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INSTALLMENT 1

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Many of you will no doubt wonder why the Town Line Road between Sparta and Springwater is sometimes called the Story Road. About 100 years ago a man named Story lived on what is known as the Dave Kline tub Farm on the east side of the road in the town of Springwater. It was this Mr. Story, who, with the help of Neighbors, chopped this road through the heavy pine timber from what is known as the John Wilhelm place on the Conesus line, to the County Line Road at Owen Rau's Corners, a distance of six miles.

The road which begins east of the Lackawanna depot in Dansville and goes in an easterly direction to a mile north of the village of Wayland is known as the County Line Road. This line marks the division between the towns of North Dansville and Sparta and Springwater and Wayland, also the county line between Livingston and Steuben counties.

You ask if this Story Road was always the line between Springwater and Sparta. No. When the towns of Sparta and Springwater were first formed, the line began at the northeast corner on North Dansville on the County Line Road where Mrs. John Lawrence now lives. Here the four towns of Springwater, Sparta, Wayland and North Dansville cornered. This line ran six miles north but bore very much to the east. Where Scott Sterner now lives the old house stood in the town of Sparta and the eastern part of the farm lay in Springwater. We follow the line north to where Amos Swarts now lives and it ran east of his house, west from the Mt. Pleasant schoolhouse; the town line road was about fifty feet west of the line between the farms of Oakley Moose and Earl D. Moose. We come to what was known for years as the Red House, on the Brewer Farm now owned by Harvey Roberts. The reason that this building was erected so far back from the road was to bring it into the town of Sparta and into the Clark School District, so that there would be no school taxes to pay on account of a Land Grant to the district, so it is apparent that the people of that time were just as anxious for tax reduction as the people of today. As we go north of the Gulf Road, leading to Websters Crossing, the town line ran across the Story Road, diagonally, and the house on the east side of the road, with a triangular piece of land, was in the town of Sparta. It was known as the Jim Bailey place. This brings us to the north end of the town of Sparta and the end of the Story Road.

At a time, I believe in about 1840 or 1850, the town line was changed to the center of the Story Road. I mentioned the Mt. Pleasant Schoolhouse and this brings us to the subject of school houses.

I believe the first school house ever built on the Story Road [2] stood on the very top of the Steadman Hill, just north of the strip of woods owned by Major Klinetub, and north of where Floyd Van Hooser now lives. This is the highest point in the town of Sparta, being 2030 feet above sea level by government survey. The farm where Floyd Van Hooser now lives, sixty years ago was owned by Sealy Steadman. I doubt if there is a person living who went to school in that old log house. Electa Carpenter, wife of Thomas Bowles, was one of the teachers who taught there.

The next place where school was kept was in a log school house which stood just west of where Ed Lawrence's house now stands, and about one-half mile east of the Mt. Pleasant school. I believe that the Mt. Pleasant district was formed about 1850, and a schoolhouse was built where the present one stands. This burned a few years ago and the present one was built about 1858 by John Miller, grandfather of Heman Miller, Jr. There was a small log house on the top of the hill just east of the creek, on what is now the William Kline farm, then owned by Jonathan Wilhelm, where school was kept. The old Wright schoolhouse stood across the road from the Universal Church. Sometime during the 70's the district purchased the Pine Grove of William Scott and built the one now standing.

To return to Mt. Pleasant, some of the teachers who taught there were: Emma Rau, wife of Jim Kingsley; Albert Wilhelm; Emma Wilhelm, wife of Andrew Weidman; Martha Hartman, wife of Abraham Scott; Peter J. Moose; Emma Bowles, wife of Charles Tubbs; Kitty Ward, wife of Allan Ward of Avon; Dr. George Peabody; Chloe Bortels, wife of Hart Jacobs; Harriet Carney, wife of John Rau; Minnie Murphy, wife of LaVerne McNitch. All have passed away with the possible exception of Martha Scott, who, if living, is now between 85 and 90 years old. Many of the boys and girls of other days will no doubt remember these teachers. It was in this school house that I attended my first term of school with Peter J. Moose as teacher. There were 42 scholars and just yesterday I named them all, and recalled that about 20 are living. Twenty-two have answered the Roll Call of the Great Teacher above who sat in the boat on the Sea of Galilee and taught the multitude.

The little Red School House at Mt. Pleasant was noted for many things. It was here from 1870 to 1880 that Rev. Able Stanton held his great meetings which attracted crowds for miles around; it was here 55 years ago that my father pointed out to me our venerable editor, Oscar Woodruff, as editor of the Dansville Express. Yes, Oscar would drive up to the meeting on Sunday at Mt. Pleasant and get a whole column of news which would appear the following week in the Express. I was only a boy of five years old then, and he a man of 35, but now, over half a century later, the memory of that face is as clear as if it was but yesterday that he greeted me with open countenance and straight forward expression. Little did I think at that time that in after years there would grow up between us a lasting friendship, and that I should find in him such a true friend and brother.

The Little Red School House was renowned for the largest Sunday School in the town Of Sparta, with such capable superintendants as John Weidman, Peter Moose, William Artman, Lambert Smith, John Swarts and Mrs. William Kline. The latter is the only one now

living and she is past 80 years of age.

For the benefit of my readers it may be well to state I was [3] born August 25, 1872, one half mile east of the Story Road, on what was known as the Betsy Dieter homestead, the son of William and Josephine Dieter Moose. When I was five years old my father built the new house just south of the Mt. Pleasant school, on the Story Road where I lived until 1905, when I purchased part of the Peter J. Moose property, three quarters of a mile west of the school house. It was there that I was married to Nina Fronk. We resided there until 1919 and I still own the farm.

In writing of the Story Road and the adjoining ones, I think of all the people as I first remember them from 50 to 55 years ago, or from 1875 to 1880.

I shall take the Story Road, the road from Carney Hollow to Websters Crossing. This is the road we now know as the highway from Baird's Corners to the Dutch Church, and the road from Clark's Corners to Sparta Center, to Reeds Corners, and to the Lackawanna depot, with its interesting roads. Is there a person living in this section who can give the names of all the men and women living at that time, in this section which I have just described? If some one fifty years ago had made a record of all the men and their wives living there what a great benefit it would have been to the Historical Society of the county.

I shall attempt to give the names of all the men, that is the heads of the families, with their wives, and their wives maiden names, as I first remember them as living on these roads from 1875 to 1880. There is possibly a few houses on some of these roads that were occupied by tenants or hired help, constantly changing, a few of them I may not be able to give. There may also be an occasional family that moved away, after which someone else moved in and lived there for years. In cases like this the two families will be named. I shall use the names by which persons were called at that time. I trust that my readers will bear in mind that when I use the term 'Old Jake Moose', 'Old Abraham Swarts' and 'Old Jake Kuhn' that I mean no discourtesy, but am using the names by which they were known in that day, in order to distinguish one from another. For instance, there was Old Abraham Swarts, Big Abe Swarts, and Little Abe Swarts, there was Old Peter Moose. Peter J. Moose and Peter Moose; Old Jake Kuhn, Saw Mill Jake Kuhn and Little Jake Kuhn, known in later years as Jacob C. Kuhn. If you say to me Sarah Traxler, I stop and ponder as to which one is meant, but if you say "Aunt Sally Ann Traxler" I know immediately who you mean. If the wife was called Lib, I would not call her Elizabeth, Polly I will not call Mary. In the Dieter family Polly, wife of David Sutton, and Mary, wife of Jonas Swarts were sisters. In the Rau family, Polly, wife of Hugh Carney, and Mary, wife of Jim Stong, were sisters. And so my object is to use the names by which my readers will recognize them.

I will now begin the Story Road at the Mt. Pleasant School and go south. There was Josephine Dieter and Bill Moose; Fred Hartman and Kate Murphy, his wife; Al Mariman and Lydia Driesbach, his wife; Henry Gardner and Betsy Ann Van Scooter, his wife; John Over and Sophrina Blackquaik, his wife; Frank Dieter and Jane Smith, his wife (his second wife was Phoebe Frederick, third Cassie Driesbach); LaFayette Carney and Jane Roberts (widow of Fred Hilts), his wife; Thomas Bowles and Electa Carpenter, his wife;

Ben Dieter and Alvira Knowles, his wife; Samuel Alexander and [4] Lizzie Mooney, his wife; Moses Coleman and Sallie Moose, his wife; Will Sweeten and Mary Fronk, his wife (his second wife was Polly Barney, widow of Ed Lippencott); Walter Barnes - widower; Harriette Miliman, widow of Charles Avey (her first husband was Harry Williams, and after the death of Mr. Avey, she married Eli Gilman); Peter J. Moose and Mary Williams, his wife; Bill Swarts and Nancy Moose, his wife; (his second wife was Agnes Clancy); Erhardt Hampshire and Mary Harts, his wife (after his death she married Thomas Hall); John Maginley and Laura Tresket, his wife (after the death of John Maginley she married Josie Hampshire); George Sams and Mary Doud, his wife (after her death he married the widow of Jacob Russel); Conrad Dieter and Catherine Dieter, his wife; Hiram Rau and Cornelia Miner, his wife; Owen Rau and Lydia Weidman, his wife.

Note in the December 22nd issue: In the first installment of the History of the Story Road published December 1st, the name Charles Avey should have been Chris Avey.

## INSTALLMENT 2

December 8, 1932

We reached the south end of the Story Road last week, and now we will take the Springwater side. There was Ed Traxler and Sally Ann, his wife; Joseph Rau and Christenia Geiger, his wife; Hart Rau and Emma Hampshire, his wife; Valentine Harvey, known to everyone as Felty Harvey, and Frances Carney, widow of Mike Smith, his wife; Scott Traxler and Nettie Kuhn, his wife; Sam Weidman and Minerva Carney, his wife.

This brings us to the top of Clover Hill.

Then there was Valentine Beck, called Old Fiddle Beck, his wife was Marguerite Kremp; Bill Jacobs and Gertrude Bowles, widow of Ed Shafer, his wife; Elias Jacobs, called Ail Jacobs, and Merice Beck, his wife; Ira Lawrence, widower, his wife, Julia Lewis, had just passed away; Charley Moose and Mary Hearsh, his wife; Frances Roberts, widow of Joe Carney, she was always called by everyone Aunt Fanny Carney. She was the great-grandmother of Harold Carney, and died at the age of 96 years; Jesse Carney and Cass Hampshire, his wife; Levi Swarts and Susan Snyder, his wife; Jack Shutt and Prudy Knowles, his wife, after his death she married Horatio Wheaton; Lon Gilbert and Weltha Farnsworth, his wife, after her death he married Mary, widow of Deacon William Harris; Ben Rau, his first wife was Margaret Cranmer, his second was Hulda Cranmer, they were sisters, his third wife was Widow Westbrook; Corneil Curtis and Bethy Pemberton, his wife; Auldin Curtis and Hulda Kiehle, his wife; Vet Kimble and Lydia Shutt, his wife; Jim Kern and Polly Miner, widow of Sylvester Die, his wife; Rev. Luther Miner, known to all as Elder Miner, and Phoebe Stoup, his wife; John Steffy and Emma Die, his wife; Jared Knowles and Dolly Die, his wife; Mark Fisher and Rhoda Miner, his wife; Old Fred Harvey and Dorothy Baus, his wife; Jim Harris and Josephine Sanford, his wife; Bill Scott and Mary Carney, his wife; John Smith and Rose Klinetub, his wife; Baldin Crane, called Ben Crane, and Delia Steffy, his wife; Lambert Smith and Lucy Morse, his wife; Augustus Rowley and Sarah Jane Traxler, his wife; Solomon Sisco and Mary Knowles, his wife; Jonathan Wilhelm

protruding about a foot and a half out of the ground and banked around with stones. Upon close examination one could see that at one time figures had been carved upon it. Ira Whitlock after looking it over carefully said, "That is one of Old Moses Van Campen's stakes, that is a true corner."

A little incident which occurred that day which when I recalled it in after years showed the great soul of Sam Whitlock, who as a teacher taught my mother nearly 70 years ago. I asked my father to lift me up so that I could see through the telescope on the compass (I might say Theodolite, but if I did some of my readers would have to look it up in the dictionary, as we seldom see one any more). As I looked I noticed on the glass at the end of the instrument that there were four lines across the lens, which formed a square. I had once looked through a telescope belonging to a friend and I knew that those lines had not been on the glass. I asked my father about the lines, but before he answered me Sam Whitlock said to me, "You see that man away down there with the flag on the pole; I tell him to go one way and then another, and when the pole is in the center of those lines, I know that it is the true line." What other man would have stopped to answer the question of a child? Perhaps said, "Get out of the way and don't bother," but not so with Sam Whitlock. He saw that there was a child searching for knowledge and he was just as ready to tell a child as he was an adult. I don't suppose he ever thought of the incident again, but in all these 52 years his thoughtfulness has never been forgotten by me, and it showed me that Sam Whitlock had a soul like the Great Teacher who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

I will now return to the Liberty Pole. There was Pennsylvania Fred Hill and Jane Smith, his wife; John Moot and Olive Doud, his housekeeper; Norm Roberts and Adilade Johnson, his wife; Old Fred Hill and Mate Carney, his wife; Sam Hill and Ann Carney, his wife.

This brings us to the Story Road and we return to the Liberty Pole. There was Sol Artlip and Charlotte Daniels, his wife; John Clemons and Linda Arnold, his wife; Sam McNitch and Jane Smith, his wife; John McNitch and Melissa Upthegrove, his wife; Charley McNitch and Susan Hiltz, his wife; Jim Buskirk and Caroline Hearsch, his wife.

We will go back to the school house and go north to Websters. Thomas Van Scooter and Martha Jacobs, his wife; Elias Jacobs and Lib McNitch, his wife; Billy Erwin and Rebecca Wood, his wife; Sam Redmond and Charlotte Durkee, his wife, after his death she married Claude Ekins; Clark Baker and Bell Compton, his wife, after his death she married Cyrus Hill; Mail Webster and Em Johnson, his wife, he lived in what was known as the Little Red House, at the foot of Tubbs Hill, where his son, Will, now lives.

The city of Websters Crossing, as I first remember it, consisted of about eight houses. There was a little old house standing on the corner where Leeson's store now stands, and it was here Dell Cowan kept a grocery. This house Old Lish Webster tore down and built a store for Little Lish. Several additions have been made to the building since he kept store for over 40 years. Little Lish in after years became known as Big Lish. He amassed a fortune by his strict honesty and fair dealing. His motto was to always see how cheaply he could sell.

Harvey Humphrey was postmaster and kept the post office in the depot, a little room about 14 feet square on the north side of his

warehouse, where he also bought grain.

There was the warehouse of Allen and Clemons. The building was painted red with the firm name in white lettering five feet long. This belonged to Gib Allen and John Clemons. ✓ Here they bought grain and wool.

About 1878 or 1879 there was a cheese factory built and a man named Rolls, Dave Rolls, I believe, was the cheese maker. This was only operated a couple of years and then was closed. I remember of going to the factory and seeing them make the cheese. Cyrus Hill was then a young man and worked for Abe Swarts. In the morning he would take the milk to the factory and would let Jim Swarts and I go along. He was always kind to us boys. He has since passed to his reward and Jim is an old man like myself and I don't suppose he cares if I do tell that he is in his sixtieth year.

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Then there was the big saw mill and cider mill of Old Lish Webster and the cooper shop of Lont Webster and son, Ed. These will be taken up more fully under the subject of Mills in This Vicinity.

As this was the years of presidential election, my mind goes back to the first pole raising I ever witnessed. It was at this place in September 1880, 52 years ago. Hancock and English and Garfield and Arthur were the candidates. Old Lish Webster, as everyone loved to call him, and that name still sounds good to me today, prepared a great pine pole 117 feet long. This was spliced about 40 feet from the bottom with great iron clamps. It was raised out in the road about ten feet east of the southeast corner of George Leeson's store. A hole seven feet was dug for it to stand in. Tilla Clemons was Master of Ceremonies and had charge of the raising. As he gave the signal, "He O He," the men lifted together until the pole was finally in place and the ground stamped down around it. Old Lish walked back about a hundred feet and looked up to the top of the pole where floated the streamer with the names of Garfield and Arthur, and I shall never forget the look of pride and satisfaction which spread over his face as he gazed on the completed work. I doubt if Admiral Byrd experienced any deeper satisfaction when he discovered the South Pole than did Old Lish on this particular day.

There was Old Israel Johnson with his wife and Albert with his drum, and the Springwater band all assembled down by Harvey Humphrey's warehouse where a platform had been built and where speeches were made during the afternoon. Although I listened to the talks for some time, I don't remember one word that was said, for politics are not very interesting to a boy of eight years. I do however, remember the faces of some of the men who sat on the platform. There was Old Orsen Walbridge, John S. Wiley, Major Wiley, Dan Norton and Clint Snyder, Republican leaders of Springwater, for Sparta was always called Cecesh and Copper Heads, and Springwater, a Black Abolition town. — That makes me think of what a girl in Florida once confessed when she said, "I was 21 years old before I ever knew that Damn Yankee wasn't all one word."

To take up again the line of people where I left off; There was

*Luna Webster*  
*Webster*

Rastus Knowles, his wife Lib May had just passed away, his second wife was Laura Erwin, widow of David Bailey; Harvey Humphrey and Mary Odell, his wife; Harve Hill and Luna Webster, his wife; Old Lish Webster and Ann Clemons, his wife; Alonzo Webster, widower; Ed Webster and Ann Boner, his wife; Arthur Morris and Ellen Webster, his wife; Old Israel Johnson, widower, whose wife was Betsy Benedict. And this brings us back to the Story Road and to the south, with its side roads.

*Town of Conesus*

At the end of this road, in the town of Conesus, lived John Wilhelm and Leora Humphrey, his wife; part of the farm lay in the town of Sparta; Mary Ferguson, widow of Jim Bailey, his first wife was Jerusia Cooly; Peter Swick and Lib Traxler, his wife; his first wife was Lanah Young; George Swick and Jane Kling, widow of Sam Young, his wife; Rant Cranmer and Dora Scribner, his wife; Dave Klinetub and Mary Hilts, his wife, his second wife was Louise Lawrence, after his death she married L. J. Bennett; John Vrandenburg and Vick Webster, his wife; Chan Burdick and Ann Swick, his wife; Old Criss Hersh, widower, his wife was Caroline Hilts; Labe Upthegrove and Kate Hersh, his wife; Caroline Sorg, widow of John Hilts, she was known to everyone as Grandma Hilts; Levi Klinetub and Mary Kuhn, his wife; Sol Swarts and Amanda Maginley, his wife; Leck Overdorph and Mandane Needham, his wife; Leck Gilbert and Harriet Dimick, his wife; Bert Vaughn and Mary Done, his wife; John Swarts and Emma Miller, his wife, his second wife was Ellen Matoon, widow of Frank Sanford; Marve Clemons and Jane Parsons, his wife, after his death she married Sam Compton; Bill Clark and Mary Rouse, his wife; Sime Kuhn and Fanny Clemons, his wife. This brings us back to the Mt. Pleasant school house.

We now start at what is called the Baird Corner: Sherb Roberts and Mrs. Rachel Thompson, his wife, her maiden name was McFarlan, his first wife was Irene Collar; Jonas Shafer and Julia Hampshire, his wife; Thomas Maginley, his wife, Peggy Sample, had just passed on; Jim Maginley and Hat Wambold, his wife; Old John Wambold and Betsy Rau, his wife; Young Willis Clark, widower, his wife was Lucy Ann Humphrey; Isaac Baird and Corina Clark, his wife; George Klinetub and Mary Miller, his wife; Frank Klinetub and Helen Miller, his wife; Old Jim Klinetub and Zilpha Neff, his wife; Horace Clemons, always called Hod Clemons, and Sarah Jane Litchard, his wife; Old George Johns and Susan Rau, his wife; Bill Pifer and Tracy Freed, his wife; Polly Dieter, widow of Old Dave Sutton; Old Leonard Tucker and Sarah Wenner, his wife; Jacob Schwingle and Susan Weidman, his wife, his first wife was Louise Hilts; George W. Knights called Wash Knights, and Mary Kuhn, his wife; Dan Knights and Lizzie Barker, his wife; Philip Hilts and Mary Kuder, his wife; Wilson Sutton and Mary Swarts, his wife; Jake Moose and Lanah Gilman, his wife; Harm Gilman and Eliza Kuhn, his wife; George Pifer and Delile Mutchler, his wife; Arthur Artman and Millia Higgins, his wife; Jonathan Kuhn, always called Daunt Kuhn, and Lucinda Sample, his wife; Bill Kuhn and Alice Moose, his wife; Old Peter Moose and Betsy Weaver, his wife; Jim Moose and Ellen Miner, his wife.

Enos Artman and Alice Pickle, his wife, should come just before Jake Moose and Lanah Gilman.

We now return to the Baird Corner: Jim Newton and Margy Clark, his wife; John Klinetub and Polly Youngs, his wife; Old Willis Clark, widower, and his wife was Sal Clemons, he was known to

everyone as Pappy Clark, he died in 1891 at the age of 101 years, his wife was always called Aunt Sall Clark; Gordon Needham and Harriet Clark, his wife; Augustus Clark and Mary Jennings, his wife; Old John Jennings, widower; Reub Swarts and Rhoda Clemons, his wife, his second wife was Carrie Cole, widow of ---- Leonard; John Hill and Sally Swarts, his wife; his second wife was Mary Holly, after his death she married Andrew May; Ben Freed and Julia Goho, his wife; Nelce Swarts and Mary McGregor, his wife; Jonas Swarts and Mary Dieter, his wife; Henry Gilman and Cass Sawdy, widow of George Sutton, his wife; Stephen Clark and Mary Mitchel, his wife; Jeremiah Kuhn and Sally Ann Clemons, his wife; Tilla Clemons and Sally Webster, his wife; Fred Traxler and Lot Lamont, his wife, his second wife was Alfaret Tucker; Jonas Hampshire and Nellie Woodruff, his wife; Andrew Shafer and Lib Kuhn, his wife; Jacob Kuhn, always known as Saw Mill Jake Kuhn, and Patience Clemons, his wife, she was always called Pash Kuhn; Joe Steffy and Myra Sutton, his wife; Jesse Smith and Cass Kiehle, his wife; Old George Hoffman, bachelor; John Shafer and Hannah Hampshire, his wife; Dan Kuhn and Abigail Sutton, his wife; Lafe Steffy and Lucinda Kuhn, called Cind, his wife; Enoch Kiehle and Polly Smith, his wife (his first wife was Lydia Zerfass); Conrad Hampshire and Judy Hughes, his wife; Bill Kiehle and Elsie Jane Wilhelm, his wife; Ben Kiehle, widower, his first wife was Salome Zerfass, his second wife was Viena Zerfass, widow of Henry Knauss, they were sisters; George Kiehle and Lizzie Doud, his wife; Nathan Moose and Matilda Reed, his wife; Old Charley Moose and Eleanor Kemp, his wife; Henry Crane and Sarah Burt, his wife; Arthur Crane and Mary Miller, his wife; Old Jake Sample, bachelor; Pete Wener and Cass Weidman, his wife; Old Pete Swarts and Ann Klinetub, his wife; William Sample and Angeline Hartman, his wife; Sam Gilman and Ann Mills, his wife; Rev. Seymour Moose and Ett Meritt, his wife; Clara Mills, widow of Samuel Griffin; Sid Rau and Mary Sutton, his wife; William Artman, always known as Bill Artman, and Frances Harrington, his wife, his first wife was Jane Vantilburg, his second wife was Ann Kuhn; Al Moose and Sarah Barker, his wife; Henry Hampshire and Rebecca Artman, his wife; Josie Hampshire and Laura Tresket, widow of John Maginley, his wife; Jake Weidman and Lib Mulholand, his wife; Mart Hartman and Ann Whiteing, his wife; Alias Dieter, known as Ail Dieter, and Mary Knights, his wife; Abner Clemons and Eleanor Kuhn, his wife.

We now go back to Reeds Corners: Jothan, always called Dote McGregor, and Ann Carney, his wife; Hannah Stong, widow of Nelson Rau, her first husband's name was Hog, she married him in Canada, he died and she came to Sparta and married Nelson Rau, she died in the 91st year of her age; Erhardt Rau, widower, his wife was Susan Kidd, he was known to everybody as Daddy Rau, he died in 1884, aged 97 years; Jim Stong and Mary Ann Rau, his wife; Frank Carney and Susie Artman, his wife; Old Ben Kidd and Hannah Rochell, his wife, his first wife's name unknown; Ed Kidd and Mary Hughes, his wife; Joe Kidd, his first wife was Viana Weidman, his second wife was Susan Carney, his third was Mary Carney, they were sisters, his fourth wife was Florence Pickel; Mart Hughes and Rose Driesbach, his wife; George Weidman, his first wife was Susannah Hughes, his second was Emma Ritter, widow of Al Fronk; Linford Shutt and Lydia Weidman, his wife; Jake Ash and Catherine Sick, his wife; George Hughes and Hannah Swarts

widow of James Clayton, his wife, his first wife was Eliza Goho; John Harvey and Nancy Shutt, his wife; Jonas Dieter and Mary Hughes, his wife, his second wife was Rose Swarts, widow of Samuel Whitehead; Garwood Knapp and Jennie Dieter, his wife. This brings us back to the south end of the Story Road and makes the circle complete.

INSTALLMENT 4      December 29, 1932

In these fifty-five years on this Story Road, there have been twelve houses either torn down or moved, six houses burned, fifteen new ones built, five barns burned, twelve new barns built, and there are still nine houses standing that stood on the road five score and five years ago. The oldest dwelling is the log house on the David Klinetub place. This, I believe, was erected over one hundred years ago, and in addition there are four more log houses in this section built, I believe, more than a century ago.

The oldest of these, I believe, is the Old Peter Moose house, now owned by myself, located just west of Mt. Pleasant school house. Nathan Moose said that this house was standing when he came with his father to Sparta in 1823, and it had been built for some years then. From the most accurate records which I can secure I think it was built around 1812 or 1815. The next oldest of these seems to be the log house now owned by Maty Rau, and known as the Old John Jennings house. I think that this is the house that Old Conrad Klinetub settled in when he came to Sparta in 1823. The next is the log house, remodeled some years ago by William Rickard, which stands across the road from Walter Sterner's. The next is, I believe, the north part of the house owned by Henry Schuster, below Reeds Corners. This house, I believe was built by Old Valentine Hampshire, always called Felty Hampshire, about one hundred years ago. (1832)

I will now take up the subject of farms and homes which have been in the same families for one hundred years. The oldest of these in this section is the farm now owned by Leonard Traxler, where his great-grandfather, Peter Kuhn, settled in 1802, and which has been in the family ever since. The next, the farm on which Gordon Clemons now lives, was owned by his great-grandfather, Willis Clark. The farm on which Old Abraham Swarts settled in 1823, a part of which is owned by John Swarts, has been in the family over a century. The farm owned by Nettie Traxler was owned by her great-grandfather, Old Jake Kuhn. The Hod Clemons farm, owned by Murray Clemons, belonged to his grandfather, Old John Litchard. The farm owned by Herbert Kiehle was first settled upon by his great-grandfather, Abraham Kiehle, in 1817. The farm owned by the heirs of Rev. Seymour Moose is the place where great-grandfather, Old Jake Moose, settled in 1823. The farms of Lloyd Moose, Oakley Moose and Earl D. Moose comprise a tract of land purchased by Peter and Enoch Moose about 1830. The farm owned by Abel Kuhn is where his grandfather, Daniel Kuhn, lived, and where his father, Daunt Kuhn, was born. The farm owned by Jim Shafer was where his grandfather, Conrad Hampshire, first settled and part of the same property is owned by Herbert Wagner, a great-grandson of Conrad Hampshire. Old Jim Hughes, grandfather of Claude Hughes, owned the farm where Claude now lives.

As we come to the east side of the Story Road and into the town of Springwater, we are not so fortunate. Here the houses have been sold and resold. The first is the farm of Floyd Carney, where his grandfather, Old Joe Carney, settled. There is the house where Lester Miner lives, which was the property of Rev. Luther Miner. He was married to Phoebe Stoup, daughter of Adam Stoup, one hundred one years ago. The next farm is that of Wil-son Humphrey. His grandfather, Ozias Hunphrey, settled here in 1836, which place is almost in the one hundred year class. The farm owned by Bruce Erwin is where his grandfather lived. He was known as Squire Erwin. His name was Jared Erwin, and he was justice of the peace about ninety years ago in the town of Springwater. The last, I believe is the farm at the north end of the Story Road, known as the Wilhelm farm. It is here where Old George Wilhelm, with his wife, Sally Bailey, settled when they came to Sparta. He was the great-grandfather of the heirs of, Eugene Wilhelm..

We will now come to the churches. In the last 125 years there have been nine churches built in the section covered by this article. I believe that the first one was an old log building erected just south of Reeds Corners school house. The site was given by Old John Reed, one of the first settlers at Reeds Corners. The little cemetery in the rear of the school house no longer was large enough to accommodate the community, and Old John Sample and his wife, Lovina Weidman, gave the land for a new church and cemetery on the east side of the road. It was here the church was built and deeded to the Evangelist Church of Sparta. In later years the church was moved and the society deeded the ground to the Baptists. A union church was built by the Baptists and Evangelists and for years it was used by both societies. Some years ago the building was sold and converted into a grocery store. The German Reformed Church, two miles north of Reeds Corners was called the Dutch Church, and sometimes the Kiehle Church, as Old Abraham Kiehle gave the land for both the church and the cemetery. The first church was either rebuilt or built over and enlarged in after years. In the summer of 1922 a cyclone struck this section and tore the roof from the building. It was then sold to William Kiehle and moved away to be used as a store house.

I remember the first time that I was ever in the old Dutch Church. It was 56 years ago last April, at the funeral of my great-grandmother, Marcia Swarts. I was not quite four years old. Just two things I remember. One was when my father lifted me up to look in the casket; the other was the bright red velvet Bible desk, with its great red tassels on the pulpit. In all the years afterwards whenever I entered the old church I thought of the first time I had been there and of the impressions which had been made on my young mind.

There was the English Lutheran Church at Sparta Center. When services were discontinued at the Dutch Church most of the members went to the other Lutheran Church, where the congregation numbered about forty. Eventually the church was sold to the town of Sparta for a town hall. The Methodist church, which stood by the Methodist cemetery north of Sparta Center, was torn down more than sixty years ago. When part of the congregation wanted a new church built by the cemetery and part of it wanted it at Hoffman's Corners, a free-for-all fight ensued. and after several years the

Hoffman group had their way. The land was given by Jesse Smith. The church has been remodeled several times and is now the only church in this section of Sparta in which services are held.

We now come to the town of Springwater. Here was the Carney Hollow church, built on the lands of Joe Rau, about three-fourths of a mile south of where it now stands. After some years it was moved up by the school house. Jesse Carney deeded the land to the Evangelist church and when it was not in use by the congregation it was open to all other denominations. Services were discontinued here about ten years ago and since that time it is used only when funerals are conducted. The Universal Church of God was built in 1911. The land was given by Albert Johnson and Rachel Scott, his wife. It is open and free to all denominations. Regular services were held there for ten years but now there is only an occasional service.

The bicycles killed our Sunday Schools thirty years ago. Have the automobiles killed our churches? Fifty-five years ago there were five churches in the town of Springwater and at least four school houses where regular religious services were held, now there are services in but two of the churches. There were eight churches and two school houses in the town of Sparta with regular religious services. Today there are services in only two of them. In former years the churches had full congregations two and three times on Sunday. The lower part of the church would be occupied by old people and children, while the younger generation would assemble in the gallery, which was the sanctum sacturium of the choir.

An incident of many years ago is brought to my mind here. It was at a funeral at the Old Dutch Church. I was seated in the gallery with the other young people, with Miss Minnie Mitchell sitting beside me. It was a hot summer day and two small windows did not afford much ventilation. Minnie had a fan which she was using, and seeing me mopping the perspiration from my face with my handkerchief she passed the fan to me. I used it for a few minutes then handed it back, thanking her as I did so. Although that was over forty years ago and today Minnie lays sleeping in her windowless palace beneath the daisies, yet in all those years that little act of kindness has never been forgotten. So let us say some kind word or do some kind act as we pass down life's highway, for who knows but that someday it may be a sprig of acacia to a tired and weary brother?

We will now note some of the industries in this section. The greatest of these was lumbering, but a small part of the land had been cleared. It was covered with great white pine and in the southern part of these towns were great hemlock forests. These called for saw mills, and a number of stationary mills were erected, a number of which were water mills, operated by means of water wheels.

I will commence on the Story Road. The only saw mill on this road was located a half mile north of Mt. Pleasant school, on land now owned by George Gilbert, on the east side of the road in the hollow of the creek. This mill was known as the Applin Mill, operated by Philip Applin. The mill was discontinued about sixty years ago. I still remember a part of the old arch where the boiler was bricked in. Mr. Applin moved down to Sparta Flats and lived there for many years. The only big mill in this section

of Sparta was the Old Jake Kuhn Mill at Sparta Center. This mill, I believe, was built by Old Jake Kuhn, grandfather of Nettie Traxler. It was operated for more than sixty years by her grandfather, Sawmill Jake Kuhn. It was a water mill and run with an overshot wheel. In after years Jacob Kuhn put in a turbine wheel, which gave him more power with less water. This was the last stationary mill to run in this section.

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We now cross the east side of the Story Road to the town of Springwater. There, on the county line, stood the big stationary mill of Old Ed Traxler, grandfather of Edward Traxler of Sparta. This mill was running full blast fifty-five years ago, for there were great quantities of timber standing in this section on what was known as Pine Swamp. I went with my father to this mill when I was about seven years old. I never will forget Aunt Sally Ann Traxler, taking hold of me under the arms and swinging me out over a big hole in the floor, as if to drop me down below into a big sawdust pile. She did not do it, however, but I would not have cared if she had, for where is there a child who does not like to play in a sawdust pile? Even today when I see a pile of the timber dust I feel like taking off my shoes and getting into it. Now, some of my readers will say we knew he was getting into his second childhood. That may be so, for I have reached the three score mile stone, and as I sit at the typewriter and write this line I am sixty years old today, I was born sixty years ago today in the town of Springwater, a poor little barefoot boy. But to return to my subject. Yes, she was called Aunt Sally Ann by everyone, and the children all loved her. She was a dear good woman with pretty gray curls reaching just to her shoulders.

There were two other great new mills, although not located directly on these roads, yet near enough to be worthy of mention. About two miles south of the Traxler mill, in the Weidman Gully, stood what was known as the Weidman Mill. This was owned by Old Ed Weidman and his wife, Juetta Shoemaker. He was the great-grandfather of Wilson Rowe, now living on the Story Road. This mill had the largest water wheel I ever saw. It was an overshot wheel about twenty-one feet in diameter; the troughs were about a foot wide; the raceway was on a wooden trestle, way up over the roadway, that carried the water from the dam to the wheel. It was said that a man could go out and walk on the troughs of that wheel and put all the machinery in the mill in action. This mill was built by Edward Weidman, I believe.

At the east end of the Pokey Moonshine Gully stood what was known as the old Farnsworth Mill. This was a water mill and was built on what was known as the Jacob Hart farm. The mill was owned by George Farnsworth, called Wash Farnsworth, and his wife, Anna Loundsbury. I do not believe that he has any kin by that name living in this section. He was the great-grandfather of Lloyd and Abner Gilbert of Dansville. A part of the old raceway may still be seen along the south bank of the creek near the Jacob Harts house. The dam was across the gully just west of the driveway that goes from the Gull Road to the house.

The first big sawmill to be built in this section of the town of Springwater was erected 100 years ago by Old Joe Carney, on the farm now owned by Floyd Carney, on the creek north of the Carney

Hollow church. This was a water wheel. A part of the old mill dam is still standing. The next mill was on the same creek, on the farm now owned by Austin Kimble. Who built this mill I don't know, but it was called the Hamilton Mill, and was operated by Page Hamilton for years. This was a water mill. The next mill was the Wilhelm Mill on the same creek. This was a steam mill and owned by John Wilhelm, located on what is now known as the Bill Kline farm.

There was a big mill at Liberty Pole, which stood just south of where Scott Hill's house now stands. I believe that this mill was built by Ben Wilhelm. It was last run by Charley Humphrey. This was the first sawmill I was ever in. It had an old up-and-down saw. The only other one I ever saw was in the Old Jake Kuhn Mill. These saws made fine, smooth lumber, which required but little planing.

There was the Old Lish Webster Mill at Webster's Crossing. The first mill built on this site was built by Old Solomon Swarts, I think. He was a brother of Old Abraham Swarts of Sparta. Old Swarts' son, known as Big John Swarts, ran this mill about ninety years ago. He moved to Michigan and nothing is known about his family. The mill was operated for years by Old Lish Webster, and was one of the last big mills in the town of Springwater.

About fifty years ago when the steam threshing machine came into use, what was known as the portable mill also made its appearance. These machines would be set up in the woods for a job of twenty thousand board feet and this did away with the big stationary mills. I will write of other mills later under the head of shops and factories.

Taking up the subject of old cider mills, I believe that the oldest of these was that of Old Jake Swarts. It stood south of the old log house on the farm where Reub Swarts lived. This was a main traveled road one hundred years ago, and runs south of the road which now passes the Methodist Cemetery. The press was of the old beam type, consisting of a great wooden beam about thirty feet long. On the farther end was a great wooden screw used to raise and lower the beam and at the end was a platform loaded with stone for weight. The apples were ground on a treadmill with the aid of two horses. My young readers may never have seen one. The last one I saw in that section was one owned by Samuel Weidman. It may still be in the possession of his grandson, Charles White-man, on Clover Hill. The cider was pressed through rye straw and the cheese was set up very much like the hydraulic press of today, only canvas was used instead of straw.

The Old Henry Shafer Mill stood on the place owned by Frances Stroud. The press was similar to the press on the old Swarts mill but the remarkable thing about it was the wooden horsepower. This was the only wooden horsepower I ever saw. It was built by Old Henry Shafer, great-grandfather of Clair Shafer of Sparta. (Frances Stroud was his sister.) Mr. Shafer was a wood-working genius. He made many wooden clocks, some of which I believe are still in use after having given 75 years of constant service. The wooden power consisted of a large wooden post placed in an upright position, with the lower end resting in a large wooden block in the ground, and the top placed in a beam at the top of a shed. These formed what might be called wooden bearings. About three feet from the ground was a sweep about sixteen feet long which was fas-

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tened in the center to the post. A horse hitched to each end walked in circles. About six feet above the ground was a large wooden wheel about six feet in diameter. This was made of plank ingeniously spliced together. At the outer edge holes were bored through the wheel and turned wooden pins fitted in about two inches apart. These formed the cogs. There was a long wooden line shaft with something resembling a small wooden barrel at the end, which had plank heads and sides of turned wooden spindles set about two inches apart. This was called the pinion, and the pins in the big wooden wheel meshed into it and formed a perfect cog gear. At the other end of this line shaft was a large wooden wheel with a belt to the grinder which ground the apples. I doubt if there was another like it in New York State. I suppose that it was destroyed years ago. It has been more than forty years since I saw it. I doubt if Henry Ford had one like it in his museum.

The Old Lish Webster cider mill at Webster's Crossing was of the more modern type, the press turned down with large iron screws.... The Dave Klinetub cider mill stood on his farm near the Burdick Corner. It was about like the Webster Mill. Old Pete Swarts built a big mill and put in a cider mill at Reed's Corners. This was operated only a few years, then it was sold. I believe that this takes in all the cider mills in the vicinity.

We will now note the country blacksmith shops. It was of these the poet wrote in such flowery terms when he said "Under the spreading chestnut tree, the village smithy stands." The blacksmith of today, however, stands under a tree looking for a job, for he can scarcely earn money enough to support his family, to say nothing of going to church and paying the minister. His boys do not sit on Sunday in the church. They have taken his automobile and are spending the day with a couple of maids at Ontario Beach. His daughter doesn't sing in the choir, she is singing in Hollywood over WLW. If the poet should come back today he would have to rewrite his verses according to the foregoing fashion. The country blacksmith took his place among the early settlers. There were the horses and oxen to be shod, wagons to be repaired, log chains to be welded, drag teeth to be made and sharpened, nails to be made with which to build houses and barns, and numerous duties. The smithy was a busy man in the old days. I wonder if any of my readers ever walked behind a wagon and held a stick against the wheel to keep the tire from running off until home could be reached. I have, for tires were not bolted on in those days.

A good story was told me by Josiah Litchard. He said that in the summer when it was very dry and the wagon tires loosened his father would take the wagon down in the woods by the creek, take the tires off, strip the bark from the elm trees and taking the smooth part tack it onto the surface of the felloes. Then taking the tires he would throw them on a brush heap and set it on fire. When the brush burned down the hot tires would be dropped onto the wheels and cooled with water from the creek and they would be all right until another summer.

I believe that one of the first blacksmith shops in this section was built by Old Jake Moose. It stood on the corner west of the Seymour Moose house in Sparta. When Old Jake Moose settled on this farm in April 1823, he set the boys at work on the farm and he built a forge on the corner under a chestnut tree and went

to blacksmithing. A good story was often told by Old Pappy Clark. Two men who had broken their wagon came along to the old Clark tavern. One of the men asked Pappy how far it was to the blacksmith shop, and Pappy replied, "You are right in the shop now, but it is five miles to the forge." When they reached there, they found Old Jake Moose blacksmithing out of doors under the trees. In the fall he built a log shop on that spot and blacksmithed there for nearly thirty years. If it had not been for one verse which the poet wrote I would have thought that he received his inspiration from Old Jake. The poem goes, "He needs must think of her once more, how in the grave she lies." But Old Jake Moose's wife, Cass, lived 25 years after that.

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About 1845 Peter and Enoch Moose built a blacksmith shop on the Story Road at Mt. Pleasant, just south of the schoolhouse. They operated this shop a few years, then Enoch moved to Reeds Corners and built a shop there where he worked at the trade for 20 years. Peter erected a shop near his house where he plied his trade until old age made it necessary for him to discontinue business. He died in 1888 in his 84th year.

The Enoch Kiehle shop was just west of the Dutch Church, on the farm where Irving Swarts now lives. This shop is still standing. There was the Old Jesse Smith shop north of the Sparta Methodist Church; the Tom Turner shop out by Clark's Corners; the John Wagoner shop at Reeds Corners, where I believe he still does work for his neighbors. This, I believe is the only country blacksmith shop in this section. Mr. Wagoner in bygone years also conducted a wagon shop at this place, where he manufactured farm wagons, democrat wagons and top buggies. His speciality was a handmade side bar buggy, and he made a great many of this type, some of which are still in Sparta today. From 1880 until 1890 the buckboard wagon became popular because it was so convenient for the farmer. Mr. Wagoner built many of these. I remember the beautiful colors that they were painted by his painter, Jerry Boughton. All the colors of the rainbow were used in his work. All a young man had to have in those days was a horse and one of John Wagoner's buckboards, and he could gain the attention of a girl as quickly as one can today with a Packard.

The cheap factory made buggies of the west killed the sale of the hand made buggies. That reminds me. How many of my young readers of 25 ever saw a buggy peddler? Fifty years ago men drove through the country with horses hitched to democrat wagons and top buggies in the rear. After they had sold everything but the horse they would return riding horseback.

Mr. Wagoner put in a planing mill, where he planed lumber and cut all kinds of building material. Next he added a basket factory and made various kinds of berry baskets, crates and grape baskets. After he had made thousands of these, the machine age was ushered in and it was then that with the aid of a boy feeding a machine, fifty baskets could be made in the same time that it took a man to make one by hand.

Old Peter Swarts built a big mill, or shop, as it was always called and put in a planing mill, moulding machines and a feed

mill. The mill was north of the Reeds Corners church. Years later he sold the machinery and now the mill has been torn down and moved away. When Old Peter Swarts died, Will Sweeton purchased his blacksmith tools at auction and built a shop in Clay-tonville, a mile west of the Story Road. He worked as a blacksmith here for about thirty years, or until just a few months before his death, which occurred in 1918. This shop is now owned by Sam Fronk.

Fred Hartman built a shop on the Story Road south of Mt. Pleasant school, in the town of Springwater, where he worked for more than twenty years. Although never having learned the trade except what knowledge he gained from his father, he soon became experienced in this work as he was ingenious and rated high as a repair workman. When his father and his mother grew old he closed the shop and moved in with them in order to care for them. The shop was later dismantled and moved away.

About 1900 Charles Goho and Floyd Wenner erected a feed mill on the Story Road, north of the Mt. Pleasant school. They did well here for several years and then sold the machinery, and sold the building to Fred Hartman, who moved it across the road for a blacksmith shop, altho he never conducted a public shop there.

The oldest blacksmith shop in this section of the town of Springwater was the shop of Old Fred Philhower. It stood on his farm known in later years as the Little Abe Swarts farm. It is now owned by Clark Hynes, about a mile and a half southwest of Liberty Pole and a half mile east of the Story Road. Here he was engaged in blacksmithing about 80 years ago. About 65 years ago he sold the farm and moved to Conesus Center and followed the same trade. It was here that I saw the first ox frame. How many of my readers know how oxen were shod? It was done by the use of a frame with four posts about six feet high, with beams running lengthwise, and two windlasses on top. A barrel sawed in two lengthwise, which might be called a stomacher, was placed under the body of the ox and chains were placed over the windlass, which were used to raise the animal off the ground, his foot was chained to a post and the shoe was nailed on.

Eighty years ago on the county line road at Carney Hollow lived Samuel Overpeck and his wife, Mary Weidman. Here Samuel conducted a blacksmith shop. When he sold the place he moved to the village of Wayland where he engaged in the same trade for many years.

Solomon Artlip had a blacksmith shop at the Liberty Pole, where he worked about fifteen years, then he sold out and moved to Websters Crossing. Joel Johnson conducted this shop for some years and then closed it and later it was torn down. This is the first blacksmith shop I can remember entering when I was a child.

I think this finishes the blacksmith shops in this vicinity, we may add, in the words of the poet, "Something attempted, something done, has earned a night's repose."

Now the Cooper Shops. I have mentioned the one of Alonzo Webster at Websters Crossing. It was here that fifty years ago he made thousands of apple barrels for the farmers. In this section there were large apple orchards and the fruit was shipped in barrels. These old orchards have become extinct and the majority of farmers raise only enough for their own use.

The cooper shop of Old John Wambold was noted for its pork,

cider, soap and pounding barrels and butter tubs and firkins. Again, how many of you younger readers ever saw a firkin: they are made barrel shape and held 96 pounds of butter, you learned that in arithmetic. When full the heads were put in and the hoops driven on and they were then airtight and could be stored away in the cellar and sold in the winter for the highest price.

There was the shingle shop of Jared Knowles. A man who shaved shingles was called a shingle weaver. The last shingles to be shaved in this section were shaved for my grandmother, Betsy Dieter, about 45 years ago, by Mark Fisher. They were placed on her barn and that roof lasted nearly 40 years. Sixty years ago the big sawmills had almost without exception, shingle saws with which to saw shingles, but the shingles made this way were poor and no one used them if they could secure shaved shingles made from old white pine, and they lasted for fifty years.

In writing about shops, there were the weaving shops. Weaving in those days was considered a woman's job, but there were two men in this vicinity eighty years ago who were expert weavers and who followed the trade. They were Abraham Artman and Joseph Kuder. Mr. Artman lived below Reeds Corners. His weaving shop was torn down about twenty-five years ago. He wove all kinds of cloth making a speciality of bed spreads, called coverlets. They were made in colors of blue and white, patterned with flowers and vines. A few of them may still be found in Sparta homes. Many of the housewives wove the checkered linen damask for tablecloths. This was done by using several harnesses. Under the looms were pedals, and one had to know which one to step on at the right time - very much like playing the pipe organ.

How many ever saw wool carded by hand and made into rolls? Most of the rolls were made in the carding mills and were three feet long, but the ones made by hand were only from six to eight inches long. I remember seeing Old Aunt Eliza Gilman card wool and make it into rolls. The wool was spun into yarn and then woven into cloth for men's suits and flannels for women and children. The light weight flannels were made into shirts and underwear. Linen was fashioned into men's shirts and trousers, dresses for women and children, towels, tablecloths, sheets, pillow cases. There was the coarse material which was woven into bed ticking and grain bags. Only a few years ago Reuben Artman had some grain bags which his mother-in-law, Old Aunt Susie Weidman, wove. No doubt they are still in use. It seemed impossible to wear them out. On many of the farms were small buildings known as weaving shops. There was one built onto the Old Abraham Swarts house, and in it were the loom, the quill wheel, spinning wheel, reel, swifts, warping bars, flax wheel, flax breaker, hetchel and swingle. How many of my young readers can tell me what they were all used for?

Joseph Kuder lived for many years on top of the hill west of Claytonville, in the log house where Bill Swarts lived. The house was torn down, a new one built, and this was purchased by Jim Shafer and used as a tenant house. Here Mr. Kuder wove all kinds of cloth. After the heavy cloth used for men's garments was woven, it was filled in by dipping it from boiling hot water into cold water, which thickened it and made it very heavy. Teasles were gathered from swamps along the roadside and used to brush over the cloth to raise the nap and give it a soft, velvety appearance which resembled broadcloth or cheviot. Teasles have prickly burs

about four inches long. High school graduates will know them better as genes dispacus.

I heard Old Aunt Eleanor Moose say that the year before she was married that 500 yards of linen were spun and woven by members of her father's family. I believe that the last woolen cloth woven in the town of Sparta was woven by Old Aunt Somelia Campbell, for my grandmother, about 30 years ago. My mother spun the wool and grandmother hired it woven. It was made into bed blankets, one of which I still have. I still have the old spinning wheel which the yarn was spun on. When mother wasn't looking I loved to get at the wheel and spin a thread - no, I did not say yarn. I said thread, if I had said yarn, you would have said that I was a pretty good yarn spinner.

After the heavy cloth was woven it had to be taken to the tailor or the tailor would have to pay the owner a visit and garments would then be made. Think of the work this required before the day of the sewing machine, every stitch in a man's suit or overcoat had to be taken by hand. There were two tailoresses in this section years ago, one was Sarah Burdick, wife of Enoch Moose, the other was Cornelia Miner, wife of Hiram Rau. They learned the trade of making men's clothing.

#### INSTALLMENT 7      January 19, 1933

A hundred years ago all of the boots and shoes were made by hand. When a beef or a veal calf was killed the hide was usually taken down to Old Jake Kiehle's tannery to be tanned. The tannery stood for years on the west side of Health Street in Dansville, on land which for years was known as the sanatorium garden. A few of my older readers will no doubt remember it. It took from six to nine months to tan a hide and make it into leather, then it would be taken to a shoemaker or a cobbler would be hired to come to the house and make it into boots and shoes for all the members of the family. The cobblers who came to the house sat upon their benches in the kitchen and began their work.

I shall never forget the story which Owen Rau told me about his first pair of boots. Daddy Rau had secured the leather and taken it home to be made into boots by Old Johnny Booker. Old Johnny came to the house and made the boots for the members of the family for the winter. Owen, who was about seven or eight years old, had never owned a pair of boots for he had to wear out the old shoes which the girls discarded. He teased Daddy to let Booker make him a pair of boots, and Daddy said if the leather held out he should have them. Owen watched with eager eyes until the last pair had been completed, and then, enough leather being left, the cobbler made a pair of boots for him. In all these years I never had anything I felt so proud of Owen told me, and that was probably 93 or 94 years ago, for if Old Uncle Owen was alive, he would have been 101 years old.

I will now mention the lodges. Though only a rural community there have been three lodges organized here. Around 42 years ago there were two Farmer Alliance organizations, one at Sparta Center and one at Wright's. The latter had an Alliance store and Albert Wilhelm was the store keeper. This was when the Populist party first became known. When William Jennings Bryan captured the Chi-

cago convention with his speech, and the Democratic party put the Free Silver plank in their platform, that ended the Farmers Alliance. About thirty one or thirty two years ago a Knights of the Maccabees lodge was organized at Mt. Pleasant. The rooms were over the Goho and Wenner mill, and there were sixty members. A fine lodge was conducted for many years and then the Grand Lodge raised the rates and the majority of members withdrew and the charter was surrendered. There was a Lodge of Lady Maccabees with about thirty members, but this was disbanded at the same time.

I will now take up the subject of soldiers in the vicinity in the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812 and the war between the states. The only soldier of the Revolution buried here that I know of is Ezekel Sanford. He is buried in the lower cemetery at Reeds Corners. He was the father of Chloe Reed, wife of Old John Reed I, who was one of the first settlers at Reeds Corners. His eighth generation, who is living within a mile of that place, is Geraldine Moose, daughter of Ernest Moose and Mildred Perry, and she is the seventh generation from Old John Reed I. He was of Yankee parentage, born in Massachusetts, and served in a Massachusetts Company. He moved from his native state to Dryden, Tompkins county, N.Y., where he lived for a few years then came to Sparta.

There are two soldiers buried here who served in the War of 1812. One is John Sample, who came from Pennsylvania and settled at Reeds Corners about 1820. The fifth generation of his family, Claire Maginley, Jr., lives three miles north on this same road.... Claire is the son of Clair Maginley and Alice McNitch. Mr. Sample is buried in the upper Reeds Corners cemetery, on land given for the purpose. The second soldier of the War of 1812 was Jacob Gilman, who is buried in the Dutch cemetery. He lived and died on the farm where Mark Weidman now lives, in the town of Sparta. His fifth generation, Ivan Jacob Moose, who is his namesake, and the son of Murray Moose and Grace Swarts, lives on the Story Road. There may be other soldiers of the war buried in cemeteries in this town, but I have no record of them.

I will now write about the soldiers of the Civil War, or the war between the states. The section of the roads of which I have written comprise about thirty square miles in the towns of Sparta and Springwater. I find that from this section fifty-five soldiers served in the Civil War, all of whom were born here or lived here at some time, or their parents lived here. As there are a number having the same names, I will give their parents' names insofar as possible, and also give their ancestry as far back as I know, which may some day be of benefit to those who wish to join the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

Jacob Dieter, son of George Dieter and Barberry Dotterer, was sargeant in the ambulance corps. He was taken prisoner and died at Bell Island prison, Richmond, Va. Frank Dieter, son of George Dieter and Polly Schlagle, George Dieter, son of Conrad and Catherine Schlagle, Conrad Dieter, son of John Dieter of the Revolution.

There were Solomon, George and Abraham Swarts, all brothers and sons of Jonas Swarts and Mary Dieter. Mary Dieter was the daughter of George Dieter and Barberry Dotterer. George Dieter was the son of John Dieter and Catherine Cole. John Dieter was a soldier in Captain Thomas Church's Company, Waynes Pennsylvania Battalion,

during the Revolutionary War. John Swarts son of Michael Swarts and Mary Dieter, daughter of John Dieter and Susan Dieter, daughter of John Dieter of the Revolution.

George Sutton and Daniel Sutton were brothers, sons of David Sutton and Polly Dieter. Polly was the daughter of George Dieter and Barberrry Dotterer. Daniel Sutton died in army service.

Augustus Miller, son of John Miller and Caroline Best, John Miller, son of Peter Miller and Polly Dieter, Polly Dieter, daughter of John Dieter of the Revolution. There were ten great-grandsons of John Dieter who served in the Civil War. John was a Revolutionary soldier.

There were Jacob George and William Moose, the latter always called Billy, died of measles in service. They were the sons of John Moose and Elizabeth Wenner. Charles Moose, son of Enoch Moose and Sarah Burdick. Henry Moose, son of Rev. Daniel Moose and Eliza Dieter, Eliza Dieter daughter of Conrad Dieter and Catherine Schlagle. This Henry Moose was a great-grandson of John Dieter of the Revolution. Wesley Coleman, son of Dr. Moses Coleman and Sally Moose. John Moose, Peter Moose, Enoch Moose, Rev. Daniel Moose and Sally Moose Coleman were all children of Jacob Moose and Catherine Bachman. Jacob Moose was the son of David Mussgenung and Maria Meyer. David Mussgenung was a soldier in Captain Adam Zerfass' Company of Pennsylvania, in the Revolutionary War.

There were two of the Sweetens in this war from this section.... They were Amos and Benjamin Sweeten, brothers. They were sons of William Sweeten and Lucy Sanford. ✓ Lucy Sanford was the daughter of Soten Sanford ✓ and Esther Mitchel. Soten Sanford was the son of Eliseph Sanford ✓ and Rebecca Wheeler, Eliseph was a soldier in the War of 1812. There were two lines of this family in the Revolution, the Sanford line and the Mitchel line. Esther Mitchel, wife of Soten Sanford, was the daughter of Malen Mitchel and Luticia Morgan. They came to Sparta from Bucks county Pennsylvania. Malen was the son of General Mitchel who was killed in the Revolution. The eighth generation of General Mitchel now lives in Dansville, and is Marion Moose, daughter of Clarence Moose and Florence Kinney.

There were Henry and Charles Maginley, sons of Thomas Maginley and Margaret Sample. Margaret was the daughter of John Sample and Lovina Weidman, and John Sample was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Harmon Gilman was the son of Jacob Gilman and Lanah Brewer. Jacob Gilman was a soldier in the War of 1812.

There were the Steffys, LaFayette, Joseph and John. LaFayette was the son of Isaac Steffy I, and Catherine Wolf. Joseph was the son of Isaac I and \_\_\_\_\_ Bowers. John was the son of Isaac, the II and Polly Litchard.

There were two Curtis men, Auldin, son of Cornelius Curtis and Bertha Pemberton, and his father, Cornelius Curtis.

George Scott and John Scott, brothers, and sons of Riley Scott and Rachel McCune. Jesse Carney, son of James Carney and Eliza Roberts. John Hearsh, son of Christian Hearsch and Caroline Hilts. Charles Hilts, son of John Hilts and Caroline Sorge. Laban Upthegrove, son of Samuel Upthegrove and Caroline Macumber. Daniel Wambold, son of John Wambold and Betsy Rau. Jonas Hampshire, son of Barnard Hampshire and Rebecca Fleck. Abraham Kiehle, son of

Benjamin Kiehle and Salome Zerfass (he was shot and killed in battle), Monroe Kiehle, his brother, died in service in a Washington hospital. Kelsey Needham, son of Gordon Needham and Harriet Clark. Salmser Rau, son of Benjamin Rau and Margaret Cranmer. Samuel Young, son of John Young. He died in service. John Joy, son of Michael Joy and Ellen Sullivan. Thomas VanScooter, son of Cornelius VanScooter and Betsy Rolls. Isaac Philhour, son of Frederick Philhour and \_\_\_\_\_ Frone. Charles McNitch, son of Samuel McNitch and Jane Smith. Thomas Hughes, son of Thomas Hughes and Betsy Fronk. Joel Johnson, son of Israel Johnson and Betty Benedict. David Barnhart, son of Harrison Barnhart. Isaac Buskirk, son of Samuel Buskirk. Sylvester Die, son of William Die. Almer Mariman, son of Almer Mariman and \_\_\_\_\_ Wilkinson. Charles Odell, adopted son of Billings Odell. Charles Hotaling, son of Samuel Hotaling. George Kuhn, Isaac Baird, Jerome Fisher, Samuel Compton, Michael Smith, Daniel Smith and Archibald Simpson.

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Of the soldiers mentioned in last week's article, I was personally acquainted with forty-two of them, and remember them distinctly. Nineteen of them were relatives, either by blood or marriage. I was present at the funerals of twelve of them. All have passed away.

How well do I remember fifty-five years ago. It seemed at that time that practically every other man you met was wearing a soldier coat, and now every soldier of the Civil War who resided here has answered the bugle call. The last was Almer Mariman, who died July 23, 1931, aged 88. As I look around today, I find only now and then a man who belonged to the Blue or the Grey. Seventy years ago they were in deadly combat. The issue was state rights, but the underlying cause was slavery. Every Confederate veteran will say that slavery was one of the worst curses of our nation, and sooner or later would have been wiped out, as the whole of the land of the south was fast being made into plantations, and soon all of the land would have been owned by a few wealthy men, who would have been like dukes and lords of foreign countries, while the remainder would have been like serfs. However, the equality of the races will never be a reality in the south, and now, after seventy years, they are just as much divided as in the days of '61. The animosity of the war would have died out if it had not been for politicians and carpet-baggers, who tried to incite the blacks against the whites and institute Negro rule. This was the straw which broke the camel's back, so to speak. Then came the Ku Klux Klan, who frightened the politics out of the Negroes.

The greatest loss to the south was the death of Abraham Lincoln. If he had lived he would have reconstructed the south. A few million dollars would have given the people horses, tools, seeds, and they would soon have been back to normal. When it became apparent that the southern army must capitulate, one of the generals asked Lincoln if the south surrendered what he would do to them. Lincoln answering, said, "I will love them and send them home." Many a Confederate will say today that those were the most significant words which ever fell from human lips since the Sermon on

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the Mount. If it had been left to some of the generals, every officer would have been court marshalled and shot, but this showed the great soul of one who was a friend of the south and I can only add:

Although the flag they died to save,  
Floats not o'er any land or sea,  
Throughout eternal years shall wave  
The banner of their chivalry.

As a fitting benediction I will say:

Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day,  
Under the roses the Blue,  
Under the lillies the Grey.

There has just come to my attention an old poem, written in 1851, eighty-one years ago, by Rev. J. C. Miller. Ten years before the war between the states, and the thoughts are so beautiful that I cannot help but pass it on.

#### PEACE

From the mysterious realm,  
Where angels have their birth,  
A meek and dove-like spirit  
comes,  
To find a home on earth.

A gory field appears,  
a field of mortal strife;  
She on the mangled corpses  
breathes,  
And wakes them into life.

Then marshalled on the plain,  
Arrayed in robes of white,  
That host of veteran warriors  
stands,  
As waiting for a fight.

No trumpets clarion blast  
Is sounding in their ears,  
No blasting lightnings flash  
around,  
Nor sword nor helm appears.

Their spotless banners wave,  
Above them soars the dove.  
And as in bannered pomp they  
move,  
And praise the power of love.

The panoply of war,  
The glitter and the glare,  
Of helmet, plume and burnished  
steel,  
They've changed for faith and  
prayer.

O'er all the earth they move,  
In majesty and might,  
And bloodless, tearless  
victories win  
For freedom and the right.

God speed them on their way,  
Come aid them, type and pen,  
And help to usher in the day,  
Of peace, good will to men.

As to the soldiers of the Spanish American War and the World War, I will leave that to some other historian fifty years hence, and only pray that the time will come when "The nations will learn war no more."

#### One Hundred Years Ago, or Who Is Who in This Section?

Who is who in Sparta and Springwater? That is what the people of today wish to know. With the help of some friends who are kindly supplying me with records of their families, I shall endeavor to give much of the early history of the first settlers in this section. I shall also take up the improvements during that time. Of these men and their wives living in this section fifty to fifty-five years ago, and referred to in this article, just one man is

now living. He is George Kiehle of Illinois. There are about ten of the wives who were living at that time, who are still living, four have died in the last four months. There are a few of the second wives still living, and I ponder, can it be possible that such a change has come in fifty years?

This section of Livingston county was settled principally by the Pennsylvania Dutch, and the few Irish families here soon intermarried, until finally all the Irish traits were lost except for wit. I have only to cite you one family, that of the Carneys. Ninety percent of them married Dutch boys or girls, and today you would think the family was entirely Pennsylvania Dutch. Many of you will remember that Old Hugh Carney could blabber Dutch as well as if he had been born in Allentown. There were a few Yankee families who came from New England and from the eastern part of the state. This comprised our foreign population. But very few were Germans who came directly from Germany.

I will first take the progress of the last hundred years. Next year the Great World Fair in Chicago will commemorate what is known as the century of progress. Aside from steam power, nearly all of the great inventions have been made in the last century. The first railroad in the state of New York was built in 1831, one hundred years ago, from Albany to Schenectady. The first locomotive built in the United States was made one hundred years ago in Philadelphia by Matthias Baldwin, in 1832. He was in charge of the great locomotive works which bear his name. The first reaper and mower in this section was built by Cyrus McCormick in 1832, and that brings us to the first mower in this section. It was owned by Daddy Rau, and was first used in the field across the road from what is known as the Jim Stong house at Reeds Corners. That was in about 1855. I have heard my father tell about it. He was only a small boy, and the neighbors came from all around to see it work. It resembled the drop reaper of today, without rake or table. It had a large wheel at one end and a small one on the other. Working in heavy grain, it would do a couple of hundred feet, then it would choke down and had to be backed up and started again. However it would do the work of six or eight men, and was considered a great improvement.

A hundred years ago there wasn't a cook stove in this section. Occasionally one would see a sheet iron oven something like the ones now used on oil stoves. These were placed over coals on the hearth of the fireplace and used for some baking, but practically all of the bread and the pies were baked in brick or stone ovens built out of doors. I never saw but one inside oven in this section that was built in the fireplace in the kitchen, and that was known as the Old Borts Tavern, the old house which stood on the farm on the county line road where Earl Fogle now lives. The housewives of those days knew just the amount of wood to place on the fire to heat the oven so that it would be neither too hot or too cold. The bread was first baked, the pies came next while the oven was still hot.

The first factories where phosphorus matches were made were located at Viens and Darmstet in 1833, and it wasn't until 1850 that the sulphur match came into practical use. As phosphorus was considered a deadly poison many people would not have them in the house.

I shall never forget a story told me more than forty years ago by Lib Smail, wife of Charles Shafer, who lived in Michigan, but

was on a visit to this state. At night when they retired they would cover up the coals in the fireplace with ashes in order to have a fire the next morning, but sometimes when the wind blew hard, the fire would go out. One winter morning when her father arose, the fire was out. He took flint and punk and endeavored to start it, but the punk was not dry enough and his attempt was unsuccessful. He said, "Lib, take a pail and go over to Old Jake Swarts' and get some fire." Swartses were the next neighbors on the north. When Lib reached the Swarts house, their fire was out and Old Jake was trying to make a fire with his gun. He had an old flintlock musket, and placing some tow and a little powder in the pan of the lock, he would shoot. However the tow was not dry or something else was the matter, for he could not get a spark. After a while Lib went up across the fields to the home of Old Jonas Swarts. Jonas had a good wood fire and she got some coals and started back. When she reached Old Jake Swarts' again he was still trying to get a fire started, so she lit the fire and then went home and started a fire for her father. And to think that today we are apt to use a cuss word when the second match we strike refuses to light.

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The sewing machine was invented by Elias Howe in 1846, 86 years ago. My grandmother had one of the old Howe machines which was purchased about 65 years ago for \$110. It made as much noise as a corn sheller.

A hundred years ago tallow candles were used for lights in the homes in this section, and today we complain of the insufficient light given by a 25watt bulb. My grandfather's old lantern, which he bought 80 years ago, was a half circle of tin with an 8 x 10 pane of glass on one side and a little tin door on the other, which was used for the purpose of placing a tallow candle inside. Even the kerosene lamp was unheard of in those days, as petroleum was found in Oil Creek, Pa. in 1858.

All the grain was threshed by hand by means of a flail, and wheat was drawn to Rochester and sold for 18 cents per bushel, but there is never so great a loss but what there is some slight gain, for whiskey could be bought in those days for 18 cents a gallon, while today it takes nearly all of the proceeds from a load of wheat to purchase a gallon of whiskey.

A century ago it took as long to send a message as it did when Abraham went to slaughter the Kings, nearly 4,000 years ago, but in this century of progress has come the telegraph, telephone, phonograph and radio. I remember the first time I ever heard anyone talk over the telephone. It was about fifty years ago and it was said that one could be heard over a distance of fifty miles, while today one may talk across the ocean. The first phonograph I heard was in Chicago at the World's Fair, 39 years ago this month, and the first radio at the Hornell Fair, while now we sit in our Florida home at the end of the United States and listen while King George opens Parliament; we hear Admiral Byrd deliver an address from New Zealand when he returns from the South Pole, and we hear the Pope in his first broadcast send his blessings to the world, and we hear the Clara Barton Celebration ceremonies at Stony Brook State Park, Dansville just as plainly as tho we had been sitting on the platform, and last, but

not least, we hear the Chicago Convention nominate Franklin D. Roosevelt for President of the United States, and then we hear the hum of the airplane as it lands at the Chicago airport, and listen to his acceptance speech. We can only say, as we think of it all, will wonders ever cease? That makes me think of a good story told by Old Uncle Sam Redmond of Sparta. Uncle Sam had a neighbor named Joe Brocket, who had a yoke of oxen, one of which died. To take its place, he broke a heifer to work with the other one. One morning a neighbor boy came rushing in and said, "Mr. Redmond, wonders will never cease - Joe Brocket's ox has got a calf."

There have been two great factors in development in the last century which I believe have contributed to this great progressive age materially - namely the Free School and the Newspaper. Of the two I think the the newspaper has been the greatest educator of the public. When I say the newspaper I mean all the periodicals and trade journals. Without these we would have to depend entirely on books. I have heard my grandmother tell of the time when there was only one man in their section of the town of Sparta who took a newspaper, and that was Matthew Scott. He was a kind and generous old gentleman and after he had read the paper he did not fold it up and lay it carefully away, but he loaned it to all of his neighbors who cared to read it, and it was passed from one family to another and was read by at least thirty different families. The children were not allowed to touch it for fear that they would tear it. It was handled with as great respect as the family Bible. The paper was a weekly publication and was the only means of conveying the news of the world to the people at that time. I have seen bound volumes of the Dansville Sentinel, which the people of Sparta had saved and had put into book form so that they might be preserved. I think that a few of the volumes may still be found in Sparta today. I still remember the first farmer in this section who took a daily newspaper. He was looked upon as a ne'er-do-well, and his neighbors were wont to say that he might better be at work than reading that daily newspaper. Today more than a half ton of daily papers find their way into the town of Sparta every month.

Our great Free School system was due, no doubt, to our German immigrants, as but few of the Germans who came direct from that country but could read and write, for there were compulsory education laws there for hundreds of years and some of the greatest inventions of our times have originated in Germany.

Our school system of today has become such a burden to the people that it is fast breaking down. Can we find a common medium or must the pendulum swing back to where it was a hundred years ago? I still have an old Sanders Fourth Reader, published in 1850, used in the schools eighty years ago, and when I compare the contents of that book to books of modern times, I find that nearly all of the pieces contained good morals, many being taken from the Bible, but what about those of today?

I shall now tell about some of the people who resided on the Story Road seventy-five to one hundred years ago, and many of the first settlers in this vicinity of Sparta and Springwater. The boys, who retain the family name, are easier to trace, but the girls married, their names were changed and were soon lost track of, except by their own families. As I come to those fam-

ilies I will carry the line through, so as not to cover the same ground twice. I will begin at the north end of the Story Road.

The farm which was always known as the Wilhelm farm - it was here that Old George Wilhelm settled about one-hundred years ago, with his wife, Sally Bailey. From the best records that I am able to obtain, he settled here in 1832. He was the son of John and Eleanor Wilhelm, who came from Milo, Yates County, New York, where they had resided some years previous. There were at least five boys, as for the girls, I don't know. There was John, Jonathan, Benjamin, William (always called Billy) and Philip. After the death of the old people John purchased the homestead, which he owned for over seventy years. He married Leora Humphrey, daughter of Ozias Humphrey and Parnel Douglas, in 1843, eighty-nine years ago. All of their married life was spent here and at John's death, the old homestead passed to his son, Eugene. After his death it passed to his widow and heirs, who still own the place. The sixth generation of the family has been attained and is Robert Fish, son of Paul Fish and Theodocia Moose of East Rochester, New York.

On the east side of the Story Road, at the north end, lived Jim Bailey and his wife, Jerusia Cooley. They came with the Wilhelms and he was a brother to Sally Bailey Wilhelm. His sons were Abner, David, Joe and Albert. His second wife was Mary Furgeson. They had one daughter, Amelia. The sixth generation of the Bailey family now live within two and a half miles of this place, namely, Asa Spencer, son of Harmon Spencer and Audra Perkins.

The next place was the Story place. This I mentioned in the beginning of the article. It was here that Mr. Story lived, after whom the road was named. I have been informed that it was in the old log house that young Will Clark, with his wife, Lucy Ann Humphrey, lived between 80 and 90 years ago. I believe that it was in this house that Corina Clark Baird was born. I believe it was nearly 75 years ago that David Klinetub moved onto this farm with his wife, Mary Hilts. He is mentioned in the previous chapters of this article as living here 55 years ago. It was here that his whole family was born. He lived on this farm nearly fifty years.

This brings us to the history of the Klinetub family. James Klinetub was the son of Conrad Klinetub and Mary Schmidt, who came to Sparta and settled on what was known as the John Jennings farm, owned by Metie Rau. They came here in 1823. When Old Jacob Moose and his family got to Mauch Chune, Pa., here he found Old Conrad Klinetub on his way to Sparta. With them was a young girl, Marcia Getts, a niece of Mrs. Klinetub, who was afterward married to Old Jake Swarts. She was my great-grandmother. I have often heard my grandmother tell of the good time they had on that trip. Conrad Klinetub had a fiddle and was somewhat of a fiddler. At night they would stop at a tavern and word would be sent out that there was a fiddler there. People would come from miles around and hold a dance. They would dance until 11 or 12 o'clock, and then straw beds would be thrown on the floors and they would sleep until morning, then loading their beds onto covered wagons they would travel on for another day. At night they would stop at another tavern and hold another dance. They were two weeks on the road from Allen-

town to Dansville, and now I drive it in a day. When the Kline-top family came to Sparta they spelled the name 'Klinetub'. I think you will find on some of the old tombstones, the name spelled Klindub. The David Klintub family always spelled it Clintop. In the first census in Pennsylvania in 1790, I find in Northampton county, in the town of Chestnut Hill, Clinetop, one male over 16; one male under 16; and 4 females. Also Christopher Clinetop 3 males over 16; 5 males under 16; 3 females. Note the difference in the spelling of the name. The only one of the Klinetub family to come over to Pennsylvania on the Ship Patience, Hugh Steel, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, landed in Philadelphia September 17, 1753. Among its passengers was Christoffell Kleintopf, note the spelling of the name. The sixth generation of Old Conrad Klinetub lives in Wayland and is Miss Cora Amos, daughter of Amos and Bell Smith.

N.B. - The author of the story makes the following correction in regard to the part pertaining to the Civil War veterans: speaking of Charles and Henry Maginley as sons of Thomas Maginley and Margaret Sample. She was a sister of John Sample, instead of a daughter as stated.

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About 75 years ago on the west side of the Story Road lived William Brewer and his wife, Nancy Spencer. The farm was owned for many years by his father, Old Abraham Brewer and his wife, Katie Young. They were among the first settlers to come from Pennsylvania and they located on what is known as Neblick's Hill, in the town of Sparta, on the farm lately known as the William Brewer farm. William Brewer moved to Springwater valley more than sixty years ago and purchased the upper grist mill which he operated until the death of his brother, Charles Brewer. He then took over the lower mill and continued to operate that until his death. His son Henry took over the mill then and is still operating it. Fifty years ago the Old Brewer mill, which stood on this spot, was noted for making the best stone ground flour in Livingston County. Although I am more than 1,500 miles away, every winter I enjoy buckwheat cakes made from the flour of the present mill.

We now come to what was known for years as Hilts Corners. Here Charles W. Swarts and his wife, Minnie Kuhn, now live. Here lived Old John Hilts and his wife, Caroline Sorge. John came to America from Germany in 1836, and then sent for his wife and family. The family arrived on a sailing vessel following a six months voyage. Old Grandma Hilts said that Charley was a baby and was so ill while on the sea that she prayed that he might be spared until land was reached so that his small body would not have to rest in an ocean grave. Charley was spared and lived many years, during which time he served his country in the Civil War. John Hilts taught school in Germany and later held the government position of forester. He had charge of the King's forest. The great timber tracts are not slashed as they are in America, but the King's Forester has charge of them and marks certain trees which are to be cut each year. John was also an expert grafter, and I believe that there are still a few trees in Sparta which he grafted.

They settled here about 1837, for Philip Hilts told me that he was eight years old when he left Germany, and he was born February 11, 1828. There were five boys and four girls in the family that I know of, most of whom lived and died in this section. They have been mentioned in previous chapters. They were Philip, Christian, Fred, Charles and Leonard Hilts. Philip married Mary Kuder, daughter of Joseph Kuder and Anna Steffy; Anna Steffy was the daughter of Jacob Steffy and Magdalena Schmoyer. Jacob Steffy was among the earliest settlers in the town of Sparta. Nearly all of the Steffy family moved to Michigan in later years, as also did Mrs. Kuder and her son, John. She returned once on a visit in 1877, I believe. The sixth generation of the Jacob Steffy family now lives on the Story Road, and is Vincent Sorge, son of Scott Sorge and Ethel French.

There was only one member of the Kuder family to come over to Pennsylvania. There landed at Philadelphia October 8, 1837, Palatines imported on the ship Charming Polly, of London, Charles Stedman, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Plymouth, 105 men, 25 boys and 107 women and girls. Among the passengers I find Hans Peter Kuder.

The Schmoyer line will be found in the history of Abraham Swarts' family. Fred Hilts married Jane Roberts, daughter of Rufus Roberts and Myra Roberts; Rufus Roberts was the son of John Roberts; Myra Roberts was the daughter of Benjamin Roberts. Fred Hilts was killed in 1857 on Stedman Hill, just a few rods south of the old home. He was riding on a load of shingles on a wood rigging. A small binder chain attached across the front, broke, letting him fall to the ground where the wagon wheel ran over his chest, crushing his lungs. My grandfather, Jacob Dieter, helped carry him into the house and assisted in laying out the body. After Fred's death his widow married LaFayette Carney. The fourth generation of Fred Hilts now lives in Sparta, and is Caroline Wenner, daughter of Gale Wenner and Cora Swarts.

The others of the Hilts family were: Caroline, wife of Christian Hearsh; Mary, wife of David Clintop; Louise, wife of Jacob Schwingle and Susan, wife of Charles McNinch. Chris Hilts, as he was always called, went to St. Louis when a young man entering the hardware business, remaining there the rest of his life. I still remember Grandma Hilts, as she was known to everyone. I went with my grandmother many times to her house, as she was one of our near neighbors. She was a kindly old lady. One reason I liked to go there was to play with her little old fat Dutch dog. She always talked Dutch to the dog, and he could not understand a word of English. I would say, "Come here," but all he would do was wag his tail, but when she would say "cume mooter rufe," he would go to her. When I would tell him to take a chair, he would just stand and look at me, but when she would say "Neman Stool," up on the chair he would jump. The sixth generation of John Hilts lives within three miles of the old homestead, and is the son of Lester Hughes and Vera Clemons.

In 1839 Christian Hirsch came to Dansville. He was born in Ottweller, Germany, September 17, 1819. He married Caroline Hilts, daughter of John Hilts, and lived for about 50 years on the Story Road, in a log house which stood at the north end of the Hilts place. They had a family of ten children, eight of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Mrs. Hilts died in 1860, in her 37th year, and her husband died in 1910, aged 89 years.

Their children were John Hirsch, Leonard and Fred Hirsch. John Hirsch was a soldier in the Civil War. At the close of the war, he was discharged, returned home, and died within a week after his return. Leonard married Frances Thompson. Fred never married. The daughters were Mary, wife of Charles Moose; Caroline, wife of James Buskirk, she was the last of the family and just recently passed away; Kate, wife of Laban Upthegrove; Frances, wife of Arnold Moose; and Miss Amelia Hirsch. The fifth generation of the Hirsch family is Miss Treva Kinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kinney, and Alta Moose of Dansville.

The next is the home of Old Sealy Steadman. The old log house stood just south of where Floyd VanHooser's house was built. I still remember that house. Sealy Steadman lived here about 90 years ago. He had one son and three daughters. The son was Elroy Steadman and the daughter married Thomas Fowler; the other two were Miss Sylvia Ann Steadman and Miss Heneret Steadman. The school district here was called the Steadman District, 90 years ago.

On the west side of the road was what was known for years as the John Swarts farm. It was here that Old John Gilbert and his wife, Sally Lacy, settled, April 20, 1842. His first wife was Rachel Lacy sister of Sally. The Gilberts were Jersey Dutch. They moved from New Jersey to the town of Benton, near Geneva, N. Y.; after some years spent there they moved to Ossian and from there to Sparta. There were three sons, I do not know about the daughters. The sons were Lester, Alonzo and Oliver Gilbert. Oliver lived in Hornell, he was married there. They had no children. After the death of John Gilbert, his son, Lester, bought the homestead and lived there to about 1878, then he sold the farm to John Swarts and moved to Klipnocky, Allegany County. Lester Gilbert's wife was Harriet Dimmick. Alonzo Gilbert's first wife was Weltha Farnsworth, his second wife was Mary Sanford, widow of Deacon William Harris. George Gilbert, who is a great-grandson, owns the adjoining farm. The sixth generation from John Gilbert lives within a mile of the old homestead and is the daughter of Lester Mariman and Luella Wagner.

Seventy-five years ago there was a log house standing on a corner of the farm now owned by Morgan Moose. Here lived Benjamin Landon and his wife Susan. He was the father of Lester Landon of Sparta, and is the only one by that name in this section.

The next farm south, now owned by Henry Brewer, was owned by Miss Abbie Traxler; she married Joseph Shults, sold the farm and moved to Stony Brook Glen. They had no children.

South in the hollow stood a house about seventy-five years ago in which lived Mr. Shepherdson. He had two sons. I do not know about the daughters. The sons were Fayette and Seth. After his death his widow married Becket Miner of Wayland.

Under the chapter on saw mills, I mentioned Philip Applin. He lived here about 80 years ago, and moved from here to Sparta Flats.

On the west side of the road, on the site where in after years Sime Kuhn dug out a fish pond, stood a little house in which lived a man named Comstalk.

About 75 years ago in the house that stood where Charley French now lives, Barbara Dieter then lived. She was the widow of George Dieter, who died in 1850. He was the son of John Dieter and Catherine Cole, who was mentioned as a soldier in the War of the Revolution in a preceding chapter. They moved from Pennsyl-

vania to Sparta in about 1830. Her maiden name was Barbara Dotterer.

We have now come to a line of some of the largest families in this section of the country. They are the Dieter and the Dotterer families. Of the children of John Dieter and Catherine Dieter, the majority of them came to this section and settled, and also some of the grandchildren. There were three sons and four daughters. They were: George Dieter, mentioned above; Conrad Dieter, his wife was Catherine Schlagle (their family will be given later); Michael Dieter, his wife was Betsy Stailey. He lived at Sagerstown, Pa. He never resided here, but his son, Fred Dieter, came to Sparta and married Mary, daughter of Jonas Swarts and Mary Dieter, and purchased the farm on the Story Road where Charles W. Swarts now lives. After living there about 50 years he moved back to Pennsylvania, after selling his farm. His widow is still living near Meadville. There were four generations in this John Dieter family. They were Polly, wife of Peter Miller, they had three sons and several daughters. There were John Miller, Edward and William Miller. One daughter, Eliza married a man named Groneman, and lived in Michigan. John who married Caroline Best, was the great grandfather of Heman Miller, Jr. of Sparta. Edward lived in Dansville, and his widow lived there for many years, and was known to all as Aunt Evey Miller. William Miller lived at Short Track. After the death of Polly Dieter, Old Peter Miller married Susan Raner, widow of Peter Swarts. She was the mother of Michael Swarts. She died at the age of 101 years.

#### INSTALLMENT 11

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Katie, daughter of John Dieter and Catherine Cole, married Samuel Claywalt. They came to Dansville and settled in the eastern part of the town on Canada Hill. They had one son, William, always called Bill Claywalt. When Samuel died, about 50 or 55 years ago, his son Bill was working for a neighbor. He left for home and on the way dropped dead, and double funeral services were held for father and son. The old house where they lived has been torn down. The land is now owned by Arthur Sterner.

Susan Dieter, daughter of John Dieter and Catherine Cole, married John Dieter. They had two sons, Isaac and John, who, with their mother, came to Dansville in 1849 and bought what is known as the Sky Farm on East Hill. John was always called Little Johnny, to distinguish him from the other John Dieter in this vicinity. There were five daughters: Mary Dieter, wife of Michael Swarts, son of Peter Swarts and Susan Raner; Betsy, wife of Michael Ask (parents of Jacob Ash, living on the County Line Road fifty years ago); Lena, wife of Samuel Smull; Susan, wife of Joseph Claywalt, and Katy, wife of John Kiser.

Marcia, daughter of John Dieter and Catherine Cole, married John Dieter, but little is known of this family; one daughter, Mrs. Susan Oswald, lived in Fremont, Steuben County.

We now return to the George Dieter family. Barbara Dotterer had two sisters and one brother which I know of. The brother was Jacob Dotterer; the sisters Susan Dotterer, wife of Jacob Weidman, who came to Sparta and settled in 1823, and Mary Dott-

erer, wife of George Fronk, who settled on Canada Hill in the town of Dansville, on the farm now owned by George Kidd, in 1824. He is the grandson of George Fronk and Mary Fronk. These sisters had twelve children each and nearly all of them lived to grow to manhood and womanhood. The youngest, if living, would be more than 90 years old. There were 36 cousins to start with nearly 100 years ago - a large family to keep track of them all. And this is not all, there was Sarah Mogfler, wife of Old George Goho of West Sparta, who had 14 children, and all lived to grow up. She was a granddaughter of Jacob Dotterer of Pennsylvania, and that made 14 cousins more. Ever since these families came to this section the name Dotterer has been spelled in different ways. Sometimes Duttrey, sometimes Dotrey, and again Dutter. I have traced the name and find in Pennsylvania in the first census in 1790, eight families of Dotterers living in the state, but not one named Dutrey or Dutter. The only one to come over to Pennsylvania came on the ship Mortonhouse, John Coultis, master, landed in Philadelphia August 24, 1728. Among the passengers was John Doderer (note the spelling). As to this widow Dieter, a few of the older people of this section will remember her as Bevy Dieter. She was always called Bevy for short. Of this family there were seven Dieter boys and five girls. Peter married Lucinda \_\_\_; Charles married Mary Jane Barton, and the two brothers moved to Fairfax, Minn. more than 75 years ago. Jacob married Betsy Swarts, daughter of Jacob Swarts and Marcia Getts. He was a veteran of the Civil War and died in Richmond, Va. March 29, 1864. John lived only a few years after his marriage to Rebecca Atwood. They had no children. After his death Rebecca married John Swarts, son of Michael Swarts and Mary Dieter. Benjamin married Alvira Knowles, daughter of Jared Knowles and Dolly Die. For many years they lived in Claytonville. Their son, Seymour Dieter now lives on the Story Road. The other two sons of George and Barbery Dieter were George and Michael, neither of whom ever married. The five daughters were Abigal, wife of Thomas Rodgers of Sagerstown, Pa., Sarah married John Rickard of the same place. Sarah and John were the parents of William D. Rickard, who lived for many years in the town of Sparta, and served for three years as supervisor of the township. Polly, wife of David Sutton - David was the son of Elihu Sutton, who was a Canadian, as was also his wife. They came from the Dominion and settled on the farm lately owned by Myron Smith at Sparta Center. They were among the earliest settlers in the town, coming there in about 1812. Besides David there were two other children, John Sutton, father of Myra, wife of Joseph Steffy, and Abigal, wife of Daniel Kuhn. Following the death of Elihu Sutton, his widow resided for many years at Sparta Center, and was known to everyone as Granny Sutton. Many of the sixth generation now live in this vicinity - Doris, daughter of Ed Gilman and Golda Shutt; Mary, daughter of George Dieter and Barbery Dieter, married Jonas Swarts, son of Abraham Swarts and Gertrude Schmoyer. All of their married life was spent on the homestead in Sparta, now owned by their son, John Swarts. They were the parents of Charles H. Swarts, who was supervisor of the town of Sparta for more than fifteen years. Susan, daughter of George and Barbery Dieter, married Charles Hendershot of Groveland Hill. She lived only a few years after her marriage, one child survived. The sixth generation of the

George Dieter family now lives on the Story Road, within a mile of this spot, and is Edward Rau, son of Wilson Rowe and Marian Shutt.

In the first census of Pennsylvania in 1790, there were three families living in the state who spelled their name Dieter; there were four who spelled their name Deter, and three who spelled it Deteir. We know that John Dieter and his wife Catherine Cole, were living in More Township, Northampton County, at that time, and their name is spelled Deter. This first census is printed exactly as the original documents in Washington, letter for letter, and we must remember that the public schools in that section all taught the Dutch until about 45 years ago, when they changed to English. I was in Allentown 35 years ago and all of the small children spoke nothing but Dutch, and did not learn the English until they went to school. In 1790 there were but few people in that section that had better educations than our scholars of today in the sixth grade. I have heard of Old Aunt Catherine Dieter say that when they went to school in Pennsylvania, the reading books comprised the Primer, First Reader, Second Reader and the Bible. It was about 100 years ago that she went to school there, as she was born in 1828. In the early records of the immigrants to Pennsylvania, I find seven of the Dieter families who came over. The first came on the ship Molley, from Rotterdam, John Hodgeson, Master, and landed at Philadelphia September 30, 1727. There were 70 Palatines with their families, about 333 persons in all. I find the name of Hans Geore Dieter, among the passengers.

Some of my readers may wonder about the great number of German, Swiss, French and Holland immigrants from 1675 to 1775, and it may be here necessary to give a bit of Pennsylvania history. During this 100 year period there were almost constant wars and skirmishes between France and Germany. Some of the fighting amounted only to skirmishes, but the French armies were advancing across the Rhine, looting villages, destroying crops, burning homes, and taking the natives as prisoners of war. This caused many to leave the section and seek refuge in Holland and England. Religious persecution caused many of the Mennonites to be driven out of Switzerland on account of their belief. They went to Germany and Holland. In some respect they were like the Quakers, for they refused to take an oath, would not serve in war, rejected infant baptism and were congregational in church government. They were not under the Bishops, as the vote of the congregation was final.

The German Empire consisted of states, each ruled by a Governor, called the King, but under the supreme authority of the Emperor. Some of the Kings would persecute the subjects, confiscate their lands and stock and drive them out of the kingdom. William Penn offered these people homes in his colony in Pennsylvania, where they were free from persecution and given freedom to worship God. That is the reason that during that 100 year period it is estimated that nearly 300,000 immigrants came to our shores, the majority settling in Pennsylvania.

In 1727, so many immigrants had come to Pennsylvania that the people there feared the foreigners might make war against the colony. The provincial council adopted a resolution at Philadelphia, September 14, 1727, to the effect that masters of vessels import-

ing Germans and other persons from the continent should be examined and made to show whether they had had leave granted them by the Court of Great Britain for the importation. A list had to be given of all the passengers, their occupations, and places from whence they came, and their future intentions explained. Each one had to sign a written document declaring their allegiance and subjection to the King of Great Britain, their fidelity to the Province, and their intention to demean themselves peaceably towards all of his Majesty's subjects, and observe and conform to the laws of England and of Pennsylvania. The following is the declaration which was drawn up:

We, subscribers, natives and late inhabitants of the Palatinate upon the Rhine, and places adjacent, having transported ourselves and families into the Province of Pennsylvania, a colony subject to the Crown of Great Britain, in hopes and expectations of finding a retreat and peaceable settlement therein, do solemnly promise and engage, that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, King George the Second, and his successors, Kings of Great Britain, and will be faithful to the proprietor of this Province, and that we will demean ourselves peaceably to all his said Majesty's subjects, and strictly observe and conform to the Laws of England and of this Province, to the utmost of our power and best of our understanding.

On September 21, 1727, 109 Palatines appeared with their families, numbering about 400 persons, at the Court House in Philadelphia, and all persons over the age of 16 did subscribe their names or make their mark.

N. S. A reader of this history had made the following correction for the author: In writing of the sixth generation of the Conrad Klinedub family, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Newman of Dansville, namely Helen Rose, great granddaughter of the late Frank Klinedub of Sparta, is the sixth generation of the Conrad Klinetub family. Miss Amos of Wayland has the honor of being the fifth generation.

## INSTALLMENT 12

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After the provincial council adopted the resolution pertaining to the importation of Aliens, all the ships which left Philadelphia were furnished with what were known as Ship Lists. Each list was headed with a declaration and all the heads of families with their sons over 16 years of age, were required to sign the list when they took passage for Pennsylvania. When the ship arrived at Philadelphia the list was sent to the capitol where they were filed, and where they may be found today. If other colonies had adopted the same rule, we would have had a wonderful record of our forefathers who came to this country, for this is the manner in which I am able to find the names of all these old families.

It will be noted as one travels through Pennsylvania that the hills (they are called mountains there) are not fertile from the bottom to the top as they are around Dansville and Sparta; only the valleys can be farmed, and this land was all taken up at high prices, so there was very little chance for a poor man to buy a

farm. This is one of the reasons that many sought residence in Livingston county 100 years ago. Here land could be purchased from the land office for from \$2.50 to \$3.50 an acre.

The next house on the Story Road stood on the northwest corner across from the Mt. Pleasant School. It was here in a big log house that James Van Horn kept a country tavern 100 years ago. It was always known as Jim Horn's Tavern. Jim had two daughters, Hannah and Leticia. Hannah married John Kuhn, oldest son of Daniel Kuhn and Abigail Sutton. They moved to Potter County, Pa. and lived there all their lives. All trace of the old tavern has vanished.

In the house across the road where Dewane Kimble and his wife, Belle Hartman, now live, lived Old Billy Brown and his wife, Peggy McFetridge. His name was William Brown but I have heard his name mentioned many times, but always as Old Billy Brown. He committed suicide about 75 years ago by taking poison. He had no family and after his death his widow married Charles Clayton of Sparta. The farm was sold to Reuben Hartman and this brings us to the Hartman family.

In 1849 or 1850 Reuben Hartman with his wife, Susannah Weidman, moved to the farm on this road where Fred Hartman lived for many years and lately owned by Fred Francis. The house and barn have burned down recently. Reuben was the son of Henry Hartman and Elizabeth Zerfass, and was born in the town of Sparta June 16, 1822 on the Old Henry Hartman farm, just north of the Lackawanna depot in Sparta, on the place now owned by Fred Culbertson. The old house burned down some years ago. It was one of the old landmarks of Sparta. A remarkable feature of the house was that the stairs were hewn from a solid oak log. Reuben, who was one of a family of nine boys and three girls, died at the age of 89 years. Two of the family married Weidmans, and I believe two married Smiths. John and Benjamin went to Oregon when young men and spent the rest of their lives there; Abraham and William lived in Sparta; Edward, a blacksmith, lived in Dansville, he died many years ago and was the first of the family to pass away. Hiram lived in Cumminsville; Henry married Sophia Hampshire, daughter of Conrad Hampshire and Judith Hughes, they lived on Sandy Hill; Charles married Barbara Wenner, daughter of George Wenner and Elizabeth (Christine) Wambold, they lived in Hartsville. The three daughters were Hannah, who married George Fish, Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Clayton; these two families moved to Michigan more than 75 years ago, into the heart of the lumber woods, not far from Saginaw, at a place called Maple Ridge. Mary married John Weidman and lived in the town of Springwater. They were the parents of Mark Weidman of Sparta. The sixth generation of the Henry Hartman family lives in Dansville, the children of Miles Gilbert and Alma Knights. Several brothers of Henry Hartman settled in and around Dansville.

I find that there were 48 different families of Hartmans that came to Pennsylvania and settled. September 21, 1727, among the first to come to the Court House in Philadelphia and subscribe to the Oath of Allegiance, mentioned above, was John Henrich Hartman. Susannah Weidman, wife of Reuben Hartman, was the daughter of Jacob Weidman and Susan Dotterer. She was born in Dansville November 10, 1823. Just a month previous to her birth, her parents came to New York State. The Weidman history

will be found under the account of Jacob Weidman, one of the early settlers in Sparta. She died January 6, 1909, aged 86 years. There were four children in that family. Martha Hartman married Walter Westbrook, her second husband was Fred Carpenter, her third was Abraham Scott. She lived at Prescott, Michigan. Elizabeth married Josiah Litchard, son of George Litchard. They lived at Cape, Michigan. Fred married Catherine Murphy, daughter of John Murphy and Ellen Golden. They lived all their married lives on the Story Road at Mt. Pleasant. Susie died when five years old. In 1861 Reuben Hartman and his wife moved onto the Billy Brown farm at Mt. Pleasant and lived there the rest of their lives.

On the farm where Reuben Swarts first settled, on the Story Road, there lived, between 1845 and 1850. John D. Clemons and his wife, Linda Arnold. He was the son of Tillamachus Clemons, who came to Sparta from Rome, N.Y. and settled here in 1813. Tillamachus Clemons was a brother of Ulysses and Sally Clemons, wife of Old Willis Clark. If I am not in error, John Clemons moved to the farm on the Story Road where George Gilbert now lives, after which he purchased the Charles Shafer place at Liberty Pole, and lived there nearly 30 years.

On the west side of the Story Road at Mt. Pleasant, on the farm now owned by Earl D. Moose, Enoch Moose and his wife, Sarah Burdick, lived 90 years ago. He was the son of Jacob Moose and Catherine Bachman. He came with his father to Sparta in 1823 when 16 years of age. He died in 1891 in his 85th year. The history of Jacob Moose and his wife will be given under the early settlers of the town of Sparta. Sarah Burdick was the daughter of Edmond Burdick and Eliza Taylor. They came from Rhode Island and settled in Sparta about 1850. Edmund Burdick was a descendant of Robert Burdick, one of the original purchasers and pioneers of Westerly, R. I. in 1661. Robert Burdick married Ruth Hubbard, daughter of Samuel Hubbard and Tasy Cooper. Samuel came from England in 1633 and settled in Salem, Mass. He was the son of James Hubbard and Naomi Cooke. James Hubbard's father was burned at the stake in Essex, England for refusing to recant his Protestant doctrines (this was May 26, 1555). He is referred to in Foxe's Book of Martyrs, under the name of Thomas Highed. Eliza Taylor, wife of Edmond Burdick, was half French. Her father was a Yankee and her mother French. Edmond Burdick and his wife Eliza had eleven children, all of whom grew to adulthood. Three married children of Old Jacob Moose. John Burdick married Mariah Moose. They lived in Sparta and had one child, who died in infancy. After his marriage John Burdick lived only about five years. His death resulted from typhoid fever. Edmond never married. He was an expert carpenter, and some of the best houses in the town of Springwater were built by him. He was one of the greatest gamblers in this section 70 years ago, and followed it as a profession all his life. As noted above Sarah Burdick married Enoch Moose and Mary married Joel Moose. They lived their entire married life at Clover Hill in the town of Springwater. Betsy married Soloman Kopkins of Italy Hill. Amelia married Scyrenus Sawdey of the Harpers Ferry district of Springwater. Hannah married Russell Harvey of Wellsville, Sophrina married John Risen and Ann married Nathan Moore. These two families lived in Michigan. Jane married Frank Slater and Emma married

Harvey Stanton. They lived for many years at Castile.

When the first railroad bridge was being built at Portage, Harvey Stanton was working on the structure and was killed when he fell from the bridge to the rocks below. After his death his widow married a man named Sickles. The seventh generation of Edmund Burdick is the son of Lawrence Mehlenbacher and Pearl Sloat.

Enoch Moose and Sarah Burdick had six children. John Moose married Laura Edmonds. After his death she went to Michigan and married a man named Salier. Charles Moose married Mary Hearsch, daughter of Christian Hearsch and Caroline Hilts. Frank never married. Rosilla Moose married Orlando Cory, William married Josephine Dieter, daughter of Jacob Dieter and Betsy Swarts. And they lived for more than 30 years on the Enoch Moose homestead at Mt. Pleasant on the Story Road. Rev. Seymour Moose married Marietta Merritt, daughter of Chauncey Merritt and Sarg Ann Wescott. He was the son of John Merritt and Elizabeth Hill. John Merritt was the son of Ebenezer Merritt, who, when 18 years of age was captured by the Indians. He was tied to the stake and was to be burned, when he was rescued by the Chief's squaw, who adopted him as her own son. He was with the Indians two years and was then ransomed by the Colonial government. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. He settled in the town of Jerusalem, Yates County, where he lived until his death at the age of 102 years.

Sarah Ann Wescott was the daughter of Samuel Wescott II and Cynthia Bates. Samuel was the son of Daniel Wescott and Mercy Warner. Daniel, who was a teamster in the War of the Revolution, was the son of Benjamin Wescott and Bertha Gardner. There were two brothers, James and Stutley, who came to this country from Wales and settled at Providence, R. I. about 1860. They were the forefathers of the Wescott family in America. Benjamin is supposed to be a descendant of James Wescott.

Seymour Moose was ordained as a minister of the gospel by the Advent Christian Denomination and preached in local churches all of his life. When Charles died in 1876, Enoch purchased the farm, it being his father's old homestead, and deeded it to his son, Seymour, and he and his wife moved there in the spring of 1877 and lived there until the time of his death, April 15, 1931.

Sarah, wife of Enoch Moose, died April 12, 1857. After her death he married Ann Flickner, daughter of George Flickner and Sarah Schneck. They came from Allentown, Pa., and settled among the early settlers on Oak Hill, Steuben County. The Schneck family have a reunion each year in Allentown. Enoch Moose moved from his farm to Reeds Corners, where he engaged in blacksmithing for nearly twenty years, and then moved to Dansville.

INSTALLMENTS 13 and 14

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These two installments were put together because they ran together so well. Installment 14 begins with, "The five daughters were Lucinda, --"

Ninety years ago, on the farm now owned by Edward Rowe, where his son Wilson now lives, lived Benjamin Rau and his wife, Hulda

Cranmer. He took this farm from the land office. They lived here for some years then sold the farm to John Galbraith and his wife, Lydia Driesbach. They sold the farm to Elias Driesbach and his wife, Susan Kidd. When their daughter, Lydia, married Elmer Mariman, Elias Driesbach placed them on this farm and they worked it on shares for nearly 20 years. At the death of Elias it was sold to Elmer Mariman, and about 1900 was purchased by Edward Rowe and his wife, Dolly Sutton, and they still own the farm. Benjamin Rowe moved to the adjoining farm to the east, lying on the Carney Hollow Road, where he owned 150 acres of land, and was one of the early settlers on the Story Road and of the town of Springwater. He was married three times. His second wife was Margaret Cranmer, sister to his first wife, and his third wife was Mrs. Marie Westbrook, widow. There were eleven children in the Benjamin Rau family and the whole family has passed away. They were Fletcher Rau, not married; John Wesley Rau married Nancy George; Selsmer Rau was married three times, his first wife's name was Susie, but their maiden names I have not been able to learn; James Rau married Lizzie Tallman; Sidney Rau married Mary Sutton; the six daughters were Martette Rau who married Isaac Philhower; Martha Rau married David Shafer; Delia Rau married John Scott; Hattie Rau married David Traxler, second husband George Kuhn; Elizabeth Rau married Clark Clemons, and Carrie Rau married Truman Bailey. They were only married a short time and she died, and he married for his second wife, Mary Fuller. The fifth generation of Benjamin Rau is the children of Hazel Philhower and Fred Tarbell. He lived to be the oldest of all his father's family, dying, I believe, at the age of 93.

The history of the Rau family will be given as of the early settlers of the Town of Sparta. The farm passed from Benjamin Rau to his son, Selsmer Rau. He sold it to John Rau and at the death of John Rau passed to his heirs, and the farm was in the same family for between 80 and 90 years.

Eighty years ago there was not a house between the Earl D. Moose farm and the corner of Claytonville. The most of this land, in what is known as Claytonville, was owned by Charles Clayton. It was his desire to found a village here, and he would sell from one to five acres to any person who would build a house on it, and there were eight different houses in this section that have entirely passed away. There was a log house that stood almost on the line between the farms of Edward Rau and Arthur Marks. It was in this house that Permelia Ayres, wife of John F. Smith, and mother of Lambert Smith, was born. Not a trace of this house is left, and I doubt if there is a person living in Sparta today that remembers it. In 1897 a post office was established here and the place was called Claytonville, in honor of Charles Clayton. This continued until 1902 when the Rural Free Delivery was established and the post office was taken up. Mrs. Gertrude Jacobs was the first postmistress and William Bowles was the last postmaster.

Seventy-five years ago, on the farm now owned by Arthur Marks, lived George Rau and his wife, -- Johns. They were the parents of Charles H. Rau, at one time district attorney of Livingston county, Frank Rau, Emma, wife of James Kingsley, and Miss Delila Rau. George Rau sold the farm to George Sams. George Rau and his family moved to Dansville and lived there the rest of his life.

George Sams lived here nearly 30 years and then moved to Cohocton where he died.

At the brink of the hill, just north of the Seymour Dieter barn, stood a log house. Here live Old Conrad Dieter and his wife, Catharine Schlagle. They came from Pennsylvania to Sparta about 1830. He was the son of John Dieter and Catharine Cole. They had four boys and two girls. George married Polly Schlagle in Pennsylvania and moved with his family to Sparta about 1835; Reuben married Catharine Markum and lived at the upper end of Poag's Hole, near Canaseraga; Elias married Mary Knights and lived in Sparta; Conrad married Catharine Dieter, and they lived all their lives in Claytonville; Ann married Lester Penoyer and lived most of her life in and about Sparta; Eliza married Rev. Daniel Moose, son of Jacob Moose of Sparta. He was ordained by the Evangelical Denomination, and lived for many years on the Enoch Moose farm just west of the Carney Hollow church. He then joined the Methodist Conference and moved to Seneca, N. Y., then to the Oneida Reservation where he taught school and preached to the Indians. From there he moved to Oneida Lake, where he bought a farm and died there. The most of their family lived in Madison and Oneida counties. Eliza died in Rome, N. Y. in the 82nd year of her age, and she and her husband are buried in Rome, N.Y.

Ninety years ago, in a log house on the west side of the Story Road, on the north end of the farm now owned by Mrs. Mary Barker lived William Sweeton and his wife, Lucy Sanford. ✓ He will be remembered by a very few as Old Billy Sweeton. He was the son of Benjamin Sweeton and Elizabeth Reed. Lucy Sanford was the daughter of Soten Sanford and Esther Mitchell. Their history is given under the heading of Soldiers of the Civil War.

William Sweeton and Lucy Sanford had two sons; Amos Sweeton married Cornelia Thornal, and Benjamin Sweeton married Belinda Harris, daughter of Deacon William Harris and Mary Sanford. William Sweeton married for his second wife Latacia Atkins. They sold this place and moved one mile east in the town of Springwater, on the Carney Hollow Road, where they lived all their lives. They had three sons, William and Wilson were twins, and John always known as Johnny.

William married Mary Fronk, ✓ daughter of Samuel Fronk and Rebecca Steffy, his second wife was Polly Barney, widow of Ed Lippencott. Wilson married Sarah Fronk, widow of Alfred Dieter. She was the daughter of Samuel Fronk and Rebecca Steffy. His second wife was Miss Ella Nash. Johnny never married.

Billy married for his third wife the widow Van Buskirk. Margaret Henry was her maiden name. She was the daughter of Philip Henry and Margaret Wambold.

I believe that this place on the Story Road, owned by Billy Sweeton, was the place where his father, Benjamin Sweeton, settled about 1815. His wife was Elizabeth Reed, sister to Old John Reed I, who was one of the first settlers at Reeds Corners. She died 97 years ago in 1835, in her 66th year. The sixth generation of Old Benjamin Sweeton lives in Dansville, and is Marion Moose, daughter of Clarence Moose and Florence Kinney.

On the farm on the west side of the Story Road, now owned by Mrs. Mary Barker, wife of Samuel Barker, lived Hiram Rau, son of Erhart Rau and Susan Kidd. He was born September 3, 1824,

and died in the 80th year of his age. He bought this farm in 1853 and moved there June 12, 1856. He married Cornelia Miner, born in Norfolk, Conn., July 20, 1824, daughter of Martin Miner and Rhoda Cone. Martin Miner and his family moved from Connecticut to Allen Center, Allegany county, in 1825 and after a few years there they moved to Prattsburg, where they lived the rest of their lives. She died June 30, 1893, aged 72 years. Hiram was a very industrious man and added many more acres to this farm and at the time of his death the farm comprised 229 acres.

Seventy-five years ago on the corner of what is always known as the Pine Swamp and the road to Carney Hollow, stood a red house. Here lived Conrad Dieter, the second, and his wife, Catharine Dieter. The history of the family is just previous under Conrad Dieter, the first. He lived here a few years then built the house on this road where Seymour Dieter now lives. This house has been remodeled since and they lived there all their lives. Conrad died December 21, 1900, aged 75 years, Catharine died September 23, 1901, aged 65 years. And this brings us to the end of the Story Road.

I will now take up the first settlers of this vicinity of Sparta and Springwater, and will give their family history as far as I have been able to get it. I only wish I might be able to give them all.

One of the first families to settle in this section of Sparta was Old Peter Kuhn, in 1802, just 130 years ago. He came to Sparta and settled on the farm where Leonard Traxler now lives. He is the great grandson of Peter Kuhn. There were seven children in Peter Kuhn's family that lived to grow up, five boys and two girls. They were Jacob, Daniel, David, William, Leonard, Betsy wife of Peter Traxler, and Dolly wife of Conrad Welch.

Jacob Kuhn, son of Peter Kuhn, had three boys and five girls in his family. They were Jacob, Jeremiah, Joseph, Mary Ann, wife of Levi Klinetub, Mary, wife of Daniel Mills, Rodina, wife of Loren Lawrence, Ann, wife of William Artman, and Eleanor, wife of Abner Clemons. Jacob A. Kuhn married Patience Clemons, Jeremiah Kuhn married Sally Ann Clemons. These were sisters, daughters of Ulysses Clemons.

Joseph Kuhn married \_\_\_\_\_ Lorish. William Kuhn married Marish Van Deventer, Daniel Kuhn married Abigail Sutton, daughter of Elihu Sutton. Daniel and Abigail had four boys and five girls.

The sons were John, who married Hanah Van Horn. They moved to Potter county, Pa. and lived there all their lives. Simon Kuhn married Fanny Clemons, daughter of Ulysses Clemons, and they lived on the Story Road for more than 30 years. William Kuhn married Alice Moose, daughter of John Moose and Elizabeth Wenner. Jonathan Kuhn married Lucinda Sample, daughter of John Sample and Lovinia Weidman. These two brothers each owned half of the Daniel Kuhn homestead, near Mt. Pleasant, where they passed all their married lives.

The five daughters were Lucinda, wife of LaFayette Steffy, Eliza, wife of Harmon Gilman, Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Shafer, Mary, wife of George Washington Knights, always called Wash Knights, and Maggie, wife of Benjamin Knights, who was a brother to George.

It was my privilege to have been acquainted with all the members of the Daniel Kuhn family, with the exception of one, and I

lived neighbor to most of them for many years and I must say that they were all good neighbors, and to my mind that is the greatest eulogy that may be said of any person. Let us not forget the parable of our Savior, who said, "Who is thy neighbor?" I would have it said of me that I was a good neighbor than to have it said that I was a great Lawyer, a great doctor, a great teacher, a great statesman, or a great preacher, for one may be all of these and still not be a good neighbor.

Daniel Kuhn purchased 104 acres of land from the land office, it being the farm where Able Kuhn, his grandson, now lives. He settled there, I believe, in 1825, and remained until about 1850, when he bought the farm in Sparta where Peter Swarts now lives. He kept a country tavern which was known for miles around as "Dan Kuhn's Tavern". It was here that town meetings and elections were held for many years, up until the time the Town Hall was built. Daniel was the first child to be born to Old Peter Kuhn and his wife, after the family came to Sparta. The date of his birth was September 27, 1802, and he died November 3, 1879 at the age of 77. Abigail Sutton, his wife, was born July 25, 1802 and died November 11, 1875.

In the first census in Pennsylvania in 1790 there were thirteen families in the state by the name of Kuhn. Nine of the families spelled their name KUHNS. I find eighteen different families of Kuhn who came over to Pennsylvania, the first arriving on the ship James Goodwill, David Crocket, master, arrived from Rotterdam, landing in Philadelphia September 11, 1728. Among the passengers I find the name of Jacob Kuhn. The Kuhn family in Sparta has attained its seventh generation in the daughter of George Ashley and Irene Miller.

Betsy Kuhn, daughter of Peter Kuhn, married Peter Traxler. Following Mr. Kuhn's death they purchased the old homestead and lived there all of their lives. They had four children, Frank and Frederick Traxler, Elizabeth, wife of Peter Swick, and Mrs. John Bingham. As previously stated this farm has not passed out of the Kuhn family for 130 years.

Now we come to the Traxler family in Sparta. The Traxlers were among the early settlers in the town. There were several families of them. Besides Peter there was Edward, his brother, who lived on the farm about 90 years ago, where Jacob G. Kuhn lived so many years ago. As to this family, I never knew but one of them, and that was Mary Jane, wife of Augustus Rowley. I believe that Peter Traxler had a brother, Adam Traxler, who lived in Sparta many years ago. The family came from Northampton county, Pa. In the first census of Pennsylvania there were two families who spelled their name TRAXLER: three spelled it TREXLER: four spelled it TREXELER, and one spelled it TRACKSELER. Some of the spelling was, no doubt, the work of the persons who took the census. There is a village located about five miles from Allentown (Pa.) called Trexler Town and many families named Trexler live there. I find that there were two families by the name Trexler who came to Pennsylvania on the ship Tyger, from Rotterdam, with George Johnston as master. The first from Cowes Island, landed at Philadelphia November 19, 1771. Among the passengers is found the name of Peter Trexler and Michael Trexler.

One of the older families to settle in Sparta was the Clark family. Asiel Clark with his wife, Lucina Roberts, settled on

the farm where Walter Sterner now lives, about 1810. The old house in which they first lived stood about 100 rods west of the present house, on the north side of the Gull, north of the road leading to Scottsburg. They came to Sparta from Vermont. There were three children in the family. Willis Clark was born in 1790 and died in 1891, aged 101 years. His wife was Sally Clemons, and they had six children who lived in this vicinity fifty years ago. One son, Willis, was always called Young Willis, even when he was 75, this was to distinguish him from his father. His wife was Lucy Ann Humphrey, daughter of Ozias Humphrey and Parnel Douglas, who were among the early settlers in the town of Springwater. Stephen Clark married Mary Mitchell; Augustus Clark married Mary Jennings; Harriet, daughter of Old Willis Clark, married Gordon Needham; Maggie Clark married James Newton, and Louise never married. Willis Clark and his wife, Sally, kept a country tavern for many years in the house where Walter Sterner now lives. At one time they owned over 500 acres of land in Sparta. Asiel Clark, son of Asiel, resided in Kirkwood, Steuben county, for many years. I never knew much about his family. Laura, daughter of Asiel Clark and Lucina Roberts, was born in Vermont in 1803, she died in 1899, aged 96 years. In 1824 she married Charles Gay and they moved to Ohio, a short distance from Sandusky. They lived together for 53 years. He died in 1877. They had four children, Willis, Leonard, Ward and Sallie. Sallie married Benjamin Ramsdell. This family all lived in Ohio. The seventh generation of Asiel Clark and Lucina Roberts is the son of Lester Hughes and Vera Clemons, and lives within a mile of the old homestead.

One of the first settlers in this section of Sparta was Stephen Kimble. In 1790 he lived in Northumberland county in Pennsylvania. The family included his wife and four children. I believe he came here about 1803 or 1804. His wife was Sarah Striker, and they lived on the farm now known as the Susie Carney farm, at Reeds Corners. Their son, John Kimble, was born here on November 15, 1805. His wife, who was Polly Davis, was born in Pennsylvania June 14, 1811. The only other member of the Stephen Kimble family which I have any knowledge of was Isaac Kimble, who lived for many years in the town of Wayland, Steuben county. Some of the descendants are still living in that county. Stephen Kimble was the great grandfather of Dewane Kimble, who now lives on the Story Road. The seventh generation from Stephan Kimble is the son of Alonzo Richardson and Dorothy Perkins.

Stephen Kimble was undermined from this place, and this brings us to the subject of the old Land Office...When the entire section of this county was surveyed by Moses Van Campen about 1795, the first land office was established at Geneva. Procedure was made to chop a road through the heavy woods from Dansville to Geneva. It was cut through in as straight a line as the hills and valleys would permit. In after years when the roads were chartered, a great part of this road was taken up and roads were laid down on the square so that the farms would not be diagonally cut. However some parts of the road are still in use. This route was called the old stage route from Dansville to Geneva. Twice a week a stage carried mail and passengers between these two places. All of the people from this section had to go to Geneva to take out their land contracts, which were known

at that time as Articles of Agreement, and to make payments on their land. This old road followed the present one to the D. L. & W. depot. North of the Magin farm, where Will Carney now lives, it took a northeastern course across the fields and came out below at the turn just below the stone house. It followed this road for about 40 rods, then went into the fields and up over the hill, coming out in front of the Frank Carney house, known years ago as the Daddy Rau mansion. This house stood on the north side of this old road. It then took a course through the fields and crossed the present road just east of the Rocks at the top of Jim Stong hill. Here on the north side of the road stood a big log house where Solomon Goho lived. He had one son, Reuben Goho, and several daughters. Eliza married George Hughes; Julia married Benjamin Freed; Betsy married Monroe Hartman. There were also several others. I don't think that he has any descendants by the name of Goho living, but some of his grandchildren live in Sparta. One is John Freed.

We follow this road across the fields to lands of Seymour Dieter, and here the road is still visible through the woods, also on the land of Amos Swarts. Here we come to a field on the north side of the road where once stood a log house, where, 50 years ago, Enoch Lacy lived. The Lacy family has passed away. The road is still visible through the woods on the Earl D. Moose farm. This old stage route crossed the Story Road just south of the Earl D. Moose house, and between where the house and the barn stood on the farm lately owned by Fred Francis. It came out at the bend of the road by Edward Lawrence's house. The road from this point to the Bert Johnson corner is part of the old stage route which was never taken up. It followed its course and went between Miles Amos' house and barn and came out at the Springwater depot. It kept its course to Springwater Valley and up through Canadice and here some of the old road is still in use, and so on through Rushville and from there to Geneva a good share of the highway has been reconstructed of concrete.

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The greatest injustice of the old Land Office was the rule that one person could undermine another.. This was done in this way; if one had purchased a piece of land from the office and had made all but the last payment, and that payment was past due, any person could make the payment, after which he would be given the deed and allowed to take the property. This was not a very healthy practice as more than one was shot and killed in this section a hundred years ago for doing just this sort of thing and I never heard of a man having been hanged for doing such a crime. The jury always brought in a verdict of "Justifiable Homicide," the meaning of which at that time was, "He got just what he deserved." Some time later, about 1850, the Land Office was moved to Bath, and this made it more convenient for the people of this section.

The Young family was one of the oldest families to settle in this section of Sparta. I believe that they located here about 1810. Charles Young and Mary Bean, his wife, settled on the farm now owned by Heman Miller. He was the son of John Young and

Magdalene \_\_\_\_\_. Charles Young and Mary Bean had one daughter, Lanah, wife of Peter Swick, who lived on the farm 55 years ago. John Young and his wife, Magdalene, settled in Niagara county, near North Ridge. When the War of 1812 broke out and the Battle of Queenstown was being fought, they heard the roar of the cannons as they were eating dinner. They arose from the table, started the boys out with the cattle and the sheep. loaded their clothing and some provisions in a wagon and started for Sparta. They stayed here about two years and at the close of the war returned to their home in Niagara county, where they found their dishes on the table just as they had left them two years previous when they made their exit.

Jacob Young, son of John Young, returned to Sparta about 1825 and married Katie Swarts, daughter of Abraham Swarts and Gertrude Schmoyer. He purchased the farm just west of the Clark School House, known for many years as the William D. Rickard farm. He lived here all his life. They had three children, Polly Young, wife of John Klinetub, Betsy, wife of Joseph Young, and Charles Young.

In 1790 there were 223 families by the name of Young living in Pennsylvania.. I find only two families by that name who came to Pennsylvania from 1675 to 1775.. One was Hans George Young, who came on the ship Royal Union, from Rotterdam, Clement Nicholson, master, landing in Philadelphia August 15, 1750. The other family was George Adam Young family, who arrived on the ship Brothers, from Rotterdam, Mr. Muir, captain, arriving at Philadelphia August 24, 1750. Many of these families must have come over with the early Quakers.

In the ten years from 1820 to 1830 there were more than twenty families who came from Pennsylvania and settled in this section of Livingston County. Among them were the families of Swarts, Shutt, Weidman, Rau, Moose, Dieter, Kidd, Wenner, Wambold, Shafer, Hampshire, Steffy, Artman, Smith, Klinetub, Oberdorff, Driesbach, Fronk, Sterner, Romig and Hughes, together with many others. A few came from that time to 1850, and then the state of Michigan proved to be the great Mecca and our people began to make an exodus to that state.

Abraham Swarts, with his wife, Gertrude Schmoyer, and their family, came from Macungy, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, to Dansville in 1822. They lived there until the next spring when he purchased the farm in Sparta known as the old Swarts homestead, where Reuben Swarts lived for so many years. Abraham Swarts was born in Pennsylvania November 7, 1765, and died January 14, 1849 in his 84th year. He was 58 years old when he settled on the farm in Sparta, and his wife was 51 - not very young to begin life in a new country. Gertrude Schmoyer was born in Macungy, Pa., July 28, 1772, and died March 17, 1858 in her 86th year. She was the daughter of Michael Schmoyer and Maria Kuchelin.

(MY NOTE: Kuchelin was the female name for Kuchel. Maria Kuchelin was the sister of Jacob Kuchel (Kiehle), who was the father of Abraham Kiehle, who came to Sparta in 1816)

Michael Schmoyer was the son of Philip Schmoyer, who came on the ship Merchant of London, from Rotterdam, last from Plymouth, John Stedman, master, and landed in Philadelphia September 18, 1733. I find among the passengers, Philip Schmyer - note the way the name was spelled - also one son over 16, John Schmyer.

Philip and his son Michael are buried at the Lehigh Lutheran Church in Macungy, Lehigh County, Pa.

Abraham Swarts had a family of four sons and four daughters. They were Abraham, who went to Ohio about 1840. Nothing was ever heard from him after he left. Jacob Swarts married Marcia Getts. They had nine children, eight of whom lived to grow up. Levi Swarts married Susan Snyder. They lived all of their married life at Carney Hollow. Jacob Swarts married Lucinda Hall, his second wife was Ann Sanford, widow of Thomas Harris. He lived many years at Wrights and then sold his farm and moved to Springwater where he died. Reuben Swarts married Rhoda Clemons, his second wife was Mrs. Carrie Leonard, her maiden name was Cole. They lived on the old Swarts homestead in Sparta. Abraham Swarts, the II, married Emma Upthegrove, daughter of James Upthegrove, living some years in Springwater, they moved to Coudersport, Pa. where he died, and after his death she married Michael Ryan. John Swarts married Emma Miler, daughter of John Miller and Caroline Best. They lived for 25 years on the Story Road, where she died. After her death he married Ellen Matoon, widow of Frank Sanford, and he moved to Springwater Valley where he died. William Swarts died in infancy.

Sally Swarts married John Hill. They lived all of their married lives on the farm just west of the Swarts homestead. They had no family. After her death he married Mary Hawley, and after the death of John Hill, she married Andrew May; Betsy Swarts married Jacob Dieter and moved to a farm near Liberty Pole. He enlisted in the Civil War, was taken prisoner and died at Belle Isle, Richmond, Va. She lived on the farm all her life. Mary Swarts married Wilson Sutton, son of David Sutton. They lived in this section of Sparta all of their lives. After the death of Abraham Swarts, Jacob Swarts took the west part of the old homestead place and his brother Jonas took the east part. They lived there all of their lives. As to the ancestors of Marcia Getts, but little is known of them. The only one by that name to come over to Pennsylvania was Conrad Getts who came on the ship Pink John and William of Sunderland, from Rotterdam, Constable Tymperton, master, from Dover. He landed at Philadelphia October 17, 1732. John Swarts married Harriet Fish. They lived in Sparta. They had one daughter; Lydia, wife of Silas Krisher.

Jonas Swarts married Mary Dieter. They had nine children, six boys and 3 girls. They were Solomon Swarts who married Amanda Maginley; Nelson Swarts married Maggie McGregor; George Swarts married first, Frances Kiehle, and second, Rhoda Wilhelm, after living some years in Sparta, they sold out moved to Tecumseh, Michigan, where they lived the rest of their lives; Abraham Swarts married Mary Mitchell, they lived for many years on a farm near Liberty Pole, and then moved to Springwater Valley, where they died; Charles Swarts married Addie Morris, and they lived in Sparta all of their lives; John A. Swarts never married and is living on his father's old homestead in Sparta; Sarah first married Archibald Simpson, after his death she married William D. Rickard, and they resided in Sparta all their lives; Mary Swarts married Frederick Dieter, and after living several years on the Story Road they moved to Pennsylvania, near Meadville, where he died and where she still lives; the other daughter, Miss Minerva Swarts, lived with and kept house for her brother John.

Katie, daughter of Abraham Swarts, married Jacob Young. Their family was just given under the Young family of Sparta, Sally, daughter of Abraham Swarts, married George Shafer. They came to this section and settled on a farm at Liberty Pole. The school house now stands on a part of that farm. I remember the old log house in which they lived. It stood on top of the hill just north of the school house near the place where Eugene Artlip's barn stood. They lived here for nearly 40 years. They had nine children. Jonas Shafer married Julia Hampshire, they lived in Sparta; Phineas Shafer married Emiline Van Buskirk; Charles Shafer married Elizabeth Smail, they moved to Michigan about 1866 and lived there all their lives; George Shafer married Abigail Spencer; David Shafer married Martha Rau, they lived practically all of their lives on their farm just east of the village of Wayland; Charlotte Shafer was the wife of Derias May, they lived at Websters Crossing; Elizabeth Shafer, wife of Phineas Smith, and Sarah Shafer, wife of Gideon Shutt. These families lived near Wayland. Then there was Delia Shafer.

Lydia, daughter of Abraham Swarts, married Jacob Mosier. They moved to Michigan about 1840, but little is known of the family. Betsy, daughter of Abraham Swarts, married Henry Smail. They moved to Ohio sometime in the 40's and nothing is known of them. In 1790 there were 22 families in Pennsylvania who spelled their name Swartz, 41 who spelled it Swarts, and 3 who spelled it Schwartz. I find that 47 by the name of Swartz and Schwartz came over to Pennsylvania, and six are given between the ages of 16 and 21, so that left 41 families, but I do not find one that spelled the name Swarts. We spell the name these three different ways and pronounce them all the same. In Dutch the "Z" and "S" have a similar sound, and as the S was easier to write than the Z the S was used in preference. Some of the old birth records from Pennsylvania show that the name is spelled Swartz. The same family now spells it Swarts.

On September 21, 1727 there appeared at the Court House in Philadelphia about 400 Palatines, with their families. They signed the Oath of Allegiance to the colony and the first day that the oath was signed I find the name of Jacob Swartz.

Gertrude Schmoyer was the daughter of Michael Schmoyer and Mariah Kuchelin. Michael Schmoyer was the son of Philip Schmyer. He came from Zweibrucken, on the Brigantine Pennsylvania Merchant, of London, from Rotterdam, John Steadman, master and landed at Philadelphia September 18, 1733. There are now over 4000 descendants of Philip Schmoyer in America. Hundreds of members of the family live in and around Allentown, Pa. where a large family reunion is held each year. The 7th generation of Abraham Swarts and Gertrude Schmoyer now live in Dansville, and is Robert Burns, son of Emma Bill and Sherwood Burns.

In 1822 Debald Shutt and wife, Elizabeth Weldy, came to Dansville in company with Abraham Swarts. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1766 and she in 1772. The correct name is Theobald, but the Dutch corrupted it in many different ways. It is sometimes spelled Dewalt, Siebald and Sebalt, the same as we say Bill or Billy for William, or Jack for John. I find that the only family to come over by the name of Shutt to Pennsylvania was Jacob Shutt,

who arrived on the ship Peggy, from Rotterdam, James Abercrombie, captain, landing in Philadelphia October 16, 1754. In the first census of 1790 Jacob Shutt was living in Montgomery county, Pa., Dewalt was living in Northampton county.+ Dewalt Shutt died December 9, 1833, one hundred years ago next December, in his 68th year, and his wife died September 4, 1849, in her 78th year. Soon after they arrived in Dansville they purchased a farm in Sparta and settled there. The farm, I believe, is now owned by the Maloney Brothers Nursery Company. That fall his brother, John Shutt, and his wife, Christena Zerfass, came to Sparta and settled on the adjoining farm.

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Debald Shutt and his wife had a family of five sons and two daughters. They were: Charles, who married Nancy Thomas daughter of Jesse Thomas and Catherine Walliver. Charles was born in Moore Township, now Lehigh County, Pa. November 26, 1810 and was in his 12th year when the family moved to Sparta. William Shutt married Adeline Huffman, daughter of George Huffman, one of the early settlers in Sparta. Paul Shutt married Mariah Cole. Linford Shutt married Lydia Weidman, daughter of George Weidman and Catharine Knights. David Shutt never married. Catharine Shutt married Codlip Knights, and the sixth generation from Debald Shutt now live at Reeds Corners, the children of Walter Shutt and Helen Gillette.

The latter part of March, 1823, Jacob Moose and his wife, Catharine Bachman, and their family of nine children started from Spring Town, Bucks county, Pa. for Dansville. Their youngest child, Levi, who was about six months old, died while they were in Dansville, and they buried him in the old cemetery on the square. It took two weeks for them to make the trip to Livingston County and as previously stated, they reached Mauch Chunk, where they met Old Conrad Klintub and his family, and they came on together. Arriving in Dansville about the middle of April, they remained there about two weeks. Jacob Moose then purchased the farm in Sparta now owned by the heirs of Seymour Moose, and they moved there April 20, 1823. He bought the Article from the Widow Hampshire, who had settled here and built a log house and barn and cleared a few acres of land. I have often heard my grandfather tell that the next morning after they got there, that there were six inches of snow on the ground. After breakfast Old Jake went out to the barn, hitched the team on the covered wagon, and driving up to the door, stopped and said, "Cass, load in the things and the children. I am going back to Pennsylvania. We can't make a living where there are six inches of snow in May." Cass replied, "No. We are here now and we will try it a year, and then if we can't make a living we will go back." However they never returned to Pennsylvania. This was not a new country to Jake, for a year previous, he and his son, Enoch, came to Sparta and bargained for a farm, then they went to Geneseo and bargained for 100 head of sheep from General Wadsworth, who had a thousand sheep at that time. The Moses got the pick of the flock at 75¢ a head. They drove the sheep to Philadelphia where they sold some of them at four dollars a head, the rest they drove on

+ add 'and his name was spelled Shurt.'

to New Jersey where they got five dollars a head for them. They were on the road about four weeks, as the sheep had to be pastured along through the woods, picking up their living as they went.

Jacob Moose was born in the town of Whitehall, near Allentown, Pa., January 19, 1784, the son of David Mussenung and Anna Maria Meyer. David Mussenung was the son of Jacob Mussenung who came to Philadelphia on the ship Nancy from Rotterdam, John Ewing, captain. They landed September 27, 1752. He settled in the town of Whitehall, on the Jordan River, near Allentown. He was a blacksmith. He died in 1798. About 1800 the spelling of the name was changed to MOOSE.

Catharine Bachman was born in Springtown, Pa. February 27, 1786, the daughter of John Bachman and Betsy Rickard. She was married to Jacob Moose in 1804 and to them were born twelve children. Ten grew to manhood and womanhood. Reuben died in infancy in Pennsylvania. Catharine, wife of Jacob Moose, died in 1848 in the 63rd year of her age, and Jacob died in 1854 in his 71st year.

There were nine families of Bachmans who came to Pennsylvania. The first was Endreas Bachman, who came on the ship Francis and Elizabeth, George North, captain. They landed in Philadelphia September 21, 1742. The only one of the Rickards to come over was Philip Rickart, note the spelling of the name. He came on the ship Edinburgh, from Rotterdam, James Russe, captain. They landed September 15, 1749.

The family of Jacob Moose who lived to grow up was Peter Moose who married Betsy Weaver, daughter of Jacob Weaver and Nancy Fogle. Nancy Weaver's second husband was Owen Naragang. Peter and Betsy Moose had a family of ten children. Enoch Moose married Sarah Burdick, daughter of Edmond Burdick and Eliza Taylor. They lived all their married life on the county line road on Clover Hill. They had eight children, four boys and four girls. Charles Moose married Eleanor Kemp of West Sparta. He was a blacksmith by trade. After the death of his father, he purchased the old homestead and began farming, living there the remainder of his life. They had no children. John Moose married Elizabeth Wenner, daughter of George Wenner and (Christine) Wambold. She died in 1855 at the age of 34 years, leaving eight children, four boys and four girls. John Moose married for his second wife, Nancy Carney, widow of Thomas Hosey. They had one son. John Moose met death when he was struck by the midnight train on the Erie railroad at the Buffalo Street crossing in the town of Springwater December 17, 1864. After his death Nancy married William Nims of Prattsburg. She died at the age of 85 years. Nathan Moose was nearly five years old when he came with his parents to Sparta. He married Matilda Reed, daughter of John Reed and Rebecca Piatt. They had three children, two boys and one girl. He was a farmer and they lived all their married lives near Reeds Corners. He lived to be the eldest of all the Moose generation, being 92 years old at the time of his death in 1910. Rev. Daniel Moose married Eliza Dieter, daughter of Conrad Dieter and Catharine Schlagle. They had six children, four boys and two girls. Their history is given with the Dieter family with the early settlers on the Story Road. David, son of Jacob Moose, never married. He died when 30 years of age from

the effects of injuries sustained on the head from a chunk bottle when he was engaged in a fight in the Old Red Tavern in Perkinsville. He was a great fighter and it was often said that he always emerged victorious. In those days fighting was the main sport of life. He died in 1856. Maria, daughter of Jacob Moose, married John Burdick, son of Edmond Burdick and Eliza Taylor. They had one child which died in infancy. After the death of John Burdick, Maria married John Henry. They had two children, a boy and a girl. John Henry deserted her and went to Michigan. He was the son of Philip Henry and Margaret Wambold; her third husband was John Cole who was born in Germany. They had one daughter. Sally, daughter of Jacob Moose, married Dr. Moses Coleman, who was the son of Dr. Edburt Colman. He studied medicine with his father and practiced some. They had six children; three boys and three girls. The seventh generation of Jacob Moose and Catharine Bachman now lives in Rochester and is Ronald, son of Loretta Swarts and Nathaniel Ellerstein.

#### REED'S CORNERS

The little hamlet of Reeds Corners, in the town of Sparta, received its name from the Reed family, John Reed I, with his wife, Chloe Sanford, came to this section of Sparta and settled on the farm now owned by Irving Moose. With them came Ezekel Sanford, her father, and Eliseph Sanford, her brother, and family, and Benjamin Sweeton and family. These families were all closely related. The history of the Sweeton family has been given with the early settlers on the Story Road. Eliseph Sanford and his wife, Rebecca Wheeler, settled in the town of Ossian. The Reeds came here and settled just after the War of 1812, and as to the best records I can secure, I believe it was about 1816 or 1817. They were here when the Moose family came to Sparta. They came from Dryden, Tompkins county, N. Y. where they had resided for some years. Soten Sanford, son of Eliseph Sanford and Rebecca Wheeler, was born in Dryden, September 11, 1807. The Reeds were of English descent, known as Yankees. I believe that they came from the eastern part of the state of N. Y. or from Connecticut. The Sanfords were Holland Dutch. John Reed I was born October 16, 1777. He died May 12, 1840 aged 61 years. Chloe Sanford, wife of John Reed, was born May 20, 1782 and died March 29, 1863, aged 80 years. They had a family of five children, four boys and one girl. They were John, Ezekel, Linas, Hiram and Lydia, wife of John Howell. John Reed II married Rebecca Piatt daughter of Charles Piatt and Rebecca Rose. Charles Piatt was French and came directly from France. Rebecca Rose was Holland Dutch and Welsh. They were among the early settlers in the town of Springwater. John Reed II and Rebecca Piatt had a family of five children, four girls and one boy. They were: Matilda Reed who married Nathan Moose, son of Jacob Moose and Catharine Bachman. They owned the farm adjoining the old Reed homestead on the north.. They had a family of two boys and one girl. Mary Jane Reed was twice married. Her first husband was William Nutting, by whom she had two daughters. Her second husband was James Donovan of Elmira, N. Y. They had no children.

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Rebecca Reed married John Williams of Olean, N.Y. They had a family of three sons and two daughters. Lydia Reed married Hibbart Beals, after they moved to Amboy, Ill. he became a Conductor on the Illinois Railroad, which position he held for 40 years. They had one daughter. Charles Reed married Theodosia Sanford, widow of Ambrose Smith. Smith, who was a soldier in the Civil War, was taken prisoner and died in Andersonville Prison. Following his death his widow married Charles Reed. They had two sons who died when young. They resided in Sumner, Iowa. Theodosia Sanford, wife of Charles Reed, was not related to the line of Sanfords in this section. She came from Canada. Ezekiel Reed, son of John Reed I, married Deliah Sweeton, daughter of Benjamin Sweeton and Elizabeth Reed. They had a family of three boys and one girl. Harriet, daughter Ezekiel Reed, married Abner Wise of Groveland. They moved to Decatur, Mich. and resided there all of their lives. They had two daughters.

Sarah Reed and Delilah Reed, daughters of Ezekiel Reed, both married men named Dunning. They lived in Niles, Mich. Sarah Reed Dunning had one son. Delilah Reed had no children, she divorced her husband and took her maiden name and always went by the name of Miss Lila Reed. She will be remembered by some of the older folks of this section. Benjamin Reed, son of Ezekiel Reed, went to Niles, Mich. when a young man. He engaged in the dry goods business there and married. He had no family. Ezekiel Reed, following the death of his father, purchased the old homestead and lived there until the time of his death. I have often heard my grandfather speak of him, telling that he was a fine Christian gentleman. I believe he held the first revival to be conducted at Reeds Corners; in the old log church and school house. While he was not an ordained minister he was an exhorter, and many were converted through his religious teachings, among them being my grandfather, Enoch Moose. He was a comparatively young man when he died. His widow married Daniel Roberts. They lived for some years at the old Reed homestead at Reeds Corners and then they separated and she went to live with her children. The homestead was then sold to Peter Wenner. After the death of his wife it was sold to Leonard Wenner, their son, and next it was purchased by Nathan Moose, Jr. who sold it to Irving Moose.

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 Linas Reed, son of John Reed I, married Margaret - last name unknown. They lived in Dansville, Steuben County. They had one daughter who married Miner Bridge. Hiram Reed, son of John Reed I, married Ann Roberts, widow of John Burnside. They had one son, Enos Reed. He was about the age of my father and was his chum during their school days. When my father talked about him in after years, the tears rolled down his cheeks as he told of what a good Christian boy he was. Although he died when but a young man, who knows but what that life might have been the means of pointing someone to a more noble, higher and exalted plane, like the Star of Bethlehem which guided the Wise Men until they found the Savior. After the death of Hiram Reed, his widow married Martin Mapes of Burns. Lydia, Daughter of John Reed I, married John Howell, and they lived in the eastern part

of the town of Springwater. They had a family of two boys and two girls. While today there are no descendants by the name of Reed living in the town of Sparta, the seventh generation of John Reed I, lives in the house across the road from the old homestead, and is Geraldine Moose, daughter of Ernest Moose and Mildred Perry.

In 1817 Abraham Kiehle and his wife, Elizabeth Hughes, came to Sparta and settled on the farm now owned by Herbert Kiehle and wife, Sarah Kidd. Abraham Kiehle was born in Pennsylvania March 20, 1783 and died February 10, 1868 in his 85th year. His wife, Elizabeth Hughes, was born in Pennsylvania January 31, 1784 and died September 25, 1875, in her 92nd year. She was an aunt to James Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Daniel Hughes and Judith Hughes, wife of Conrad Hampshire, who were among the early settlers in this section. They came from Whitehall, Northampton County, Pa. in 1818. They had a family of seven boys and two girls. They were John Kiehle, married and moved to Wisconsin many years ago and but little is known of the family. Reuben Kiehle married Maria Hamsher. Cornelius Kiehle married Susan Artman. James Kiehle married Elizabeth Litchard, daughter of John Litchard of Sparta. Abraham Kiehle married Elizabeth Shay and they moved to Pennsylvania. Benjamin Kiehle married Saloma Zerfass, daughter of Abraham Zerfass and Hannah Knauss, his second wife was Vienna Zerfass, widow of Henry Knauss. They were sisters. Enoch Kiehle married Lydia Zerfass, daughter of Abraham Zerfass and Hannah Knauss, his second wife was Polly Smith, daughter of Adam Smith. The two daughters were Elizabeth Kiehle who married William Hamsher, and Catharine Kiehle who married Jesse Smith, daughter of Adam Smith.

Abraham Kiehle and wife were members of the German Reformed Church, and when they came to Sparta one of the things which they most missed was their church where they could hear the word of God in their native tongue - the Pennsylvania Dutch. It was through their untiring efforts that the Old Dutch Church (as it was called) was built. They gave the land for the church site and cemetery and contributed liberally to the support of the church and its construction. While the church that they loved, now is gone, they sleep in the little cemetery, only waiting "Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away." At the death of Abraham Kiehle his son, Benjamin, purchased the old homestead and lived there all his life. He was known to all the younger generation as Uncle Ben Kiehle. He was a fine Christian gentleman who always had a kind word for everyone. Benjamin Kiehle and his wife, Saloma Zerfass, had six children. They were Abraham and Monroe Kiehle, both of whom enlisted in the Civil War and died in service. William Kiehle married Eley (Elsie) Jane Wilhelm. George Kiehle married Lizzie Doud. Frances Kiehle married George Swarts. Hulda Kiehle married Auldin Curtis.

At the death of Benjamin Kiehle his son, William, bought the homestead and lived there until the time of his death May 2, 1932. The farm which has now descended to his son, Herbert Kiehle, has not been out of the family in 115 years. The fifth generation of the Kiehle family living on this farm are the children of Herbert Kiehle and Sarah Kidd.

I find that there are two families of Kiehles to come over to Pennsylvania on September 30, 1727. They came to the Court House

in Philadelphia and signed the Declaration. They came on the ship Molly from Rotterdam, John Hodgeson, master. Among them were Hans Jerig Keel, note the spelling of the name, On October 27, 1738, there came to Philadelphia from Rotterdam, on the ship Saint Andrew, John Stedman, master, Johan Georg Kiehl, note the spelling of the name. When the family came to New York State the name was spelled KIEHLE, it was generally pronounced KEKEL.

(MY NOTE: These were not the Kiehles Abraham descended from. The name out of Germany was Keüchle or a variety of the spelling)

About the first of October 1823, Jacob Weidman with his wife, Susan Dotterer, came from Pennsylvania to Dansville. They moved to a little log house on the Barnhart farm, below the village, now known as the Morey farm. It was here on November 10 their daughter Susan was born. After living here about two months they bought the farm in Sparta known as the Weidman homestead, where the stone house now stands. The log house on this farm, into which they moved, stood about 40 rods south of the stone house, on the east side of the road. The stone house he built about 90 years ago. After his son, Jacob, bought the farm, he made many improvements on the house by putting in large windows and inside shutters and building some additions. This is one of the old landmarks of Sparta and was built on the plan of the old houses in lower Pennsylvania, some of which have stood nearly 250 years. They had a family of twelve children, seven boys and five girls, all of whom lived to grow up to manhood and womanhood. They were: Reuben Weidman who married Rebecca Clemons, daughter of Telemachus Clemons. They had two children. They lived for some time on a farm in the town of Wayland, and in 1853 moved to Dansville, where he amassed a fortune. It was said at the time of his death that his estate was valued at \$900,000. Edward Weidman married Juetta Shoemaker. They lived for many years on a farm on the Plank Road in the town of Wayland, where he also owned a large sawmill, which has been previously mentioned. They had a family of three sons and four daughters. William Weidman married Lydia Clemons. Seventy years ago they lived in Sparta on the farm now owned by Edward Hartman. When they sold the place they moved to Owasso, Mich., and lived there the rest of their lives. They had one son and two daughters.

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Samuel Weidman married Minerva Carney, daughter of Joseph Carney and Frances Roberts. They lived all of their married life on their farm on the county line road on Clover Hill. They had four sons who lived to manhood. Jacob Weidman married Elizabeth Mulholland. After the death of his father he purchased the old Weidman homestead and they both lived and died there. They had four boys and one girl. John Weidman married Mary Ann Hartman, daughter of Henry Hartman and Elizabeth Zerfass. They lived nearly all of their married life in the town of Springwater, in the Harper's Ferry District, where he owned 300 acres of land. They had a family of five boys and one girl. John Weidman was one of my first Sunday School teachers more than 50 years ago. George Weidman married Susannah Hughes, daughter of James Hughes and Sophia Lander. They had two boys and two girls.

After her death he married Emma Ritter, widow of Al Fronk. When his uncle, Old George Weidman, died, his father, not wishing the farm to pass out of the family, purchased it for Little George, as he was always called to distinguish him from his uncle, Old George, and from his nephew, Hon. George Weidman. Although he did not die until he was 71 years old, he was always known to friends and neighbors as Little George. There was also his cousin Chauncey's George, so it was not to be wondered at that there had to be a way to distinguish one from another without going into a lengthy explanation. When the name of Little George is mentioned there comes to mind the personality of a man whom his friends and neighbors very much liked to meet. He moved onto this farm on the County Line Road just east of the Lackawanna depot, and lived there until he retired and moved to Dansville. The farm is now owned by Seward Traxler.

The five daughters of John Weidman were Eliza, who married Fred Hanna. They lived on a farm for some years at Sandy Hill, and then retired and moved to Dansville into the brick house on the north side of Perine Street, where they remained the rest of their lives. They had no children of their own but had several whom they adopted. Mary Weidman married Samuel Overpeck, a blacksmith, who conducted a shop at Carney Hollow on the County Line Road. When he sold out he moved to Wayland where he continued at his trade for many years. They had two sons. Susannah Weidman married Reuben Hartman. Their history is given with the early settlers on the Story Road. Catharine Weidman married Peter Wenner, son of George Wenner and (Christine) Wambold. They lived for many years on the farm at the northwest of the Dutch cemetery and from there they moved to Reeds Corners where they lived the rest of their lives. They had four boys and two girls. Phoebe Weidman married Daniel Shoemaker. They lived for many years on their farm in the town of Springwater, in the Harper's Ferry district. They had one daughter, Sophrina, who married Rev. Michael Murphy, a Baptist minister. He was a son of John Murphy and Ellen Golden. They moved to Kansas where she died leaving three small children. The grandparents, Daniel and Phoebe Shoemaker, adopted two of the children, Frank and Minnie. They sometimes went by the name of Shoemaker, but when they grew up they were called by their own names. The reason for carrying the line down this far, is that this article may be read by persons who have only a slight acquaintance with these parties and will wonder if I am not mistaken. This is not calculated to be a family history but just an outline of the first settlers, so that any family may take this preamble and complete their own history. If I should attempt to write just the history of just the Jacob Weidman family to date, it would cover the entire newspaper. The sixth generation from Jacob Weidman and Susan Dotterer, lives on the Story Road, and is Wilson Rowe, son of Wilson Rowe and Marian Shutt.

About 1824 George Weidman and his wife, Catharine Knights, came to Sparta and settled on the farm just east of the Lackawanna depot, now owned by Seward Traxler. They had two boys and seven girls. Chauncey Weidman married Mary Beck, daughter of Valentine Beck and Marguerite Kremp. Samuel Weidman married Lydia Leasler. Eliza Weidman married John Zerfass. Ann Weidman married Gabriel Shutt. Tracy Weidman married Freeman Hower. Amanda Weidman

married John Groff, her second husband was Samuel Clemons. Rebecca Weidman married Thomas Jones. Lydia Weidman married Linford Shutt, son of Debold Shutt and Elizabeth Weldy. Rose Weidman never married. George Weidman's second wife was Chrystiann Sterner. They had no children.

There were many of the Weidmans who came to Sparta and settled. Lovina Weidman married John Sample. They came from Pennsylvania and settled at Reeds Corners on the farm now owned by Loren Shutt and his wife, Sarah Gibson. I believe that they settled there about 1818 or 1820. Nathan Moose said that they were living there when he came with his father to Sparta in 1823. When they tore down the old log house on that farm he said that that was the only house left of all those standing when he came to Reeds Corners. They have been mentioned several times before in this article. They had two sons and three daughters. They were John Sample who married Lydia Hampshire, daughter of Conrad Hampshire and Judith Hughes. William Sample married Angeline Hartman, daughter of Henry Hartman and Sophia Hampshire. Lucinda Sample married Jonathan Kuhn, son of Daniel Kuhn and Abigail Sutton. Vienna Sample married David Utter. The history of the Sample family will be given later.

There was another of the Weidmans who married Old Jake George. I have no record of her given name. They lived in Sparta about 80 years ago, owning the farm now owned by Andrew Sutton and his wife, Rachel McBride. They sold the farm to Henry Crane and moved to Mt. Morris Ridge and most of their family lived in that vicinity. There were three boys and two girls that I know of. They were David George, Jacob and William, always called Billy. Jacob George married Elizabeth Miller, daughter of John Miller and Caroline Best of Sparta. The two daughters were Nancy, who married John Wesley Rowe, son of Benjamin Rowe. and Lovina, who married Seymour Daniels. David George went to California when a young man and died there. William George, always called Little Billy to distinguish him from the other William, married Nancy Mills, daughter of Stephen Mills and Phoebe Snyder of Sparta. They lived on Turkey Hill in Conesus. They had no family.

Elizabeth Weidman, daughter of John Weidman and Elizabeth, his wife, married Benjamin Knights. They came to Sparta from Pennsylvania about 1825. They were the ancestors of the whole Knights family in this section. They had three boys and two girls that I know of. They were Godlip Knights, who married Catharine Shutt, daughter of Debold Shutt and Elizabeth Weldy. George Washington Knights married Mary Kuhn, daughter of Daniel Kuhn and Abigail Sutton. Benjamin Knights married Margaret Kuhn, daughter of Daniel Kuhn and Abigail Sutton. They were sisters. The two daughters were Catharine Knights, who married George Weidman, and Mary Knights who married Elias Dieter.

I find that there were twelve different families of Weidmans who came to Pennsylvania, the first of which was Matthias Weidman, who came on the ship Eliza, of London, from Rotterdam, Edward Lee, master, landing in Philadelphia August 27, 1733. I have been informed that the line of Weidmans in Sparta are descendants of Sebastian Weidman who was born in Switzerland in 1700. John Weidman, his son, was born in 1734, his wife's name was Elizabeth. They have three children of whom I have a record. They were Rev. Henry Weidman, Jacob Weidman and Elizabeth Weid-

man, wife of Benjamin Knights. Jacob was the father of Jacob and George Weidman, whose history was given with the early settlers of Sparta. It is possible that these Weidmans were among the Menonites who were driven out of Switzerland on account of their religious beliefs.

In the fall of 1822 Erhart Rau and his wife, Susan Kidd, came from Pennsylvania to Sparta and settled at Reeds Corners on the farm owned for many years by Frank Carney and Susie Artman, his wife, but I understand the farm has recently been sold. I have been informed that his father's name was Valentine Rau. Erhardt Rau was born September 3, 1787 and died December 6, 1884, in his 98th year. He was known to everyone as Daddy Rau. I remember him when I was a big boy before I ever heard his given name, and today when people in Sparta speak of him still say Daddy Rau, and to us older folks it still sounds good to hear these familiar names. The main part of the present house was built by him more than 90 years ago and stood on the main traveled road from Dansville to Geneva, known as the old stage route, which has been previously mentioned. Fifty years ago this house was called the Daddy Rau mansion. At the time that it was built it was considered one of the best houses in this section. It had a cellar kitchen and was built on the plan of the houses in lower Pennsylvania at that time, nearly all of which were two and a half and three and a half stories high. Daddy and Mammy Rau had a family of sixteen children, all of whom lived to grow up. Abraham Rau was the first to pass away at the age of 17 years. He was killed while cutting timber, when a limb from a tree struck him on the head. Benjamin Rau married three times; his first wife was Hulda Cranmer, second wife, Marguerite Cranmer, and his third wife Mrs. Maria Westbrook. They had a family of eleven children. Their history is given with the early settlers of the Story Road. John Rau married Charity Johns. They had a family of three boys and one girl. They lived on a farm at the top of the Double-S hill at the Stony Brook Glen depot. Joseph married Christena Geiger. They were among the early settlers on the County Line Road in Carney Hollow. They had a family of eleven children. They lived and died on the farm now owned by their son-in-law Edward Wenner. Hiram Rau married Cornelia Miner. They had one son and one daughter. Their history was given with the early settlers of the Story Road. George Rau married Sarah Johns who was a sister of John Rau's wife. They had two boys and two girls. Their history has been given with the early settlers of the Story Road. Daniel Rau married Jane Roberts. They lived for many years on a farm in Sparta and then retired and moved to Dansville. They had one son and one daughter. Henry Rau married Latitia Whitnay, they had no family, he only lived a few years after his marriage and his widow then married his brother, David Rau. They lived for some years on the Daddy Rau homestead and then moved to Dansville where he engaged in the coal business. They had one son and two daughters. Nelson Rau married Mrs. Hannah Hog, her maiden name was Stong. She was a daughter of John Stong of Woodbridge, Canada, and a sister of James Stong, who married a sister of Nelson Rau. She and her husband lived all their lives at Reeds Corners. She was known to everyone as Aunt Hannah. She died in her 91st year. Her father lived to be 98 and her mother was past 90 when she died.

They had three children, two sons and one daughter. Owen Rau married Lydia Weidman, daughter of Edward Weidman and Juetta Shoemaker. They lived for nearly forty years on their farm at the south end of the Story Road. They had two sons and three daughters. Owen Rau lived to be the last of his father's family. He died November 23, 1920, in his 90th year. The five daughters were Betsy Rau who married John Wambold, they had three boys and four girls. Polly Rau married Hugh Carney, son of John Carney, they had three boys and three girls. Susan Rau married George Johns. They had one son and three daughters. Sally Ann Rau married Edward Traxler, they had two boys and two girls. Mary Ann Rau married Jas. Stong, they had one son and two daughters. Mammy Rau, as she was always called, was a woman of fine Christian character and very generous. When my father was an old man I have heard him tell, as tears gathered in his eyes, how kind Mammy Rau was to him. When his mother died when he was only nine years old, Mammy Rau was like a mother to him. When he went to her house a little hungry boy (for boys are always hungry) she would give him great slices of bread and butter and honey. He said that she was one of the best bread makers in Sparta. A few of her grandchildren and neighbors can vouch for my statement. How often the kind acts which we do for a little child always remain with them and are oftentimes the means of making them better men and women. Daddy Rau amassed a fortune and it was said that he left a farm or its equivalent to each of his children. I find that there were six families of Raus to come to Pennsylvania. The first came on the ship Phoenix from Rotterdam, William Wilson, captain, and landed at Philadelphia October 20, 1744. Among the passengers was Jacob Rau. There have been several ways of spelling the name. The first of the family spelled it Rau, and today part of the family spell it Rowe. In the first census in Pennsylvania, in 1790, only two families spelled it Rau, twenty-five spelled it Row, five spelled it Rowe, and ten spelled it Rough. The family from Erhardt now number six and possibly seven generations. The sixth generation are the children of Hazel Philhour and Fred Tarbell.

#### Why Is Sparta Like a Wilderness?

This is a question which was asked more than eighty years ago, and the answer was, "Because it is Kidds, Kuhns and Mooses."

This brings us to the Kidd family in Sparta. As has just been noted in the preceding article, Mary Rau, whose maiden name was Kidd, was the first of the Kidd family to come to Sparta. In 1824 Joseph Kidd and his wife, Catharine Vogle, came to Sparta. They stayed for some time at the home of Daddy and Mammy Rau, and then purchased the farm on Canada Hill on County Line Road, now owned by their great grandson, James Hughes, and this brings us to another farm which has not been out of the family for over 100 years. The south part of the farm is now owned by his grandson, George Kidd, the veteran soldier who is in his 90th year. He was always called Old Joe Kidd and may be remembered by a very few of the very oldest people of this section. They had three sons and a daughter. Benjamin Kidd married Angeline Ritter; Owen Kidd married Mary Lander; Abraham Kidd married Sarah Fronk, daughter of George Fronk and Mary Dotterer; Susan Kidd married Elias Driesbach.

About 1825 Benjamin Kidd and his wife came from Pennsylvania to Sparta and settled on the farm now owned by Isaac Rogers.

They had three sons and one daughter. The name of his first wife I have not been able to learn. His second wife was Hannah Rochell. I have not been able to find any record of when the Kidd family came to Pennsylvania, but believe they were among those who came to New York and traveled overland. In the first census of Pennsylvania, in 1790, there were ten families of Kidds who lived in the state. Six spelled their name Kidd and four spelled it Kid.

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THE HUGHES FAMILY IN SPARTA

As has been stated, the first of the Hughes family to come to Sparta was Elizabeth Hughes, wife of Abraham Kiehle. There were four others of the family to come here and settle during the 1820's. They were James, Thomas, Daniel and Judith, all brothers and sisters. James Hughes married Sophia Lander and settled on the farm on County Line Road now owned by his grandson, Claude Hughes. He built the stone house on this farm, which is another of the old landmarks in Sparta, and I hope that it may be preserved to all of the future generations. There were, I believe, three children in this family. Martin Hughes married Rose Driesbach; Susan married George Weidman and Mary married Edward Kidd. After the death of James Hughes the farm went to his son, Martin, who engaged in farming and lumbering. He lived there all of his life, and at his death, the farm went to his son, Claude, and this is another of the old homesteads in Sparta which has been in the same family over one hundred years.

Thomas Hughes married Betsy Fronk, daughter of George Fronk and Betsy Dotterer. They lived for some years on the south side of the County Line Road, in the northeast corner of the town of North Dansville. They had a family of two sons and four daughters. They were Thomas Hughes, who married Mary Hughes, his second wife was Lucy Smith. George Hughes married Eliza Goho, his second wife was Hannah Swarts, widow of James Caton. The four daughters were Paulena, who married Jacob Hampshire; Katie, who married Jacob Zeigenfuss; Mary, who married Jonas Dieter; and Betsy, who married Henry Dieter, brother of Jonas. Thomas Hughes, I, died when a young man, and after his death, his widow married George Wagoner and resided many years at Reeds Corners. They were the parents of John and Jacob Wagoner, now living at that place. Betsy Wagoner died in 1907, in her 94th year. She came of a long lived family, her father having lived to be 98 years of age.

Daniel Hughes married Mary Fronk, daughter of George Fronk and Mary Dotterer. She was a sister of Betsy, wife of Thomas Hughes. They lived for many years on Canada Hill, on the farm now owned by Arthur Sterner. I do not believe that there were any sons in this marriage, but several daughters. Matilda Hughes married Phineas Mastin; Mary Hughes married Thomas Hughes, her second husband was Albert Covel; Sarah Hughes married Conrad Dick; Sophia Hughes married Israel Swarts, and I believe that there were others.

Judith Hughes married Conrad Hampshire, and about 1825 they settled on the farm east of Reeds Corners, now owned by their grandson, James Shafer, and this is another homestead which has

been in the family for more than 100 years. They had one son and four daughters. Erhardt Hampshire married Mary Harts, they lived for some years on the old homestead, and then moved to Carney Hollow, where he died, after which his widow married Thomas Hall.

Hannah Hampshire married John Shaffer. Sophia married Henry Hartman. Lydia married John Sample, and Catharine married Jesse Carney. I still remember Uncle Conrad and Aunt Judy, as they were always called by the younger generation. It was my pleasure to be acquainted with the entire family. Now, in the evening of life, as I write these lines, I ask myself, as the shadows grow long, "Where are they?" And like an echo my voice comes back from the valley - "Gone." Yes, they have all passed away and it sometimes seems as if I stand in the valley, alone.

While this family spells its name Hughes, it is always pronounced USE by residents of Sparta. In the first census of Pennsylvania I find thirty-one families who spelled the name HUGHES, forty-seven spelled it HUGHS, two spelled it Use, and one spelled it HUSE. Among the 30,000 immigrants who came to that colony during the one hundred year period, I do not find any by the name of Hughes or Hughs or Use, so it is evident that with the large number of families in the state in 1790, they must have come over with the Quakers.

#### SPRINGWATER

We will now cross the Story Road and take up the subject of some of the early settlers in this section of the town of Springwater. The town received its name from the numerous springs which were found in the locality. There is no other town in this county which has so many living springs as may be found here. The first white settler in the town, I believe, was Seth Knowles. He was the first of the Knowles family in this section, and settled north of the village in 1795.

The little hamlet of Carney Hollow took its name from the Carney family. Old Joe Carney, as he was always called, and I heard that name mentioned often fifty years ago, with his wife, Frances Roberts, settled on the farm now owned by his grandson, Floyd Carney, and now occupied by Harold Carney. In 1830 he erected a large sawmill which has been previously mentioned. They had a family of two sons and two daughters. They were Joseph Carney who married Amelia Miller, they moved to Allegany and lived there all their lives. Jesse Carney married Catharine Hampshire, daughter of Conrad Hampshire of Sparta. After the death of his father, Jesse purchased the old homestead and he and his wife lived there all of their lives. After his death the farm was purchased by his son, Floyd, and here is another one hundred year old homestead. Minerva Carney married Samuel Weidman, and they lived all of their lives on their farm on the County Line Road on Clover Hill, in the town of Wayland. Mary Carney married William Scott. They lived all of their married lives two miles north of the old homestead at Wright's, now owned by their daughter, Frances Scott, widow of Bert L. Johnson. Frances, widow of Joe Carney, died at the advanced age of 96 years.

About 1831 or 1832 Old Jim Carney and his wife, Eliza Roberts, came to Carney Hollow and purchased 200 acres of land known for

years as the Ira Lawrence farm, now owned by Floyd Carney. Joseph Carney and James Carney were brothers and their wives were sisters. There were three sons and four daughters in the James Carney family. They were Jesse, a veteran of the Civil War, who died soon after his discharge from service. Hurd married Esther Fisher. He deserted her, went to Ohio, and never returned. LaFayette married Jane Roberts, widow of Fred Hiltz. They lived for forty years on the Story Road in the town of Sparta. The daughters were Nancy Carney who married Thomas Hosey, after his death she married John Moose, and after Moose's death, she married William Nims of Prattsburg. Jane married Horace Barber of Springwater. Frances married Michael Smith, after his death she married Valentine Harvey, and they lived in Carney Hollow for many years. Ann married Jothan McGregor and lived at Reeds Corners.

When the Carneys settled in Carney Hollow, it was almost a wilderness; but very little of the land had been cleared. In order to get to Wayland it was necessary to go over Clover Hill or else south to the Dansville road at Bullhead Pond. There was no road through Poko-moonshine Gul, only a bridal path which could be traveled on foot or on horseback. I still remember fifty years ago when the old road was so narrow that there were but few places where two teams could meet. The light load would always have to be backed down into the creek in order to let the heavier load move on.

After the death of James Carney the farm was sold to Colwell Gardner, who in turn sold it to Ira Lawrence, and moved to Michigan. After Lawrence's death the east portion of the farm went to his daughter, Ida, wife of Charles Avey, and after some years she sold it to Floyd Carney, and so it returned to the Carney family again. After the death of James Carney his widow married his brother, William, better known as Old Bill Carney. You may wonder why I use these terms - when I say Old Bill Carney the old people of Sparta know just who I mean, when I say Billy Carney the people fifty years old know to whom I refer, and when I say Will Carney the young people know who I mean.

Joseph and James Carney were sons of John Kearney and Mary Heater. He was born in Strabane, Ireland, and came to America in 1791. He settled in Easton, Pa., where he married, and in 1797 they came to Hornellsville. After living there a few years they moved to Sparta in 1805. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and the following recommendation he brought with him from Ireland: "John Kearney is a young man of fare charicter, was bread and born in this congregation, was in communion with us and as such may be received into any Christian Society where Providance may cast his lot, is certified by John Marshall, M.A., Ballindreat, May 4, 1791." After coming to Sparta they changed the spelling of the name to Carney.

Frances and Eliza Roberts were the daughters of John Roberts, one of the early settlers of Sparta. Many of the early settlers have been given previously, many were living here fifty-five years ago and have been mentioned - this section of Springwater was not settled as early as Sparta.

The little hamlet of Wrights received its name from Samuel Wright. He settled on the farm now owned by Mrs. Miles Amos, about 1825. I have been informed that he has no relatives in this section. He was not related to Rev. Sanford Wright or

Ephram Wright, who later lived here. After living here a few years Samuel sold the farm to Riley Scott and moved away, after which nothing more was heard from him.

David Riley Scott, always called Riley Scott, and his wife, Rachel McCune, had three sons and four daughters. William, always known as Bill, married Mary Carney, daughter of Joseph Carney and Frances Roberts. He bought the west portion of the old homestead and he and his wife lived there the remainder of their lives. Following their deaths the farm went to their daughter, Frances, widow of Bert L. Johnson, who lives there at the present time. This home has not been out of the family for eighty years. George Scott married Mary Barber, daughter of Henry Barber of Springwater. After her death he remarried, but I am unable to learn the name of his second wife. John Scott married Cordelia Rau, daughter of Benjamin Rau and Margaret Cranmer. They lived in Geneseo for many years. Sarah Scott married John F. Ward. Emeline Scott married Henry S. Gilbert. Helen Scott married George Davis. Elizabeth Scott married Francis Curtis, and they went to Colorado and remained there the rest of their lives. After the death of Riley Scott the farm was sold to Amos and Benjamin Sweeten. They sold the place to Deacon William Harris and wife, Mary Sanford, and after their deaths, it went to their granddaughter, Mina Sweeten, wife of Orvill Moose, and Emma Sweeten, wife of Miles Amos.

#### INSTALLMENT 20

April 20, 1933

Another one of the early settlers in this section was Rev. Luther Miner. He was born in Connecticut January 13, 1810. His father was killed in battle in the War of 1812. Sometime in the 1820's he came with his mother to this section, and in 1831 he married Phoebe Stoup, daughter of Adam Stoup. She was born in Pennsylvania September 17, 1817, and died July 12, 1893. Luther Miner was ordained by the Free Will Baptist denomination and preached as a local minister until he was 90 years old. He died March 27, 1893 in his 94th year. He lived all of his life, following his marriage, near Wrights, in the place where his great grandson, Lester Miner, now lives; and this is another home which has not passed out of the family in 100 years. They had a family of two sons and four daughters. Ira Miner married Celia Smith, daughter of Daniel Smith and Louise Hotaling. Page Miner married Jane Snyder, Polly Miner married Sylvester Die, after his death she married James Kern. Rhoda Miner married Mark Fisher. Ellen Miner married James Moose and Effie never married.

Other old settlers in Carney Hollow were William Bevens and his wife, Catharine. He will be remembered by a few of the older people as Old Bill Bevens. One of his daughters married Jacob Snyder of Springwater Valley, and is the mother of the Snyder family. The Bevens name has passed out of existence here.

The Farnsworth families have been previously mentioned. Joseph Farnsworth and his wife, always called Uncle Joe and Aunt Jo, were living here 75 years ago. Now the name has passed away. The last of the family I ever saw was Charles Farnsworth.

Cornelius Curtis and his wife, Bethy Pemberton, early settlers, came here more than 80 years ago. He has been mentioned as one

of the veterans of the Civil War. They had two sons and one daughter. Auldin Curtis married Hulda Kiehle, daughter of Benjamin Kiehle and Saloma Zerfass. They lived for many years on the Carney Hollow road, and then moved to Wayland where both died. Lewis Curtis married Ellen Wilhelm, daughter of William Wilhelm of Scottsburg. Viola Curtis married Monroe Steffy, son of Isaac Steffy and Polly Litchard and they lived in this section for many years. The Curtis name has run out as all the grandchildren were girls, but the fifth generation of the family lives within a mile of the old homestead, the children of Harold Carney and Irene Gessner.

Lambert Smith was one of the early settlers of the hamlet of Wrights. He was the son of John F. Smith and Permelia Airs, and was born December 29, 1828 in the town of Sparta, in a log house which stood east of the Dutch Church on land now owned by Edward Sutton and known for years as the Old Isaac Steffy place.

After the death of his mother, his father married Mrs. Margaret Henry. Her maiden name was Wambold. She married Philip Henry who deserted her and went to Pennsylvania, then she married Smith. She will be remembered by some of the old people as Aunt Peg Smith. Her last days were spent with her daughter, Caroline Henry, wife of Benjamin Roberts, at Fenwick, Michigan. She died there on her birthday, August 12, 1898, aged 92 years.

Lambert Smith married Lucy Morse, daughter of Horace Morse and Sally Far. She was born in Allegany county, February 4, 1830 and died August 20, 1909 in the 80th year of her life. They were married in 1847 and lived in this community all their lives. Their marriage ceremony was performed by Jared Erwin, Esq., Justice of the Peace in the town of Springwater, at the home of Soten Sanford. They had a family of twelve children, ten of whom lived to grow to womanhood and manhood. The sons were John, Bert, Charles, George, Lemuel and Frank Smith. John married Rose Klinetub, daughter of Levi Klinetub and Mary Kuhn. Bert married Sarah Gilbert, daughter of Lester Gilbert and Harriet Dimmick. after her death he married Mrs. Sarah Kuhn, widow of William Kuhn, always called Betty Kuhn. She was the daughter of Levi Klinetub and Mary Kuhn, and sister to his brother, John Smith's, wife. Charles married Jennie Bailey, daughter of Abner Bailey and Philena Redmond. George married Elizina Barnhart, daughter of Lyman Barnhart and Mary Scutt. Lemuel Smith married Anita Kimble, daughter of Sylvester Kimble and Lydia Shutt. Frank married Sophrina Dieter, daughter of Benjamin Dieter and Alvira Knowles. The four daughters were Lucy Smith, who married Thomas Hughes the veteran soldier son of Thomas Hughes and Betsy Fronk, Jane Smith married Franklin Dieter, veteran soldier son of George Dieter and Polly Schlagle. Emma Smith married Charles Kimble, son of Sylvester Kimble and Lydia Shutt, after his death she married Charles Carpenter, son of Sarrel Carpenter, and Lydia Smith married Simon Gilman, son of Harmon Gilman and Eliza Kuhn. Lambert Smith died Easter Sunday, April 4, 1915, aged 86 years. He and his wife lived together 62 years. A strange coincidence of this community was the fact that three families who all lived within a mile of each other, all lived together 62 years. They were Lambert Smith and wife, Rev. Luther Miner and wife, Reuben Hartman and wife.

James Knowles was one of the early settlers of Wrights. He

married here about 1845. He was the son of Jared Knowles I, and his wife, Dolly Die, daughter of William Die. They settled on the farm now owned by his granddaughter, Anna Knowles, wife of Martin Rau. They had one son and four daughters. Sylvester Knowles married Elizabeth Moose, daughter of John Moose and Elizabeth Wenner. He owned a part of his father's old homestead and lived in this section all his life. The daughters were Alvira Knowles, wife of Benjamin Dieter; Mary Knowles, wife of Charles Hotaling, son of Samuel Hotaling; Flavilla Knowles, wife of Henry Barnhart, son of Harrison Barnhart; and Prudence Knowles, wife of Jackson Shutt, son of Charles Shutt and Nancy Thomas. After the death of Jackson Shutt she married Horatio Wheaton, a veteran of the Civil War. There are no boys by the name of Knowles, and so the name runs out, but many of the fifth generation live in this section. Some are the children of Edna Barnhart and Merton Holmes.

Among the early settlers were the Rowley family, and strange to say, I never heard the given name of Mr. Rowley or his wife. The place where they lived is the ten acres of property now owned by Arch Frances, located on the road west of the Wrights school house. They had no doubt settled here more than ninety years ago. I remember but two of the family, Milo Rowley who lived many years in the village of Springwater, and Augustus Rowley and Mary Jane Traxler, his wife, who were living here 55 years ago. He was a violinist, and a few of my older readers will remember about tripping the light fantastic toe to the strains of Money Musk, Pop Goes the Weasel and Old Rosin the Bow, from his violin at country dances sixty years ago. I believe that three of his brothers and sisters died with smallpox in the epidemic which swept this section about 75 years ago. They are buried in the northeast corner of the old homestead. Mr. Rowley sold the place to Albert Wilhelm and moved to Dansville where he lived the rest of his life. Mr. Wilhelm built the new house and lived here twenty-five years and then sold the place to Arch Frances and moved to Cohocton.

About 65 years ago Jonathan N. Wilhelm and his wife, Mary Harris, settled a half mile east of Mt. Pleasant on the farm now owned by Mrs. William Kline. He was living on the farm fifty-five years ago, owning one of the first stationary saw mills in this section. He was engaged in lumbering, farming and sheep raising, and was considered an authority on sheep problems. Many of the rams which he raised took first prizes at the county fairs fifty years ago. Jonathan and Mary had two children, Albert and William. Mary died, I believe, before I was born. After her death he married Miss Hattie Alcott, a wonderful, gentle and lovable woman. I lived in the neighborhood from the time I was six years old and it was always a pleasure for me to visit her home, as she was a great friend to children, and I have yet to hear a child say he or she did not like Hattie, as she was called by everyone. Like the beautiful hymn which we so often sing, "Let us scatter seeds of kindness for reaping by and bye." I believe that the seeds of kindness which Hattie sowed over a century ago have ripened into golden sheaves, and when the reapers come at even time she will not come empty-handed. They retired from farming and moved to Springwater and lived there for some years, and just before his death he moved

back to the farm to be near his son so he could care for him.

Albert Wilhelm married Lydia Zeigenfuss, daughter of Jacob Zeingenfuss and Katie Hughes and they lived for twenty-five years on the adjoining farm and then moved to Cohocton where Albert died. His widow is now the only living member of the Jonathan Wilhelm family. Emma Wilhelm married Andrew Weidman, son of John Weidman and Mary Hartman. They lived for some years on her father's farm and after the death of John Weidman, Andrew bought the old homestead and moved there. After some years he sold the place and moved to Wayland. Thirty-five years ago Emma and Andrew were the life of every gathering in the community. They sang in the Carney Hollow church choir and their services were in demand on all occasions. She was a fine musician and had a wonderful sweet voice. And now it is only fair to mention the other choir members: Mrs. Ida Avey, Vet Knowles and Bert L. Johnson.

After Emma's death Andrew Weidman married Susan Alger, widow of George Weidman, who survives. There were no children in either Albert or Emma's family, so of the Jonathan Wilhelm family I can only write the word "Finis."

#### INSTALLMENT 21

April 27, 1933

Eighty years ago or more Isaac Steffy and his wife, Polly Litchard, settled on the farm now owned by Edward Lawrence. The house stood across the road from the present one, and they lived here fifty-five years ago. He was the son of Isaac Steffy and Catharine Wolf, who came from Allentown, Pa. to Sparta and settled before 1820. She was the daughter of John Litchard of Sparta. They had a family of two sons and a daughter. John Steffy was a veteran of the Civil War. He married Emma Die, daughter of Sylvester Die and Polly Miner. Monroe Steffy married Viola Curtis, daughter of Cornelius Curtis and Bertha Pemberton. Delia Steffy married Beldin Crane. She is the only survivor of the family. Isaac Steffy sold the farm to Samuel Weidman, who sold it to his son, Fred. Fred built the house and barn and after some years Edward Lawrence and his wife, Hattie Steffy, daughter of John Steffy, bought it, and so the farm went back to the Steffy family again. The fifth generation of the family now live in town and are the children of Esma Lawrence and Dale Straight.

As we go north to the farm now owned by Arch Frances and his wife, Myrta Moose, here seventy years ago lived Daniel Shafer. He sold the farm to Jacob Swarts and moved to Michigan, and nothing is now known of him. The history of Jacob Swarts is given with Abraham Swarts, with the early settlers in Sparta.

On the cross road between there and the Story Road lived Michael Wambold and Mary Snyder, his wife. After his death she married Philip Green of the town of Wayland.

Between sixty-five and seventy years ago Abraham Bailey settled on the farm known years as the Abner Bailey farm, now owned by the heirs of Bert L. Johnson, I believe. He was the son of James Bailey and Jerushia Cooley, and was born at Milo, Yates county November 4, 1823. The history of the Bailey family has been given with the early settlers on the Story Road. March 25,

1851 he married Philena Redmond, daughter of James Redmond and Roxana Borden. She died in 1902 and he died January 13, 1909, aged eighty-five years. They had two sons and two daughters. Elbert Bailey married Rebecca Bowles, daughter of Thomas Bowles and Electa Carpenter. Truman Bailey married Carrie Rau, daughter of Benjamin Rau and Marie Westbrook. After her death he married Mary Fuller. Jennie Bailey married Charles Smith, son of Lambert Smith and Lucy Morse. After his death she married John Fronk, son of Samuel Fronk and Rebecca Steffy. Effie Bailey never married.

We now come to the Humphrey family. Ozias Humphrey and his wife, Parnel Douglas, settled in 1836 on the farm now owned by Wilson Humphrey and his wife, Ora Roberts. Ozias Humphrey was born in Simsbury, Conn. March 6, 1789, and died March 31, 1856. His wife was born in Hartford, Conn. May 3, 1793 and died April 30, 1859. They had three sons and two daughters. They were Harvey, Correl and Charles Humphrey. Lucy Ann, a daughter, married Young Willis Clark, and the other daughter, Leora, married John Wilhelm. Their history was given with the early settlers.

At the death of Ozias Humphrey, his son, Correl, bought the old homestead and lived there all his life. Correl was born in Simsbury, Conn. April 10, 1827. He was nine years old when his father settled in Springwater. He married Emily Erwin, daughter of Jared Erwin and Amelia Eastman. They had four sons and one daughter. They were Edward, William, Herbert, Wilson and Milly. Milly married Charles Swick. Edward and Herbert went to Kansas where Edward conducted a milling business and Herbert studied law and was admitted to the bar and became a practicing attorney. They both married. William married Carrie Robson, daughter of Edward Robson of Springwater, who was in the hardware business. Later they moved to Livonia. Here he was elected to the office of county clerk of Livingston County, fulfilling the duties of the office with credit to himself and party. Wilson Humphrey married Ora Roberts, daughter of Melvin Roberts and Martha Swick. At the death of his father he purchased the old homestead where he now lives. This is another old home which has been in the family for nearly 100 years. Correl Humphrey died August 3, 1911. He was a man who was held in the highest esteem by all his neighbors and friends. He held the office of assessor for his town for many years. His honesty, integrity and judgment were never questioned. I believe that every boy and girl chooses some man or woman as an ideal in life, and Correl Humphrey was mine. As a child I wished that I might grow up to be a man like Correl, but I am sorry to say, I came far short of my pattern, but I am pleased to remember that I set my ideal so high, for I believe that lofty ideal has helped me to become a better man. Correl Humphrey and Charles Odel were the only two men in our neighborhood who attended the Centennial at Philadelphia in '76. I remember of Mr. Humphrey coming to our house after his return, where for several hours he explained the great things which he saw. At that time there had never been anything to compare with the Centennial in America, and I wondered if the time would ever come when I would be able to attend a like exhibition. Fifty years later I walked across the Sesqui-Centennial grounds in the same city. My mind went back to the day we heard about the story told by Mr. Humphrey. These are some of the things that so

impress a child that he never forgets them.

Harvey Humphrey married Mary Odel. He settled on the farm south of the old Humphrey homestead, where his grandson, Douglas Odel, now lives. They had one daughter, Helen. She married Charles Odel, adopted son of Billings Odel. Harvey Humphrey moved to Websters Crossing, purchased a large warehouse, and bought grain. He was depot agent there for more than twenty-five years, and also held the office of postmaster for a long time. He sold the farm to his son-in-law, Charles Odel. After some years he sold it to his son, Douglas, and moved to Websters Crossing. This is another farm which has been in the same family for about eighty-five years.

Charles Humphrey married Nellie Rowley. They lived for some years in the house where Scott Hill now lives, and he operated a large stationary saw mill at the place known as Wilhelm Mill. He was an expert mill man, having been in the lumber business practically all of his life. Some years later he moved to Almond, Allegany county, where he resided until his death.

Seventy-eight years ago this spring, Jacob Dieter and his wife, Betsy Swarts, settled on the farm now owned by the heirs of Exie Joy. He was the son of George Dieter and Barbara Dottery, and their history has been given with the early Story Road settlers. She was the daughter of Jacob Swarts and Marcia Getts, whose history was given with the first settlers in the town of Sparta. They were married in 1851. He was a carpenter by trade, and there are still many barns standing in this section which he built in the 1860's, among which is the large basement barn on this farm, the first ever to be built in this part of the country with a straw shed to house the straw stacks so that it would be covered and could be used for feed. I have been told that farmers came from miles around to see this barn. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, 136th New York Volunteers. He enlisted the most number of volunteers of any man in the company, and should have been appointed captain, but another was appointed in his stead, and as there were more than 100 men in the company, he was transferred to Company I of the same regiment. He received appointment as captain of the Ambulance Corps, and followed the army caring for the dead and wounded. He was captured by the Confederates and sent to Bell Isle, Richmond, Va. where he died March 29, 1864. His widow lived on the farm fifty-three years. She died October 15, 1908, aged 78 years. She was always known as Widow Dieter. Their children were Josephine, who married William Moose, son of Enoch Moose and Sarah Burdick. They lived on the Story Road. Exie Dieter married Michael Joy, son of Michael Joy and Ellen Sullivan. She owned the old homestead and died there February 21, 1929. Emma Dieter married Jefferson Redmond, son of Samuel Redmond and Charlotte Durkey. He died February 16, 1888, and she married Oliver Stocking. . . They lived some years at North Cohocton. After the death of Exie Joy the old home passed to her heirs, Dr. Charles Joy and Mrs. Erwin Perkins, and this is another eighty year old homestead which has not passed out of the family.

In 1813 Charles Piatt came to Springwater and settled on the farm just north of the Liberty Pole school house. He was born in France. His wife's maiden name was Rose, part of the family say it was Rebecca Rose and part say it was Elizabeth Rose. She was of Holland Dutch parentage. They had a family of ten children. They were the grandparents of Dr. Alva Piatt of Wayland, and of Clara Moose, widow of Elisha Webster of Websters Crossing. There were four boys and six girls in the family. They were Charles Piatt, Samuel, Elijah and Joseph. I have not been able to learn the names of the wives of Charles and Samuel, but Elijah married Elizabeth Rutherford and Joseph married Louise Lindsay. They lived for many years at Livonia and were the parents of Dr. A. A. Piatt. The six daughters were Rebecca Piatt who married John Reed, son of John Reed and Chloe Sanford, her second husband was Dr. Benjamin Frank. One hundred years ago John Reed and wife owned the farm on the Story Road where George Gilbert lives now.

Clarice Piatt married Reuben Artman and ninety years ago was living on the farm in Sparta where Herbert Wagoner and his wife, Mabel Gilbert, now live. Mary Piatt married Jesse Mapes. Elizabeth Piatt married a man named Bowers. I have not been able to learn his first name. Hannah Piatt married Wilson Hooker. Roda Piatt married Arthur Rice, after his death she married a Mr. Boughton.

Some time, I believe about 1830, Charles Piatt sold his farm to Old George Shafer and his wife, Sally Swarts. They were the grandparents of Minnie May, wife of Douglas Odell, and she now lives within sight of the old homestead. The history of the George Shafer family had been given with the Swarts family of Sparta. The sixth generation of Charles Piatt is DeForest May of Websters Crossing.

#### THE SANFORD FAMILY

In 1847, Soten Sanford and his wife, Esther Mitchell, were living in a log house that stood on the southwest corner of land now owned by Erwin Perkins, just north of Douglas Odell's. He was the son of Eliseph Sanford and Rebecca Wheeler, and a grandson of Ezekiel Sanford, one of the first settlers of Sparta. Soten Sanford was born in Dryden, Tompkins county, N.Y., September 11, 1807, and died December 28, 1858. Esther Mitchell was the daughter of Malen Mitchell and Laticia Morgan. She was born November 9, 1810 and died September 13, 1901. Malen Mitchell was the son of ~~General~~ Mitchell of the War of the Revolution. They had a family of four boys and eight girls. They were Soten who married Rachel Berk, Reed married Edith Burke. The other two sons were Gilbert and VanRanseler. I have been unable to learn their wives names. The daughters were Mary Sanford who married Deacon William Harris, her second husband was Alonzo Gilbert; Josephine Sanford married James Harris; Martha Sanford married Edward Jones; Rebecca Sanford married Daniel Scott, her second husband was Isaac Staley; Ann Sanford married Thomas Harris, her second husband was Jacob Swarts; Laticia Sanford married Alex Short; and Sarah and Matilda never married. They died young. Soten Sanford lived some years on the farm where Arch Frances now lives. Many of the grandchildren and great grand-

children are living in this section, among whom is a granddaughter, Rose Harris, wife of Fred Harvey, of Wrights.

## INSTALLMENT 23

May 25, 1933

One of the early settlers at the Liberty Pole was Edward Totten. He owned the farm now owned by Frank Stewart, at the foot of the hill. The Erie railroad crossing at this place is still called Totten Crossing by the old people of this section. He was a bachelor and no relatives by that name are living in this section. He was an industrious farmer, and when this branch of the Erie railroad was built, then called the Buffalo and Corning, he was one of the stockholders in the company.

One of the first things I remember about this place was the big watering trough, across the road from the old house, and as we came up the hill from Springwater Valley father's old fat team, Tom and Lucy, would rush up to that big trough and stick their noses in the cooling water clear to their eyes. Yes, that great big stream of cool water that came down from the creek out of the woods; and how the horses did love it, and right beside of it was the big sheep box, where they washed the sheep. Nearly every farmer in that day kept sheep, and in May and June before they were sheared, they had to be washed. Sheep washing day was looked forward to as one of the special days of the year. The farmer with his hired man and his flock of sheep and a quart of whiskey went down to the old sheep box for the washing. O, yes, the Deacon of the church was allowed a quart of whiskey on sheep washing day, but when prohibition came in, sheep washing went out of practice. Of course, some of it might have been from the farmers changing to coarse wooled sheep. But sheep washing day, together with the old boot jack that hung behind the stove, and the big silver castor with its bottles of vinegar, pepper and mustard, that decorated the center of grandmother's table, are things of the past that may be only memories now.

Another of the early settlers in this section was Jared Erwin. He was the grandfather of Bruce Erwin, the present supervisor of the town. I believe he settled on this farm where Bruce Erwin now lives, more than 100 years ago. About 90 years ago he was Justice of the Peace of the town. His first wife was Amelia Eastman. They had four children, one boy and three girls. They were Henry who married Sarah Barnes, Mary Erwin who married Calvin Barnes, Helen Erwin who married George Baker, and Emily Erwin who married Correl Humphrey.

Jared Erwin's second wife was Mrs. Laura Arnold, widow. She had two children by Mr. Arnold. They were Merritt Arnold and Lynda Arnold, wife of John D. Clemons. There were three children by this union, Laura Erwin, wife of David Bailey. After the death of Mr. Bailey she married Erastus Knowles; Eliza Erwin married Winfred Janes, and William Erwin married Rebecca Wood. After the death of his father he purchased the old homestead. So he was born and died there. He served the town as one of the assessors for some years. After his death the farm went to his son Bruce, and this is another home that has been in the same family 100 years.

The sixth generation from Jared Erwin now lives within a mile of the old homestead, and is Asa Spencer, son of Harmon.

Another of the early settlers in this section was Daniel Tubbs. In 1813 he settled on the farm known for years as the Clark Baker farm. His wife was Mrs. Hannah Osborne. She was a widow with four children, two boys and two girls. She and Mr. Tubbs had no children, and so the Tubbs family became extinct. I believe that there are none by that name living in this section at the present time, but in these 130 years the name Tubbs Hill has always clung to the hill on the farm just south of Websters Crossing.

INSTALLMENT 24

June 1, 1933

(I don't know why the Piatt and Sanford families were repeated. I will not copy them again - I will copy just the parts not in Installment 22, dated May 18, 1933.)

Rebecca Piatt married John Reed.....They separated and she married for her second husband, Dr. Benjamin Frank of Elmira. She and John Reed lived 100 years ago on the farm where George Gilbert now lives, on the Story Road. At the time I wrote the history of the first settlers on this road I was not aware of the fact that they owned that farm 100 years ago.

Clarissa Piatt married Reuben Artman, son of John Artman, one of the early settlers at Reeds Corners.....

After the death of Rebecca Rose, Charles Piatt married a widow, but I have not been able to learn her name.....

Soten Sanford and Esther Mitchell were married March 29, 1832, one hundred and one years ago. I have been informed that they were married at a double wedding, together with John Reed and Rebecca Piatt. Soten Sanford and John Reed were cousins.....

Rebecca Sanford married Daniel Scott, after his death she married Isaac Staley, she was Isaac Staley's second wife; Ann Sanford married Thomas Harris, for his second wife, after his death she married Jacob Swarts.....

Soten Sanford and his wife lived many years on the farm now owned by Arch Francis. She lived 43 years after the death of her husband, and will be remembered by the older ones of this community as Grandma Sanford. She was a woman of lovely Christian character, and how I did enjoy to sit and visit with her. Her many years did not seem to hang heavy, but seemed to be to her as an added blessing, and she could truly say with the prophet, Zechariah, "At even time it shall be light."

Note - I was glad for the letter printed in these columns from Cousin John L. Wellington of Rochester. Not until after I had written the history of the George Weidman family was I able to learn who Old Jake Miller's wife was, although five of their children had married cousins of mine. I was acquainted with some of the Old George Weidman family, and the one that gave me the information as to Amanda Weidman marrying for her second husband Samuel Clemons, I suppose was right, as she ought to know her mother's sisters and who they married. I am glad for the corrections and wish we could have more such interesting

letters as Mr. John D. Wellington's, as it would add interest to the paper for the older readers.

Yours truly,  
Lloyd Moose  
Crescent City, Fla.

INSTALLMENT 25

June 9, 1933

### WEBSTERS CROSSING

We now come to the village of Websters Crossing. This place received its name from the Webster family, who were among the early settlers of the town of Conesus. I expected to have a complete history of the family but have not been able to obtain it. I have been informed that the family trace their lineage back to Dr. Noah Webster, the compiler of the Webster's Dictionary. The family was of English descent, and came from Connecticut. Elisha seems to be the foremost name in the family as there were four by that name in a direct line. Elisha Webster, the first, his wife's name was Fosdick. They had a son, Elisha, the second. He married Betty Northup, the daughter of a southern planter. I believe that he was one of the first of the family to settle in Conesus. They had a son, Elisha, the third. He was the one that settled in Websters Crossing about 80 years ago, and I have referred to him several times in the preceding chapters. He was known to all as Old Lish Webster. His wife was Ann Clemons, and they both lived and died here. His large stationary saw mill was giving employment to a number of men sixty years ago. They had two children, Elisha, the fourth, known to us all as Little Lish, fifty years ago, but in after years was a Big Lish, as he weighed more than 200 pounds. He was born, lived and died in this place, and in his 42 years as a storekeeper here it was said of him that if a customer came back and said anything was not all right, he always made it right, and I think this is as good an eulogy as can be said of a man. He married Clara Moose, daughter of Nathan Moose and Matilda Reed of Sparta, who survives. His sister, Luny Webster, married Harvey Hill, son of Old Fred Hill and Mary Carney, and they both lived here all of their lives.

We will now return to Carney Hollow for a few more of the early settlers. Ninety years ago, on the south side of the County Line Road, lived Joseph Rau and his wife, Christena Geiger. He was the son of Erhart Rau and Susan Kidd, and their history has been given with the early settlers of Sparta. The old log house stood in the town of Wayland, as the farm lay in both Steuben and Livingston counties. When he built the new house, just after the Civil War, he built it in the town of Springwater. They had a family of ten children, and all but one lived to grow up. Howard died at the age of eleven years. Isaiah Rau married Lucy Doud, daughter of Orlan Doud; Erhart Rau married Emma Hampshire, daughter of Henry Hampshire and Rebecca Artman; Jacob Rau, I have not been able to learn his wife's name; Susan married Oren Van Valkenburg; Diana married Henry Van Valkenburg; Julia married Birdsel Kennedy; Rhoda married Joseph Kennedy; Sarah Rau married Dr. Bronson; Ella Rau married Edward Wenner, and Cora Rau married Albert Hiltz. At the death of Joseph Rau, his daughter, Ella,

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and son-in-law, Edward Wenner, purchased the old homestead, and this is another old home that has not been out of the family in ninety years.

## INSTALLMENT 26

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Joseph Rau and wife were members of the Evangelical church at Reeds Corners, and they were the means of building the Carney Hollow church, which has been mentioned in the chapter on churches in this community. The church was built on Joseph Rau's farm, about one half mile south of where it now stands, but finally there was a lot of dissatisfaction, as part of the community wanted the church up by the cemetery. Joseph Rau was a peace loving man and he told the people that if they wanted the church moved that he was willing that they should move it. John Weidman said that he would pay one sixth of the cost of having it moved, and all the repairs. The result was that Jesse Carney and Levi Swarts, although not members of the church, but always being ready to help in every good cause that was for the betterment of the community, moved the church to where it now stands, and it was remodeled, and forty years ago was one of the nicest country churches in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Rau were members of this church all their lives, and a few of my readers will remember hearing Uncle Joe, as he was known to all, sing his old favorite hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have", and to hear the soul thrilling testimony of Aunt Christena of a life that was hid with Christ in God, and her soft gentle words brings to us that name, the sweetest name in all the world, "Mother". Yes, many years ago they passed on, there in sweet rest to abide, until the white robed angel boatman bears us to the other side.

Another of the early settlers in this section was Rufus Roberts. He was the son of John Roberts, one of the early settlers of Sparta. His wife was Myra Roberts, daughter of Benjamin Roberts. They lived on top of the hill west of the Carney Hollow church. They had a family of six children, three boys and three girls. They were Lyman Roberts, wife's name unknown; James Roberts married Katie Munce; Joseph Roberts married Sophia Beck, daughter of Valentine Beck and Marguerite Kremp; Jane Roberts married Fred Hilts, and after his death she married Lafayette Carney, they lived for forty years on the Story Road; Amanda Roberts married Edward Wilder; Emma Roberts married Cyrus Evingham, they lived in Belmont, N. Y. The entire family has passed away, but many of the grandchildren live in and about here. One is James Carney of Claytonville, who lives within a mile of the old home.

We will now return to Sparta for a few more of the old settlers. One of the early settlers in Sparta was Stephen Mills. He settled on the farm where Mrs. Rosa McGregor now lives. I believe he settled there about 1820. He was the son of John and Rebecca Mills, born December 1, 1797, and died November 15, 1840. His wife was Phoebe Bailey, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Bailey, born February 20, 1803, and died August 16, 1896, in her 94th year. They had a family of nine children, two boys and seven girls. They were: Daniel Mills who married Mary Kuhn, daughter of Jake Kuhn, they had three boys and one girl. Lemuel Mills

died in infancy, and his sister Emily died at seven years of age; Matilda Mills married William Snyder, they had one son; Roxie Mills married Chester Clemons, they had one boy and one girl; Mary Mills married Jasper Hendershott, they had one girl; Nancy Mills married William Weidman, no children; Clara Mills married Samuel Griffin, they had one son, after the death of Mr. Griffin she married William Hendershott; Anna Mills married Samuel Gilman, son of Jacob Gilman, they had one daughter; Grandma Mills, as she was known to everyone in this community, forty years ago, lived on this farm and reared her family, and after they were all married and gone she sold the farm to Young Willis Clark, and at his death it went to his daughter, Corina, wife of Isaac Baird, and they sold it to James McGregor. Grandma Mills lived for many years at Reeds Corners, where she was loved and respected by all who knew her. She died at the advanced age of 93 years and 6 months.

#### THE SAMPLE FAMILY

Another of the early settlers in Sparta was the Sample family. There were two brothers and four sisters who came here from Pennsylvania and settled about 1820. They were John and Jacob, Peggy, Betsy, Polly and Sophia.

John Sample married Lovina Weidman. They lived on the farm at Reeds Corners now owned by Loren Shutt. They had a family of two boys and three girls. They were John and William, Lucinda, Viana and Alice.

John Sample married Lydia Hampshire, daughter of Conrad Hampshire and Judith Hughes. They lived in Ossian. William Sample married Angeline Hartman, daughter of Henry Hartman and Sophia Hampshire. After the death of his father he bought the old homestead on which he was born and lived all his life. Lucinda Sample married Jonathan Kuhn, son of Daniel Kuhn and Abigail Sutton, and they lived all their lives on the Daniel Kuhn homestead, where their son, Abel Kuhn, now lives. Viana Sample married Martin Hotaling, son of Samuel Hotaling, and they lived in Ossian. Alice Sample married David Utter, they lived for many years near Loon Lake.

Jacob Sample never married. I remember him as living alone on the Old Charley Moose place that stood just south of where Ernest Moose now lives.

Margaret Sample, always called Peggy, married Thomas Maginley, and they lived all their lives on the farm three miles and a half north of Reeds Corners, known as the Maginley homestead, now owned by the heirs of James Maginley, and this is another home in Sparta that has not been out of the family in 90 years. They had a family of four boys and one girl. Henry and Charles Maginley were both soldiers of the Civil War. They never married. John Maginley married Laura Tresket, after his death she married Joseph Hampshire, and she passed away October 28, 1932.

James Maginley married Harriet Wambold, daughter of Jacob Wambold. He was born on this farm December 25, 1851, and died on

the same farm May 2, 1923. After the death of his father he bought the homestead and lived there all his life. His widow passed away January 15th of this year. James Maginley held the office of assessor of the town of Sparta for several years. He was a man of pleasing personality, always having a good joke for his friends, and a man with whom his friends and neighbors loved to meet.

Melissa Maginley married William Tresket, for his second wife; his first wife was Ella May, daughter of Derias May and Charlotte Shafer. They lived in Livonia, N. Y.

Betsy Sample married John Litchard, for his second wife. They had one daughter, Sarah Jane, wife of Horace Clemons. She lived all her life of 77 years on the old Litchard homestead, where she died October 31, 1918. The farm is now owned by her son, Murray Clemons, and this is another home that has not been out of the family in 100 years.

Polly Sample married for her first husband John Titsworth, by whom she had one daughter, Susan. She married for her second husband William Lockwood. For her third husband she married a man by the name of Scott. I have not been able to learn his first name. She will be remembered by some of the older people of Sparta as Aunt Polly Scott. Her daughter, Susan Titsworth, married Albert Lockwood, son of William Lockwood, by his first wife.

Sophia Sample never married.

In the Pennsylvania census in 1790 I find 31 families of Samples in that state. Some of the families spelled it Sampel, and some Sample. The only one of the Samples that came to Pennsylvania that I find any record of, was Conrad Sampel. He came on the ship Shirley, James Allen, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Orkney, Scotland. They landed at Philadelphia, Pa. September 5, 1751. There were 288 passengers on board, and it might be interesting to state that among them were Johannes Gilbert, Johann Michael Wagoner, Andreas Kuhn, Frederick Schwartz and Endreas Schmeltzer, names that are familiar to the people of this section.

#### THE WENNER FAMILY

About 1825, George Wenner settled on the farm near the Dutch church, now owned by the heirs of Charles Hampshire. His wife was Elizabeth Wambold (Christina). He was known to everyone as Daddy Wenner, and I was more than 25 years old before I heard his first name. The old house stood on the west side of the road, across from the new house. After his death the farm was sold to Enos Artman, and he built the new house. After the death of Enos Artman, the farm was bought by his daughter and son-in-law, Viola Artman and Charles Hampshire. George and Elizabeth Wenner had a family of six children, two boys and four girls. John Wenner's wife's name was Louise, but I have not been able to learn her maiden name. They lived for many years in Springwater.

Peter Wenner married Catharine Weidman, daughter of Jacob Weidman and Susan Dotterer. The history of this family has been given with the Jacob Weidman family, one of the early settlers of Sparta.

Elizabeth Wenner married John Moose. Their history has been given with that of Jacob Moose and Catharine Bachman, as of the

early settlers of Sparta.

Sarah Wenner married Leonard Tucker, and they lived for many years on the Tucker homestead, now owned by their son, Leonard Tucker. They had a family of three boys and two girls, and all resided in the town of Sparta.

Barbery Wenner married Charles Hartman, son of Henry Hartman and Elizabeth Zerfass. They lived for many years at Hartsville, Steuben county. Christiana Wenner married John Magee, her second husband was Charles Lake. I find a record of but three who came over to Pennsylvania by the name of Wenner. They came on the ship Sally, John Osmond, commander, from Rotterdam, last from Portsmouth, landed at Philadelphia August 23, 1773. There were two who came on this ship by the name of Jacob Wenner, this I take to be father and son, and the other was John George Wenner.

I believe that the whole Wambold family in this section are of the same kin. I find a record of five Wambolds that came to Pennsylvania. On the ship Harle, of London, Ralph Harle, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, landed in Philadelphia, Pa. September 1, 1736, came Adam Wamboldt and Johann George Wambolt, note the spelling of the name, and John Peter Wambold. There were two who came on the ship Saint Andrew Galley, John Stedman, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, landed at Philadelphia September 26, 1737. George Wambold and George Henry Wamboldt, note the spelling of the name.

I will now take up a few of the legends of the Story Road and vicinity. Webster says a legend is an "incredible, unauthentic narrative". The Pennsylvania Dutch were great believers in the occult, and many are the weird tales that I heard from them of witches, ghosts, spooks and apparitions, that were heard and seen in Pennsylvania, and not only the Dutch, but the Yankees as well, for I have been to Witch Hall in Salem, Mass. where but a few centuries ago fanatical Christians executed innocent persons, and although the adjoining land is worth thousands of dollars for home sites, not a house has been built on Witch Hill, and today it stands as a monument to show to the world the intolerance and superstition of a people that only a few years before had come to these shores to find freedom to worship God. Absolute power in the hands of any person, people or party, has always led to intolerance and corruption.

One of about the oldest of these legends was the murder of the pack pedler, that occurred more than 100 years ago on the old stage road, in the hollow, in the woods of what is now the Earl D. Moose farm. He was found robbed and his throat was cut from ear to ear. It was said that he could be seen nightly at the spot, robed in white, with the blood streaming from his throat. Another very peculiar feature was that after this old stage route was abandoned the ghost changed his residence and appeared at what was called the haunted bridge, just west of the Mt. Pleasant school house, where they also saw weird lights. I have traveled over those places all times of the day and night, and never saw the lights or peddler, although he might have been particular as to the company he kept.

The lights might have been what are known as gas balls from decaying vegetable matter in the near by marsh, or from some fellow striking a match, as forty years ago this was known as a lovers rendezvous.

Then there was the White Horse and his rider, that was said to have been seen in the Pine Swamp by some of the people living near the place. Many years ago a young man mysteriously disappeared, and it was said he was murdered and buried in these woods, after which appeared the White Horse, with the young man on his back, dressed in white, with his throat cut. There was about a mile of forest here, comprising several hundred acres of timber. The horse and his rider, according to the stories, would dash furiously down this road and off into the timber where it was impossible to trace him. A strange thing about it was that the young man always went a-foot until after his disappearance, but when he returned he was riding the white horse.

There was the haunted house on the Story Road. After the owner's death knocks were heard and doors opened, but after the farm was sold the ghost must have vacated the property, for he never was heard of afterward.

I shall never forget of an old lady in that community telling how an Old Witch bewitched their hog, so it would not put its nose in the trough and drink swill. She took a horseshoe and heated it and her husband nailed it in the trough and poured in the swill, and the hog came and drank up the swill, but the old witch was burned by the horseshoe....

My great-grandmother Swarts told of how the milk in her cellar soured from morning until noon. She knew it was bewitched, so she took it and put it in a kettle over the fire and hacked it with a knife, and one of the neighbor women was taken awful sick and had her back all hacked up. That was 90 years ago, and the people knew nothing of the bacteria in milk, or of the climatic conditions that caused these changes.

I have heard explained how one could get these occult powers. One had to take a plate and wash it nine times in succession and every time you washed it you had to swear that your soul was as free from God as the plate was from dirt, then you had sold your soul to the devil and you could do all those things, but you were forever lost, but if they had taken a powerful microscope and examined the plate they would have found it still contained mountains of dirt and rivers of dishwater.

One of the most outstanding of these seances was the ghost at the home of James Steffy, about 75 years ago. It was said that in the night the beds would move out into the middle of the room. If they were moved back they would move out again. One evening as the family and some neighbors were seated in the house a whole handful of grave stones struck the house and broke several panes of glass, and this caused the people of the community to be thrown into a fever of excitement, many hardly daring to venture from the house at night.

A good story was told me by Bill Kuhn many years ago, and I believe it will bear repeating. At the time of the ghost at the Steffy place a young girl friend came to spend the night with Bill's sister at the Dan Kuhn Tavern. Bill went away in the evening and when he came back about ten o'clock he heard the family talking about the terrible doings of the ghosts. It was warm in the summer time and the doors and the windows were open, so he crawled up on the woodshed and from there to the kitchen and in the window at the head of the stairs, and got under the bed. He knew that the girls would soon come up and pass by it to their

room. Those of you who remember the old French bedsteads know that they were bolted together and were as strong as a barn frame, and the bed cord was tightened like a snare drum. Soon the girls came up with a candle to go to bed, and as they were about even with it, Bill raised up on his hands and feet and the bed walked out towards them. With a terrible scream and two jumps they landed at the foot of the stairs, the candle went out, the bed went back to its place, and Bill out the window and went and slept in the barn. The family came up and investigated but could find nothing wrong, but could not make the girls believe but what the bed walked, and so there was a ghost at the Dan Kuhn Tavern; but it was some time before Bill told them what had made the bed walk.

Then there was the ghost at the Dutch cemetery. I have heard my father tell how he came by there about one or two o'clock one morning and heard groanings and snorings that seemed to come from the graves near the fence. He listened for some time and as it did not stop he reached down into the ditch and got several hard heads as large as his fist. He got about as close as he dared and then let drive with the rocks. The next instant he jumped about two feet off the ground, when Oosh, Oosh, out jumped four or five of Ben Kiehle's hogs and ran past him and made for home. They had been sleeping there in a nest of leaves.

And it is only about fifteen years ago that the tables tipped and walked about the rooms in some of the houses in that section. This was attributed to myself, and Beelzebub. I do not know what part his Satanic Majesty had in it, for some people have always had a way of crediting to him anything that they do not understand, and also place the responsibility on him for their own meanness and evil deeds, just as Mother Eve did when she ate the green apple and got the bellyache, and the whole human family has suffered ever since.

And now we come to the parting of the ways. I hope my readers have enjoyed reading these pages as much as I have in writing them. I wish to thank all my friends for their loyal support in furnishing me with names and dates of their families. Often there were one or two in a family that I did not have their names or dates. And of all that I have written to, enclosing stamps for a reply, just two have failed to answer. There were a few more of the early settlers in this vicinity that I should have liked to mention but was unable to hear from the family. I hope that someone in Scottsburg who is thoroughly with that place, Neblics Hill and the lower road, will write up the people living there 50 years ago, and give us the history of the early settlers and have it published in this newspaper, and we will have a most complete history of the Town of Sparta.

And now in conclusion I will say, as I seemingly sit in the "Chamber of Reflection", and my mind goes back to those old homes in this section from fifty to sixty years ago and we gathered in the big kitchen with its old-fashioned wallpaper, its whitewashed ceiling, a few pictures on the wall of curly haired girls, and the baby pictures of "Wide Awake" and "Fast to Sleep", the old lounge with its feather tick on which we could romp to our heart's content, the old Boston rockers with their calico cushions that mother's hands had fashioned. There was an air of comfort that is strangely lacking in the home of today, and although

your floors may be covered with Smyrna rugs, your furniture covered with silk and your walls hung with tapestries from Bagdad, yet it lacks the sweet charm of the old home of these early days. Home today is just a filling station on the highway of time, where we fill up, retire, and we are on the road again in the morning.

So when the vesper bells are ringing and I have laid down the "Working Tools of Life", and the old boatman's Dora cuts its prow into the glistening sands upon my shore, may I ever be ready to step in and journey with him down that peaceful river to that summer land, into whose land-locked harbor may I cast my anchor until the dawning.

(The End)

Lloyd Moose  
Crescent City, Fla.

CORRECTIONS I've made in the script from errors, most likely in the printing - or type-setting.

page

- 4. Joseph Rau married Christenia Geiger, not Giger.
- 4. Valentine Beck married Marguerite Kremp, not Margaret Krimp.
- 4. Josephine Sanford married Jim Harris, not Harries.
- 4. Charles Moose married Mary Hearsh, not Hearth.
- 8. James Bailey married Jerushia Cooley, not Cooly or Cosley.
- 9. It was Elias Dieter, not Alias.
- 28. It was William Brewer, not William Barber.
- 44. It was Carrie Leonard, not Lenard, wife of Reuben Swarts.
- 53. Al Fronk, not Frink.
- 55. Hiram Rau married Cornelia Miner, not Moner.
- 63. Jonathan Wilhelm married Mary Harris, not Harries.
- 67 and 69. Reed Sanford married Edith Burke, not Berk or Buck.
- 69. Soten Sanford married Rachel Berk, not Buck.
- 72. Corina Clark married Isaac Baird, not Beard.

19. It should be James Kiehle's tannery, not Jake Kiehle's.

DIETER was spelled two ways for the same people in different installments. I have used DIETER throughout.

George Wenner married Christine Wambold, not Elizabeth or Margaret. They were my husband's ancestors.

Ref. Wambold Family Records.

Anyone wishing to read any of this collection of articles in their original form will find them in the Dansville Public Library and the Center Street office, Geneseo, N.Y. of the Livingston county Historian. In both places they are to be read on their microfilm readers. Geneseo also has some of the installments in a scrapbook.

Walter Mooney of Livonia, also has a collection of a number of the installments. His collection was of great help in my work.

Postscript for Hughes- Use- Jus p. 51

Daniel Hughes, the eldest son of Cornelius Jus and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, and brother in law of Abraham Kiehle, came to Sparta, N.Y. about the same time as did the Kiehles. His wife was Elizabeth Stephens. It was he, rather than his son James, who built the Old Stone House where his great grandson, Claude Hughes, now (1932-3) lives. He owned a large tract of land and left property to his three sons (by Will). His estate papers on file in the Surrogate's Court at Geneseo, N.Y. give us a list of his (then) survivors. There were three sons and seven daughters and his widow whom he left ample provision for as long as "she remain his widow". Nine of his children came to "Story Road and Vicinity". Daniel and Elizabeth were buried in the Kiehle cemetery with stones befitting these pioneers. Alas, the last that W.L.F. knew; these stones were all but evicted from the cemetery. One would think that the historical society and/or their descendants would put these stones back where they belong beside James and his wife. The children mentioned in "Old Dan's" Estate Papers were: Lydia who married Benjamin Shoemaker; Catharine who married Conrad Kress and remained in Macungie township, Northampton Co., Penna. where the family was located; Thomas Sr. who married Elizabeth Fronk and died young; his widow married George Wagner; Elizabeth who married Andrew Eavy; Mary who married Othniel Baker; Judith or Juity who married Conrad Hamsher; Daniel Jr. who married Mary Fronk; James who married Sophia Lander of So. Dansville and inherited the Old Stone House; and Hannah who married Daniel Hamsher. The descendants of Daniel Hughes are as numerous as the sands of the seashore. Other children baptised in Macungie, Penna. (Zion's Lutheran) were: Elizabeth and Edward (which may be the names of two of the above).

(Mary Mahus' Notes, William Flint Notes, Carl Baxter Notes, Old Property Deeds, and Old Dan Hughes Estate Papers)

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