erected and owned the coal sheds that serviced the Pere Marquette Railway system, located near the corner of Seventh and Jackson Streets in Grand Haven. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, the Eagles, Grand Haven Farm Bureau, Spring Lake Country Club, Elks,

Rotary Club, Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Michigan, Salvation Army, and was an officer of the Peerless Novelty Company. Peter was mayor of Grand Haven in 1915 and served as alderman in 1913 and again from 1930 to 1932. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce from 1924 to 1925.

On July 7, 1904 Peter married Dena Fase, who was born February 22, 1884 in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of Jacob Fase, a well-known local commercial fisherman. Dena's sister Henrietta married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven. The Van Zylens lived at 442 North Seventh Street and later at 615 Washington. Dena died of a heart attack on August 6, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She had been active in the Coast Guard Water Festival and always took care of the city banquet for the Coast Guard Festival. Their children, all born locally, included Marjorie C., who was born on April 2, 1905, married a Mr. Hektor of Muskegon, and died on February 24, 1993 in Grand Haven; James Henry, who was born on September 22, 1907; married Beryl Emeline Abbey, and died on August 22, 1988 in Santa Ana, California; and Cornelia Lena, who was born on October 18, 1910 and died in Muskegon on November 4, 1966. Peter died on August 5, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 7, 1940 and, August 5, 1957.]

### **John Vargo II [1920-**

John was born in Grand Rapids on February 23, 1920. He married Ruth Marie Moser in Grand Haven on October 15, 1940. Born in Coopersville on July 2, 1920, Ruth passed away on December 6, 1990. They were divorced on November 22, 1943. On August 13, 1949, John married Elizabeth Watson. She was born in London, England on January 15, 1918. By the 1960s John was operating a barber shop at 444 North Beacon Boulevard. The couple resided at 439 Terrill Avenue. He passed away in Michigan City, Indiana on May 31, 1972. Elizabeth died on October 3, 2007 in Roseville, California.

### **John Vaupell [Vaupel] [1852-1928]**

Born in Livingston County, New York, of Dutch heritage on April 12, 1852, John arrived in the City of Holland in 1860 with his parents, Hermanus and Cornelia Nyhuis Vaupell, both natives of The Netherlands. John moved to Grand Haven in 1881, after his election as sheriff of Ottawa County, a post he retained in 1882. In 1894 he was elected mayor of Grand Haven. He favored the principles of the Republican Party. John was secretary of the Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa] when it incorporated in 1885 and afterward. With John Klaver, John owned a half-interest in "Turk," a trotter with a good record.

On December 12, 1877, John married Harriet E. Kellogg of Grand Rapids. Born in 1856, she died two years after their wedding, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with a daughter, Hattie, who lived from 1879 to 1888. In 1880 John married Josephine L. Bicknell, from Malone, New York. She was born on April 12, 1854. John and Josephine had two children: Leonard J., who was born on January 20, 1882, and Helen K. John died in Seattle, Washington on May 5, 1928 and was buried at Acacia Memorial Park with other family members. Leonard died in Seattle on March 30, 1966. Helen also died in Seattle, passing away on April 3, 1969.

### **William H. Vaxter I [1873-1929]**

William Vaxter's wife Dena was born in Michigan in December 1871. William was born in Michigan in July 1873. He was first mate aboard the car ferry *Milwaukee* when it went down with all hands in Lake Michigan on October 22, 1929. Dena resided in Grand Haven at 839 Grant around 1930. The daughter of Henry and Grace Arkema I of Grand Haven, Dena passed away around August 11, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where her husband also was buried. William Vaxter II, born on September 2, 1904, was their son.

### **William J. Vaxter II [1904-1977]**

In 1933 William Vaxter became owner and operator of Franklin Press at 517 Fulton and continued as owner into the 1940s. William, the son of William and Dena Vaxter I, was born on September 2, 1904 and

married Phebe Alice Clark in Grand Haven on January 1, 1930. She was born in Grand Haven on April 29, 1909. The family resided at 525 Clinton Street. William died in Phoenix, Arizona in December 1977. Phebe passed away in Sun City, Arizona on April 10 ten years later. They had two daughters: Helen Joan Vaxter [1931-1974] and Gretchen L. Vaxter [1935-2023]. William and Phebe were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Karoline Graf Vayda [1930-2013]**

Karoline Vayda was known for the eggs she painted at Easter. The brightly colored and detailed designs often are referred to as Ukranian Eggs. Born in Hungary on August 26, 1930 as Karoline Graf, she arrived in the United States on December 31, 1947. Not long afterward, she married Frank Nickols Vayda, also a native of Hungary, where he was born on October 30, 1911. He previously had been married to Rose Cartier Griswold. They were divorced in Ottawa County on May 29, 1941 after three years of marriage. She lived from 1902 to October 25, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frank, who worked at the Story & Clark Piano Company, died on March 15, 1998, and Karoline passed away on September 13, 2013. They were buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Grand Haven Township.

### **Bernard M. "Berny" Veenstra [1927-2020]**

Berny Veenstra was a Grand Haven physician for many years prior to his retirement in 1986. He was born in Moline, Allegan County, on January 25, 1927 and married Lois Jean De Kruyter on September 4, 1953. She was born in Michigan on September 11, 1932. By the late 1960s, they lived at 116 South Fourth Street in a house once occupied by another physician, Dr. Wyllys Walkley. Bernie's medical office was located at 1310 Wisconsin Street. Berny's and Lois's children were Judy Veenstra, who married Steven Brown; Sherry Veenstra, who was born in December 1954 and married George Bazuin; Craig Veenstra, who was born about 1960; Gayle Veenstra, who married Doug De Haan; and Lissy Veenstra, who married David Moore. Lois died on June 5, 1982. On November 26, 1983, Berny married Janice Hall Hoekstra. The next year the newly wed couple purchased a home at 14367 Dunewood Drive. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Bernie died on March 12, 2020 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Jacob Veit [1851-1911]**

Jacob Veit was part owner of Eagle Brewery in Grand Rapids, established in 1879. Jacob and Frederick August Tusch, another Grand Rapids brewer, in 1905 bought a parcel of land in Ferrysburg referred to today as Veit's Landing. Jacob, who was born in Prussia, lived from May 12, 1851 to December 1911 and was buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Walker Township, Kent County. He married Anna Mayer in Grand Rapids on November 25, 1879. Born in Grand Rapids on August 24, 1860, she passed away on April 4, 1951 and also was buried at Mount Calvary. They had two children.

### **Alice Veld [1899-2001] and Henry Veld [1900-1976]**

Alice Van Zanten and Henry Veld were married in Holland in 1935. Alice's parents were Charles and Sena Powell Van Zanten, and she was listed with them in the Federal Census of 1900 as residents of Grand Haven. After Charles died of smallpox on January 20, 1903, Alice's widowed mother married Reverend Teunis Muilenberg. Henry, who was choir director at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, was born in 1900 and died in 1976. Alice passed away on January 3, 2001 and was buried at Homewood Memorial Gardens in Homewood, Illinois. She was born in Grand Haven on May 10, 1899.

### **Bradford M. Velsey [Velzy, Velsay] [1851-1916]**

Born in New York in 1851, Bradford Velsey in 1880 received from Frank Archer a license to operate a ferryboat across the Grand River in Allendale Township. He and his wife Emma were married in 1872. She was born around 1852 in Ohio. They had two children, Dwight, born about 1876, and Hannah, born about 1878. In 1889, Bradford was a farmer in Allendale Township, and by 1890 he and his family were living in San Diego, California, where he was a building contractor. He died in California in 1916.

### **Daniel Velsey [Velzy] [1812-1850]**

In 1850 lumberman Daniel Velsey was living in Grand Haven with Nathan Throop and his family. He was born in New York State in August 1812. On November 10, 1841 Dan purchased acreage in Section 33 of Crockery Township. On April 1, 1850 he bought additional acreage in Section 28. Dan died on August 19, 1850 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **James T. Veneklasen [1886-1969]**

Reverend Veneklasen was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven from May 1914 through 1919. Boy Scout Troop 1 was organized under his leadership in the first year of his tenure at the Grand Haven church. After leaving Grand Haven, Rev. Veneklasen went to Baltimore, next to Iowa, and eventually to California. He was born in Zeeland on August 25, 1886 and died on December 21, 1969 in Orange County, California. His wife, Ann Schuelke, was born in Iowa on March 24, 1888 and died in Orange County on April 20, 1981.

### **Adrian [Adriaan] Ver Berkmoes II [1849-1924]**

A building contractor, Adrian Ver Berkmoes and his second wife, Alyda, lived at 615 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. The son of Adriaan and Dirkje Schippers Ver Berkmoes, young Adrian was born in Goes, The Netherlands, on August 5, 1849. On August 15, 1872 he married [Elisabeth] Rogge in Grand Haven. She was born in 1852 and died on April 5, 1897 in Grand Haven. She and Adrian II were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Adrian III, born in August 1875; Deerka "Delia," born about 1879; William, born on May 5, 1883; Peter, who was born on January 7, 1887 and died in Elkhart, Indiana in February 1981; and Mary, who was born in June 1888 and married Cornelius Van Hemert of Grand Haven. The children were all born locally. On July 22, 1899 Adrian married Alyda Peins. She was born in The Netherlands in October 1862 and had a son and a daughter by her first marriage: Cornelius, born in January 1888, and Adriana H., born in April 1890. Adrian died in Grand Haven on July 13, 1924.

### **Adrian Ver Berkmoes III [1874-1955]**

Born on August 22, 1874 in Fremont, Newaygo County, Adrian Ver Berkmoes III on August 19, 1898 married Anna "Emma" Meinel of Crockery Township. Emma, who was born in Germany on October 4, 1878, came to America with her family in 1884 and to Grand Haven five years later. Her father, Reinhardt Wilhelm "William" Meinel, was born in Saxony [now Germany] in 1853, and her mother was born in the same year and place. Adrian was the son of Adrian and Elizabeth Rogge Ver Berkmoes II. Adrian and Emma had two children: Stewart Arthur, who was born on September 1, 1899 and died in September 1968; and George William, who was born on April 22, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on August 14, 1987. Adrian and Emma were divorced on January 9, 1904. Emma then married Howard Bailey.

By 1918 Adrian had moved to Hammond, Indiana. His wife's name at that time was Orphia [Orpha]. In 1942 he and his wife were living in Portland, Maine. Adrian died on January 3, 1955 in Oregon.

### **Andrew Ver Berkmoes [1887-1965]**

Like his brothers Cornelius and Henry, Andrew was in the business of manufacturing cigars. His home in the early 1900s was at 320 Columbus. The brothers also trapped muskrats and raised celery on the mud flats east of the U.S. 31 bridge over the Grand River and at a site near the later Gage Motor Mall property. Andrew, the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn [Botbyl] Ver Berkmoes, was born in Grand Haven on July 5, 1887. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Other family members living with Andrew on Columbus Street in the early 1900s were his sisters and brothers, Della, a clerk, Joseph and Krein, both students, and Lizzie. On July 28, 1908 in Bailey, Muskegon County, Andrew married Hazel May Grindle. Hazel lived from June 23, 1889 to April 7, 1969. They had six children, all born locally: Howard A., born about 1909; Irmagene, born about 1910; Helen, born about 1912; Ruth, born about 1915; Lester, born about 1917; Merle L., born about 1919; Irmadean, born about 1920; and

Marva, born about 1922. The family resided at 615 Grand Street around 1920, and then moved to 215 North Second. Andrew died in Grand Haven on June 18, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Hazel also was buried.

### **Cornelis [Cornelius] Ver Berkmoes [1858-1931]**

Born in Goes, The Netherlands on May 30, 1858, Cornelis was the son of Adriaan and Dirkje Schippers Ver Berkmoes. Cornelis settled in Grand Haven, where he married Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn [Botbyl] on October 19, 1881. Pieterella was born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, on September 16, 1862. Hendrik and Marie Paret Botbijn were her parents. Cornelis manufactured and sold cigars from his store at 110 Washington. The Ver Berkmoes children, all born in Grand Haven, were Dirkje “Della;” Selia, who was born in February 1883 and died the same year; Mary, who was born about 1885 and died in September 1898; Andrew, who was born in 1887; Henry, who was born about 1888; Elizabeth; Joseph; Josie, who was born and died in 1892; Krein, who was born on October 19, 1894; and Cornelius, who was born on November 29, 1898. Cornelis passed away in Grand Haven on November 15, 1931, and Pieterella died three years later on December 22.

### **Cornelius “Kack” Ver Berkmoes [1898-1930]**

Like his brothers Andrew and Henry, Cornelius Ver Berkmoes was in the business of manufacturing cigars. The brothers also trapped muskrats and raised celery on the mud flats east of the U.S. 31 bridge over the Grand River and at a site near the later Gage Motor Mall property. Cornelius, the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn Ver Berkmoes, was born in Grand Haven on November 29, 1898. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. On November 21, 1921 Kack married Cora Dykstra in Muskegon. She was born about 1900. They lived at 320 Columbus Street. On November 24, 1930, Kack and his brother Henry died in the Grand River when their rowboat capsized near their property, then called Ver Berkmoes Island. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1930.]

### **George Ver Berkmoes [1902-1987]**

The son of Adrian and Anna Emma Meinel Ver Berkmoes, George was born on April 27, 1902. He was married twice, first to Opal M. Cartwright and then to Katherine, who was born March 28, 1904. They lived at 1132 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, where Katherine died on December 18, 1986 and George the next August 14. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Harold Ver Berkmoes [1922-1965]**

Born in Grand Haven in 1922, the son of Henry and Grace Ver Berkmoes, Harold graduated from Grand Haven High School and worked for Peerless Glove Company, Oldbergs, and Keller Tool Company. He entered Hope College but dropped out to enlist in the Air Force during World War II. After the war he resumed his education. Harold died in July 1965.

### **Henry Ver Berkmoes [1889-1930]**

Henry, along with his brothers Cornelius and Andrew Ver Berkmoes, manufactured cigars. The brothers also trapped muskrats and raised celery on the mud flats east of the U.S. 31 bridge over the Grand River and at a site south of town near the later location of Gage Motor Mall. Henry was the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn Ver Berkmoes. On July 30, 1914 in Grand Haven, he married Grace Mulder. She was pregnant at the time of her husband’s death. On November 24, 1930, Henry and his brother Cornelius [“Kack”] died on the river near their property, called Ver Berkmoes Island at that time, when their rowboat capsized. Henry, who was born June 30, 1889, was 42 when he drowned. Henry and Grace had eight children, including Cornelius “Case,” who was born on March 10, 1914; Anna Marie, born about 1918; Donald, born about 1920; Harold, born about 1922; Edwin, born about 1925; Evelyn, born about 1927; Charlotte, born about 1928; and Henry, born June 1, 1931. Grace, who raised the children on her

own, died April 21, 1947, at age 58. Between 1918 and 1930 the family resided at 125 Elliott. Later, their house, at 515 Grant Street, had a greenhouse in the backyard. [*Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1930.]

**Joseph H. Ver Berkmoes [1923-1985]**

Born on July 13, 1923, Joseph Ver Berkmoes became a milling machine operator at Ottawa Steel Products. He and his wife, Joan, resided at 513 Jackson in Grand Haven. Joseph died in Grand Haven on January 30, 1985.

**Krein Ver Berkmoes I [1894-1961]**

Krein Ver Berkmoes was born in Grand Haven on October 19, 1894, the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn [Botbyl]. Krein was a trapper and celery farmer and ran the Ver Berkmoes Feed Store in Grand Haven. He and his family moved from 809 Fulton to a celery farm on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard] on December 7, 1941. On September 25, 1921, in Grand Haven, Krein married Marie Nichols. Marie was born in Michigan on September 5, 1903, died in Grand Haven on April 14, 1980, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Krein II, who was born in Grand Haven on July 8, 1924, Mary H., born about 1927; and Joyce, who was born on May 2, 1930 and married David Fritz of Grand Haven. The family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Krein I died on May 9, 1961 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Krein II married Edith Ilene Plant of Coopersville, where she was born on December 18, 1929.

**Cornelius "Case" J. Ver Brugge [1882-1952]**

From about 1930 to 1945 Cornelius Ver Brugge and Cornelius Voshel were co-owners of Variety Woodwork Company at 317-405 Davis in Grand Haven. Prior to that, Case was a self-employed carpenter in Grand Haven. Born in Grand Haven on May 18, 1882, he married Daisy M. Nyland in Grand Haven on April 7, 1915. The daughter of Arend and Minnie Bronkhorst Nyland of Grand Haven, she was born in July 1887 and died on December 23, 1958. The couple resided at 1009 Pennoyer. Case passed away on August 10, 1952. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 1952.]

**Caleb Ver Duin [Verduin] [1875-1964]**

Born in Grand Haven on September 19, 1875, Caleb was the son of Captain John and Gezienna Ver Duin. Caleb's brothers were Peter, Louis, and William. Captain Caleb Ver Duin became a commercial fisherman working out of Grand Haven. In 1898 Caleb had the first all-steel tug, *C. J. Bos*, built at Johnston Brothers Shipyard and father and three sons started their commercial fishing business the next year. The tug was named for Cornelius J. Bos, William's father-in-law and Grand Haven businessman, who helped finance the boat. Three years later the Ver Duin family had the 72-foot fishing tug *H. J. Dornbos* built, also at Johnston Brothers. This one was named for Henry J. Dornbos, a principal figure in the Grand Haven fishing business with that name. Their fish houses, which were located in Muir at the base of Dewey Hill, burned down in October 1922. When the brothers sold their tugs, Caleb continued for a few years as a fisherman, using his own boat, and then went to work for Construction Aggregates running a tug to the gravel pits up the Grand River. Both Caleb and William had captain's licenses.

Caleb married Hilda Bolthouse on October 31, 1901. They lived at 327 Clinton and later at 431 Leggat. Their surviving children included John, born January 26, 1902; Claude, born on June 19, 1908; and George S., born March 22, 1912. Hilda, who was born in Michigan around 1882, died in late December 1958. Caleb died on June 1, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Hilda. Both Caleb and William had captain's licenses. [*Tribune* obituary, September 5, 1957 and personal correspondence from Robert Ver Duin.]

**Claude Ver Duin [1908-1990]**

Born in Grand Haven on June 19, 1908, Claude was the son of Caleb and Hilda Ver Duin. He was a commercial fisherman and later opened a fish market and lunch stand called The Fishery at 19 South Water Street [Harbor Drive], in a building he shared with John Pippel's printing business, whose address

was 25 South Water. In 1931 he published *The Fisherman*, a trade magazine for Great Lakes commercial fishermen that continued publication under the Ver Duin name until 1991. That year he sold the publication to the Great Lakes Fisheries Development Foundation. He and his wife, along with John Pippel, began operating a printing business from their home and also published a weekly newspaper, the *Grand Haven Searchlight*. Claude moved the printing business to the 100 block of North Third before relocating to 623 Washington in 1961. Claude also ran a Fire Protection Service from his home at 406 Howard and, in the 1960s, from 623 Washington.

After WWII Claude lobbied for seven years for construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway, was secretary for the Great Lakes Harbor Association, and was a member of Michigan Municipal Utilities. Claude was deputy Coordinator of Fisheries for the Great Lakes Region during WWII. He teamed up with Glenn Eaton and Chuck Bugielski to help organize and manage the Coast Guard Festival from 1946 to 1981. In 1948 he served on the Grand Haven City Council. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; Elks; Eagles; Masons; Salvation Army board; Eastern Star; and he was active in the Boy Scouts. He served as mayor of Grand Haven from 1952 to 1956, and at the same time he was director of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. In 1956 President Eisenhower appointed him one of the original members of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, a post he held for 32 years.

In Grand Haven on May 23, 1934 Claude married Fern Gylleck. The daughter of Olaf T. and Dora Scheer Gylleck of Grand Haven, she was born on July 12, 1909 in Dixon, Illinois. Her father was advertising manager for the Challenge Machinery Company, and later owned Advertising Specialties, a business located at 623 Washington. Claude eventually joined his father-in-law in the business. Fern was a member of the Eastern Star for more than 70 years. Claude and Fern's children included Robert C., whose wife's name was Sandra. Bob ran the Fire Protection Service business for a while and later ran the Ver Duin printing business. Ruth McMahon, an attorney in West Palm Beach and Sarasota, Florida, was their daughter. The Ver Duins resided at 311 South Fourth Street, then at 406 Howard, and finally at 111 Prospect. Claude died on November 9, 1990 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fern passed away on December 27, 2001 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* articles, "Named Local C of C secretary," January 7, 1955, and "Advertising Specialties are Fun Business," April 24, 1987, *Tribune* obituaries November 9, 1990 and December 28, 2001, and personal correspondence from Robert Ver Duin.]

### **George Seymour Ver Duin [Verduin] [1912-1993]**

George Ver Duin was president and general manager of Modern Methods Manufacturing Company at 1410 Kooiman in Grand Haven. He married, Lois A. Farnham in Grand Haven on January 24, 1942. The daughter of Ralph and Susan Balgooyen Farnham, Lois born in Grand Haven on May 19, 1915. The couple resided at 612 Grand Avenue. He also was named vice president of North Shore Machine Works when it was founded in 1946. George, the son of Caleb and Hilda Bolthouse Ver Duin, was born in Grand Haven on March 22, 1912, died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1993, and buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lois passed away on April 9, 2000.

### **Jan "John" Ver Duin [1843-1888]**

Captain John Ver Duin, the son of Pieter and Elizabeth Trappenburg Ver Duin, was born in The Netherlands on September 26, 1843 and passed away in Grand Haven on July 28, 1888. His wife, Geziena "Sena," also a native of The Netherlands, died of cancer of the liver at age 74 on April 29, 1924. They had four sons, all born in Grand Haven: Peter, born on November 13, 1868; Louis, born about December 1869; William, born about 1872; and Caleb, born on September 19, 1875. The family resided at 322 Clinton. John was a commercial fisherman.

### **John Ver Duin [1902-1957]**

Born in Grand Haven on January 26, 1902 to Caleb and Hilda Ver Duin, John was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven for many years and a tug crewman for Construction Aggregates Corporation. The last two

years of his life he was employed at Michigan Plastic Products. On December 21, 1928 he married Leona Law in Grand Haven. Leona was born about 1909 and died on July 2, 1952. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included James E., who was born about 1930 and entered the Air Force; Judith, who married Ralph Bole of Grand Haven, Jack, and Russell. Around 1930 the family resided at 212 Water Street [Harbor Drive]. Leona passed away around July 5, 1952. John died on September 5, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Leona. [*Tribune* obituary, September 5, 1957.]

#### **John Richard Ver Duin [1902-1983]**

John R., the son of Peter and Henrietta Van Woerkom Ver Duin, was born in Grand Haven on November 11, 1902 and died on March 4, 1983 in Mendon, St. Joseph County. On April 19, 1928 in Holland, he married Dorothy Eckman, who was born September 9, 1905 and died in St. Joseph, Berrien County on July 21, 1985. In Grand Haven the Ver Duins lived at 601 Fulton. John and Dorothy were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Louis A. Ver Duin [1869-1930]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 3, 1869, Louis was the son of Captain John and Geziena Ver Duin. Louis worked for one of the local gravel companies. On July 7, 1892 he married Della [Dora] Groenendal in Grand Haven. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Jessenia, born on August 12, 1894; Theodore, born on September 20, 1901; and Della Louise, born on November 30, 1906. The family resided at 216 Howard. Della was born in Michigan on September 21, 1870, died in Grand Haven around November 25, 1950, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Louis passed away around November 24, 1930 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Pieter “Peter” Ver Duin [1817-1900]**

Peter Ver Duin, a Grand Haven merchant, was born in The Netherlands in 1817. On March 18, 1841 in The Netherlands, he married Elizabeth Trappenburg. Both were born in The Netherlands and immigrated to the United States in 1855. Among their children was Jan “John” Verduin, born in The Netherlands on September 26, 1843. Before the railroad moved to the Grand Haven side of the river, Elizabeth worked at the coffee shop at the train depot at the foot of Dewey Hill. She lived from January 19, 1818 to 1856. After Elizabeth’s death, Peter married 21-year-old Dingena Versteeg in Ottawa County on January 25, 1857. Peter died on September 28, 1900 in Homewood, Illinois.

#### **Pieter “Peter” Ver Duin [1868-1953]**

Peter, born in Grand Haven on November 13, 1868, was the son of Captain John and Geziena Ver Duin. Peter’s brothers were Caleb, Louis, and William. Peter was a justice of the peace for 12 years before retiring on November 5, 1948 due to ill health. By the early 1890s he was running a grocery store at 118 North Third Street, but later he went into the commercial fishing business with two brothers. He also had a novelty store in the 1100 block of Washington Street before 1936. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On January 17, 1894 Peter married Henrietta Van Woerkom in Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands in September 1868 and died in Grand Haven on January 9, 1945. They lived at 454 Grant. Their children included Aurette [Aurelia], who was born in May 1897 and married William Wilson of Muskegon Heights; Louis Arthur, who was born on December 30, 1898 and died in St. Joseph, Berrien County on December 1, 1979; John L., born in July 1899; James, who was born about 1901 and moved to Dowagiac, Cass County; John R., who was born in Grand Haven on November 11, 1902 and married Dorothy Eckman; Eleanor V., who was born on March 14, 1912, married Robert Millonzi of Buffalo, New York, and died in Buffalo on September 25, 1998; and Arnold of St. Petersburg, Florida. On August 12, 1947 Peter married Nellie Chamberlain, who died on March 21, 1962. Peter passed away on May 27, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 29, 1924, May 27, 1953, and March 7, 1983.]



### **William Ver Duin [1843-1891]**

Captain William Ver Duin worked in the commercial fishing business. He was born in The Netherlands on September 11, 1843 [1842] and died on November 24, 1891. On September 21, 1869 in Grand Haven, he married Maria Vanderhaven. She was born in Zeeland on March 23, 1847. Among the Ver Duins' children, all born in Michigan, were Peter, born in 1869; John, born in 1874; Frank, born in 1877; and Bessie, born in 1881. Mary passed away in Chicago on September 13, 1929. She and the captain were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **William [Willem] Ver Duin [1872-1987]**

William, the son of Captain John and Gezieta Ver Duin, was born in Grand Haven in October 1872. He and his three brothers, Louis, Caleb, and Peter, continued in the fishing business after the death of their father. Lou was the engineer and Peter worked with the shore crew. William began sailing at age 12, and at 17 he received his captain's papers and became skipper of the sailboat *Fleetwing*. He and his mother went into partnership and purchased the 52-foot tug *John A. Miller*, a steam-powered boat. In 1898 he had a charcoal iron hull tug built at the Johnston Boiler Works in Ferrysburg and named it *C. J. Bos* for his father-in-law, Cornelius Bos. The *C. J. Bos* had an open deck with a hand-operated lifter used to pull nets in by hand. He also had a turtle deck installed over the open forward deck to protect the crew working in the lake in all kinds of weather. In 1901 he ordered the *H. J. Dornbos*, a 72-foot tug, and his brother Caleb was captain. The tug was sold to Caleb and Lou shortly after it was built. The government bought the boat during WWI and took it out of the Great Lakes. Captain Ver Duin installed one of the first steam lifters made at the Dake Engine factory. He was the first local fisherman to set nets on the Wisconsin side of the lake. The *C. J. Bos* kept the harbor open in the winter for the car ferries and also opened Grand River in the spring for the gravel tugs. William served on the City Council and was mayor of Grand Haven in 1931 and 1932.

On May 27, 1896 in Grand Haven William married Cornelia, the daughter of Cornelius and Maria Van Doorne Bos. Cornelia was born in Grand Haven in October 1874. Their children included Geziene, who was born in December 1898 and married Adrian Kooiman of Grand Haven; Mary V., who was born on March 21, 1902, and married Evan Van Lopik, originally of Grand Haven but later of Grand Rapids; John William, who was born on March 20, 1904 and became a physician with an office in Grand Haven; Willene, who was born about 1909; and Cornelius B., who was born on April 19, 1911 and died January 12, 2001 in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The Ver Duin family resided at 928 Washington. William died on April 30, 1987, and Cornelia passed away about November 19, 1952. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune article, "Capt. Ver Duin Started Lake Career," May 2, 1987.]

### **Anthony Verhoeks [1889-1974] and Meredith May Pearl Taft Ver Hoeks [1908-1984]**

Anthony Verhoeks, a marine engineer, married Cora Belle Van Wormer [Van Warmer]. She was born in Michigan on March 24, 1889 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 4, 1948. On May 4 the next year, Anthony married Meredith Taft in Grand Haven. Born in Superior, Wisconsin on August 31, 1908, Meredith completed a correspondence course and was certified in Commercial Illustration when she was in her mid-thirties. Her parents were William Garfield [1881-1950] and Katherine Holcomb Taft [1881-1930]. Not long after her mother's death in 1930, Meredith and her father moved to Grand Haven and were living at 706½ Washington Street by 1935. In 1941, Meredith and William were living at 431 Taylor Street. In 1950, Meredith, Anthony, and her father were residing at 213 Clinton Street. Meredith was a music teacher. Anthony, a Grand Haven native, lived from April 18, 1889 to March 4, 1974, and Meredith died in Grand Haven on March 17, 1984. Anthony, Cora Belle, Meredith, and William Garfield were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Many of Meredith's sketches and paintings were donated to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

### **Garrett [Gerrit] Verhoeks [1843-1925]**

On August 6, 1862 in Grand Haven, Garrett Verhoeks enlisted as private in Company G of the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on June 8, 1865 and returned to Grand Haven, where he was a laborer. Garrett was born in The Netherlands in April 1843 and came to the United States in 1854. He died in 1925 and was buried at Fair Plains Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Apparently Garrett never married.

#### **Henry Verhoeks [1864-1924]**

Henry, the son of Solomon and Mary Verhoeks, was born locally in July 1864. Henry's father Solomon was born in The Netherlands about 1831 and died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1899. His mother, Mary Verhoeks, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in 1834. Henry became a butcher in Grand Haven, the same trade his father followed. Henry married Anna D. Ritsma in Grand Haven on August 27, 1884. Born in 1868, Anna died in Grand Haven on May 18, 1888. Henry next married Carrie "Clara" Boyer of Muskegon on January 29, 1892. They resided at 12 South Seventh Street. Clara was born in Muskegon on December 16, 1868 and passed away on November 7, 1920. Henry died on June 17, 1924 and was buried with Clara at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry and Carrie had a daughter, Pearl, born in August 1886.

#### **James Verhoeks [1865-1946]**

Born in Grand Haven in May 1865, James Verhoeks received his education in the public schools. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker and later became foreman of one of the departments of the Challenge Corn Planter Works. He was a member of the Republican County Committee and Company F. Verhoeks represented the Third Ward on the City Council from 1894 to 1898. His wife, Jennie, was born in January 1866 and died on August 2, 1949. They lived at 16 South Eighth Street. That house was advertised for sale in the May 8, 1912 edition of the *Grand Haven Tribune*, but there was no evidence that it sold then. James died on November 1, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Two of their children were Tillie, born in April 1887, and James J., who was born on September 27, 1894 and died in Grand Rapids on July 12, 1972.

#### **Johannes "John" W. Verhoeks [1861-1940]**

Johannes, the son of William and Teuntje Vander Zalm Verhoeks, was born in Grand Haven on July 29, 1861. In 1880 John was working at the shingle mill. Three years later, with the backing of Henry Fase, he established John W. Verhoeks & Company at 222 North Seventh Street. It offered "Dry Goods, Groceries, Family Medicines, Etc." After more than 20 years of business, he sold out and in 1905 opened a store on Seventh Street that sold wagons, carriages, and farm machinery, including McCormick Harvesters and J. I. Case threshing machines. Also for six years he and Albert Juistema owned and operated the Juistema & Ver Hoeks Shoe Store at 222 Washington.

John married Janna "Jennie," Henry's Fase's daughter, on December 28, 1882. Jennie was born in The Netherlands on January 30, 1863 and passed away on September 4, 1945. John and Jennie had two sons, Henry J. Verhoeks, who was born on October 28, 1886, became Auditor at Grand Haven State Bank, and died in Grand Haven on May 17, 1980; and William T., who was born in October 1890 and moved his medical practice from Detroit to San Antonio, Texas. John died on May 6, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jennie. At the time of his death, John resided at 521 Howard. The family attended the First Reformed Church.

#### **Solomon Verhoeks [1830-1899]**

Solomon Verhoeks, a native of The Netherlands, was born on July 5, 1830 and died on December 24, 1899. He married Mary Douker, a native of the same country, who was born about 1834 and died on October 8, 1903. In Grand Haven, Solomon worked as a butcher. Their children, all born locally, were Lena, born in 1859; John, born in 1861; Joanna, born in 1863; Henry, born in 1865; Anne, born in 1867; Nellie H., born in 1869; and Mary [Marie] J., who was born in 1875 and on May 13, 1903 in Ludington married Peter Madison.

### **William Verhoeks [1835-1924]**

Born in The Netherlands on September 20, 1835, William Verhoeks came to this country aboard the *South Carolina*, arriving in Grand Haven on June 4, 1855. In 1859 he married Teuntje “Tillie” Vander Zalm, who was born December 29, 1841 in Gelderland, The Netherlands. She died in Grand Haven on March 15, 1884. Their children included Johannes [John] W., who was born in Grand Haven on July 29, 1861; Jacobus [James], who lived from 1865 to 1946; Neiltje, born in 1872; Sendert, born on October 12, 1876; Lyntje [Lena], who was born about 1879 and died August 28, 1915; and Minnie. All the children lived in Grand Haven. William’s second wife died on August 7, 1905. He died February 18, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Verhoeks Street in Grand Haven was named for the family. [*Tribune* obituary, August 8, 1905.]

### **John Ver Kuyl [Verkuyl, Verkuil] [1849-1918]**

Born in The Netherlands in February 1849, John Ver Kuyl arrived in Grand Haven when he was 25. He learned the baker’s trade in his home country, but for ten years was steward at the Cutler House in Grand Haven. In 1895 he opened his own business with his wife, operating “the Domestic bakery and ladies’ and gentlemen’s dining parlors.” Jacob Braak worked for him in 1902, before opening his own bakery in Spring Lake. John’s first wife, Jane, was born in 1862 and died on February 23, 1892. On June 14, 1893 in Grand Haven, he married Lulu Ellen Nace Carpenter. Ellen, was born in Ohio in March 1853. Ellen had a son, William, from a previous marriage, whom John adopted. William was born in Ohio in April 1887. The family resided at 248 Fourth Street. By 1908 John was out of the bakery business and working as a timekeeper. Apparently single, he boarded at 217 Washington. John died on April 18, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his first wife.

### **Leroy “Lee” Vermeer [1927-1999]**

Lee, the son of John and Marie Van Zee Vermeer, was born in Pella, Iowa, on April 10, 1927. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and married Margaret “Peggy” Holzinger of Grand Haven on October 9, 1954. Lee’s stepfather, Dr. Gerrit Menning of Hope Reformed Church, officiated. Peggy was a 1950 graduate of Grand Haven High School. The Vermeers’ children included Dale Vermeer of Kailua, Hawaii, and Diana Vermeer, who married Ken Ward. The Vermeers resided at 13427 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. They belonged to the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven.

Lee worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission for 25 years, holding the posts of office manager and deputy county clerk. In the late 1970s he joined Construction Aggregates and finished his career with Carter Manufacturing. Lee was elected township treasurer in 1988 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1996. Through his leadership, the growing township established the position of financial director. On November 1, 1999 Lee died of complications following a heart-bypass operation. Peggy retired from Old Kent Bank [now Fifth Third in 1997. She passed away on August 1, 2022. [*Tribune* obituary, November 2, 1999.]

### **Charles William Ver Murlen [Ver Muelen, Ver Murlin] I [1871-1956]**

Born in Grand Haven on April [March] 13, 1871, Charles was the son of Cornelius and Catherine Ver Murlen. Charles was an engineer at the William Heap & Sons factory, but he also owned a saloon in the early 1900s at 9 North Second Street. He was a member of the Elks and St. Mary’s Church. On June 3, 1896, he married Catherine Edna Lawless [Laules] in Chicago. She was born in Ireland on August 15, 1872 and died on October 21, 1938. Known by her middle name Edna, she came to Grand Haven from Chicago and lived for the 42 years of her married life at 229 Columbus Street in Grand Haven, property that was bought by the *Grand Haven Tribune* around 1938, along with other parcels, to make room for the newspaper’s new building on Third Street. The Ver Murlen children, all born locally, included Cornelius Thomas Ver Murlen, who was born on February 28, 1897, married Gertrude Pierce in Grand Haven on December 9, 1921, and died in Holland, Michigan in April 1968; Sara [Sarah] K. Ver Murlen, who was born on October 27, 1898, married Edward Thomas Fay [1896-1943]; Charles W. Ver Murlen II, who was born in 1902, moved to Saginaw; and died in 1970; and Jacob A. Ver Murlen, who was born on July 5,

1906 and died in Grand Haven on January 29, 1995. Sarah, who married Glenn Walter Merrefield [1894-1965] in Grand Haven on January 31, 1946, died on August 10, 1968. Following Catherine's death, Charles lived with Sarah and her husband on the North Shore. Charles died of a heart attack on June 5, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, June 5, 1956.]

#### **Cornelius Ver Murlen [Ver Meulen] [1840-1928]**

Cornelius Ver Murlen lived from May 1840 to 1928 and his wife Catherine, from February 11, 1835 to January 12, 1902. Both were from The Netherlands and both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Cornelia, was born about 1857 and married Rhine Kamhout of Grand Haven. Other children, all born in Grand Haven, were Klazina "Sena" [Sina], who was born on November 30, 1869 and married Fred Addison of Grand Haven; Charles, born on April 13, 1871; Cornelius II, born in November 1874; and Jacob, born November 1878. They had another son, John W. In 1880 Cornelius worked for the United States Life Saving Service in Grand Haven. He changed the spelling of the family name from Ver Meulen to Ver Murlen in 1891, although he continued to use the old spelling in the 1900 Federal Census. At that time they were living on North First Street, but a few years later Cornelius, a widower, had relocated to a boarding house at 334 Columbus Street.

#### **Joos Verplank [Ver Plank, Ver Planke] [1844-1943]**

Born on April 2, 1844 in Biervliet, The Netherlands, Joos was one of five children of Abram Jansen Verplank who was a cobbler [shoemaker]. Joos came to this country with his parents when he was five years old. His mother died of cholera near Albany, New York, while the family was making its way to Michigan. Arriving at his destination, Abram Verplank made a home for his children with the Van Raalte colony at Holland. Joos learned the trade of shoemaking from his skilled father. Being somewhat rebellious, his dislike for being a cobbler led him to become a cook on ships that sailed Lake Michigan. On August 14, 1862 he enlisted as private with Company I of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry and accompanied Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea." Joos also saw action at Tip's Bend in Knoxville. He was mustered out on June 24, 1865. After the war he became a member of the Weatherwax Post of Civil War veterans [G.A.R.] in Grand Haven. After serving as Marshal in Holland, Michigan until 1876, he moved to Grand Haven and lived on Fourth Street. After two terms as Republican sheriff of Ottawa County, he was re-elected to the position in 1878 on the "Greenback" ticket. Joos bought a section of timberland in Crockery Township and worked it as a farm between 1881 and 1909. After retiring he moved to Spring Lake and became known as "Ottawa County's Grand Ole' Soldier." He was always a figure at the Memorial Day ceremonies and looked forward to spending that day with William Hatton, his good friend. A devout Christian, he advised his sons "not to wait until you're 55 to confess Christ."

Joos married Grietje Brower, who was born in May 1848 in The Netherlands and died on October 16, 1923. They raised nine sons, all born in Michigan, including Abram [Abraham], born in August 1867; Gerrit, born in 1870; Teunis, who was born in 1872 and died five years later; Joseph J., who was born in 1875 and became a builder in Santa Monica, California; Tony, who was born on August 10, 1877 and operated a coal and ice company locally; Cornelius, who was born in December 1879, married a daughter of Teunis Dykema of Spring Lake, and became a masonry contractor in Chesterton, Indiana; John, who was born in October 1882 and moved to Hobart, Indiana, where he was employed by a steel company; George, who was born in May 1885 and owned Calumet Paving Corporation in Indianapolis; Grover, who was born in December 1887 and became a physician in Gary, Indiana; and Albert, who was born in May 1890, served as sergeant with the Engineering Corps at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, during WWI, and went into business at Hobart, Indiana. Joos died on December 22, 1943 at the age of 99. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Another Pioneer To Be Honored," August 31, 1990.]

#### **Lurette Jay "Midge" Verplank [1931-2022]**

Lurette J. "Midge" Verplank was born on March 3, 1931, in Grand Haven to Vernon and Lydia Secory Verplank. Midge attended Florida Southern College and Kalamazoo College before entering the U.S. Army. After mustering out in 1954, he enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he earned a Master of Business Administration. After graduation, he sold bonds in Chicago but returned to Spring Lake and joined the family business, the Verplank Coal and Ice Company, founded in 1908. [Today it is known as Verplank Family Holding Company, consisting of Verplank Trucking Company, Verplank Dock Company, and Asphalt Paving, Incorporated. Eventually, Midge took assumed management of the family business and worked closely with his brother Gary Verplank [1940-2019]. Over the next 50 years, Midge and Gary co-founded or acquired multiple businesses, many of them with headquarters in the Tri-Cities area, including Shape Corporation, founded in 1974; Finish Corporation, founded in 1985; Light Corporation, founded in 1986; Track Corporation, founded in 1993; BR Metals, founded in 1994; Pliant Plastics, founded in 1996; NetShape, founded in 2001; and Megnode, founded in 2018. In 2022 the Verplank companies had more than 4,000 employees world-wide.

Midge was an active member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, the Western Michigan Yachting Association, the Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Rotary, West Michigan Sailing Association, Bitter End Yacht Club, and Seven Seas Yachting Association. Midge's children were Melissa Verplank, who married Marc LaFleur, and Marte Verplank, who married Ron Matthews.

Midge died in Spring Lake on December 16, 2022.

#### **Sherman Rodman Verplank [1921-2013]**

Sherman, the son of Sherman D. and Frances Lyons Verplank, was born in Spring Lake on November 12, 1921. He served with the Marines during WWII and married Laraine Cook in Grand Haven on December 29, 1945. A mechanical engineer, Sherman was employed by B& B Engineering Company of Grand Haven. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church and American Legion, and he taught Sunday School and was Boy Scout leader. Sherm and Laraine had a daughter, Susan, and two sons, Dewey and Thomas. The family resided at 512 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Sherm passed away on January 9, 2013 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Teunis "Tony" Verplank [Ver Plank, Ver Planke] [1877-1951]**

Born in Grand Haven on August 10, 1877, Tony was the son of Joos and Grietje Brower Verplank. He was in the ice and coal business with John Brongersma in the early 1900s. In 1908 Tony built an icehouse on Smith's Bayou at 17887 Lake Road. Four years later he bought out his partner's interest in the business, and in the same year he purchased Frank Fox's ice and coal firm. The increased use of refrigerators eroded the ice business, but slag, limestone, coal, and salt deliveries continued to grow. In the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* for Ferrysburg he was listed as a dealer in coal and ice.

Tony married Jessie Wills in Spring Lake on January 8, 1898. The daughter of John and Jane Wills of Spring Lake, she was born in 1878 and died in 1940. Their children were Sherman D., who was born on May 16, 1897 and died on July 4, 1972; Merle "Tony," who was born on March 17, 1900 and died in Lafayette, Indiana in November 1980; Raymond, who lived from 1903 to 1984; Russell, who was born on May 28, 1903 and died in February 1984; and Vernon J. "Tooter," who was born on July 10, 1907 and died on July 27, 2002. Tony and his family lived on Pine Street, opposite Johnston Boiler Company.

Russell and Sherman joined the family business in 1924. Tooter became president of the Spring Lake Coal and Dock Company and manager of Ver Plank Brothers Real Estate. By the 1950s the business was named Verplank's Coal and Dock Company and was located in Ferrysburg on Pine Street. Tony died in 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Spring Lake Rotary Bulletin*, "Vernon J. Verplank, Personnel Profiles," June 24, 1959.]

#### **Vernon Verplank [1907-2002]**

Often going by the nickname “Tooter,” Vernon was born on July 10, 1907, the son of Tony and Jessie Wills Verplank. Vernon married Lydia Secory in early 1930. Lydia was born in Mason Township, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa on March 9, 1910, the daughter of Anton and Bessie Jirele Sykora [Secory]. The Secory family moved from Iowa to Robinson Township in the early 1920s. Lydia graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1927. She and Vernon had three children: L.J. “Midge,” who was born on March 3, 1931 and in 1958 married Mary Lou Sandman [born in 1932]; Joyce, who was born in 1932, married Julian Hatton; and Gary, who was born on July 8, 1940, married Victoria Bruhn in 1970, and died on February 11, 2019. Vernon became president of the Spring Lake Coal and Dock Company and manager of Verplank Brothers Real Estate. He was a member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club and the Spring Lake Country Club, Vernon was a founding member of the Spring Lake Rotary Club in 1957, and a Paul Harris Fellow of that organization. He attended the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. He and Lydia resided at 400 Lakeview Court in Spring Lake. Vernon died on July 27, 2002. Lydia passed away on January 16, 2005 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 29, 2002 and January 17, 2005.]

#### **Victoria Bruhn Verplank [1944-2014]**

A native of Grand Haven, Victoria Bruhn was born on July 18, 1944. She was the daughter of Frederick and Ruth Casey Bruhn. On December 29, 1970 she married Gary Verplank in San Juan, Puerto Rico. They had three children: Tony of Spring Lake; Ashley, who married Jesse McLelland and moved to Seattle, Washington; and Kyle of Spring Lake. Vicki served on the Spring Lake Village Council for fourteen years, followed by five years as village president. She served on the Board of Directors of the Muskegon Museum of Art, including one year as its president. She also served on the Grand Valley State University Foundation Board. Vicki was named a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, and in 1994 was named Counterpart’s Woman of the Year. She died on May 1, 2014. [*Tribune* obituary, May 3, 2014.]

#### **John C. Verseput [Verseput] [1887-1968] and Janet Van Tol Verseput [1891-1984]**

Janet [Jeanette], born on April 17, 1891 in Grand Haven, was the daughter of Frank and Magrieta Van Tol. Her husband, John Verseput, bought the Van Tol Hardware at 10-12 North Seventh Street, where she was secretary and bookkeeper. She also was a member of the First Reformed Church. On May 5, 1914 she and John were married in Grand Haven. In the 1920s they resided at 210 South Seventh Street. Their daughter Margaret married Frank Benes of Grand Haven. John, who was born on October 18, 1887, died March 3, 1968 and Janet died March 2, 1984. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 3, 1984.]

#### **Paul Eugene Verseput [1915-1992]**

Paul Verseput, who was born in Grand Rapids on September 25, 1915, died in Grand Haven on September 15, 1992. He served as major with the United States Army during WWII. Paul was sales manager for Raven Printing, founded in 1971 at 317 South Beechtree. He later joined the Public Relations Department of Grand Haven Public Schools. He married Jeanne Alvina De Vries. The couple lived at 1622 Colfax. Jeanne was office manager of the Tri-Cities Area United Fund [United Way]. Their children were sons Ward W. Verseput and Gregory Verseput, and daughters Cynthia Verseput Baron, born on December 6, 1946; Anne Verseput Schefke; and Mary Verseput Neubauer. Jeanne, the daughter of John M. and Grace Fisher De Vries, was born in Grand Rapids on June 9, 1918 and died in Porter Hills on October 6, 2002. She and Paul were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Derk “Dick” Verwy [Ver Wy, Verway] [1845-1915]**

Derk “Dick” Verwy advertised his building and machinery moving business in the 1893 *Directory*, claiming he could “Move Buildings and Machinery of All Kinds and Re-sill Buildings.” His wife, Lina [Lena] Verstay, was born in The Netherlands on July 12, 1849, died May 19, 1931 in Pontiac, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick was born in the same country on March 9, 1845. Among Dick and Lina’s children was Anna, who was born in Grand Haven on June 22, 1868. Others, all born in Grand

Haven, were Charles, who was born in 1871 and married Ettie Sleutel in Grand Haven on September 4, 1893; Della, born in 1873; Minnie, who was born in 1875 and married David Willet of Grand Haven; Cornelius, born on March 30, 1877; Derk, born January 14, 1879; George, born on October 30, 1882; and Leon, born in June 1890. Dick passed away on January 31, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His sister Anneke married Cornelius Van Doorne of Grand Haven.

#### **Gomert “Gomer” Vette [1862-1920]**

Born in The Netherlands on November 20, 1862, Gomert Vette came to Grand Haven in 1869. He owned and operated Vette Grocery Store at 402 Jackson in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. On November 26, 1884 in Holland, he married Jane Kappenburg. She was born in The Netherlands on March 19, 1860 and died on December 28, 1941. They lived at 406 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Cornelius, who was born in January 1886 and married Nettie Suits in Grand Haven on October 14, 1911, and Arthur, born in October 1889. Gomert died at his home on September 12, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were his wife and two children.

#### **William J. Veurink [1929-2008]**

William Veurink, a graduate of West Point Military Academy and a pilot with the United States Air Force, served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was awarded several medals, including the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, and an Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters. When discharged, he held the rank of Colonel. Born in Grant, Newaygo County on October 1, 1929, William married Maxine Veurink in 1951. She was born on September 29, 1930. In Grand Haven, the couple resided at 12575 Lakeshore Drive. They attended the Second Christian Reformed Church. About 1986, William suffered a major stroke that left him paralyzed for the remainder of his life. He died on April 11, 2008, and Maxine passed away on October 4, 2022. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Russell Putman Vickers I [1898-1969]**

A native of Chicago, where he was born on October 29, 1898, became a dredging contractor. His home and office were on Oak Street in Ferrysburg. By the mid-1930s he and Evelyn had moved to 1717 Pennoyer Street in Grand Haven but remained in the dredging business. Ten years later he owned a construction business. In 1950 he and his family were still living in Ferrysburg. Russell platted and developed Linnview Subdivision in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township. Russell married Evelyn Rittenberg, a school teacher, in Muskegon on August 25, 1921. Russell died in 1969 and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Evie lived from August 25, 1901 to July 1982 and also was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. They had three surviving children: Jack Junior Vickers, James Lee Vickers, and Russell Vickers II.

#### **Ernest J. Victor [1927-2003]**

In 1962 Ernest Victor bought the Robbins Nest at 15281 Cleveland in Spring Lake Township. He renamed it Vic’s Tavern. In 1983 he changed his operation to a restaurant and called it Vic’s Restaurant & Lounge, and in March 1991 moved to 14977 Cleveland. He sold the restaurant in 1996 to Fred Sears, a stepson, and Roger Susterich II. Vic was born on June 22, 1927 to Mitchell J. and Reka Van Der Meer Victor in Holland, Michigan. He married Gwendolyn Hauser on February 14, 1980. Vic was with the U.S. Navy during WWII. He died on March 8, 2003 while on vacation with his wife in Aruba. They had a daughter, Julie Batey, two sons, Jim and John Victor, and a stepson, Fred Sears. [*Tribune* obituary, March 12, 2003, and *Tribune* article, “Former Spring Lake restaurateur remembered for his kindness,” March 11, 2003.]

#### **William Viening I [1896-1992]**

William Viening I was born on November 4, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on November 20, 1992. In 1922, with Dick Simon Boter as a partner, William opened Golden Rule Men’s Store at 106 Washington. Dick owned a clothing store in Holland [P. S. Boter & Company]. By 1930 the Grand Haven store had

moved next door to 108 Washington. William married Nellie Ver Schure in Holland on June 3, 1920. She was born on December 9, 1897 and died in Grand Haven on May 15, 1988. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 1016 Washington and later at 1616 Sheldon Road. They attended the Second Reformed Church. Their son, William Viening II, lived from February 4, 1924 to August 6, 1991.

### **Henry Vincent [1850-1908]**

Henry Vincent, born in The Netherlands in January 1850, came to the United States in 1867 and by 1893 was settled on 40 acres in Sections 32 and 33 in the north end of Grand Haven Township. On May 6, 1880 in Grand Haven, Henry married Jenneetje "Jennie" Mastenbroek. Jennie was born in Michigan in June 1860. Their children, all born locally, were John, born in February 1881; William, born on May 1, 1885; and Mary, born in August 1888. In 1880 Henry was working in Grand Rapids as a printer. He died on January 23, 1908. [*Tribune* obituary, January 24, 1908.]

### **Michael Vincent [1788-1838]**

Michael Vincent, born in Riceburg, Quebec in 1788, resided in Grand Haven as early as 1838. In June 1815 in Quebec, he married Hannah Mitchell in Vermont. Three of their daughters married Rice brothers: Permillia Wilbur Vincent, who was born on March 17, 1816 and married Martin Rice; Maria [Jane Maria] Vincent, who was born about 1823 and married Charles A. Rice; and Margaret Vincent, who was born in Vermont on August 10, 1828, married James A. Rice, and lived in Grand Haven. The Vincents' other children were Hannah and Charles. Permillia and Maria returned to the place of their birth, Canada. A descendant reported that Michael's children were cited in a deed settling their father's estate in Grand Haven. The deed was dated September 24, 1838, the presumed date of his death. Hannah passed away in 1880.

### **William Marinus Vincent [1884-1968]**

Born in Ottawa County on May 1, 1884 [1885], William was the son of Henry and Jennie Vincent. About 1905 William started offering hard and soft coal, wood, and "general teaming" from his office and residence at 221 Clinton in Grand Haven. The company's yards were behind the Pere Marquette Depot on Madison Street [Jackson]. After his father's death in 1908, William took title to the family's 40-acre farm in Sections 32 and 33 of Grand Haven Township and later bought 40 acres in Section 3 [14394 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue], where he operated Sunnyside Dairy. He married Lillian Gerard in Grand Haven on August 15, 1915, but by 1930 they were divorced. At that time William worked at Eagle Ottawa leather company. In the 1950s William resided at 14711 Lake Michigan Drive in West Olive. Lillian lived from June 3, 1893 to September 1976 and died in Flint. William Henry Vincent, their son, lived from October 21, 1916 to March 6, 2006. A daughter, Helen B., was born about 1918. William the father died in Muskegon in February 1968. [*Tribune* obituary, March 7, 2006.]

### **Gordon W. Vink [1918-2003]**

The son of Walter and Emma Chittenden Vink, Gordon was born in Spring Lake on June 16, 1918. He married Eva C. Strazanac on November 1, 1940 in Grand Haven. Gordon worked for Bastian Blessing for 43 years in the Design Department. Among the clients were McDonald's and Burger King. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church, and he was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club and Optimist Club, where he served as president. The Vinks resided at 17390 Fruitport Road. Their four children were Diane J. Snell, Kathy Lane, Robert Vink, and Lawrence Vink. Gordon died in Allendale on September 10, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, September 5, 2003.]

### **Hermanus Vink [Vinke] [1842-1935]**

Born in The Netherlands on May 30, 1842, Hermanus Vink married Trientje "Kate" Vischer while still in their native land. He and his wife came to Spring Lake in 1869 and lived in "Dutch Town," close to where the Spring Lake High School/Middle School was later located. Later Hermanus bought 45 acres on Pruin



Street in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, where he started a vineyard. Around 1917 they moved to 15373 Pruin Street. He earlier had helped lay the roadbed for the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway. He and Trientje had eight children, including Jacob Vink, who was born in Grand Haven in 1886 and killed accidentally in 1905 while working on the construction of the Grand Haven Armory. Among their other children were Susan, who was born in 1867 and married Jacob Diephouse of Grand Haven; Klaus, who was born about 1873; Jennie, who was born in 1874 and married John Ennenga [1872-1952]; John, born in 1877; Gertrude, who was born in Grand Haven in 1883 and married Harry Bolthouse; and Walter, born on August 8, 1889. Trientje, born in 1847, died on June 28, 1926. Hermanus died nine years later, on March 3, 1835. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They were members of the Christian Reformed Church. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 29, 1926 and March 4, 1935.]

### **John Vink [1877-1967]**

Born in Spring Lake Township on June 20, 1877, John was the son of Hermanus and Trientje Vischer Vink. He began work at age 12 for Charles Orchardson, on today's M-104, later known as the Krueger Place. The Orchardsons had a large fruit farm and raised primarily peaches for shipment to Chicago. He also worked for Chauncey Blakeslee, the contractor. He served as road commissioner for Spring Lake Township in 1930. John was a plasterer, and in 1926 he was a broker for fruit growers, using his large barn as a weigh station.

On November 8, 1900 John married Julia [Jennie] Vander Kolk of Ferrysburg. Julia was born in 1880, the daughter of Arend and Mergie Vander Kolk. The Vander Kolks had one of the first blueberry farms in the area. Julia and John, who lived and worked at the Arbutus Banks Hotel, later moved to a farm on M-104. In 1945 they moved to 532 Longview in Spring Lake and remained there until their deaths. They had nine children. John died in 1967.

### **Klaus [Claus, Klaas] Vink [1870-1953]**

Klaus Vink married Jantje "Jennie Anna" ["Jane"] Werkman on December 18, 1900 in Nortonville. In 1901 they purchased the house at 359 South Lake that had been built by Eli Frink in 1867. They had nine children, including Catherine, who, was born in that house on July 4, 1902 and married Leroy "Roy" Wilkinson. Their other children were Esther, who was born in 1904, married Edward Gustafson, and died in 1985; Herman K., who was born on October 6, 1907, married Ruth Hiler, and died in Grand Haven on October 28, 1977; Miriam, who was born on March 30, 1909 married Thomas F. Brown, and died on December 17, 2002; Gertrude, who was born on July 15, 1910, married Floyd Hecksel, and died on June 26, 2006; Alice, who was born on October 10, 1911 and married Gerritt Gringhuis; Florence, who was born in 1913, married Frank Simantz, and died in 1995; Chester J., who was born on September 4, 1915 and died in Spring Lake on March 22, 2003; and Janet, who was born on July 27, 1918, married Carl George Briegel; and died on February 20, 2012.

In 1920 Klaus was a laborer at Challenge Refrigerator Company, and in 1930 he worked as a mason. In the 1920s and 1930s the Vinks resided at 209 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. Klaus, the son of Hermanus and Trientje Vischer Vink of Spring Lake, was born in Michigan on March 8, 1870 and passed away on September 11, 1953. Jennie was born in Spring Lake on December 30, 1875. She passed away on November 25, 1946. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Leslie Vink [1920-2003]**

The son of John and Julia Vander Kolk Vink, Leslie was born in Spring Lake on April 26, 1920. He married Sylvia Maxine Breitels in Grand Haven on December 10, 1943. The daughter of Louis and Harriet Fisheer Breitels, she was born in Grand Haven on June 8, 1923. Leslie served in Europe with the Army during WW II and later became lieutenant with Company F of the National Guard unit in Grand Haven. After the war he worked at Canfields in the polishing and buffing department. In 1960 he partnered with James Seaver, also a former employee at Canfields, to start Harbor Buffing at 205 South Harbor. The company later relocated to 1626 Marion. Leslie stayed with the business until 2002. He was a member of

the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, American Legion, and Optimist Club, and he was on the Board of Directors of North Ottawa Council on aging. Leslie and Sylvia's children were Jeanne, who married Jack Van Gelderen of Spring Lake, and Steven L. Vink. Leslie died in Grand Haven on May 10, 2003. The couple resided at 14710 177<sup>th</sup> Street in Grand Haven. Sylvia passed away in Grand Haven on March 23, 2011.

**Walter Vink [1889-1979]**

Walter, the son of Hermanus and Trientje Vischer Vink, was born August 8, 1889 and died on October 9, 1979 in Grand Haven. On May 14, 1910, he married Emma Salina, the daughter of William and Julia Chittenden. She was born February 17, 1891 and died in Spring Lake on July 19, 1974. She and Walter were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Vinks had seven children, including Gordon, who was born in Spring Lake on June 16, 1918. Walter was a plasterer.

**Anna Vinkemulder [1837-1928]**

Anna, who was born in The Netherlands in August 1837, arrived with her family in Holland as part of the original Van Raalte colony in 1847. [The 1900 census cited 1855 as the year of her arrival in the United States.] Her husband, Philip Vinkemulder, was born in The Netherlands in September 1828 and came to the United States in 1848. Anna died in West Olive in 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1910 she was residing in the City of Holland.

**Gladys Scott Vinkemulder [1897-1967]**

See Gladys Scott.

**Abraham [Abram] Visser [1832-1909]**

See Abraham Fisher.

**Martin Visser [1816-1895]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1816, Martin Visser came to Spring Lake in 1854 and lived until 1873 with his sister Jantje, who became the wife of Cornelius Brongersma. Martin was employed by the Hunter Savidge Company. By 1880 he was in the fruit growing business. He died on February 8, 1895. Martin's wife, Alida, was from The Netherlands, where she was born around 1817.

**Otse "Otto" Visser [1852-1917]**

Otto Visser, who lived from September 1852 to about November 14, 1917, was born in The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1880. He married Henrietta Vanden Bosch. He was a teamster, and the couple resided at 415 Elliott. Henrietta, born in Grand Haven [The Netherlands] in February 1853, was the daughter of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven. The Visser children were Charlie, born in January 1882; Peter, born in August 1883; Ginnie, born in December 1884; David, born in August 1886; Ettie, born in August 1888; and Ida A., born in October 1891. Otto was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**William Wendell Vivian I [1917-2005]**

Bill Vivian was born on December 18, 1917 in Carsonville, Sanilac County. Bill graduated from Denby High School in Detroit in 1935, and he graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] in 1940 with a bachelor degree in chemical engineering. While working as an engineer at Hill Diesel Company in Lansing, on January 6, 1941 he married Virginia Marie Smith of Lowell, Kent County. At different times, he and his family resided on Lakeshore Drive, at 403 Ohio Avenue, and at 506 Clinton Street. Their children were William Charles Vivian, John Wendell Vivian, and Linda Marie Vivian. William, who was born about 1945, married Linda Dowd of Florida. He and Linda had two children: Wendy, who married a Mr. Moatz, and Steven, who was born about 1974. The family resided in Gainesville, Florida, where Bill retired from his position as Director of Institutional Research at Santa Fe Community College in that city.

John W., who was born about 1949, and his wife Kathleen had two children, Charles and Jack. John was an accountant and lived with his family in Bethesda, Maryland

During WWII, Bill I was commissioned Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He worked on the Manhattan Project, and later he served as the executive officer of USS LSM-341, an amphibious ship in the Pacific and was part of the initial occupation forces in Japan. After the war, Bill worked for Indian Motorcycle Company in Springfield, Massachusetts, as assistant sales manager, and he served in the Naval Reserves, commanding a unit in Muskegon until retiring in 1969. In 1949, he brought his family to Grand Haven and became part owner and vice president of Harbor Industries. In Grand Haven Bill served with many civic organizations. He was elected to the Grand Haven School Board, was president of the Committee for Economic Development, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was an active member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. In 1969, Bill left Harbor Industries and became a trust officer for Peoples Bank until he and Virginia moved to Ormond Beach, Florida in 1973. Bill and Virginia were divorced in Volusia, Florida on April 9, 1976. Bill returned to Grand Haven a few years later and married Mary DeWitt. They were divorced soon after. In 1986, Bill moved to Raeford, North Carolina, where he married Marguerite Norris. He died on November 12, 2005 in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Virginia passed away on March 16, 2015. Born on February 11, 1919, she was 96 years old at the time of her death. [Personal correspondence with family member, October 2014.]

#### **Louis C. Voelker [Volker] [1901-1983]**

Louis Voelker married Reka Van Herwyn in Grand Rapids on July 25, 1924. They resided at 901 Madison Street in the 1920s and later at 527 Grant Street. Louis was a leather worker. For a short time, the couple ran a small restaurant and ice cream shop at Boseker's Pavilion at the Highland Park waterfront. Louis was born on February 14, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on December 20, 1983. Reka, the daughter of Govert and Reka Vander Meiden Van Herwynen [Van Herwyn], lived from November 23, 1901 to September 11, 1979. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Reka and Jane Van Herwyn were sisters.

#### **George E. Volmer [Vollmer] [1839-1912]**

On September 27, 1861, while in Buffalo, New York, George Vollmer enlisted as private in Company F of the 10<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. He was mustered out on September 27, 1864. After the war he settled on 50 acres in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. On July 26, 1890 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. George's wife, Elizabeth Young, was born in New York in June 1844 [1842] and passed away in 1910. George was born in Germany in September 1839, died in 1912 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Allen A., born in April 1866; Frank, who was born in 1869 and on September 26, 1896 married Lydia Dennis; Julia, born in July 1880; Howard, born in September 1882; Maud, who was born in December 1884 and married Frank Rollenhagen in Spring Lake on September 4, 1912; and Myrtle, born in March 1888. George immigrated to the United States in 1845. Frank died in Spring Lake in 1919 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lydia lived August 1874 to 1955 and was buried near her husband.

#### **Joseph Volmer I [Vollmer] [1847-1909]**

Born in New York [Pennsylvania] on July 24, 1847, Joseph Volmer came to Spring Lake in 1867 and worked in the sawmills as an engineer. In 1873 he was hired by Sisson & Lilley Sawmill. On May 7, 1872 in Crockery Township, he married Catherine Kiersch. She also was from New York, where she was born in 1852. Their children were Mary, born about 1873; Catherine, born about 1875; John, born about 1876; George, born about 1878; Joseph II, born about 1880; Edward, born about 1882; Edith, born about 1884; Lillian, born about 1887; and Harry, born about 1889. By 1900 the Volmers were located in Manistee, and Joseph was a widower. Catherine had passed away in 1892, the same year her two-year-old son died. Joseph died in Manistee on October 30, 1909. Both were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Leopold Volmer [Vollmer] [1859-1931]**

German-born Leopold Volmer was a farmer who also raised livestock. After immigrating to the United States in 1882 and living in Chicago for a while, Leopold took up farming on 220 acres in Sections 7 and 8 of Robinson Township. Bordering Stearns Bayou and Creek. Born in November 1859, Leopold came to the area in 1896. He died in 1931 and his wife, Amelia [Amalie], also from Germany, lived from August 1863 to 1924. Both were buried at Robinson Cemetery. Among their children were Charles, born in September 1883; Frank, born in November 1884; Henry, born in December 1887; Amelia, born in May 1890; Katherine, born in August 1892; George, born in October 1899; and Ludwig, born in 1901. All the children except Ludwig were born in Illinois.

#### **Ludwig “Lou” W. Volmer [Vollmer] [1901-1988]**

Ludwig, the son of Leopold and Amelia Vollmer, was born in Robinson Township on June 15, 1901. He married Ruth D. Johnson in Grand Haven on May 9, 1925. She died in 1941. Ludwig married Iola King Nowlin in 1948. She died in 1972, and Vollmer then married Jeanne Smith. Ludwig bought the family farm in Section 8 after his mother’s death in 1924. From 1920 through 1970 he raised silver foxes on the farm, and in the 1970s he went into the Christmas tree business. Ludwig died on September 26, 1988. In 2019 the Volmer land became part of the Ottawa County Parks system.

#### **Charles Vonesh [1942-2017]**

Chuck Vonesh was dedicated to a number of community projects, often providing leadership as the chair: United Way, Grand Haven Downtown Development Authority, Grand Haven Rotary Club [president and district governor], Kandu Industries, and several organizations outside Grand Haven. He was born in Berwyn, Illinois on March 13, 1942. He married Ellen Paulukonis on June 21, 1981 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They resided at 12999 Wilderness Trail, a few miles south of Grand Haven. After graduating from Indiana University School of Business, Chuck had a 25-year career with Motorola. In 1992 he moved from St. Charles, Illinois and opened Electrical Concepts, a power supply cord and lighting manufacturing company located at 13660 172<sup>nd</sup> Street in Grand Haven Township and later at 1709 Airpark Drive. He also owned Duffy Enterprises. Ellen operated Consider it Done and Desserts by Design at 320 Columbus Street. Chuck had two children with his first wife, Lynda Moelman: Vicki Pullara of Gastonia, North Carolina, and Brad Vonesh of Aurora, Colorado. Chuck died in Grand Haven on November 15, 2017. After his death, Ellen closed her business enterprises. [*Tribune* obituary, November 21, 2017.]

#### **Elizabeth “Liese” Leonore von Oettingen [1917-2005]**

The daughter of Wolfgang and Helene M. Bauer von Oettingen, Elizabeth “Liese” was born in Heidelberg, Germany on November 2, 1917. A graduate of Vassar College, Liese settled in Detroit before moving to Grand Haven in 1959 to replace Helen De Young as director of Grand Haven [Loutit] Library, a position she held until 1979. She was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church and resided at 56 Sherman Avenue. Liese passed away in Grand Haven on March 17, 2005 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 2005.]

#### **Albert Voogt [1858-1943]**

On September 7, 1891, Albert Voogt married Jantje “Jennie” Ruiter in Muskegon. Albert was born in The Netherlands on August 4, 1858. A painter, Albert was an employee of the Story & Clark Piano Company. Jennie lived from 1873 to 1965. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their eldest child, Nicholas “Klaus” Voogt, was born in Ferrysburg on August 23, 1889. Another son, Anthony Voogt, was born in Ferrysburg on June 4, 1905. He was working at Challenge Porcelain in 1942 and living with his mother at 520 Fulton Street in Grand Haven. Albert’s and Jennie’s other children were Gertrude Voogt [1898-1985]; Caroline Voogt [1894-1962]; and Otto Voogt [1903-1964]. Gertude and Caroline were born in Montague, Otto in Ferrysburg. Albert died in Grand Haven on June 5, 1943.

#### **Nicholas “Klaus” [“Claus”] Voogt [1889-1970]**

In the 1921 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, Klaus Voogt and his partner Harm Kuiper were manufacturers of “Cement Building Blocks” in Ferrysburg. Klaus was born on August 23, 1889. In 1930 he was still in the concrete block business with Harm and living with his parents, Albert and Jennie Ruitter Voogt, at 520 Fulton Street in Grand Haven. He served as private with the U.S. Army during World War I. On October 28, 1933 Klaus married Bertha “Goldie” Baker in Big Rapids. In 1940, they were living with Goldie’s parents in Newaygo. Klaus worked as a tree trimmer with the Forestry Department. Ten years later, Klaus and Goldie were still living in Newaygo, where he was a farm laborer. He died on January 28, 1970 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Goldie was born on June 17, 1911 and died on October 26, 1997. She was buried at East Hesperia Cemetery in Hesperia.

#### **Fredrick D. Vos [1843-1910]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on November 8, 1843 to Derk J. and Bonna Vos, Fredrick was brother of Johannes D. Vos of Muskegon; Bernardus D. of Grand Rapids; John D., of Grand Haven; and Antje, who married John Fuite of Grand Haven. Fredrick came to Grand Haven in 1856 when he was 13 years old. He first went to work in a sawmill and later in mercantile houses in Grand Haven and also in Muskegon and Chicago. With John Fuite he ran a grocery store from 1866 to 1872. He then went into business for himself, opening a store at 603 Fulton Street that carried “Groceries, Provisions, and Family Supplies,” in addition to crockery, glassware, fruits, candy, and school supplies. He and his family also resided at 603 Fulton. Frederick was a member of the Grand Haven City Council from 1872 to 1875 and again in 1896.

On January 17, 1867 Fredrick married Levina Quintus, who lived from September 25, 1845 to April 25, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, included Richard O., who was born in 1867 and moved to Grand Rapids; Mary, who was born in February 1870, married William S. Clark of Grand Haven, and died in 1905; Frederick D. II, who was born in 1871 and also moved Grand Rapids; Nellie, who was born in March 1878 and remained in Grand Haven; and Minnie, who was born in 1885 and married Bernice H. Cornell of Fairgrove, Tuscola County. Fredrick died at his home at 603 Fulton Street on April 5, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 5, 1910 and April 29, 1912.]

#### **Johannes D. Vos [1833-1913]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1833, Johannes Vos came to Grand Haven in 1855. After working elsewhere in the lumbering business, in 1863 he went into partnership with Rysdorp, Bosch, & Sprik in Grand Haven, which continued until 1877 when the sawmill burned down, and the firm was dissolved. In 1879 the firm of Brower & Vos was established and a new mill built on the site of the one that had been destroyed by fire. Johannes served on the Grand Haven City Council in 1874 and 1875. His wife Mary was born around 1843 in The Netherlands and died on May 21, 1912. Johannes died on March 9, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Mary had six sons and one daughter.

#### **John Vos [1852-1950]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1852, John was the son of Anthony Vos. The family came to Spring Lake when John was 21 years old. His sister Reintje [Rachel], who married Henry Eckelcamp, came with him. Rachel lived from 1861 to 1951. Vos first worked at the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. Later he opened a meat market at the site later taken over by Elden Hammond Nixon at 116 West Savidge. He married Minnie Mildred Sheldon, who died July 15, 1910. John died on May 12, 1950 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Warner Vos [Voss] [1829-1912]**

Born in The Netherlands in September 1829, Warner Vos came to America in 1853, and moved to Spring Lake in 1856 [1854]. By trade he was a mechanic and a millwright, and for 12 years he worked for Cutler & Savidge in charge of millwork. In 1868 he joined the Munroe, Thompson, & Company lumber firm.

Munroe, Boyce, & Company replaced this mill, which burned down in 1872. In 1873 he built several sawmills north of Spring Lake. He later returned to Spring Lake and was employed as a millwright by Cutler & Savidge. In 1858 Warner married Annie Pruijm, also a native of The Netherlands. She lived from March 1836 to 1917. He died in 1912. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Sena M., born in March 1870; John, born in February 1873; Milligan, a son, born in March 1876; and Susie, born in March 1883.

**Arie [Arrie] Voshel [1893-1969]**

Arie, the son of Cornelius and Nellie Vogel Voshel of Grand Haven, was born on February 4, 1893. He married Ethel Elizabeth Stang in Grand Haven on October 29, 1913. They resided on Madison Street. Eight years later they were located at 206 South North Street. Ethel was born in Indiana on July 15, 1895. Arie worked as a machinist at a factory in Muskegon, but around 1931 he purchased Haven Laundry at 401 Fulton. Arie and Ethel's children were Evelyn, born about 1919; June born about 1921; Lloyd A., born on November 20, 1921; Wayne, born about 1923; Arlene, born about 1925; and Lois Jean, born on August 8, 1925. The couple moved to San Diego, California after 1931, where Arie died on January 23, 1969. Ethel died on April 7, 1959, also in San Diego.

**Cornelius "Case" J. Voshel [Vachel] [1884-1958]**

From about 1930 to 1945 Cornelius Voshel and Cornelius Ver Brugge were co-owners of Variety Woodwork Company at 317-405 Davis in Grand Haven. Case was born in Michigan on April 14, 1883. He married Sena Dobb in Grand Haven on May 28, 1914. Also a native of Michigan, Sena was born on October 6, 1890. They had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Ruth, born about 1916, and Betty A., born around October 1925. The family resided at 807 Sheldon Road. Case passed away on August 6, 1958, and Ruth died in Spring Lake on June 17, 1993. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Lloyd Arie Voshel [1921-2009]**

Born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1921, Lloyd was the son of Arie and Ethel Stang Voshel. On March 23, 1943 he married Gladys Ann Nederhood in Grand Rapids. They were divorced on October 19, 1945. On October 30 the next year, he married Doris May De Vries Voshel in Grand Rapids. Doris was born in Grand Rapids on January 27, 1924. Their children were David Alan Voshel, who was born in Grand Rapids on June 13, 1951 and moved to Holland, where he died on September 13, 2016, and Anne Beth Voshel, who was born on August 6, 1955 and moved to Chicago. Lloyd and Doris were divorced in 1969. On April 28, 1972 he married Neysa Lorrene Vanschoonhoven [Hoven] Tinant in San Diego, California. She lived from March 13, 1921 to June 8, 2017. Lloyd died on September 11, 2009 in El Cajon, California. Both were buried at Greenwood Memorial Park in San Diego.

**Claude Edward Voss [1903-1962]**

Born on March 28, 1903, the son of Onno and Johanna Dekkinga Voss, Claude married Elizabeth Merz on October 1, 1926 in Grand Haven. Elizabeth came from Milwaukee, where she was born on August 1, 1906. She died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1996. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Schneider Merz of Crockery Township. Claude was Spring Lake postmaster from January 22, 1930 to April 1, 1935. In 1945 he was elected president of Spring Lake Village, and re-elected in 1946, 1947, and 1948. Claude died on March 14, 1962. One of their two children, Marilyn J. Voss, lived from October 5, 1928 to December 22, 2011. Her sister, Patricia Rae Voss, was born about 1941.

**Frank Voss [Vos] [1890-1971]**

Born in Spring Lake on March 25, 1890, Frank, the son of Onno and Johanna Dekkinga Voss, became a house painter. On June 20, 1917 he married Jennie, the daughter of Minnie Duursema of Grand Haven. She was born in Grand Rapids on August 1, 1891, passed away on March 12, 1977, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Vosses lived at 112 Church Street in Spring Lake. Frank died on June 7, 1971

and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son, Frank Stanley Vos, lived from September 22, 1918 to June 12, 1998.

**Frederick [Friedrick] Voss [1808-1882]**

By 1864 Frederick Voss owned 160 acres in two separate parcels in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township. By the end of the century, he had disposed of that land and purchased a quarter-section [160 acres] in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township [13289 Lakeshore Drive]. He lived from July 3, 1808 [1809] to January 3, 1882, and his wife Frederika was born in 1822 and died on September 21, 1901. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their son Robert took title to the property and operated a dairy farm called Voss' Dairy. Robert and his wife Dean Cadee had a daughter, Rolina "Ronnie." Ronnie and her husband, William Hancock, later lived in the house, which Ronnie sold to Mike Alles in 1983. Bill Hancock died on January 27, 1968. Ronnie, who was born on February 19, 1914, died in Grand Rapids on April 16, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2002.]

**Onno "Charlie" Voss [Vos] [1864-1935]**

Born on March 8, 1864 in The Netherlands, Onno Voss came to America in 1883. The immigration officials could not understand the name Onno and said they would call him "Charlie," the name that stuck with him. He worked in the sawmills and at Challenge Corn Planter Company. On May 15, 1889 in Spring Lake, he married Johanna Dekkenga. She was born near Holland, Michigan, on December 10, 1869. Johanna was the daughter of Egbert Dekkenga who was caretaker for the Savidge family and lived at 310 Visser Street. Charlie and Johanna resided in Spring Lake at 308 River. They had four sons and three daughters, including Lizzie; Frank, who was born on March 25, 1890; and Claude Edward, who was born on March 28, 1903. Charlie died on October 29, 1935 and Johanna died three years later, on September 10. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Frank J. Vrablic I [1892-1965]**

Frank J. Vrablic married Mary Beer in Muskegon on June 4, 1918. He was born on November 5, 1892, and she was born on November 20, 1897. Their son, Frank II, was born on March 3, 1919. Frank the father died on February 18, 1965. Mary passed away in Grand Haven on April 17, 1983. Both were buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon.

**Frank J. Vrablic II [1919-2016]**

On February 27, 1943 in Fruitport, Frank Vrablic II married Betty Hazel "Beth" Beckman. Hired as a fire fighter, Frank was captain of the Grand Haven Fire Department from 1943 to 1981. Betty was born in Holland on March 18, 1924 and passed away on June 6, 2009. Frank, who was born in Muskegon on March 3, 1919, died on January 16, 2016. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frank's headstone has the image of a fire truck engraved on it.

**Albert [Albertus] Derk Vyn [1862-1906]**

The son of Dirk and Clara Trost Vyn, Albert was born on September 18, 1862 [1863] and died on March 25, 1906. He was a teamster in Grand Haven. He married Abigail Stuveling on May 17, 1882 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Arend and Anje Bronkema Stuveling, Abigail was born in The Netherlands in September 1862. Her sister, Annetje Stuveling, married Nicholas D. Vyn, Albert's brother. Albert's and Abigail's children were Richard B., born in April 1883, and Agnes B., born in February 1887. Abigail died on January 25, 1890 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Albert passed away in Grand Rapids on March 25, 1906 and also was buried at Lake Forest. On January 28, 1897, Albert married Clara Laroooy [Laroy] in Indiana. She was born on September 29, 1862 in Grand Rapids and died there on July 31, 1945. She was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery.

**Arend Vyn I [1886-1946]**

The son of Nicholas and Annetje Stuveling Vyn and grandson of Dirk Vyn, Arend was born in Grand Haven on February 28, 1886. On August 17, 1911 he married Florence Seifert, who lived from June 9, 1887 to December 4, 1968. She was the daughter of Ignatz and Wilehlmina Mullemann Seifert. Her father owned a meat market at 124 Washington in Grand Haven. Florence attended Ypsilanti State Normal College taught elementary school in Spring Lake. In 1950 Florence was the first woman Elder at the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as president and vice president and was on the Executive Board of the Tuesday Musicale for 35 years. She was instrumental in reactivating the group in 1958. Florence was active in the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs; and she was recognized for 52 years of membership and service by the Grand Haven Woman's Club. Frances Seifert Bronson was her twin sister. The Vyns' children included Charles Robert, who died on May 23, 1921 from cerebrum-spinal meningitis at age seven months, Arend II, who moved to Grand Rapids, and Frances, who married Robert Killins and moved to Arcadia, California. Frances was born on August 18, 1922 and passed away in California on November 3, 2004, and Robert, who was born in Michigan on September 2, 1921, died on November 27, 1982. The Vyns resided at 113 South Fourth Street and later at 614 Clinton, where Florence continued to live after her husband's death on August 19, 1946. She and Arend were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 23, 1921, December 4, 1968, and November 16, 2004.]

### **Arend Vyn II [1912-1993]**

The son of Arend and Florence Seifert Vyn, young Arend became a dentist with an office on the second floor of the Ball Building [201 Washington] and later at 223 Washington. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Spring Lake Country Club. Arend later moved his practice to Grand Rapids. He married Edith E. "Boots," the daughter of John F. and Marie Johnston of Grand Haven. She was born on December 30, 1917. Born on September 19, 1912, Arend died on July 29, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Boots passed away on January 17 [19], 1998, and also was buried at Lake Forest. Arend held the rank of lieutenant junior grade with the Coast Guard [Reserve] during WWII. Arend and Boots had at least two sons, Franklin J. of Grand Rapids and Frederick A. of Hamilton, Massachusetts.

### **Clarence Vyn [1892-1983]**

Clarence was born October 25, 1892 in Grand Haven to Lambert and Johanna Vyn. He attended Columbus Street School through the fourth grade and graduated from Central High School, where he played football. Clarence received a degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1914. He opened his practice in Detroit in 1916 and retired about 1958. He was a life member of the Michigan Dental Association and president of the Detroit Lions Club.

In 1913 Clarence married Barbara Adrian [Ada] Baker, who was born about 1893 in Michigan and died in Florida on April 9, 1967. She was the daughter of William and Dora Vogel Baker. The Vyns' children included William Louis Vyn, who was born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1916, and Elizabeth "Betty" Hatton Meier, who was born on July 4, 1919, the first baby born in the new Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital [114 South Fifth Street]. Both William and Betty remained in the Grand Haven area. Barbara died in April 1967, and Clarence passed away in Grand Haven on January 23, 1983. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 24, 1983.]

### **Clarissa Dorothy Vyn [1896-1981]**

Clarissa was born October 9, 1896 and died in Grosse Pointe on December 19, 1981. She was the daughter of John Vyn and the granddaughter of Dirk Vyn. Clarissa was valedictorian of the 1914 graduating class of Grand Haven High School and graduated from the University of Michigan four years later, with a major in mathematics. She went on to teach at Detroit's Northwestern High School, where she retired in 1961. Clarissa served on the Board of the University of Michigan Alumni Association and was the first woman to be elected president of the group.

### **Dirk [Derk] Vyn [Vijn] [1831-1911]**



Dirk was born on January 15, 1831 [1830] in the small village of Twisk in north Netherlands. He was the son of Nicholas and Trijnte Spijker Vijn, Klaus's second wife, who died three days after Dirk's birth. The Vyns left The Netherlands and arrived in Baltimore on June 12, 1847, after a six-week crossing. They stopped first at Detroit, then settled in Drenthe, Ottawa County, in 1847. Dirk's father drove the Grand Haven-to-Holland stagecoach, and Dirk drove a coach between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, before moving to Grand Haven about 1849 and working in the sawmills. He drove the mail between Grand Haven and Zeeland, making two to three round trips a week, sometimes selling butter and eggs along the way. Soon he was able to buy two tugboats, *Bill Brandon* and *Captain Tom's Cabin*, which carted freight on the Grand. Dirk was described as a "handsome" man, over six feet tall and weighing 215 pounds.

By 1857 [1858] Dirk had saved enough money to go into business for himself. The drayage business begun by the young Vyn grew rapidly when the Chicago & South Shore Railway [Pere Marquette] came into Grand Haven and necessitated the transfer of freight to the ferry boats headed for Milwaukee and points west, a service Dirk was able to provide. The company had five drays and eight horses in the 1860s and 1870s. It then was known as D. Vyn and Sons. Dirk and his sons also owned 155 acres in Section 5 of Grand Haven Township, near Rosy Mound, for timbering purposes. In 1881 Geert Vyn, Derk's brother, started a sawmill on the northwest side of Harbor Island. In addition to his own business, Dirk was first vice president of the Grand Haven Leather Company, which incorporated in 1885.

Dirk retired from his business in the 1880s and his five sons, Lambert, Martin, Nicholas, John, and Albert took over. Until 1910 the company was known as the "Five Brothers Express," and in that year it became Vyn Brothers, located on the northwest corner of Third and Fulton Streets. The company bought its first motorized vehicle in 1912. Martin moved west and Albert sold out his interest. After Lambert retired in 1927, the business was incorporated for \$120,000 as the Vyn Company with Nat Robbins, president; Bernath P. Sherwood II, vice president; Hugh E. Lillie, secretary; and John A. Vyn, treasurer and general manager.

On December 1, 1852 Dirk married Klaastje "Clara" Trost, the daughter of Lambert Trost of Grand Haven. Born on December 13, 1833, Clara died September 25 [2], 1895. They had one daughter, Rosena, who was born in 1860 and married James Balhema in Grand Haven on October 4, 1882. They also had five sons: Nicholas, born on May 24, 1857; Albert, born in 1863; Lambert, born in May 1865; Martin, born in 1870; John, who was born on April 8, 1872 and married Etta Dykema of Grand Haven; and Garnie, born in December 1877. All the children were born in Grand Haven. John remarried on January 30, 1903, this time to Emma Fritz Stubman. All the children were born in Grand Haven. On November 9, 1896 in Grand Rapids, Dirk married Adriana Van Bree Souke. They resided at 221 Fulton. Dirk died at home on February 8, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **[Lambert] Dirk [Derk] Vyn [1925-2001]**

The son of John "Bud" Vyn of Grand Haven, Lambert Dirk was born on October 20, 1925. He served in WWII, spending about two years in the Army Air Corps. He later wrote that he was discharged "at the convenience of the Government" after two years as an aviation cadet, "the longest in grade aviation cadet in U.S. military history." Dirk married Jane Hoek on September 7, 1946. She was born in Grand Haven in 1925, the daughter of Elmore and Cathryn Boer Hoek. Dirk and Jane moved to California, living at Palo Alto and Napa. An architect, Dirk was principal designer of a number of buildings, including the Palo Alto City Hall, the Stanford University Lutheran Church, and homes throughout that area of California as well as in Grand Haven. He worked for a time with Frank Lloyd Wright at the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in San Francisco. Dirk served as chair of the Architectural Review Board for Palo Alto, he was planning commissioner for Napa for four years, and he was president of the Northern California Chapter of American Registered Architects. He also was active in the Salvation Army and Rotary International in Palo Alto. The Vyns had three daughters: Leslie and Cindy of Palo Alto and Faeli of Napa. Dirk died on August 19, 2001 at his home in Napa.

#### **Geert [Gerrit] Henrik Vyn [1837-1898]**

Born in The Netherlands on June 4, 1837, Geert Vyn came to America with his parents, Nicholas and Maartje Stammes Vyn, in 1847 and settled in Drenthe, Zeeland Township. Geert joined his brother Dirk in the lumbering business in Grand Haven, and in 1881 he built a sawmill on Harbor Island for cutting hardwood. He married Johanna De Martie, who was born in The Netherlands in 1843. Johanna passed away in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina in 1896. Geert died in the same community on July 18, 1898.

#### **John Alvin “Bud” Vyn [1899-1956]**

The son of John and Etta Vyn and grandson of Dirk Vyn, John was born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1899. He enlisted as private in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry during WWI. John was gassed during the Allied Chateau Thierry offensive on August 3, 1918. He also signed up for active service during the next World War, when he was commissioned major in the Transportation Corps and stationed in Liverpool, England, to prepare for the invasion of North Africa. After a few months in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., John was discharged from the military in 1945. Two of his sons, John Cameron and Lambert Dirk [Derk], also served in WWII, spending about two years in the Army Air Corps.

John married Joyce Cameron in Grand Rapids on September 20, 1921. They had a daughter, Prudence, born on May 31, 1938, and a third son, Stephen Compton, who lived from 1929 to 1978. After selling the Vyn Transfer and Storage Company, John Vyn and his family moved to Palo Alto, California, about 1946, where John managed the Hoyt Truck Division for the last two and a half years of his life. In Grand Haven, John was a member of the Elks and was president of Associated Truck Lines of Grand Rapids. He died on May 12, 1956 in San Mateo, California. Joyce lived from October 26, 1900 to May 11, 1990 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John Cameron Vyn [1923-1982]**

Like his brother Derk, John Vyn served in the military for two years during World War II. He was born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1923, the son of John A. and Joyce Cameron Vyn. On December 20, 1948 John married Patricia M. Hammontree in Steuben, Indiana. She was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1923, graduated from the University of Toledo in 1944 as valedictorian, moved to Washington D.C., where she worked for various federal agencies. Patricia returned to Toledo in 1948 as an employee of the Social Security Administration. She and John met in Toledo. In 1950 they lived in Flat Rock, Wayne County. John was a social studies teacher at the high school and coached basketball. The couple moved to Highland Park, Illinois where John became a teacher at Highland Park High School. She taught third grade at Wilmot Elementary School in Deerfield, Lenawee County, in 1961 and subsequently was named head of the Instructional Materials Center. They had at least one daughter, Kathleen Vyn, who was born in Ohio on August 25, 1949. John died in Santa Clara, California on November 21, 1982, and Patricia passed away on August 8, 2014.

#### **John Derk Vyn [1872-1921]**

John, the son of Dirk and Clara Vyn, was born in Grand Haven on April 8, 1872. He worked with his father and brothers in the Vyn trucking business. John was killed in an accident in Spring Lake on November 30, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Riding in a Vyn Reo truck, which was crossing the railroad tracks, John jumped, hoping to avoid being hit by an approaching Grand Trunk passenger train. The driver of the truck, Chester Brockway, stepped on the gas and was able to get out of the way of the train, but John evidently became entangled and was hit by the locomotive. He married his first wife, in Grand Haven on April 2, 1896. She lived from September 13, 1873 to November 13, 1901. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Clarissa, who was born on October 9, 1896; John Alvin, born on November 18, 1899; and Helen Rose, who was born in April 1898. On January 20, 1903, again in Grand Haven, John married his second wife, Emma Fritz Stubman. She was born in Michigan about 1876. John and Emma had at least two sons, Arthur R., who was born on August 17, 1903 and died

in Spring Lake on October 2, 1983, and Kenneth, who was born on November 2, 1908. The Vyns in 1920 resided at 221 Fulton. Emma's son from her first marriage, Louis, lived in Detroit.

#### **Kenneth Laverne Vyn [1908-1996]**

The son of John and Emma Stubman Vyn, Kenneth was born in Grand Haven on November 2, 1908. Kenneth married Winifred Louise Cornell on April 2, 1929. They had at least one daughter, Bonna K., who was born in January 1930. Winifred was born in Michigan on August 6, 1911, passed away in 1965, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The three of them resided at 221 Fulton in 1930. Ken was a clerk in the family trucking business. He and Winifred were divorced in Grand Rapids on July 9, 1935. In 1942 he was working for Monark Motor Freight System in Cleveland, Ohio. Ken served in the army during WWII as a lieutenant. He was wounded in the Normandy invasion and later captured by the Germans. Kenneth was sent to an internment center in East Germany, where he was able to escape and get into Russia. After a series of adventures, Kenneth was sent home, but he never fully recovered from physical problems incurred during his capture and escape. However, he served two tours of duty in Korea and retired from active service in 1962 as a major. Kenneth then was employed for 12 years by Allied Van Lines in Chicago. On May 2, 1945, Kenneth married Viola Wilke. They had four children: Jon, Michelle, Valerie, and Kay. Kenneth died on April 27, 1996 and was buried at Fort Sheridan Post Cemetery in Illinois. Viola, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, lived from December 15, 1915 to September 18, 2012 and was buried at the Post Cemetery.

#### **Lambert Vyn [1865-1936]**

A son of Dirk and Clara Troost Vyn, Lambert was born in Grand Haven in May 1865 and attended school there. Like his father, he was a large man, weighing nearly 200 pounds and standing over six feet tall. He married Johanna "Jennie" Dykhuis in Muskegon on December 28, 1885. Jennie, the daughter of Jurrien and Johanna Zuidema Dykhuis of Grand Haven, was born in May 1863 [1864]. The Vyns purchased a home at 16 North Second Street in Grand Haven, where they lived for the remainder of their lives. They had four sons: Derk, born on November 22, 1886; Richard, who was born on November 11, 1887 and married Esther Hollestelle in Grand Haven on August 22, 1912; Jay D., who was born on February 9, 1890, married E. Louise, the daughter of Charles and Louise Werkler Morton, in Grand Haven on November 1, 1913, and died in June 1984; and Clarence N., born on October 25, 1892. A daughter Clara was born on May 13, 1888, and another daughter, Florence, was born in Grand Haven on March 1, 1896 and married Max Reese in Grand Haven on June 14, 1920. Another daughter, Josie, died in infancy. After Dirk Vyn's death in 1911, the Vyn Trucking Company continued under the ownership of Lambert and his brothers, Nicholas and John. Jennie died in 1930 and Lambert in 1936. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Martin [Maarty] Vyn [1870-1941]**

Martin, the son of Derk and Klaastje Vyn, died out west on October 16, 1941 at the age of 71. On November 20, 1893 in Grand Haven, he married Orpha J. Taylor. She was born in Dennison, Ottawa County, in 1874, died in 1908, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martin then married Nellie, the widow of Harry Koopman, who had died in an accident in 1909. Nellie, the daughter of Gerrit G. and Jennie "Jane" Nordhuis Gringhuis, was born on June 30, 1880 in Grand Haven and died on December 13, 1912 in Seattle, Washington. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Nicholas [Nicholaus] "Klaus" Vyn [Vijn] [1802-1868]**

Nicholas Vyn came from the small village of Twisk in north Netherlands. His second wife, Trijnte "Frankie" Spijker, lived from 1806 to 1831. Trijnte died three days after giving birth to Dirk, a future resident of Grand Haven, who was born on January 15, 1831 [1830]. Klaus's third marriage was to Trijntje Klaver, who also soon died. He then married Maartje Stammes, who lived from 1811 to 1882. They brought their family to America on the three-master schooner *Peter Floris*, arriving at Baltimore on June 12, 1847, after a six-week crossing. As was so often the case, the spelling of the family name [Vijn] was

changed by an immigration officer when the Vyns landed. [However, the name was spelled “Vijn” in the 1870 Federal Census.] The Vyns stopped first at Detroit, then settled in Drenthe, Ottawa County, in 1847, just after Rev. Van Raalte and his followers settled the nearby town of Holland. Nicholas was one of the original settlers of Zeeland and helped Rev Van Raalte develop Holland into a Lake Michigan port, and he drove the Grand Haven-to-Holland stagecoach. He was born on January 16, 1802 and died in Zeeland, Ottawa County, on December 28, 1868.

#### **Nicholas D. Vyn [1857-1923]**

Born on May 24, 1857 in Grand Haven, Nicholas was the son of Dirk and Clara Vyn, who had a dray and transfer business known as D. Vyn & Sons. Nicholas’s brothers included Lambert and Martin. Nicholas helped his father in this business, which later became known as the Five Brothers and later Vyn Brothers. He attended the First Reformed Church. On June 24, 1879 in Grand Haven, he married Annetje “An” [Nettie] Stuveling, who was born July 9, 1858. She was the daughter of Arend and Ann Stuveling of Grand Haven. The Vyns’ children included Clara, who was born August 1880 and married Lawrence H. vanden Berg; Arend Vyn, born on February 28, 1886; Dora, who was born on March 2, 1889 and died August 18, 1905; and Angie, who was born in Grand Haven in March 1892, married Roy Luz Dahlman on June 12, 1920, and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Roy was born on April 22, 1892 and passed away in Minneapolis on May 29, 1959. Nicholas and Annetje resided at 111 South Fourth Street. After Annetje died on September 12, 1915, Nicholas married Marion Pellegrom in Grand Haven on October 25, 1921. Marian was the daughter of Gerrit and Maggie Pellegrom. Nicholas passed away on July 21, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 21, 1923.]

#### **William Louis Vyn [1916-2002]**

William, the son of Clarence and Barbara Baker Vyn, was born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1916. In 1941 he married Mary Frances Smith, who was born on March 12, 1917. After her death on June 6, 1988, he married Norma C. Van Schelven Wessel on May 26 the next year. Norma, the daughter of William and Lillian Ruch Van Schelven, was born on January 12, 1926 in Grand Haven. William graduated from Redford High School in Detroit and earned a Bachelor of Chemistry degree from Michigan State University. He lived and worked in Lansing before returning to Grand Haven. He was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club. He had a daughter Sally, who married Richard Savage and resided in Danville, California, and a son Tom of Northville, Wayne County. William died in Venice, Florida, on February 15, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his first wife, Mary, and other Vyns. Norma passed away on December 4, 2022. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 2002.]

#### **Daniel C. Wachs [Wacks] [1846-1932]**

Born on March 10, 1846 in Crestline, Ohio, Daniel Wachs moved to Grand Haven. He was a teacher at Ferrysburg, Peach Plains, and Beech Tree schools, and he organized the first night school. He served as City Recorder in 1885. In the 1890s he was proprietor of Wachs & Wachs Publishers in Grand Haven and issued the newspapers *Courier* and *Express*. In the early 1900s he became a justice of the peace for sixteen years, with an office on the second floor of 201-203 Washington. His first wife, Charlotte “Lotta S.,” was born in Ohio in October 1837 and died March 17, 1907. A daughter, Orilla [Arella] B., was born in Indiana in 1876 and died in Grand Haven on October 11, 1887 of typhoid. In Grand Haven the family lived at 519 North Seventh. On September 26, 1916 in Grand Rapids, Daniel married Mary Virginia Schuman. Daniel died on December 31, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and daughter.

#### **John [Johann] Wachter [1804-1868]**

Born in Hannover, Germany in 1804, blacksmith John Wachter married Dorothea “Dora” Ronne [Rowne/Roune] in Hannover in 1830. They came to Spring Lake in 1864 and John died four years later. On November 7, 1880, Dora married Spring Lake resident Thomas Bell [1819-1893] in Grand Haven. Dora was born in 1814 in Hannover and died in Spring Lake in 1892. A daughter, Eliza, born in Hannover in 1831, married Henry Siems and settled in Crockery Township. The Wachters also had a son, William,

who was born in Hannover on September 19, 1851. [Note: Most of this information comes from the *Portrait & Biographical Record of Muskegon & Ottawa Counties, Michigan*, which cited John's death year as 1868. However, he appeared in the 1870 census for Spring Lake, along with Dora and William, which makes the 1868 date doubtful. By 1880, before the federal census of that year, Dora was listed as a widow.]

#### **Joseph F. Wachter [1910-1988]**

Born in Crockery Township on October 27, 1910 to Louis and Catherine Wachter, Joseph was a life-long resident of the area. He owned the Mobil Gas Station and Wachter Motor Sales at 301 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He offered Fords at first and later added Mercuries and Lincolns, as well as auto repairs. He was the first Mercury dealer in the area and had a mobile mechanic service. Joseph taught adult education courses in auto maintenance and small engine repair in the Spring Lake Public Schools. Joseph was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and Chancel Choir, president of the Optimist Club, and sponsored area bowling and baseball teams. He was an expert hunter and fisherman and an avid golfer. He married Carol J. Warber on September 28, 1933, and they had three daughters: Carol, Linda and Rita. The family resided at 15590 Pruin in Spring Lake. Joseph died on September 24, 1988. Carol lived from August 25, 1914 to January 1, 2002. She passed away in Bradenton, Florida.

#### **Louis A. Wachter [1875-1939]**

Born in the Village of Spring Lake on July 18, 1875, Louis Wachter became a farmer. He was the son of William and Clara Fiedler Wachter. At one time Louis was employed by the Interurban railway, which operated between Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, and Muskegon. He married Catherine N. Steinbach in Grand Haven on August 30, 1900. She was born on May 15, 1883, died in 1953, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Louis died in 1939 and was also buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **William A. Wachter [1851-1930]**

Born on September 19, 1851 in Hannover, Germany, William was the son of John and Dora Rowne Wachter. William was 13 when he moved with his family to Spring Lake. Although a blacksmith by trade, he also dealt in the sale of beer, liquor, and tobacco. On September 24, 1874 he married Clara, the daughter of John and Margaret Erhardt Feidler, also from Germany. Clara was born in September 1857 in Bavaria and passed away in 1928. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Wachers owned 80 acres in Section 19 of Crockery Township. They had nine children, all born in Michigan, including Louis, born on July 18, 1875; Margaret "Maggie," who was born in January 1882 and married Frank Spinner in Grand Rapids on November 10, 1910; Anna, who was born in October 1883 and on November 26, 1914 married Harley Erickson in Grand Haven; Augusta, born in August 1885; and George, who was born in October 1890 and on June 30, 1917 in Grand Haven Township married Dollie M. Cooke. William died in 1930.

#### **John Wacker I [1865-1937]**

John Wacker, who was born in Stuttgart, Germany on October 31, 1865, arrived in the United States in 1888. Five years later he married Anna Zacker, also a native of Germany, where she was born about 1874. Anna came to America in 1890. The Wackers owned a 50-acre farm in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township, near the township's north boundary. Among their six children was a daughter, Edith Ann, who was born on March 25, 1897 and married William Klempel, also of Grand Haven Township. William was the son of August and Amelia Fenner Klempel. Cecelia [Caecelia], another daughter, married Frank Ott of Grand Haven. Cecelia was born in Chicago on May 15, 1904. The Wackers' other children were George, born about 1894; John II, born about 1900; Matilda [Mathilda], who was born about 1901 and married Charles Hovey; and Emily, who was born about November 1908 and married Robert Ott of Grand Haven Township. Emily was born in Michigan, and the rest of the children were born in Illinois. John died on June 5, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Abram [Abraham] S. Wadsworth [1812-1871]**

In 1834 Abram Wadsworth purchased substantial amounts of land in Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, and elsewhere in Michigan. The first platted addition to the City of Grand Haven carried the Wadsworth name. According to Lillie, the plat for Wadsworth's Addition was filed on August 6, 1837. The plat was a triangular piece that ran about 800 feet along the south bank of the Grand River to Lake Michigan and contained 148 small building sites, twenty along the river, the rest inland, without regard to dunes or bank erosion. The plat's south boundary included a boulevard 100 feet wide, running east and west and labeled "United States Road from Detroit to the Mouth of Grand River." If extended over the dunes, the road would have connected with Pennoyer Avenue and River Road. The Detroit road was never laid, but another street that bisected the plat was named Water Street and followed the route of today's Harbor Drive. Wadsworth's Addition later was vacated by the city.

Abram purchased land on May 1, 1839, in the Port Sheldon area. This land may have been part of the resort development that took place about that time, an endeavor that soon went bankrupt. Franklin Everett stated that by 1846 Abram "bankrupted himself in developing water-power." [*Memorials of the Grand River Valley*, p. 374.] However, in 1850 Abram was living in Michilimackinac [probably Traverse City] with his wife Martha and two children, both born in Michigan: James M., born in 1842, and Frances L., born in 1846. At that time Abram was a lumberman. In 1860 he was in Antrim County. Ten years later Abram was residing in Traverse City with Martha and a daughter, Ella. Abram and Martha Adeline Notham were married in Washtenaw County on May 20, 1835. Abram was born in Durham, Connecticut on November 8, 1812, the son of Wentworth and Content Scranton Wadsworth. Martha was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts on December 17, 1817, and Ella in Michigan about 1855. Abram's occupation in Traverse City was listed as surveyor, and in 1851 he was deputy surveyor for the Geodetic Survey. He died in Traverse City on June 28, 1871. Martha passed away on June 9, 1896, also in Traverse City.

#### **Cornelis Wagenaar [Wagener, Wagner] [1810-1884]**

Born in The Netherlands on October 4, 1810, Cornelis Wagenaar on June 7, 1835 married Cornelia De Jong, who was born the same year as he. With their eight children, they left their homeland in 1853 and came to Grand Haven via New York, Buffalo, and Chicago. Cornelis was employed at a sawmill on Black Lake [Lake Macatawa] near Holland. He and Cornelia had twelve children. He died in Muskegon on November 30, 1884. Cornelia married Cornelius Veen and moved with her children to a farm in Drenthe. She died in 1893 in Muskegon. John Cooper, a grandson of the Wagenaars, was a physician in Grand Haven for a short time around 1902.

#### **Cornelia Boer Wagener [1892-1993]**

Cornelia was born in Grand Haven on February 26, 1892 to John J. and Jennie Bolt Boer. Cornelia graduated from Mrs. Wheeler's Kindergarten Training School in Grand Rapids in 1911 and became the first kindergarten teacher for Spring Lake Public Schools. She also owned and operated Spring Haven Farm, at the northeast corner of Fruitport Road and M-104, where she bred Tennessee Walking Horses. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Woman's Club, Garden Club, and Free Bed Guild. On August 17, 1927, she married Wayland Spencer Bickford in Grand Haven. Born on March 6, 1875 in Huntington, Vermont, Wayland died on December 16, 1930 in New Orleans, Louisiana and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cornelia then married Carnot Roscoe Wagener on May 18, 1938, again in Grand Haven. He was born in Michigan on October 18, 1894 and in 1930 was a building inspector living in Cincinnati, Ohio. They resided at 335 North Lake Street in Spring Lake. Carnot passed away in 1943. Cornelia died on October 4, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cornelia was the sister of Ruth Boer Hoek of Spring Lake. A fund was established in their names at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. [*Tribune* obituary, October 7, 1993.]

#### **Henry Wagenmaker [1914-1993]**

On April 18, 1934 in Muskegon, Henry Wagenmaker married Nellie De Ruiter. He was a celery farmer in Norton Township, Muskegon County. Much later the two of them owned and operated two motels in Grand Haven. First, they purchased Tarry Ho Motel at 1617 South Beacon Boulevard from the original owners, Hank and Minnie de Young. Second, they partnered with Arnold and Barbara Brondyke in ownership and management of the Anchor Motel at 1616 South Beacon Boulevard. Henry was born in Muskegon on September 12, 1914 and died in Muskegon on January 27, 1993. Nellie lived from 1914 to March 9, 1998. Both were buried at Mona View Cemetery.

#### **Adam Wagner [1841-1912]**

Born in Prussia on October 29, 1841, Adam Wagner came to Eastmanville in 1855 and worked at Galen Eastman's store. He ran the ferryboat and was postmaster in Eastmanville from 1868 to 1882. Also in 1868 he joined Edwin Thayer and Galen Eastman as general merchants. The name of the business was changed to Eastman Brothers & Wagner until 1871, when the Eastmans retired and John Wagner joined his brother Adam to form Wagner Bros. After 1879 Adam was the sole owner. In 1869 he married Eunice [Eugenia], Edwin Thayer's sister. Among Adam's and Eunice's nine children were two daughters: Netty, who was born on June 1, 1877 and 22 years later, and Florence, who was born in December 1884 and died in 1956. They also had two sons: George, who was born on September 13, 1881 and lived to 1944, and John, who was born on March 6, 1883 and died in 1970. The four children were born in Polkton Township. In 1889 Adam, Eunice, and at least five of their children had moved to Ionia County, where he was an insurance agent. Adam died in Belding, Ionia County, on August 2, 1912. Eunice lived from 1843 to 1905. They were buried at River Ridge Cemetery in Belding.

#### **John Wagner I [1825-1905]**

Born in Prussia on June 25, 1825, John Wagner came to Allendale in 1840. He joined his brother Adam, and they formed the company Wagner Bros., a continuation of Galen Eastman's general store. He sold out his interest to his brother and went into the wood, bark, and railroad tie business, and he also ran a planing mill. He later formed a partnership with a Mr. Wells and operated a general store. His son, John Wagner II, was born in 1854 in Allendale and was employed by Eastman Bros. & Wagner from 1871 to 1874, when he went into business for himself. The younger Wagner was the last postmaster of Eastmanville, beginning on July 1, 1893. John died on August 14, 1905. His wife Lucinda lived from December 11, 1824 to October 2, 1896. John and Lucinda were buried at Allendale Cemetery with an infant daughter, who died August 10, 1865, less than two months old.

#### **Justin B. Wait [Waite] [1822-1888]**

In 1872 Justin Wait came to Grand Haven from Wisconsin, where he had bought 80 acres in Jefferson County on March 1, 1850 and operated a rake factory. In Grand Haven he assumed ownership of Cornelius De Vlieger's planing mill. The Wait Manufacturing Company opened for business in 1873 with Justin as president and produced 30,000 hand rakes and 25 corn planters the first year. Thomas Stewart White was secretary and treasurer, and John M. Lockie was foreman and superintendent. The company was incorporated as the Challenge Corn Planter Company in 1882.

Justin was born in Hampshire, Massachusetts in 1822. He married Deanna [Dianna] Miller in Medina, Ohio, on June 27, 1844. She was born in 1825 in New York. They had three children: Ellen M., born in Ohio about 1845; Alice, born in Wisconsin about 1847, and Cassius, born in Wisconsin about 1849. Deanna died in Grand Haven on February 8, 1873. Justin married Rebecca Munger Harris in Paw Paw, Van Buren County on November 16, 1873. The couple belonged to the Unitarian Church. Born in Ohio around 1833, Rebecca died in Grand Haven on March 18, 1874 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Justin moved to Buffalo County, Nebraska in 1879, where he died on September 15, 1888. His body was returned to Grand Haven and buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Rebecca. Two of their children, both born in Wisconsin, were Eva M. born about 1864, and Milton S., born about 1867. Also living with Justin and Rebecca in Nebraska was a stepdaughter, Augusta Munger, who was born in Michigan around 1862.

### **Minard Walcott [1908-1974]**

Minard Walcott opened a feed store at 1437 Washington Street in Grand Haven in the 1920s. He sold the business to Claude Mulder in the mid- to late 1940s. Claude named it Mulder's Feed Store. Minard was born on May 22, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on April 12, 1974. He and his wife, Mabel, resided at 516 South Seventh Street. Mabel lived from January 6, 1910 and passed away on January 23, 1998 in Grand Haven. She was buried near her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Hazel Simpson Walda [1899-1988]**

Born in Wisconsin on November 1, 1899, Hazel Walda became a teacher at De Witt School at 17710 Taft Road in Spring Lake. The one-room schoolhouse became part of the Ferrysburg School District in 1959. Hazel married John Henry Walda in Indiana on July 3, 1931. He was born in Muskegon on December 1, 1897. They resided at 615 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. John died in Grand Haven on August 30, 1947. She died in Grand Rapids on August 6, 1988. The pair was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Their son, Jack Walda, died on May 14, 1925, two days after his birth. He, too, was buried at Oakwood. John had previously been married to Frieda Fethke [1904-1971].

### **Frederik Lafayette Walden [1821-1869]**

In the mid-1840s Frederik Walden was Jail keeper in Grand Haven, and he was listed in the 1850 census for Ottawa County. On December 28, 1848 he married Frances Ann Day in Macomb County. They had two children, Martha, born about 1847, and Mary, born about 1849. Lettie Teeple, later the wife of Henry Pennoyer, kept house for the Waldens. Frederik was born in New York on January 13, 1821, and Frances came from Canada, where she born around 1827. Among their children, both born in Michigan, were Martha, born about 1847, and Harry, born about 1849. Frederik died in 1869 in Ottawa County.

### **John R. Walhout [1925-2003]**

John Walhout served as mayor of Grand Haven from 1971 to 1979. He was born on March 3, 1925 in Muskegon, the son of Thomas and Ann Witt Walhout. He moved to Grand Haven in 1958, where he remained until relocating to Norton Shores in 1998. John married Beverly Jean Kroeze on October 22, 1948. They resided at 1505 Pineridge Drive. They had two children, Susan Beth, who married Robert Lass of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, and Ross Walhout of Grand Haven.

John served with the Army Air Corps during WWII as Flight Engineer on B-17s. He graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He obtained a Bachelor of Law degree from La Salle University, and he also was an accredited CPA. John became vice president of Challenge Porcelain and Stamping Company. After retirement, he was a federal bankruptcy trustee for the Western Michigan District and for the Circuit Court as Receiver, representing large corporate bankruptcies. John served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1965 to 1971, before being elected mayor. He served two six-year terms on the Ottawa County Road Commission and was the Commission's chairman for ten years. He was president of the Grand Haven Christian School Board, the Tri-Cities United Way Board, and the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Board. John also served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963. He died on May 9, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Beverly lived from August 2, 1927 to October 24, 2020. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, May 12, 2003.]

### **Henry Walker [1865-1939]**

In the 1893 *Compendium*, Henry Walker was listed as a ship's carpenter. He was born in Michigan in 1865, died in 1939, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In Grand Haven on August 16, 1888, he married Anna, the daughter of Derek and Swantje Groeneveld of Grand Haven. She lived from 1868 to 1904 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By the early 1900s Henry had become a tool maker. After his wife's death, Henry resided with his sister-in-law Lucy Leninga and her family at 216 Elliott Street.

### **John "Captain Jack" E. Walker [1821-1904]**



Born in Hull, England in May 1821 [1811/1833], John Walker came to the United States in 1849 and to Grand Haven about 1854. As a boy he apprenticed aboard his uncle's ships, followed the sea, and had many experiences as he sailed around the globe. After coming to the Grand Haven area, he worked for Squier & White and Kirby & Furlong as master of their vessels, although in the 1870 and 1880 censuses he was still classified as a sailor. John became known locally as "Captain Jack," especially by the people living, as he did, in cottages in the Highland Park Resort. His home was on a large parcel of land on Lake Avenue, not far from the Khardomah Lodge. In 1895 Captain Jack, noticing that Grand Haven was becoming a popular resort, saw a way of making money and built the first bath house and refreshment stand on the beach, later the site of the Bil-Mar Restaurant. In 1897 he was the first to ring the fog bell and operate the foghorn at Grand Haven. Upon retiring in 1901, Captain Jack sold his business to August Boseker, also a Highland Park resident.

Captain Jack's wife Bridget was born near Dublin, Ireland, in 1826 [1827/1832]. They had four children: John II, born in Michigan about 1856; Kate [Katie/Catherine], born in Michigan in May 1861; Joseph, born in Michigan about 1862; and George, born in Illinois about 1864. Kate married James Riley of Grand Haven. John II became a ship's captain himself and died at the age of 58 on November 10, 1914, when his vessel foundered in a storm in Lake Superior. George moved to Marinette, Wisconsin, where John also lived for a while. Joseph evidently died before his father. In 1900 Jack was sharing his house on Lake Avenue with Kate and her two children. Bridget passed away on August 30, 1886, and Captain Jack died on May 6, 1904. The Walkers were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son John II. [*Tribune* article, "John E. Walker," February 19, 1897 and *Tribune* obituary, May 7, 1904.]

#### **Walter S. Walker [1860-1922]**

Walter Walker had one of the shortest professional sports careers on record. He joined the Detroit Wolverines Baseball Club, part of the National League, filling the position of catcher. He played his first game on May 8, 1884. Although he had one hit in four times at bat and scored a run, it was his only game. After this brief career he settled in Ionia as a lawyer. On November 15, 1887 he married Jennie V. Kimball in Ionia. By 1900 he was in the Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane in Pontiac, where he remained until his death in 1922. The son of Archibald and Mary Sinnott Walker, he was born in Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County in 1860. [Adapted from correspondence from Kevin Collier.]

#### **William "Captain Billy" Walker [1868-1939]**

Captain Billy Walker, born on Grand Haven in December 21, 1868, began his career as a surfman at the Grand Haven Life Station under Captain Lysaght in 1889. In 1902 he was promoted to keeper at a new life saving station at Sleeping Bear Point, where he served until 1910. He then became keeper of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station, a post he held until his retirement in 1922. Captain Billy died on March 19, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His father, John Walker, a Grand Haven tinsmith, was born in Germany about 1840 and apparently died when Bill was a boy. Bill's mother Elizabeth was born in Ohio in April 1842. After her husband's death she married William Keltie of Grand Haven. As a young man, Billy resided with the Kelties.

#### **Wyllys [Wyllis] Seamans Walkley [1846-1917]**

Born in Hillsdale County on January 17, 1846, Wyllys moved with his parents, Oliver and Parthenia Smith Walkley, to Casnovia Township in Muskegon County in 1853. On February 12, 1864 he enlisted as private in Company C of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry. He was transferred to Company H of the 28<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry on June 15, 1865 and mustered out on June 5 the next year. He was assigned to a medical unit. After the war he tried farming, but decided he preferred the medical field. He left the farm and headed for Ann Arbor. There he graduated from the University of Michigan Medical Department in March 1879.

Wyllys opened his medical practice in Spring Lake the same year, 1879, with an office on the second floor of Perham's Drug Store. He promised that "Calls from the County [would be] promptly attended to." He moved to Lamont in 1883 and two years later relocated to 114 South Fourth Street, Grand Haven. He

maintained a medical office in a wing of the house. For many years Wyllys was Acting Assistant Surgeon and in 1887 he was appointed Surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service. He was a member of the Michigan State Medical Society. After the war he joined the Weatherwax Veterans of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] in Grand Haven, as well as the International Order of Odd Fellows in Spring Lake. In 1882 he was school inspector, and in the early 1900s he was Coroner for Ottawa County. He was one of the founders and original shareholders of the Highland Park Association, started in 1886.

In Muskegon on February 16, 1864, Wyllys married 15-year-old Ida Skinner, also of Casnovia Township. Two days later the groom and his military unit left for Camp Nelson in Kentucky. Ida died in January 1873, a little more than two years after giving birth to their third daughter, Carlotta. Not long after Ida's death, Wyllys asked Freeborn Bailey and his wife to be Carlotta's foster parents, a responsibility they gladly accepted. The Baileys had a farm in Paris Township, Kent County. The Walkley's other daughters were Emile, who was born in 1867 and married Peter J. Danhof II of Grand Haven, and Sarah Adeline, who was born on May 9, 1869, married Burt Hatch, and settled in Muskegon.

On November 27, 1873 in Newaygo, Wyllys married Olive "Ollie" Eliza McDonald. Ollie, the daughter of Hugh [1816-1864] and Pauline [1818-1898] McDonald [MacDonald], was born in Vergennes, Vermont on May 7, 1839, died on April 13, 1909, and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. On March 30, 1910 Walkley married Louise Ann Lillie in Lowell. Louise, the daughter of Warren and Sarah E. Lillie of Wright Township, was born on September 2, 1871. Walkley and Louise lived at 114 South Fourth Street, where Louise continued to reside after her husband's death but by 1930 had moved to Lansing. Walkley's and Ida's daughter Carlotta married Alvin Enoch Ewing, a Grand Rapids attorney. Carlotta and her husband owned and developed the lakeshore area known as the "Wilderness," a few miles south of Grand Haven. Wyllys died on August 30, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Louise died on March 26, 1963 in Kent County and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. [*Tribune* obituary, April 18, 1909.]

#### **Alexander Wallace [1838-1864]**

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on July 5, 1838, Alexander Wallace arrived in the United States in 1854. On November 6, 1858, he married Harriet Ross in Grand Haven. By 1860 they were residing in Ferrysburg. Living with them was Harriet's 18-year-old brother, Charles W. Ross [1842-1920]. Harriet was born in New York State on September 21, 1840. Born in Toronto, Canada in 1838, Alexander was a fisherman. On November 27, 1861, Alexander and Harriet had a son, Charles Alexander Wallace. He died on January 14, 1940 in Oregon. The Alexanders had another son, William Ross Wallace, who lived from April 29, 1862 to February 7, 1956. Both sons were born in Grand Haven. On December 2, 1862 Alexander enlisted with the Federal forces as private. On April 14, 1863 he joined Company B of the First Michigan Sharpshooters as corporal. He was wounded at the Battle of Spottsylvania on May 12, 1864, died in Annapolis, Maryland on June 23, and was buried at Annapolis National Cemetery. Harriet died on January 26, 1915 in Chicago.

#### **Boyd Wade Wallace [1889-1977]**

Boyd Wallace was born in Bay City, Saginaw County on November 22, 1889. On December 20, 1923 in Bay City, he married Pearl Brown Ormes, then 57 years old and a native of East Liverpool, Ohio. Their marriage registration listed them both as Mulatto. They were divorced in Grand Rapids on September 15, 1925. In the 1930 Federal Census Boyd was working as a chauffeur for Olive Handley, a White widow living in Spring Lake. He was listed as a single man in that census. On September 16, 1937 Boyd married Virginia Jackson in Grand Rapids. She was born in 1911 in Virginia and died in Grand Rapids on July 26, 1964. Boyd passed away in Grand Rapids on October 10, 1977 and was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids with Virginia.

#### **William Wallace [1829-1905]**

Born in Canada, near its boundary with New York, William Wallace moved west at age 17 and settled in the Ferrysburg area in 1847. He married Jane [Jennie] Esther Gray on November 7, 1854. Jane, born in

New York in October 1834, was the daughter of Curtis W. and Emily Gray of Grand Haven. The Wallaces had a son, Walter C., who was born in Michigan in March 1858 [1860], and one daughter, Mary A. "Minnie," who was born in Michigan in April 1858 and taught piano. Minnie married George McKellys [McKillip]. The Wallace residence was at 108 South First Street, a home reportedly built and occupied by Grand Haven pioneer David Carver. Sharing the house with them was Almira Gray, who lived from 1830 to 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest.

William went to work for Colonel William M. Ferry and moved up rapidly in Ferry's establishment. Within two years he was put in charge of the big store belonging to Ferry & Son. William learned about Indian character from the men who came to receive their government money from the store. Deliveries were made by following Indian paths that led to the mills and to customers who lived in isolated settlements. In 1854 William left for a short time to work in Chicago but returned to Grand Haven and became a full partner in the firm of Ferry & Son, which by October 18 that year became known as Ferry & Wallace.

In 1856, William embarked in the wholesale and retail grocery business. He owned a warehouse on Water Street [Harbor Drive], built in 1836 by Stearns and later purchased by Clark B. Albee, and a dock on the corner of Franklin and Harbor. The store's sales extended up and down the shoreline and nearly every mill and settlement store was supplied from Wallace's establishment. Goods were packed through the woods, transported by riverboat, and shipped by schooner to outlying districts. The store was destroyed by the fire of 1865. He didn't rebuild on the original site, but moved his shop to 16 Washington, where his new store remained for several years.

In 1870 William worked for the Detroit & Grand Haven Railway, and in 1874 became stationmaster and express agent at the company's office. In 1877 he owned a saloon on Washington Street

In 1867 William was elected to represent the Second Ward in Grand Haven's first City Council.

Born in October 1829 [1828], William passed away on February 21, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife and son continued to live at 108 South First until Jane died on May 12, 1912. Walter, who worked at Grand Haven Brass, died the next year and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. [*Tribune* obituary February 21, 1905.]

#### **Louis Wallenzin [Wallenzien, Wallzien] [1872-1924]**

In the early 1900s Louis Wallenzin owned a creamery business in Agnew. Born in Wisconsin in 1871 or 1872, he came to the area in 1906. On December 4, 1904 in Milwaukee, he married Lillie Leininger, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1881. Louis passed away in Belvidere, Illinois on June 16, 1924.

#### **Amos Walling [1860-1908]**

On August 8, 1886 Amos Walling married Cleora [Clara] Ives in Coopersville. Amos, who was born in 1860, died in 1908 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Five years later, on October 13 in Coopersville, Cleora married Ferdinand "Fred" Behm of Grand Haven Township. She was born about 1869 and died on November 6, 1921. In 1880 Amos was residing in Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County.

#### **George Louis Walsh [1929-2014]**

George was born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1929, the son of Louis and Ruby Bartow Walsh. He earned a bachelor degree in accounting from Western Michigan University in 1952 and was certified as a public accountant eight years later. He worked with such organizations as the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, Michigan State University, and Lansing Country Club. After retirement he wrote a trilogy of Western novels and published them under the title *Apache, My Son*. When George died on July 18, 2014, he and his wife Patricia had been married 49 years. She was born on May 19, 1937. George was buried at East Lawn Memory Garden in Okemos, Ingham County, where he and Patricia had been living.

#### **Clifford J. Walsh [1899-1988]**

Clifford Walsh was born in Grand Haven on May 30, 1899, the son of George and Evelyn Hanna Walsh. He married Helen I. Bache in 1921. Born in Coopersville, she lived from April 9, 1902 to April 22, 1962. The family resided at 616 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. In 1964, Clifford married Lillian Roo, who had first been married to Howard Vaxter [1900-1956]. Born in Muskegon on June 13, 1905, she passed away on June 23, 1967. The next year he married Esther Norcross. She was born in Grand Haven on February 26, 1894 and died on February 1, 1984 in Arizona. Clifford died on April 25, 1988. He and his three wives were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clifford and Evelyn had three children, all born in Grand Haven: Donald L. Walsh, who lived from November 27, 1925 to November 29, 1981; Jack L. Walsh, who was born on March 11, 1930 and passed away in Arizona on June 30, 1987; and Arla Walsh. Arla, born on June 7, 1931, married Peter Boomgaard [1929-2017] and died on July 11, 1982.

### **George Walsh [1874-1918]**

George, the son of John and Evelyn Hanna Walsh, was born in Grand Haven on November 2, 1874. He married Lucinda Deremo, the daughter of Joseph and Lucy Veenstra Deremo. She was born on May 4, 1879 in Grand Haven. He died on March 11, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lucinda died of complications from the Spanish flu on January 7 the next year and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had two sons, both born in Grand Haven: Clifford J. Walsh, who was born on May 30, 1899, and Louis Verne "Mickey" Walsh, who lived from September 21, 1903 to June 17, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **John Walsh I [1839-1912]**

John Walsh, born in Ontario, Canada on October 17, 1839, operated a steam-powered pile driver, even though he was one-armed. John was credited with breaking the logjam in the Grand River in 1883, when 150,000,000 board feet of timber were cascading from Grand Rapids toward Lake Michigan. John, a marine engineer, conceived and carried out a plan to drive pilings, which created an obstacle that stopped the 37 million tons of logs and saved the timber, as well. Captain Walsh's employers gave him a gold watch for his bravery and his ability to work fast and efficiently enough to build the dam in time. By saving the timbers, he saved the company many thousands of dollars and kept a number of loggers employed. John was a long-term employee of the White & Friant Lumber Company. He married Evelyn [Evaline] Mary Hanna, who lived from October 27, 1850 to September 7, 1933. They resided at 315 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. They had nine children, including John II, who was born in Grand Haven in 1872, on January 14, 1895 married Gertrude Rienks [1873-1923], and died in 1957, and George Walsh, who was born in Grand Haven on November 2, 1874. John the father died on March 6, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Evelyn.

### **Martin Walsh [1828-1914]**

Born in Ireland in November 1828 [1829], Martin Walsh came to America in 1849. After living for a while in New York State, he came down the Grand River to Spring Lake aboard the steamer *Olive Branch* in November 1856. On October 4, 1861 Martin enlisted in Company F of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry as private. He was promoted to quartermaster sergeant on November 1 the following year, to second lieutenant of Company I on August 8, 1863, and to second lieutenant on March 14, 1865. He was mustered out on July 18 that year. Martin then returned to Spring Lake and operated a dry goods and grocery store located on the northeast corner of Jackson and Savidge Streets and later relocated to the middle of the block on the south side of Savidge between Jackson and Division Streets. He had extensive plantings of fruit trees and grapevines on the 42 acres he owned between Lake Avenue and Lloyd's Bayou. He was postmaster of Spring Lake from 1893 to 1897. Martin assisted in framing the Village charter, was elected president of the Village in 1873, and served on the Spring Lake School Board. He retired to his farm on 148<sup>th</sup> Street.

In 1858 Martin married Elizabeth Lee, who was born in 1837 and came to Grand Rapids from Ireland with her brother, Patrick Lee, in 1854. The five Walsh children, all born in Michigan, were Winifred, born in

1860; John, born in 1862; Joseph M., born in 1869; Elizabeth, born in 1873; and William H., born in 1873. Elizabeth died on October 31, 1885. On January 10, 1888 in Grand Haven, Martin married Josephine Dixon Donald. The daughter of George and Mary Shannessy [O'Shaugnessy] Dixon, Josephine was born in Indiana on December 24, 1854 and apparently previously was married to a Mr. Donald. Martin and Josephine had two children: Dion, born in March 1889, and Edward E., born in November 1890. Josephine passed away on November 11, 1907, and Martin died on March 17, 1914. He, Elizabeth, and Josephine were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **John Walsma [1875-1936]**

Born in Michigan on October 21, 1875, the son of Tys [Thys] and Eda Pauls Walsma, John became a marine engineer. During the 1910s John and Ralph Van Toll owned the tugboats *Gunderson Brothers* and *Robert E. Johnston* to tow bargefuls of gravel and aggregate from their quarries eleven miles up the Grand River from Grand Haven. Their business, called Walsma & Van Toll Towing Company, performed "TOWING OF ALL DESCRIPTION," and they were "DEALERS IN GRAVEL." Around 1916 they sold the quarries to Construction Aggregates, located on the Grand River in Ferrysburg. On January 16, 1901, in Grand Haven, John married Hannah De Young, who was a teacher at what is referred to as Rosy Mound School as early as 1895. That school, located at the southeast corner of Ferris Street and Lakeshore Drive, burned down in 1900. It was replaced by a school built near the tall dune called Rosy Mound and given that name. She was the daughter of Captain John and Trientje Meyer De Young of Grand Haven. John and Hannah lived at 119 South Third in the early 1900s, and then moved across the street to 120 South Third before 1918. After John died on November 11, 1936, Hannah continued to reside at 120 South Third until at least the mid-1960s. Hannah was born on February 20, 1876 and died in Grand Rapids on February 27, 1980 from pulmonary edema. She was buried near her husband and other Walsmas at Lake Forest Cemetery. John and Hannah had a son, John II, born about 1901.

### **Tys [Thys, Thijs] "John" M. Walsma [Walsema] [1843-1927]**

Tys Walsma, listed as "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*, was born in The Netherlands in April 1843, came to Grand Haven with his wife in 1874, and died in Grand Haven in 1927. On March 29, 1873 in Cook County, Illinois, he married Eda [Ida] H. Pauls. She was born in Germany and lived from November 1842 [1843] to 1925. In the 1900 census, Tys was listed as captain, presumably of a lake or river boat. The Walsmas' children, all born in Michigan, were Mary, born in March 1874; John, born on October 21, 1875; Frederick, born in 1878; Edith, born on August 27, 1880; Emma, who was born on October 29, 1882, married John Stokes, and died in Grand Haven on May 15, 1974; and Martin, born on July 20, 1885. By 1920 Tys and Eda lived at 120 South Third with their son John and his family. Tys and Eda were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

### **William Walsma [Walsama] [1875-1915]**

In 1880 five-year-old William Walsma arrived in Grand Haven with his stepfather, Pieter, who lived from 1845 to 1931, and his mother, Itje [Ida, Eda] Helmer Valkema. Itje lived from 1849 to 1935 and married Pieter Valkema in Grand Haven on March 13, 1880. William moved to Muskegon about 1898 where he was employed by the Campbell, Wright, and Canon Foundry. He was a member of Lodge No. 91 of the Loyal Order of Moose. William had three sons: Frank, William, and Robert, and three daughters, Ida, Delilah, and Ordelia. William died on July 19, 1915 in Muskegon but was buried with other members of his family at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* obituary, July 19, 1915.]

### **Arthur G. Walter [1880-1959]**

The son of William and Orsena [Oisena/Orcena/Arsena] Walter of Grand Haven, Arthur was born on October 1, 1880. [On his WWII draft registration form Arthur cited a birth date of July 31, 1883.] He resided in the family home at 219 South Fourth Street in 1928, where he sold radios. On August 24, 1915 he received Patent #1,150,981 for a "Draining System for Cargo of Sand-Boats." Apparently he never married. By 1930 Arthur ran a heating and ventilating business from 219 South Fourth Street and continued to live at the same

address until at least 1940, when he owned a well-digging operation. In 1948 he was still drilling wells, but had moved to 412 Lake Avenue. He passed away in Riverside, California on January 15, 1959. Harry Walter was his brother.

### **Henry “Harry” Abraham Walter [Walters] [1875-1951]**

Born in Pierson, Montcalm County on April 23, 1875, Harry Walter married Elizabeth “Lizzie” Minnit in Grand Haven on September 3, 1903. Elizabeth was born in Wisconsin [Chicago] on March 28, 1876. Sometime before 1920, Harry Walter and Elizabeth moved to 412 Lake Avenue from 121 North Second Street. Prior to that move they had resided at 1339 Washington. Harry had been a clerk at the Grand Haven Post Office since at least 1908. They remained at 412 Lake until about 1950. Elizabeth died on March 5, 1950, and Harry passed away on December 26 the next year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Arthur G. Walter was his brother. Their parents were William and Orsena Walter.

### **Peter Walter [Walters] I [1826-1889]**

On September 23, 1861, while living in Holland, Peter Walter enlisted in Company D of the 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry and served until May 26, 1865. By 1870 he was a commercial fisherman residing in Grand Haven. Peter, born in The Netherlands in 1826, died in 1889, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, but his monument showed no dates. On February 9, 1864 he married Maria [Mariah]: Punsele, also from The Netherlands, where she was born in November 1832. She had previously married Gerard Leopold Jacob Arnold Dijkmeester in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on July 1, 1857. Gerard and Maria immigrated to America in 1857, and Gerard died in Grand Haven six years later. After Peter’s death, Maria applied for a widow’s Civil War pension on August 12, 1889. She resided at 206 Water Street [Harbor Drive]. Maria and Gerard Dijkmeester had at least one child: Mary, who was born on September 14, 1860 and married Peter Wilds of Grand Haven. Among Peter’s and Maria’s six children were Dena, who was born on August 6, 1865 and married John J. Fisher of that city; William, born in October 1867; Jennie, born in April 1870; and Peter II, born in February 1873. All the children were born locally.

### **William Walter [Walters] [1835-1913]**

Born in Sackett’s Harbor, New York on October 6, 1835, William Walter while living in Fremont, Indiana on August 2, 1862, enlisted in Company B of the 6<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry and later was transferred to Company M of the 5<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry. He was captured by the Confederates and spent time in Southern prisons in Charlottesville and Salisbury. He escaped from the camp at Salisbury, returned to his unit, and was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant on August 3, 1865. [His capture and escape were not mentioned in his service records.] On November 21, 1876 he applied for an invalid’s pension, and on November 25, 1913 Orsena applied for a widow’s pension. Shortly after his discharge from the service, William came to Michigan to work in the lumbering business, first with a Mr. Pierson [possibly Harrison Pearson, a Grand Haven ship builder], then going to Robinson Township, where he owned an 80-acre farm. Sometime after 1908 he moved to Grand Haven. On May 19, 1867 in Ovid, Clinton County, he married Orsena [Oisena/Orcena/Arsena] D. Runyon. A native of Michigan, she lived from 1848 to August 1, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Harry [Henry] A., who was born about 1876 in Michigan and married Lizzie M. Minnit in Grand Haven on September 3, 1903, and Arthur G., who was born locally on October 1, 1880. The two sons remained in the Grand Haven area most of their lives. In the early 1900s William lived with the family of his sister-in-law Maria, the wife of Peter Walter, at 206 Water Street [Harbor Drive]. William died at his home, 219 South Fourth Street, on November 4, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1913.]

### **Benjamin Walters [Walters] [1856-1931]**

Born in December 1856 in The Netherlands, Benjamin Walters was a farmer who also raised livestock on his 40-acre farm located in Section 24 of Olive Township. He moved to Olive Township from Holland, Michigan in 1899. By 1910 Ben had returned to the City of Holland. In 1892 he married Leana [Lena] Tunring, who was born in Michigan in 1873 and died in 1948. They had a daughter Margaret, who was

born in 1892. Benjamin died on March 12, 1931 in Grand Rapids. He and Lena were buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

**Peter Walters I [1826-1889]**

See Peter Walter I.

**George W. Walton [1812-1874]**

In 1849 the State of Michigan authorized George W. Walton, Isaac Merrill, and William M. Ferry II, to lay a road between Section 16 of Spring Lake Township [the site of Ferrysburg] to the south border of Muskegon Lake. George was born in Essex County, New York on January 3, 1812. After living for a few years in Chicago, he moved to Muskegon. He was appointed postmaster in 1841 and served as supervisor of Muskegon Township for several terms, starting in 1847. He died in a house fire in Como, Nevada on October 22, 1874.

**Robert L. Walwood [1938-2002]**

Robert Walwood, who resided at 14198 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Robinson Township, was plant manager for Integrated Metal Technology in Spring Lake Township. He was born in Grand Rapids on January 24, 1938, the son of James A. and Clara Vander Panne Walwood. Robert married Elizabeth Vollmer in Indiana on August 20, 1956. She was born on July 18, 1937. Their children were Debra, who married Douglas Van Oeveren; Linda; Rita, who married Steve Boomgaard; Robert M.; and Troy L. The children resided in Grand Haven. Robert died on April 22, 2002 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2002.]

**Charles [Carl] Frederich Christian Warber [Werber] [1848-1924]**

Born in Germany on February 10, 1848, Charles Warber came to America in 1867. He married Louise Caroline Maria Dabberowsky in Grand Haven on April 5, 1872. The daughter of German immigrants Ludwig and Fredereka Dobberowsky, she was born in Germany on March 14, 1847. Charles ran logs for the Old Boom Mill on Grand River. He later became a cattle farmer and raised grain on his 120-acre farm located at 15600 148<sup>th</sup> Street in Spring Lake. The Warbers were completely self-dependent, making everything they needed to sustain life except salt. Louise passed away on June 18, 1922. Charles died in Kalamazoo on September 17 two years later. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Frederick and George were his brothers. A daughter, Elizabeth, was born in Spring Lake on October 2, 1881, and another daughter, Wilhelmina, was born on September 15, 1883. Elizabeth married Gerhardt Schweitzer.

**Elizabeth Warber [1881-1939]**

See Elizabeth Warber Schweitzer.

**Emil Carl Christof Warber [1886-1980]**

The son of Charles and Caroline Warber, Emil was born in Spring Lake on December 29, 1886. He married Ruth Edna Wills in Spring Lake on August 20, 1912. Born on August 16, 1894, she was the daughter of Henry and Jenet Wills. Emil remembered collecting clamshells for the Lamont Button Factory when he was a boy and even as a young man. His first job was with the Challenge Machinery Company as a machinist. However, Emil worked most of his life as a plumber and was associated for six years with Dave Cline [Klein], and then spent the next 34 years with the Lloyd Buckley Company. The Warbers lived at 426 East Exchange in Spring Lake. Emil died on November 16, 1980 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ruth died in Spring Lake on June 19, 1987. A daughter, Elizabeth Emile Warber, was born in Spring Lake on April 11, 1913 and married Roland De Bruyn. The Warbers' son Emil II was born on September 9, 1916 and died in Grand Haven on February 22, 1995. Emil II operated Warbers Plumbing and Heating, located at 15751 Rannes Road in Spring Lake Township. He married Emily P. Machek of Nunica on October 24, 1938. Emily passed away on January 3, 2008. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 2008.]

**Frederick Warber [Werber] [1839-1920]**

Born in Germany in February 1839 [1844], Fred Warber was the brother of George of Grand Haven and Charles Warber of Spring Lake. He came to America at age 16, spending time in Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas. He became a driver of supply trains across the hostile Indian country between the great trading points of St. Louis, Kansas City, and Denver. Fred became intimately acquainted with “Buffalo Bill” Cody, “Wild Bill” Hickok, General Custer, and others. After coming to the Grand Haven area, he was employed for years as a foreman in the Boyden Sawmills. He left the mills to start a celery and vegetable farm and later a dairy farm. On September 17, 1884 in Grand Haven, he married Wilhelmina Albrecht. She was born in Germany in November 1854 [1855], died on January 29, 1932, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. The Warbers had one son, William Frederick Warber, who was born on February 8, 1886 and died on February 13, 1962. Fred died at his home at 1214 Washington on August 3, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Wilhelmina continued to live in the home on Washington after her husband’s death. Residing with her was her widowed brother, August Albrecht. He was born in Germany about 1856. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 1920.]

### **George Warber I [Werber] [1846-1928]**

George Warber was the brother of Charles and Fred Warber. Like them, he was a native of Germany, where he was born on February 10, 1846. George worked in a local sawmill after arriving in Grand Haven sometime before 1880. His wife Fredrika, also from Germany, was born on January 14, 1854. They were married in 1875. Their children in 1880, all born locally, were Clara, who was born about 1876 and married John C. Van Doorne of Grand Haven; Alexander, born about 1878; and George II, born about 1879. Also living with the family in 1880 was George’s brother Charles. George died in Grand Haven on February 24, 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fredrika passed away on July 14, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest.

### **John Warber [1841-1919]**

John and Frederika “Freida” Hagerman Warber owned an 80-acre farm in Crockery Township. She was born in Germany on June 12, 1847. They were married in Grand Haven on October 27, 1873. John and Freida had six children. John was born in Germany in 1841, died in Crockery Township on April 15, 1919, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Freida passed away in Grand Rapids on April 28, 1938 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Louis Warber [1881-1952]**

A native of the Grand Haven area, where he was born on October 29, 1881, Louis Warber operated a dairy farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township, at the northwest corner of Beechtree and Robbins Road. His wife, Ludica, was born in Germany about 1894. They had at least one son, Paul, born about 1913. Louis was the son of George and Fredrika Warber. Louis died in Grand Haven on September 14, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Wilhelmena Warber [1883-1975]**

Wilhelmena, was born on September 15, 1883 to Charles and Caroline Dabberowsky Warber of Spring Lake. She was a teacher at Robinson School, Eagle School in Blendon, French School in Crockery, and Peach Plains School. She died on January 16, 1975 in Allendale and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Willimer [William] “Will” Frederick Warber [1886-1962]**

Willimer Warber owned a large dairy farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township, between North Griffin and Beechtree Streets. In the 1940s and into the early 1950s, he owned Warber’s Dairy Bar at 800 Washinton Street. On December 26, 1914, Will married Augusta Gross, who was born in Austria in 1893. Their children, all born locally, were Wilhelmine, born about 1917; Frederick, born about 1920; Warren H., who was born on August 2, 1923 and died in Spring Lake on May 16, 1987; Margaret, born about 1926; and Helen, who was born on December 9, 1929 and married John Huls II of Grand Haven. Will was



born on February 8, 1886 and died on February 12, 1962. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augusta passed away on May 3 the next year and was buried near her husband.

#### **Andrew Jackson Ward [1843-1914]**

While living in Flint, Andrew Ward on January 14, 1864 enlisted as private in Company F of the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on August 15 the next year. On March 6, 1895 he married Lucy E. Harrington in Holland. About the same time, he was register of deeds for Ottawa County, and the couple lived on South Fourth Street. A few years later he and his wife were located at 400 Lafayette, where he also sold and rented "electric cleaners." Living with them was their daughter Dora Mathilda, who was born in 1896 and married Chauncey Clark of Grand Haven. Andrew was born on February 16, 1843 and died on March 9, 1914, but Lucy didn't apply for a widow's Civil War pension until 1916. She lived from October 31, 1863 to August 3, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

#### **Lemuel J. Ward [1839-1912]**

As a resident of Ionia County, Lemuel Ward enlisted as private in Company E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry on May 13, 1861. He was discharged for disability on September 24, 1862 and subsequently settled in Nunica, although he was included in the Ferrysburg census for 1880 as an employee of a local sawmill. His wife, Sarah M., was born in New York in December 1847. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on September 23, 1912. Lemuel was born in New York in June 1839 and died on April 6, 1912 in Nunica. A monument was erected in Nunica Cemetery with Lemuel's name and outfit. Their children included William, born in August 1884, and Mabel, born in December 1888. Both children were born in Michigan.

#### **Roger E. Ward [1946-1968]**

Born in Ferrysburg on September 29, 1946, Roger was the son of the Elgin Ward, 16825 Cecilia Lane in Ferrysburg, and brother of Beverly and Dennis. Dennis, who participated in track in school and volunteered with the Salvation Army, was drafted in March 1968 and stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Roger was drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1967 and left for Vietnam in October. He died on April 5, 1968 from sniper fire in Vietnam and was buried with military rites at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 9, 1968, and *Tribune* article, "Military Rites Held for Ferrysburg Soldier," April 24, 1968.]

#### **Harold Warm [1899-1969]**

See Harold Worm.

#### **Henrietta Warmenhoven [1915-1981]**

A resident of Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Henrietta Warmenhoven was the sixth generation of her family to occupy Edgewood, a cottage located at 34 Lovers Lane in Highland Park. She was born Henrietta Mandemaker in Grand Rapids on August 24, 1915 and died on December 10, 1981. Her husband, Simon Warmenhoven, lived from 1910 to 1943. They were married on June 23, 1936 in Grand Rapids.

#### **Ary Warnaar [1880-1952]**

Around 1932 Ary Warnaar, born on August 1, 1879 [1880] in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, moved his paint and wall paper shop from 706 Washington to 114 South Fourth Street. Prior to opening his decorating business, Ary worked at the Story & Clark Piano Company as a finisher. On December 29, 1907 in Chicago, he married Neltje "Nellie" Remkes. Also a native of Rotterdam, she was born on July 20, 1882. In Grand Haven, the couple resided at 806 Sheldon Road. They had two sons: Robert Donald, who was born on July 4, 1914, and Stuart A., who was born on March 19, 1917 and died in Flint on March 5, 1976. Born in 1882, Nellie passed away on July 17, 1934. On July 29, 1950, Ary married Maud [last name unknown]. They were divorced on September 22 the next year. Ary passed away on June 13, 1952. He and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Robert Donald Warnaar [1914-1996]**

Robert Warnaar organized the Bud Warnaar dance band that performed locally. His first band was called The Tannery. Later he led the Frank Lockage Band at Fruitport Pavilion, he organized the Grand Haven Waterfront Big Band, and he was associated with the Muskegon Community Summer Bands. Bob was one of the organizers of Grand Haven's Musical Fountain. He was born in Grand Haven on July 4, 1914. His parents were Ary and Nieltje "Nellie" Remkes Warnaar. On April 25, 1936 in Grand Haven, Bob married Lydia James Williams. The couple resided at 1236 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Bob retired from Continental Motors in Muskegon. Lydia lived from October 31, 1914 to August 2, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After her death, Bob married Jean M. Boerman in Grand Haven on December 16, 1988. She was born on March 28, 1925 and died on May 20, 2009. Bob passed away on July 2, 1996 and was buried at Lake Forest. Bob and Lydia left two sons, Donald of Muskegon and Steven of Lansing. [*Tribune* obituary, July 3, 1996.]

### **Alfred B. Warner [1815-1908]**

A native of Leicestershire, England, where he was born on February 7, 1815 [1814], Alfred came to the United States in 1817, residing at first in Boston. In 1837 he moved to LaSalle County, Illinois, where he stayed until September 1856. He then purchased from Henry Pennoyer more than 525 acres in Sections 30 and 31 in Allendale Township and went into lumbering and farming. He appeared in the 1860 census as a lumberman residing in Robinson Township. His first wife was Almira Richardson, whom he married in Ipswich, Massachusetts on July 22, 1836. She was born on December 31, 1811. In 1860 the Warners had seven children, the oldest born in Massachusetts, the others in Illinois. They ranged in age from six to 23. Almira passed away in 1876. On August 3 that year, Alfred married Jane Huntress Smith in Grand Rapids. She was born in Dublin, Ireland about 1831. By 1880 Alfred and Jane were residing in Nunica, where Alfred operated a hotel, and in 1900 they were residents of Muskegon. Jane passed away in Muskegon on August 6, 1900 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Alfred died in Wright Township on July 19, 1908.

### **Ralph Chester Warner [1926-1990]**

Ralph Warner owned a television sales and service business at 108 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake and later at 215 West Savidge. Born in Paris, Kent County, he lived from February 18, 1926 to November 15, 1990 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He served with the U.S. Navy during WWII. On February 5, 1949 in Muskegon, he married Doris Ann Hallstrand. They moved to Spring Lake Township and resided at 16446 Taft. Doris lived from March 24, 1928 to January 7, 2020

### **Lloyd Allen Warners [1936-2004]**

Lloyd Warners served as Spring Lake township clerk from 1974 to 1979, and Spring Lake township supervisor from 1992 to 1996. The son of Robert and Helen Van Neuren Warners, Lloyd was born in Grand Rapids on May 12, 1936. He married Arlene Idema in Bryon Center on October 21, 1955. Lloyd was a State Farm Insurance agent for 35 years, and a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. In 1988 he joined La Grave Christian Reformed Church. He also belonged to the Grand Haven Christian School Board, Gideons International, Spring Lake Rotary Club, and Spring Lake Country Club. He and Arlene had three children: Robert and Dawn Berg of Spring Lake and James of Grand Haven. Lloyd died in Spring Lake on February 25, 2004 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 27, 2004.]

### **Walter F. Warnke [1911-2003]**

Around 1940 Walter Warnke owned an automobile service station at 320 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He was born in Nunica on December 1, 1911, the son of Frederick L. and Martha Draft Warnke. Frederick, a farmer, was born in Nunica in 1882 and Martha, who came from Defiance, Ohio, was born in 1888. Walter married Louise, the daughter of Dick and Grace Wolthouse Draft. Louise, who was born in Saugatuck on

October 10, 1916, died in Spring Lake on June 4, 1999, and Walter passed away on October 31, 2003. Both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

### **James Warnock [1851-1899]**

Born in Ireland on August 8, 1851, James Warnock came to Michigan in 1864 with his father and mother, John and Mary Warnock. The family resided in Saugatuck. James graduated from the state normal [teaching] institution and was school superintendent in various places for 22 years, including two years in Spring Lake. For the last 14 years of his life, he lived in Saugatuck and Douglas. James was a member of the Masons. He died on February 22, 1899 in Douglas and was buried with his parents at Douglas Cemetery in Allegan County. [*Tribune* obituary, February 27, 1899.]

### **Henry L. Warts [Wartz] [1825-1867]**

Born on March 2, 1825, Henry Warts was elected foreman of Fire Company No. 1 in Grand Haven on February 2, 1856. In the 1850 census, Henry was listed as a clerk in Grand Haven. With Walter Stegman and Dwight Cutler as his partners, Henry by 1856 owned a warehouse on Harbor Drive near Franklin Street. Born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on March 2, 1825, he died in Grand Haven of consumption on July 17, 1867 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Lavina [Levina, Lovina, Larmia] Britton, who was born on December 10, 1833 in Michigan. They had at least four daughters: Kate M. Warts, born about 1854; Hattie [Hettie] H. Warts, born in Grand Haven in January 1860; Mattie Warts, born about 1863; and Ermina [Minnie] Warts, born about 1867. A 17-month-old son died on March 10, 1857 and also was buried at Lake Forest. By 1880, Lavina and her three daughters had moved to Ypsilanti. A granddaughter, Rosa Wartz, was included in the household in 1880, as was her widowed sister, Julia Morehouse. Julia had been living with Lavina and her family since at least 1860. Lavina married Abram Cooper in Ypsilanti on May 23, 1882. She died under the name Wartz on December 22, 1910 and was buried at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti. Abram was born about 1826. For more on Julia, see Jacob Nemire.

### **Jan "John" Hendrik Wassink [Wissink] [1847-1926]**

In 1893 Jan Wassink was a farmer with 120 acres in Section 36 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. His wife in the early years was Cornelia, but in the 1920 census Fannie was listed as his widow, and the property, then in her name, comprised 145 acres in Section 31 of Olive Township [in that part later called Port Sheldon Township]. Living with her were two sons, Henry, born about 1894, and Harry, born about 1897. Jan was born in The Netherlands in 1848 and died between 1910 and 1920. Fannie was born in March 1854 in The Netherlands and died after 1930. Their children were Annie, born in February 1883; Johnnie, born in April 1885; Reka, born in April 1890; Bennie, born in February 1892; Henry, born in December 1894; and Harry, born in May 1897. Annie was born in The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1884 with her parents. The other children were born locally. John was born in The Netherlands on September 7, 1847 and died in Holland on January 4, 1926. He was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

### **Charles Freeman Wasson [1855-1911]**

Charles Wasson published the *Spring Lake Message* from September 1881 to September 1883. His office was on the corner of State [Savidge] and Division Streets. Charles was born in Illinois on October 11, 1855. On June 12, 1879 he married Etta Maxon [Maxonn], who was, born on October 7, 1861 [1862] in Michigan. By 1900 the couple was residing in Jackson, where Charles was a reporter. Two sons were living them at that time: Everard Wasson, born in Michigan in August 1881, and Maxon Wasson, born in Jackson on February 28, 1893. In 1910 Charles and Etta were in Spokane, Washington. At that time, he was newspaper editor. Charles died in Spokane on March 13, 1911. Etta passed away in the same city on December 4, 1941.

### **David R. Waters [1839-1915]**

David Waters was born in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1836. He moved to Henderson County, Illinois, where he studied law, and in 1858 was admitted to the Bar. He enlisted on March 1, 1862

as lieutenant in Company G of the 10<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry and was promoted to captain that year. David resigned on March 30, 1864. He then resumed his law practice in Aleda, Illinois, but a serious eye disease forced him to give up law, and he took up the newspaper business in Aleda as editor of *Mercer County Press*. In the spring of 1869 David purchased 85 acres of land in Section 2, formerly owned by Edward and Julia Soule Craw, and relocated permanently to Michigan. He built a home and raised fruit on his new purchase. From 1872 to 1873 David edited the *Spring Lake Independent*. He was elected Assessor of Spring Lake Township in 1873 and 1874, and in 1875 he was elected supervisor.

David and his family then moved to Grand Rapids, where he joined the *Grand Rapids Democrat*, resigning his position on the newspaper in 1876. He later became editor of the *Allegan County Democrat*, where he remained until February 1881. He returned to Grand Rapids as editor of the *Grand Rapids Evening Leader*. Around February 1, 1883, David became Warden of the State House of Correction and Reformatory in Ionia. In February 1885 he returned to the *Leader* and remained the editor of that paper until the spring of 1890. In the meantime he had been appointed United States Marshall for the Western District of Michigan. In 1890 David and others founded the *Grand Rapids Morning Press*, where he continued as editorial writer until December 1892. Upon the organization of the Grange at Spring Lake, he was elected secretary of the society. David was president of the Standard Bed Company in Grand Rapids. David and his wife were back on their fruit farm by the mid-1890s. In 1905 he wrote an article for the *Supplement to The County Weekly*, in which he praised the virtues of Spring Lake as a vacation spot, calling it “an unsurpassed paradise for children.” He also noted the high-quality fruit that was raised in orchards surrounding the lake. “The peaches, particularly,” he said, “are famous for their exquisite flavor and coloring because they are ripened on the trees to perfection and [are] not insipid as is the case with all peaches picked green thousands of miles away and ripened in packages, as every one knows is the case with fruit shipped from the far south or west.” The Waters farm, in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, was called Oakmere.

On December 18, 1866 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, David married Alice Latcha. She lived from 1840 to 1902. David and Alice had a son Albert, who was born in Illinois on March 2, 1869 and died in 1921, six years after her husband. All three were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Dudley Owen Watson [1859-1910]**

Dudley Watson was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. The 1908 *City Directory* listed him as a “promoter.” Earlier he was appointed by President Grover Cleveland as Michigan collector of customs and served from 1885 to 1889. He married Winnifred “Winne” Walsh in Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County, on November 16, 1880. Winnie was the daughter of Spring Lake residents Martin Elizabeth Lee Walsh. Dudley, a native of St. Lawrence County, New York, was born on April 10, 1859 and moved to Coopersville with his parents, William and Betsy Watson, in 1867. In 1880 Dudley was a dry goods merchant in Nunica. His father was a merchant in Coopersville, and Dudley eventually took over that business. He also operated a dry goods business at 200-202 Washington in Grand Haven until 1890. Dudley and Elizabeth resided at 527 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Dudley died on March 24, 1910. Winnie, who was born in 1859, continued to occupy the house on Franklin Street until her death in 1940. She and Dudley were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Margaret [Marguerite] C. Watson, was born in Grand Haven [Coopersville] on October 9, 1890 and died on March 7, 1989. Her husband was Herman Zierleyn [1891-1983].

### **Edward [Edwin] G. Watson I [1818-1899]**

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on September 1, 1818, Edward Watson was Sexton of Olive Cemetery for a number of years and also had a 60-acre farm in Section 10 of Olive Township. He and his wife, Rebecca, were married in England. Their children included Thomas, born in England about 1852; Elizabeth, Hattie, and Edward [Edwin] II. Rebecca, who was born in England in 1825, died on January 24, 1889. Edward passed away at his home in Olive Center on November 19, 1899 from the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered a week previously. Both were buried at Olive Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 21, 23 and 25, 1899.]

### **William F. Waye [1911-1986]**

William and Nora Waye owned and managed Ripple Haven Resort, located at approximately 18336 West Spring Lake Road in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. It was in operation from 1945 to 1965. William was born on April 3, 1911 and died in June 1986 at Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas. Nora lived from May 8, 1916 to March 28, 2011 and also passed away at Hot Springs National Park.

### **Benjamin K. Weatherwax [1828–1864]**

Benjamin Weatherwax was from Georgetown Township in southeast Ottawa County. Born on June 7, 1828 in Peru, New York, by 1850 he was living in Allendale and working as a laborer, and ten years later he was in Georgetown Township. On April 1, 1857, he married Mary A. Taylor in Grand Rapids. She was born about 1840. On July 25, 1863 Benjamin enlisted as captain of Company C of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He lost his life at the battle of Walanga Bridge, Tennessee, on April 25, 1864. On November 9, 1864 and again on April 3, 1871, his wife, Mary A., applied for a widow's Civil War pension. In 1882 veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.] named Post #75 in Grand Haven in his memory.

### **Gerald Henry “Jerry” Weavers [1913-1964]**

Jerry Weavers started Weavers Iron and Metal Company at 701-707 North Sixth Street in 1949, the year he bought the three-acre site from the Peter Van Zylén Lumber Yard. Before that Jerry and his partners Jim Scott and Duane Brady started Welded Products in 1942. Born in Grand Haven on August 23, 1913, Jerry Weavers was the son of John and Kathryn Weavers of Grand Haven. As a youngster, he resided with his family at 520 Monroe. Jerry married Dorothy Kamp in Grand Haven on January 13, 1934. Dorothy, who lived in Grand Rapids, was born on October 6, 1915. As a young man, Jerry worked for the H.J. Dornbos Fishery, followed by employment as a sheet metal worker at Bastian-Blessing Company. Jerry, a member and president of the Grand Haven Aviation Club, was influential in bringing the Thunderbirds to Grand Haven for the Coast Guard Festival Air Show. He also belonged to the Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Elks, and the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. He and Dorothy had a daughter, Charlene, who was born about 1935 and married Walter Boyer of Spring Lake, and a son, Jerry Weavers II, born in Grand Haven on April 9, 1939. Jerry died on March 24, 1964 when a cable broke and knocked him from the crane he was operating. Nancy passed away in Spring Lake on July 15, 2005. She and Jerry were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, “Jerry Weavers learned junk business from his dad,” May 17, 2002.]

### **Cloyd Cornell Weaver [1914-1985] and Marjorie Isabel Freed Weaver [1915-2009]**

Marjorie was born on April 16, 1915 in Ohio. Cloyd was born, also in Ohio, on July 28, 1914. On November 1, 1933 he married Marjorie Freed in Brooke, West Virginia. In 1966 the Weavers bought property now known as the Weaver House from William and Phyllis Styx. Marjorie held title to the property until 1998. Cloyd died on April 28, 1985 in Muskegon. Marjorie passed away on October 17, 2009. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Today the Weaver House is part of Hemlock Landing, an Ottawa County Park.

### **Gerald Lee “Jerry” Weavers I [1939-2007]**

The son of Gerald [1913-1964] and Dorothy Kamp [1915-2005] Weavers, Jerry was born in Grand Haven on April 9, 1939. He married Sharon Jane Grimason in Spring Lake on March 5, 1966. She was born on May 23, 1940. Jerry continued operating the family-owned business, Weavers Iron and Metal Company at 707 North Sixth Street, until the City of Grand Haven bought the site for its Grand Water Development in 2003. Jerry and Sharon had two daughters, Chris, who married John Stevenson of Grand Haven, and Becky, who married Larry Huttenga of Spring Lake. They also had a son, Jerry Lee Weavers III. Jerry passed away at his home in Spring Lake on January 21, 2007. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Gerrit John Weavers I [1900-1973]**

Gerrit Weavers was born in Grand Haven on July 4, 1900. On February 20, 1919 in Grand Haven, he married Nellie Albright. Nellie was born in North Dakota about 1900 and died on November 19, 1975. Gerrit and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gerrit, the son of Albert and Winnie Weavers, worked for Peerless Novelty [105 Fulton] as early as 1918. At that time he lived with his parents at 1132 Madison. Two years later Gerrit and Nellie resided at 912 Elliott, by 1930 they were located at 315 Elliott, and by the late 1940s their home was at 1009 Colfax. In the late 1940s their son, Gerrit Weavers II, was part owner of Weavers Brothers Texaco Service Station at 403 North Seventh Street. His partner was Edwin Albert Weavers, who was born on August 28, 1921 and died in Florida on September 18, 1978. By 1960 Gerrit II had closed the business and started to work for Wessel's TBA at 100 South Harbor Drive.

#### **William Weavers [1889-1972]**

On May 30, 1917 William Weavers married Jessamine, the daughter of Marshall and Kitty McCluer of Spring Lake. The Weavers' only child was Elizabeth, who was born on April 24, 1918 and married Ivor Moore of Spring Lake. The Weavers family resided at 301 Barber. In 1930 William was street commissioner in the Village of Spring Lake. He was born on August 28, 1889, died in Spring Lake on March 1, 1972, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Jessamine was born in Spring Lake in June 1896 and passed away on January 9, 1962. She was buried with other family members at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Lindley Webb [? - ?]**

Lindley Webb was superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1875 to 1876. At the end of his last year, he moved to Milwaukee.

#### **James Webber [Weber] [1845-1893]**

James Webber was born in Ireland in 1845 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the height of the Civil War. He then came to Grand Haven and captained vessels belonging to Thomas W. Kirby such as *S. A. Irish*, *William Burns*, *City of Grand Haven*, and the tugs *Florence* and *McCormick*. He was most remembered for the steamer *Joe*, which carried many passengers on excursions between Grand Haven and Fruitport. James's first wife, Catherine, was born in Germany on January 29, 1852, and died in Waukegan, Illinois on October 7, 1889. They had three sons: George, born in Illinois about 1873; John F., born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1875; and James, born locally in 1881. After Catherine's death, James married Emma Doyle, formerly married to John F. Doyle [1855-1920]. She was born in 1859 and died on March 14, 1918. In Grand Haven, the family lived on First Street. James was a member of the local Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. and the Shipmaster's Association. He died on December 7, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Catherine. [*Tribune* obituary, December 4, 1893.]

#### **George Louis Weber [Webber] [1894-1946]**

George Weber and his wife Edna Adolphson were both born in Chicago, Illinois, he on January 18, 1894 and she on March 19, 1901. In 1918 George opened Weber's Restaurant at 7 Washington, where by 1920 he and his family also resided. George and Edna were married about 1919. In the 1930s they moved their restaurant to 21 Washington, formerly the site of Van Drezer's Restaurant, and later to 8 North Seventh, where they remained open until the late 1940s. By that time the Webers resided at 925 Franklin. George's mother, Hattie, was cook at the restaurant, and his sister, Helen, was a waitress. Hattie was born in Germany in October 1859, died on March 10, 1942, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Helen was born in Illinois in March 1892. Hattie's husband, Henry, also was from Germany, where he was born in March 1865. He passed away before 1920. The Webers' children were George Charles Weber, he was born on September 13, 1920 and died on September 20, 1996, and Lois Ruth Weber, who was born in 1926, married Donald Natzgaam [1926-2008], and died in 2019. In 1930 George the father was selling real estate. He died on March 21, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Edna, George, Lois, and Donald.

#### **Guy Weber [1848- ?]**

Guy Weber bought the *Grand Haven Daily Herald* in 1881 from the estate of Whitman S. Benham. Whitman had lost his life in the wreck of the *Alpena* on October 15 the previous year. Guy and his partner, Horrace G. Nichols, owned the newspaper for a short time. They sold it to Kedzie & Kedzie in March 1881. Before coming to Grand Haven, Guy was a printer in Fremont, Ohio. He was living in Clinton, Ohio by 1900, where he worked as a jeweler. Guy was born in Ohio in May 1848, and his wife Gertrude was born in Ohio in August the same year. They were married in 1899.

#### **James Webster [1855-1885]**

James, the son of John and Mary Webster, was born in Spring Lake on June 19, 1855. In 1859 his parents returned to their native England but came back to Spring Lake the next year. James married Ellen “Nellie” Brady of Spring Lake on October 29, 1881. Nellie was born in Ireland around 1857 and worked as a servant for George and Laura Schwab of Spring Lake. James died on December 16, 1885 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John [Jonathan] Webster [1825-1895]**

John Webster was born in England on May 13, 1825. He and his wife, Mary, were among the early settlers of Mill Point [Spring Lake], returning for a brief visit to their native country in 1859. Mary was born about 1825 and died on August 2, 1890. Lucy Webster, who married Joseph Finch of Spring Lake was John’s sister. John died on January 17, 1895. He and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James Webster, born on June 19, 1855, was their son. Another son, John, drowned on May 17, 1872 at the age of 13.

#### **Barbara Donahue Weideman [1933-2015]**

Born in Grand Rapids on September 17, 1933, Barbara was the daughter of Anthony and Adelaide Drieborg Donahue. On May 12, 1956 she married William Weideman in Grand Rapids. After their children grew up, Barbara and Bill formed the Weideman Family Band and performed throughout Michigan for 30 years. In 1991 she retired as manager of the Muskegon Manpower office. They made their home at 100 Poplar Ridge in Highland Park. The Weidemans had five children: Steven and Thomas of Grand Haven, Meg of Ann Arbor, Jennifer, who married Bernard Jomard and moved to Paris, and Laura, who lived in Nashville, Tennessee. Barbara died in Grand Haven on April 24, 2015 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 30, 2015.]

#### **Reynold Henry Weidenaar I [1915-1985]**

Renowned artist Reynold Weidenaar was born in Grand Rapids on November 17, 1915 while his father was attending the forerunner of Calvin Theological Seminary. Reynold attended public and Christian schools in Grand Rapids before enrolling at Davis Tech [Vocational Technical High School], the Kendall School of Design, and Kansas City Art Institute. He was primarily a self-taught etcher and began making prints in 1939. Reynold was a longtime instructor of life drawing and painting the Kendall School of Design, but he also illustrated books and offered private lessons. Known best for his resin oil paintings, he also used watercolors and painted murals for churches and businesses in Michigan.

Reynold, a member of the National Academy of Design, the American Watercolor Society, and Prairie Printmakers, received many honors and awards. The Grand Rapids Art Museum held a retrospective of Reynold’s art in 2016.

On June 6, 1944 he married Ilse Eerdmans in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Rapids on June 17, 1919 and passed away on March 29, 2002. They had three children: Reynold Weidenaar II, born on September 25, 1945; Carla Weidenaar, who was born on June 19, 1947; and Paula, who was born on January 10, 1952 and married David Graf. Reynold died in Grand Rapids on April 23, 1985. The bulk of his art, known as the Betty and Jay Van Andel Collection of Weidenaar Art, is now at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. He was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. Ilse was buried under her maiden name at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

#### **Cyrus Weiss [1818-1887]**

See Cyrus Wise.

**Clara A. Wekenman [1888-1964]**

Clara Wekenman moved to Grand Haven from Reed City, Osceola County in 1916. In 1920, Clara and her younger sister Charlotte "Lottie" H. Wekenman lived at 130 Howard Street. They both were machine operators at a factory in Grand Haven that produced knitted garments. On September 22 that year, 1920, Lottie married Ray Van Hall in Reed City. The couple made Grand Haven their home. In 1928, Clara was residing at 119 South Second Street and working as a machine operator at Peerless Novelty Company. She continued to live at the house on Second Street to at least 1940. She was then employed as punch press operator at Peerless. In all, she spent 30 years with the company. Clara, who attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church, was born in Reed City on March 28, 1888. When she died in Grand Haven on September 4, 1964, her home was at 126 Clinton Street. She was buried at Woodland Cemetery in Osceola County.

**James Welch [1826-1916]**

Born in England on January 1, 1826 [1827], James Welch moved to Canada in 1841 and came to Grand Haven in 1869. He worked at the lumber mills for several years, and in 1879 he joined the Stearns Manufacturing Company. James's wife, Susanna, was born on April 3, 1833 in Selkirk, Canada, died in Grand Haven on August 4, 1920, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born in Canada, included Naomi, who was born in 1850 and married Solomon Fess of Grand Haven; Anna, who was born in 1852, married a Mr. Smith and moved to Harvard, Idaho; William, born in October 1853; James, who was born in 1856 and moved to Detroit; John, born about 1857; Samuel, who was born in 1858 and moved to Fresno, California; and Frances M., who was born about 1865 and married Benjamin Brough of Fruitport. The Welches resided at 712 Jackson Street. James died on October 3, 1916 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 1920.]

**Larkin Welch II [1931-1991]**

In the mid-1960s Larkin Welch and his wife Barbara lived at 1418 Colfax Street. Larkin initially sold produce from his home on Colfax but later opened a store named Welch Produce at 810 Robbins Road. Larkin was born on July 14, 1931 in Holmes County, Mississippi. He died in Orlando, Florida on March 4, 1991 and was buried at Old County Line Cemetery in Holmes County. Larkin served as private first class with the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. After their divorce, Barbara remained in Grand Haven, where she died around 2005. They had three daughters and a son.

**William Welch I [1853-1949]**

On August 26, 1880 in Spring Lake, William Welch married Harriet E. Hammond, daughter of Spring Lake resident William Hammond. Harriet was born on August 26, 1863 in Michigan. The Welches resided at 620 Jackson in Grand Haven. Their children were Leroy E. Welch, born in November 1884; Ivan W. Welch, born in August 1888; Trist R. Welch, a son, born in February 1890; and William Floyd Welch, who was born on May 5, 1892 and died in Spring Lake on December 5, 1978. William, the father, who was a cabinet maker at Challenge Refrigerator, was born in Canada on October 11, 1853 and died on April 18, 1949 in Grand Haven. Harriet passed away on November 19, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William's parents were James and Susanna Welch of Spring Lake.

**Ferdinand Weller [1838-1893]**

Born in Austria, Ferdinand Weller came to the United States at 18 years of age. He learned the printing business in Howell and worked for the *Grand Haven Clarion*. In the 1870s he purchased the *Muskegon News*, which he sold to Wanty and Manning in 1889 when he retired. His wife Anna was born in Rhode Island around 1852. By the time of the 1880 census, the Wellers were residing in Muskegon. Ferdinand died on April 10, 1893. [*Tribune* obituary, April 10, 1893.]

**Aril "Arie" [Ora] Welling [1860-1945]**



Aril "Arie" Welling was born in The Netherlands in February 1860, came to the United States in 1880, and married Weitshe "Winnie" Hoffman in Grand Haven on May 14, 1884. Winnie, who came to America in 1881, was born in The Netherlands on January 31, 1864. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Arie was listed as "laborer" in the 1893 *Business Compendium*, but he also owned a farm and in 1902 built the residence at 514 Grant Street. Their children were Mary, born in March 1885; John A., born on January 28, 1889; Jennie, born in July 1894; Marguerite, born in July 1897; and Arthur E., born on March 11, 1904. The family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Arie passed away around November 27, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Winnie, who died on March 25, 1923.

#### **Arthur E. Welling [1904-1988]**

Arthur, the son of Arie and Winnie Hoffman Welling, was born in Grand Haven on March 11, 1904. It was Art who pressed a foot alarm during Grand Haven's only armed bank robbery at the Peoples Bank & Trust on Washington Street on August 18, 1933. He was Teller at the bank at that time. He and his wife, Dorothy W., resided at 514 Grant. Arthur died in Grand Haven on September 18, 1988. Dorothy lived from October 3, 1906 to September 2, 1996. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Donald L. Welling [1923-2015]**

Donald was born on July 15, 1923 in Coopersville to Jacob and Lyda Vandervorm Welling. Donald's family moved their Coopersville farm to Grand Haven, where they lived and raised celery at 1221 Fulton Avenue. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1941, Don started working for Grand Haven Brass Foundry at 32½ cents per hour. Before completing his bachelor degree at Michigan State College [Michigan State University], Don enlisted in the Army and saw action in North Africa and Europe. After the war, he returned to Michigan State and completed his degree requirements in civil engineering. He was called back to active duty with the Army during the Korean Conflict and served for two more years. He married Ruth Appel of Muskegon. They had four children: Mike; Sue, who married Dennis Reenders; Nancy, who married Brian Taylor; and Ross. Donald was president of Midwest Concrete Pipe Company in Grand Haven, which he started in 1957, and retired from Zurn Industries in 1984. He served on the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power for ten years and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Spring Lake and the American Legion. Don died on November 17, 2015.

#### **Jacob Welling [1890-1970]**

Jacob Welling had a celery farm at 1221 Fulton around 1940. The son of Leonard and Clara Welling, he was born on May 28, 1890, died in Grand Haven about October 17, 1970, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and his family were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. His father, Leendert "Leonard" Welling, immigrated from The Netherlands in 1885. Leonard was born in September 1866 and passed away about March 16, 1942. On July 21, 1922 in Grand Haven, he married Cora Verwoeret. Jacob's mother, Clara, who was born in Michigan in May 1865, passed away about September 12, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest with Leonard. The daughter Doris Ruth Welling was born in Grand Haven on February 8, 1923 and married Clarence "Tad" Poel.

#### **John A. Welling [1889-1971]**

The son of Aril "Arie" and Weitshe "Winnie" Hoffman Welling, John was born on February 28, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on December 5, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was another member of the Welling family to become a celery farmer. His property was located at 518 Grant around 1930 and he was still living there just prior to his death. John married Vera Correll in Grand Haven on July 5, 1912. Their children were Eugene A., who was born on June 11, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1994; Verna C.; who was born about 1915; Marjorie Ann, who lived from September 1, 1923 to January 28, 2006; and Winifred M., who was born about 1925. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Vera, who was born on April 5, 1892 in Wisconsin, passed away on May 25, 1977 and was buried near her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2006.]

**John W. Welling [1907-1992]**

Born on September 13, 1907, John Welling became a celery farmer with property at 1219, 1221, and 1225 Fulton. He died in Grand Haven on January 20, 1992 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife's name was Effie. She died on October 18, 1989 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

**Kenneth Newell Wells [1907-1970]**

Born in Allegan County on August 23, 1907, Kenneth was the son of Morton and Ida Wells. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1931. After spending one year as an intern at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, he came to Spring Lake in 1932 where he set up a general practice. On April 13, 1931, he married Kathryn Lantingin Byron Center. She was a registered nurse. His office was at 119 West Savidge, and their residence was located at 411 Barber. Kenneth died in May 1970 and was buried at East Drenthe Cemetery in Drenthe, Ottawa County. Kathryn lived from May 9, 1907 to January 29, 1988 and was buried at the same cemetery.

**Harold Raymond Welscott [1920-2002]**

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Harold Welscott owned and operated Red's Service Station at 80 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. He was born in Holland, Michigan on February 9, 1920. On June 24, 1941 he married Pearl Hesse in Muskegon. During World War II, Harold served with the United States Navy. Harold and Pearl resided at 616 River Street in Spring Lake and later at 721 River. Prior to the marriage, Harold was a press operator at Wolverine Pressed Steel and resided at 1249 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Harold died on January 7, 2002. Pearl lived from March 19, 1920 to May 2, 2008. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had a son and a daughter.

**Clyde S. Welton [1878-1961]**

Located on 80 acres in Section 3 of Crockery Township, Clyde Welton was a farmer and raised livestock. Born in 1878, he settled in Crockery in 1909. He married Hilma [Helena] Johnson in Grand Haven on March 24, 1908. She lived from 1880 to 1960. Clyde passed away a year later. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

**Charles W. Wenger [1917-2000]**

Charles "Chuck" Wenger owned 120 acres in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township, including 80 acres on the east side of 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Warner and Buchanan. The Wenger family owned this land as early as 1876. The property included a one-room schoolhouse on the southeast corner of Warner and 168<sup>th</sup>. Charles used the building to prepare some of the meals for his restaurant, Chuck's Tavern, at the southeast corner of Lincoln and West Olive Road [U.S. 31] in the 1930s and into the 1950s. He closed the restaurant when U.S. 31 was expanded to four lanes in the mid-1950s. Chuck was born on October 28, 1917 and died on November 17, 2000. His wife's name was Martha.

**Frank Harry Werschem [1892-1970]**

Frank Werschem owned Michigan Sanitary Supply Company at 111 North Park Street in Spring Lake. The company manufactured mopping equipment. Frank was born in Kaukauna, Wisconsin on October 5, 1892 and died in Fruitport on April 16, 1970. On April 7, 1913 he married Jeanette Trudell, who was born on December 17, 1892 in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County. Their children were Harold, born about 1914; Donald, born about 1915; Janet, born about 1918; Joyce, born about 1924; and Francis, born about 1925. Jeanette died on August 1, 1956. Frank then married Elora Jane Nauta in 1957. Elora was born on January 11, 1916 and passed away on September 21, 2001. Frank, Jeanette, and Elora were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

**Abram [Abraham] Wessel [Wissel] [1885-1962]**

Abram Wessel, who joined the U.S. Life Saving Service as a young man, had the rank of chief boatswain in the Coast Guard when he retired on January 1, 1930. [The 1930 census, taken later in the year, continued to list Abram as a Crewman for the 10<sup>th</sup> District.] He was born in Grand Haven on February 11, 1885. His father, Jacob Wessel, who was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven, lived from 1853 to 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Abram was put in charge of the Coast Guard Station on South Manitou Island early in his career. In 1921 he and his family moved to the Point Betsie Station. Nine years later Abram was assigned to Coast Guard headquarters in Grand Haven.

On December 4, 1907 Abram married Lillian Nordahl [Nordall] in Frankfort. She was born in Michigan on December 18, 1888 in Beulah, Benzie County and passed away on August 7, 1957. The Wessels' children were Robert, born about 1910; James, born about 1912; Louis W., who was born on October 3, 1914 and died in Fruitport on April 11, 1990; Genevieve, who was born on June 30, 1917, first married James Nauta, and then on September 29, 1956 married Walter H. Madsen of Grand Haven; George A., who was born on December 2, 1919 and passed away in Grand Haven on December 27, 1978; Jack N., who was born on July 28, 1924 and died in Grand Haven on December 12, 1983; and Donald, born about 1927. Genevieve died on April 6, 2012. The family resided at 403 Columbus. Abram died on January 25, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Lillian. Donald served on the Grand Haven City Council and owned Wessel's Automobile and Tire Repair on Harbor Drive. [*Tribune* obituary, April 7, 2012.]

#### **Donald E. Wessel [1927-2007]**

Don was born to Abram and Lillian Nordah Wessel on March 26, 1927 at the Point Bessie Lighthouse in Frankfort, where his father was commander of the Coast Guard. Don served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He married Dorothy Nass on October 19, 1951 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Carl and Emma Rudloff Nass, she was born on December 19, 1921 in Albion, Calhoun County. Don was a partner in Wessel's TBA Service Station at 100 South Harbor. Don was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, a member of the, the Elks, Masons, Eastern Star, and he was one-time commander of the American Legion Post. He served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1981 to 1990. Dorothy died on December 19, 2009. The Wessels only child, Sandi, married Kim Sandburg of Muskegon. Sandi predeceased her father. [*Tribune* obituary, October 10, 2007.]

#### **John [Jan] Wessel [Wissel] [1841-1906]**

Born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1841 [1842], John Wessel came to Grand Haven in 1871 and became Number 1 Surfman with the U.S. Life Saving Service. John participated in life-saving efforts when the *Amazon* struck the Grand Haven pier on November 19, 1879, the same day six other ships went aground near Grand Haven. On June 15, 1867 in Grand Haven, he married Aaltje "Alice" Dykwerk [De Werk]. Born in The Netherlands around 1851, she died about December 16, 1883 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had four sons and two daughters: Martja, born about 1870; Abram, who was born about 1873 and killed in an accident on October 20, 1882; Louis, born about 1876; May born about 1878; and John, born July 1879. On March 15, 1883, John married Hendrika Boeve in Grand Haven. Also from The Netherlands, Hendrika was born in August 1837. John became lighthouse keeper in Manistee in 1891, and he and Hendrika moved there after their wedding. She died in Grand Haven on January 19, 1897. John left Manistee four years later and passed away in Chicago on December 31, 1906. Jacob and John were brothers.

#### **Kornelis [Cornelius] Wessies I [Wesies, Weesies] [1847-1925]**

Kornelis Wessies arrived in New York on the ship *Liverpool* at age 19 on May 21, 1866 from his native Netherlands. With him were his wife, Antje "Anna" Zaagman, who lived from 1840 to approximately 1892, and his one-year-old son Pieter. Their other children were Jake, Kate, John, who married Henrietta Handlogten, Jenny, Tillie, who married John Van Zant, and Cornelius II, who lived from 1881 to 1971. After the mother's death, the children were sent to live with older brothers in Chicago. Three of the children died of tuberculosis. Kornelis, who was a commercial fisherman, died in 1925.

### **Austin Grover West [1885-1964]**

On August 19, 1908 Austin West married Eva Thorne in Grand Rapids, where they resided before moving to 120 East Savidge in Spring Lake around 1930. The single-family home had been converted to apartments. Eva's father, Jesse Thorne, lived with them. Jesse was born in New York about 1847. Eva also owned a millinery business in Spring Lake. Austin was born on February 9, 1885 in Alpine, Kent County and died in Spring Lake on October 8, 1964. Eva, who was around a year younger and a native of New York State, died on March 3, 1967. She and Austin were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. By the mid-1950s Florence West resided in the home at 120 East Savidge.

### **Demetrius Edwin West I [1890-1963] and Florence West [1901-1981]**

Florence Martindale West was born in Ogemaw County on September 10, 1901. She married Demetrius Edwin West, who was born July 17, 1890 in Olive Township. Demetrius was a farmer, although in 1942 he was working for the Bastian Blessing Company in Grand Haven. Florence and Demetrius had at least three children, all born in Michigan: Florence West, born about 1921; Maxine West, who was born in 1923 and died in 2010; and Demetrius Edwin West II, born in 1926 and died in 1996. Florence resided at 120 East Savidge in Spring Lake in the mid-1950s. Demetrius died in July 1963. Florence passed away in Spring Lake on May 8, 1981. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

### **James J. West [1858-1926]**

Chicago residents James J. and Ida B. West owned a 95-acre summer estate in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township around 1900. They named their estate Sandy Hook. By 1912 title to the property was in Ida's name. James married Ida Belle Hair in Chicago on October 29, 1884. James was born in Ohio on May 29, 1858, and Ida was born in Richmond, Indiana on July 24, 1864. James, a diabetic, passed away in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 1926. Ida died in Cook County, Illinois, on November 18, 1937.

### **Clarence E. "Poke" Westerhof [1903-1988]**

Born on September 12, 1903 to Egbert and Gertie Westerhof, Clarence was a lifelong resident of Grand Haven. He played a major role in the area's independent baseball and basketball history during the 1920s and 1930s. Better known as "Poke," he was one of the most outstanding football runners ever to play for Grand Haven High School. He starred on the 1922 basketball team, which was coached by Gus V. Cohrs and won the Class B Championship. He continued to be involved in area sports after graduating. He married Myrtle Ruch on May 14, 1925. Poke worked for Keller Tool Company and Story & Clark Piano Company and was a driver for the Vyn Trucking Company. He died on July 1, 1988. Myrtle was born April 13, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on December 1, 1978. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1, 1988.]

### **Egbert Westerhof [1872-1904]**

Egbert Westerhof was born in Grand Haven on November 11, 1872 and died on June 24, 1904. He married Gertrude "Gertie" Fant in Grand Haven on July 7, 1899. Born in April 1878, Gertie was the daughter of John and Cornelia Lievensse Fant of Grand Haven. Egbert and Gertie had at least three children, all born locally: Harold A., born in August 1899; Elmer J., born in 1902; and Clarence, born on September 12, 1903. Gertie was born in April 1878. Bert worked as a machinist. Buried near him and other Westerhofs at Lake Forest Cemetery was Clara, who lived from 1874 to about April 29, 1924. His widow married Joseph Correll in 1904.

### **Elmer John Westerhof I [1901-1992]**

Elmer, born in Grand Haven on October 22, 1901, was the son of Egbert and Gertie Westerhof of Grand Haven. In 1917 Elmer began working for the Grand Trunk Railway Company on June 7, 1917 and was in their employ for fifty years, including time as its manager. The company transported boxcars across the lake on the *Milwaukee* and other Grand Haven car ferries. The Grand Trunk Depot was then located at One North Harbor Drive, later the site of the Tri-Cities Museum. Elmer managed the Grand Haven City

baseball league teams and the Grand Haven all-stars, “The Swampies,” and also acted as umpire from time to time. Most of the home games were played at Ferry Field, located on the northwest corner of Ferry and Grant Streets. Elmer began playing baseball at the age of 14, when he was shortstop for Challenge Machinery in the Factory League. He was still playing at the age of 62. On November 24, 1923 in Grand Haven, he married Margaret Salisbury. She was born in Allendale on May 27, 1896, died on October 20, 1957, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two sons, Elmer Westerhof II and Carl Westerhof. The family resided at 944 Franklin Street. Elmer I remarried 11 years after Margaret’s death. Elmer died in Tucson, Arizona, on April 21, 1992 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Cornelius Westerhouse [Westerhuis] [1864-1900]**

Born in 1864 in The Netherlands, Cornelius Westerhouse came to Ferrysburg in 1882. On June 9, 1892 in Spring Lake, he married Kathryn Yonker, who was born in Ferrysburg and lived from June 1872 to 1909. Cornelius worked a year and a half at the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill, where he lost his left hand in an industrial accident. He then attended Bennett Business College in Grand Rapids, where he was trained to be a bookkeeper. Upon returning to Ferrysburg in the spring of 1889, he became an itinerant peddler. In short time, he was able to increase his mobile inventory for \$40 worth of goods to \$700. Soon, with the help of a partner, he opened a small store in Spring Lake. He sold his interest in that enterprise and in 1892 opened a store in Ferrysburg on the northwest corner of Maple and Third Streets. The 1892 *Business Compendium* noted that he sold “Fancy Goods,” which included dry goods, groceries, and feed, although he was listed in the 1893 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a “junk” dealer. In 1897 the same publication showed him as owner of a general store in Ferrysburg. He continued his itinerant salesman’s route, as well. After Cornelius’s death in 1900, Kathryn took over management of the outlet, which by then included groceries. By 1902 she had added notions. In 1905 she sold the store to Roelf Ruiter.

The Westerhouse children, all born locally, were Albertha [Alice] Westerhouse, born in June 1892; Maria [Mary] Westerhouse, who was born in October 1894 and married Sybrant Olthoff of Ferrysburg; William, born in August 1896; and Grace Westerhouse, born in April 1898. Cornelius died from injuries sustained when he was struck by a Pere Marquette train in Ferrysburg on September 28, 1900. [*Tribune* obituary, September 29, 1900.]

#### **Klaas [Claus] Westerhouse [Westerhuis] [1870-1952]**

Klaas Westerhouse, born in The Netherlands on December 8, 1870, arrived in the United States in 1882. A blacksmith by trade, he owned a dairy farm in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. On December 19, 1894 in Ferrysburg, he married Geertje Henrietta “Hattie” Klaver, who was born in Michigan on December 20, 1871. Among their five children was John Klaas Westerhouse, born in Ferrysburg on November 8, 1896. Hattie passed away in April 1950. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John Klaas Westerhouse [1896-1953]**

John Westerhouse owned a plumbing business and resided at 312 Beech Street in the 1940s. John was born in Ferrysburg on November 8, 1896. On August 12, 1920 he married Tracy Tysman in Grand Haven. Tracy, the daughter of Theo and Grace Exter Tysman, was born in Grand Haven about 1903. Their son, Claude John Westerhouse, was born on June 13, 1921. John and Tracy were divorced on February 28, 1949. After the divorce, Tracy continued residing at 312 Beech Street. On April 22, 1949, he married Louzetta [Zetta Lou] Whitaker Orr in Fulton County, Indiana. She was born in Warren County, Kentucky on May 22, 1900 and had previously been married to William M. Orr II [1901-1945]. Zetta passed away on July 19, 1953 in Plymouth, Indiana and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. John died on November 26, 1953 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Petrus Johannes Westhoff [Westhof] [1855-1921]**

Petrus Westhoff owned a 16-acre farm in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township. The farm bordered the Grand River near the later location of Ver Plank Coal and Dock. Petrus was born in The Netherlands on April 4, 1855. He died in Ferrysburg on March 8, 1921. On December 27, 1883 in Spring Lake, he married Fenna De Groot. She was born on June 28, 1855 in Groningen, The Netherlands and died on December 14, 1938 in Ferrysburg. She and Petrus were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born in Ferrysburg, were Della, who was born on April 29, 1885 and married Cornelius Baldwin Boomgaard of Grand Haven; Thijs, who was born on July 9, 1887; Christian John, who was born on September 9, 1890 and died in 1963; Richard, who was born on October 17, 1892 and died on June 22, 1971; Clara, who was born on August 29, 1895 and married John Paul Katt of Ferrysburg; and Minnie, who was born on July 17, 1897, married Bartlett Ruiter of Ferrysburg, and died on December 6, 1985. Bartlett lived from January 18, 1894 to September 21, 1955. All the Westhoff children except Della passed away in Ferrysburg.

#### **Thijs Westhoff [Westhof] [1887-1971]**

Thijs, the son of Petrus and Fenna De Groot Westhoff, was born in Ferrysburg on July 9, 1887. On July 2, 1914, he married Winnie Yonker in Ferrysburg. She was born in Ferrysburg on July 26, 1889 and passed away on December 17, 1940 in her hometown. A blacksmith, Thijs worked at Johnston Boiler as a boiler maker and later as a drill press operator at the Brass Foundry in Grand Haven. The family resided at 209 Maple Street. Thijs died on June 10, 1971. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two children: Fannie C. Westhoff [1918-2005], who continued to live in the family home after her parents' deaths, and William Peter Westhoff [1920-1998].

#### **William "Will" W. Weston [1867-1899]**

Born on April 12, 1867 in Grand Rapids, Will Weston lost his parents at age 13 and came to Grand Haven to live at 418 Lafayette with his sister Minnie and her husband Daniel Gale. Will was employed at Gale's store at 114 Washington in downtown Grand Haven for many years. He was a member of Company F. On February 14, 1981 in Grand Rapids, he married Henrietta "Nettie," the youngest daughter of George and Christiana Landreth Hubbard. The Westons had a son, George E. Weston, who was born in 1891, and a daughter, Edith Esther Weston, born in 1893. Both children were born in Grand Haven. Will died on March 16, 1899 of consumption and was buried at Lake Forest. Nettie lived from December 25, 1867 to 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest in the Hubbard plot. [*Tribune* obituary, March 18, 1899.]

#### **Charles Weedon Westover [1934-1999]**

"Congratulations, Chuck. It is unfortunate that your record is not better. You need to improve in the years to come." Those words, written by a teacher, were permanently emblazoned in Charles Westover's 1953 yearbook at Coopersville High School. The educator was referring to Chuck's reputation for chronic underachievement and misbehavior. The young hipster had purchased a used guitar for \$5. The guitar, like an imaginary friend, would be ever-present to the annoyance of school staff who interpreted it as rebellious, attention-seeking nonsense. In 1953 there was far more concern for Chuck's future than appreciation for his potential, but rural Coopersville's identity as a community would one day focus on this most unlikely native son.

"Charles eventually moved to Battle Creek, where he worked a series of dead-end jobs and moonlighted with his guitar at the Hi-Lo Club, a local tavern. Years of feeding his musical obsession had expanded Chuck's talents from guitarist to singer and lyricist. In 1960 Westover signed his first contract, promising him 2% royalties on domestic releases and 1% on European releases over five years. His talent agent suggested a name change, and in an instant a rock star was born. "Charles" became "Del" after the Coupe de Ville Cadillac, and "Westover" was changed to "Shannon," for a bouncer at the Hi-Lo Club. The newly hailed "Del Shannon" released *Runaway* in February 1961. By April it was #1 on *Billboard*. *Hats Off to Larry*, *Little Town Flirt*, *Handy Man*, *Do You Want to Dance* and many more recordings soon followed. Shannon was a household name in the United States, but even more popular in Europe. He shared the bill with the up-and-coming *Beatles* at London's Royal Albert Hall in 1963.

“As time passed, legal and personal problems emerged. By the 1970s Shannon’s career had nose-dived, fueled by alcohol and painful memories woven into the lyrics of his greatest hits. On February 8, 1990 Charles Westover discharged a .22 caliber round into his head. Born in Grand Rapids on December 30, 1934, Del was 56 when he died. Today the small town of Coopersville hosts an annual festival, essential to its economy, to celebrate Del’s music and classic cars of his era. Del Shannon was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.” [Adapted from an article by Marjorie Viveen.]

### **Donna Hunter Westra [1945-2013]**

Born in Grand Rapids on December 17, 1945, Donna Hunter graduated from Ottawa Hills High School and Michigan State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. Donna taught art in the Grand Rapids Public Schools for a few years before moving to Grand Haven. There she taught art at the secondary level for 22 years until her retirement in 1993, giving her more time to devote to art. She was considered an excellent teacher who had a knack for connecting with young people. In addition to teaching, she was an active artist throughout her life, specializing in watercolors and later in acrylics. Her work combined symbolism with abstraction and often included found objects. The Westra Bye Memorial Art Foundation was founded in memory of Donna and her artist friend Robin Bye.

By 1975 Donna had joined other artists at the Gallery Uptown. Two of her watercolors, “Iris Detail” and “Maturation Series: Labile” were accepted into the Holland Friends of Art Juried Competition in 1984. In early summer 1984, the Muskegon Museum of Art sponsored an exhibition of West Michigan Watercolors. Donna’s “Maturation Series: Germination” was accepted into the show. She won honorable mention in Lakeland Painters 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Show, held at the Grand Haven Community Center in April 1985. “Catchfly Summer,” a watercolor on paper finished in 1978, is part of Muskegon Community College’s permanent collection.

Donna wrote, “I began painting and teaching art in 1968. . . Never content to be a realist, I was interested in perfecting technical skills while enjoying the free flow of watercolor paint. I gradually began to execute abstract watercolors on a large scale . . . . Using giant brushes, the largest tubes of paint available, a cafeteria tray as a palette, and watercolor paper that came in a roll, I created exciting challenges for myself. The subject matter . . . revolved around nature objects and an underlying feminist motif.” After her move to Denver in 1995 with her husband Robert Michael Haviland, Donna started mixing media for further experimentation. Her motto was, “Art that matches the drapes is to be avoided.”

Donna passed away in Santa Fe, New Mexico on November 10, 2013 at the age of 68. Her first husband, Terry Westra, lives in Frankfort and continues to pursue his artistic goals.

### **Alvin W. Wetterman [1921-1995]**

Alvin Wetterman started S & W Industries in 1954 to do metal painting, wood finishing, and bonderizing. It was located at 6262 Grand Haven Road. Alvin resided at 1803 Gladys in Grand Haven. He was born on March 14, 1921 and died in Minneapolis on September 10, 1995.

### **Maurice Schwab Wetzel [1895-1991]**

Maurice Wetzel, born on March 6, 1895, lived as a boy in Grand Rapids, where he was a friend of Burke Ewing, whose boyhood home was at 347 Charles Avenue in Grand Rapids. After marriage, Burke moved to Grand Haven. As boys in Grand Rapids, Maurice and Burke made a crystal-operated radio that reached Milwaukee. Maurice served with the United States Army during WWI. On August 27, 1919 in Grand Haven, he married Frances Lavender. She was born about 1897 in Texas. Around the same time Maurice opened Zenith Products in Spring Lake. The business evidently had a short life. Maurice and Frances were divorced, and on September 22, 1925 he married Olive Tuller [1903-1990] in Grand Rapids. They were divorced. On June 26, 1935 he married Constance Robertson [1911-1992] in New York City. They moved to Chicago, where a daughter, Noma Jean Wetzel, was born. She lived from 1937 to 1992. Maurice died in Chicago on December 21, 1991.

### **Arno V. Wheeler [1909-1988] and Arthur D. Wheeler [1907-1986]**

Brothers Arno and Arthur Wheeler, both pharmacists, owned and operated Wheeler Drug Store at 216 Washington. They bought the business from Edward Ewald in 1946 and sold it in 1968 to Ken Wansten. The brothers were living with their parents in Muskegon in 1930. Arno was born in Presque Isle County on September 16, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on December 20, 1988. His wife Rosella lived from January 7, 1910 to March 14, 1988. Arno and Rosella resided at 1635 Slayton and later at 1718 Gladys. Arthur was born in Presque Isle on May 6, 1907. His wife Ethel was born on September 4, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on December 25, 1980. They lived at 1102 Hillcrest. Arthur died in Grand Haven on April 7, 1986.

### **Charles Delbert Wheeler [1872-1937]**

Charles Wheeler married Anna Raison in Muskegon on August 1, 1896. She was born in Shiawassee County on May 15, 1877. They had a son, Halla Bertrand Wheeler, who was born in Muskegon on December 3, 1897 and died in Mecosta County on October 27, 1933. Another son, Roy Earl Wheeler, was born in Grand Rapids on December 19, 1905. Charles and Anna were divorced on April 28, 1920 in Muskegon. Anna then married Somers McWilliams [1873-1949] on May 12, 1920 in Muskegon. She died on May 30, 1934 and was buried at Ravenna Cemetery.

Charles owned and operated a barber shop at 211 North Seventh Street. In 1930, his son Roy was working with him. Both were divorced. Roy died in 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Prior to 1928, Charles lived in Grand Rapids and commuted to his Grand Haven shop. By 1940 La Verne De Witt ran the barber shop. Charles was born in Watertown, New York on November 8, 1872. He died in Grand Haven on November 18, 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Charles E. Wheeler [1848-1922]**

Charles Wheeler resided in Grand Haven for eight years in the 1880s and later became chief engineer of the Wiley Water Works, which provided water to the city. He moved to Lansing, where he worked for the Ottawa Light Company. He was born in Ohio on November 16, 1848 and died in Lansing on September 17, 1922.

### **Thomas Henry Wheeler [1883-1961]**

Born in Cheboygan, Cheboygan County on July 28, 1883, Thomas Wheeler retired from National Utilities in Grand Haven in 1946. He married Marie Estelle "Stella" Lewis in Traverse City on February 22, 1909. She was born in Shelby, Oceana County on March 19, 1892. Shortly after the wedding, the newly-weds moved to Grand Haven, where Thomas started work with National Utilities company, which supplied gas to local customers. The Wheelers resided at 315 Fulton Street. Thomas assisted in moving by block and tackle the pilot house and upper deck of the packet *May Graham* to the North Shore, where it was converted to a cottage. He died in Grand Haven on February 18, 1961, and Stella passed away in Muskegon on November 16, 1985. Both were buried in Muskegon. Thomas and Mary had eight children.

### **Charles W. Whipple [1805-1857]**

Charles Whipple, born in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1805 and a graduate of West Point, was the presiding judge at the first session of the Circuit Court, held at Grand Haven on May 28, 1839. Timothy Eastman and Jonathan Ford were associate judges. Charles also presided at a suit between William M. Ferry and Clark B. Albee in 1842. He was secretary of the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1835, and from 1838 to 1852 he sat on the Michigan Supreme Court, the last four years as chief justice. He died in Detroit on October 25, 1857.

### **Jacob Earl Whitcomb [1883-1943]**

From April 1, 1935 to May 1, 1940, Jacob Whitcomb was postmaster of Spring Lake. He had a dry goods and grocery store at 206 West Savidge, which was occupied by Spencer & Sons in 1935. Jacob's wife



Lydia ran a confectionery in the Village in the early 1900s. Their residence was located at 326 East Savidge. Jacob was from Hogland, Indiana, where he was born on August 18, 1883. Lydia, a native of Michigan, was born on October 17, 1882. Their son, James C., was born on January 8, 1908 and died in Grayling, Crawford County on May 4, 1988. Jacob passed away on August 29, 1943, and Lydia died on January 26, 1977. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Amanda White [1797-1870]**

Amanda White, born in Ashfield, Massachusetts on August 20, 1797, married Rev. William M. Ferry on Mackinac Island in 1823. She moved to Grand Haven with her family on November 2, 1834 and died there in 1870. Her parents were Thomas and Hannah Harwood White. For more detail, see Amanda White Ferry.

#### **Andrew Jackson White [1860-1950]**

On July 18, 1882 Andrew White was named the first postmaster of Bass River [Section 7, Allendale Township], a position he held into the early 1890s. Around 1900 he owned a grocery store in this small settlement on the Grand River. He was born in New York on April 24, 1860, died in Jenison on May 3, 1950, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. He married Anna [Annie] Idsinga. She was born on July 19, 1864, died on June 1, 1941, and also was buried at Robinson.

#### **Douglas John White [1936-2002] and Judith Meany White [1947-2019]**

Born in Davenport, Iowa on November 24, 1936, Doug White married Judith Elizabeth Meany on May 31, 1971 in Grand Haven. They lived at 601 Sheldon Road. Judy was born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 7, 1947. In Grand Haven, she worked for Re-Max Real Estate as sales agent and broker. Doug was a sales representative. He died in Grand Haven on February 14, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Judy continued to reside in Grand Haven. She passed away on October 12, 2019. Doug and Judy had two daughters, Gretchen White, who lived in San Francisco, California, and Heather, who married John Pitsch and moved to Wyoming, Kent County. They also had a son Greg, who lived in Deerfield, Illinois.

#### **Francis H. White [1842-1893]**

While in Ypsilanti, Frank White of Grand Haven enlisted as quartermaster sergeant with the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry on February 5, 1862. He was promoted to second lieutenant on December 1 that year and simultaneously to first lieutenant and quartermaster. He was mustered out on March 14, 1865. Frank, the son of Nathan and Sarah Brittain White of Grand Haven, was born in April 1842 and died on January 10, 1893. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

#### **John White [1811-1897]**

John White was part owner of the White & Glover Sawmill in Ferrysburg. Built in 1872 by William Ferry II and John, the mill remained in operation until it was destroyed by fire in 1876. John was born in Ireland on June 8, 1811. He immigrated to Milton, Ontario, Canada, where he married Louisa Knight on February 15, 1849. John passed away in Milton on May 3, 1897. Louisa lived from 1822 to 1909. They had three daughters, all born in Milton.

#### **Lucas A. White [1808-1858]**

Originally from Ashfield, Massachusetts, where he was born on October 17, 1808, Luke White arrived in Grand Haven in 1835 with his sister Mary Arms White. His parents were Thomas and Hannah Harwood White. Lucas was one of the organizers of the first Grand Haven Company, formed in 1835. Lucas married Clarissa J. Perkins in September 1836. Born November 30, 1818, she was the daughter of Jedidiah and Lucy Ingersoll Perkins of Norwich, Connecticut. The Whites' son, Thomas Perkins White, was born on June 3, 1844. The family home was located on the southeast corner of Franklin and Second Streets. Luke died in Grand Haven on October 15, 1858.

### **Lyle “Whitey” White [1931-2020]**

In 1952, Lyle “Whitey” White watched a water show, sponsored by Barden’s Boat Storage and staged by Carl Kiekhaefer [1906-1983], owner of the Mercury outboard engine company. Whitey was inspired, and after a year of planning, he put on Grand Haven’s first local water thrill show in the summer of 1958. Whitey specialized in water skiing stunts and parasailing, which earned him the sobriquet “Whitey White, the human kite.” He repeated the program the next summer in Muskegon and returned to Grand Haven in 1960. Whitey also took his show to Navy Pier in Chicago and to a variety of places in Michigan. He retired from water skiing in 1961, and a year later local residents Joan Board and Felix “Bernie” Pytlinske took charge of the show.

Whitey was born in Flint on January 31, 1931. He married Kathleen Mendel on June 27, 1953. She was born in Muskegon on August 9, 1932. She worked in the Food Department of Grand Haven Area Public Schools for 30 years, at the same time she was operating a beauty parlor part-time. An avid skier on snow and water, Whitey guided a hang glider with his bare hands at the dedication of the Mackinac Bridge in 1957. He also enjoyed biking, and at the age of 80 rode his bicycle solo from Grand Haven to Mackinaw City. Whitey and Kathy had two sons, Joe White of Grand Haven, and Steve White, who died in 2018. Whitey passed away on May 15, 2020 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Historic Cemetery. Kathy died on October 21, 2022 and was interred at the same cemetery.

### **Mary Arms White [1813-1901]**

Born on September 18, 1813 in Ashfield, Massachusetts, Mary White followed her sister Amanda to Grand Haven, where she arrived with her three brothers on June 10, 1835. Her parents were Thomas and Hannah Harwood White. From 1828 to 1830 Mary had studied under Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke College for Women in Massachusetts, at the Buckland School. In Grand Haven, Mary became the teacher at the day school as well as Sunday school. Her classes at first were held in the attic of the Ferry home. At the beginning she had six students: the three Ferry boys, William, Thomas, and Noah, and Peter, Francis, and Louise Duvernay, children of a French-Canadian father and a Native American mother. A bit later the Timothy Eastman family moved to Grand Haven from Maine, and their three sons, Mason, Galen, and George, joined Mary’s school. Her adult classes, offered at night, included sailors, lumberjacks, and other laborers, who enrolled for short periods of time. It was the Great Lakes sailors who spread news of her teaching abilities. Students, or their parents, paid what they could to support the school.

Within a year of Mary’s arrival in Grand Haven, a school building was erected at 16 South Second Street. The building also served as a church on weekends and as territorial court and meeting hall, when needed. She taught local girls sewing and handiwork on Saturday afternoons. Mary served as teacher until leaving Grand Haven in 1851 to teach science and mathematics at Rockford Female Seminary [Rockford University] in Rockford, Illinois, which was founded and directed by students of Mary Lyon. She was working as accountant at the college in 1863, the year she returned to Grand Haven.

In Grand Haven, Mary resumed her teaching role. Affectionately known to young and old as Aunt Mary, she was considered West Michigan’s first teacher. Mary was engaged to Dr. Sydney Williams, but he died suddenly a week before their planned wedding. Toward the end of the nineteenth century, she maintained the home of her bachelor nephew, United States Senator Thomas White Ferry. Mary died on September 12, 1901 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary A. White Elementary School was named in her honor. [*Tribune* obituary, September 13, 1901.]

### **Murray R. White [1899-1979]**

Murray White was born in New York State on February 16, 1899. Owner of a portrait and commercial photography business, Murray’s studio was located at 206 Washington Street. Murray died in Grand Haven on November 3, 1979 and was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery. His wife Marjorie was born in Illinois on May 10, 1913, died on January 5, 1997, and also was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery. Their

daughter Margaret was born about 1938 in West Virginia. The Whites' home was located at 449 Grant Street.

### **Nathan Harwood White [1811-1875]**

Rev. William Ferry's brother-in-law Nathan White arrived in Grand Haven on November 2, 1834, having previously visited the area with William. It was Nathan who hiked to Kalamazoo in the winter of 1835-36 to bring back supplies for the new arrivals, after the ship bearing food for the season was wrecked in Lake Michigan. In addition to 160 bushels of wheat and other foodstuffs, Nathan herded 100 hogs down the frozen Grand River to Grand Haven. Nathan, Ferry, and Robert Stuart were the founders of the first Grand Haven Company, whose purpose was to buy land, build sawmills, and produce lumber. Nathan managed the company's sawmill in Grandville. He reportedly enlisted in Captain Elmer Dicey's "Ottawa Wild Cats" regiment in 1863, then known as the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters. [Nathan's service records were not found. Elmer Dicey served as captain with Company B of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters and as second lieutenant with Company C of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, Captain Noah Ferry's unit.] In partnership with A. M. Dickee, Nathan operated a hardware store at the northeast corner of Washington and Second Streets as early as 1871.

Nathan was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts on April 13, 1811. On June 28, 1840, he married Sarah M. Brittan [Brittain] in Grand Haven. She was born on December 17, 1822 in Batavia, New York but later moved to Grandville. Nathan and Sarah had six children, all born locally, including Francis, who was born in April 1842; Clara Virginia, who was born in 1844 and married Edward Payson Ferry; Nathan Banister, who was born around 1848 and married Melissa Moss in Grand Haven on September 7, 1871; Luke A., who was born about 1852 and died in Grand Haven on December 18, 1884; and Helen E., who was born about 1857. Melissa, the daughter of Chester and Phoebe Sweezy Moss, was born in Youngstown, New York in 1849 and taught school in Grand Haven. By 1880, she and Nathan Banister White had moved to Salt Lake City. At the time of the 1900 Federal Census, Sarah had returned to Grand Haven, sharing her home in the first block of North First Street with a granddaughter, Edith Ferry. Nathan died on May 13, 1875 of a liver ailment, and Sarah died on February 21, 1904. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Oren [Orin] Delos White [1844-1924]**

In 1893 the *Compendium* listed Oren White as a butcher living in the Village of Spring Lake. He married Delaphine [Delphine/Delaphene] Ralph, who was born in Galesburg, Kalamazoo County on October 28, 1850. Oren was born on May 5, 1844 in New York State. The couple moved to Spring Lake about 1885. In 1900 Oren was a trust agent. Living with him and Delaphine was a son, Oren A., who was born in Spring Lake on October 29, 1889. Another son, Clarence D., was born about 1876. Clarence married Henrietta, daughter of Klaas and Alberdina Huizenga Pruij. Clarence died on March 1, 1947 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. A third son, Hugh, died on July 10, 1885, just under 17 years old.

In 1910 Oren was doing odd jobs. A granddaughter, Helen W. White, was living with the Whites on Exchange Street in 1910. She was born in Michigan about 1899. Helen was with them ten years later, working as a teacher. On July 19, 1923 in Spring Lake Helen married Harlan D. Kimmey of Cleveland, Ohio. He was a year older than Helen. Delaphine was a widow, still living in Spring Lake when she died on May 20, 1930. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Oren, who died on November 8, 1924, also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He served with Company E of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry during the Civil War and was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 4, 1863. The younger Oren on March 26, 1910 married Florence Chittenden in Spring Lake. Florence was born on April 19, 1889 and died on January 21, 1979. Her husband died on October 15, 1973 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Florence. [*Tribune* obituaries November 10, 1924 and May 21, 1930.]

### **Robert E. White [1923-1976]**

Robert White resided at 514 North Fifth in Grand Haven and worked for the railroad as section foreman for the Grand Trunk Railway. He also produced postcards. Clarence Poel wrote an article about Robert that

appeared in the *Grand Haven Tribune* on January 12, 1956. Titled “Makes Picture Postcards,” the article pointed to Robert’s hobby of producing postcards for fun and profit. On the back of one of his advertising postcards Bob wrote, “It cost 25 cents for a negative for Personal Cards like this and 5 cents each for any number of cards from it.” Bob had one daughter, Pearl. Born on December 27, 1923, Bob died on March 29, 1976 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Social Security records note he was a resident of Rockwell, Texas at the time of his death.

### **Stewart Edward White [1873-1946]**

Stewart Edward White lived in Grand Haven in the Boyden House at 301 South Fifth Street for the first six or seven years of his life. He was born March 12, 1873, the son of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth [Eliza] Daniell White. His grandfather was Thomas W. White, and his great aunt was Mary A. White. The White family moved to Grand Rapids in the late 1870s, where Stewart began his formal education and later obtained bachelor and master degrees from the University of Michigan. He spent eight or ten years in lumber camps and on the rivers where he gained the background for his novels and became a well-known author of such works as *Blazed Trails*, *The Riverman*, *Daniel Boone*, and *Wilderness Scout*. Twelve of his novels and short stories were made into movies, mostly during the era of the silent films. A 1941 film, *Wild Geese Calling*, starred Henry Fonda. As a result of Edward’s study of bird life, six or seven hundred bird skins were preserved in the Kent Scientific Museum [Grand Rapids Public Museum]. On April 28, 1904 in Newport, Rhode Island, Edward married Elizabeth Colvert [Calvert] Grant. The couple returned to California, where Stewart had lived since 1897. Stewart enlisted in the U.S. Army at the start of WWI and was given the rank of major of U.S. Field Artillery. Betty became a medium, and Edward wrote several books on the occult that focused on “channeling,” or conversing with the dead through a medium, such as Betty. She was born in Panama around 1881 and died in California in 1939. Stewart died on September 18, 1946 in Hillsborough, California.

Thomas and Mary moved to Grand Rapids in the late 1870s and resided at 427 Fulton Street. In 1956 the family donated the house and its contents to the first Grand Rapids Furniture Museum. In 1960, Davenport University bought the property and converted the home to a women’s dormitory called Warren Hall. The furnishings were donated to the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Davenport remodeled the home again in 2023 and reopened it as Stewart Edward White Hall.

### **Thomas Gilbert White [1877-1939]**

Thomas Gilbert White was born in Grand Haven on July 18, 1877. His parent were Thomas and Mary Daniell White. Thomas moved to Grand Rapids with his parents when still an infant, studied at Columbia University and the Art Students League of New York, and in 1898 traveled to Europe to further enhance his talents at the Académie Julien and the Académie des Beaux-Arts in Paris, where he studied with James McNeil Whistler. He served as an officer with the U.S. Army during WWI.

Thomas remained in Paris for 40 years. One of his paintings in 1902 was accepted for a Paris exhibit. Three years later his pictures were included for the first time in Exhibition of Michigan Artists held at the Detroit Museum of Art [now the Detroit Institute of Art]: “Portrait of George Barr Baker;” “Portrait of Mrs. Dudley Waters;” “Portrait of a Young Lady” [crayon}; and “June Days.” [George Baker was from the Detroit area, and Florence Waters lived in Grand Rapids.]

Thomas is perhaps best remembered for his murals that decorate the state capitols of Oklahoma, Utah, and Kentucky, and the Agricultural Building in Washington D.C., and in 1913 he painted at least four large murals in the courthouse in New Haven, Connecticut. He also painted landscapes, portraits, and still lifes. White received many awards, including the Commander de la Legion d’Honneur, Officier de l’Académie Française and the Order of the Purple Heart. He died in Paris on February 1, 1939 and was buried at Neuilly-Sur-Seine in Paris. His brothers, Stewart Edward White and Roderick White, achieved fame as author and violinist, respectively.

### **Thomas Stewart White [1840-1915]**

The son of Thomas Wait and Caroline Norton White, Thomas was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1840. In 1859 Thomas became an employee of the bank of Ferry & Son, located near the southwest corner of Franklin and Harbor Streets, where he served as a teller for three years. In 1863 he accepted a position as shipping clerk with Gray, Phelps, & Company of Chicago, and then two years later returned to Ferry & Son as cashier. About the same time, he operated the Stevens Mills in Grand Rapids, which his father bought in 1865. In 1867 Thomas entered a partnership with Heber Squier as Squier & White, general contractors and ship builders and tugboat owners. They also advertised their company as "Wreckers & Contractors." Thomas next developed a line for transporting freight between Chicago and ports on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan with the name Kirby, Furlong, & Company. In 1869 he joined Thomas Friant and entered the lumber business by building a sawmill at Spring Lake on the site of the former Norton mill. It was called the White, Friant, & Company Mill. Also in 1869 Thomas helped start the Grand Haven fire department. In 1871 he was named director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven, and in 1873 he was appointed secretary and treasurer of the new Wait Manufacturing Company. He contracted with Charles Boyden to build the house at 301 South Fifth Street about 1872.

On April 20, 1870, Thomas married Mary Elizabeth Daniell of Milwaukee. She was born in New York State on August 27, 1847. Stewart Edward White, born in Grand Haven on March 12, 1873, was one of their sons. Another was well-known artist Thomas Gilbert White, who was born in 1877, also in Grand Haven. One of his paintings in 1902 was accepted for a Paris exhibit. Gilbert moved to Paris, where he died in 1939. A third son, Norton Rugee White, was born in Grand Rapids on September 17, 1888 and died on October 24, 1976. Their fourth son, Roderick I. White, was born on February 26, 1890 in Grand Rapids and became a respected violinist. He died on February 28, 1945 in California, where he once played with the Los Angeles Symphony. Their fifth and last son, Harwood Arend White, was born in Grand Rapids on October 5, 1894, died in Santa Barbara, California on January 15, 1954, and was buried at Santa Barbara Cemetery.

Thomas and Mary moved to Grand Rapids shortly after Thomas's birth and resided at 427 Fulton Street. In 1956 the family donated the house and its contents to the first Grand Rapids Furniture Museum. In 1960, Davenport University bought the property and converted the home to a women's dormitory called Warren Hall. The furnishings were donated to the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Davenport remodeled the home again in 2023 and reopened it as Stewart Edward White Hall.

Thomas died on October 14, 1915 in Flint. Mary passed away on August 23, 1929. They were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

### **Thomas Wait White [1805-1884]**

A native of Ashfield, Massachusetts, where he was born in 1805, Thomas White was the son of Thomas and Hannah Harwood White and the brother of Amanda White Ferry. Young Thomas was an early Grand Haven settler. He arrived in the area in 1836 with Caroline Norton White, whom he had married on September 19 that year. Caroline was born about 1806 in St. Albans, Vermont. The newlyweds traveled to Detroit and walked along the Indian trails from there to Ionia, and then they rafted to the mouth of the Grand River. In Grand Haven Thomas built his house on Lot 95 on First Street, near the northeast corner of Columbus. In 1837 [1838] he became captain of the *Owashtanong*, a flat-bottomed boat used for freight. This river steamer was built in Grand Haven by the Grand Haven Steamboat Company, owned by Thomas, Rix Robinson, and Dr. Sydney Williams. It operated between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. A blacksmith by trade, Thomas worked for William M. Ferry, and helped build the Butts and Hathaway Sawmill and the Throop Mill in 1855. He served in the Michigan Legislature in 1844. In 1845 Thomas and others were charged with the responsibility of laying out a road between Grandville and Grand Haven "on the most eligible and direct route." He and Silas C. Hopkins platted the Village of Mill Point [Spring Lake] in late 1849. Thomas was credited with planting many of the maple shade trees throughout the Village and for building the first bridge across the Grand River at Grand Rapids. He bought Stevens Mill in Grand Rapids in 1865, about the same time the family moved to Grand Rapids. He operated the mill with his son

Thomas S. White until his retirement in 1881. He died three years later. Thomas and Caroline had three children, all born in Grand Haven: Louisa H., born on February 11, 1838; Thomas S., born on June 28, 1840; and John B., born on June 14, 1843. Louisa married Charles Chandler [1838-1905] in Grand Rapids on Christmas Day 1865.

**William S. White [1806-1884]**

William White moved to Grand Haven with his family in 1867. He was born in Massachusetts on July 4, 1806, and his wife, Hannah D. Ames, was born in Vermont in 1815. William was a farm laborer. Their daughter Frances was born in Wadsborough, Vermont in 1851 and married David Fletcher Hunton of Grand Haven. Two other daughters were Martha, who was born on May 9, 1840 in New York, married Civilian Phelps, and died in Grand Rapids on May 18, 1916, and Mary, who was born in Vermont on August 1, 1845, married Amos May, and died in Wyoming, Kent County, on November 18, 1928. William passed away on December 14, 1884, and Hannah died in Grand Haven on October 31, 1886. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Bert H. Whitely [1861-1917]**

Bert Whitely was born in Springfield, Ohio on March 14, 1861. He married Mary Elizabeth Painter, who was born about 1863. They were married in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania on August 9, 1883. The Whitelys owned a home and 38 acres in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township, which included lake frontage. The home was called, appropriately, the "White House." Amos Junior Whitely, their son, was born January 5, 1885 in Muncie, Indiana. Bert died on March 21, 1917 in Muncie, and Mary passed away on June 6, 1920, also in Muncie.

**Robert G. Whitesides [1927-2003]**

After Bob Whitesides retired as vice president of sales at Dake Corporation in 1989, he spent ten years as a Realtor with the J. W. Oakes Agency. He was born on January 31, 1927, to William F. and Bertha Louthan Whitesides in Jefferson City, Missouri. He and Lesley Echlin were married in Ionia on June 1, 1947. After serving in the U.S. Navy as radioman during WWII, Bob graduated from Davenport College of Business in 1947. Bob and Lesley attended the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. He was active in the Stephens Ministry and was a member and president of the Spring Lake Country Club, member of the Elks, North Ottawa Council on Aging, American Legion, Grand Haven Township Board, American Heart Association, and Stag Club. He also served on the Board of Goodwill. The family resided at 18295 Holcomb Road. Their children were Laura Host and Tom Whitesides. Bob passed away in Muskegon on March 27, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, March 29, 2003.]

**Gerald D. Whiting [1915-1971]**

Gerald Whiting was born on June 26, 1915, died in Spring Lake on September 26, 1971, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1960 he married Kathryn Jane Boon Boot, the daughter of Martin and Kate Yock Boon of Ferrysburg. Kathryn was the widow of E. Raymond Boot, whom she married in 1940. Boot died in 1943. Kathryn and Gerald resided at 718 Winter Street in Spring Lake. She was a graduate of Hope College and taught at the elementary school level in Grand Haven and Spring Lake for more than 30 years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. Her daughter Kathleen married Jim Bolthouse, a Grand Haven Realtor. Another daughter, Judy, married Rick Tompke of Haslett. She also had two sons, David Whiting and Curt Whiting, both of Spring Lake. Kathryn died in Spring Lake on March 27, 2002.

**Oliver A. Whitney [1830-1918]**

Oliver Whitney, born on October 24, 1830 in Perry, Washington County, Maine, was an early settler in Robinson Township. His parents were Ezra and Sarah F. Slack Whitney. On March 1, 1856 Oliver acquired 40 acres in Section 25 of Robinson Township, which by 1864 had grown to an 80-acre farm. On August 14, 1862 he enlisted as blacksmith in Company B of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was promoted to

sergeant on October 11 that year and to regimental quartermaster sergeant the following February 20. Oliver was mustered out on June 22, 1865 and returned to Robinson. From 1874 to 1879 he was township supervisor, and he owned a dry goods store in the Village of Robinson, which later was taken over by John Brady. Oliver and his wife, Julia, had two children, both born in Michigan: Ezra, born in 1860, and Arthur, born in 1861. Julia, a native of New York State, was born in 1830. Oliver moved to San Jose, California, where he died and was buried at Oakhill Memorial Cemetery. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on August 15, 1891, while living in California. He died on October 27, 1918 at a Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle, California.

#### **William Whitters [Witters] [1829-1917]**

William Whitters was born in Ireland on November 4, 1829 and came to America in 1850, eventually taking residence in Ottawa County. During the Civil War, recognized as an exceptionally accurate sharpshooter, he served as private in the 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry, but was not assigned to a company. At the time of his enlistment, he was living in Jackson. After the war, he returned to Ottawa County where he purchased a 40-acre parcel of land in north Blendon Township. William dug a sizable pit on his Blendon Township property and constructed a shack within it. Only the roof could be seen above ground. William lived mostly underground for the remainder of his life. He saw everyone as a potential trespasser and often guarded his property armed with a shotgun in hand. He rarely came into contact with his neighbors. It was said he knew Bible scripture better than any preacher and claimed to have visited "nearly every country on the face of the globe." He farmed only a small section of his land and hunted in a small, wooded area on the property. He disavowed modern conveniences and never had electricity or running water.

In 1880 William was residing with his brother's family in Georgetown Township. By 1900 he was a widower living in Blendon Township with his daughter Mara and Mara's husband and their family. In 1905 he was jailed for arming himself behind a barricade on Taylor Street in Blendon Township, scaring off surveyors working on a street expansion project. On April 26, 1909 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. The next year, at the age of 80 he had plans to move into a Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids and an auction was held to sell off his farming implements. Concerned he was not getting a fair price, William outbid everyone and purchased back all of his own goods. He became angry when the two auctioneers presented him a bill for their commission on the sale of each item. Broke, he decided to remain on his property. In the 1910 census he was listed as a single man, living alone, and working as a farmer. On the morning of April 12, 1917 neighbors saw smoke rising from the Whitter property and raced over to see a smoldering fire pit. The old man had burned to death after his shack caught fire. The cause of the fire was unknown. William, six months from his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, was buried at Blendon Township Cemetery. The December 4, 1910 edition of the *Detroit Free Press* described Whitters in a newspaper headline as "The queerest man in Ottawa County." [Adapted from an article by Kevin Collier.]

#### **Effie Klinge Wick [1906-1957]**

See Effie Klinge.

#### **Louise Wachter Wickham [1907-2002]**

Born on March 5, 1907 in Spring Lake, Louise Wachter spent 33 years as an elementary school teacher in her hometown and in Grand Haven. She graduated from Grand Haven High School and Western Teacher's College [WMU] and first taught in a one-room rural school to complete her degree requirements. Her final years of teaching were at Ferry School, where she taught fifth and sixth grades. Louise married Ivan S. Wickham, who lived from May 25, 1909 to August 28, 1982. They resided at 11129 Lakeshore Drive in West Olive. Louise passed away on August 26, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*The Communicator*, Summer, 2002.]

#### **Eilko Wierenga [1864-1948]**

Eilko Wierenga was born on December 27, 1864 in Groningen, The Netherlands. He and his wife Reena [Rena], were married in The Netherlands, where they lived for four years before immigrating to Grand Rapids in 1893. Eilko learned to lay concrete at a time when that product was starting to replace wooden walks. In 1905 the couple moved to Grand Haven, and Eilko went into business with Louis Tysman for two years and then worked with Tom Ruiter for eight years, under the business name Wierenga & Ruiter. At that time he bought out Ruiter's interest and continued on his own until 1932, when he retired. In retirement he worked a small farm on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. Eilko and Reena lived at 724 Clinton. He passed away on September 3, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who was born on July 16, 1862 in Groningen and died on April 19, 1940 in Grand Haven.

### **Floris Wierenga [1907-1991]**

Born on August 13, 1907 in Spring Lake to Harke "Harry" and Etta [Hattie] Helder Wierenga, Floris married Winifred N. Cook on September 2, 1933. She was born February 17, 1913 and died in Spring Lake on June 8, 1991. Their children included Janice, who married Cecil Hammond of Spring Lake; Joyce, who married Glenn Sjoerdsma of Simi Valley, California; and Donald Wierenga of Kentwood. The Wierengas lived at 15156 Echo Court in Spring Lake and were members of the Spring Lake Baptist Church. Floris retired as foreman at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He died on July 22, 1991 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, July 23, 1991.]

### **Hendrick "Henry" James Wierenga I [1890-1978]**

Henry Wierenga grew up on Grand Rapids' west side. In 1913 he enrolled in Calvin College's Preparatory School, the equivalent of high school, but was promoted to college level after one year. Henry graduated from seminary in 1920 and was called to the Christian Reformed Church of Jamestown. Due to conflicting theologies, Henry was dismissed from his position on August 15, 1926. After serving as a Maytag appliance salesman in Grand Rapids for a short time, he borrowed sufficient money to open a Maytag store at 11 North Second Street, where Andrew Schaafsma's harness store was located. Andrew was married to Jantje "Jennie" Wierenga, Henry's sister. He paid Andrew \$5.00 for each washing machine sold, and he was able to buy a Model T delivery truck for \$50. Henry moved his Maytag business to 133 Washington in 1935 and called it the Grand Haven Maytag Company. In 1940 the company carried not only Maytag washing machines and ironers, but also Frigidaire ranges, Philco radios, and Link-Belt Stokers, and it offered a repair service. In 1945 he bought the building next door, 131 Washington, for added sales space. The name was changed to the Appliance Center. Henry continued to preach and conduct worship services at the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven.

On June 2, 1920 in Grand Rapids, Henry married Cornelia Elizabeth Van Westenbrugge. He and Cornelia resided at 1008 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. They had at least two children: Henry James "Jim" Wierenga, who was born in Grand Rapids on February 28, 1922 and died in Grand Haven on May 23, 2013, and Claire Elizabeth Wierenga, born about 1927. Cornelia lived from July 9, 1896 to June 7, 1968 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was born in Muskegon Heights on September 11, 1890, died in Grand Haven on March 7, 1978, and also was buried at Lake Forest. "Henry Wierenga: Sunday Isn't Sabbath," *Origins* [published by Calvin College], Volume XIII, November 2, 1995.

### **Henry James Wierenga II [1922-2013]**

Born in Grand Rapids on February 28, 1922, Henry was the son of Henry and Cornelia Van Westenbrugge Wierenga. On September 10, 1947, he married Ruth Bernyce "Georgie" Jorgenson in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She was born in Metuchen, New Jersey on September 27, 1927. They had four children, including Ken Wierenga, who was born about 1959, and Dirk Wierenga, who was born about 1951. Jim joined his father at the Maytag Appliance Store at 131 Washington Street and was made vice president. The family lived at 201 Woodlawn Avenue. Georgie passed away in Grand Haven on December 30, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jim died on May 23, 2013, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **John J. Wierenga I [1861-1936]**



John Wierenga was born in The Netherlands on February 27, 1861. On March 22, 1904 in Muskegon, he married Geertje, who was born in The Netherlands on August 3, 1873. John was a carpenter in Muskegon for 20 years before buying a farm and moving to Spring Lake in 1908. By 1920 he was a laborer in a foundry. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Jacob, who was born on July 24, 1905, died on September 14, 1985, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Miner [Meinert/Meinerd], who was born September 16, 1907; moved to Detroit, died on April 25, 1987, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; John J. II, who was born on June 28, 1909; owned and operated East End Grocery at 15400 Cleveland Street, and died on May 20, 1996; and Marinus, who was born on October 29, 1910 and died in Grand Haven on December 23, 2009. John the father died on November 27, 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. John may be the gardener Edgar Lee Masters refers to in his autobiography, *Across Spoon River*. After John's death, Geertje joined her sons John and Marinus as a partner in the Wierenga Construction Firm of Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 28, 1936 and July 3, 1958.]

### **Joseph Wierenga [1888-1964]**

Joseph, the son of William and Mattie Van Loo Wierenga, was born in Grand Haven on October 3, 1888. He became a plumber and continued to live at his childhood home, 104 North Fifth Street, after his parents' death. He married Margaret Geerling in Spring Lake on June 25, 1918. She lived from 1891 to 1967. Joseph died in February 1964. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **William [Willem] Wierenga [1855-1891]**

Born on February 26, 1855 in Groningen, The Netherlands, William Wierenga married Maatje [Martha] "Mattie" Van Loo in Grand Haven on August 8, 1884. They resided at 104 North Fifth Street in Grand Haven. After William died on October 15, 1891, his widow remained in the Fifth Street house. Living with her were two of their children, Josiah [Joseph] Wierenga, born in October 1888, and Cornelia Wierenga. Cornelia, who married Henry Van Draght [1886-1950], was born on January 25, 1886 and died in 1966. Another daughter, Hannah Cornelia Wierenga, was born on March 9, 1874, married Cornelius Van Weelden [1871-1963], and died on March 3, 1934. Martha lived from October 4, 1854 to November 26, 1919. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

### **Peter [Pieter] Wierenger [Wierenga] [1824-1865]**

Peter Wierenger was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on May 17, 1824 and died in his homeland on February 15, 1865. His wife Aaltje "Alice" Ostma [Ostema] was born in Groningen on January 12, 1830 and died in Grand Haven on May 30, 1903. They arrived in the United States in 1850. Among their children, both born locally, were Jane Wierenger, who was born about 1856 and married Henry Vanderveere of Grand Haven, and Ruit Wierenger, who was born on April 21, 1859. The family was living in Grand Haven in 1860. Peter was classified as a "Laborer." Aaltje was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 1, 1903.]

### **Peter R. Wierenger [1882-1948]**

The son of Ruit and Sena Mouw Wierenger, Peter was born in Grand Haven on March 6, 1882. He attended Grand Haven High School and was a member of the 1896 Grand Haven football team. He worked most of his life at Dake Engine Company. Peter married Henrietta Nakken in 1909. She was the daughter of Harm [1851-1934] and Reka [1852-1906] Nakken. The Wierengers resided at 449 Grant Street and later at 619 Sheldon Road in the house built by his father, Ruit Wierenger, around 1908. Peter had inherited the house in 1933, after his father's death, but the terms of Ruit's will allowed his wife Sena to continue living there for the remainder of her life. She passed away in 1939. Peter and Henrietta were then able to occupy the home. Peter was a member and president of the Eagles and a member of Maccabees. He also was city marshall for a short time, a fireman, and an active member of the North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. He died in Grand Haven on February 29, 1948. Henrietta [Hendrika/Henrietta] was born in Grand Haven on December 2, 1882 and died on August 21, 1964. She and Peter were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Harriet Dolores Wierenger, was born in Grand Haven on June 25, 1910, married John Hopson

Jackson [1907-1987], and died in Idaho on July 15, 2004. Their son, Robert Elmer Wierenger, was born on March 4, 1912 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, March 1, 1948.]

**Robert Elmer Wierenger [1912-1947]**

Robert Wierenger served overseas as an officer with the U.S. Army during WWII. He was born in Grand Haven on March 4, 1912 and married Charlotte May Velders on February 22, 1946 in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Rapids on April 29, 1916 and had been previously been married to Thomas Slot [1914-1944]. While serving overseas during the war, Robert learned that Thomas Slot, Charlotte's husband, had been killed in action. He and Charlotte had dated prior to the war. On June 9, 1947, Robert died of a blood clot while a patient at North Ottawa Community Hospital and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charlotte passed away in Spring Lake on January 10, 1995 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. She had one child by her first marriage, Marcia K. Slot [1940-2020].

**Ruit [Ruet, Ruiet] Wierenger [1859-1933]**

Ruit and Sena Wierenger raised their family at 619 Sheldon Road in a house Ruit built about 1908. Ruit worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather, at a freight house in Grand Haven, and in the Water Department of the City of Grand Haven. He also operated a meat market in Grand Haven, and was employed for ten years in Chippewa Lake, Ontonagon County, by the Wyman and Buswell Lumber Company. Ruit, who lived from April 21, 1859 to August 21, 1933, was the son of Peter and Aaltje Wierenger of Grand Haven. On April 28, 1881 in Muskegon, he married Sena Mouw. She was born on May 10, 1864 in The Netherlands and passed away in Grand Haven on December 14, 1939. Among the Wierengers' children were Peter R. Wierenger, who was born in Grand Haven on March 6, 1882; Alice R. Wierenger, who was born in Chippewa Lake, Mecosta County, in 1890, served as Grand Haven city clerk, and died in Greensboro, North Carolina on February 24, 1919; and Etta Wierenger, a telephone operator, who was born in 1885 and died in 1909. Ruit and Sena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their daughters. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 1, 1903, February 25, 1919 August 22, 1933, December 14, 1939, and March 1, 1948.]

**Emmet [Emmit] Lowell Wightman [1877-1966]**

Emmet was born in Martin, Allegan County [Kent County] on November 10, 1877, the son of Oramil Emmet and Catherine Aurelia Davis Wightman. Emmet's father, a minister, was born in Herkimer, New York, on August 20, 1850, died February 4, 1909, and was buried at Pine Hill Cemetery in Kent County. In the early 1900s Emmet and his partner, William T. Tuer, owned the Grand Haven Boat Company. Their business was located at the "foot of Clinton" and Harbor Drive. On June 29, 1890, Emmet married Clara L. Dennis in Grand Rapids. She was born in 1882. The couple lived at 120 Columbus. A business advertisement said they were "Manufacturers of Boats and Launches and dealers in Boat and Engine Supplies, Stationary and Marine Engines, Boat Repairing and Boat Storage." Emmet died in Kalamazoo on May 17, 1966 and Clara passed away on September 25, 1972. Both were buried at South Portage Cemetery, Kalamazoo County.

**Robert W. Wilber [? - ?]**

In 1856 Robert Wilber was a notary public, with an office in the county clerk's office at Grand Haven.

**William Wilbert [1865-1936]**

In the early 1900s William Wilbert ran a saloon at 632 Fulton. In the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as "clerk." He married Mollie Scott in Grand Rapids on September 6, 1893, and they had at least two children. He was born in Germany on March 21, 1865, immigrated to the United States in 1869, and died on December 28, 1936. Mollie was born in Indiana on August 25, 1872 and died on March 15, 1949. She and William were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Erastus Wilcox [1799-1882]**

Erastus Wilcox was elected Chairman of the Board at the first meeting of the Ottawa County Board of supervisors, held at the house of Nathan Throop in Grand Haven on April 12, 1838. At that time Ottawa included Muskegon County, where Erastus settled in the late 1830s and built one of the first sawmills in the area with his brother-in-law, Theodore Newell, as partner. By 1870, Erastus was retired. At that time, he and his wife were living in Laketon Township of Muskegon County. Erastus, who was born in Massachusetts in 1799, married Jane [Jennie] Newell about 1824. He and his wife also ran a boarding house. Jane was born in 1808 in Connecticut. By 1880 they were living in Deerfield, Illinois. Erastus died on August 11, 1882 in Cook County, Illinois, about the same time as Jane. He and Jane were buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. A son, Herbert, died in Chicago on May 5, 1911 at the age of 71.

#### **Peter Wild [1835-1899]**

See Peter Wilds.

#### **Charles E. Wilde [1858-1912]**

Charles, born on April 9, 1858, was the son of James and Susan Wilde. James, listed as a boilermaker in the 1893 *Compendium*, was born on February 11, 1829 and died March 5, 1902. Susan lived from July 11, 1831 to December 15, 1901. Charles, a drayman, became a partner with Andy Falls and helped manage the livery firm of Falls & Wilde, located on the northwest corner of Division and Savidge Streets [approximately 301 Savidge]. Later he had a boat livery at the foot of Jackson Street, on the Grand River. In the 1890s he married Edith A., the daughter of Ormond and Cynthia Messinger, who was born about 1866. Their children were Mandy I., born about 1891; May A., born about 1894; and Russell O., born about 1901. Charles died on February 5, 1912. The Wildes were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Charles's parents, but there were no dates on their graves.

#### **Warren Willard Wilder [1814-1900]**

In 1856 Warren Wilder was a grocer in Grand Haven. He was born on March 4, 1814 in Skaneateles, New York. In 1847 he married Olivia Smith. They had at least four children: Anna, who was born in Wisconsin in 1847 and died in Muskegon in 1921; Alice, born about 1853 in Michigan; Frank, who was born in February 1855 in Michigan and died in Muskegon in 1928; and Wallace, who lived from 1858 to 1911. In 1860, Warren was working as a millwright, still living in Grand Haven. By 1880 the family had moved to Whitehall, where Warren worked as a carpenter. Olivia was born on November 28, 1823 in New Hampshire and died on September 20, 1898 in Whitehall. In 1900 Warren was living with his son Frank in Whitehall. Warren died on September 29 that year. He and Olivia were buried at Oakhurst Cemetery in Whitehall.

#### **James A. Wildey I [1836-1911]**

Born in New York on October 8, 1836, James Wildey, while living in Lapeer, Lapeer County, enlisted in Company F of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Cavalry on August 30, 1861 as private. He was promoted to first sergeant. On July 13, 1865 he was listed as a deserter. After the war, James settled on a 120-acre farm in Section 11 of Crockery Township. He married Margaret Ann Hollenbeck. About two months after James's death on August 13, 1911, Margaret applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Eventually she moved to Nunica. Margaret lived from July 4, 1852 to May 29, 1936. Both she and her husband were buried at Nunica Cemetery with other family members. Their children, all born locally, were William, who was born in 1870 and on June 20, 1893 in Nunica married Emma, the daughter of Frederick and Caroline Douck; Murray, who was born in 1872 and married Clara Ludlow in Nunica on April 23, 1898; Alfred, who was born in 1874 and married Rhoda Beebe in Nunica on February 2, 1896; James II, who born on November 28, 1875 and married Nellie Demull in Coopersville on September 26, 1908; Torrant, who was born in November 1877 and married Lula Yager in Nunica on August 14, 1901; and Olive, who was born in December 1879 and on May 1, 1909 in Nunica married Albert White.

#### **Lester William Wildey [William Lester Wildey] [1911-1971]**

Lester Wildey was born in Nunica on June 28, 1911. In 1930 he was a valve grinder at a motor company and resided in Fruitport. On March 4, 1936 he married Beth Jessie Beulah Zimmer, who was born on October 12, 1916 in Michigan and died on April 17, 1948. They had one child. On November 2, 1951 in Grand Haven, he married Betty Lucinda Dillinger, the daughter of Ray and Beatrice Bell Dillinger of Grand Haven. Betty, who was born on March 6, 1926, worked for Security First Bank and Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. Lester and Betty had four children, including Lester Wildey, who lived from July 14, 1941 to December 2, 2013. The Wildeys lived at 17279 West Spring Lake Road in Spring Lake Township, where Lester died in November 1971. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Betty, who was married to Donald Haynes between 1945 and 1950, passed away on August 9, 2001. Lester and Beth were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Barney Wildhof [1872-1941]**

See Barney Wilthof.

#### **Jerry A. Wildrom I [1937-2005]**

Jerry was one of triplet sons born to Adrian and Lucille Boot Wildrom of Grand Haven on October 11, 1937. At the time of his birth, triplets were still a rarity. Jerry married Marilyn Rezny in Grand Haven on May 9, 1959. She also was born in 1937. Jerry worked for the Gardner-Denver Company for 22 years, followed by 16 years with the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. He was a member of Trinity Reformed Church, where he was Elder, Deacon, and Senior High Youth Group Leader. The Wildroms resided at 1314 Waverly and later at 15150 Fairmount in Grand Haven Township. Their children were Susan, who married Peter Dalman; Sheila, who married Steve Goodman; Diane; and Jerry II. Jerry I passed away in Grand Haven on January 11, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, January 15, 2005.]

#### **Edmond Wilds [1892-1948]**

Edmond Wilds, born on June 13, 1892, was foreman for National Utilities Company, forerunner of Michigan Gas Utilities. He served as alderman beginning in 1943, the same year he was sworn in as mayor, a position he held until 1948, the year he died of a heart attack. The son of Peter and Mary Walters Wilds, Edmond married Jennie Sikkenga in Muskegon on April 9, 1914. Jennie, the daughter of Jacob and Anna Marie Krager Sikkenga, was born in Montague, Muskegon County on October 26, 1895. After her husband's death, Jennie moved to Howard Street, then to 215 South Third and finally to an adult foster care home in Fruitport. Edmond and Jennie were residing at 226 Lafayette as early as 1930. A son, Edward C., was born on May 28, 1915 and died on October 10, 1994. Another son, William A., was born on December 9, 1919, served in the Army during WWII, and died on April 26, 1989; he and his wife, Mary C., who died on June 12, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, lived at 631 Lake Avenue. The Wildses' other children were Evelyn Jane, who was born in 1918 and married Alfred Matzen [1915-1986], and Norma J., born in 1923. Edmond passed away on March 26, 1948 and Jennie died in Grand Haven on April 14, 1986. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Peter Wilds I [Wild, Wilde] [1835-1899]**

Born in England on March 27, 1835 [August 11, 1834], Peter Wilds came to Grand Haven about 1854 after hunting buffalo on the western plains of Kansas. He met John Brown and became involved with Brown's band at Ossawatimie, Kansas just prior to the Civil War. While residing in Wright Township, Peter enlisted in Company H of the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry on November 20, 1862 and subsequently was severely wounded in the face. He was mustered out on November 24, 1865 as private. After his return to Grand Haven, he became a mason and plasterer. Peter married Effie [Aafke] Workman [Werkman] in Grand Haven on June 18, 1868. She was born in the Netherlands in 1852 and died of consumption on October 24, 1880. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Peter II, who was born on October 21, 1869 and drowned on May 17, 1880; Thomas, born about 1871; Cornelius, born on September 18, 1872; Alice, who was born December 18, 1874 and died on April 16, 1893; Maggie, born about 1876; and Charlie, born on July 14, 1879.

After Effie passed away, Peter married Mary Dijckmeester [Dykmeester/Dykmaster] in Grand Haven on May 14, 1881. Mary was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1860. Peter and Mary lived at 214 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Peter's and Mary's children were William, who was born on November 1, 1880; Peter II, who was born in January 1887; and Edmond, who was born on June 13, 1892. Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension on February 6 following her husband's death. In 1900, she and Edmond were living at 308 South Third Street. She passed away in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was her husband, who had died on January 12, 1899, and Peter II. [*Tribune* obituary, January 13, 1899.]

### **Peter R. Wilds II [1887-1957]**

The son of Peter and Mary Dijckmeester Wilds, Peter II was born on January 13, 1887. On January 18, 1905 he married Mildred Shimmel in Grand Haven. Mildred lived from May 1888 to January 1, 1945. They had a son, Lawrence Albert Wilds, who was born in Grand Haven on August 30, 1906 and died in Los Angeles, California on June 30, 1964. Peter and Mildred were divorced in Kent County on September 17, 1914. Peter married Jeanette Connell Otterbein in Grand Rapids on September 18, 1920. Born about 1894 in Muskegon, she and her first husband, Charles Otterbein [1890-1974], were divorced in Kent County on January 15, 1920.

Known as a musician, Peter joined the Michigan 339<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Band during WWI as drum player. The unit was sent to France, but he also saw duty as part of the Polar Bear Expedition in Russia in 1918 to 1919. He played locally, also, especially in Highland Park. On June 16, 1905 the *Tribune* noted that "Highland Park Opened" featuring W. Carle's local orchestra with Peter as a member of the band. On June 28, 1905 the newspaper wrote, "After Monday, July 3 Peter Wilds of this city will be a regular member of Carle's Highland Park orchestra," and then on November 27, 1905 the *Tribune* reported, "'My Southern Lillies,' a very pretty romantic ballad by Peter Wilds and Louis Carins [Robert Louis Cairns] of this city is being published by N. A. Goebel." In 1911 Peter wrote the words to a piece titled "The Bee," a tune played at the University of Michigan's J Hop, and in 1912 he composed another piece named "Sailing," which was played at the 1912 J Hop. The *Tribune* picked up the story again on June 1, 1914, noting that "Peter Wilds will be a member of the Highland Park orchestra again this season." On March 6, 1923 the *Tribune* announced "Wilds Orchestra to Play at Lake During Summer." His orchestra continued to play at Highland Park Pavilion in 1924 and 1925. On January 25, 1933, he played for the minstrel show at the Grand Haven Elks Club. Peter served in France with the United States Army during WWI. Bothered by bad health in later years, he was admitted to the hospital several times. Peter died at the Grand Rapids Soldiers' Home on January 25, 1957. [Thanks to David Matzen, Peter's descendant, for much of the detail in this entry.]

### **William H. Wilds [1880-1973]**

William, the son of Peter and Mary Wilds, was born on November 1, 1880. In the early 1900s he was an employee of the Grand Haven Gas Works. He worked as city clerk from 1911 to 1917 and as county clerk from 1926 to 1950. He served with the U.S. Army during WWI. On June 13, 1935 William married Esther Catherine Lott. She was born in Holt, Ingham County on June 27, 1896. From the 1930s and into the 1960s their home was located at 629 Lake Avenue. William died on January 27, 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Esther passed away on January 2, 1991, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

### **John Wiles [1847-1898]**

John Wiles was born in 1847 [1852]. On May 24, 1881 in Grand Haven, he married Eliza "Lizzie" Osgood. The daughter of George and Mary Sanford Osgood, Lizzie was born in Spring Lake and lived from April 1858 [1857] to February 3, 1892. John died on May 5, 1898. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other members of the Wiles family. After John died, Mary's parents raised the two orphaned daughters, Mary B. and Kate. Mary was born in Wisconsin in February 1883, and Kate was born in Michigan in March 1886. Kate married Charles Boyden II of Grand Haven.

### **James Edward Wilkinson [1857-1941]**

Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on February 9, 1857, James Wilkinson was educated in the east and graduated from Nashotah Theological seminary in Wisconsin. He continued his studies at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut and graduated from Harvard in 1884. He held pastorates at Plymouth, Massachusetts and Hamilton and Utica, New York. He came to Grand Haven in September 1888 to be pastor at St. John's Episcopal Parish. James helped establish and was superintendent of Akeley Institute, an Episcopal Girl's School located on the northeast corner of Washington and Fifth Streets. There he held the title of Rector, and his wife was principal. Rev. Wilkinson was pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church and Rector of Akeley Hall until 1901, when he left Grand Haven to preach in other churches, including Champaign, Illinois, South Haven, Ionia, Manistee, and Niles, where he retired and returned to Grand Haven in 1927.

James married Abbie Jennie Egar in Rome, New York on January 21, 1886. She was born in Beloit, Wisconsin on October 22, 1859 and died in Grand Haven on October 18, 1940. The couple resided at 415 Lake Avenue after their return to Grand Haven. Their children included Mary S., who was born in New York in November 1887 and became a librarian in Baltimore, Maryland, where she was in charge of 26 branch libraries; Elizabeth, who was born in Grand Haven in July 1890 and married Donald V. Gerking of New York City; Helen, who was born in Grand Haven in February 1894, married James F. Munson, and became assistant editor of the *American Journal of Nursing* in New York City; John E., who was born in Grand Haven in September 1897 [1896] and became pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Buffalo; and Lawrence Edgar, an architect with Frohman, Robbin, Little Company, who designed the Washington Cathedral at Washington, D.C. James died of a heart attack on July 29, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Abbie. [*Tribune* obituary, July 29, 1941.]

### **George Emerson Willard [1839-1923]**

On April 26, 1863, George Willard bought out Emmett Bolles's interest in the Pail Factory in Ferrysburg and changed the name of the company to Willard & Brother. The same year Emmett was a partner with his brother William Willard and Emmett Bolles in a grocery store they owned, also in Ferrysburg. George and William were listed as owners of a grocery store and the "pail and tub manufactory" in the 1867 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*. The factory continued to manufacture wooden pails and tubs until it burned down in 1872. George was born in Winchester, New Hampshire on February 11, 1839. On July 1, 1863, during the Civil War, he registered for the draft in Spring Lake, but there is no record he served. On February 21, 1883, he married Catherine Coyle in Columbus, Nebraska. She was born in Utica, New York on October 11, 1852 and died in Seattle, Washington on February 28, 1916. George died in Seattle on November 25, 1923. They had three children.

### **William Follett Willard [1833-1907]**

On March 27, 1861, William Willard and his partner Emmett E. Bolles purchased the Pail Factory in Ferrysburg from Benjamin Eames. Two years later, on April 26, William and his brother, George Emerson Willard, bought out Bolles's interest and changed the name of the company to Willard & Brother. That year, 1863, the partners also owned a grocery store in Ferrysburg, and in the 1867 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* they were listed as owners of a grocery store and the "pail and tub manufactory." The factory continued to manufacture wooden pails and tubs until it burned down in 1872. In the 1870 Federal Census, William was noted as a fruit grower living in Ferrysburg with his family. In the 1873 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, he was listed as "fruit raiser." As early as 1864 he owned a 40-acre plot in Section 12 of Tallmadge Township and in 1876 another 57 acres was in his name in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. At the time of the 1880 Federal Census he and Frances still resided in Ferrysburg, where he was a lumber dealer. However, he was listed in the 1881 *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory* as a "contractor: and in the 1887 issue as a "live stock dealer."

An 1882 newspaper article carried this announcement: "William Willard, of Ferrysburg, is building a tram road from Grand River below the railroad draw bridge to Little Black Lake. He has some two miles of it well under way and the whole will soon be completed. It will serve as an outlet to the timber of some seven or eight hundred acres near the lake. An engine with cars will be used upon the road." [*Grand Haven Herald*, June 22, 1882.] When completed the narrow-gauge track, built with rails made of hardwood, was seven or eight miles long. The Shay locomotive transported the cut timber to the sawmill.

William was born in Keene, New Hampshire on June 2, 1833. In 1860 he was living and working in New York City. On May 25, 1869 in Geneva, New York, he married Frances Wright, who was born in New York about May 18, 1845. She died on December 7, 1882 in Ferrysburg and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He may have been previously married since he had a son, Reuben Willard, who was born about 1861 and was living with William and Frances in Ferrysburg in 1870. After Frances's death, William on November 22, 1883 married Mary Phillips in Ferrysburg. She was born on October 29, 1858 in Wisconsin. William passed away on November 4, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest with Frances. Mary died on August 5, 1930 in Grand Rapids. Their son Harry Emerson Willard was born in Ferrysburg on March 21, 1887, lived in Grand Rapids, and died in Lansing in July 1968.

#### **David Benjamin Willet [Willet] [1853-1925]**

Born in Kosciusko, Indiana on August 16, 1853 [1854], David Willet by 1893 worked for Grand Haven Gas Works. By the early 1900s he was a manufacturer of concrete blocks. His business was located at the corner of Third and Clinton, and he resided at 29 Howard, and later on Lafayette. On October 25, 1886 in Spring Lake, he married his first wife, Emma [Ellen] E. Ackley. Emma was born in La Porte, Indiana about November 7, 1862 and died on January 11, 1897. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Edna A., born in March 1888, also lived at the home on Howard. Another daughter, Leila [Lela], was born on October 5, 1889 and died on February 16, 1903. On July 23, 1898 in Grand Haven, David married Minnie, the daughter of Dick and Lina Verwy of Grand Haven. Minnie was born in Grand Haven in April 1876 [1875]. David and Minnie had one daughter, Della B., who was born in Grand Haven in June 1899, and another daughter, born in 1911. David passed away on November 1, 1925 in La Porte, Indiana and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Leila and Emma.

#### **Jesse Williams [1868- ?]**

In Grand Haven on November 30, 1899 Lena, the daughter of Alfred and Isabella Graves, married Jesse [Jessie] Williams. Both were African Americans. Jesse, born in January 1868 in Virginia, was from Chicago, where he had been a wagon maker. Lena was born in Virginia in May 1866. On January 18, 1899 the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that "Williams, the colored teamster, with his mules attracted considerable attention. When they were heavily laden and stuck fast, he would get under the wagon and with his shoulder lift the load out of the rut." The newspaper added that Jesse worked for Frederick and Mary Mansfield, who resided at 107 South Second Street in Grand Haven. In 1900 Jesse and Lena lived in Chicago, where he worked as a "day laborer." Lena's 21-year-old sister Eva Graves was living with them. It probably was this Jesse Williams who, according to an article in the June 27, 1907 *Tribune*, gave a few cotton seeds to Susan Gaskins, a former slave. Mrs. Gaskins planted them. In 1908 Jesse and Lena resided at 208 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. An African American with the same name was residing in Benton Harbor, listed as a widower in 1920 and working as a night watchman at a factory. He married Macedonia M. Garrett [Geary] Thompson [1873-1964] in Berrien County on September 23, 1922. He was born in Tennessee on May 10, 1868 and died on March 1, 1923.

#### **John E. Williams [1850-1894]**

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio about 1850 [1853], John Williams was a cook at the Cutler House when he died of pneumonia on August 31, 1894. On August 15, 1888 he married Nellie Burrill in Grand Haven. Nellie, the daughter of Robert Burrill, was born about 1868 in Springfield, Ohio, but moved to Kalamazoo. John and Nellie had an 18-month-old child when John died. They were an African American family. At a

meeting at John's house, he was one of several local Blacks elected as delegates to an Equal Rights convention held in Grand Rapids on April 10 and 11, 1894. For more on Nellie, see Fred Graves II and Richard Thompson.

### **John Nims Williams [1848-1920]**

A native of Deerfield, Massachusetts, where he was born on June 24, 1848, John Williams started millwork in 1867. He came to Spring Lake in 1872 to work for the Cutler & Savidge Company. In 1879 he was made foreman of Mill #3. He married Henrietta Mary Rowe in Detroit on April 7, 1880. She was born in Canada around 1857. They were included in the 1880 Federal Census as residents of Spring Lake Village. John continued to work at the mill. By 1900 the couple had returned to Detroit. By then they had two children: Jessie Florence, born in Spring Lake on January 4, 1881, and a son, Ros or Roc, who was born about 1885. John died in 1920 in Canada. Henrietta passed away on May 15, 1940 in Highland Park, Wayne County

### **John Williams [1852-1894]**

On April 7, 1894, the *Grand Haven Tribune* ran this article: "The colored people of this city and adjoining towns met last evening at the home of Mr. John Williams and elected the following delegates to the Equal Rights convention which meets at Grand Rapids April 10 and 11: Frederick R. Graves, Edward Hicks, Harvey Blount, Nathaniel Smith, Hezekiah Smith, Ephraim Molson, and John Williams." John was born in New York State in 1852 and died in Grand Haven on September 1, 1894, just months after the Equal Rights Convention. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He worked as a cook.

### **Louis Victor Williams I [1891-1968]**

In the early 1930s Louis Williams was part owner of the Smith and Williams Grocery Store located at 1320 Washington. Williams and his family resided at 803 Washington and later at 514 Washington. Louis was born in Gallia, Ohio on March 26, 1891. He married Lois Belle Brown, who was born in Ohio on March 12, 1892. Their children were Louis II, who was born in Ohio and lived from 1914 to 2000; Robert, who was born in Ohio in 1916 and died in 2006; and William Henry, who was born in Michigan and lived from 1920 to 1944. Louis I passed away in Grand Haven on April 23, 1968. Lois had died on August 24, 1962. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Sydney [Sidney] P. Williams [? -@1840]**

Dr. Sydney Williams, who was educated in Europe, in 1835 came to Grand Haven from his home state of Massachusetts at the suggestion of Lucas White. The same year he became a partner with Lucas and Rix Robinson in forming a second Grand Haven Company, called, appropriately, Robinson, White, & Williams. Their store was at the foot of Franklin Street, on the banks of Grand River. Sydney later joined with Thomas White and Rix Robinson in organizing the Grand Haven Steamship Line, which ran boats between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids around 1840. Williams was one of the county's first physicians. He and David Carver shared a residence at 225 Franklin [Lot 222] in Grand Haven, where he and his fiancée, Mary White, intended to live. On August 1, 1837 he bought 160 acres in the southeast quarter of Section 9 in Blendon Township, 240 acres in Section 14 of Grand Haven Township [North], and 80 acres in Section 13 [North], also in Grand Haven Township on October 10, 1839. He undoubtedly bought the land for its timber. Dr. Williams died from malaria about 1840, a week prior to the wedding date. Mary was the sister of Amanda, Lucas, and Thomas White.

### **Frederick Willie [Willey] I [1850-1936]**

Born in Prussia in January 1850, Frederick Willie immigrated to New York in 1868. He moved to Milwaukee, then to Manistee, and in 1871 back to Milwaukee. The next year he returned to the east shore of Lake Michigan and lived in Muskegon for a short time before going to work for the Ferrysburg Iron Works as a mechanical engineer and machinist. In 1879 he started working for Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. On June 13, 1872 in Spring Lake, he married Abba "Abbie" Hudson of Ferrysburg. Abbie, the



daughter of Charles and Susan Cross Hudson, was born in Ferrysburg on October 23, 1856. The Willies had four children: Fred C., who was born on February 8, 1874; Herbert, born in 1876; Nina, born in 1878; and Charles, born on March 29, 1879. Fred and Charles were born in Spring Lake. In 1880 the family was residing in Ferrysburg, where Frederick continued to work as a machinist. Abbie died in New Orleans on July 21, 1918. Frederick passed away in the same city on June 4, 1936.

#### **Earl R. Willoughby [1906-1978]**

The son of Roy Leroy "Roy" and Versa McLean Willoughby, Earl was born on August 26, 1906 in Spring Lake. He and his parents lived at 212 Prospect. Earl worked for the *Grand Haven Tribune* before World War II, when he entered the military service. After the war he went to work for the Story & Clark Piano Company. He died in Spring Lake on May 14, 1978. His wife Elsie lived from October 16, 1912 to April 29, 1994. They resided at 408 East Exchange, where Earl had moved with his parents in 1912. Willoughby descendants continued to live in the house into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### **Leroy "Roy" Edgar Willoughby [1875-1959]**

Roy was born in Grand Rapids on August 10, 1875 and married Versa McLean in Grand Rapids on September 6, 1899. Versa was born in Spring Lake on October 7, 1877, died in Lakeland, Florida on January 28, 1960, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Roy, who had passed away on March 3, 1959. Their son Earl R. Willoughby was born on August 26, 1906 in Spring Lake. The Willoughbys other son, Chester Willoughby, was born on March 20, 1904 in Spring Lake and died in his hometown on March 2, 1965.

#### **George Henry Wills I [1892-1948]**

George Wills owned a 72-acre farm in Section 36 of Spring Lake Township, on the south side of Deremo Bayou. The son of Henry and Jennie Davie Wills, he was born in Spring Lake Township on December 1, 1892 [1896]. He married Edna Lewis in Spring Lake on August 20, 1920. Edna was born in Interlochen on February 27, 1904 and died in Spring Lake on May 18, 1960. They had at least six children: George II; Laura Jeanne; Lewis Edward; Verla Beth; Erna Mae; and Earl Henry. George I died August 13, 1948 in Carp Lake, Emmet County. He and Edna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were his parents.

#### **John Wills [1843-1919]**

John Wills was born in Canada in 1843. In 1867 [1870] he settled in Spring Lake Township and eventually owned a 50-acre farm in Section 25, where he also raised livestock. On September 10, 1868 he married Jane in Ontario, Canada. In 1880 he was listed in the census as working for a boom company, as were his brothers, Thomas Wills, born in Canada in 1853, and James Wills, born in Canada in 1861. John's wife, Jane, also a native of Canada, was born in 1844. John and Jane had several children, all born in Michigan, including Catharine, born about 1870; John H., born about 1872; George H., born about 1873; and Jessie A., who was born about 1878 and married Tony Verplank of Spring Lake. John died in 1919 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Jane, who had passed away two years earlier.

#### **Galen D. Wilmarth [1854-1946]**

Galen Wilmarth was born in Pennsylvania on April 30, 1854 [1852] and settled on 40 acres in Olive Township. He married Eliza [Elizabeth] Jane Tucker on December 18, 1875. She was born June 29, 1851. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Frank, born in November 1882; Cload, born in April 1886; Hattie, born in March 1889; Floyd, born in July 1892; and Jay, born in April 1895. Galen died in Flint on December 3, 1946 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

#### **George Henry Wilmot [1843-1919]**

Born in New York around 1837, George Wilmot owned a harness shop in Spring Lake and also did repairs. In May 1864 an advertisement in a business directory announced that George kept "constantly on hand a full stock of Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Whips, Blankets, Nets, and everything in his line. Repairing

done on short notice.” On July 21, 1867 in Spring Lake, he married Frances “Frankie,” who was born in New York about 1849. She was the daughter of William M. and Myrty Norton Smith II of Spring Lake. The Wilmots’ daughter, Viola Maude, died on August 5, 1873 at the age of five months and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had lost another daughter, given the same name, just a year earlier. By 1880 they had moved to Grand Rapids, where Frankie died on February 12, 1881 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery. George passed away in 1919 and was buried at the same cemetery.

#### **Frank E. Wilsberg [1891-1964]**

The son of Swedish immigrants Peter and Ella [Ellen] Johnson Wilsberg, Frank was born in Grand Haven on August 5, 1891. As a youngster Frank worked at Archie Campbell’s foundry and resided with his parents at 317 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. During WW I he served with the Coast Guard. On June 26, 1919 in Grand Haven, he married Doris Salisbury. They resided at 602 Clinton. Frank worked at Dake Engine Company, where he became factory superintendent in the 1930s, and at the Shell Oil Company Terminal. Doris, the daughter of Frank and Carrie Jasper Salisbury, was born in Grand Rapids in 1893. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, she attended Ottawa County Normal School and taught in Allendale from 1913 to 1915. Following that assignment, Doris started teaching at Knight School in Robinson Township and next at West Robinson until 1919. She helped raise funds to remodel the Grand Trunk Depot when the Tri-Cities Historical Museum moved there in May 1972. Frank died on January 9, 1964. Doris continued to occupy the home at 602 Clinton after his death. Living with her was another daughter, Mary Elaine Wilsberg, who was born in Grand Haven on June 29, 1925. Doris lived from June 26, 1893 to December 16, 1991. Mary remained in the Clinton Street home until her death on January 21, 2012. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her parents. [*Tribune* obituary, December 17, 1991.]

#### **Peter Wilsberg [1862-1948]**

Born in Sweden on August 12, 1863, Peter married Ellen [Ella] Johnson in Grand Haven on October 23, 1886. Ellen was born on April 9, 1867. Peter was listed as a laborer in the 1893 *Compendium*, and later he worked as a molder at Dake Engine Company, where his son, Frank, was foreman. Frank, one of four Wilsberg brothers, was born in Grand Haven on August 5, 1891. Peter and Ellen resided at 208 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven. Ellen died on June 6, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, with her husband, who had passed away on October 25, 1948.

#### **Charles James Wilson [1862-1943]**

Charles Wilson, the son of James and Sarah Severance Wilson, was born in 1862 and lived with his parents in Spring Lake. As a youth, Charles found employment in the lumber industry working on the log booms. According to the Federal Census of 1920, he was still a resident of Spring Lake working as a “Bridge Builder” for “Electric Railroads” [the interurban]. Ten years earlier he was a carpenter for the local interurban line. He died in Spring Lake in 1943. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his parents and other members of the family.

#### **Hance Wilson [1846-1931]**

Hance Wilson was born in Quebec, Canada on February 6, 1844 [1846]. He and his wife, Catherine “Katie” Orr, settled on a 40-acre farm on 144<sup>th</sup> Street in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. Their daughter Minnie married Ira Cross. Catherine, a native of Ontario, Canada, lived from November 10, 1843 to August 10, 1920. Hance died on June 27, 1931 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Katie. Their children, all born locally, were Eliza, born in October 1883; Katy, born in August 1885; Maud, born in March 1891; and William J. born in April 1894.

#### **Hiram Wilson [1811- ?] and Philip Wilson [1811- ?]**

Brothers Hiram and Philip Wilson came to Grand Haven in 1862. They were born in Canada 1811. In 1844 Phillip married Catharine Lane, who was born in Ontario, Canada on August 13, 1824. It was Philip’s second marriage. The couple moved to Grand Haven and in the 1870 Federal Census for Grand Haven he

was listed as a “Shop Keeper.” They had six children with them, all born in Canada: Emily, 18; Leonidas, 16; Reuben, 14; Willard, 12; Andrew, 8; and another Emily, three years old. Catharine, 47 years old, was born in New York State. By 1880, Philip, Catherine, Andrew, and Emily were living in Montcalm County. Catherine passed away in her birth town on January 13, 1901.

#### **James Abraham Wilson I [1839-1918]**

Born in Augusta, New York on September 21, 1839, James Wilson arrived in Spring Lake in 1851 aboard the steamer *Algoma* [*Algomah*] and later became a long-time employee of the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. He helped operate the business until it closed in 1891, and he was vice president when the business moved to Le Roy, Osceola County, and Ontario, Canada. On December 27, 1865, he married Sarah Jane Severence in Mill Point [Spring Lake]. She was born on June 3, 1845 in Michigan and died at her home at 246 Paris Avenue in Grand Rapids on February 12, 1906. James died in Grand Rapids on July 19, 1918. Their surviving children included Charles James Wilson, born in Ottawa, Canada on September 4, 1862; James A. Wilson II, who was born in Spring Lake in 1871, remained in Grand Haven, and died in 1927; and David W. Wilson, who lived from 1873 to 1898. James and Sarah were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 14, 1906.]

#### **Maurice Arthur Wilson [1906-1994]**

Maurice Wilson died in Broward County, Florida on April 30, 1994. He was born on September 25, 1906 in Coldwater, Branch County. He started working for Michigan Bell Telephone on December 26, 1928 and by 1940 was living at 430 Duncan Court in Grand Haven. He remained with the company until his retirement on July 1, 1970. On January 15, 1930, Maurice married Dorothy Holmes Winslow in Grand Rapids. She was born in Cuba on July 1, 1901. They came to Grand Haven in 1936 and eventually Maurice was promoted to district supervisor. He became active in the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and was museum director from its beginning at the Grand Trunk Depot in 1972 until 1991. He helped develop and expand the museum’s exhibits at the station. In 1993 he was named Historian of the Year. He also was active in the Boy Scouts for 40 years, a member of the Duncan Park Commission for 35 years, and a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club since 1976. Maurice and his wife Dorothy resided at 444 Duncan Court. She passed away on July 28, 1979, and he died on April 30, 1994.

#### **Michael Wilson [1826- ?]**

Born in Ogdensburg, New York in 1826, Michael Wilson and his wife Johanna came to Grand Haven from New York in 1866. Michael worked as a carpenter. Among the buildings he worked on in Grand Haven were the Cutler House, the Odd Fellows’ Block, the Congregational Church, and many private residences. His wife Johanna was born in Ireland about 1826. In 1870 the Wilsons were living in Spring Lake and ten years later they were residing on Colfax Street in Grand Haven. Their daughter Harriet was born about 1852.

#### **Ralph Gordon Wilson [1880-1957]**

Born in London, Ontario on October 21, 1880, Ralph Wilson joined the Challenge Machinery Company in the early 1900s as an accountant and eventually became its treasurer. His wife, Catharine “Kitty,” was the daughter of Benona and Mabel Lynn Blakeney. Ralph and Kitty were married on October 7, 1922 and had a daughter, Margaret Lynn, who was born about 1925. Kitty was born in Blunt, South Dakota about 1886 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904, where she later taught mathematics and German. She died on August 16, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Around 1910 the Wilsons moved into Kitty’s parent’s home at 454 Sheldon Terrace. Ralph belonged to the Masons, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Peninsular Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He was president of the Grand Haven Parks Board of Trustees. Ralph died on November 28, 1957 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Barney Berend Wilthof [Wildhof] [1872-1941]**

Barney Wilthof, listed as a teamster in the 1908 *Directory*, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 2, 1872. He worked for the Peter Van Zylén Lumber Company. On October 6, 1899 in Grand Haven, he married Fannie Outman. Fannie was born in Groningen on December 7, 1879 and died in Grand Haven on August 23, 1956. Their son William was born in Grand Haven on January 14, 1900 and died in Muskegon on April 13, 1975. The Wilthof home was at 607 South Fifth Street. Barney passed away on April 30, 1941. He and Fannie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Alexander Winchell [1824-1891]**

Alexander Winchell, a geologist from the University of Michigan, was the guest of Spring Lake resident and businessman Hunter Savidge early in 1870. Winchell believed that there were salt deposits under the entire state. Inspired by that thought, Aloys Bilz, Hunter Savidge, Allan Adsit [Adzit], and Robert Haire founded the Spring Lake Salt Company. Born in New York State on December 31, 1824, Alexander started teaching at the University of Michigan in 1854, first as professor of physics and civil engineering, and later as professor of geology and paleontology. He was geologist for the State of Michigan from 1859 to 1863 and again from 1869 to 1871 and in 1873 published *Atlas of the State of Michigan*. He was appointed Chancellor of Syracuse University in 1872, left there six years later, and taught at Vanderbilt University for a short time before returning to the University of Michigan in 1878. He married Julia Frances Lines in West Troy, New York on December 10, 1849. She was born in Troy, New York on October 29, 1825 and passed away in Ann Arbor on November 6, 1920. Alexander died in Ann Arbor on February 19, 1891. They were buried at Forest Hill Cemetery. Alexander and Julia had six children.

#### **Charles Bertrand Winslow [1853-1927]**

Born on April 7, 1853 in Pontiac, Charles was the son of Rollin B. and Delilah L. Winslow. Charles owned four shares of the Highland Park Association when it was organized in 1886. He became a partner with H. L. Chamberlain in the coal, lime, and cement business that Nathaniel Robbins purchased. Charles married Cynthia K. Coats in Benton Harbor on February 22, 1877. Cynthia, the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah Nickerson Robbins IV, had married Henry H. Coats in Benton Harbor on October 18, 1871. She was born on November 10, 1849 in Massachusetts and died on November 16, 1919 in St. Joseph, Berrien County. In 1880 Charles and Cynthia were residing with Nathaniel IV and his family in St. Joseph Michigan. Charles was listed as a bookkeeper at that time. The couple remained in St. Joseph until at least 1900. Charles died on January 24, 1927 in Wilmette, Illinois and was buried with his wife at St. Joseph City Cemetery in St. Joseph, Berrien County.

#### **Jacob W. Winsor [1816-1874]**

Jacob Winsor was living in Ottawa County as early as 1835 but by 1860 had moved to Grand Rapids, where he was a dealer in dry goods. He married Harriet Peck, who was born in 1820. The brother of Zenas Winsor, an early Grand Haven settler, Jacob was born in New York on June 11, 1816. He died in Grand Rapids on December 27, 1874 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Jacob and Harriet had four children: Sarah, born about 1843; Mary, born about 1864; Charles, born about 1846; and Martha, born about 1849. Harriet lived from 1822 to 1899, and also was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. Jacob's parents were Darius and Sally Winsor. Darius was born in Rhode Island on June 28, 1873, reached Grand Rapids in 1833, died in Grand Rapids on March 15, 1855, and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. Sally was born in New York in 1792, died in Grand Rapids on April 15, 1855, and was buried near her husband.

#### **Zenas [Zenos] G. Winsor [Winzor] [1814-1890]**

Born on December 14 [28], 1814 in Skaneateles, New York, Zenas, the oldest son of Darius and Sally Winsor, arrived at the mouth of Grand River before Grand Haven existed and saw it grow from a small trading post into a city. On May 23, 1833 he arrived in Ionia with 63 permanent settlers from his home state. He befriended Rix Robinson and served as a clerk at his Grand Haven trading post. Zenas left the area and went to California, only to return in 1855 to operate the Grand River Steamboat line between

Grand Haven and Grand Rapid. In 1871 he was agent for the Goodrich Transportation Company in Grand Haven. At the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the founding of Grand Haven, Zenas delivered a retrospective of the early years on December 2, 1884. For more on Zenas's parents, see Jacob W. Winsor.

Zenas married Emily Hopkins of Grand Rapids in 1838, but she died only eight months after the wedding. Zenas then in 1840 married a widow, Hannah Tower, who died on September 28, 1869. Winsor married again, this time in 1874 to another widow, Anne [Annie] M. Kilgore. Zenas died in Chattanooga, Tennessee on August 23, 1890. A brother Jacob, who also settled in the Grand Haven area, died in 1874.

### **Joseph Wipperfurth [1911-1988]**

Born on January 13, 1911 in Ashland, Wisconsin to William J. and Kathryn Wipperfurth, Joseph came to Grand Haven in 1939 and was a tugboat captain and chief engineer for Construction Aggregates Corporation. He married Helen Adolpha Szot on August 30, 1941. Helen was born on July 23, 1913 in Muskegon, the daughter of John and Anna Schmidt Szot. The Wipperfurths had one daughter, Judy, and two sons, Joseph and Matt. The family lived at 17677 North 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Joseph was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Tug Men's Association. He died on July 9, 1988 in Spring Lake. Helen passed away on October 22, 2003. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Joseph Wipperfurth and William Wipperfurth were brothers. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 9, 1988 and October 24, 2003.]

### **William Joseph Wipperfurth II [1905-1981]**

A native of Wisconsin, William Wipperfurth in 1948 started Tri-Cities Fuel and Supply Company with John Van Anrooy as his partner. William bought out Van Anrooy in 1952 and seven years later changed the company's name to Tri-Cities Construction & Supply. William was born in Ashland, Wisconsin on November 9, 1905, died on March 19, 1981 in Orange County, Florida, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He was the son of William J. and Kathryn Wipperfurth. On November 28, 1929 in Ferrysburg, Bill married Elizabeth A. McLellan, the daughter of Perry and Lillie Courneyer McLellan of Grand Haven. In 1930 William and his wife, listed as Alna, were living in Chippewa County, where he worked as foreman of a dock construction crew. After moving to Grand Haven, they resided at 114 Tolford in Spring Lake and later at 400 Lakeview. Their son, William III, was born in Grand Haven on April 1, 1932. Elizabeth was born on July 2, 1910 in Michigan and died in Grand Haven on June 26, 1997. William II and Joseph were brothers.

### **William Joseph Wipperfurth III [1932-2016]**

A 1950 graduate of Grand Haven High School, Bill Wipperfurth III received a business degree from Michigan State University. He founded and became president of Tri-Cities Construction, later known as Topper Construction, located at 925 West Savidge. He was the son of William and Elizabeth McLellan Wipperfurth. Bill III married Diana Horton in Angola, Indiana on March 7, 1953. Bill and Diana had four daughters: Elizabeth, deceased; Karen, who married Brian Dickey; Amey Horning; and Diana, who married Bradley Bench. Bill died in Spring Lake on December 13, 2016. Bill's wife Diana was born in Conneaut, Ohio on April 2, 1934. She died on September 20, 2019. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 15, 2016 and December 23, 2019.]

### **Sherman A. Wirick [1925-1914]**

In 1970 Sherm Wirick purchased Reichardt's Office Supply, where he had been working as salesman for a short time. He changed the name to Wirick Office Supply and in 1980 moved the business to 20 North Harbor Drive. Sherm was born in Morenci, Lenawee County on September 11, 1925. He served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during WWII from 1943 to 1946. After the war, he graduated from Michigan State College [now MSU]. He and his wife Marilyn had two daughters: Sherri and Pam. They and their husbands, Steve Kosanic and Tim Bullerdick, joined the business and took over its management in 1992. Sherm was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and the local American

Legion Post. He died in Muskegon on October 5, 1914. The Wirick business relocated again, this time to 1800D Industrial Park Drive in Grand Haven Township, and they operated a store in Holland, as well.

#### **Cyrus Wise [Weiss] [1818-1887]**

Cyrus Wise was born in Pennsylvania on December 22, 1818, died in Grand Haven on March 22, 1887, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Elizabeth [Lisabeth] Usinger, who was born on September 22, 1812, also in Pennsylvania. Among their children was Cyrus Henry Wise, who was born in Pennsylvania in August 1850. By 1880 the family was living in Grand Haven Township. Elizabeth died on June 16, 1885. Cyrus and Elizabeth were buried at Grand Haven Township Historic Cemetery under the name Weiss.

#### **Cyrus Henry Wise [Weiss] I [1850-1944]**

Cyrus Wise's parents were from Pennsylvania, where he was born on August 3, 1851. Cyrus, a shingle dealer, married Matilda Rue [Ruch] in Grand Haven on June 30, 1873. She was born on June 19, 1854, died in Grand Haven on June 21, 1910, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least one child, Cyrus Henry Wise II, who was born on October 12, 1876. In 1880 the family was residing on Columbus Street. In 1915 the family was living at 12 North First Street, which also served as Cyrus's office. He died on May 22, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Cyrus Henry Wise II [1875-1961]**

The son of Cyrus and Matilda Rue Wise, Cyrus II was born on October 12, 1875. Cyrus II married Lillian Chalmers in Grand Rapids on April 30, 1902. In Grand Haven they lived at 14 Franklin Street [cited in alternate sources as 29 Franklin] in the early 1900s, and in 1915 they lived at 106 Elliott Street. They had at least two daughters, Grace, born about 1904, and Esther, born about 1907. Robert, a three-month old son, died on November 17, 1904 in Grand Haven. Lillian was born on January 21, 1872 in Kent County and died on January 30, 1946. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cyrus and Lillian were divorced on February 4, 1916. Cyrus II, a carpenter, died on February 7, 1961. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cyrus had a sister, Kitty [Katherine], who was born in Grand Haven about 1874 and married William Noantay on June 1, 1892.

#### **John James Wiseman [1836-1911]**

As a young man John Wiseman left Wyoming County, New York, where he was born on August 20, 1836, and moved to Waukegan, Illinois. There, on December 31, 1863, he enlisted in Company I of the 17<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry as ferrier [horse shoer] and subsequently was promoted to quartermaster sergeant. After John was mustered out on December 5, 1865 he moved to Wisconsin. In 1869 he migrated to Crockery Township and settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 12, land that was owned by his father, James Wiseman, as early as 1864. Eight years later John started a tinshop and hardware business with his brother Guy in Nunica. Guy retired in a year and a half, and his brother sold the business in 1881 to William E. Gordon in order to open a grocery store. John applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on September 5, 1878. On April 11, 1867 in Neenah, Wisconsin, he married Caroline McFee [Fowler]. She was born in Canada in August 1837 and died about January 12, 1902. Caroline's mother, Elizabeth, was born in England about 1806 and resided with the Wisemans in the 1880s. The Wisemans owned 40 acres in Section 12 of Crockery Township. Their daughter Jessie was born about 1874 in Michigan. John died in Dallas, Oregon on December 16, 1911.

#### **John [Jan] Wessel [1841-1906?]**

See John [Jan] Wessel [Wissel].

#### **Gerald Arhardt Witherell I [1915-1960] and Izetta M. Decker "TuTu" Witherell [1918-2009]**

Izetta was born in Galien, Berrien County on September 20, 1918. Her parents were Robert and Louisa Murdock Decker. Izetta married Gerald A. Witherell I in St. Joseph, Berrien County on September 26,

1936. He was the son of Gerald Arhardt and Josephine Fonger Witherell and the grandson of well-known sea captain John J. Witherell [1834-1907] of Muskegon. Gerald and Izetta had two children: Gerald Witherell II, who was born on August 4, 1937 and became a resident of Grand Haven, and Mary Lou Witherell, who was born in Manistee on July 1, 1939, married Alfred A. Matzen, relocated to Newburgh, Indiana, and died on April 23, 2020 in Newburgh. David was born on May 20, 1939.

From the mid-1960s to the time of her death, Izetta resided at 527 Butler in Grand Haven. The elder Gerald, the grandson of early Muskegon settler, Captain John Witherell, was born in Muskegon on May 18, 1915. Gerald was a Surfman with the Coast Guard and stationed in St. Joe at the time of his wedding. In 1937, he was transferred to the Coast Guard Station in Manistee. Gerry and his mates were called to provide lifesaving service in the Ohio floods of that year. In the course of carrying out his duties, Gerry injured his back. The injury ultimately led to his discharge from the Coast Guard. Izetta's father, Frank Decker, owned and operated Decker Bus Lines. Grand Haven was one of its stops. After his discharge from the Coast Guard, Gerry I was hired as a mechanic and driver for the firm, but later drove for Greyhound Bus lines. Gerry died of pancreatic cancer on May 9, 1960

Izetta was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes, the Tri-Cities Council of Churches, and the Eastern Star Chapter No. 132 of Grand Haven and Spring Lake, where she once was Matron. She held leadership positions with the North Ottawa Community Hospital Auxiliary, PTA, and Girl Scouts. She was named Woman of the Year in 1968. Izetta was manager and buyer for Reichardt's in Grand Haven until her retirement in 1998. Izetta died on August 8, 2009 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her nickname TuTu came from the Hawaiian word for grandmother. [*Tribune* obituary, August 11, 2009.]

#### **Lewis Hinsdill Withey [1847-1925]**

In 1873 Lewis Withey joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and entered the silver mining business. He also was a founding trustee of the Michigan Trust Company in Grand Rapids from its start in 1889 to 1923. John lived from 1847 to 1925. He married Margaret Boyd, who was born in 1851 and died in 1936. Both were interred in the Withey Mausoleum at Oakhill Cemetery in Kent County.

#### **William H. Withey [1866-1943]**

William, the son of James [Lorenzo] and Eliza Holmes Withey was born in Michigan in November 1866. The family was residing in Crockery Township by 1880. On August 14, 1892 in Muskegon, William married Rebecca Rainsborough [Rainsboro]. A teacher in East Saginaw at the time of her marriage, Rebecca also was a native of Michigan, where she was born in March 1867. Her father was Joseph Rainsborough. The Witheys owned a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Crockery Township. Their children, all born in Nunica, included Florence, who was born on January 8, 1894 and married Apolis Griswold of Crockery Township; James, who was born in 1895, died in 1903, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Percy, who was born on March 15, 1897. William's mother lived from 1842 to 1907 and also was buried at Nunica Cemetery. William's father at one time owned a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Crockery Township, but by 1893 owned the farm in Section 1 that William eventually took over. William died in 1943 and Rebecca in 1956. Both were buried at Crockery Township Cemetery.

#### **Leslie Cassis Withun [1952-2020]**

The daughter of Ferris [1922-2000] and Dorothy Ellis [1923-1993] Cassis, Leslie was born in Grand Rapids on November 4, 1952. She graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1970 and married Paul Robert Withun on May 3, 1980. She worked for Grand Haven radio station WGHN for 30 years. Leslie and Paul resided at 407 Ohio Street in Grand Haven. She died in Grand Haven on July 4, 2020. Paul, who was born on November 7, 1956, passed away on May 26, 2023.

#### **Van Irving Witt [1868-1952]**

In 1907 Van Witt purchased Henry Baar's drug store at 216 Washington, about the same time he purchased Frederick Huty's drug store at 135 Washington. For a while ran both enterprises. He operated the business at 216 Washington under his name for nearly 20 years, when he sold it to Edward W. Ewald in late December 1926. In 1910 he opened another drug store, this one at 1125 Washington Street, which he sold in the 1920s to Carl Hetzel. Van was born in Mt. Pleasant on May 5, 1868 and came to Grand Haven around the mid-1890s from Lake City, Missaukee County. He worked as a druggist before opening his own store. On June 18, 1891 he married Lulu Barr in Chicago. Lulu was born in Indiana on April 10, 1865. They lived at 614 Lafayette from the early 1900s to at least 1940. Between 1940 and 1950, they moved to Palo Alto, California. Van, who was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, died on February 5, 1952 in Santa Clara County, California. Lulu passed away in San Mateo County, California on October 15, 1957. Both Witts were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Miriam [Marian] Witt, was born in Grand Haven on July 21, 1895. She died in Westport, Connecticut on February 10, 1988 under the name Miriam W. Bubb.

### **Jacob "Jack" Frederic Witteveen [1908-1995] and Esther Witteveen [1913-1993]**

During the 1950s Jack Witteveen owned Grand Haven Heating Company at 13894 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Later, the 160-acre site later became known as Jack and Esther Witteveen's Tree Farm and Evergreen Farm Nursery. The Witteveens sold Christmas trees wholesale and retail. Jack married Della Brower in Holland on March 14, 1935. Born in 1911, Della passed away in 1940. On March 29, 1944 he married Esther Hery Dykhouse in Grand Haven. Esther was born on May 3, 1913, passed away on October 2, 1993, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She was the daughter of Baldwin and Laura Saul Hery of Grand Haven Township. Esther and her first husband, Mink Dykhouse, were divorced. After the Witteveens deaths, the home, outbuildings, and remaining 118 acres were bequeathed to the Hofma. Jack lived from August 14, 1908 to June 11, 1995. He was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland with Della.

### **Willard Warner Wixom [1906-1976]**

Willard Wixom served with the Michigan State Police. For a short time in the late 1920s, he was assigned to the Ferrysburg post at 50 Pine Street [approximate number]. He later was stationed at the State Police Post in Marquette and was one of the two officers who arrested U.S. Army Lieutenant Manion as a suspect in a case that was dramatized in the 1959 movie *Anatomy of a Murder*, filmed in Marquette. Willard was born on May 9, 1906. On June 12, 1931 he married Dorothy Mae Hartshorn in Elkhart, Indiana. He died on January 2, 1976 and was buried at Park Cemetery in Marquette. She lived from March 17, 1909 to March 17, 1989 and was buried at the same cemetery under the name Dorothy Wixom Geiger.

### **Joseph Townsend Wixson [Wixon, Wixen] [1840-1909]**

After working together as Wixson & Baker, Joseph Wixson in June 1880 sold his photography studio, which he had opened in 1877, to his partner Edwin P. Baker. Prior to that, the business for a while operated under the name of Mrs. J. E. Wixson. The studio was located over the post office at the southeast corner of Washington and First Streets [100 Washington, and the Wixsons resided on Clinton Street. Edwin was a lodger in the Wixson home in 1880.

Joseph was born on May 29, 1840 in Steuben, New York and moved to Sanilac County with his parents in 1850. On March 16, 1863 in Sanilac County, he married Sarah Maynard, who lived from 1840 to 1934. They had three children: Albion Fremont Wixson, born in Sanilac on September 23, 1862; Chester Addison Wixson, born on February 27, 1872 in Iowa; and William Wixson, born on July 9, 1869 in Sanilac. On October 6, 1864, during the Civil War, Joseph enlisted in Company I of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry but was listed as a deserter less than a week later. In 1870 he was a photographer in Sanilac County, living with his 80-year-old mother, Sarah Wixson. Also in the household was Albion and a 17-year-old servant named Julia Van Camp. Sarah was listed as divorced and living in Sanilac with Albion and William. On July 13, 1877 in Spring Lake, Joseph married Julia Van Camp. She was born on July 4,



1852 in Sanilac County. Joseph and Julia had three children: Julia Wixson, born on May 30, 1875; Luella Wixson, born about 1878; and Jessie Townsend Wixson, who was born about 1880 in Whitehall with a vision disorder. Lilly [Lulu May] Wixson, who was born on January 29, 1876 also was in the Wixson household in 1880; apparently her biological parents were Phineas Herrick [1832-1898] and Martha Hotchkiss Herrick [1838-1925]. She and William were later married. The Wixson home was on Clinton Street. Joseph died in Oneida, Wisconsin on December 5, 1909. Julia passed away on January 3, 1922 in Valley Springs, California.

### **Adolph Wojahn [1840-1915]**

A native of Posen, Germany, where he was born on June 11, 1840, Adolph Wojahn moved to Grand Haven in 1909. He previously had lived in Chicago, where he settled with his parents from Germany in 1865. He died September 4, 1915 at the home of his son, Reinold [Reinhold], at 1250 Franklin Street. He had two other sons, Herman of Chicago and Carl [Charles] of Mobile, Alabama. Adolph's wife, Augusta, died the next year on December 13, also at Reinold's home. She had immigrated to the United States from Germany about 1896. Reinold had a son, Otto, who died at his father's home on April 27, 1918 at the age of 25, five months after his marriage. Otto was employed by the Keeler Brass Works in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 7, 1915 and April 27, 1918.]

### **John Wolbrink [1842-1899], Charles Edward Wolbrink [1875-1946], and John Jacob Wolbrink [1878- 1955]**

In 1894 John Wolbrink and his cousin, Charles E. Wolbrink, bought a general store in Allendale from Isaac John Quick. John Wolbrink, who was born in The Netherlands in 1842, was buried at Allendale Cemetery. On April 24, 1868 in Allendale, John married Harriet Ann Quick, Isaac's sister. Harriet was born in Michigan in 1852, passed away in 1935, and was buried near her husband at Allendale Cemetery. Harriet and John had a son, John Jacob Wolbrink, who was born in Allendale on February 3, 1870, died in 1955, and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Around 1918 John J. bought out his cousin's interest and made his son Francis a partner. When the building burned down in 1920 it was replaced by a brick structure. Two more of John's sons joined the business and adopted the name J. J. Wolbrink & Sons. John J. married Zodie Maud Brown on June 20, 1894. She was born in Allendale on June 17, 1872, died there on January 29, 1946, and was buried at Allendale Cemetery with her husband. Charles was born in the same community on September 29, 1875, died in Grant, Newaygo County on February 6, 1946, and was buried at Allendale Cemetery with other family members. He owned a grocery store in Grant. Charles married Artie L. Parish of Allendale on December 17, 1902. She was born in Allendale on January 4, 1882 and died in Cadillac on May 4, 1973. Like the others, she was buried at Allendale Cemetery with her husband. Charles and Artie had three children.

### **Garrett [Gerrit] Henry Wolbrink [1836-1921]**

On April 5, 1899, Garrett Wolbrink was appointed postmaster of Conger, short-lived community in Allendale Township with a population in 1902 of 30 people. Garrett was born in The Netherlands on April 12, 1836 and immigrated to the United States in 1854. He married Emily Mae Baker on September 15, 1863. A native of Canada, she lived from December 25, 1843 to September 17, 1920. In 1866 Garrett opened Allendale's first general store, sometimes known as the Farmers' Store. The store closed in 1911, and with it the town of Conger disappeared. Garrett passed away on August 30, 1921 in Allendale and was buried at the township cemetery with Emily. Their daughter, Elizabeth Grace Wolbrink, was born on January 22, 1866 and died on June 17, 1939. A son, John Jacob Wolbrink, was born on February 3, 1870.

### **Sarah Huller [Fuller] Clements Wolcott [1822-1902]**

Sarah Huller was born in New York on April 11, 1822. On December 2, 1862, she married Osgood S. Clements in Berrien County. He was born in 1816 in Virginia and previously had been married to Eliza Johnson, who died in 1856 in Indiana. On October 22, 1870, Sarah married Oliver Wolcott. After Oliver's death on August 7, 1892, Sarah managed the family's strawberry farm on Potawatamie Bayou in Section

35 [North] of Grand Haven Township. Oliver also was from New York. Sarah died on April 23, 1902, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her son, Charles, was born in Illinois in November 1856.

**Anthony Wolf [1909-1987]**

Born in Chicago on July 19, 1909, Tony Wolf was a Robinson township supervisor and school board member. On September 19, 1933, he married Margaret Pearl, the daughter of John and Josephine Stark Holtrop. Margaret was born on March 6, 1912. The Wolfs, who had no children, resided at 12328 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Robinson. In the 1930s Tony purchased the real estate at 800 Washington Street from Nellis Van Hemert and opened Wolf's Dairy Bar. His advertisements said, "No Better Cream Anywhere," and added, "Creams Specially Packed for Parties." At age 59 Tony founded the West Indies Self-Help Mission on the island of La Gonave, Haiti, for the purpose of helping residents learn the art of agriculture. After his wife's death in October 1979, he constructed a library in her honor on the island. Hundreds of school children on La Gonave met their educational needs at the library. The library also devoted a section to pastoral use. Anthony and Margaret considered a Haitian orphan, Premire Verdieu, their daughter. Premire continued the mission and sewing school after the Wolfs' deaths. Tony died on October 15, 1987. He and his wife were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 15, 1987.]

**Eugene Morris [Marce] "Ducky" Wolfe [Wolf] [1898-1987]**

Eugene Wolfe was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 6, 1898. On August 14, 1929 in Muskegon Heights, he married Esther L. Ore, Luella Pinto's daughter. It was his second marriage. The Wolfes and Pintos were classified as Negroes in the 1930 Federal Census. Esther was born in Arkansas on June 2, 1912. In 1930 Ducky and Esther were living with John and Luella Pinto at 1329 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. The Wolfes had two children: Charlene, who was born in Illinois about May 1927, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1945, and was deceased by 2000; and Tyrie "Bubbles" Leeverster Wolfe, who was born in Illinois [Michigan] on February 19, 1929. In 1949 he graduated from Grand Haven High School, where he played in the marching band and in a dance band. He also competed in football and baseball. After graduation Tyrie enlisted in the Army, served in Vietnam, and retired as SFC. He settled in Waynesville, Missouri where he died on June 30, 2000. He apparently had a son with the same name, who was born in Muskegon in December 1966. In 1948 the family resided at 321 Franklin. Eugene and Esther were divorced in Grand Haven on November 21, 1950. Eugene, who worked at a variety of jobs, died in Grand Haven on August 19, 1987. He was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Esther passed away on May 13, 1976 in Muskegon. [*Tribune* obituary, August 21, 1987.]

**William Martin Wolff [1884-1947]**

In 1930 William Wolff was stationed in Grand Haven as Head Crewman for the 10<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District. Born in Massachusetts on January 1, 1884, he married Edith Eugenia Northrup on November 11, 1912 in Manchester, Massachusetts. Edith was born in Canada on July 16, 1889. In 1930 she resided at 508 Slayton with her two children. William was included with his crew mates in the Federal Census of that year. William died on November 17, 1947 and was buried in Provincetown Cemetery, Massachusetts. Edith passed away on November 2, 1957 and was buried near her husband.

**Arie Woltman I [Waltman] [1843-1892]**

Born in The Netherlands in 1843, at age ten Arie Woltman, his brother Jurrien, and their father arrived at Staten Island, New York. The father passed away just days after arriving, so Arie did odd jobs to support himself. Around 1852 he settled in Holland, Michigan and became a cook's assistant on numerous schooners. Arie and his brother Jurrien began business in Grand Haven in 1875 as partners with Jurrien Ball at a store called Woltman, Ball & Company, located at 201-203 Washington Street [Howlett Block]. On November 1, 1877 the business failed, but Jurrien Ball appealed to their creditors to let him carry on. He and a brother bought out the Woltmans and operated a dry goods and grocery business as the J. Ball Store.

Arie was elected sheriff of Ottawa County in 1876 and served four terms. In the mid-1880s he was probate judge, and at the end of that decade he moved back to Holland and opened a cigar store. In the summer months he commanded the steamer *Lizzie Walsh*. Arie was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He passed away on March 9, 1892. His wife, Altje "Alice" Lubbers, died two years later on April 1. She was born in The Netherlands in 1845. The Woltmans' children, all born in Michigan, were Herman, born about 1869; Jennie, born about 1871; Martin, born about 1873; Anna, born about 1878; and Arie II, born about 1884. Arie II married Ella Case in Zeeland on November 25, 1908. [*Tribune* obituary, March 10, 1892.]

### **Jurrien "Jerry" Woltman [Waltman] [1844-1916]**

On September 5, 1916, Johanna Dipenhorst Woltman, Jurrien Woltman's wife, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. The application cited Jerry's service in Company I of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry and Company K of the 28<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He enlisted in Grand Rapids at the age of 20 as a private. Born in The Netherlands in November 1844, Jerry immigrated to America with his brother Arie and their father in 1851. A few days after arriving at Staten Island, New York the father passed away. Eventually he and Arie settled in Holland, Michigan. Jerry began business in Grand Haven in 1875 as partner with his brother and Jurrien Ball. They opened a store, called Woltman, Ball & Company, at 201-203 Washington Street [Howlett Block]. On November 1, 1877 the business failed, but Jerry appealed to his creditors to let him carry on. He and a brother bought out the Woltmans and operated the dry goods and grocery business as the J. Ball Store. Jerry was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "drummer," or salesman, in Grand Haven.

Before Johanna became his wife, Jerry in 1867 married Guertje De Vries. She lived from 1844 to 1873. She and Jerry had a daughter, Antje "Anna," who was born on March 9, 1868, and a son, John, who died in 1870 at the age of one. Jerry and Johanna also had children: Harry, who died in May 1891 at the age of 14, and two daughters, Anna and Maggie. Jerry died in Zeeland on July 15, 1916. He and Johanna were married in Noordeloos, Ottawa County, on November 2, 1875. Johanna was born in The Netherlands on January 17, 1850 and immigrated to the United States aboard the *Jacob A. Westervelt* on September 20, 1855. The Woltmans lived at 228 Columbus. Johanna died about January 18, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Jurrien and other family members.

### **Alexander Wood [1839-1917]**

Born in Castle Douglas, Scotland on April 28, 1839, Alexander Wood came to America by way of Canada with his parents eleven years later. He worked on a farm in New York where he also learned the blacksmith trade. Prior to the Civil War he was agent for the Creek Indians in Georgia and Alabama. At the onset of the war, Alexander was taken prisoner by Confederate soldiers and kept at his trade of blacksmithing. When the war ended, he was sent by the U.S. Government to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for two years, possibly because of his association with the Confederates. He also served in Arizona and participated in several Indian battles.

In 1870 Alexander moved to Port Washington, Wisconsin. On April 4 the next year, he married Ella Diantha Chamberlin in Ozaukee, Wisconsin. Ella was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin on March 4, 1847 to Charles E. [1818-1897] and Eliza [1825-1918] Chamberlin. About 1872 Alexander and Ella came to Spring Lake where he operated a blacksmith's shop until 1916. It was located on the southwest corner of Park and Savidge Streets. During his time in Spring Lake Alexander served as village president in 1898, was a member of the Spring Lake School Board, and held other offices.

Ella was one of the organizers of the Hatton Memorial Hospital Board and the Spring Lake Cemetery Association, and she was a member of the Spring Lake Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the American Revolution. She also was active with the Women's Christian Temperance Union [WCTU] and helped collect money for the maintenance of a water fountain donated by Spring Lake businessman, Enno Pruijm. The fountain, installed at the corner of Jackson and Savidge, encouraged passersby to slake their thirst there instead of at a saloon. Alexander and his wife moved to 114 East

Savidge in Spring Lake after 1899, the year the previous owner, James Emery, passed away. The Woods' son, Harry A., was born in in Spring Lake on April 18, 1874 and died in Wisconsin in 1939. The Woods also had a daughter, Mary F., born on March 17, 1882 and passed away in March 1974 in Spencerport, New York under the name Mary Benthin. Ella died on September 23, 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband, who died on March 26, 1917.

#### **Horace Bowen Wood [1846-1939]**

While living in Coventry, Rhode Island, Horace Wood enlisted with the Federal forces as private on February 19, 1862. He transferred from Company A of the 4<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island Infantry into Company G of the 7<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island Infantry on February 1, 1865 and was mustered out on July 13 that year. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on February 17, 1890 while residing in Crockery Township, where he was still living in 1920. Horace, the son of David and Mary Wood, was born on October 30, 1846. He died on February 18, 1939 and was buried at Crockery Township Cemetery.

#### **John D. Wood [1836-?]**

John Wood was born in Detroit on April 14, 1836. On April 20, 1861 he enlisted as private in Company F of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry and was mustered out on August 7 of that year, evidently while serving in the quartermaster's office. After the Civil War he married a widow, Elizabeth Beard Sherman, in Illinois. They moved to Saginaw, where John worked for three years at a lumber business. He and Elizabeth then settled in Olive Township in 1870. He served as clerk, drain commissioner, and justice of the peace. Elizabeth was born in Seneca County, New York, in November 1837 and died on June 14, 1878. John was widowed and still farming in Olive Township in 1880.

#### **Silas T. Wood [1817-1889]**

When the first bridge over the South Channel, an extension of Elliott Street, opened in 1872, the City of Grand Haven paid Silas T. Wood \$30 a month to serve as bridge tender. Silas was born in Massachusetts [Connecticut] in 1817. His wife Elizabeth "Betsey" came from New York, where she was born about 1824. He and Betsey were residing in Grand Haven at the time of the 1870 and 1880 Federal Censuses. In the later census, he was working as a gardener. Silas and Elizabeth returned to Wyoming, Kent County, where they had lived prior to making Grand Haven their home. He passed away in Wyoming on July 13, 1889. They had at least three children: Frederick Woods, born about 1846; Emeline Wood, born about 1849; and Charles Wood, born about 1852.

#### **Giles Woodbury [1816-1867]**

Giles Woodbury was born in Perryville, Tompkins County, New York on November 11, 1816. He settled first in Muskegon, then moved to Grand Haven. A tanner by trade, Giles partnered with Clark Albee when Albee bought the Sheldon Tannery in Grand Haven in 1854. On November 14, 1860, Giles married Matilda Gardner Fox, a widow who had settled in Allendale Township in 1840. She was born in England around 1821, died in Allendale on March 9, 1891, and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. The Woodburys moved to Section 11 of Allendale Township in 1861, where Giles took up farming. The Woodburys' two children, both born in Michigan, were Jesse, born in 1861, and Warren, born about 1865. Matilda had two sons by her first marriage, Charles D. Fox, born in Michigan in 1840, and Frank J. Fox, born in Michigan on May 3, 1849. Giles died on August 16, 1867.

#### **Jesse Giles Thomas Woodbury [1860-1912]**

On December 24, 1887 in Allendale, Jesse Woodbury married Alice Magdalin Wolbrink. When Jesse was sheriff of Ottawa County, he and Alice lived in the building that housed the jail and sheriff's office on the northeast corner of Fourth and Franklin Streets in Grand Haven. Jesse, born in Grand Haven on August 6, 1860, was the son of Giles and Matilda Fox Woodbury of Allendale Township. In 1892 Jesse gave up the family farm in Section 11 of Allendale Township and started a planing mill in partnership with Dennis Bennett. Jesse died in Grand Haven on April 16, 1912. Alice was born on March 22, 1864 and passed

away on June 13, 1946. Both she and Jesse were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their six children, they had two daughters, Genevieve Woodbury, who lived from November 11, 1894 to January 19, 1911, and Florence M. Woodbury, who was born on April 24, 1889 and died on May 5 six years later. The sisters also were buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Joseph C. Woodford [1896-1979]**

Arriving from Pennsylvania, Joseph Woodford in 1951 started Nidel Manufacturing in Spring Lake. Nidel produced brooms. Joseph and his wife, Dorothy H., resided at 205 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. He was born on October 31, 1896 and died in Spring Lake on May 1979. Dorothy lived from March 29, 1906 to November 1984. She passed away in Spring Lake. The company continued to operate at least until the time of Joseph's death.

#### **James Henry Woods [Henry James Woods] [1887-1963]**

James Woods was born in Canada on August 13, 1887 and was listed as Negro in the 1930 Federal Census for Grand Haven. He was a laborer in a local coal yard. James married Esta Bracy on January 7, 1920 in Boyne City, Charlevoix County. Esta, also Black, was born on April 16, 1892 in Mecosta County. In Grand Haven, they resided at 515 North Seventh Street. Living with them was their daughter Harriet, who was born in Boyne City on April 5, 1922. The family of three appeared also in the 1940 Federal Census for Grand Rapids, and James and Esta appeared in the next decennial census for Grand Rapids. Esta died on March 23, 1953 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids. James passed away ten years later on June 25 and was buried at the same cemetery.

#### **William E. Woodworth [1903-1963]**

William Woodworth was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, on August 3, 1903. He became president of Kent Products, which was started in 1952 at 427 North Griffin. He married Kathleen Davison, also from Shelbyville, on July 15, 1936. William died in Grand Haven on March 8, 1963, after a lingering illness. Kathleen was born on April 8, 1905 and died in Miami, Florida on April 7, 1981. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Phillip A. Woolley [1831-1912]**

Phillip Woolley lived in Grand Haven long enough to build the Italianate-style residence at 514 Lafayette Street in 1870 and remain in it for four years. Phillip's last child, born in Grand Haven in 1873, was named Kate Ferry Wooley. Edward Payson Ferry purchased the property the year after her birth. Phillip was born in Malone, New York on February 17, 1831. He married Catherine Ann Loucks in Ottawa, Canada, on January 23, 1859. The year of her birth varies from record to record, but the most reliable seems to be August 28, 1842. She was born in Osgoode, Ontario, Canada. Phillip made his fortune by turning timber into railroad ties. He and his family moved to Elgin, Illinois in 1874 and on to the State of Washington sometime after 1880. He founded the town of Wooley, Washington, in 1890. A dispute led to the town being renamed Sedro-Wooley. His and Catherine's children were: Parazada "Sadie" Magdaline Woolley [1859-1953]; William A. Wooley [1862-1935]; Maud A. Wooley [1866-1883]; Phillip Lankford Woolley [1870-1934]; Langford L. Wooley [1872-?]; and Kate Ferry Woolley, 1873-1927]. The first three children were born in Canada, the last three in Grand Haven. Phillip died in Sedro-Wooley on July 17, 1912. Catherine passed away in the same community on March 28, 1924.

#### **Stephen Wooley [1829-1913]**

Spring Lake resident Stephen Wooley was born in England in December 1829. His wife, Elizabeth M. [Mary], was born in Pennsylvania in November 1832. They had several children, all born in Michigan, including Henry A., who lived from July 1862 to 1911; Herbert, who lived from 1866 to 1882; Phoebe, who was born about 1868; and Bertie, who was born in 1871 and died in 1932. Stephen, who was classified as a "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*, passed away in 1913. Mary lived from 1834 to 1873.

The family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They lived in a two-story frame house on Savidge, later occupied by the Barrett family.

### **Harold Anthony Worm [Warm] [1899-1969]**

Anthony and Bibianna Worm were residents of Kent County as early as 1870. Their son Harold was born in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1899. Harold resided in Grand Rapids, where he was an artist, real estate developer, and architect. In 1927 Anthony constructed a log cabin near the future North Shore Drive, about a half mile south of today's North Beach Park. All the construction materials were delivered by boat, since the road wasn't put in until the next year. The small, four-room log cabin remained in place until 1998, when it was dismantled in sections and moved. Harold married Jeanette "Jean" Eleanor Fox on July 18, 1921 in Grand Rapids. In 1927 they built a more substantial two-story, Tudor-style home closer to the beach [18889 North Shore Drive].

By 1930 Harold and his partner, Lincoln Vercoe [1897-1984], also of Grand Rapids, owned a number of acres in the area, which they purchased from Orphie W. Gotto [1882-1937] of Long Beach, Indiana. Harold and Lincoln opened an office and distributed a brochure called "Green Banks" to promote their North Shore development. The Depression slowed the growth of the North Shore but did not stop it. In 1931 Harold started the Cabana Colony Club, a group of cabins with adjacent restaurant just south of today's North Beach Park. [Ottawa County purchased the property used for North Beach Park from Harold.] The Cabana Colony became a popular nightspot, which offered dancing and entertainment. During WWII the club shut down and never reopened. After the war James Farley purchased several of the cabanas, moved them to 17485 Fruitport Road and opened a resort business known as the Spring Lake Cabanas. About this time, Harold and his son David formed the Michigan Development Company, with plans to extend North Shore Road northward into an area called North Shore Estates. In 1959 Dr. David and Dottie Seibold built a home at 18381 North Shore Estates Drive and became the first year-round residents of the area. Harold died in August 1969. which they built in his memory and donated to North Shore residents.

In the early 1950s Harold's family name was legally changed to Warm, but it was a few years before the new name was commonly accepted. Harold's and Jean's son David Harold Worm was born on July 9, 1924, married Paula Gerber [1932-2023] of the Gerber Baby Food family on February 23, 1957 using the name Warm, and died on May 20, 1995 in Leelanau County. Their daughter Mary Janet Worm was on November 24, 1925, married Edward Lewis O'Brien [1919-1995], and died on Mary 28, 2000, and a second daughter, Janet Matheson Worm, was born in 1929 and died on July 10, 2014.

Harold died on November 27, 1969. Jean, who was born in 1901, died on November 12 the next year. Both were buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Their children purchased land for two tennis courts across the street from the family, which they donated to North Shore residents. Pickel ball courts were added later.

### **Charles Harold Worsfold [1877-1947]**

Charles, the son of John and Hannah Renton Worsfold, was born on October 1, 1877 in Ontario, Canada and immigrated to the United States in 1892. On June 8, 1898 in Chicago he married Cordelia Elvira Duffy. She was born in Missouri on March 31, 1874 and passed away on July 6, 1943. Charles and Cordelia resided at 537 Lafayette. Their children were Katherine Worsfold, born in 1901; George Renton Worsfold, who lived from 1905 to 1993; Hannah Edgeworth Worsfold, who lived from 1908 to 1994; Dorothea Sue Worsfold, born in Illinois in 1912; and Charles R. Worsfold, born in Michigan about 1916. In 1930 they were still residing at 537 Lafayette. At that time Charles was custodian at the Elks Club on Second Street in Grand Haven. John died on June 24, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cora passed away on July 6 three years later and was buried at Lake Forest. Charles died on March 23, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest with other Worsfolds.

### **John Worsfold [1841-1940]**

Born in London, England on November 18, 1841, John Worsfold lived in Ontario, Canada and Illinois before coming to Grand Haven in 1910 [1909]. He became known as “Grand Haven’s Honey Man,” and would walk with his heavy merchandise in pails suspended from a harness pole on his shoulders. He hiked many miles each day from Highland Park to Spring Lake, where he would sell his wares. John, along with Martha Rice, appeared in several Coast Guard Festival Parades as Grand Haven’s oldest citizens. John was one of the founding members of the Christian Science Church in Grand Haven. He married Hannah Renton, who was born in Ontario in 1846 and died on December 25, 1887 in Ontario. In 1930, John was residing with his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Cordelia [Cora] Worsfold, at 537 Lafayette Street. John died on June 24, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Stanley Leroy Worthing [Worthy] [1890-1986]**

Born on January 7, 1890 in Center, Wisconsin, Stanley Worthing married Eva Lex on June 26, 1910 in Spring Lake. Born in June 1884 in Spring Lake, she was the daughter of Peter and Lenora Kinney Lex. At the time of their marriage, Stanley was working as a boiler maker at an unspecified factory. About the time of WWI, Stanley was a private in the Illinois National Guard. He and Eva were living in Crockery Township in 1918, but had moved to Grand Rapids by 1920, where he was employed as an engineer in a factory. The couple attended Unity Church in Grand Rapids. Ten years later the couple was running a fruit farm on 34 acres on Battle Point in Crockery Township. Sometime after 1950, they moved to the Spring Lake Village area, where they remained the rest of their lives. Stanley established himself as a self-employed artist. He named his studio Su-Stan.

Among his favorite subjects were paintings of famous people, including Gerald R. Ford when he was president, Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stanley died in Spring Lake on February 20, 1986. Eva passed away on March 12, 1970 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. At the time of her death, the couple resided at 13556 Cypress Avenue in Crockery Township.

#### **John Wright [1815-1874]**

John Wright owned an acre of land that he sold for \$120 to the U.S. Government in 1838 as a site for the first lighthouse. He owned other parcels in the area. [This may be John Stephen Wright, born on July 16, 1815 in Sheffield, Massachusetts. He ran a manufacturing business in Chicago, where he died on September 26, 1874.]

#### **John Sampson Wright [1820-1904]**

Born in December 1820 in Ohio, John Wright was a physician in Indiana before coming to Crockery Township in 1875 to set up practice. He also had “Blooded Horses for Sale,” as advertised in the 1893 *Business Compendium*. His wife Nancy was born in New York about 1823, died on August 9, 1895 at the age of 73, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. John died the week of February 19, 1904. The Wrights owned property in Section 15 of Crockery Township. Their daughter Della was born in Indiana on June 27, 1860 and married John Fremont Brown. She died on November 3, 1888 and was buried at Crockery. After Nancy’s death, John shared his home with his brother Henry, born in Ohio in December 1832.

#### **Mell Wright [1896-1971]**

Born on November 20, 1896, Mell Wright managed the Grand Haven Kroger Store before opening Wright’s Grill in downtown Grand Haven [211 Washington] in the 1940s. He purchased Highland Park Hotel in 1947 and operated it until the building was destroyed by fire in December 1967. He also owned Highland Park Hotel Annex, which Mell’s wife, Ruth E., continued to operate after his death until she sold it. Mell died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth was born on May 6, 1898 and died in Ferrysburg on May 8, 1995.

#### **Squire Austin Wright [1838-1862]**

S. Austin Wright, a native of Grand Haven, was born on December 23, 1838. On October 31, 1861 he enlisted in Company C of the 55<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry as second lieutenant. He was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh on April 6, 1862 and died from his wounds in Quincy, Illinois on May 12. According to his headstone at Lake Forest Cemetery, he held the rank of captain, although that promotion was not cited in his service records. Prior to entering the military, Austin was engaged to be married to Sarah Pennoyer, daughter of Henry and Harriet Pennoyer. Sarah was born in Muskegon on April 29, 1841.

**George Heinrich [Henry] Wilhelm Wuennecke [Winicka] [1881-1964]**

George Wuennecke was an employee of Variety Woodwork Company at 350-407 Davis in Grand Haven. The company was active from about 1932 to 1945. Prior to that, George was foreman at the Higman Basket Factory on Sixth Street. He was born in Eitzen, Minnesota on February 5, 1881 and on June 12, 1908 married Jennie Weavers. She was born in Grand Haven on March 5, 1881. Their children, all born locally, were William born about 1910; Wilhelmina, who lived from 1910 to 1923; Katherine, born about 1913; and Bertha, who lived from 1916 to 1995. The couple and their four children resided at 817 Madison. Jennie passed away on October 21, 1963, and George died on September 19, 1964. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Barth Willard Wurtz [1922-2000]**

Born on November 6, 1922 in Muskegon, Barth Wurtz served in the Pacific as sergeant with the United States Army Engineer Corps during WWII. After the war, he played saxophone with the Frank Lockage Band of Muskegon as a hobby, but by the early 1970s he had opened a real estate office at 737 Columbus in Grand Haven and later at 721 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Barth married June Elaine Bearss in Muskegon on February 14, 1948. He died on November 13, 2000. She was born in Shelby on June 16, 1923 and passed away in Spring Lake on June 27, 2021. She and Barth were buried at Norton Cemetery in Norton Shores. They had two children, Jim Wurtz and Cheri Wurtz, who married Mark Heger. Cheri and Jim remained in the Norton Shores area.

**Charles E. Wyman [1826-1899]**

Born in Schroon, Essex County, New York on February 10, 1826, Charles Wyman moved to Ohio when he was 20 and remained there for six years before coming to Michigan. His parents were John and Abigail Potter Wyman. In 1864 Charles built a sawmill in Blendon Township, which necessitated a six-mile lumber run to the river. In 1865 he sold the mill and went into the oil business in Oil Creek, Pennsylvania. Returning to Grand Haven in 1866, Charles formed a partnership with Henry W. Buswell. They bought the Ferry Mill at the foot of Columbus Street, and when that mill burned down in 1868, they erected a new mill a little farther up the river and also opened a mill on the Muskegon River at White Cloud. That mill employed about 35 men and produced approximately 50,000 board feet a day. In 1887 Charles was named director of the newly formed Dake Engine Company. He was one of the major shareholders of the company.

In 1851 Charles married Harriet Reynolds of Cuyahoga, Ohio. She was born about 1824 and died on March 8, 1895. The Wymans had four children: Harvey Platt Wyman., born in Ohio in 1852; Charles R. Wyman, born in Ohio on January 16, 1855; George R. Wyman, born on November 10, 1859 [May 1858]; and William Potter Wyman, who was born about 1862 and married Arminnie Lydia "Minnie" McKee on October 27, 1885 in Laingsburg, Shiawassee County. The Wyman home was at 308 Franklin Street. However, Charles died at another home near Nunica on May 11, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, May 11, 1899.]

**Charles R. Wyman [1855-1899]**

Charles, the son of Charles and Harriet Reynolds Wyman, was born in Ohio on January 16, 1855. He married May Perkins, a native of Michigan, where she was born on May 1, 1859. She was the daughter of Noah and Ellen Turner Perkins of Spring Lake. The Wymans' children included Alice Wyman, who



attended Ypsilanti Normal College [Eastern Michigan University]; Edgar P. Wyman, who lived from November 11, 1888 to March 9, 1955; George L. Wyman, born in October 1892; and Ruth, R. Wyman, born on August 16, 1898. In 1877 Charles and Daniel Garnsey operated the Garnsey & Wyman Insurance Company in the Cutler House. The Wyman family later resided in Crockery Township, where Charles was an insurance agent. He died on May 11, 1899. May passed away on July 21, 1913. Charles and May were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Ruth, who died on November 22, 1901. George and Harvey Wyman were his brothers.

### **George R. Wyman [1859-1905]**

Born in Blendon Township on November 10, 1859, George was the son of Charles and Harriet Reynolds Wyman. His brother Harvey J. Wyman moved to Johnson City, Tennessee and another brother, William P. Wyman, relocated to Santa Barbara, California. George came to Grand Haven with his family about 1865. For some years he was engaged as a clerk in the lumbering business with his brother, but in 1895 he joined the Dake Engine Company. He was a member of the Board of Public Works, alderman from the Second Ward from 1897 to 1900, and member of the Masons, Knights Templars, and Modern Woodman Lodge. He died of Bright's Disease at his home on Franklin Street on August 7, 1905. Charles R. Wyman of Grand Haven was another of his brothers. [*Tribune* obituary, August 7, 1905.]

### **Harvey Platt Wyman [1852-1924]**

When the Dake Engine Company was organized in 1887, Harvey Wyman was a major stockholder and from 1892 to 1895 served as its second president. Harvey also was secretary of the Chippewa Lumber Company in 1893. Born on August 5, 1852 in Ohio, he was the son of Charles and Harriet Reynolds Wyman. Harvey died on September 3, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Ellen May Rumsey in Grand Rapids on March 4, 1875. She was born in Grand Rapids on January 25, 1854, died on September 10, 1940 in Ann Arbor, and was buried with Harvey at Lake Forest. Charles R. Wyman and George Wyman were Harvey's brothers.

### **Ida Madison Yaggie [1899-1982] and Henry John Yaggie [1892-1954]**

While living in Section 3 of Olive Township, Ida Yaggie found a Clovis point, or arrowhead, indicating the presence of Native Americans in Northwest Ottawa County as early as 10,000 B.C. On July 1, 1922 Ida Madison married Henry Joseph Yaggie in Muskegon. They relocated to Robinson Township, and around 1950 they moved to Grand Haven and resided at 1215 Beechtree Street. They had one son, Joseph. Ida, the daughter of Peter and Mary Madison of Robinson Township, was born on April 25, 1899 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 22, 1982. Henry was born in Pennsylvania in July 1892 and died of a heart attack on February 18, 1954. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Frank E. Yates [1842-1921]**

While living in Troy, New York, Frank Yates on January 1, 1864 enlisted in Company B of the 18<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. On June 5, 1865, about the same time he was mustered out, he was appointed captain of the company. In 1879 Frank organized Company F in Grand Haven and was elected its first captain. The unit was called Yates Light Infantry initially. He served one year. Company F eventually became part of the 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Frank was agent for the Goodrich and Grand River Transportation Companies.

On June 3, 1867, Frank married Alice Adell Winsor in Kent County. She was born about 1847 in Michigan. By 1870 they were living in Grand Haven, A daughter, Florence, was born in Grand Haven in 1872 and died on September 5, 1875. On December 8 that year another daughter, Fritey, was born. [Fritey's mother was listed as Fannie.] Fritey died on April 7, 1880. On February 4, 1880 in Grand Haven, where Frank was listed as a "commission merchant." Frank married 21-year-old Ida M. Anderson, a native of Massachusetts. By 1900 he was living in Chicago with a widowed cousin, Isabella [Isabella] Howard, working as a stockbroker, and listed as single. On August 22, 1904 he was awarded an invalid's Civil War Pension. He and Isabella were still together in Chicago in the 1920 census. Frank was then working as a

reporter for the Chicago Board of Trade. Frank, a native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was born on May 18, 1842, died on July 28, 1921 in Chicago, and was buried at Oak Woods Cemetery. Shortly after his death Ida applied for a widow's Civil War pension. His cousin Isabella, also a native of Wisconsin, was ten years younger than Frank.

### **George W. Yates [1831-1902]**

George Yates was born in Clermont County, Ohio, in April 1831 [April 19, 1837]. He moved with his father to Iroquois County, Illinois in 1844 and remained there until August 15, 1861, when he enlisted in Company D of the 10<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry as private. He was discharged on July 3, 1863, but his service record stated that he also saw service with the Mississippi Marine Brigade. By 1870 George was living in Olive Township and working as a laborer. His wife Mary was born in Ohio around 1844. By 1882 they lived in Section 27, and George had entered the lumbering business. He was buried at the Spence Family Burial Ground in Iroquois County, Illinois, where his grave was marked by an undated monument. He was residing alone in Ashkum, Iroquois County, in 1900. He died there on October 23, 1902.

### **Robert M. Yelton [1913-1988]**

Working with Al Jacobson and Jack Jordan, Robert Yelton in the early 1960s helped develop the east slope of Five Mile Hill in Mulligan's Hollow for skiing. Robert was born on November 15, 1913 and died on August 3, 1988. Bob and his wife Patricia L. resided at 910 South De Spelder in Grand Haven. Bob worked as a mechanic, and Patricia was office secretary at the State Police Crime Laboratory in Holland.

### **Mary Helen Yerkes [1859–1943] and Susan Hill Yerkes [1861–1937]**

Mary was born on October 3, 1859, and Susan was born on March 29 two years later. Both were born in Lima, New York. They were the daughters of James Hill and Mary Norton Bristol Yerkes, who were married in Lima on August 31, 1858. James Yerkes was born in Rochester, New York, on April 1, 1836, the same year and state as his wife.

They were educated in the East and spent several years in European study, particularly art and modern languages, in Munich, Paris, and Italy. Mary began teaching at Kemper Hall, a girls' boarding school, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where for nine years she was head mistress and then vice principal, the first person at Kemper to be given that title. Meanwhile Susan began her career at a girls' school, St. Mary's in Faribault, Minnesota, which she left to become preceptress [teacher] of the Staten Island Academy in Richmond Borough, New York City, a post she held for the next eleven years. This co-educational school served grades kindergarten through twelfth. The sisters worked together for the first time when Mary was named associate principal of Knickerbocker Hall in Indianapolis, while Susan took the position of assistant principal. At Knickerbocker, yet another girls' boarding and day school, the attendance multiplied 13 times during their tenure. Mary was named co-principal of Akeley Hall in Grand Haven when Reverend and Mrs. Wilkinson retired in 1901. At the same time, Susan was hired as both a Latin teacher and co-principal. The sisters held their positions until their retirement in 1926. Mary and Susan hired a teaching staff notable for culture and advanced education. It was under their direction that Akeley Hall, as the Institute came to be called, attained a unique place among institutions of its kind. The Hall closed its door to new admissions in 1926, and the last class graduated two years later.

On January 10, 1919, Susan bought Khardomah Lodge. Her sister had an undefined financial interest in it, also. They sold the lodge to Jenny Smith in 1937. The sisters also owned a cottage near the pier on the North Shore called Never-Never-Land. They were members of the Woman's Club of Grand Haven and the Tuesday Musicales.

In 1920 Mary was living with her parents at 521 Washington Street. Mary and Susan lived at Akeley Institute until they hired August Boseker to build a large home atop a wooded dune at 819 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Residing with them in 1920 were their parents, James and Mary Yerkes, who died on July 8, 1922 and September 29, 1920, respectively. By 1928 Mary had moved to 806 Sheldon Road, while Susan

continued living in the Lake Avenue home. A few years later she moved in with her sister on Sheldon. Later, perhaps after her sister's death, Mary's home was on Sheldon Road. Susan died on May 30, 1937. [*Tribune* obituary, June 1, 1937.] Mary died in Hartsdale, New York, on June 8, 1943. She was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York, with her parents and sister Susan. [*Tribune* obituaries June 1, 1937 and June 21, 1943.]

### **Henry Yock [Juk] [1958-1928]**

Henry Yock was born in The Netherlands and lived from April 30, 1858 to December 18, 1928. He immigrated to the United States with his parents, Simon and Gertrude Nienhaus Yock, in 1868. On December 19, 1883 he married Katherine "Kate" Dykema [Dijkema] in Grand Haven. She lived from 1863 to February 24, 1915 and arrived in the United States when she was three years old. Henry's father, Henry worked as a boilermaker at Johnston Bros. in Ferrysburg for 35 years. He and Kate had at least two children, both born in Ferrysburg: Jean "Jennie" Yock, born on November 14, 1885, and Kathryn "Kate" Yock, born on December 26, 1888. Henry and Katherine were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Jean "Jennie" Yock [1885-1951]**

Jean Yock by 1915 worked with Mae Peterson, owner of a millinery shop at 101 North Third Street in Grand Haven. Jean resided in Ferrysburg. By the mid-1920s, she had taken ownership of the shop, calling it Jean Yock Hat Shop, and moved to her sister's house at 717 Pennoyer Avenue in Grand Haven. The daughter of Henry and Katherine Yock, she was born in Ferrysburg on November 14, 1885. Jean passed away on August 27, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her mother and father.

### **Kate Yock [1889-1959]**

On December 10, 1913 Kate Yock married Martin [Maarten] Boon in Grand Haven. [Their marriage was recorded a second time on April 22, 1914 in Crisp, Ottawa County.] She was born on December 26, 1888 in Ferrysburg, the daughter of Henry and Kate Dykema Yock. Born on December 16, 1884 in The Netherlands, Martin, the son of Arie Floris [Floris A.] and Adriana Bommel Boon, immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1911. Jean "Jennie" Yock, Kate's sister, owned a millinery shop in Grand Haven. Prior to her marriage, Kate was a teacher at Ferrysburg School. The Boons had two children: Kathryn Jane, who was born in 1916 and first married Raymond Boot and then Gerald D. Whiting. The Boons' other child, Harold Marvin Yock, was born on April 27, 1921 and died in Lansing on March 31, 1991 of throat cancer. The Boons moved to Grand Haven, residing at 717 Pennoyer from the 1920s into the 1940s and later at 805 South De Spelder. Kate died on August 3, 1959. Martin, who was born in The Netherlands on December 16, 1884, passed away in Grand Haven on June 30, 1881. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **Simon [Simen] Yock [Juk] [1824-1892]**

Simon Yock was born in The Netherlands in 1824, immigrated to the United States with his wife and children in 1868, and died in Muskegon on February 29, 1892. He worked at a sawmill in Ferrysburg. He married Grietje "Gertrude" Nienhaus, who was born in The Netherlands on May 2, 1844 and passed away, also in Muskegon, on August 16, 1916. One of their sons, Henry Yock, was born in The Netherlands on April 30, 1858. Their other children included Klaus Yock, who was born on August 11, 1862 and died on March 1, 1942; Ida Yock, who was born in Ferrysburg on May 12, 1871, married Fred Heuser [1870-1943] in Muskegon on October 16, 1895, and died on June 14, 1938; and Kate Yock, who was born in Ferrysburg in 1878, married Edward Bellmore [1871-1917] in Muskegon on July 15, 1902 and next married Lambert Elbertus Jolman [1871-1952] on September 18, 1896 in Grand Haven, and died on October 8, 1957. Prior to Simon's death in Muskegon on February 29, 1892, the couple lived at 109 Spring Street in Spring Lake.

### **Yonker**

See also Jonker.

**Eugene Yonker [1928-2002]**

The son of Albert and Famia Teunis Yonker, Gene was born in Ferrysburg on July 4, 1928. He and Phyllis Carder were married in Grand Haven on June 8, 1954. Gene served with the Ottawa County sheriff's Department for two years before entering the Army during the Korean War. Upon returning to the area, he served as a police officer for Grand Haven for 36 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, the American Legion, VFW, and Eagles, all of Grand Haven. He and Phyllis had a daughter, Pamela, who married Mike Arnold of Spring Lake, and a son, Randy, of Grand Haven. Gene died in Grand Haven on April 16, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Yonkers resided at 421 Arlington from the mid-1950s. [*Tribune* obituary, April 17, 2002.]

**John Langland Yonker [1888-1957]**

On April 20, 1918 John Yonker married Gertrude Stap in Muskegon. John was born on August 6, 1888 and passed away on September 18, 1957. He became a building contractor in Grand Haven and constructed several of the cottages on Five Mile Hill. Gertrude, the daughter of Anne and Sadie Stap, was born on March 20, 1888 and died in Grand Haven on March 1970; she was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Yonkers had one son, Harold John Yonker, who died on February 25, 1924, less than one month old. The family resided at 710 Fulton Street.

**Klaas Yonker [1823-1909]**

On May 15, 1847, in Uithuizen, Groningen, The Netherlands, Klaas Yonker married Jantje "Jenny" F. Balk. Both of them were born in Uithuizen, he on December 9, 1823 and Jenny on January 18, 1823. By 1870 they were residing in Grand Haven, where Klaas was a laborer. Later he worked as a gardener. Three of their children were born in Illinois: Hendrick in 1847; Duke in 1852; and Grietje in 1854. The other four were born in Michigan: Johanna in 1857; Frederick in 1859; Gerrit in 1861; and Tryntje in 1864. The Yonkers' home was at 409 North Seventh. Jenny died on April 21, 1909 and Klaas passed away on May 16, 1909. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Klaas's sister, Renske "Rosa," married Jan "John" Danhof of Grand Haven.

**Nicholas F. Yonkman [1894-1967]**

Nicholas Yonkman and his wife Harriet at one time lived in Spring Lake Township and at 1222 Pennoyer but later relocated to 14705 Lakeshore Drive. He was born on August 19, 1894, died in Grand Haven about October 10, 1967, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harriet was born on January 25, 1903 and passed away in Grand Haven on March 9, 1994. She also was buried at Lake Forest. They were members of the United Methodist Church of Grand Haven. In 1930 Nicholas was working for Ottawa County as Civil Engineer.

**Elias G. Young [1821-1895]**

The son of George Young, Elias came to Grand Rapids with his father and settled on a farm near Reed's Lake in 1836. By 1880 Elias was located in Grand Haven, where he was elected county clerk and register of deeds of Ottawa County. He eventually returned to Grand Rapids, where he died at the age of 74 on September 17, 1895 at his residence on Burton Avenue near Reed's Lake and was buried at Valley City [Oakhill] Cemetery in Kent County. He married Melissa D. Johnson, who was born in New York on December 30, 1831, passed away in Grand Rapids on February 20, 1913, and also was buried at Oakhill. [*Tribune* obituary, September 18, 1895.]

**Frank K. Young [? - ?]**

Frank Young had a barber shop at 10 Washington in 1908. He also offered cigars and tobacco for sale. He and his wife Aurelia lived upstairs at the same address. They had left Grand Haven by 1910.

**Hattie E. Young [1892-1978] and Minnie Young [1894-1984]**

From 1924 to 1958 Hattie Young taught Latin at Grand Haven High School. Her sister Minnie started teaching English at Grand Haven High Junior School in 1924 and retired in 1960. Minnie was instrumental in organizing the first Girl Scout troops in Grand Haven in 1924, and she remained active with the group for many years. The sisters resided in the family home at 1221 Sheldon Road most of their lives. Hattie lived from October 20, 1892 to June 1978, and Minnie lived from August 28, 1894 to October 1984. The daughters of James and Rebecca Headley Young, the two sisters were born in Nebraska.

#### **James Young I [1863-1935]**

James Young was born in October 1863 in Illinois, died in June 1935, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On April 14, 1890, he married Rebecca Jane Headley in Broken Bow, Nebraska. She was born on February 3, 1874 in Union County, Iowa. By 1930, the Youngs were living in Grand Haven, where James worked as foreman at a machine shop. They had two daughters, Hattie Young, who lived from 1892 to 1978, and Minnie Young, who was born in 1894 and passed away in 1984. The sisters were born in Nebraska. Another daughter, Grace Young, was born about 1893, also in Nebraska, and they had a son, James II, who was born in Kansas around 1899. The Young family resided at 1221 Sheldon Road. Rebecca died on January 21, 1960 and was buried with James at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **James H. Young [1834-1904]**

James Young was born in Gloucester, Rhode Island in 1834 and moved to New Hampshire with his family when he was two. In 1862 he relocated to Section 20 of Crockery Township, where he farmed approximately 40 acres and worked as a carpenter. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1862 and served during the Civil War for one year. James then returned to Crockery and worked in a sawmill. In 1880 he was listed as a millwright at a sawmill in Spoonville and was still unmarried. James died in Allegan County on September 24, 1904 and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Wayland, Allegan County.

#### **James K. Young [1846-1936]**

A ship's carpenter in Grand Haven, James Young was born in New York in 1846. His wife Wilhelmina "Minnie" was born in Prussia in 1853, died in 1936, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple resided at 514 Clinton. James died in 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest with Minnie.

#### **John A. Young [1825-1884]**

John Young arrived in Grand Haven in 1846 and in 1876 was manager of the Washington House, located in downtown Grand Haven [approximately 12 Washington]. He also worked as a ship's carpenter. On June 28, 1870 in Grand Haven, he married Isabella [Isabel] Anna Baird. It was her second marriage. In 1880 they were living in St. Johns, Clinton County. John was born in Ireland on May 23, 1825, died on February 5, 1884, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Isabella was born in Auburn, New York on July 19, 1828. She and John had a daughter Amelia [Cynthia] Young, who was born in Illinois about 1865. Isabella passed away in Grand Rapids on May 28, 1906.

#### **Stanley Everett Young [1889-1968]**

Stanley and his wife Jessie owned and operated Young's Café at 625 Washington in the 1930s and 1940s. They sold the business to Harry and Myrtle Bronkhorst in early 1945. Prior to running the café, Stanley had worked as a steam fitter for a heating and plumbing company in Cadillac, Wexford County. He was born in Canada on February 2, 1889, and Jessie Ballard came from Pennsylvania, where she was born on November 15, 1893. They were married in Cadillac on February 13, 1913. The Youngs had two children, both born in Michigan: Grant, born about 1913, and R. J., born about 1920. The family resided at 820 Franklin and later at 616 Washington. Stanley died in Grand Haven on October 11, 1968, and Jessie passed away on February 3, 1993, also in Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William Young [1847-1923]**

William Young was born in Scotland on February 20, 1847 [1848] and died on May 16, 1923. His wife Wilhelmina "Ellen" was born in 1853 [June 1847] and died in 1936. The Youngs resided at 407 Fulton Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Margaret [Marguerite], who was born in November 1871 and married Percy Benjamin of Grand Haven; Ellen M., born in 1872; Williamena, born on October 6, 1875; James H., born in September 1880; and John J., who was born in 1876 and moved to Grosse Point. All the children were born locally. William was a checker at the Grand Trunk Warehouse, and his son James was a cement worker, while John was a bookkeeper. Both William and Ellen were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **William George Young [1861-1927]**

In the early 1900s William and Lora Blackman Young owned a cottage on Spring Lake named Rest A while. It extended 30 feet into the water and had a marine garage on the lower level. The Youngs had a launch, a sailboat, and a rowboat as well. They resided in Grand Rapids. William, a physician and surgeon, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 23, 1861, and Lora Blackman was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on July 9, 1863. [The 1910 Federal Census recorded that William was born in Kentucky.] William and Lora were married in Chicago in 1886 [also recorded as January 22, 1900]. William and Lora had a daughter Rose Violet Young., who was born in St. Ignace on August 14, 1894. Lora passed away in Grand Rapids on January 9, 1916 and was buried at Bristol-Paris Cemetery in Paris, Wisconsin. Rose married Walker Gunn Thompson in Grand Rapids on December 28, 1916. Walker, who lived from 1885 to 1953, was from Cadiz, Kentucky. On her marriage registration, Rose's mother was listed as Jessie Ravenswood. Jessie, William's second wife, lived from 1870 to 1925; she was buried at Ortonville Cemetery in Oakland County. William died on May 4, 1927 and was buried at the same cemetery. [William's headstone gives 1856 as the year of his birth.]

#### **Williamena C. Young [1875-1946]**

Born in Grand Haven on October 6, 1875, Williamena was the daughter of William and Wilhelmina "Ellen" Young. After her parents' deaths Williamena resided with her sister, Margaret Benjamin, at 406 Lake Avenue. Margaret was the widow of Perry Benjamin of Grand Haven. Williamena worked for Michigan Title Company for 32 years and was manager for some of those years when it was owned and operated by George D. Turner. She continued her association with the abstract and real estate title business when George L. Olsen and Orrie Sluiter bought it from Turner in 1923 and stayed on after the office merged with Grand Rapids Title some years later. In all, she spent 45 years in this sort of work. She pioneered many local organizations, served as chair of the Duncan Park Board and treasurer of Grand Haven Alumni Scholarship Fund, and was a member of the Hatton Hospital Board, where she was treasurer for 17 years. She resided at 406 Lake Avenue. Williamena died on January 11, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 12, 1946.]

#### **Stephanie [Stephania] Yurick [1906-2001]**

Stephanie Yurick, who was born in Moose Lake, Minnesota on December 26, 1906, taught at Western State Teachers College [WMU] in 1935 and started teaching at Ferry School in Grand Haven a year later. She remained at Ferry School until at least 1969. Stephanie resided at 520½ Franklin Street but upon retirement returned to Whitehall, where she died on October 3, 2001 and was buried at Fruitland Township Cemetery.

#### **Gerrit Zaagman [1877-1958]**

The son of John and Trientje Alberts Zaagman, Gerrit was born in Grand Haven on September 28, 1877. He married Jennie Bos, the daughter of Cornelius and Mary Van Dorn Bos, on November 29, 1900 in Grand Haven. She was born in Grand Haven on May 4, 1878 and passed away on January 15, 1932. Their son John Gerald Zaagman was born on May 16, 1900 and died three days later. Another son, Clayton Devear Zaagman, lived from September 4, 1910 to March 3, 1996. From the mid-1920s to at least 1950 the family resided at 206 North Fifth Street. Gerrit was director of Ottawa County's Department of Social

Welfare. He died on March 14, 1958. Gerrit, Jennie, and their infant son were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **John [Jan] Zaagman [1845-1932]**

John was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on September 29, 1845, the son of Herman Jans and Grietje Alberts Zaagman. He married Trientje “Kate” Schreuder in Groningen on April 15, 1871. Kate, a native of The Netherlands, lived from April 11, 1845 to January 12, 1919. John, who was listed as a “laborer” in the 1893 *Compendium*, died in 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. Peter Zaagman, born on September 2, 1875, was their son, and a daughter Maggie was born in July 1877. Another son, Gerrit, was born on September 28, 1877. The family resided at 526 Madison Street.

#### **Peter Zaagman [Zagman] [1875-1962]**

On June 2, 1898 in Spring Lake, Peter Zaagman married Jantje “Jennie” Bonema. Peter, the son of John and Trientje Zaagman of Grand Haven, was born in Grand Haven on September 22, 1875 and became a machinist. He and Jennie resided at 1013 Washington in the early 1900s. Jennie, who lived from May 4, 1878 to January 15, 1932, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Also interred there were a son, John, who died on June 18, 1915 at the age of eight, and Peter, who passed away on July 8, 1962.

#### **Johannes “John” Phillipus Zalsman [1859-1941]**

Johannes Phillipus, the son of Pieter and Neelte “Nellie” Van Anrooy Zalsman, was born in Holland, Michigan, on May 21, 1859. John, as he was called, was working in a livery stable in Beloit, Kansas in 1880, and in 1910 he was in Lawrence, South Dakota, employed as a gold miner. On December 12, 1885, John married Lovica Loveland in Beaverhead, Montana. Lovica, the daughter of Stoddard and Charlotte Loveland, was born in 1863 in New York State and died in 1922. In 1906 John was a farmer in Holland, Michigan. Lovica was with him. By 1915 he had a repair shop at 9 North Second Street in Grand Haven, just north of the Hostetter Agency, and was known locally as the “difficult repair man.” He repaired a variety of items, including bicycles and locks. Their son Matthew, born in 1889, was in the business with him for a while. In Grand Haven, the Zalsmans lived at 115 North Third Street. John married Elizabeth “Florence” Haywood Weller in Grand Haven on February 21, 1916, long after he and Lovica were divorced. Elizabeth was born in Washington, D.C. about 1869. She and John were divorced on December 11, 1919. He then married Rose Mary Crunner Jacob [1865-1933] in Grand Rapids on August 11, 1920. They were divorced on June 24, 1924. He next married Mina Karr on July 3, 1925 in Grand Haven. John died of arteriosclerosis on June 25, 1941 in Grand Haven and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. Mina had moved to Lansing by 1940.

#### **Matthew James Zalsman [1889-1962]**

Matthew, the son of John and Lovica Loveland Zalsman, married Georgiana Ruth Lovejoy in Allegan on June 8, 1908. Two years prior to the marriage, Matthew was living in Holland with his parents and working at the Hall Cycle Shop. In Grand Haven, John Zalsman owned the Difficult Repair Shop at 9 North Second Street, and Matthew worked there for a while. Matthew and Georgiana had three children: Bonabell Zalsman [1909-1977]; Hazen E. Zalsman [1911-1912]; and Major Dawson Zalsman [1913-1997]. Matthew and his family resided at 105 North Third Street.

#### **Joseph Stanley Zapytowski I [1924-2022]**

Joe Zapytowski was born in Detroit on June 21, 1924. He was Superintendent of Grand Haven Public Schools from 1976 to 1990. He married Jean Dickerson in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in June 1950. Joe and Jean retired to Hudson, Ohio, where he died on June 4, 2022. Joe was served with the U.S. Army during WWII. Jean was born in Michigan on March 17, 1928. She passed away in Akron, Ohio on May 7, 2019. The Zapytowskis had three sons.

#### **Joseph William [Warren] Zarikta [Zarychta] [1902-1997]**

Joseph Zarikta manufactured corncob pipes at his home at 1829 Doris Avenue in Grand Haven from 1961 to 1962. He named his business Al-Cobb Corporation. One of his products, called the “Aristocob” pipe, was made of silver metal with a corncob-lined bowl. Joseph was born in Poland on November 1, 1902, immigrated to the United States when he was 10, and died in Grand Haven on September 1, 1997. On June 2, 1934, he married Bess M. Adams. She was born in Casco, Allegan County, on Christmas Day 1900. In 2002 Bess lived at 900 South Beacon Boulevard [Shore Haven Nursing Home]. She died in Lake Bluff, Illinois on February 24, 2004.

### **Stephen Zawojski [1936-2021]**

Stephen Zawojski was a philosophical potter. In a brochure describing his studio, known as Medusa Pottery, he wrote, “My pots are like people: each with a unique personality and look.” He added that his glazing technique produced “warm, rustic surfaces and colors which are often highlighted by flash marks and other interesting irregularities.” He added that his pottery was “made to be read.” Steve opened Medusa Pottery and Supply at 608 Lafayette Street in 1976. In an interview he told a reporter, “Making pots is almost a spiritual thing with me. It is a form of meditation.” Steve’s wife Alice managed Medusa. Medusa is the name of a Greek goddess. She was so entrancing that mortals were transformed to stone whenever they beheld her image.

He fired most of his vessels at an outdoor kiln he constructed on a ten-acre site near Nunica. In an interview with Clarence Poel of the *Grand Haven Tribune*, Steve explained that he fuses silica with his pottery at 2,400 degrees “for a more durable piece with color painted on the clay.” The 7,500 cubic foot furnace in the kiln consumed one-half to one full cord for every 12 to 18 hours of firing. In 1997 he told a reporter for the Grand Rapids Press, “The kiln is my paintbrush. When I open the kiln, it’s like Christmas morning” Steve bought clay from sources in Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and England.

Steve relished demonstrating to elementary-age children the use of the potter’s wheel and the flights of imagination that engenders. Stephen’s work has been exhibited at the National Council on the Education of Ceramic Arts, the French embassy in New York [part of the U.S. State Department’s Art in the Embassies program], the Evansville, Indiana Museum of Science and Art, the Art Gallery in Lansing, Grand Valley State College [now GVSU], the Muskegon, the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven, and various private collections around the country.

While at Bowling Green seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Steve in 1962 received several awards for his entries in the university’s Eleventh Annual Student Art Exhibit, and three years later he won a gold medal at the Toledo Museum of Art Exhibit. Following graduation in 1964, he taught ceramics at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, was a visiting artist at Goddard College in Vermont from 1972 to 1974, and an Assistant Professor of Art at Grand Valley State University for the following two years. He taught one summer session at Notre Dame.

Stephen was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 31, 1936. He served with the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1959 as Hospital Corpsman. After graduating from Bowling Green University in 1963, he received a Master of Fine Arts degree from New York State College of Ceramics three years later. Following that, he and his wife moved to Grand Haven. Stephen married Alice Pauline Krawczyk on June 22, 1963 in Marion, Ohio. She was born on November 6, 1940. Their home and Steve’s Medusa Pottery studio was located at 608 Lafayette Street from 1982 before moving to a house they built at 11388 Oak Grove Road in Grand Haven Township in 1999. They had two sons: Peter Zawojski, who was born about 1966 and moved to Okemos, and Edward Zawojski, who was born about 1967 and relocated to Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. Their daughter Aliesa was born in November 1969, married Jerry Pruszynski, and moved to Granger, Indiana. Steven passed away in Grand Haven on August 6, 2021.

### **Joseph Zeimet I [1872-1964]**

Born in Luxembourg [Germany] on November 24, 1872, Joseph Ziema came to America in 1895. Around 1898 he married Louise Nowak, who had emigrated from Germany seven years earlier. They were living



in Milwaukee in 1905, where Joseph was a tanner. In 1911 the Zeimets moved to Grand Haven, and by 1920 they were living at 1227 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, where he worked at Eagle Ottawa as a shaver. Among their children were Maleta, who was born on October 6, 1898 and married John Van Schelven of Grand Haven; Selma, who was born about 1901 and married William Boomgaard of Glen Elyn, Illinois; and Joseph II, who was born on October 23, 1903. The family in 1930 resided at 1212 Washington. Living with the Zeimats in 1930 was Louise's mother, Selma Nowak, who was born in Germany around 1844 and came to America with her daughter in 1891. Joseph I passed away about July 25, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Joseph Zeimet II [1903-1955]**

Born in Milwaukee on October 23, 1903, Joseph was the son of Joseph Zeimet I and the brother of Maleta, who married John Van Schelven of Grand Haven, and Selma, who married William Boomgaard of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Joseph moved to Grand Haven at the age of eight, attended local schools, and graduated from Western Michigan College [WMU]. He won 25 tennis tournaments during 35 years of competition. During the offseason Joseph was employed at Arntz Sporting Goods Store in Muskegon. He was a member of the Elks, played the drums and guitar in the Jackie Band, and was a manual training instructor at Blissfield, Lenawee County, where he also coached tennis. Joseph was a partner in the Sport Shop that he and Hobart Bell established about 1935. He was the tennis pro at the Highland Park Tennis Club for seven years before poor health forced his retirement in 1953. Joseph died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on March 23, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 23, 1955.]

#### **John George Zelenka II [1919-2005]**

The son of John George and Zuzanna "Susan" Lehocky Zelenka, John was born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1919. He married Elizabeth Beekman in Grand Haven on August 30, 1941. Born in 1923, she passed away on October 17, 2003. John founded and operated Zelenka Nursery in Ottawa County in 1945 and remained with the company until his retirement in 1975. He was an elder and deacon at First Reformed Church, and he was a member and past president of the Michigan Association of Nurserymen, a member of the American Legion, and treasurer of Grand Haven Township. The Zelenkas' children included Paul and John, both of West Olive; Marilyn, who married Steve Tiles of Grand Haven; Ruth, who married Jim Novak, also of Grand Haven; and Jane Erickson of Vista, California. John died on December 12, 2005 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Elizabeth. [*Tribune* obituary, December 19, 2005.]

#### **Charles Samuel Zellar [1886-1954]**

Charles Zellar was born in Whitehall on September 20, 1886. He and his wife, Gertrude Matilda Turns, were married in Montague on August 2, 1911. She was born on March 1, 1890. They moved to Grand Haven from Whitehall sometime between 1911 and 1920. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Charles first worked for the Dake Foundry, then he and his brother Fred opened a grocery and dry goods store at 1320 Washington Street, where they also lived. Charles sold his share of the business to his brother in 1929 and moved to Anderson, Indiana. Charles died there on December 4, 1954 and his wife died in Bourbon, Kentucky on April 10, 1966.

#### **Frederick James Zellar [1885-1959]**

Born in Whitehall on January 31, 1885, Frederick was the son of Henrich Albert Zellar, a native of Germany. Frederick settled in Grand Haven sometime between 1911 and 1920 and with his brother, Charles, opened Zellar's Grocery store at 1320 Washington Street. After the grocery store was sold, he worked as an engineer for the Dake Corporation, where he retired in 1945. Frederick was also secretary for the Eagles Fraternal Club.

On June 29, 1904 in Grand Haven, Frederick married Mary Agnes Merz of Crockery Township. The daughter of John and Caroline Henley Merz, she lived from December 24, 1884 to November 1, 1938. The

Zellar family lived at 1250 Franklin Street and later at 732 Columbus. A daughter, Dorothy Marie, was born on January 17, 1913 and married Joseph John Bessinger in 1934. She died the following January 17 at age 22. Another daughter, Caroline, was born in Grand Haven on April 12, 1906. She married Leroy Hommer of Muskegon on June 29, 1929 at St. Patrick's Church and died on November 12, 1930, following the birth of a daughter, Joyce Carol. The Zellars had a son, Louis James, who was born on May 20, 1910. Another son, John, followed four years later. Frederick died on October 18, 1959 at Eastmanville. Both Frederick and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

### **Louis James Zellar [1910-1986]**

Born in Grand Haven on May 20, 1910, Louis Zellar attended area schools. His parents were Frederick and Mary Agnes Merz Zellar. Before World War II Louis was a deck hand on the dredge *General Meade*, and then received his officer's papers and was attached to the dredge *Burton*. After the *Burton* was scrapped, he was made third officer on the dredge *Peter Conover Hains*, which operated out of the Port of Grand Haven. On May 21, 1932 Louis married Emily Hall in Grand Haven. They were divorced on August 28, 1943. Apparently they remarried on November 29, 1946 and were again divorced, this time on October 12, 1948. They had two children, Kenneth Fred Zellar, who was born on November 3, 1933 and died in Nunica on September 10, 2009, and Paul Zellar, who was born on June 15, 1936 and died in Detroit on July 2, 2023. Louis also was superintendent for the City of Grand Haven Parks Department for ten years. He died in Grand Rapids on July 31, 1986 and was buried at Rosedale Memorial Park in Tallmadge Township.

### **Edward J. Zenko [1916-1987]**

The son of Joseph and Mary Cech Zenko, Edward was born in Chicago on April 9, 1916. His mother died in 1918 and his father left the family farm in Grand Haven Township and returned to Chicago. At that time Edward was taken in by his grandparents, Frank and Josephine Cech of Grand Haven Township.

Edward owned Ace Manufacturing Corporation and Progressive Engineering Company, and he was a machinery dealer throughout the state. He helped many companies in the area get started. He invented the first baby bottle holder, helped develop the first automatic blueberry picker, and developed a fiberglass bike and a flying car. Edward studied at a college in Lake Forest, Illinois to learn how to make holograms. His first hologram was for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. He was a member of the Eagles, Moose Lodge, Slovenian Farmers Club, and Duplicate Bridge Club.

Although the catwalk on the south pier was closed to the public, people still scaled the structure. Safety and liability concerns led to its scheduled demolition in early June 1987. Edward and his daughter Terry headed a volunteer group, called the Save the Catwalk Committee, that raised sufficient funds, \$133,000, to remove the wooden planks which formed the walkway, to reinforce the steel supports, and to install lights the full length of the pier. Edward did much of the repair work himself. The lights were turned on for the first time on November 25, 1988 and became an attraction themselves each night thereafter. The lights were replicas of those used on the Coast Guard cutter *Escanaba*, which was sunk in the North Atlantic in June 1943. A total of \$91,000 was spent on the improvements, and the remainder was invested to provide sufficient income to meet maintenance costs.

Edward's love of history and antiques led him to form and lead the committee that raised \$22,000 to save the catwalk on the south pier from being torn down and to install lights on the pier.

On November 20, 1939 Ed married Margaret Louise Anderson in Grand Haven. The daughter of Louis and Stella Featherstone Anderson, Margaret was born in Sparta, Wisconsin on August 11, 1918. The Zenkos had two daughters, Terry and Holly, and a son, Jack Edward, who was born on November 17, 1948, died on April 7, 1988, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. After a visit to Andrew Jackson's home in Nashville, Tennessee, the Zenkos built a similar structure at 18710 168<sup>th</sup> Street in Spring Lake Township. Edward died on December 31, 1987. Margaret was buried near her husband at

Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with other Zenkos. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 31, 1987 and January 26, 2005.]

**Joseph Zenko [Zanko] [1882-1933]**

Joseph, who was born in Austria in 1882, arrived in the United States in 1898. He married Mary, the daughter of Frank and Josephine Cech of Grand Haven Township. Mary was born in 1889 and died in 1918. The Zenkos owned an 80-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. After his wife's death, Joseph, who was born in Austria in 1882, went back to Chicago, where he was found in the Federal Censuses of 1920 and 1930, although he continued to own the farm in Grand Haven Township. In Chicago, Joseph worked as a tinsmith. The Zenkos' only son, Edward, who was born in Chicago on April 9, 1916, was then taken in by Mary's parents. Joseph and Mary were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**Charles Zietlow [1851-1931]**

A laborer and commercial fisherman, Charles Zietlow was born in Prussia in June 1851 and came to the United States in 1853. His wife, Fredericka "Reka" Strausberg lived from September 11, 1852 to September 1, 1937. Their residence was at 201 Elliott. Among their children were John, born in July 1879; Clara, who was born on September 26, 1888 and married Jack Swartz of Grand Haven; and Marie, born in January 1893. Charles and his brothers, Edward and Frank, were sons of John [Johann] and Augusta Zietlow. Charles passed away on June 14, 1931. He and Reka were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Earl Zietlow [1915-1929]**

Grand Haven resident Earl Zietlow was 13 when he lost his life on September 9, 1929 in the wreck of the *Andaste*, 14 miles off Holland. He was making his first sea voyage as the guest of the ship's first mate, Captain Charles Brown, a Grand Haven resident, who also died in the accident. Born on December 23, 1915, Earl was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Edward T. Zietlow [1856-1897]**

Born in Milwaukee on April 22, 1856, Edward Zietlow came at an early age to Grand Haven and was engaged with his brother Frank in the fishing industry. They operated the tug *Frank Edward*. Edward married Mary Walker, and they had a daughter, Louise [Louisa], who was born locally 1884 and married Richard Bolthouse of Grand Haven. The Zietlows also had twins, Louis and William H., born on October 29, 1889. Mary was born in Germany in January 1857 and came to the United States when she was eight. Edward passed away on January 25, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After Edward's death, Mary took in laundry. In 1930 she resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Richard and Louise Bolthouse. Edward was the son of John [Johann] and Augusta Zietlow. [*Tribune* obituary, January 25, 1897.]

**Johann "John" Zietlow [1817-1892]**

John Zietlow, who was born in Prussia in 1817, learned the fishing trade in his native land and was one of the first Grand Haven residents to start a commercial fishing business. He was one of several Grand Haven residents to help organize St. John's Lutheran Church in 1866. In 1874 he commissioned John Callister to build the propeller-driven vessel *Kaiser Wilhelm* and in 1890 he contracted with Robertson Ship Yards to construct the tug *Frank Edward*, later owned by his sons Edward and Frank. Frank was born in September 1859. Another son, Charles, was born in 1851 and also lived in Grand Haven. The Zietlow home was on Third Street. John's wife Augusta was from Prussia, where she was born in February 1822. John died on January 13, 1892. [*Tribune* obituary, January 14, 1892.]

**August Frederick Zimmerman I [1848-1938]**

By 1893 August and Friederich "Fred" Zimmerman shared a 120-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. August was still farming in 1918. August was born in Germany on August 17, 1848. He married Wilhelmine "Minnie" Schmidt, who was born in Germany in April 1852 and died on August 24, 1894. Among their children were August Zimmerman II, who was born in Germany in 1874 and on October 25, 1893 in Grand Haven married Laura Preager; F. W. Zimmerman, who was born in Germany about 1876 and married Louise Sadler in Coopersville on May 11, 1899; Herman Zimmerman, who was born on December 1, 1879; and Charles [Carl] Zimmerman, who was born in Germany on September 24, 1882. The Zimmerman family immigrated to the United States in 1882. August died in Grand Haven on April 28, 1938.

#### **Charles Henry Zimmerman [1883-1952]**

The son of August and Wilhelmine Zimmerman, Charles was born in Grand Haven on September 24, 1883, a year after the Zimmerman family arrived in the United States. On May 31, 1906 in Grand Haven, Charles married Clara Genrich. By 1918 he and Clara resided at 1201 Franklin Street. At that time Charles worked at Dake Engine Company. From at least 1928 to 1940 he was working as a carpenter. He and Clara were then living with their daughter Bertha and son-in-law Lawrence at 1150 Slayton in Grand Haven. Charles passed away on January 13, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clara was born on October 31, 1890 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 7, 1994.

#### **Herman Frederick Zimmerman [1878-1940]**

Herman Zimmerman's 40-acre farm was located in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, where he arrived in 1882 with his parents. He was still farming in 1940. He also was a thresher. Herman, the son of August and Wilhelmine Zimmerman, was born in Germany in September 1878. He married Augusta Saul in Grand Haven on April 18, 1925. She was the widow of Henry Saul II of Grand Haven Township. Herman died on November 10, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augusta, also a native of Germany, lived from May 1, 1878 to September 4, 1956. She also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Wesley Edward Zimmerman [1914-2011]**

Wesley Zimmerman served as private in the Army during WWII and was awarded a Bronze Star. Born on July 12, 1914, he was the son of Edward and Clara Zimmerman. He married Myrtle Ruth Ammons on July 21, 1945. She was born on May 27, 1926. Wes worked for Klempel's Dairy for 37 years, for the Grand Haven Public Schools for 15 years, and for Grand Haven Christian Schools for five years. Wes and Myrtle were members of the Spring Lake Baptist Church. Wes died in Grand Haven on March 25, 2011, and Myrtle passed away on April 27, 2016. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **John Zimonick [1914-2000]**

John Zimonick owned a service station at the northwest corner of U.S. 31 and Lake Michigan Drive [15795 Lake Michigan Drive] from approximately 1941 to 1989. In addition to offering Gulf gasoline and automobile repair, John also sold Oliver tractors and equipment. He was born on June 25, 1914 and died in West Olive on September 16, 2000. He was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. His parents were Stephan and Julia Mueller Zimonick of West Olive.

#### **Martin Zimonick [1917-1986]**

Born on November 12, 1917 in West Olive, Martin was the son of Steven and Julia Mueller Zimonick. He was foreman at Dake Corporation and retired in 1981. He was a member of the Eagles, V.F.W., and the American Legion. On August 10, 1965 Martin married Vera Maynard in Grand Haven. The family lived at 410 Hopkins. Martin's children included Tina, who married Gerrit Lankamp of West Olive; Christina, who married Charles Hudd; Ruth Ann, who married Glen Buckner; Joanne, who married Craig Tober; Victor; Terry; Nancy Holland; David of Fruitport; and Ronald of Grand Rapids. Martin, who resided at 410 Hopkins, died on November 8, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Vera, who was born on April 30, 1925, passed away in Holland on December 1, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, November 10, 1986.]

### **Stephan J. Zimonick [Zimonich] I [1888-1976]**

Steve Zimonick I was born on August 22, 1888 and died in Grand Haven on March 25, 1976. He and his wife, Julia Mueller, had four sons, all born in the West Olive area: John, who was born on June 25, 1914; Martin, who was born on November 12, 1917; Charles, who was born on July 5, 1919 and passed away in Holland on August 29, 1984; and Stephan II, who was born on December 21, 1920. Steve and Julia resided at 528 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven from the 1950s into the 1970s.

### **Stephan J. Zimonick II [1920-2002]**

Stephan Zimonick, born in West Olive on December 21, 1920, was the son of Stephan and Julia Mueller Zimonick. He served in the Army during WWII. After the war he was hired as a truck driver for Shell Oil. On April 27, 1946, he married Loraine Gajewski in Spring Lake. She was born in West Olive on March 11, 1928. Stephan was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. They had a son, Perry Zimonick who was born about 1951 and moved to Allendale, and a daughter, Jane Zimonick McGregor, who was born about 1962 and relocated to Ferrysburg. Another son, Todd Owen Zimonick, died at the age of three on December 30, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In the 1970s Steve resided at 621 Jackson. He died in Grand Haven on May 23, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Loraine passed away on August 22, 2012 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, May 28, 2002.]

### **Wilhelm "William" Ernest Heinrich Zoerner [1846-1929]**

William Zoerner was born on May 31, 1846 in Stettin, Germany. He came to the United States in 1872, and on April 19, 1874 in Grand Haven William married Louise [Louisa] Augusta Dorthea Behm. The daughter of Johan Frederick Wilhelm and Karoline Hartman Behm of Grand Haven Township, she was born in Stettin, Germany on September 1, 1855 and passed away on May 7, 1937 in Racine, Wisconsin. The Zoerners resided at 322 North Second Street. In 1920 William was a laborer at the Piano Factory. A son, William Frederick Zoerner, was born on March 9, 1877. They also had a daughter, Elexza, born in August 1880. William died on August 25, 1929. He and Louise were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

### **William Frederick Zoerner [1877-1931]**

The son of William and Louise Behm Zoerner, William Frederick was born on March 9, 1877. In 1907 he moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven where he started Grand Haven Brass Foundry at 509 Monroe. He sold the business to Al Jacobson I, Bernath Sherwood I, and Paul Johnson I on February 20, 1919. He married Louise Amelia Ottilie Goetzky on April 19, 1900. She was born on October 30, 1876 and passed away in Grand Rapids on December 6, 1949. Around 1900 the family resided at 513 Jackson, but by 1908 they were located at 302 Clinton. William died in Chicago on November 15, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. A son, William August Zoerner, was born in Grand Rapids on January 3, 1901, moved to Grand Haven with his parents, and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1919. He was a teacher and minister for the Presbyterian Church in India, where he lived with his wife, Magdalene de Young.

### **Max Walter Zuber [1907-2001]**

In 1954, Max Zuber purchased Byron Coats's interest in Prospect Point Resort on Spring Lake. David Coats, Byron's son, was co-owner. Max and David sold the property in 1961 to Andrew Forester. Max had owned and managed the Macatawa Hotel in Holland, a 60-room hotel in Hollywood, Florida, and several other hotels in the east. He was born in St. Gall, Switzerland in 1907, immigrated to the United States in 1933, and married Margaret Ward Jones in Washington, D.C. on October 12, 1935. She was born in West Virginia on April 29, 1911 and died in Reading, Pennsylvania on September 11, 1937. Max married Juanita Dudek in Broward County, Florida on November 30, 1945. She was born on July 10, 1913 and passed away in Knoxville, Tennessee on November 17, 2012. Max had died on March 21, 2001.

### **Albert Zuidema [1846-1904]**

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born in May 1846, Albert Zuidema married Anna Balcom. He arrived in the United States in 1866, the same year he and Anna were married. She was born in March 1847, also in The Netherlands. They had five children, all born in Spring Lake: Cornelius, born in 1869; John, born in 1878; Minti, born in 1879; Jennie, who was born in May 1881 and married Albert Swiftney of Spring Lake; and Henry, born in March 1884. Albert, who owned a farm in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township, died on May 31, 1904.

#### **Albert H. Zuidema [1897-1955]**

Born in Spring Lake on November 8, 1897, Albert Zuidema moved to Grand Haven in 1942. He was employed at Peerless Novelty Company, Oldberg Manufacturing, and gasoline stations in Grand Haven and Spring Lake. On May 13, 1916 he married Jeanette, the daughter of Henry and Cornelia Hoebeke. Jeanette was born on May 13, 1895. Their children included Florence, who married Joe Boes, and Cornelia, who married Alden Batts. Both the Boes and Batts families lived in Spring Lake. The other Zuidema children were Caroline, John, and Howard of Grand Haven. Albert died on March 8, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jeanette passed away on January 14, 1967 and was buried near her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, March 8, 1955.]

#### **Albert "Bud" Zuidema [1909-1998]**

Born on February 13, 1909, Albert Zuidema lived in Spring Lake all his life. Known as "Bud," he was an auto mechanic who owned and operated Bud's Garage at 807 West Savidge in the Village. On March 28, 1936 he married Bernice Forshee. She was born on September 23, 1913 in Missouri and died in Spring Lake in August 1962. On June 15, 1963, he married Donna Jean Hasty in Manistee. She was born on October 2, 1923 and died in Spring Lake on October 26, 1995. They lived at 15542 Oak Drive. Bud died on August 2, 1998 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

#### **Cornelius Zuidema [1869-1950]**

Cornelius, the son of Albert and Anna Balcom Zuidema, was born in Spring Lake on June 2, 1869 and died on September 2, 1950. In 1930 he was classified as a laborer. He married Charlotte M. Smith in Grand Haven on October 15, 1901. She lived from 1863 to 1938. They and their adopted daughter, Margaret K., resided on Park Street. Margaret was born in Illinois about 1911. The Zuidemas were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

#### **Henry Zuidema [1884-1962]**

Born on August 28, 1884, Henry was the son of Albert and Anna Balcom Zuidema. Young Zuidema delivered ice in Grand Haven for the Spring Lake Ice Company. By 1918 he was employed by the Grand Haven Gas Company. On December 17, 1908 in Ferrysburg, he married Anna, the daughter of Jelmer and Elizabeth Boelens Nuismer. Anna was born on September 10, 1889 in Spring Lake. The Zuidema family lived at 116 Cutler Street in Spring Lake for many years. They had seven children, evidently all born in Spring Lake: Albert, born February 13, 1909; Elizabeth, who was born on January 1, 1912 and died on October 13, 1995; Marian, who was born on September 9, 1913 and died in Santa Rosa, California on February 24, 1971; Annabelle, who was born on August 25, 1915 and died October 2, 1987; Alberta Ruth, born on January 5, 1923; Betty, born on November 21, 1924; and Richard, born on August 10, 1931. Henry died on May 12, 1962, and Anna died in Grand Haven on March 8, 1978. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. John Zuidema was Henry's brother.

#### **Jennie Zuidema [1881-1930]**

See Jennie Zuidema Swiftney.

#### **John [Jonathan] Zuidema I [1876-1942]**

John, born in Michigan on May 21, 1876, was the son of Albert and Anna Balcom Zuidema and brother of Henry Zuidema of Spring Lake. In 1918 John was employed as a crater at Story & Clark. By 1930 he was

working at the Ottawa County Maintenance Garage as a blacksmith. He married Caroline “Carrie” Babcock in 1897 in Ottawa County. The daughter of Fred and Cecelia Babcock, she was born in Piqua, Ohio on February 4, 1878 and died in Spring Lake on December 26, 1947. Carrie and John had three sons: Albert J., born in November 1897; Fred, born about 1902; and John C. II, born on February 1, 1905. John I, who had a blacksmith business in Spring Lake, died on July 7, 1942 [1947]. He and Carrie were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The family resided on Jackson Street in the Village.

#### **John C. Zuidema II [1905-1961]**

John, the son of John and Caroline Babcock Zuidema of Spring Lake, married Dorothy Mae Hanson in Grand Haven on January 6, 1934. The daughter of Burton and Ruth Mae Watkins Hanson of Grand Haven, she was born May 2, 1910. John and Dorothy moved to Garden Grove, California. They had a daughter, Karen Jo, who married Captain Paul Richard Taylor of the United States Coast Guard. He originally was from Spring Lake. John II was born on February 1, 1905 in Spring Lake and passed away on November 21, 1961. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Dorothy died in Garden Grove on May 8, 1988.

#### **Jan “John” Zwaagman [1844-1912]**

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on October 19, 1844, John Zwaagman owned a 25-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. On October 22, 1872 he married Peterke [Piertuke] “Nellie” Bloek in Chicago. Also a native of The Netherlands, she lived from July 14, 1850 to May 6, 1930. John immigrated to the United States in 1869 and Nellie in 1872. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Jacob Zwaagman, born in November 1873; Benjamin Zwaagman, who was born in Chicago on December 30, 1877 and died in Grand Rapids on October 13, 1933; John Zwaagman, born in April 1880; Grace Zwaagman, who was born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1883, married Henry Frederick Vonk [1885-1932], and died in Grand Rapids on May 22, 1970; Peter Zwaagman, born on January 3, 1886; Kelly Zwaagman, born in November 1887; and Anna Zwaagman, born in September 1892. Peter changed the spelling of his name to Swagman and moved to Grand Rapids, where he died on September 23, 1912. He and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

#### **Everett [Evert] Zwermer [1867-1919]**

Everett Zwermer was born in Michigan on April 19, 1867. On January 14, 1897 he married Ida Anna Van Weelden in Grand Haven. The daughter of Klaas and Grietje Van Weelden, Ida was born on November 17, 1870. Everett and Ida had a son, Everett J. Zwermer, who was born on July 2, 1899, and a daughter, Clarissa K. Zwermer, who lived from 1906 to 1985. Everett passed away on August 1, 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ida died in Los Angeles, California on November 8, 1953 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

#### **Paul Calvin Zylstra [1921-2009]**

Reverend Paul Zylstra was the fourth pastor to serve Ferrysburg Community Church, starting in 1970. Paul was born in East Grand Rapids on December 18, 1921. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army Air Force. After the war, he enrolled at Calvin College and then Calvin Theological Seminary, where he earned a master of theology degree in 1955. Paul was pastor at the Christian Reformed Churches in Aetna, Michigan [1952-1956]; South Grandville, Kent County [1956-1964]; San Diego, California [1964-1970]; Ferrysburg [1970-1976]; Wayne, New Jersey [1976-1981]; and Scottsdale, Arizona [1981-1987]. He retired in 1987.

Paul married Susanne [Suzanne] Johanna Swier on March 21, 1947. She was born in Grand Rapids on June 30, 1921 and died on November 13, 2007. Paul passed away on August 2, 2009. Both were buried at Washington Park Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids. They had one daughter, Nancy Carol Zylstra Markus, who lived from 1954 to 1996.

#### **George J. Zysk I [1886-1964]**

George Zysk was born in Poland [Russia] on May 9, 1886 and passed away in Grand Haven in October 1964. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. George married Sophia Garecki, who was born in Poland around 1890 and immigrated to the United States a year after George, who arrived in 1903. George was employed at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. George's and Sophia's children were Helen Mary Zysk, who was born on July 3, 1910 in New Jersey and married William J. Duga of Grand Haven; Henry Charles Zysk, who was born on February 18, 1912 in New Jersey and died in Grand Haven on January 6, 2000; Edward Adrian Zysk, who was born on January 2, 1914 in Michigan and passed away in October 1974; George Thaddeus Zysk, who was born on June 20, 1916; Stanley C. Zysk, who was born on July 7, 1919, served with the U.S. Army during WWII, and died on June 16, 2009; John T. Zysk, who was born on December 22, 1924 and died on April 11, 1997; Stuart Daniel Zysk, who was born on February 9, 1926, died on June 6, 1945 while serving as private with the U.S. Army, and was buried at Honolulu Memorial Cemetery in Hawaii; and Patricia D. Zysk, who was born about March 1929 and married Raymond J. Masko of Robinson Township. The last five children were born locally. By 1918 the family resided at 1333 Franklin. Two years later they were living at 821 Franklin, and by 1928 they were located at 313 Eastern Street.

### **George Thaddeus Zysk II [1916-2005]**

George, the son of George and Sophia Garecki Zysk, was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1916. In 1942 George was living with his brother John Zysk at 219 Eastern Avenue in Grand Haven. George served with the U.S. Army during WWII. After the war, he worked for Oldberg Manufacturing and was a member of the local American Legion Post, the VFW, and St. Mary's Catholic Church of Spring Lake. He married Mary Lou Koats in Grand Haven on May 29, 1948. She was born in Grand Haven on January 30, 1929. The Zysks had two children: Leslie Zysk, who married Thomas Franks and moved to Portage, Kalamazoo County, and Craig Steven Zysk, who was born on December 18, 1949 and became a Grand Haven contractor. The family resided at 606 Jackson. George became well known as the "sign man" of the neighborhood, a reference to the political statements and Bible verses he painted on the exterior of his house for about 20 years. George retired from Oldberg Manufacturing [AP Parts] in 1981, died on October 17, 2005, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary Lou passed away on December 25, 2012 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 19, 2005, *Tribune* article, "Grand Haven's 'sign man' dead at age 89," and *Chronicle* article, "'Sign man' dead at 89."]

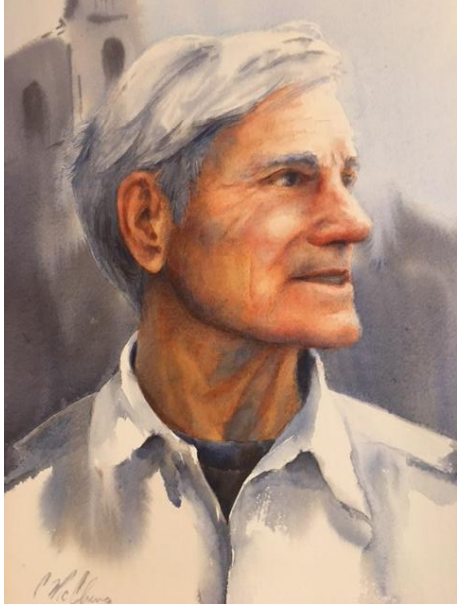
### **John Thomas Zysk [1924-1997]**

John Zysk and Ottalie Hazel Kummer were married in Chicago on June 27, 1949. She was born on April 8, 1921 to Walter and Viola Meltzer Kummer in Maywood, Illinois. John, the son of George and Sophia Garecki Zysk of Grand Haven, lived from December 22, 1924 to April 11, 1997. In 1942 John was living with his brother George Zysk at 219 Eastern Avenue in Grand Haven and working for the Morse Tool Company. During WWII, John served as staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He and Ottalie moved to Grand Haven in 1951. After the war, he was a mail carrier for the postal system but by the mid-1950s was a leather worker at Eagle Ottawa. The Zysks moved to Grand Haven in 1951. Their home was at 15195 Mercury Drive. Ottalie had worked for Bell & Howell in Chicago, and locally she was employed by Fricano's Pizza. The Zysks were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Their children were Judith Zysk Neher-Foster, born about 1942, and Gale Zysk Clark, born about 1953. Ottalie passed away on September 1, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with John. [*Tribune* obituary, September 3, 2002.]



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