

517 Berkley Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
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Twinsburg Historical Society
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Dear Friends:

Would the Society care to have for its files the enclosed pages of information about my Frew ancestors who lived in Summit County during the years 1843-53? I realize that it would probably be of greater interest if the family had resided there for a longer period of time.

These sheets are pretty much as I arranged the material for the Michigan Genealogical Council's Centennial Families project last year, and it seems possible that something in it might help another researcher in the future.

May I ask if your records contain any references to the surname Frew (also seen as Frew and Frue)? Although I've worked hard on this family line, I believe there should be more information about them in church or court records or from other sources that have escaped my attention.

Sending best wishes.

Sincerely,

Norma Harger

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(Mrs. Harold Harger)

LIST OF NAMES APPEARING IN FREW/FRUE FAMILY MATERIAL

Badgley, Herbert	McBride, Iva
Brabon, Lula	McBride, Leon
Brewer, Susan Louise	McBride, Robert
Calkins, Clarence Blowers	McBride, Russell
Chambers, Mary Ann	McBride, William
Dillenback, Serepta Eliza	Moore, Mrs. Mona (Perkins)
Dunwell, Mrs. Flora (Dunton)	Mudget, Fannie
Dunwell, Maud M.	Mudget, O. K.
Edgell, Catherine C. "Katie"	Nelson, Solomon C.
Foot(e), Edmund B.	Norton, Horace
Foot(e), John	Pickett, E. W.
Frew/Frue, Abigail J.	Redman, Charles
Adelia L.	Seaver, Jennie Hannah
Alice S.	Smith, Jannett
Allen C.	Turner, John A.
Alva W.	
Amelia L.	
Annie A.	
Archie	
Mrs. Carrie E. (-----),	
wife of Ernest R.	
Corwin R.	
Edmund	
Ernest R.	
Ida Ellen	
Isabelle F.	
James	
Mrs. Jessie (-----),	
wife of Lee J.	
John	
Lee J.	
Lottie Jeannette	
Mary J.	
Minnie J.	
Robert R.	
Vere	
William	
William Jr.	
Graham, Mattie	
Henika, Frank H.	
Heydenberk, Daniel	
Heydenberk, Ernest Daniel	
Heydenberk, Frances Estella	
Heydenberk, Grant	
Heydenberk, Jessie	
Heydenberk, Mattie	
Heydenberk, Warren G.	
LaRue, Fred	
Lee, Lena Mae	
McBride, Carroll	
McBride, Clarence	
McBride, George	
McBride, Harley	
McBride, H. Fay	

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CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND JANNETT (SMITH) FRUE, or FREW - also, *Frue*

William born 1809/10 or 1814/15 in Scotland; died 6 or 13 Sept 1860 in Hopkins Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Jannett born 1810/11 or 1819/20 in Scotland; died 20 Sept 1863 in Hopkins Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Date of marriage not known. Emigrated from Scotland to the United States in 1843; resided in Summit County, Ohio, for ten years before settling in Allegan Co., Michigan.

1. James born 18 May 1836 (Civil War pension file shows 1833, cemetery inscription is 1834) in Ayrshire, Scotland; enlisted 20 Aug 1861 with Co. G 6th Reg't Mich. Infantry and served until 23 Aug 1864; married 4 March 1867 Mrs. Fannie (MUDGET) HEYDENBERK (b. 1838, d. 1 March 1928); died 21 November 1913 in Kalamazoo, Mich., buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins Twp., Allegan Co. Had an adopted son, Allen C. Frue, who was born 25 August 1870.
2. John born 1 January 1838 in Scotland; married Jennie H. SEAVER (b. 10 Jan 1838 or 1839, d. 21 April 1887 in Wayland, Mich., her second husband being E. W. PICKETT); died 7 July 1876, buried at West Elmwood Cemetery, Wayland. → "H" for "Harshah"
- X 3. Robert R. born 2 January 1840 or 1841 in Ayrshire, Scotland; married 1861/62 Serepta Eliza DILLENBACK (b. 7 Jan 1843 in Dickinson, Franklin Co., New York; d. 24 June 1921); died 29 December 1908, buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins Twp. *My great-grandfather*
4. William born 28 February 1843 in Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland; enlisted for three years on 20 Aug 1861 with Co. G 6th Reg't Mich. Infantry and re-enlisted 1 Feb 1864 at Port Hudson, Louisiana, when regiment was reorganized--mustered out 20 Aug 1865 at New Orleans, La.; married (1) 11 June 1866 in Allegan, Mich., Catherine C. "Katie" EDGELL (born c.1843, d. Sept 1873 in Hopkins Twp.), (2) Susan Louise BREWER (d. Apr 1876) and (3) 20 January 1878 Mrs. Flora J. (DUNTON) DUNWELL (b. 7 Sept 1843, d. 23 Jan 1927); died 18 August 1921 in Plainwell, Mich., buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins Twp. William and Catherine were parents of a son, Corwin R., b. 25 July 1868. William and Susan were parents of a daughter, Alice S., b. 30 March 1876.
5. Abigail J. born 28 July 1845 in Summit County, Ohio; married 1 January 1866 in Allegan, Mich., John FOOT (b. 23 Feb 1841, d. 11 March 1898); died 8 February 1890, buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins Twp. Had son Edmund B., born c.1868, and twin daughters born in 1870, Adelia L. and Amelia L.
6. Edmund born (date unknown) probably in Ohio; died at age 5 yrs in Hopkins Twp., Allegan Co.

Additional information about No. 2: John and Jennie's children were...

Isabelle F. born 1862; married John A. TURNER; died in 1925, bur. West Elmwood Cemetery, Wayland.

Annie A. born 19 Oct 1867; d. 22 Oct 1885, bur. West Elmwood Cem.

Mary J. born 7 Aug 1869; died in infancy(?).

Minnie J. - married Frank H. HENIKA.

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James Frew is a prosperous farmer residing on section 3, Hopkins Township, Allegan County. He is the son of William and Jennett (Smith) Frew, natives of Scotland. They emigrated to America in 1843, and resided in Summit County, Ohio, until their removal to Michigan, ten years later. The father had purchased land from the Government on section 9, Hopkins Township, which was then but little more than a wilderness. The nearest house was two miles distant, and their neighbors were principally Indians. Their humble home was built of logs, covered with shakes, and it was in this township that the youngest son died when five years of age. The family were in quite reduced circumstances in those early days, and at one time their provisions consisted of four quarters of venison, five bushels of potatoes, one bushel of cornmeal, one peck of salt, and ten cents in money.

Our subject and his brother John, when old enough to go out ^{and} to work, went to Grand River, and hired out at chopping wood in the pineries. The money earned in that way was sent home to their parents. The father made his home on that tract until his death, in 1860, and during that time cleared forty acres. Our subject's mother died in 1863, after having become the mother of the following named children: James, John, deceased; Robert, William, ^{My great-grandfather} Abigail and Edmund, the latter two deceased. Mr. and Mrs. William Frew were members of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, but after making America their home, joined the Christian Church. In politics, Mr. Frew was a Republican.

James Frew was born in Scotland, May 18, 1836, and was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the New World. He attended the district school until reaching his seventeenth year, and remained at home, aiding his father, until twenty-five years old. He enlisted, August 20, 1861, in Company G, Sixth Michigan Infantry, as a private. With his regiment, he went from Kalamazoo to Baltimore, from there to Fortress Monroe, then to Ship Island, and then to the mouth of the Mississippi River.

[Here are several lines detailing his Civil War experiences.]
...discharged August 23, 1864, at Kalamazoo, this State.

March 4, 1867, our subject, and Fannie, daughter of O. K. and Mary Ann (Chambers) Mudgett, natives of Canada, were married. Mrs. Frew had previously married Daniel Heydenberk. Her parents came to the States in 1842, settling in Vermont, whence they came to Michigan ten years later, and located in Cooper Township, Kalamazoo County. In 1854, they came to Dorr Township, Allegan County, and made their home on an uncultivated tract of land... [more information about the Mudgett family]

Mrs. Frew was born January 10, 1839, in Canada. She was married, September, 1854, to Mr. Heydenberk, who was a soldier in the Fourth Michigan Cavalry. He died at Nashville, Tenn. By that union, she became the mother of a daughter, Frances Estella. Mr. and Mrs. Frew have no children of their own, but have adopted a son, Allen C. Frew, who is now twenty-two years of age.

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Our subject is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Wayland, also of the Ancient Order of United Workmen... Mr. Frew is an Odd Fellow and a Patron of Industry. In politics he is a Republican. He has held the responsible office of Constable of his township and has also been Pathmaster.

Mr. Frew carries on general farming and his estate numbers eighty acres of excellent land, every inch of which is put to some good use.....

*Copied at the Mesika Library, Wayland,
Michigan - 31 Aug 1974.*

FRUE/FREW

8th Census, 1860; Michigan - Vol. 1, Allegan County

Hopkins:

p.446 #1493-1433	William Frow	50	M	Farmer	b.Scotland
	Jennet	49	F		"
	James	24	M	Farm laborer	"
	John	22	M	Teamster	"
	Robert	20	M		"
	William	18	M		"
	<u>Abigail</u>	16	F		<u>Ohio</u>

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10th Census, 1880; Michigan - Vol. 1, Allegan County

Hopkins Township:

p.11 #101-103

			<u>Born</u>	<u>Father</u> <u>Born</u>	<u>Mother</u> <u>Born</u>
Frue, Robert	39	(Farming)	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland
Eliza	36	Wife	N.Y.	N.Y.	N.Y.
Ida E.	17	Daughter	Mich.	Scotland	N.Y.
Lottie J.	13	Daughter	"	"	"
Ernest	11	Son	"	"	"
Alva	8	Son	"	"	"
Archie	3	Son	"	"	"

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Inscriptions at Maplewood (also called "Ohio Corners") Cemetery, Hopkins Township, Allegan County; located in a rural area north and east of Hopkins village.

William Frue/Died Sept 13, 1860/Aged 45 Yrs

Jannett Frue/Died Sept 20, 1863/Aged 43 Yrs

Robert R. Frue 1841-1908 and (same stone) Eliza S. His wife 1843-1921

NOTE: The petition for appointment of an administrator in the estate of William Frue has the date of death as 6 Sept 1860; however, the petition was not filed until 21 Dec 1861, by which time the petitioner may have been unsure of the death date.

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Miscellaneous information: In the 1850 Federal census for Twinsburg, Summit County, Ohio, 12-year-old John Frew was enumerated in the household of Solomon C. Nelson (p.743) and 10-year-old Robert Frew was living in the household of Horace Norton (p.754). The parents, William and Jannett, and their other children haven't been found in either Ohio or Michigan in the 1850 census.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT R. AND SEREPTA ELIZA (DILLENBACK) FRUE

Robert born 2 January 1840 or 1841 in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Serepta Eliza born 7 January 1843 in Dickinson, Franklin County, New York.

Married in 1861/62, lived in Hopkins Twp., Allegan Co., Mich.

1. Ida Ellen born 24 May 1863; married c.1885 George H. McBRIDE (b. 10 Oct 1862, d. 16 June 1941); resided in Hopkins Twp., Allegan Co.; died 27 June 1921. Their children were: H. Fay, Carrol, Harley, Robert, Clarence, Iva (married name BADGLEY), William, Leon and Russell.

My grand-mother

- X 2. Lottie Jeannette born 17 October 1866; married 19 February 1885 Ernest Daniel HEYDENBERK (b. 2 Oct 1864, d. 27 Oct 1935); died 5 September 1942; buried at East Elmwood Cemetery, Wayland, Mich.

3. Ernest R. born 3 April 1869; married Carrie E. (b. 29 Jan 1876, d. 30 July 1951); died 27 October 1926, Hopkins Twp., Allegan Co.

4. Alva W. born 8 September 1871; married Maud M. DUNWELL (b. 30 Dec 1873, d. 7 Feb 1942 in Wayland); died 19 May 1949 in Wayland, Mich., and is buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins Twp.

5. Archie born 1876/77; married Lula BRABON (b. 1880, d. 19, her second husband being Fred LaRue); died of tuberculosis as a young adult. Archie and Lula were parents of a son, Vere, b. 24 Apr 1902, and another son who died young.

6. Lee J. born 2 July 1880; married Jessie _____; died 194 in Cincinnati(?), Ohio.

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CHILDREN OF ERNEST DANIEL AND LOTTIE J. (FRUE) HEYDENBERK

Ernest Daniel born 2 Oct 1864 in Wayland village, Allegan Co.

Lottie J. born 17 Oct 1866 in Hopkins Township, Allegan Co.

Married 19 February 1885.

1. Warren G. born 4 May 1887 in Potter County, Dakota Territory; married (1) 19 February 1912 Lena Mae LEE (b. 6 Nov 1888) and (2) 1922 Mattie GRAHAM (b. 23 Sept 1884 in Akron, Mich., d. 26 March 1967 in Yakima, Wash.); died 25 December 1971 in Yakima, Washington.
2. Jessie born 20 January 1889 in Potter County, Dakota Territory; married 1917 Charles REDMAN; died 2 January 1945, Wayland Twp., Allegan Co., buried at East Elmwood Cemetery, Wayland.
3. Grant born 25 December 1890 in Potter Co., South Dakota; married 11 March 1950 Mrs. Mona PERKINS MOORE (b. 26 Feb 1913, d. 4 Dec 1971); died 28 April 1976, buried at East Elmwood Cemetery, Wayland.

My mother

- X 4. Mattie born 26 January 1894 at Hopkinsburg, Allegan Co., Mich.; married 25 July 1918 Clarence Blowers CALKINS (b. 26 July 1893, d. 24 Oct 1965); residents of Wayland, Mich.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Allegan

Circuit Court of said County, to wit:

I, James True do solemnly swear that it is bona fide my intention to become a **CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES**, and to renounce for ever all allegiance and fidelity to each and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly the Queen of Great Britain of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Allegan this 24th day of April A. D. 1860
N. C. Briggs Clerk.

James True

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Allegan

Circuit Court of said County, to wit:

I, Robert True do solemnly swear that it is bona fide my intention to become a **CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES**, and to renounce for ever all allegiance and fidelity to each and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly the Queen of Great Britain & Scotland of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Allegan this 6th day of December A. D. 1861,

John W. Stone Clerk.

Robert True