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A Message From Our Prezzz.....

Happy summer everyone!

Hope that you all fared well with the storms that we have been having this week.

As I sit here in my office today, I find myself reflecting back on the life of my grandfather, David Cullie Ansley, who passed away this past week at the ripe old age of 90. David was the son of William Ansley & his wife, Margaret Johnson of Crisp County, Georgia. Part of a long line of Ansley's going back to William Ansley of Monmouth County, New Jersey.

As a child I spent many hours at my grandfather's home. I have many pleasant memories of the time I spent there & the things that I learned from him - both good & (according to my mother) bad. These things bring a smile to my face. He was a good man, feared by many but those who loved him knew a side that those who crossed him didn't.

Thinking of these things has made me go back into his "file" in my software and see if I truly have recorded the events & stories that made him who he was. His marriage, his children, his service to his country, the hard work to survive and make his family grow & thrive in south Georgia, marrying at

15 to protect this person he loved, hours on the back porch with the grandkids & his guitar. Have I recorded the stories of his being kidnapped and driven across the state with my young father, the story of the man who broke into his house and got much more than he ever bargained for when he encountered my grandfather? Have I recorded the story of how in every photo of him & my grandmother he has his arm around her or is touching her in some way? Is there anything I am missing in recording my grandfather's life? I was the first grandchild so there was a bond there not often found with other grandchildren, have I recorded the memories of my time with him? Did I write down about his continually reminding poor Mark that he (my grandfather) knew how to get to DEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEETROIT and if necessary would find his way here and take care of business if & when Mark ever hurt me. And yes, that's how my grandfather said Detroit. Have to drag that "E" out -- brings a smile to both Mark & I's faces just remembering my grandfather telling him that continually over the past 30+ years. But oh how he loved his Annie (my grandmother) and their grandkids. How he missed both of his sons, both dying at the age of 32, tragically, each in accidents. How he missed his boys! Oh how I'll miss him!

There's a reunion going on in heaven,

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Granny, grandpa, dad & uncle Lynwood - and I know Johnny Cash was invited in for some pickin' & grinnin'. Break out the guitars boys - David's home!

Obituaries



David Cullie Ansley

grandfather of our president, Karen Krugman, submitted to our newsletter by Karen. In photo is David, wife Annie and son Clarence.

David Ansley, aged 90, passed away at a local nursing home on Thursday, June 5, 2008. Mr. Ansley was a native of Grady County, Georgia. He moved with his family to Florida in 1950. He was married to the former Annie Nix and they were the parents of three children, Clarence, Margaret & Lynwood.

Margaret survives. Mr. Ansley is also survived by grandchildren, Karen (Mark) Krugman, John Ansley, Sheila White, Darrel (Eileen) Anderson, Angela (Jason) McIlwaine, Joy (Ronnie) Hinkle, Lynwood (Christy-Rae) Ansley and Christena

(Ronnie) Myers. Also survived by great grandchildren Eric (Renee) Krugman, Amanda (Dave) Luotonen, R.J. Anderson, Ethan Anderson, Damen Myers, Stephanie Ansley, Jesse Ansley, James Ansley and MaryEllen Ansley. Also survived by great great grandchildren, Nick Krugman, Carter Krugman & Jonathon Luotonen.

There will be no services. Burial will be in Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell Florida where he will be laid to rest beside his wife of 68 years.

Memorial contributions to charity of your choice.



Eleanor Jacobs

August 26th, 1918 - February 11th, 2008

Mother of member Jerry Jacobs, submitted to our newsletter by Jerry

Eleanor Jacobs, 89, of Huntington Woods, MI, passed away February 11, 2008 in West Bloomfield, MI. Eleanor was born August 26, 1918 in New York City, NY. She was the daughter of Henry Vanek and Wilhelmina Gasko. Before 1920, she relocated with her parents to Detroit, MI and except for a short time during World War II; she spent her life in the metro Detroit area, including 62 years in Huntington Woods. After graduation from Cass Technical High School, she worked as a dressmaker for

Himelhoch's and during WWII she worked on the Norden bombsite at Burrough's in Plymouth, MI. On August 3, 1940, she married Roy Jacobs in Detroit. Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, Joseph Pozojevits (Posey), a sister Olga in 1976, and her husband Roy in January 2007. At the time of his death, they had been married for 66 years. She is survived by a son, Jerry (Laura), a daughter, Judy Simcina, four grandchildren, Jill Jacobs, Joy Jacobs, Todd Simcina and Katelyn Simcina, and her fourth sheltie, Kelly.

Eleanor was an outstanding seamstress and created many dresses and other outfits from scratch for herself and her family. She was a great cook, creative gardener and as a younger adult, she was a talented oil painter. With her husband, Roy, she thoroughly enjoyed ballroom dancing and belonged to many dance clubs, most recently, the Cotillion Club of Beverly Hills.

Also, with her husband and family, she spent over 40 years enjoying swimming, riding her water bike, entertaining family and friends, and spending time at their family cottage on Portage Lake near Pinckney.

Memorials: Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St., Suite 705, San Francisco, CA 94102

Cemetery: Roseland Park Cemetery
29001 Woodward Ave.
Berkley, MI 48072

Visitations: 2:00PM to 9:00PM on Thursday, February 14th, 2008 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home - Royal Oak 10:00AM to 11:00AM on Friday, February 15th, 2008 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home - Royal Oak



William Bledsoe

father of member Sharon Bledsoe submitted to our newsletter by Sharon

William Bledsoe was born and raised in the Eagle Creek area of Benton Co., Tennessee. He is the son of Eddie Lee Bledsoe and Lela Henry. He was born 3 October 1915. He was the oldest of four children. His siblings were Barnie Lester deceased, Mary Lois Lowry of Camden, TN and Billie Lee of Warren, Michigan. He died at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Michigan on 5 March 2008.

William Bledsoe descends from two prominent families in the Eagle Creek area of Benton Co., TN. His mother was the daughter of William Archie Henry and Mary Almedia Woods. William Archie was the 8th child of William "Billy" Henry and Melissa Allison/Ellison. Billy Henry was the son of Enoch Henry and Jane Massey who moved to Benton County, TN around 1830. Enoch was born in TN and Jane Massey was born in North Carolina.

William Bledsoe's father, Eddie Lee Bledsoe was the son of James Barney Bledsoe and Sally Morris. The Bledsoe family arrived in this country in 1600's with

George Bledsoe from England. George settled in Virginia but Eddie's line moved to Wake Co., NC and then on to Dickson Co., TN in the mid 1800's. Several of Eddie Bledsoe's grandfather, James T. Bledsoe's children moved to the Eagle Creek area of Benton Co., TN in the later part of the 1800's. James T. Bledsoe's fourth child James Barney married Sally Morris in Humphries County, TN and then moved to Eagle Creek area in Benton Co, TN with his other siblings.

Sally Morris's mother, Sally Baugus was the child of Peter Baugus and Nancy. Sallie Baugus first married H. Anderson Morris and after his death married James Morrison. After James Morrison died Sallie moved to Eagle Creek Area of Benton Co., TN. Most of her children moved there with her but some stayed in Humphrey and Perry Co., TN.

William Bledsoe lived in Benton Co., TN until he joined the U. S. Army during WWII. He returned from the war and married Margaret L. Love on 18 Jan 1946 in Corinth, Mississippi. They were married for 58 years when Margaret died in 2004. He spent most of his adult life in Dearborn, Michigan before moving back to his birthplace in Camden, Tennessee. In the late 1990's he and his wife moved back to Michigan to be near their children and grandchildren. He lived in Plymouth Twp., Michigan when he died

William and Margaret have two children Sharon M. Bledsoe of Dearborn, Michigan and Michael A. Bledsoe of Northville Twp., Michigan. His grandchildren are Star Bledsoe (Matthew Maples) of Redford Twp., Michigan and Courtney Bledsoe of Plymouth, Michigan. His great grandchild is Kieran Bledsoe of Redford Twp., Michigan. Buster also leaves quite a few nieces and nephews.

Buster worked as a die setter for American Metal Products which later became Lear Sigler, Inc. for over 30 years. He was a member of Chalk Level Baptist Church in Camden, Tennessee. He was a life time member of the VFW.

On October 14, 2007, William Bledsoe received the Meritorious Service Award for his military service during World War II from the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the service of his great uncle William M. Baugus in Company B 24th Tennessee "Maney's Light Artillery, CSA

From a book Wayne County Historical and Pioneer Society. **"Chronography or Notable Events in the History of the Northwest Territory And Wayne County"** 1890.

Townships Continued: from our newsletter Vol 1 1st quarter 2006:

Grosse Point

Prior to the cession of the northwest by the English to the United States most of the inhabitants were the descendants of those who came with Cadillac in 1701, and French. The names of many of their descendants are familiar, viz.: Beaufait, Morain, Vermices, Troubles, St. Antoine, Rivards, Guoins, whose ancestors took land, improved it prior to 1796, in which year Rufus M. Kerby bought from Mr. Donaldson 120 acres of land paying therefor 120 [pounds]. He also bought a negro named "Pompey," for which he paid fifty pounds. After Kerby, came the Grants, Martins, Conners from the eastern states and bought farms.

It is related that one of the Grants was a retired naval officer. He built a large house

which was called the Castle. He made himself somewhat unpopular with his workpeople and neighbors by his arrogant and arbitrary manner, so much so that he was compelled to leave, as the community made it unpleasant for him, and he sold his property to the Morans. Pierre St. George, an old pioneer and settler, lived to be 102 years of age.

Grosse Point was not separated from Hamtramack until 1846, when George Moran was elected supervisor, Robert Barton, clerk; Dagobert Juriff, treasurer; John Gouin, Jr., James Baiton, assessors, and John Gouin, Sr., George Githrie, Francis Van Antwerp, Frank Juriff and Daniel Corby, school inspectors; and George Martin, Justice of the Peace.

Hamtramck

Hamtramck, named after Colonel John Francis Hamtramck, was formed in 1827. No official records show who constituted it's first officers until 1833, when Peter Van Every was supervisor, and Elias Jeruck, clerk. The prominent residents of that day were, Dennison Rose, Jacques Campau, Abram Cook, Louis Beaufait, John Herly, Henry Vaches, Elias Jewett, Jacques Tuxbury, Michael Rivard, George La Purge, Wm. B. Smith, George Prusau, and Gilbert Duhen.

Huron

This township was first settled by Artemus Hosmer, Nathan Wilcox, Mathew Woods, Wm. Nowland, Simeon Dreun, Amos Howe, Samuel Wing, Abner Johnson, Timothy F. Wallace, A. Rawson, Geo. Hubbard and Adolphus Dalrymple, and was formally organized May 25, 1827, by the election of Prosper Lawrence, supervisor and justice of

the peace; Dr. John F. Smith, clerk; Warner Corkins, Chancy Morgan and George Jewett, assessors; Mason Clark and Henry Dutcher, highway commissioners.

At one time a portion of the Wyandotte tribe of Indians located in the eastern part of the township, and located 5,000 acres on both sides of the Huron river. They sold to the general government in 1843, and were removed west of the Mississippi river.

Livonia

Livonia was organized in 1835. The first settler was Daniel Blue, who came with his son Alexander in 1832 from Oneida county, N.Y., in the eastern part. Alexander McKinney came originally from Ireland in 1832, and settled first in Redford, then moved to Livonia subsequently. Then came Thomas Hammond and Reuben Morse from Steuben county, N.Y. Reuben Genss, Peter Melden, Geo. Ryders, Erastus Everett, Nathan Kingsley, Gilbert Martin and Solomon Lambert came in 1831. Those who immediately followed were, James Gunning, James Grace, N. Weston, Gabriel Dean, John Cahoon, Adolphus Brigham, Pardon Briggs and John G. Welch. The latter planted the most extensive apple orchards in Michigan, then or since. The first member of the State Legislature from Livonia was George Farrington, and the first justice of peace was Alexander Blue.

To be continued...

From "History of Detroit" 1780-1850
Financial and Commercial 1917 (Report of
Historiographer, Clarence M. Burton)

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New Buildings

June 9, 1849, "New buildings—it is a sure proof of the rapid growth of the city to see the large number of new brick blocks going

up in every part of the city. We notice that the large wooden building, corner of Woodward avenue and Atwater street, formerly occupied by John Thompson, is being removed to give place to a splendid five-story brick building."

John Owen was nominated for governor on the Whig ticket. He declined the nomination, but it was several weeks before the committee consented to receive his declination. Flavius J. Littlejohn was nominated in his place, September 21, 1849.

Three old wooden buildings opposite the Michigan Exchange were burned August 10, 1849

The Second Presbyterian church, on the corner of Wayne street and Lafayette avenue, was built during the summer of 1849.

It's time to plant your seeds, your plants, your bushes. It's time to trim the trees, bushes and plants. It's time to consider what needs to be sown in your genealogy and what needs to be trimmed so it is more clear and concise.

Happy

Summer

Everybody!

Tidbits for thought:

Don't forget to visit our web site to view our old and new newsletters.

Don't forget to visit our web site to see what our schedule has in store for you.

Don't forget to visit our web site to get directions to our building and how to find us in the building.

Remember to visit those graveyards of your ancestors. Say 'Hi, how ya doing?' to those who have gone before you.

Remember to add the new births, marriages and even deaths into your database.

Maybe take the time to add a bit more than just the dates and places for these events. Maybe add something about the people involved. Add some color.

Play with your grandchildren.

Play with your children.

Take your spouse out for a night on the town. Have a colorful time and add something about it to you in your database.

Check out the internet as there is always more things being added every day.

Wake up and smell the flowers before they wither and die.

Enjoy life, don't just live it.

Pull out the photo albums and revisit the past. You'll be surprised at the times you say 'I forgot all about that'.

Don't forget to visit and spend time with your parents and elderly relatives. You don't have to pick their brains for genealogy, just spend time with them. Create new memories while you still can.

Go on that diet you always plan to go on.

Treat yourself to that desert you love so much. Just not every day.

Play with your pets. Mention them in your notes and stories about you. Let your descendants know what kind of animal(s) you have and what they mean to you.

Love your children, grandchildren, brothers & sisters unconditionally.

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Looking Backward To Our Past