

Okay. I've spent several hours over the past few days going through some stuff I've had sitting in a notebook -- from notes I took when I was downstate. I don't know what success you've had while in Calhoun County -- hopefully you saw the Russ Collier collection at the Willard Library, visited the courthouse in Marshall, and maybe was able to visit some of the cemeteries? Names have been coming back to me now that I've been getting into it again. According to the Collier collection, Jonathan and Margaret Carr Sprague settled onto acreage south of Battle Creek in Leroy Twp. @ 1836. The cabin site sat on what is now the old Benjamin Morgan home (still standing). When there was a need for a cemetery for the little settlement, Benjamin Morgan offered the site of what is now the Morgan Cemetery, which contains a huge Sprague monument and where Thomas and his two wives are buried as well as others. Hannah Sprague became the first teacher at the school which I believe is also still standing. The Collier collection said that Jonathan and Margaret came to Michigan with six sons and one daughter, although I have two daughters listed and I'm not sure where the second one came from. I don't know where Hannah was in the birth order and I don't know if Ruth even existed; I'll have to do further research on that.

The sons, in order, were: Philetus (b. 1802), Levi Carr (b. 1807), Argalus (b. 1809), Thomas (b. 1812), Vedder (b. 1815), and Caleb Mason (b. 1819). Several of these brothers moved off to Vermontville (Eaton County) and settled that area. Philetus was one of these brothers. I have the most information on his children: Calista Arletta (b. @ 1822), Oristus Gillespie (b. @ 1824), Reuben Percival (b. 1826), Emery Ferdinand (b. @ 1828), Pandora Addison (male) (b. 1829), Lydia Marilla (b. @ 1832), Cythesa Alrena (b. @ 1834), Elcina Emeline (b. @ 1836), Emma Cressa (unknown), Hannah Pamela (b. @ 1843).

Levi Carr moved to Vermontville. I have four children for him so far: Margrette (b. 1831); Henry M. (b. 1833); Betsey P. (unknown) and Mason C. (unknown).

Argalus moved to Vermontville. I know of at least two sons: Silas S. (died in the Battle of Spotsylvania in 1864 monument is in the Morgan Cemetery); and Jonas J., buried in the Morgan Cemetery.

Thomas, for some reason, did not follow his brothers to Vermontville. He continued to live in Leroy Twp. and died in 1879 in Kendall (Van Buren County). He is buried at Morgan Cemetery.

Vedder Sprague moved to Vermontville; I don't have any info on children yet.

My notes indicate that Caleb Mason and his wife moved to Augusta in Kalamazoo County; I have to follow up on that.

I will find out more as I work through more of my material. I realized that I have visited the courthouses in both Calhoun and Eaton Counties. I would love to show you (if you haven't seen) the Morgan Cemetery, the cemetery where Franc Canright's parents are buried, and the cemetery where Jonathan and Margaret are buried. But, my own next step will be to head for Vermontville and Eaton County cemeteries where I expect to find a large number of Spragues buried. I may do that in October if I can get away.

I have lots more to explore in my material upstairs, and I don't know if you're interested in the brothers, or only in our straight lineage. I will be happy to send you family pages when you're ready for them, as long as you realize that the sooner you want them, the more incomplete they are likely to be. I have found huge gaping holes in my research of info that needs to be followed up.