

**The grave of John Calvert
founder of the Cortland New York Branch of the Calvert Family
who immigrated from Country Armagh, Ireland in 1792.
He died in Cortland County, New York in August 1808.**

**1989 Pictures of and by Don Allen of Derwood, Maryland
a descendant of John Calvert through his son William.**



Don Allen



South Cortland Cemetery, Cortland Co., New York

Charles Ellis Calvert searching for the grave of John Calvert, his great, great, great grandfather in June 1985. Forty years before Robert H. and his father, Charles Crossman Calvert located the John Calvert marker. At that time the marker was badly weatherbeaten.

Section J Lot 21
Cortland Rural Cemetery
purchased 7/22/1858
in the name of John,
James & Wilson Calvert

} *brothers*

Cortland Rural Cemetery's burial records start in 1885 and do not show place of birth, only residence at time of ~~XXX~~ death

John Calvert
May ? 1775--June 6, 1846
Isabell-his wife
April 20, 1788--July 22, 1858

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25 Homer Avenue
Cortland, NY 13045

These people might have more info

Children of John & Isabell
Margaret-9/7/1805 --1/11/1844
Thomas-1/15/1811-8/28/1829
Susanna-9/18/1818-11/12/1842
Nancy Jane-2/24/1813-8/17/1815



These names and dates are on north side of Monument

James A. Calvert died in Cortland

April 5, 1815
April 13, 1887

This Cemetery was not formed until 1853 so I imagine ~~XX~~ some of these burials were brought here from other small Cemeteries

Olive A. Betts-his wife

Feb 10, 1822
Sept 26, 1869

Emily Haviland-his wife

June 25, 1826

Monument is white marble, dates are hard to read

April 30, ~~1831~~ 1913 died in Truxton (near Cortland)

Ella Calvert Gould
dau of James & Olive

Nov 3, 1855

March 11, 1931 living Rochester at time of death

These names are on east side of Monument

John Calvert Jr. died in Virgil (near Cortland)

May 13, 1807

May 30, 1889 *March*

Samantha Goodell-his wife died in Virgil

Dec 20, 1808

Apr 1, 1889

John D.-their Son

Mar 28, 1836- Jan 26, 1837

South side of Monument

also

There is a small lot in the name of Jennie Calvert on which John A. Calvert and Jennie A. are buried

John died 9/17/1891 at age 25
Jennie died 2/21/1938 at age 76

Section A lot 32

Wilson Calvert - died in Cortland
Aug 16, 1820
June 19, 1898
Betsy-his Wife - died in Cortland
Feb 19, 1820
May 13, 1905
children of---
Frederick W.
7/26/1849 --2/26/1852

Martha
6/20/59--4/24/1862

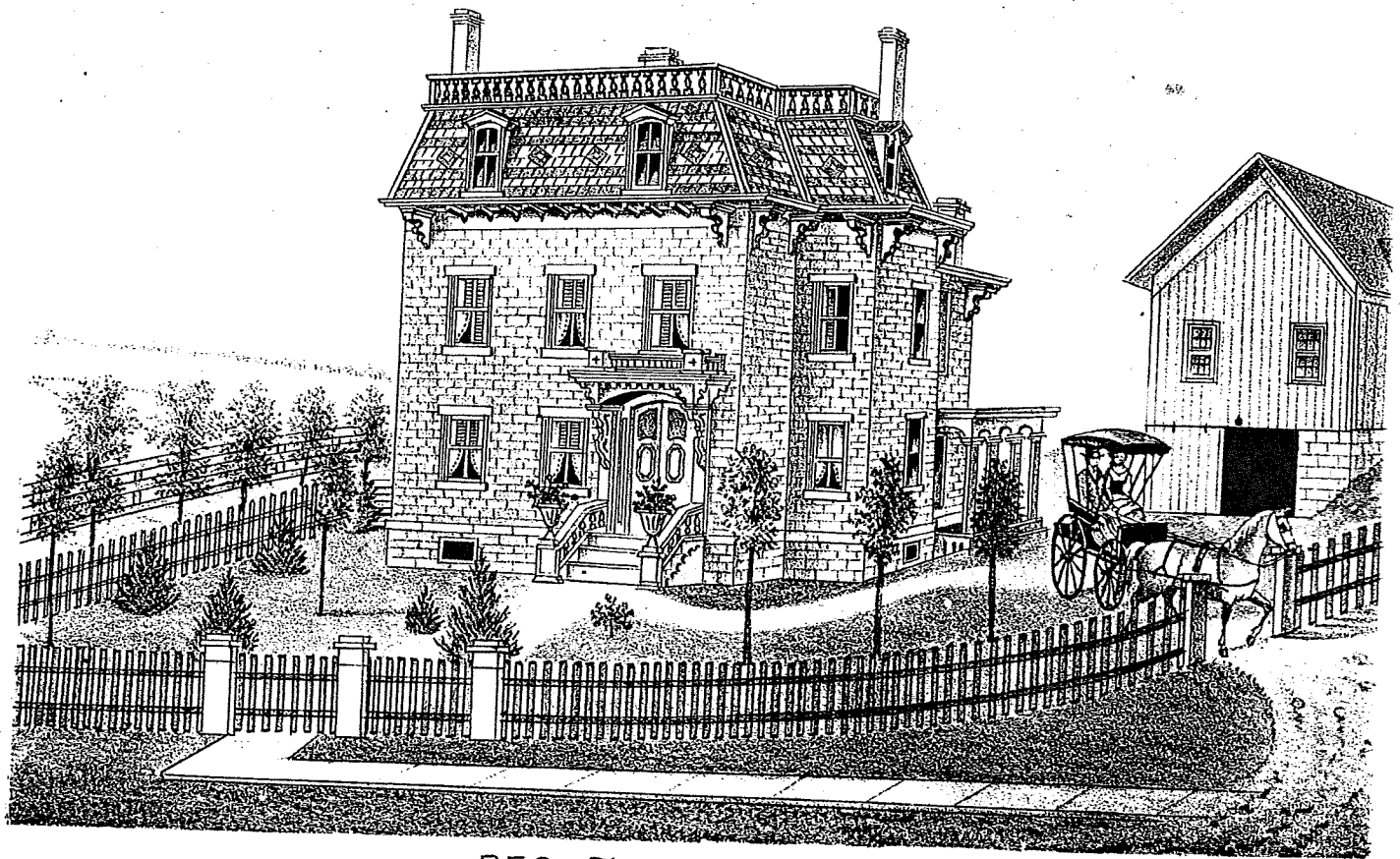
Frank W.
6/18/1858

4-28-1862

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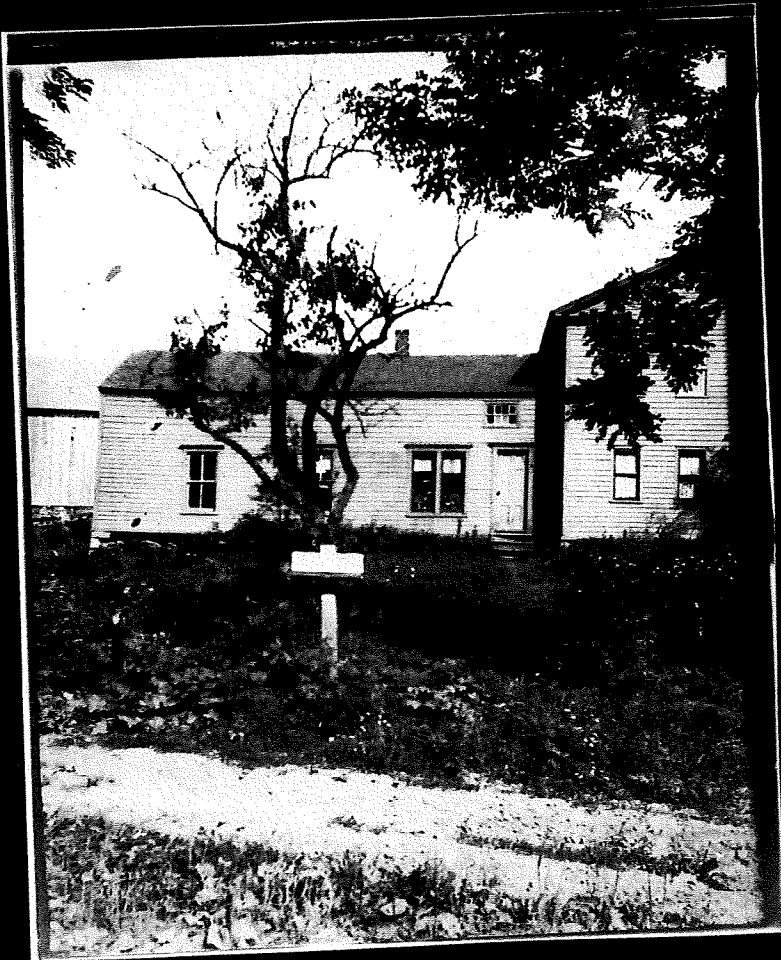
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211 Kent Road
Wyncote, Pennsylvania

By: V. Weston Chew



RES. OF JAMES A. CALVERT,
PROSPECT ST., CORTLAND, N. Y.

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Calvert Home
built by John Calvert
in 1831
Cortland, New York

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dence, since removing from Albany, is at Mt. Kisco, New York. He married, in the Church of the Ascension of New York City, December 15, 1903, Betty Metcalf, born at Erie, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1880, daughter of Frederic Wilder and Ruth (Moorhead) Metcalf. Children: Robert Lansing, born at New York City, November 5, 1904; Ruth, born at New York City, May 5, 1907.

The name Calvert is an historic one in Yorkshire, England. It has been a well-known name in York since the eleventh century. Some authorities claim that Calvert was a name brought into England at the time of the Norman Conquest, and others that it antedated in York the date of that conquest. There are a number of families bearing the Calvert name now living in York, and moss-grown tombstones of their ancestors are to be found in the burying grounds. The Calverts of Armagh, county of Armagh, province of Ulster, Ireland, are descendants of Rev. Henry Calvert, a Presbyterian minister who migrated from Yorkshire, England, or from over the border in Scotland, in 1623, and settled in county Down. One chronicler says he migrated from Scotland. He was probably English with an infusion of Scottish blood. He married a Miss Blair, of Scotland, whose brother was a Presbyterian clergyman, at Bangor, county Down. He refused to conform to Episcopacy and was put out of his church in 1636. Under James I., and later under Charles II., because of a strong policy of religious repression, Ulster received large immigration of Scottish and English settlers, as America in more recent years received a large influx from Ireland. Lord Baltimore (Leonard Calvert), who with his brother Cecil came to America and founded the city of Baltimore, was born in Kepling, Yorkshire, in 1582. The Calverts who migrated from Yorkshire to Armagh and the Lord Baltimore Calverts were presumably of the same stock. There is a tradition handed down by the Calverts of Central New York that the families sustained friendly relationship and exchanged visits in the mother country. The Calverts now living in Armagh and Dublin are children of John Calvert, who died in Armagh, November 19, 1873, lineal descendant of the Calverts, of Yorkshire.

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(I) John Calvert, the head of the Cortland, New York, branch of the Calvert family, came to America from Armagh in 1792. His wife having previously died he brought with him his seven children, six sons, John, Nathaniel, William, Robert, Alexander, Thomas, and one daughter, Margaret. After their arrival the family remained in New York City for a few years. The father was a Scotch Covenanter of extreme type and in order to be in close proximity to the Scotch Covenanter and Presbyterian colonies, in Galway, and other towns of Washington county, he sailed up the Hudson with his family and located on a farm in that county. With the opening of the new century, borne along by the tide of immigration that had been moving westward from New England since the close of the revolutionary struggles, John Calvert purchased in 1800 a Soldier's Land Claim, known as Lot 82, a plot of three hundred acres of thickly wooded land including the present site of Virgil, Cortland county, and moved on to it. He was among the earliest settlers of Cortland county. The hardships and privations which the family had to endure were those incident to the life of all pioneers of a hundred or more years ago.

After clearing away the forests, building a log house, and making other needed improvements, the farm was sold and a tract of land purchased, including what has been long known as the LeRoy Gillett farm, southwest of Cortland. Here again a house was built and improvements were made, after which the place was sold to advantage, and purchase was made in about 1806 of one hundred and fifty to two hundred acres situated a little south of South Cortland, forming a part of what is still known as the "Calvert Homestead." The remnants of an old orchard at the right of the road across the field shows where the old log house formerly stood. In this house, which he built, John Calvert lived only about two years, for his end came peacefully in 1808, after a laborious, honorable and highly useful life. He was a man much esteemed for his good judgment, integrity, nobility and exalted standards of life. He sleeps in the little cemetery at South Cortland.

Upon the death of his father, John Calvert Jr., mentioned below, succeeded to the headship of the family. William and Nathaniel found homes in Crawford county, in western

Pennsylvania. Nathaniel had sons by the names of John and Joseph. Robert settled in Livingston county, New York. He had sons by the names of John, William and Joseph. Alexander lived and died in Cayuga county. Thomas with his son John and daughter Margaret went to Illinois some time about 1840. The only daughter, Margaret, married Thomas McKee and lived in Cayuga county. John was a family name, and the eldest son was usually named John.

(II) John (2), son of John (1) Calvert, was seventeen years of age when he landed with his father in New York and was consequently thirty-three when he succeeded to the headship of the family. He had married Isabella Story, a woman of rare good sense, great strength of character and earnest piety, and being equally yoked together, they looked out upon life with resolute courage and faith. Shortly after assuming his new responsibilities, he purchased an adjoining farm, making with what he already possessed a choice tract of from three hundred and fifty to four hundred acres. Subsequently other additions were made until he had about six hundred acres. Some of this land remains in the hands of his descendants until this day. In 1831 he built the large frame house south of South Cortland which the family occupied until all the children were married. He accumulated a large property for his day. After a brief illness he died June 6, 1846, in the seventy-second year of his age. His widow, who survived him, died July 22, 1858, and now sleeps by the side of her husband in the Cortland Rural cemetery. They lived and died in the strict religious tenets of the Scotch Covenanter faith and in the fellowship of the Covenanter church of Sterling, New York. Thirteen children were born to them, seven sons and six daughters:

1. Margaret, born September 7, 1805, died in South Cortland, January 12, 1844; married John Bennie, of East Homer, June 15, 1828; children: Thomas, Anne, Hamilton, Nancy Jane, David M.
2. John, born May 13, 1807, died March 30, 1889; married Samantha Goodel, November 8, 1832; children: Martha B., married Marvin R. Wood, of Virgil; Samantha D., married George Fitts, of Groton; Nancy Jane, married William H. Myers, of Cortland; a son, John D., died in infancy.
3. William, born May 10, 1809, died in Sterling,

November 16, 1866; married Sarah Ann McFadden, March 13, 1837; children, Jane, married Robert Stanton, and John A., married Julia L. McNish. 4. Thomas, born January 15, 1811, died in South Cortland, August 28, 1829. 5. Nancy Jane, born February 24, 1813, died in South Cortland, August 17, 1815. 6. James A., mentioned below. 7. Martha E., born November 4, 1816, married Walstein B. Sturtevant, M. D., May 7, 1834; children, Julia M.; John, married Sarah J. Reed, of Cortland; Rachel B.; James W., married Cornelia A. Kingman, of Cincinnati; Martha Melina, married Marcus H. McGraw, of McGraw; Frederick Hyde, died in infancy; after Dr. Sturtevant's death, November 4, 1847, the widow, in 1850, married Hiram McGraw, of McGraw; she died April 16, 1894. 8. Susanna, born September 18, 1818, died November 19, 1842. 9. Wilson R., born February 19, 1820, died in South Cortland, June 19, 1898; married Betsey Wilcox, February 17, 1847; five children were born to them, of whom only one daughter, Esther A., grew to womanhood; she married George H. Hyde, of Cortland, July 24, 1878. 10. Sarah, born April 1, 1822, died in Salt Lake City, April 17, 1896; married Devillow K. Pike, of New Berlin, February 24, 1846; nine children were born to them, four of them surviving: Margaret, now Mrs. Frank Haskins, of Cortland; Sarah, wife of John Wells, of Topeka, Kansas; Esther, now Mrs. Royal Dustan, of Salt Lake City; Devillow K., of Piapot, Sask., Canada. 11. Elnathan, born April 28, 1824, died in Sterling, December 16, 1896; married Catherine La Mont, of Delhi, New York; children, John D., married Allie Diamond; Katie Belle; La Mont, married Nellie J. Moore, of Orange, Massachusetts; Elnathan Jr., married Ida Shaw; Charles A.; William B.; Fred W. 12. Esther E., born November 18, 1826, died May 26, 1853; married Philip McEachron, three children died in infancy. 13. Melancthon W., born March 28, 1829, died in Sterling, March 22, 1894; married Mary A. La Mont, 1848; children, Margaret Evelyn, married Adelbert M. Clark, of Dryden; John Harvey; married S. Gertrude Crossman, of Sterling.

(III) James Alexander, the middle one of the seven sons of John (2) Calvert, upon the death of his father was entrusted with the care of the aged mother and unmarried chil-

dren as well as the supervision of the large property. On December 22, 1846, he married Olive Adaline Betts, second daughter of Hiram and Lydia (Blodgett) Betts, of Cortland. She was of hardy Connecticut ancestry, her family being American in the sense in which Richard Grant White said the word should be used, as her ancestors had come to New England before the revolution. A daughter, Mary M., was born on the Calvert homestead. In the early fifties the homestead was sold, and the family moved to a newly purchased farm in Preble. The son, John B., mentioned below, was born there. In the spring of 1854 the family moved to Homer, where they resided on various farms until the spring of 1864, when they took up their residence in Cortland. While in Homer three daughters, Ella M., Emma L., Anna M., were born, making five children altogether. Because of the father's ill health, necessitating a milder climate, the family, in the spring of 1868, moved to New Brunswick, New Jersey. In that city the mother died on September 23, 1869, and in the December following the family moved back to Cortland. On September 3, 1872, James A. Calvert was married in Brooklyn, New York, to Emily Haviland, sister of James and Henry Haviland, of that city. He continued to reside in Cortland until his death, April 13, 1887. He inherited an honored name and he honored it by his pure and godly life. Like his father he was esteemed for his integrity, exalted character, right living and his fraternal and peace-loving spirit.

Children: 1. Mary M., married Dr. A. Gaylord Slocum, July 14, 1875; for the past twenty years he has been the president of Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan; two children were born to them, Arthur G. and Maizie M., both of whom are married, the former being father of a little daughter, and the latter mother of a little son. 2. John B., mentioned below. 3. Emma L., married Wilmot C. Smith, of Cortland, June 14, 1876; she died in Florida, December 26, 1879; James Calvert Smith, born December 8, 1879, now of Brooklyn, New York, survives her; another child died in infancy. 4. Ella M., married, June 28, 1881, George A. Gould, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; an only daughter, Eleanor Augusta, died at the age of eleven months. George A. Gould died June 4,

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1900. 5. Anna M., married J. W. T. Patchill, of Corning, New York, July 7, 1886; two children, Glenn and Isabelle, complete their family.

(IV) John Betts, only son of James Alexander Calvert, was born in Preble, August 29, 1852. After studying at various schools, he was principal of the high school at McLean, 1871-72. He entered the University of Rochester, at Rochester, New York, in the fall of 1872, and was graduated in 1876. In September, 1876, he entered the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he was graduated in May, 1879. The degree of A. M. was conferred upon him the following June by his alma mater. He was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church of Cortland, New York, March 20, 1875. During the last two years in the seminary he supplied the Baptist church at Graniteville, Staten Island. He also contributed quite frequently to *The Examiner*, *Zion's Advocate*, and *The Standard*. Although designed for the ministry, he got a taste for newspaper work and formed acquaintanceships which finally led him into journalism. In October, 1879, he was chosen secretary of The Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York, a society that for more than a century has been aiding Baptist churches in the state. He served as secretary for seven years, five of which he was also assistant pastor of Calvary Church, New York. He was ordained in Calvary Church, October 19, 1880. When he resigned the secretaryship of the Convention at Poughkeepsie, in October, 1886, he was unanimously chosen president, which position he filled for twenty-one years. He is still a member of the board. On December 10, 1885, he married Mary Dows Mairs, of New York. In February, 1888, he purchased *The Baptist Weekly* and changed the name to *The Christian Inquirer*. He was editor of the paper and president of the publishing company seven years. In 1894 he received the degree of D. D. from Shurtleff College. In March, 1895, *The Christian Inquirer* was consolidated with *The Examiner*, and he became one of the stockholders of The Examiner Company and one of the editors of *The Examiner*. He continued in this relation until he went abroad for an extended trip in 1910. He still has his office with *The Examiner*.

He has traveled extensively in his own

country, his journeys extending from Florida to Alaska and from Nova Scotia to Southern California. His travels in Europe embrace the chief points of interest from Great Britain to Egypt and Palestine. He is deeply interested in the cause of education, and has been a trustee of the University of Rochester since 1899. He served for ten years as trustee of Cook Academy, and for five years as president of the board. He served as president of the New York Alumni Association of the University of Rochester for two years, and as president of the Phi Beta Kappa of the University during 1899-1900, and is now a member of Phi Beta Kappa Alumni of New York. He has also served as president of the Baptist Social Union and of the Cortland County Society, of New York. On the occasion of the celebration of "Old Home Week" in Cortland in 1908, he preached a Home Coming sermon at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, and made one of the addresses at the public celebration. He is president of the board of trustees of the Metropolitan College of Music, and president of the American Seamen's Friend Society of New York.

The history of the Bench
HIRSCHBERG and Bar of the State of
New York is one of brilli-
ancy and honor, and nobly has the prestige
established by the judges and counsellors of
the past been maintained by their successors
of the present day. Among the foremost of
these stands Michael Henry Hirschberg, judge
of the appellate division, second department,
of the supreme court of the state of New
York. Judge Hirschberg resides in Newburg,
and for many years prior to his elevation to
the bench was a recognized leader of the bar
of the Empire State.

(I) Henry M. Hirschberg, father of Michael Henry Hirschberg, was born July 21, 1814, in Poland. He received an academic education in his native land. At the age of twenty he went to England, where for six years he was employed as a commercial traveller. In 1841 he emigrated to the United States, landing in New Orleans, November 13, of that year, and remaining until the following spring, when he removed to New York. In that city he secured employment as a clerk in a clothing store, and in 1843 returned to England.

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THE names of a few other men occur to me that deserve to be noticed, whose history is connected with the war.

Clinton D. Bouton entered early into the service of his country. He remained in the army till near its close, serving the Union cause acceptably and with fidelity. On his return home he settled in Dryden; soon engaged in business, has been successful, and is one of the leading merchants in that village, and is the postmaster.

Daniel P. Griswold enlisted early, served faithfully, was in *seven* sanguinary battles, among which were South Mountain, Antietam and Gettysburg, where he received a severe wound in the leg, remained a long time in the hospital, and was finally discharged. The wound was incurable and amputation above the knee was resorted to. He lives in Town an example of industry and thrift. A brother of his entered the army and fell a sacrifice to his country's cause. His name was Barzilia Griswold.

We will now notice a few civilians. Isaac B. Bloomer received only the education furnished by this Town. He engaged early in teaching, and was afterward elected Town Superintendent of Common Schools, which office he filled several years, discharging its duties acceptably.

Walter L. Chaplin derived his education from the means enjoyed here. He taught a while, then entered upon the labors and duties of land surveyor, and now enjoys a good reputation in that department.

The writer would be happy to set forth somewhat in detail a large number of the pioneers of the Town who have lived and died here. It must suffice, however, that a few of their names are mentioned. These, with many others, encountered the rigors and hardships of a settlement in the new country. Joseph Chaplin, John M. Frank, John Gee, James Knapp, James Clark, John Shevalier, Robert Ryan, John Snider, Enos Bouton, Joseph Bailey, Simeon Luce, Oliver Ball, Abner Bruce, Ezra Bruce, William Lincoln, Eli Johnson, John Hill, Oliver Tyler, Silas Lincoln, Joshua Farnam, Jonathan Edwards, John Calvert, Moses Olmstead, Isaac Bloomer, David Snider, William Snider, William Powers, and many others,

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an. Capt. Knapp caught and killed fifteen wolves in one year; and during the time when they were prevalent, Mr. Roe lost by them fifteen head of cattle and a large number of sheep. Their ravages were general, and subjected the inhabitants to the necessity of folding their sheep every night for about fifteen years. For a series of years the settlers suffered great hardships and privations, but they gradually diminished, so that in 1809 or '10 most of the necessaries of life were accessible to the mass of the people. Though I shall notice the progress of the settlements, I shall not be so minute in reference to particular families. To this number there was added in 1798, James Wright where Thomas Stanbro now lives, James Knapp where M. B. Mynard lives, James Glenny and John Glenny, near the residences of H. P. Jones and Thomas Hammond, Joseph Bailey where William Givens lives, and Wait Ball where J. C. Hutchings lives. In February, 1799, Enos Bouton settled where he remained while he lived; Dana Miles and others not now known, came in, so that in the year twenty-three men were taxed with highway labor. In 1800, we find James Sherwood, who settled on the ridge east from A. J. Brown's residence, James Wright, who settled near where Mrs. Byram lives; John Calvert, near where N. Chamberlain owns, Seth Larabee, near where Abram Oak lives, John Ellis where L. V. Terpenning lives, Moses Rice where Cephas Gleason lives, Abial Brown where Abijah Haight lives, Moses Stevens where Barnabas Tyler lives, Jason Crawford, on the river, and Primus Gaunt (colored) in that part now embraced in Lapeer. In 1801, Daniel Edwards settled where William Glenny lives, Nathaniel Bouton on the farm occupied by him during his life, and now by his son, Prince Freeman where Samuel N. Rounds lives, and James Clark and son where Joseph Colwell lives. In 1802, Jonathan Edwards settled where he lived the most of the rest of his life, Samuel Carson, near where Joseph Bouton lives, Alexander Hunter took the place of Joseph Bailey, George Wigant in a house near where J. Hancock's garden is, Abner and Ezra Bruce near the residence of L. V. Terpenning, and William Lincoln, a single man, came and has remained ever since, and is with us to-day. Peter Gray settled the same year on lot No. 70, (now Lapeer) and Robert K. Wheeler and Thomas Kingsbury in 1802 or '3; both in the same part. In 1803, Moses Ohnstead settled where Josephus Gee lives, and Peter Powers and

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