

Thursday, December 13, 1934

E. D. Barber made a Christmas present to the Ralph Townsend family, of a fine bed complete to take the place of the one destroyed in their fire Tuesday evening. The bed burned was the one occupied by Bud and Pete and had the fire been later in the evening these bright little boys might have been burned severely.

Little Raymond Lee Foote, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Foote, was badly injured by his father's truck Monday morning and was taken to Dr. McLaughlin's office where the xray revealed a badly fractured thigh. It was thought best to take him to the University Hospital as his recovery will doubtless be long and tedious.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gehman returned Monday evening from a two week's trip to Winona and Pueblo, Minn., where they visited Mrs. Gehman's daughter Mrs. Walter Ross and son Robert Wicksall. They were on their way home Sunday and as they neared Benton Harbor Mr. Gehman lost control of the car. He had been driving care-car were cut and bruised some but thinks the car began skidding as he was following a street car rail and it dashed across the street in the path of a car and the two cars came together with considerable force, though neither were driving fast. The occupants of the other car were cut and bruised some but no one seriously injured. Mrs. Gehman suffered a broken collar bone, and was taken to Mercy Hospital, Benton Harbor. Mr. German was able to drive his car from the scene of the wreck, and Monday afternoon proceeded on their homeward journey, thankful it was no worse, though Mrs. Gehman has been suffering much with her broken scapula.

Thursday, December 20, 1934

MRS. SARAH WRIGHT

Miss Sarah Mead was born in Lockport, New York, October 26th, 1851, and passed away in Vermontville, Michigan, December 14th, 1934, being aged at death 83 years, 1 month and 24 days.

As a young young girl she came with her parents to Adrian, Mich., where she became acquainted with her future life companion, and in 1869 she became the wife of William Wright and for 49 years she was his faithful devoted companion.

Four children were born to them, two of whom survive their mother

and are William Wright of Vermontville and Mrs. Esther Badgley of Grand Rapids.

Back in the Pioneer Days of this section this young couple came into the woods in the vicinity of Vermontville and cleared from the virgin forest the farm upon which they raised their family.

Strength failing because of advancing years they moved into Vermontville Village which became and has continued to be the home of the deceased for about 28 years. Her companion died in the summer of 1918.

Mrs. Cinderilla Mosier Came To Michigan in a Covered Wagon

Friends and relatives were congratulating Mrs. Cinderilla Mosier, Saturday, on her 90th birthday.

Cinderilla Hollister was born December 15, 1844 in Gustavis, Ohio. In 1861 she married Lyman Mosier. They were parents of one child, Lee, born in 1866.

They came to Michigan in 1870 in a covered wagon taking eight days to make the trip, and settled in Chester township, later moving to Vermontville. Their son died in 1919 and Mrs. Mosier's husband in 1921.

She and her daughter-in-law now live together. Mrs. Mosier is around the house every day. She has two grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She is a member of the W. R. C.

Sunday was Mr. Elmon Loveland's birthday and he was made happy with cards, letters and gifts and also calls from Mr. and Mrs. Ilo Ferris and visits with his children and grandchildren from Battle Creek, who were accompanied by Mr. Verne Gutchess, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ford and son, Jackie.

EARLY VERMONTVILLE HISTORY

Rutland, Vermont  
December 13, 1934

Mr. Vance F. Barber  
Vermontville, Michigan  
My dear Vance:

Last June I was appointed State Reconditioning Supervisor for the State of Vermont under the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and have been located here in Rutland since that time. A few weeks ago I gave a talk before the local Rotary Club and in the course of my remarks I mentioned the fact that I was born in Vermontville, Michigan. This talk was duly reported in the Rutland paper the next morning and included this statement. Today I happened to notice a letter written to the Herald a clipping of which I am enclosing. I understand there has been another article a-

hout Vermontville in the meantime which I have missed.

I presume that somewhere amongst the belongings of your family there is a copy of the history of Vermontville which I believe was written by your uncle Edward. I would appreciate it if you would loan me this book long enough to enable me to abstract some of the data as to the settlement of Vermontville from it so that I may look up some of the records at this end of the line. I assure you that if you will send me this book I will give it the best of care and will return it to you promptly. If I am successful in gathering any interesting information I will be glad to send that to you also.

With my best regards to yourself and to any of my old friends in the village I am,

Very truly yours,  
Mark A. Hammond  
State Reconditioning Supervisor  
106 Church St.  
Rutland, Vt.

Benson Folks Vermontville Pioneers

To the Editor of The Herald:— Several families went to Vermontville, Michigan, from Benson. Just when I cannot find but a letter in my possession written to Joseph Griswold is dated "Vermontville, March 20, 1849" and the contents would indicate that he had been settled there for some years.

I recall hearing my mother speak of "Uncle Roger Griswold" and his wife "Aunt Abigail" (Boscom), "Uncle Orrin Dickinson" and "Uncle Daniel Barber", all living in Vermontville, Mich. Roger and Daniel Griswold were brothers and Daniel Barber, I believe, was the father of Edward Barber the historian.

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Dickinson were married in 1865 and went to Vermontville on their wedding trip, visiting their relatives living there.

There must have been quite a Benson colony and I would like to

know if these families were among the twenty actual first settlers.

Florence B. Dickinson,  
Benson, Vt., Dec. 9, 1934.

- SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, 1-1300 S.
- East Ninth Ave.
- Ashland, Wis., 100-123 N.
- 100-123 S.
- East Tenth
- Portland, Oregon, 1-1815
- 1-1455 N.
- East Tenth Ave.
- Ashland, Wis., 100-723 S.
- East Eleventh
- Portland, Oregon, 1-1815
- 1-1455 N.
- Salt Lake City, Utah, 1-1300 S.
- East Twelfth
- Portland, Oregon, 1-1815
- 1-1455 N.
- Salt Lake City, Utah, 1-2000 S.