

Thursday, March 6, 1958

Eaton County Deaths

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, 87, died Thursday evening, Feb. 27, 1958 in a Nashville nursing home after a long illness. She had been a lifelong resident of Kalamo twp., and was a member of the Methodist church there and the O.E.S. She was born July 26, 1870, the daughter of John and Henrietta Dodgson. She was the widow of Henry Davis, a farmer, who died in 1942. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Peter Weyant of Kalamo twp.; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. William Vance of Nashville. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Pray funeral home. Burial was in the Kalamo cemetery.

Charles A. Lapo

LAKE ODESSA — Charles A. Lapo, 95, died at 8:30 a.m. today at his home here. He was a retired farm implement dealer and had held village and township offices. Mr. Lapo was born in Seneca County, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1862, the son of Jacob and Sarah Lapo, and with his parents came to Ionia County at the age of two. He was married to Nettie Bishop, Sept. 7, 1887. She died in 1954. About 1889 they moved to Woodbury, Mich., where he built the village's first business building and operated a general store. He was postmaster at Woodbury for eight years. In 1901 they moved to Lake Odessa where he built a business block. He was township clerk here for 32 years and also served as village clerk and city assessor. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John

(veda) Blickenstaff of Plymouth, Mrs. Dean (Opal) Dodge and Mrs. Aubrey (Hildred) Davis, both of Lake Odessa; one son, Claire of Lake Odessa; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Horace H. Babcock

NASHVILLE — Horace H. Babcock, an 81-year-old former mail messenger here, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at his home here, 129 S. Main st., after an extended illness. Mr. Babcock was born Sept. 18, 1876, in Hinckley, Ohio, son of Jay and Hellen (Oldes) Babcock. When he was 14, the family moved to Manistee, and on Sept. 27, 1905, he was married to Sarah Buchner in Benzonia. Later they lived in Elk Rapids, moving to Traverse City in 1920. In 1927, they came to live in Nashville. Mr. Babcock was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and the Modern Woodmen. Besides his wife, he is survived by five sons, Forrest of Nashville, Farrell of Lansing, Ivan of Spring Lake, Versile of Mason, and William of Alamogordo, N.M.; four brothers, George of Traverse City, Alto of Syracuse, Ind., Chester of Bear Lake and Walton of Roscommon; a sister, Mrs. Louis (Emily) Ludders of Burr Oak; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Area Obituaries

Mrs. Fred Austin

CHARLOTTE — Mrs. Dora E. Austin, 85, a lifelong resident of Benton Township and widow of Fred Austin, died Saturday afternoon in a convalescent home here. She had been long ill, and a patient in the home for three days. Mrs. Austin was born Sept. 20, 1872, in Benton Township, the daughter of Asa and Esther (Gardner) Goodrich. Her husband, Fred Austin, a farmer, died April 19, 1935. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Harry (Elizabeth) Larke, and a son, Jay, both of Benton Township; 4 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Pop.
1930.

211,251

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