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WHAT: CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING
WHEN: TUESDAY, 7PM, 25 MAY 1993
WHERE: OAK HILL CEMETERY
255 S. AVE. BATTLE CREEK, MI.
WHO: DUFF STOLTZ

Come and join us as Duff Stoltz takes us on a tour through Battle Creeks Historical Oak Hill Cemetery. It'll take about forty-five minutes to an hour, and we'll walk it, unless it rains. Then we'll take a bus tour.

We'll meet at the Cemetery office at 7PM, where Oak Hill's secretary/treasurer, Wilma Dzioba, will give us a brief overview of the records that are available at the cemetery itself. Then Duff will begin his tour with the C.W. Post Memorial, then to Sojourner Truth's grave, and Frank Kellogg's, who was the patent medicine man, not the sanitarium or cereal Kellogg. We will continue our leisurely walk as we listen to Duff's interesting and knowledgeable patter about people who lived and died and are buried in this lovely old cemetery. We may even find one of your ancestors or relatives.

This cemetery walk is one of the closing events of Battle Creeks's Preservation Month, coordinated by the Historical Society and the Historic District Commission. Preserving history is the responsibility of each of us and as genealogist we take this charge very seriously. We learn from the past to make a better present and future. We'll see you at Oak Hill.

Jo Peck, Program Chairman.



DIRECTIONS TO OAK HILL CEMETERY FROM I-94

Take 98-B exit off I-94 to M-66 North going toward downtown Battle Creek to the Dickman Road exit. Get off on Dickman but after going a very short distance turn to the extreme right where South Avenue begins. Follow South Avenue about 4 blocks to the gate of the cemetery.

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FAMILY NEWS INFORMATION

The following items have come
to our attention so your
editors decided to let our
readers know too! Family
SURNAME information. If
interested contact the groups
below.

The VAN VOORHEES ASSOCIATION
310 Rockland Avenue
River Vale NJ 07675

The BOWEN News Exchange
PO Box 855,
Steelville MO 65565

PHOTOGRAPHERS IN YOUR FAMILY?

Did one of your ancestors work as a photographer in Michigan
before 1920? If so, please write or call Dave Tinder, 6404
Coleman, Dearborn, MI 48126, phone 313-581-0005. Dave has spent
25 years compiling a directory of early Michigan photographers
which will be published soon. Your information will assure the
the entry about your relative will be more accurate, more complete
and more interesting.

Dave has already identified more than 8000 persons who began
photographic careers in Michigan before 1920. He now has a team
of workers at Oakland University who are entering the information
into the computer as the first step toward publication.

CEMETERY PROJECT UPDATE

Ruth Kaiser, Project Chair

What we could accomplish with more volunteers! The last issue of Generations listed all the cemeteries in Clarence Township which had been surveyed by Ken and Shirley Stone on their own. They have gone the second mile and added notes from the burial permits, birth, marriage and death records in the township and county clerk office and the U.S. Census Records from 1850-1880. This wealth of information will soon be entered in a computer for publication, hopefully by June. At present it will be listed alphabetically. In the future there will be a listing row by row in the cemeteries. I challenge other small groups to survey cemeteries at their convenience with the assurance that the materials will be printed, distributed to area libraries and sold for personal use. Please check with your project chair for format and coordination.

You can check the latest records of cemeteries which interest you in a separate article in this issue. Julia Miller, another hardworking volunteer, checked all the area libraries to see what cemetery records they have. Thanks to her for getting this material ready for publication. A handy list of addresses and business hours of those libraries and a list of the current township clerks is included. The Calhoun County and Union City Genealogical Societies are selling copies of their publications and their address is noted also.

The April meeting walk through the Oakridge Cemetery, Marshall was well received. Please keep in mind the May meeting will be a walk through Oakhill Cemetery, Battle Creek. You can learn that cemeteries have fascinating stories to tell and it may wet your appetite for becoming involved with the society's cemetery surveys. The scheduled dates for transcribing cemeteries this summer will fall on the fourth Saturday of each month. We will concentrate on finishing the records for the Clarendon Township. We will begin with Cook's Prairie on 23 Mile Road between M-60 and L Drive South. When that is completed we will move to West Clarendon Cemetery on M-60 east of 18 1/2 Mile Road. The weather and the length of time to complete Cook's Prairie are uncertain so the schedule will be tentative. If we can get enough volunteers we can get both cemeteries done this year.

Ruth will be glad to notify anyone of schedule changes if she knows you are planning on coming. Otherwise, a sign will be posted on a tree at the Cook's Prairie Cemetery when a change is made or the weather doesn't cooperate. You can also call 517/857-2747 before 8:15 a.m. on the scheduled day. The planned schedule follows:

22 May	1 PM	Cook's Prairie
26 Jun.	9 AM	Cook's Prairie
24 Jul.	9 AM	Cook's Prairie
28 Aug.	9 AM	Cook's Prairie/West Clarendon
25 Sep	1 PM	West Clarendon
23 Oct.	1 PM	West Clarendon

It will be necessary to make one final check of the Bentley Corner records before they can be published, hopefully by June. If anyone can assist during the week in early May, I would appreciate a call (517/857-2747).

RESOURCE ADDRESSES & LOCATIONS

517/629-3993 Albion Library
501 S Superior
Albion 49224
1-5Sat-Sun
10-9Mon-Tue
10-7W-Thur

616/781-7821
Marshall Public
111 E Mansio
Marshall 4906
11-8:30 M-Th
11-5 F-Sat

Marshall Public Library
111 E Mansion
Marshall 49068
11-8:30 M-Th
11-5 F-Sat

Willard Public Library
7 W Van Buren
Battle Creek 49017
2-7Thur, 9-12Sat
or 9-9 M-Thur, 9-5 F-S

517/568-3450
Homer Public Library
104 S. Hillsdale
Homer 49245
114 M-F, 9-2 Sat

Albion History Room
 12-7 Tue
 10-2 Wed
 12-5 Thur

Athens Library
PO 216
Athens 49011
1-5Mon-Sat

Union City Genealogical Soc.
c/o Brad Waite, President
123 Barry, Union City 49094

Calhoun Co Genealogical Soc
501 South Superior
Albion MI 49224

517765-2323
Burlington Twp Library
PO Box 38, 135 Elm
Burlington 49029
11-2 Tue; 1-5 Wed
2-7 Thur; 9-12 Sat

517/767-4769
Tekonsha Twp Library
109 E Canal
Tekonsha 49092
2-5:30 M&W
5:30-7:30Th
9-12 F-Sat

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Battle Creek MI

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616/781-
Kristy J. I
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Marshall MI 49068

LEE
Jane
2049
Mars

Jane Dadow
20491 19 1/2 Mile
Marshall MI 49068

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4421 Duck L
Albion MI 4
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103 East Michigan
Battle Creek MI

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616/968-0241
Gloria Maichele
620 Clift
Battle Creek MI

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Marshall MI 49068

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Marshall MI

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Albion MI 49224

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Albion M

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PUBLISHED CEMETERY RECORD LOCATIONS

MAP NO.	TOWNSHIP / CEMETERY	MATERIALS DEPOSITED IN	PREPARER	REMARKS	ADDRESS OF CEMETERY
**	ALBION				
65	Albion Memory Gardens	Albion		1955>	26905 B Drive South
66	Bryant (inactive)	Albion			25 1/2 Mile between D Drive S & F Drive S
	Grimes (inactive)			4 graves (newspaper clipping)	J Drive S west of 27 Mile (Ed Coxon farm)
19	Riverside (city)	Albion	City of Albion ongoing	computer print-out	M-99 south edge of Albion
31	South Albion/Benham	Albion		inactive	J Drive S just east of 29 Mile
	ATHENS TOWNSHIP	Library of Mich	DAR		
33	Burr Oak	Willard	DAR 1942	current from village clerk	1 1/2 mile west of blinker in Athens on V Drive So.
21	North Athens (Baptist)	Willard	DAR 1942	sexton records	1 mile so. of Pine Creek (M Drive S, east of 2 Mile?)
67	Old Burg / Old Athens	Willard	DAR 1942	east of Athens (inactive)	V Drive S, east of M66
48	Simpson (inactive)	Willard	DAR 1942	old Elliott Stimpson farm	2 Mile & O Drive S?
53	Walker (inactive)	Willard	DAR 1942		M66 south of O Drive So.
20	Indian				1 1/2 Mile between R & T Drive So.
	BATTLE CREEK	Michigan	Darnell index + DAR		
41	Beckley	Battle Creek	Darnell index + DAR 1938	misc notes, 1980	Dubois & Airport Road
69	Haskell Home	Willard	Glenn/Jean Davis 1989		Limit St
5	Memorial Park	Willard	Darnell index + DAR 1938	misc notes, 1980	2435 W. Territorial (Columbia @ Helmer)
42	Mount Olivet (city)	Willard, Michigan	DAR 1942	+ misc notes, 1980	South Avenue opposite Oakhill
4	Oakhill	Willard	1942 incomplete, DAR, Ardis	1986 F-L-N + 1980 misc notes	255 South Avenue
3	Reese	Willard	Darnell index + DAR 1938	misc notes, 1980	West Dickman & Helmer Roads
77	Quaker/Fremont Park				
70	Sunset Garden/Stone Ivy				
68	Youngs	Willard	Darnell index + DAR 1938	misc notes, 1980	near W.K. Kellogg Airport on W. Territorial
	BEDFORD	Michigan	Library of Mich	DAR	
8	Bedford/Hutchinson	Willard	DAR 1942	misc notes, 1980	M37 & U Drive No.
9	Harmonia	Willard	DAR 1969	misc notes, 1980 (inactive)	1 Mile between M89 and M96
43	Harmon/Holiday				O Drive east of M37
	BURLINGTON		Union City Genealogical Soc.	\$15.00 + \$1.90 shipping (1992)	
52	Abscota (Wet Prairie)	Mich., Burlington, Willard	Union City Genealogical Soc.	(one booklet)	7 Mile and N Drive So.
55	Barrington	Mich., Burlington, Willard	Union City Genealogical Soc.	(one booklet)	N Drive @ 9 1/2 Mile
37	Burlington	Mich., Burlington, Willard	Union City Genealogical Soc.	(one booklet)	M-60 near west city limits
44	Old Burlington	Mich., Burlington, Willard	Union City Genealogical Soc.	(one booklet)	west edge of Burlington
	New Burlington	Mich., Burlington, Willard	Union City Genealogical Soc.	(one booklet)	
	CLARENCE				
27	Clarence Center	Albion (index cards)	Ken/Shirley Stone 1992	CCGS to publish '93-94	27 1/2 Mile between P & R Drive N
60	Clarence on the Hill (Dyer)	Albion (index cards)	Ken/Shirley Stone 1992	CCGS to publish '93-94	M Drive N, east of 28 Mile (Jim Faulkner farm land)
26	Hunt (North Clarence)	Albion (index cards)	Ken/Shirley Stone 1992	CCGS to publish '93-94	V Drive N 1/4 mile west of 26 Mile (no. side)

** Map NO.

Refers to NO. as listed in the
MICHIGAN CEMETERY ATLAS 1901

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CLARENCE				
59 Krenetick	Albion (index cards)	Ken/Shirley Stone 1992	CCGS to publish '93-94	L Drive N between 26 & 28 Mile
50 Nichols	Albion (index cards)	Ken/Shirley Stone 1992	CCGS to publish '93-94	R Drive N, west of 26 Mile
CLARENDON				
13 Bentley Corner/E Clarendon	Mich, Albion, Willard	Calhoun Co. Genealogical Soc.	copy \$4 + \$2 shipping (1992)	T Drive South & 22 1/2 Mile
12 Cook's Prairie (Baptist)	CCGS fall '93	Calhoun Co. Genealogical Soc.	summer '93 project	1/2 mile north of M-60 on 23 Mile Rd
10 St. Joseph	CCGS June '93	Calhoun Co. Genealogical Soc.	publish, June, '93; \$4 + \$2 ship	west of M99, Calhoun/Hillsdale County Line Road
24 West Clarendon	CCGS '94?	Calhoun Co. Genealogical Soc.	summer '94 project?	M-60 north side in Sec 18
CONVIS				
2 Austin	Michigan, Albion, Marshall	DAR <1943		15 Mile between P Drive N & Q Drive N
57 Porter	Michigan, Albion, Marshall	DAR		north side of N Drive N west of US27
ECKFORD				
18 East Eckford	Albion	1932	death record (township)	1/2 mile south of D Drive S on 23 Mile Rd
17 West Eckford	Albion	1932	alphabetical & plot map	20 Mile Road @ E Drive S
	Albion	1932	alphabetical	
EMMETT				
45 Ceresco	Michigan	DAR		12 Mile Road, south of Michigan Ave
6 Dubois	Willard	DAR, 1942; Chichester 1989		East Beckley Road, off Capital SW
47 Floral Lawn Memorial	Willard	1938 DAR + Darnell	misc notes, 1980	Michigan Ave east @ 10 Mile
7 Newbre	Willard		misc notes, 1980	B Drive N @ 9 Mile
46 Sandstone/Sackrider	Marshall, Willard	1942 DAR + McCary-Chichester 1991	1980 Misc notes; 1991	11 Mile Rd, south of Michigan Ave (inactive)
	Albion, Willard	1942 DAR + 1963 BC Historical Soc.	surname index; '80 misc notes	
FREDONIA				
40 Houston	Mich, Albion, Marshall, Willard	DAR + Alexander 1988	1988 tombstone readings,	D Drive S between 15 1/2 Mile & 13 1/2 Mile
16 Lyon Lake	Mich, Albion, Marshall, Willard	DAR + Alexander 1988	1988 tombstone readings, etc.	Old US 27 S and G Drive S,
38 Lutheran (Salem German)	Mich, Albion, Marshall, Willard	DAR + Alexander 1988	1988 tombstone readings, etc.	13 Mile Road north of L Drive S
HOMER				
11 Fairview	Mich, Albion, Homer, Willard	Mary Althaver, twp clerk ongoing	indexed + Cortright <1881	M Drive S between 24 1/2 & 25 Mile
30 Fisher	Mich, Albion, Homer, Willard	Mary Althaver, twp clerk ongoing	indexed	R Drive S between 29 Mile & Van Wert Rd.
11 Old Homer	Mich, Albion, Homer, Willard	Mary Althaver, twp clerk ongoing	indexed	stones moved to Fairview
LEE				
Clark	Albion			V Drive North
64 Lee Center	Albion, Marshall	Winston Sebolt 1981	Albion	V Drive N between 21 & 23 Mile
51 Partello	Albion, Marshall	Winston Sebolt 1980	inactive (original records lost)	23 Mile between T & V Drive No.
61 Rice Creek	Mich, Albion, Marshall, Willard	Calhoun Co. Genealogical Soc.	\$5 + \$2 postag, printed 1992	L Drive N & 24 Mile

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	TOWNSHIP / CEMETERY	MATERIALS DEPOSITED IN	PREPARER	REMARKS	ADDRESS OF CEMETERY
	LEROY	Michigan	DAR 1941		
54	East Leroy (Mather)	Willard	DAR		5 Mile between H & K Drive So (east of M66)
32	Morgan/Robinson/Leroy	Willard	DAR 1941	misc notes, 1980	5 Mile north of B Drive So.
22	South Leroy	Willard	DAR 1941	(Congregational)	2 1/2 miles west of M-66 on Joppa Rd.
49	West Leroy	Willard	DAR 1941	misc notes, 1980	C Drive S east of 1/2 Mile Road
	MARENGO				
76	Calhoun Co. Poor Farm				18 1/2 Mile north of I94
56	Johnson	Mich, Albion, Marshall, Willard	Detroit Soc for Genealogy 1988	Pate & Wilson	G Drive N between 19 & 20 Mile
25	Marengo Pioneer / Memorial	Mich, Albion	DAR 1980		Michigan Ave @ 21 Mile
63	Marengo Village	Michigan, Albion, Marshall	DAR		23 Mile between Michigan Ave & B Drive No.
73	North Marengo	Michigan, Albion, Marshall	DAR 1980		Michigan Ave @ 21 Mile
74	Raesley / Townshend	Michigan, Albion, Marshall	DAR		19 Mile between I & G Drive No.
62	Samson	Michigan, Albion, Marshall	DAR		23 Mile between H Drive N & J Drive N
	MARSHALL	Marshall	McCrory	microfilm area cemeteries	
29	Hotchkiss (inactive)	Albion, Willard, Michigan	DAR + Chichester 1989	Marshall unable to locate	J Drive North ca 1/4 mile west of 16 1/2 Mile
23	Oakridge (city)	Michigan, Marshall	<1943		Homer Road, southeast edge of Marshall
24	Saint Mary's Catholic	Michigan, Albion, Marshall	DAR		Centennial north of Michigan Avenue
	NEWTON				
36	Newton	Michigan, Willard	DAR 1942	(Newton Methodist)	East of 8 Mile on F Drive South, north side
35	(Unknown)				East of 8 Mile on F Drive South, south side
	PENNFIELD				
71	Hicks	Michigan, Marshall, Willard	Darnell index + DAR 1938	1980 misc notes (Willard only)	Capital Ave NE on M-66 no. of Huntington Rd.
72	Mulvaney Family				12 Mile north of V Drive No.
1	West Pennfield				1961 Capital Ave NE
	SHERIDAN				
75	Davis			private	27 Mile south of H Drive No.
58	Reed Family			private	east of 29 Mile & north of H Drive No.
	TEKONSHA				
	McFadden Farm	Tekonsha			17 Mile Road & P Drive S
	Old Riverside	Tekonsha			so. of St. Joseph River on SE side of Tekonsha
15	Riverside	Tekonsha	Elsie L. Shedd 1979	old & new sections	so. of St. Joseph River on SE side of Tekonsha
39	Windfall	Tekonsha			Jackson Drive South of intersection with M-60

U S CENSUS OF 1840
CALHOUN CO., MICHIGAN TOTAL 6375
TOWNS OF ALBION, ECKFORD, FREDONIA, HOMER, LEE, MARSHALL,
MARENGO, PINCKNEY AND SHERIDAN
17 SEPTEMBER 1840
STEPHEN BLODGET

PINCKNEY TWP.
(CHANGED TO
CLARENCE TWP.)

(CHANGED TO CLARENCE TWP.)	MALES										FEMALES									
	0	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60		0	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	
	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70		5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	
ARTHUR BENNETT					1						1				1					
JOSIAH B TAYLOR	1				1										1					
AVERY HOSE ?	1	1	1	1	1		1											1		
SETH HOYT	4	2	1		1		1		1		1	1				1				
THOMAS SQUIRES	2	1	1				1				1	1	1			1				
PHILO COWELL				2			1				1	2	2			1				
MASON BEMIS	1	1		1		1							2			1				
GEORGE BEMIS					1						2	1			1					
SAMUEL SELLERS						1									1					
MONROE HATCH			1	1		2					1		1					1		
ABRAHAM HADDEN	2	1			1										1					
ALONZO SQUIRES					1										1					
SAMUEL JEFFERY	1				1										1					
HORACE RODGERS	1				1										1					
FRANK JOTHAM-DYER				1	2			1						1	1				1	
JOHN B DYER	1	2				1					1	1				1				
RAMSON FISK	1		2				1					2	1					1		
ASA WHITE			1		1			1								1				
ORSON (BARKER)?	1				1						1	1			1					
BENJAMIN R GILLET	1				1						1				1					
FRANCIS HALL			1	1	2			1											1	
ELISHA BENNETT					1				1										1	
ALISON A BELL					1										1					
OLIVER S BELL					1		1						1					1		
ANDREW R TOMKINS					1						1				1					
THOMAS HATTES	1	1				1					1					1			1	
ANCIL O BELL	1				1										1					
ANDREW BELL			1		2						2				1					
JAMES WETHERLY		1					1				2	2		1				1		
JOHN B SNYDER	3	1				1										1				
JONATHAN HALL						1														
GEORGE NOVIS					1															
BOOK TYLER						1												1		
ABRAHAM RAYMOND	1	1	1				1				1					1				
NORRIS BARNES	2					1										1				
C W CLAPP			1			1					1				1					
LUTHER GOODRICH			1				1							1					1	
PETER HATHAWAY	1				1									1						
JOHN AUSTIN						1										1				
HUMPHREY AUSTIN	1				1										1					
JOHN AUSTIN					1			1					1						1	
RODGER AUSTIN				1		1					1				1					
DANIEL R HAND					1									1	1					
TOTAL 201	27	13	12	7	28	13	9	4	2		17	11	11	7	17	12	5	6		

COMPILED BY KENNETH STONE

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MARY MATILDA (PERINE) BENHAM BLASHFIELD
by PAUL BACHMANN

Mary Matilda PERINE was born 6 Nov. 1834 in New York City, a daughter of William Harvey PERINE and Susan Wade (WOOLEY) PERINE.{1} At the age of 10 she moved with her parents and siblings via Rochester, NY, the Erie Canal and Detroit to acreage about two miles northeast of Tekonsha, MI. Eventually the family settled in a house less than a mile from the western border of Clarendon Twp., and became involved with the Methodists of Clarendon.

One of the active Methodists there was Lewis BENHAM, soon to be Mary's father-in-law, who donated a log house formerly occupied by his family to be used for their church services.{2} This BENHAM family came from New York{3} and settled in Clarendon twp. in 1837, moving to Albion, MI in 1850 where Lewis was occupied as a cooper in his shop next to the family home at 39 E. Chestnut Street.

Both the PERINE and BENHAM homes became, in the words of GARDNER{5}, headquarters for ministers including a Manassah HICKEY who "did a great work among the Indians. He seemed to be followed always in the memory of [our subject Mary] by a crowd of Indians with their squaws and papooses."

On her 19th birthday Mary married Letson (sometimes referred as Letsom) BENHAM{6}, born 29 June 1827, son of Lewis and Mary (BENJAMIN). In the 1860 Census, Letson and Mary and two of their three children are living with his parents in Albion, MI.; Letson is farming land valued at \$1000.00.

Letson and Mary's children: Freddie G. born March 1858 died 13 January 1862, Myrta born 1859 and Harriet born after 1860. Sometime after 1860 this family moved to Chicago.

Letson died 1 August 1879{7}. His father, a War of 1812 veteran and pensioner, died 5 November 1885.{8} Maru married a widower (my great grandfather) William B. BLASHFIELD on 2 January 1889{9} whose first spouse was Mary's sister Harriet. They lived in Clarendon Twp. William B. died in 1896.

Eventually, Mary moved back to the Chicago area, and then around 1918 moved to Hollywood, CA to be near her two daughters, Mrs. Myrta B. KEATS and Mrs. Harriet B. CRAIG who survived her. Mary died at her home on Crescent Heights Blvd. in Hollywood on 25 July 1923.{10}

SOURCES

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More on the BENHAM FAMILY

One of Letson and Mary Matilda's children, Freddie G. BENHAM, was buried as an infant at West Clarendon Cemetery in 1862. But a Fred BENHAM turns up 35 years later mentioned in the same paragraph as Freddie G's mother and sister in an 1897 Diary of Sarah Reynolds (DOOLITTLE) PERINE, daughter of William and Polly Ann (HUBELL) DOOLITTLE:

"Saturday [July] 24 Went up to Mary Blashfields today to visit with Hattie Craig, Fred Benham and mother. {1}

Wednesday 28 Mary Blashfield, Hattie Craig, Hannah Simonson, and Fred Benham visited here today.

1. "Mother" is probably Mary (BLODGETT) ROWE PERINE.

Paul Bachmann sent along two pages of the above listed Diary. Other names mentioned include; Mabel Amy, John Gilbert, William Henry, Mrs. Elis.

Paul submitted the above, as Mary Matilda (PERINE) BENHAM BLASHFIELD is the sister of his great grandmother and the second wife of his great grandfather. His great grandmother, Harriet Wooley (PERINE) BLASHFIELD died in January 1888.

NEWS ITEMS AND MEMORABILIA NEEDED FOR NEWSLETTER

The newsletter editors invite members to send us unpublished and interesting copies of memorabilia, genealogies, 4 generational charts, Bible records, letters etc. of Calhoun Co. pioneers, and citizens of long ago.

We try to fill 6 pages of each newsletter mailing, and we would like to add any items of interest which have names someone may be searching.

Examples in this newsletter are Mr. Bachman's writing about Mary Matilda (Perine) Benham Blashfield--- and Valerie Radee's grandmother Fanny E. Peppet's graduation ceremony program.

Check your closets, drawers, files for items we can include. We can work our way through quite a bit of Calhoun Co. information that hasn't been published before this way.

Mail to Pat or Val % Calhoun Co. Gen. Soc., Albion Public Library)

COMING EVENTS

25 May 1993

Battle Creek historian, Duff Stoltz, will take us on a walk through Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek.

22 June 1993

A tour of the Albion Public Library-Local History Room and its holdings for genealogists. To include a review of the CCGS files. 7PM.

July 1993

CCGS will continue its cemetery transcription project. No regular meeting. Plan now to join us. See page 3 for dates, and places.

Aug 1993

We are planning a summer field trip for the society. Will keep you posted.

ATTENTION!

Please watch for announcements of our Genealogical Society's meetings and projects in your local newspaper.

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