

# FAMILY HISTORIES

Featured here are family histories which were submitted ca 1993 for a proposed supplement to the 1980 Clinton County History book. (See *Clinton Co. Trails*, Vol. 12, #1.)

## **ROBERT SAYERS CLARK**

by Mary Jane MacNaughton Bush

Robert Sayers Clark was born May 16, 1860, at Eureka, Michigan. His father, Robert, came from Lincolnshire, England, via Canada in 1854. "R.S.," as he was called, married **Geneva Shipley** in 1880 and they moved to St. Johns in 1885. He and his brother-in-law, **Dart Hulse**, established the Clark & Hulse clothing business that lasted three generations. He also bought carriage horses for the eastern market and his stables were known throughout the state.

In 1903 he and several St. Johns men formed the San Juan Association of White Lake and developed a tract of land for summer homes where the family spent every summer. He loved to fish and managed the 94 steps down to the lake many times in spite of having only one leg, the other having been amputated when he was about 30 because of blood poisoning from a blister.

In 1909 he organized the Farmers Cement Tile Machine Co., also branching out into many kinds of farm power machinery. He was one of the prime stockholders and the first and for many years president of the Farmers Bank that eventually merged with the State Bank.

Robert and Geneva had two children; **Robert Geary** who married **Grace Horton** (no children), and **Grace Mae** who married **Carl Beach**. Grace and Carl Beach had **Mary Jane** and **Robert Curtis** who died in May 1991.

Geneva died after a stroke in 1934, and R.S. died the following year. He was lost without her.

## **GEORGE LOUIS WEBER**

by Therese (Weber) Koenigsknecht

George Louis Weber was born March 25, 1927, to **Albert** and **Bertha (Pohl) Weber**. After George was discharged from the Navy, he attended Ferris Institute for one year. He worked at Rehmann's Clothing Store in St. Johns from 1947 to 1973. He worked for the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. from 1973 to 1988.

**Therese Ann Wieber** was born Feb. 14, 1927 to **Frank** and **Rose (Thelen) Wieber**. George and Therese were married at Most Holy Trinity Church on Aug. 18, 1948. To this union ten children were born:

**Cheryl Anne**, b Sept 29, 1949; m **Ken Arens**, son of **Joseph** and **Agnes (Thelen) Arens**, Sept. 26, 1970.

**Marilyn Sue**, b. Nov. 27, 1950; m **Rich Vitek**, son of **Alex** and **Bernita (Fedewa) Vitek**, Oct. 9, 1971. Their children are **Alexa**, **Lindsey**, and **Drew**.

**Anne Marie**, b. June 23, 1952; m **Jerome Pohl**, son of **Norbert** & **Marie (Ulrich) Pohl**, May 10, 1972. Their children are **Cristin**, **Jason**, **Kelly**, **Erin**, and **April**.

**Joy Lynette**, b Mar. 7, 1954; m **Hilary Stump**, son of **Henry** & **Helen (Koenigsknecht) Stump**, Feb. 8, 1975. Their children are **Robert**, **Daniel**, **Brett**, & **Lauren**.

**Christopher George**, b Aug 17, 1950; m **Lorraine Beth Benjamin**, dau of **Vernon** & **Bernita (Boak) Benjamin**, June 4, 1983. Their children are **Melissa** & **Benjamin**.

**Curt Joseph**, b Dec. 11, 1957; m **Sharon Witgen**, dau of **David** & **Rita (Thelen) Witgen**, Apr. 30, 1983. Their children are **Tyler**, **Preston**, and **Kendrick**.

**Therese Ann**, b Jan. 15, 1960; m **Dale F. Koenigsknecht**, son of **Alfred** and **Anna Rose (Simon) Koenigsknecht**, Nov. 10, 1978. Their children are **Therese** and **Greg**.

**Mary Beth "Betsy,"** b Feb. 16, 1962; m **Tim Salisbury**, son of **Lloyd** and **Louise (Britten) Salisbury**, Oct. 24, 1987. Their children are **Whitney**, **Wesley**, and **Joscelyn**.

**Steve Joseph**, b Jan. 22, 1965; m **Kim Simon**, dau of **Ken** and **Pat (Trierweiler) Simon**, Aug. 10, 1991.

**Julie Kay**, b Nov. 9, 1967; m **Glenn Jandernoa**, son of **Richard** and **Dorothy (Pung) Jandernoa**, Dec 14, 1991.

As of this writing, the farthest away any of this family lives is 20 miles. That's really something in this day and age.