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INVITATION 87TH REUNION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006

The family will meet at the Clarion Hotel, 3600 E. Cork St., Kalamazoo, MI. (269-385-3922). Our buffet luncheon will start at 12:00 noon. The price for adults is \$13.50 and for children \$8.50. This includes meal, tax, tip, tea, coffee & soft drinks. **Please make your buffet luncheon reservations before 22 July 06 by notifying George Adams**, 1334 Croydon Ct. South Bend, IN 46614 or gcadams@alumni.nd.edu or (574) 291-8267 in the evening. You will pay George at the luncheon.

We will have the meeting room from 11AM - 4PM Saturday, plus two hospitality rooms from 9AM until the late hours on Saturday, so you are welcome to come early and stay late. George and Chris will arrive Friday evening. There is a pool, sauna, exercise room, pool tables, and game room *for those staying over-night*. Please make your own reservations if staying over-night. A (non-smoking) room with 2 double beds is \$74.99 plus tax. The hotel website has directions: www.clarionhotelkalamazoo.com

Thanks to Margaret Wetherell and Chris Adams, the 2005 silent auction was so successful (\$482.00) we will do it again. **Bring your unwrapped, labeled (if needed) treasures.**

BUSINESS MEETING: 13 AUGUST 2005:

Elections & Location

George Adams, President, called the business meeting to order. The officers for 2006 are President: George Adams, Newsletter Editor: Jim Adams, Contributing Editor: Bob Brown, and Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Gale. The group decided to hold the 87th Reunion on Saturday 12 August 2006. George will notify the family about plans.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara reported a total of \$806.00 was on hand to pay for the 85th Reunion. Disbursements from 14 Aug 2004 to 12 Aug 2005 were \$107.00. Reunion paid Barbara in full. We saved a total of \$225.75 because Bill Wheaton printed, paid postage, and mailed 75 newsletters at a cost of \$131.25 (about \$1.75 per copy), and Barbara e-mailed 54 copies, saving \$94.50. Sally Boldman contributed \$26.00 to the treasury from the polo shirt project. Reunion had cash on hand from 2004 of \$699.00. There was \$340.00 collected by cash/checks and \$482.00 by auction on Reunion day. Although Reunion never had a bank account, the group approved a "Totally Free Checking" account at Fifth/Third Bank, Watervliet, MI, Branch. After reunion, Barbara deposited \$1521.00 on 15 Aug 2005 and paid \$19.95 for 250 checks. The current amount in the account is \$1501.05. We need to change our Internet Service Provider, and

there will be an annual fee of \$120.00 plus a start-up fee of \$50.00 or more. The ISP change probably will be sometime after the current newsletter is mailed. *The web address will remain the same.* We need to continue collecting money for yearly use as well as for the 100th reunion in 2019. REMEMBER to send your correct address, phone number, e-mail address and AOL Instant Messenger username to Barbara. A \$5.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of printing, postage, and mailing of the newsletter plus other expenses. Please make checks out to Barbara Gale.

Reunion Library

Barbara compiled a "Library Index" of available items which she hopes to update periodically. Two new notebooks added in 2005 are: "County History-Census- Maps" and "Cemetery Information." Please send data for both notebooks including cemetery-stone pictures. The cemeteries listed are Bly, Marcellus, Cass Co. MI.; Kern, Porter Twp. Van Buren Co. MI.; Nicholsville, Cass Co, MI.; Maple Grove, Mattawan, Van Buren Co. MI.; and McCormick Pioneer, Earamosa Twp, Guelph, Ontario, Canada (G.W. Adams [nee Alford]). New information for other notebooks included: (1) Jeannine Rash-Ashford sent the Reunion some Bates family data starting with Isaac and Emily, which she compiled using Family Tree Maker. Jeannine is married to Bruce Ashford, son of Jason

Feller Ashford. Bruce is a descendant of Isaac and Emily (Adams) Bates. Jeannine is willing to correspond with family members; her e-mail is JBGUYS@aol.com. (2) An article in the Herald Palladium, St. Joseph, MI. headed "Easter 1865 Was A Very Dark Time In American History" stated: "Ester Copley pioneered a homestead with her husband, Levi." Excerpts from her 1849 diary describe their reaction to the assassination of President Lincoln. Virginia Copley told Barbara that Esther married Levi Lawrence and lived on a farm on Little Prairie Ronde, which is just north of Nicholsville (west of the Centennial farm). Esther was a sister of Virginia's great-grandfather, Edwin Bennett Copley.

REUNION DAY ACTIVITIES

The 2005 reunion was held at the Uri Mason & Jane Woods (McKain) Adams Centennial farm at 88789 23rd St., Porter Twp., Van Buren Co., MI. (Feb.1865). Rolland Morse and family did a superb job of hosting the event with a potluck dinner served in the house and eaten in the barn. Each table had a centerpiece; some of which were sold at the auction. Antiques and pictures stored at the farm were displayed and Jim, Bob, and Barbara also had displays. Bob had information available for those who wanted to visit Kern Cemetery. Some of the Adams ancestors there are Franklin B. & Lucinda (Fletcher) Adams and Horace Hale & Loriania (Kinney)

Adams. The adults visited while the children were entertained by Anna, Brigid, and Andreea with various games, the highlight being a horse ride. Greg Huff, husband of Sara Sivley, played the bagpipes. The family who bought polo shirts wore them during reunion. Some of the family played croquet in the rain. Although most of us left before nightfall, a bonfire was ready. (Was it used?) Francis Morse was the oldest member present, and Grace Louise Adams was the youngest. Family came from CA, FL, IL, IN, MI, MD, NC, ND, VA, & WI. Joan Reinke traveled the farthest—from Fontana, CA.

2005 FAMILY ATTENDANCE (72)

FRANKLIN B. & ANNA (FLETCHER) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (4):

-Rodney & Charlotte Adams of Kalamazoo, MI.
-Shauna (Adams) Lula & Suzanne Lula of Paw Paw, MI

GEORGE & EFFA MAY ADAMS DESCENDANTS:

-Barbara Gale of Coloma, MI.

CHESTER & ROXANNA (BENT) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (44):

-George & Chris Adams of South Bend, IN.
-John, Patricia, Christina, & Jennifer Adams of Fredericksburg, VA
-Margaret (Adams) Wetherell of Chase, MI.
-Adam Wetherell of Chase MI.
-Mark, Amy (Wetherell) & Lauren Posey of Big Rapids, MI.

-Jim, Linda, & Jessica Adams of Sturgeon Bay, WI.

-James, Kim, Raeanne, Storm Uriah & Jaiden Skyler Adams of Sturgeon Bay, WI.

-Michael, Mary (Adams), Natalie & Erik West of Rockford, MI.

-Francis & Mildred Morse of Kalamazoo, MI.

-Bruce & Donna Morse of Mount Dora, FL.

-Rolland, Margaret (Hunter) Morse, & Colin, Erin, (Brian Mansberger-fiance), Anna, & Brigid Morse & Andreea Hunter of Kalamazoo, MI.

-Dan & Pam Adams of Hudsonville, MI.

-Marilyn Little of Walker, MI.

-Tony Little of Grand Rapids

-Tim, Michele, Cody, Christopher, & Grace Louise Adams of Hudsonville, MI.

ARCHIE & LILLIE (DOUGLASS) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (6):

-David & Dawn (Adams) Sivley of Schoolcraft, MI.

-Gregory & Sara (Sivley) Huff of Scotts, MI.

-Douglas & Karen Adams of Schoolcraft, MI.

DORSEY & SARAH (ADAMS) FLETCHER DESCENDANTS (10):

-Joan Reinke of Fontana, CA.

-Paul Flanery of Frankfort, IL,

-Preston & Ruth Brown of Goreville, IL.

-Muriel Hurt of South Heart, ND.

-Eleanor Brown of South Bend

-Robert Brown of South Bend

-Bill Wheaton of Charlotte, NC.

-Nancy Hume of Holland, MI.

-Sally Boldman, Ijamsville, MD.

**THOMAS & JANE
(MORROW) McKAIN
DESCENDANTS (2):**

-Jay & Virginia (Copley) Vliek of Decatur, MI.

**FREDERIC BENT
DESCENDANTS (5):**

-Maxine Reiling Parrish of Sturgis, MI.

-Joyce Burg of Sturgis, MI.

-Jan Eash of Howe, IN.

-Phyllis (Cain) Lung of Sturgis

-Sandra Hughes of Kalamazoo

CURRENT NEWS

NOTE: NEWS RECEIVED

*AFTER 31 MAY 2006 MAY BE IN
THE 2007 NEWSLETTER.*

MARY ADAMS, WIFE OF THE LATE HORACE ADAMS, reports 2005 started as usual with holiday activities, then travel activities—the first one being an Amazon River expedition. Although a Russian river cruise started, it ended in Moscow when Hoss had a massive stroke and died 02 June 2005. After the funeral on June 7, Mary was at their “Adams Compound” in Canada, then helped Mary Jo move to Troy, AL, where she now has the position of Dean of Communications and Fine Arts at Troy University. John IV (Mary) works in a Kalamazoo bank and takes classes at a local college. Hallie is a sophomore at the Savannah College of Art & Design. She won her first collegiate golf tournament.

ROB, LINDA, CHRISTIAN & MARIA ADAMS report that (William) Christian and his wife Maria enjoy life in Duluth, MN, but will be moving to New York

City (Staten Island) in Aug 2006. Maria completed her BS degree (Environmental Science) from the Univ. of Minn., and currently teaches pre-school at a local Montessori school. She is active with the Coast Guard wives organization, and teaches at their church. Christian advanced to the rank of LTJG in the Coast Guard, and completed a 2-year tour aboard the CGC ALDER, a Juniper class buoy tender. He will be a Civil/Facilities Engineer in his next assignment. Christian, Maria, Linda, and mother Mary spent a week in Banff visiting and skiing. Linda has been exploring mosaics stain glass and has made a number of pieces. Rob is the project coordinator for a chapter of “Backcountry Horsemen” of Idaho. The current project is packing in and out equipment, food, and tools for trail teams that are working in the Frank Church Wilderness.

JOHN & PAT ADAMS report both daughters are in college, but were home for the 2005 summer. Christina took summer school at a local college. She worked at CVS as a pharmacist’s assistant and is now certified. Jennifer was a counselor at a YMCA day camp for 5-7 year olds. She also took lifeguard classes and is now certified as a lifeguard. She plans to work next semester at a YMCA near Christopher Newport University. After the family attended the Reunion, they spent a few days with John’s sisters in northern Michigan. John and Pat did some remodeling and attended football games at both of the girls’ colleges.

JIM & LINDA ADAMS report Jim has retired from teaching after 35 years at Sevastopol High School in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Jim graduated from Michigan State University in 1971 and began teaching U.S. History and Social Studies and coaching football, basketball, and track. He was also the Mock Trial Coach, Student Council advisor, and taught Advanced Placement, U.S. History and Civics. Jim has been selling real estate part time for 15 years and will join his wife, Linda, selling full time with Coldwell Banker. Jim & Linda look forward to traveling and spending time with their 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

JIM AND KIM ADAMS report they are busy working full time, and raising 3 children. Jim is going to college full time working on a degree in emergency management.

JOHN & SALLY BOLDMAN report John traveled to Hawaii and Japan on business. John’s step mother died in August and his father died in November. In Aug., Sally found a new job with Lockheed Martin and now works in the overhead planning group. Although they bought property in Kingston, TN, they don’t plan to move for several years. Sally took a day trip to Pennsylvania to see the houses of Frank Lloyd Wright, and attended reunion. Sandy is working for an insurance company. She also played the adult female lead role in the musical version of “Miracle on 34th Street” for a dinner theater. Sandy went rafting and rock

climbing in Colorado for her vacation.

NICHOLAS AND JEANNE CAPOZZOLI report Nick is retired, and Lisa, their daughter, married Garrett Ford and lives in Tucson, AZ. Nicholas Jason, their son, is a chiropractor. She also reports she visited her sister, Joanne in Los Angeles, CA recently; and Jerry Johnson, son of Jerry and Joan Johnson of Groton, SD, is a junior at the university in Brookings, SD. Thank you, Jeanne for donating your mother's diary of her 1930 Michigan trip.

ELLEN DeHAVEN reports she and her family (Beth, Nick, & Jenny) traveled to Angkor Wat, Cambodia to visit family (Noi & Kai) as well as traveling to Italy, Thailand, Tanzania, India, Peru, Portugal, Australia, New Guinea, Easter Island, France, England, Hawaii, Colorado, Florida, Wisc., and Tennessee, before returning to their homes in MI (Ellen), NY (Beth), and IL (Nick & Jenny).

DAVID & RENEE HEALY report Renee's boys: Keith (21) and Ken (19) were home for the summer of 2005. Keith will be finishing at MSU, Lansing, MI, in Hospitality Management Business, and probably work as a resort manager. Kevin is at U of M, Ann Arbor, MI, majoring in computer engineering. He enjoys wrestling and boxing. Dave's oldest girl (Liz) has 4 children: Adrian-15, Jacob-12, Chance-9 and Sean-8. They live in Portage, MI. Susan, Dave's youngest, lives in FL and was pregnant at the time of the Christmas letter. Renee works as the controller at

Midwest Reality Group. Dave is busy with projects for Schupan, including coordinating construction in Milford Twp. He also is President of SWM Council for Boy Scouts.

FLOYD & MURIEL HURT report they took a cruise from New Orleans to the Caribbean. Muriel had several health problems from March to September and is doing better now. She went to Washington D.C. for National meetings and their grand-daughters Tori & Tara stayed with them for a few weeks in June. In July, Floyd, Muriel, Tori & Tara were with sister Gloria at her cabin in MN. In August, Jason, their grandson, came to live with them so he could play hockey for the Dickinson Midgets. In October her cousin, Mary, from Michigan spent a week visiting for Sara's wedding, touring western ND, and visiting two casinos. Muriel donated a poem to the reunion that her father, Merton, wrote about friendship for the Battle Creek Eagle's Newsletter. Muriel attended the reunion and said it was the first time in over 45 years that the Brown cousins were all together (except for Donna). There are only 8 first cousins left.

MARIAN (ADAMS) MOE reports she has recovered well from a health problem. Shirley, her daughter, was with her for awhile. Marian has many fond memories of past family reunions and sends greetings to those who attend now.

BILL & JOANN WHEATON report they sold their business Nov. 30. She retired but Bill will

stay for two more years. Thanks again, Bill for helping with the printing, postage, and mailing of this newsletter.

JOHN AND GENEVIEVE TOPPING report Bud & Enid's oldest granddaughter and husband had a baby girl so they now are great-grandparents. John works on their 74 M6BGT and she plays golf. They also spend time with Bob & Vicky, their son and daughter-in-law. Thank-you, Genevieve for sending the 8 page Family Tree Maker genealogy for your parents, Harry Ward & Violet Ethel (Feller) Ashford, and also for identifying Uncle Ed and Aunt Gelie in Edith's diary.

Births

MADYSNN CAROL ANN BAUGH was born to Jessica Baugh & Charles Packer on 05 October 2005. She weighed 4 lb 9 oz and joins Cody (8) and Sydney (5). They are the grandchildren of Gerald & Charlene Adams, and the great-grandchildren of Gerald and Irene (Krieger) Adams; and descendants of Archie & Lillie (Douglass) Adams.

GRACE LOUISE ADAMS was born to Tim & Michele Adams on 23 July 2005. She weighed 8 lb 11 oz. She joins Cody (9) and Christopher (5). They are grandchildren of Dan & Pam Adams and the great-grandchildren of Leslie & Mildred Adams. They are Chester & Roxanna (Bent) Adams descendants.

Deaths

JOHN & CATHY (WALTERS) ADAMS report Cathy's father, Larry Edward Walters, died 25

Oct. 2005 at St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee, WI. The funeral was 29 Oct. 2005 at Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hartland, WI. The Luko-Evert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Larry was born 07 Feb. 1946 in Cornell, near Eau Claire, WI. He attended the Univ. of Wisc. - Madison & U. of W. - Whitewater where he graduated in 1969. He married Norene in 1974. He served as a drill sergeant in the Army reserve. He contributed much to Hartland as a business owner and developer of various residential projects. He is one of the five founding members of the Wisconsin franchise of the ReMax reality. He is survived by his wife, Norene, and three children, Anne (Nick) Weller, Mark (Heather), and Cathy (John) Adams; and sisters, Janet (Jim) Klement of Vancouver, British Columbia; and Suzanne (Chuck) Schroeder of Helenville

ALLAN B. COPLEY, son of Earl E. and Laura (Loretta) Copley was born 16 Oct. 1917. He grew up in Decatur, MI. He started traveling while in High School, touring Europe on a bicycle. He worked as a tour guide during his life, eventually taking 6 groups around the world. He graduated from the Univ. of Mich. in 1940, and served briefly as assistant cashier in the bank in Decatur, MI. He entered the U.S. Army 18 April 1941 and served as a Corporal in New Guinea. After discharge from the army, he graduated from Mich. State Univ. and began a teaching career. One place he taught was at the Henry Ford Community College,

Dearborn, MI. Allan resided in Jackson, MI. before he died. He was cremated and his service was 03 June 2006. Survivors are his sisters, Virginia Vlieg and Mary Louise O'Connell. He is a Thomas and Jane (Morrow) McKain descendant.

RAYMOND E. JOHNSON, son of Charles & Alma (Peterson) Johnson of Hobart, IN., was born 28 May 1908. He died 15 July 2004 at Avera-St.Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen SD. Private graveside services were held at sunset Friday, 16 July 2004, at the Groton Union Cemetery. Ray moved with his family to SD in 1910 to farm, and graduated from Groton High School in 1927. He married Edith Feller on 15 June 1933 in Big Stoner Lake. The couple made their home on a farm south of Groton, later moving into Groton in 1951. Ray was a member of the United Methodist Church of Groton. He enjoyed farming and liked to attend auctions. Edith died 10 May 1998. Survivors are son Jerry (Joan) Johnson, and daughters, Joanne May, and Jeanne (Nicholas) Capozzoli. There are three grandchildren: Nicholas Capozzoli, Lisa Ford, and Jerry Ray Johnson.

MILDRED MORSE, age 90, of Kalamazoo, MI, formerly of Jenison, went to be with her Lord on Monday, February 27, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Adams. Surviving are her husband, Francis Morse; children, Dan and Pam Adams & Marilyn Little; grandchildren, Keri (Jose) Santana, Tim (Michele) Adams,

Todd (Rebecca) Adams, Debra and Douglas Stapley, and Tony Little. There are eleven great-grandchildren. Step-children are Bruce (Donna) Morse & Rolland (Margaret) Morse & five step-grandchildren. A sister, Marie Stanford, and many nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services were held Saturday, 04 March 2006, in Grandville, MI, at the Matthyse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home. Rev. Donald VanSlyke officiated. Kira Dykema was soloist, and Ila Kunnen was organist. There was a video and pictures of her life. Internment was at the Georgetown Township Cemetery beside Leslie. Memorial contributions may be given to Harmony Chapel Church, Marcellus, MI.

Weddings

ERIN MORSE AND BRIAN MANSBERGER were married 01 October 2005 at Lake Michigan, north of South Haven, MI. Erin's sisters Anna & Brigid Morse and Andreea Hunter played their violin and cellos at the ceremony. Brian and Erin had their honeymoon at the Riviera Maya in Mexico. They are at home in Kalamazoo, MI.

SARA HURT AND CLINTON STREETER were married in Grand Forks, ND, 25 October 2005. Sara teaches kindergarten in Grand Forks and Clinton works for UND Aerospace Department. Sara is the daughter of Bob and Kris Hurt and granddaughter of Floyd and Muriel Hurt. Clinton is the son of Monte and Bette Streeter of Ashland, MT. They are at home in Grand Forks, ND.

Graduations/Honors



NICOLE IRENE COLEMAN graduated 29 May 2006 from Hebron High School in Carrollton, TX. She plans to attend Brookhaven Community College for a year and then transfer to Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. Her current plans are to study psychology. She is the daughter of Thomas & Mary (Adams) Coleman. She is an Archie & Lillie (Douglass) Adams descendant.

JESSICA ADAMS graduated 27 May 06 from Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin, with a double B.S. degree in peace, conflict, and global studies and sociology. Jim and Jessica will travel to Jamaica for about two weeks in June to help build a community center/health clinic. www.bluemountainproject.org. She is the daughter of Jim & Linda Adams. She is a descendant of Chester & Roxanna (Bent) Adams.

FEATURED STORY: BATES FAMILY VISITS TO MICHIGAN

Horace Hale Adams (1805-1847) and Lorania G. (Kinney) Adams (1803-1850) had five children who survived to adulthood. Emily Lorania Adams (1839-1911) was the 2nd-youngest, and the first born after the family moved from Ohio to Michigan in 1837. She married Isaac Leonard Bates (1835-1927) on Feb. 22, 1866, and they farmed in Michigan until 1886, when they moved to South Dakota. They had three children: Franklin A. (1867-1924), Sarah S. Feller (1869-1970), and Minnie L. Anstiss (1876-1965).

In this issue of the newsletter, a letter and a diary written by Bates' family members visiting relatives in Michigan are featured. The documents were transcribed by Bob Brown, and he and Barbara Gale added text notes identifying people named. There was only room for excerpts in this newsletter. The complete versions will be posted on the Adams-McKain website, or are available from Bob or Barbara.



Isaac L. & Emily (Adams) Bates

• Frank Bates' 1912 Visit to Michigan—Letter to his Father:

This letter, dated Sept. 10, 1912, from Franklin (Frank) Bates was written to his father, Isaac Leonard Bates. Frank was 45 and his father was 77 at that time. Frank practiced Osteopathy and lived in Geneva, Nebraska; and Isaac lived in Andover, South Dakota. Isaac's wife (and Frank's mother) had died the previous year. The subject of the letters is Frank's trip to Michigan in August of 1912.

My Dear Father: -- I enjoyed the trip very much. I will omit the Detroit part now, and begin in Kalamazoo, where I arrived at about 8:00 AM Saturday. I went directly to Cooley's [*Frank and Orpha (Dewey) Cooley*] and had no trouble finding them. Orpha telephoned to Ross [*Ross Uriah Adams, M.D.*] and he came there for dinner. I expected to leave for Marcellus that afternoon, but Ross said he would take me over by automobile if I would wait until Sunday morning. I waited. Sunday morning he took me to his house, where I visited with Mr. and Mrs. Will McCain and Helen Adams until Ross was ready to start. [*Will McKain (1856-1923) was a younger brother of Jane (McKain) Adams.*] We drove through Schoolcraft, but did not stop.

Then we went out our old road, stopped in front of Mr. Yetter's and talked a few minutes with Lee, and then stopped at our old place. [*"Our old place" was in Section*

19 of Prairie Rond Twp., Kalamazoo Co., about 2 miles (by road) from the Uri & Jane Adams farm house (1865 Centennial farm).] No one was at home, but we looked around some. I was very much disappointed there, as the place is terribly run down. We stopped at Archie's but they were not at home, then went to Chester's and staid for dinner. After awhile we went on to Marcellus, going directly to Effie's.

[Effa Mae Adams (1866-1954) was the oldest of Uri and Jane Adams children. Her brothers Chester (1868-1953), Archie (1871-1944), Mason (1877-1928), and Ross (1883-1943), and sister, Mary Sykes (1875-1970), are mentioned in this letter, as are Effa's daughters, Helen (1895-1977), Hazel (1897-1995), and Hyldred (1900-1985). In the 1910 census, Jane W. (McKain) Adams was living with her daughter and son-in-law, George (1859-1941) and Effa Adams, and family, on E. Dibble St. in Marcellus.]

Aunt Jane had gone to Aunt Anna's and Clara's. After a little while Aunt Sarah came over to see if they had heard from me. We visited awhile, and I went home with her. I staid there awhile, then went back to Effie's and staid overnight. *[Anna (Fletcher) Adams was the widow of Franklin B. Adams, and Clara (Adams) Thornton (1859-1946) was his daughter by his first wife, Lucinda (Fletcher) Adams. Sarah (Adams) Fletcher (1835-1914) was living with her son and dau.-in-law, Julius Horace and Sophia (Stute) Fletcher, on North St. in Marcellus.]*

Monday I spent mostly at Aunt Sarah's and Tuesday forenoon she and I took a horse and buggy, and started for the country. We... went on to Chester's where we found Aunt Jane and Hazel. We staid a little while, and then went

to Archie's for dinner. Towards evening Aunt Sarah and I started on. We went through Kern's yards and back through their woods to Kern's Landing on the lake, looking for Bert Adams and wife who were camping there. We found their tent and left a note telling them that we would be at his mother's the next day. Then we went onto Clara's and stayed there overnight.

[He continued in a second letter, also dated Sept. 10, 1912]

My Dear Father -- Ralph Thornton works for Ross in Kalamazoo, but he and Reed had gone to Chicago early on the morning when I arrived at Kalamazoo so I did not get to see him. Reed returned home Tuesday evening while we were at Clara's. Clarence lives in one of the cottages at their pleasure resort on Huzzy Lake, but works at home, so we saw him on Wednesday morning. His wife was away from the house and we did not see her. *[Ralph Lee (1891-1956), Reed F. (1893-1992) and Clarence (1883-1940) were all sons of Dudley L. and Clara (Adams) Thornton.]*

Leaving Aunt Sarah at Clara's, I drove to Lawton Wednesday forenoon. I stopped at the School House and went through the building. In spite of all my hurrying it was about noon when I got back to Clara's and they had been telephoning from Aunt Anna's to know if we were not coming. Aunt Sarah was ready, of course, and we went on to Aunt Anna's for dinner. Bert and Iva were there and also Aunt Jane and Hazel. *[Horace H. 'Bert' Adams*

(1884-1976) was the son of Franklin B. and Anna Adams; Iva Woods (1886-1968) was his wife.]

We left there toward evening, went back to the Thornton Resort at Huzzy Lake, as Aunt Sarah had never been there, and then started toward Marcellus. *[Huzzy Lake is south of Lawton. In 1895, Dudley L. Thornton owned 60 acres on the north side of Huzzy Lake (in Section 10 of Porter Twp.), plus another 120 acres just to the NW in Section 4.]*

We stopped at Del Cline's for supper, drove in at Fin Matthews for a stop of about 10 minutes and reached Marcellus about 8:00 PM. Anna Cady and husband had arrived a short time before so I had a visit with them. They left the next forenoon. *[Delbert Kline married Alice Fletcher (apparently Anna's sister). Finley W. Matthews was the brother of Charles Matthews; Fin lived a little SW of the Adams farm. Charles married Jason Feller's sister, Jennie in 1882, in Brown Co., SD, and still lived there in 1910. (Barbara) Ann (Fletcher) Cady (~1866-1915) married Edwin Cady and they lived in Decatur.]*

I spent the most of Thursday with Aunt Sarah, and staid at Effie's that night visiting them and Aunt Jane. Friday morning I went back to Aunt Sarah's, and then to the train, leaving at about 8:00 AM with Effie and Hyldred for South Bend, Ind., where Mason lives now. He was not at home but we had dinner with his wife and about the middle of the afternoon I left on the Interurban for St. Joseph, Mich. From there I took the city car line to Benton Harbor, and had supper with Mary Sykes and family.

Claude *[Mary Sykes' husband]* went with me back to St. Joseph, and at

10:30 PM, I left on a steamer for Chicago. We reached there about 3:00 AM, but I did not get up until about 5:00, then went ...to the Union Depot.... I will tell about the Chicago visit at another time. I enjoyed the trip very much, but it was tiresome on account of covering so much ground in that length of time. Please send these letters to Minnie. [*Minnie L. (Bates) Anstiss (1876-1965) was the sister of the letter writer.*]

With Love - Frank.

● **Edith Feller's travel diary (July 7 to Aug. 10, 1930) covering her visit to Michigan:**

Edith Feller (1908-1998) was the daughter of Jason (1869-1942) and Sarah Sophia (Bates) Feller (1869-1970), and granddaughter of Isaac L. and Emily (Adams) Bates. Edith had two older sisters: Violet and Emily. Edith married Raymond Johnson on June 15, 1933, and they had three children: Jeanne Capozzoli, Joanne May, and Jerry Johnson. This travel diary was donated to the Adams-McKain Reunion Library by Jeanne Capozzoli in 2005. The transcription was done by Bob Brown, and he and Barbara Gale added text notes (in italics). There was room for only part of the diary in this newsletter.

The starting point of the diary is Day Co., SD. Four persons made the trip from South Dakota to Michigan: Edith, her mother (Sarah) and Edith's father's sister, Gelie (Feller) Powers (1859-

1941), and her husband, Edwin W. Powers (1862-1955).



Sarah S. (Bates) Feller

July 7, 1930: Got up at 4:30. Had breakfast, etc.; got started about six. Were packed in fairly tight, but was comfortable. Enjoyed riding in the morning. The country was pretty. Crops looked wonderful. Were at Dell Rapids at 11:30.

July 12, 1930: By hook & crook finally got into Mich. Mother & Uncle Ed tried to tell how fine it was. A. Gelie & I made fun of their corn. Vineyards & orchards were queer. Finally got to St. Joseph. Got my first view of L. Michigan. First body of water I've seen that you couldn't see across. Sure was pretty. Was lined with people. Found our way to Sykes. U. Ed & A. Gelie went on to Paw Paw. Took baths & had supper; they are so nice—Jane is cute.... [*Mary Calista (Adams) and Claude Sykes lived in Benton Harbor and had four children: (Marion) Ruth (b. 1900), Louise (b. 1907), Wayne (b. 1909), and (Elmie) Jane (b. 1914). Mary Sykes was the*

daughter of Uri and Jane Adams, and thus the first cousin of Edith's mother.]

July 13, 1930: Slept so long I almost disgraced myself. Had breakfast and we all went to Congregational Church. It was a nice service. Came home, met Wayne. He is nice. Had dinner. Helped do dishes; went for a long ride. The lake was awfully rough. It is cold and windy today. Picked some cherries off a tree!!! Saw some black walnuts growing. Went to the House of David & around the grounds the a.m. after church.

July 14, 1930: Jane & I went down town, looked the town over and bought a bathing suit. Came home, had lunch, and went to Silver Beach. Went thru the Fun House. Walked way out on the pier; took some pictures. Came home and put on our bathing suits and went over to the Lake. It was rough and ice cold; didn't get very wet. Came home & dressed to go to dinner at Hyldred's. Had a nice dinner and a nice time. Jack was there. He was cute; so was Howard. [*Hyldred Adams Gale (1900-1985) was the daughter of George and Effie May Adams. Jack (b. 1921) and Howard Adams Gale (1929-1951) are their grandsons.*] Wayne came after us. He & I rode around a bit. He's nice. Came home, talked a while and went to bed. (Saw a boat come in, "The Benton Harbor." Saw some nice Yachts.)

July 15, 1930: Got packed; are going to Marcellus today. Had lunch; then Claude & Mary brought us over—went by a number of lakes and took an old

road thru some real Mich. woods. Muriel & baby came in the p.m. David is a cute baby; in fact, he's darling. Went down town with Muriel; then to her home. Had dinner; did dishes. Merton & Donald came in a minute. Merton's very nice looking; talked, listened to radio & went to bed. [*Muriel (Fletcher) Brown (1889-1970) was a granddaughter of Sarah (Adams) Fletcher, and thus the second cousin of Edith Feller. Muriel and Emory Brown had six children: Garry (1909-2004), Merton (1911-1982), Donald (1914-1976), Barbara (1916-1993), Emil (1918-1942), and David (1929-1942). In 1930 they lived at 219 Dibble St., Marcellus.*]

July 19, 1930: Merton came over; there was a fire & we went to that. We went swimming; then I went with Merton to collect from his peanut machines. For supper, May, Arden & a friend were here—the boys left after dinner. [*May (Fletcher) McNinch, Muriel's sister, and her son, Arden.*]

July 20, 1930: Barbara came over & I went to S. S. with her. It was very hot. Came home, had dinner; then Garry came. We got excited and went to the Paw Paw (16 miles) fire. A basket factory and a few other buildings burned. We didn't see much of anything but smoke, and we did nearly melt going over. Barbara came back with us. Stopped at Gravel Lake and went swimming; the water felt so good. Lyle [*Streeter*] came out; then he, Gary & I went canoeing at Fish Lake. We stayed at the other side of the lake a long time, just fooling around. Saw muskrats, a shiedpoke [*spotted sandpiper*] & a duck. Also, some turtles. Had quite a nature lesson.

Had a lot of fun anyhow. When we got back, everyone was gone, but Merton was here. He had the truck. We went to a show here and rode around after & talked. Had some food & came home.

July 21, 1930: Went calling with mother & Sopia [*Sophia Stute*]. Went to Minnie Calvert & met Clara Adams Price. [*Clare May (Adams) Price (1902-2001) was the dau. of Archie (1871-1944) & Lillie Adams (1874-1974). Was really hungry at supper time. Mother & Sophia went calling & I finished my book & read a magazine story.*]

July 23, 1930: D. L. & Clara Thornton came for us in the p.m. [*Clara (Adams) Thornton (1859-1946) was the daughter of Franklin B. and Lucinda (Fletcher) Adams.*] Came home with them. They live near Lawton. That eve we went to Paw Paw; heard an orchestra from Kalamazoo. Came home & heard part of a Band Concert at Lawton.

July 24, 1930: Wrote letters all a.m.: home, Ray, Uncle Ed's & Jones. Hale's children came in p.m., I played with them. [*Kenneth Thornton (b. 1923) and Hale Jr. are the children of Hale and Beatrice (Bale) Thornton.*] Went to the Lake for supper. Rena, kids & I went swimming. After supper we went boat riding; picked a water lily. Had the most marvelous ice cream with fresh raspberries on. [*Dudley L. and Clara (Adams) Thornton had six children: Lulu (b. 1881), Clarence (b. 1883), Rena (b. 1885), Hale Adams (b. 1887), Ralph Lee (b. 1891), and Reed Franklin (b. 1893).*]

July 25, 1930: Saw a pair of blue birds & a peewee this a.m.—first I had ever seen. In p.m., D. L.,

Clara, Rena, Lulu, mother & I went to Gull Lake. Was a beautiful lake. Had supper there; saw my first sail boat. It was so pretty. 3 big motor boats just more than tore around. People were canoeing & having fun. Saw W. K. Kellogg farm & drove around his bird sanctuary (too late to get in). Saw some wonderful homes & marvelous grounds north of Lake. Went thru Kalamazoo going & coming, 60,000 population. Their new 15 story hotel building was quite the building.

July 26, 1930: It rained in the a.m.—seemed grand to have it wet awhile, but it quit at noon. After supper Rena & I went to Lake Hersy [*Huzzy Lake, SE of Lawton*] and went swimming. Met Leon Adams. [*Leon Adams (1910-1932) was Franklin K. and Josephine (Burhans) Adams' son.*] Spent the evening at Hales.

July 29, 1930: Had breakfast, wrote home; read a lot of short stories; wrote to Lois and Jane; sent some cards. In the p.m., Dorothy, her mother & mother and I went to Marcellus. [*Presumably, Dorothy (1913-1993) and Roxanna (Bent) Adams (1876-1963), daughter and wife of Chester Adams (1868-1953). Chester and Roxana also had Uriah (1907-1989) and Leslie (1909-1983).*] We didn't stay long. Came home, had supper & went to bed.

July 30, 1930: Met Archie, Finn Matthews & Ivan Kinney. [*Finley W. Matthews was a cousin of Lester Matthews, and the brother of Charles Matthews. Both were sons of Lyman and Lovina (Kinney) Matthews. Charles married Jennie Cedila Feller (Jason's*

sister.)] Had the best dinner. Helped do dishes; read, slept; then went out to the threshing machine. Dorothy took some pictures. Dinner menu: Roast beef. Potatoes. Gravy Lima beans. Beets. Creamed cabbage, pickles, bread & butter, catsup, big sugar cookies. Ginger cake. Pumpkin pie. Coffee.

July 31, 1930: Helped in a.m.: Did dishes, peeled apples, potatoes, shelled peas, etc. Had a big dinner again. Potatoes, gravy, ham, buttered peas, spaghetti & cheese, brown bread, white & butter, marble cake. Apple sauce dark cookies & lemon pie. Went riding in p.m. Saw the place where mother used to live & where she used to go to school.

Aug. 1, 1930: Carl's little girl, June, was over all a.m. [Carl V. Adams (1898-1989) was the son of Archie and Lily Adams. (June was born in 1924.)] I went to town with she & Helen in p.m. Went to Sophie's & Muriel's for a while. Came home, had supper & went to bed.

Aug. 3, 1930 Reunion [12th Adams-McKain Reunion—Thornton's Resort, Huzzy Lake] Looked rainy in p.m. It did sprinkle. Lily had quite a time getting ready. Her cream didn't whip, the frosting wouldn't stay on the cake, spilled the separator discs, etc. Finally got there. Had a nice time—met the relatives. Jane McKane was cute. [Jane McKain (1911-1990) was adopted by Joe and Nora (Taylor) McKain at about 5 years of age, and would have been 19 in 1930. Jane Sykes (1914-1964) would have been 16. Hazel Adams (1897-1995) was the daughter of George (1859-1941) and Effa May

(1866-1954) Adams.] Like Hazel too. Jane Sykes came, she's cute. Fooled around. Took pictures, talked & ate. Had a big feed. Talked to Merton & Leslie: They wanted me to go to Dowagiac, but I couldn't because we were to go to Frank Adams after they left. Clarence took Marian & I boat riding. Thorntons brought us here. Allen & Gordon are sure cute kids.

Aug. 4, 1930: It rained this morn- Whoopie. Played croquet with Marian. Went after some apples & fooled around. Uncle Ed & A. Gelie dropped in on us, were with his nephew. Was glad to see them. In the p.m., Frank & Josephine took us driving—went to Paw Paw. [Franklin Kinney Adams (1882-1955) was the son of Franklin B. and Anna Adams. F. K.'s first wife was Josephine Burhan (1884-1944) and his second was Josie Baldwin (1882-1954). Allan (1914-1989), Gordon (1915-1969), and Marian (b. 1918) were F. K. & Josephine's children.] Called on Bert's wife, Iva. They have a lovely home. [Horace Hale 'Bert' Adams (1884-1976) was the son of Franklin B. and Anna Adams. Bert's wife was Iva Woods (b. 1886).] Drove around the lake. Went to Decatur (the heart of Mich. celery, onion & mint belt.) Had refreshments. Then called on Ed Cady (a cousin of A. Lucy). [Edwin Cady (1860-1931) married (Barbara) Ann Fletcher, (daughter of Mahlon Fletcher) who was raised by Dorsey & Sarah (Adams) Fletcher after her parents died. She died in 1915.] Came home. Had supper, then went to Hersey L. & went swimming.

Aug. 5, 1930: Allan, Marian & I had breakfast together. Read & sat around. Allan took us & Aunt

Anna to Del Kline's. Had dinner & spent p.m. there. Had a good chicken dinner. Ate apples off the tree. Del brought me some ripe grapes & some huckleberries. Alice K. is so sweet. After supper, Del took us to Chester's. Nice rain this evening. [I believe Alice (Fletcher) Kline, wife of Delbert Kline, was the sister of F. B. Adams' second wife, "Aunt Anna."]

Aug. 6, 1930: Fooled around all p.m. Took pictures, talked to Leslie. He was more talkative this time. Had an early dinner; then Chester, Roxy, Dorothy, mother & I went to Kalamazoo. Went to Ross's..... Visited, then Ross came home. Chester, Dorothy & I went after Uriah at the hospital. (He's very nice looking.) Dinner was served very elaborately by the maid. (John Frederick entertained us while at the table.) Grace surely is a charming hostess. Came home late in the evening. [Ross (1881-1939) was the son of Uri M. and Jane (McKain) Adams. John Frederick Adams (1925-1938) was the son of Ross and Grace Adams.]

Aug. 7, 1930: Dorothy & Ross brought us to Marcellus. Merton was working out in the barn—talked to him awhile. Cleaned up, went down town, saw Lyle. Wanted a date, but Merton was to take us to Comstock to see Julia, Sophia's sister. Had an early supper & left here about 5:30. Fred Stutz [Stute] was there so saw him. Oriole [Oriol], Julia's daughter, came out. Had ice cream. We met Marian (Julia's daughter). My picture was supposed to look like her. Had a nice drive home. [Julia O. (Stute) Matthews was married to Lester

Matthews, and prior to moving to Kalamazoo County (~1895), they had lived across the road from the Uri and Jane Adams farm. Julia and Lester had three daughters: Opal, Oriel and Marion. Fred Stute was the brother of Sophia Fletcher and Julia Matthews.]

Aug. 9, 1930: Got up for Breakfast (Big surprise). Mother & I took some things to the I.O.O.F. Hall for Sophia. Had a chicken dinner there at noon. Had a swell rain in p.m. Merton was in awhile. Emory, Muriel & David were over to tell us Goodbye. Lyle came & we went to Fish Lake, danced ten dances, enjoyed them heaps. Went canoeing, then home. Studied the moon. Had ice cream at Antham, then home & Goodbye.

Aug. 10, 1930: Got in at 1:00 & up at three. Merton was out in front. He'd been to a dance & just got home. Had coffee & left. Made good time to Cassopolis. Finally got our tickets on time for our train. Merton put us on the train & told us Goodbye. Got pretty sleepy afterward. Got to Chicago at 8:00 – wandered around in the depot, had some food & finally got started again. Got to Milwaukee about 1:00. Was pretty sleepy. Ate our sandwiches. Were somewhat revived. Saw some Lake Boats. Wished we could have crossed by boat. Got our Berths & went into the Sleeping Car. Had more room and pillows, but it was dusty & dirty. Went through LaCrosse. Some of the scenery around Killborn was very pretty: lakes, rivers, bluffs, etc. Went to bed soon after nine. Got up at Waubay & off at Andover. Dad

met us. The End. Very nice time was had.

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