

CLAYTON HAMILTON WELLS

Clayton Hamilton Wells, son of Melissa R. and B. F. Wells, was born August 21, 1860, in Clarendon township, Calhoun County, Michigan. In November of that year, the family moved to Eaton County, to the farm in Kalamo township which has since remained the homestead. For eight years he lived in Kansas, and there on December 26, 1886, he married Anna M. Henry. Shortly after his return to Michigan, he became a member of the Vermontville Masonic Lodge Number 232, F. & A. M. His death occurred March 13, 1931. He leaves behind him his wife, Mrs. Anna Wells, four children, Carl B. Wells, Hazel M. Rickle, Violetta M. Purdy and Leola A. Vincent, and six grandchildren.

Beside his immediate family, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Alice Parker, three brothers, Clark E., Perry B. and Clinton K. Wells, the latter a twin brother, and six nephews and nieces. Mr. Wells spent his entire life quietly working on his farm. He was a man of sterling character, enjoying the respect and confidence of the community in which he lived. He had a merry heart and drew to himself the friendly comradeship of those around him. He had a cherry personality and his kindly presence will be missed by many.

The funeral services were held at the home of his son, Carl B. Wells, the homestead of Benjamin F. Wells, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, March 15, 1931. Elder J. W. Roach, an old friend of the family, officiated. Interment was made at the Kalamo cemetery.

Thursday, March 26, 1931

Edward Barber made his first trip to Detroit with his big truck Monday night, taking three junk cars and brought back a truck and car.

Mrs. Eli Chatfield returned from St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, Monday, Mr. Chatfield motoring for her. She is recovering fast since her goitres were removed and is able to be about the house.

Lorin Garlinger, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown, who is in the Navy on the battleship "Maryland", and has been for some time at Panama, expected to start Wednesday on a return trip to San Pedro harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrel Williamson, living north of Vermontville on the Milton Sprague farm, were blessed Sunday afternoon with a 7 1/4 lb. baby boy. He has been named, Gayland Merrel. Mrs. Williamson is getting along very nicely. She was formerly Erma VanDeventer.

Mrs. Dorothy Faust has taken Mrs. Flossie Rawson's place in the telephone office. Mrs. Faust has supplied at various times and is a good operator.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown were at the home of their daughter Mrs. Gladys Garlinger in Castleton township, Sunday, for a pre-celebration of Mr. Brown's birthday. He will be 87 Friday.

Mrs. Fred Jordan of Nashville is recovering from scarlet fever and able to be about the house. Mr. J. has been quite ill with streptococcal sore throat. Mrs. Arthur Fox is the nurse in charge.

Mrs. F. F. Ambrose, Mrs. E. E. Loveland, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Loveland and daughter, Miss Vera, Mr. Marshall Berry, and Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Gutches gathered at the home of the latter on Hubbard St., Road, is Battle Creek, Sunday the 22nd, in honor of the 74th birthday of Mrs. Ambrose. Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gregg and family of Belding were unable to be present.

Ernest Rawson came home from Indianapolis, Ind. where he is working for the Western Union, Friday night to help Mrs. Rawson get their portable house that had been mounted on a trailer, in readiness to return early Sunday. Their new home attracted considerable attention. The house is 7x16 feet with a door and six small windows, and has many conveniences: cupboards, drawers, large box, wardrobe with a hat box on top, drop leaf table, sanitary cot and folding chairs. The steps leading to the door hook up and when they have to move that is all the packing that has to be done. When it is hitched behind their car they are off. The material used by Lackey & Purchis in its construction was Masonite pressed wood, from the Wilson Lumber & Coal Co. The local telephone subscribers were sorry to lose Mrs. Rawson, who has served them so long and acceptably, and hope for her much pleasure in her new home.

Mrs. Frank P. Town was badly cut about the head, the result of a motor car accident on US27 between Lansing and Charlotte, Wednesday evening. Nine stitches were required to close up the severe cuts. She was otherwise badly bruised but spent the night at her own home. Her son, Franklin, who was driving, was badly shaken up but was at his desk Thursday morning as usual. Dr. V. J. Rickard, who did the surgical work, said that Mrs. Town would be okay within a few days. The Towns were coming home from Lansing where Frank Town, the husband and father, is a surgical patient at Sparrow hospital.—Charlotte Republican-Tribune.

Thursday, April 2, 1931

Sunday dinner guests at the Ferris home were Mr. Harry Kelly and son George of Grand Rapids. Monday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Waggoner and Miss Matie Waggoner.

Mrs. Doris Bishop, 31, passed away at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erbie Granger of Charlotte. She is survived by the husband, Fred Bishop, a 9-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter, her parents, one sister, Mrs. Thela Cvysz of North Tonawanda, New York. Funeral Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Granger residence. Interment in Maple Hill cemetery.

Hiram Bisel of Chester township had the misfortune to break a leg Monday afternoon. He was piling ties around a tree and as he put one on the top of the pile they began rolling and he fell causing the injury. He was brought to Dr. McLaughlin's office for x-ray and taken to Hall Hospital where he is doing as well as could be expected. Rev. F. P. Sprague was among his callers, Wednesday.

(From the Hastings Banner)

William H. Sheldon, a former Maple Grove boy, passed away Thursday morning, March 12, at the Foote hospital, Jackson, following an automobile accident. He was 34 years old. He leaves his wife, Grace, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Sheldon, of Kalamazoo, three brothers, Von of Charlotte, Paul of Jackson and Clair of Nashville. Three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Wetherbee, Nashville, Mrs. Robert Messimer, Charlotte and Mrs. Allison Newman of Grand Rapids. He was a World-war veteran. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Bailey funeral home with burial at Woodland cemetery, Jackson.

Mr. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hager moved to their country home in the Lake district, known as the Morehouse farm, the last of the week, and John and Kate Lozo are nicely settled in the Morgan house on West Main street.

The Bruce Egg station will be a busy place again this spring and summer. The truck men will begin collecting eggs Monday. The drivers this year are: O. B. Tubbs, Ned Sprague, Philip Green and Leslie Faust.

Miss Matie Waggoner found, in looking through some books, an old Tax Receipt, of Nelson House's, where he paid in 1867, tax of \$8.17 on 126 acres of land, now known as the Chris VanDerVeere farm, also a receipt of \$50.00 paid on the Marshall and Coldwater railroad, in 1873. The taxes on this farm this year were \$197.00.