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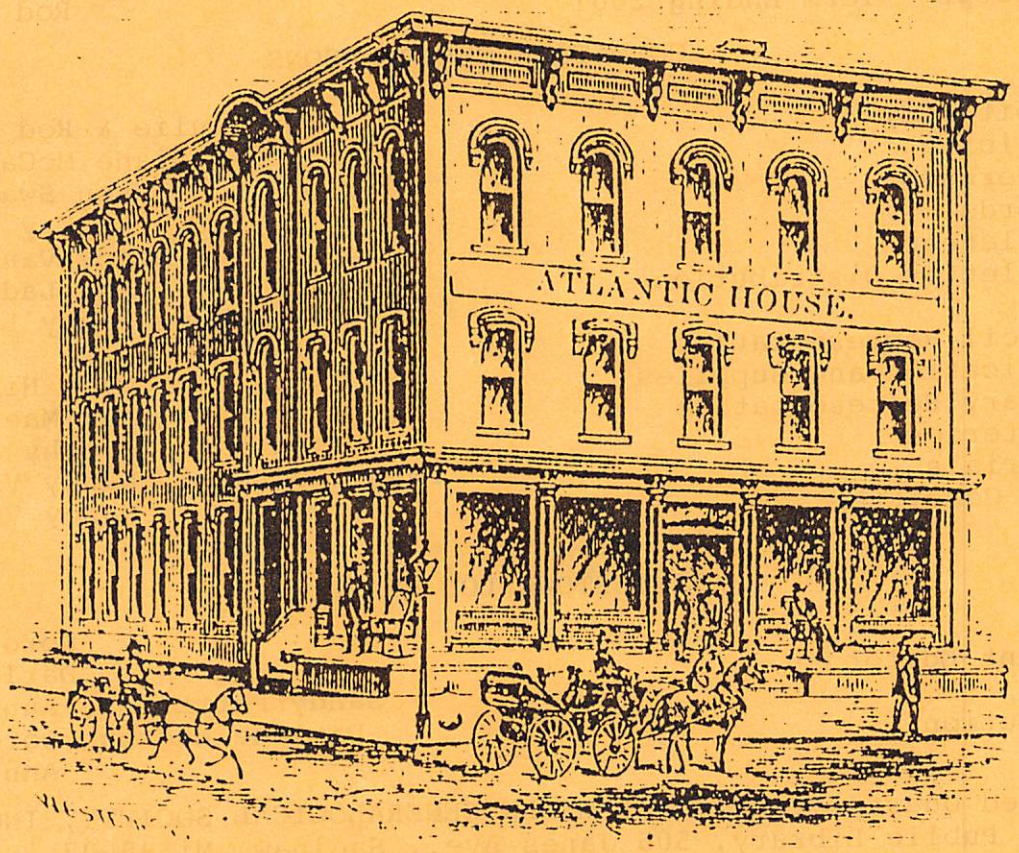

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SURNAMES AND DATES
by
Ann Ladebauche

Consider the following various spellings of the surname. I ran into this doing some research for a friend in Florida. Haven't heard if she is happy I found it or not. It seems the actual spelling of the surname is BYERLEIN. Some of the variations could be: Bierlein, Beierlein, Beyerlein, Byerlein, Beerline and many others, use your imagination!

In Volume 32, Page 6 of the Record of the Second Michigan Cavalry, Civil War, 1861-1865, the following was noted:

BEERLINE, MATHIAS. Enlisted in company A., Second Cavalry, Jan. 27, 1864, at East Saginaw, for 3 years, age 33. Mustered Feb. 3, 1864. Joined regiment at Cleveland, Tenn., April 18, 1864. Mustered out at Macon, Ga., Aug. 17, 1865. Died March 18, 1879. Buried at Saginaw, Michigan.

(Name is pronounced the same, but the difference in spelling lead to a lot of different variations searching death records, etc.)

AS RECORDED IN THE DEATH BOOK AT SAGINAW COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

MATHIAS BEYERLEIN
BOOK B, PAGE 16, # 317
DIED: APRIL 20, 1879
RESIDENCE, EAST SAGINAW
AGE 48
CAUSE OF DEATH: ACCIDENTAL DROWNING
BORN: GERMANY
RECORDED: MAY 24, 1880

In the Saginaw Morning Herald, East Saginaw, Tuesday, April 29, 1879, Page 1, the following article appeared:

FINDS A WATERY GRAVE

The body of man found floating in the river - recognized as that of Mathias Beierlein - He meets his death by drowning.

Just as the excitement caused by the discovery of the dead boy of Benjamin Young began to abate, are we called upon to chronicle the death of another human being under circumstances about as mysterious. About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as several young lads were playing about the dock in the rear of C. & E. TenEyck's shingle mill on Water street , where they usually go to enjoy the noon hour, they noticed a body of some

kind floating by in the river. They were not sure what it was, but immediately notified the Captain of the little fore-and-after, "Rival", of Bay City, which was lying at the dock, discharging a load of gravel. This gentleman immediately got hold of the body, which was then discovered to be that of a man. A rope was made fast to it, and then tied to the stern of the boat, where the body remained in the water until the arrival of Dr. B. B. Ross, Coroner, who was soon upon the scene. A jury was then impaneled, consisting of Messrs. George Crabbe, Rueben Fairchilds, Samuel Farmer, Ora B. Warner, H. Wilson and Tom Kenney, after which the body was taken from the water. It presented terrible spectacle, being covered from head to foot with a thick coating of mud , it being necessary to drench the body with several pails of water before the features of the face could be seen. The body was then taken to the morgue, on German Street, where it now lies. The corner's inquest was held at the office of Dr. Ross where evidence of the boys who found the body was taken, which was, in substance that they saw the body floating on the river at that point, and had notified the captain of the boat, who had made fast a line to it. After hearing this evidence the inquest was adjourned until today at 12:30 o'clock. An examination of the unfortunate man, he had clearly met his death by drowning, but as regards the manner in which he came to get into the water is as yet unknown. The body was clothed in a full suit of dark cashmere, had on two pairs of pants and three cotton shirts, two of which were stripped. On his feet were stripped woolen socks and a pair of low shoes that tied in front. The pants were held in place by a red sash around the waist. Nothing was found in the pockets but a cuff button and a broken tooth. An examination of the man's mouth revealed the fact that all of the inssor teeth were gone with the exception of one. The man is of dark complexion, with black hair, black chin whiskers and moustached, is five feet five and one-half inches in height and in life probably weighed about 150 pounds.

The man was at first recognized by several persons as that of a man named Joseph Fisher, who boards at the Farmers' Home on Genesee Street, but a short time after Mr. Louis Miller, the proprietor of that hotel viewed the remains and at once said that was not the man's name, as Mr. Fisher had been at the hotel yesterday morning. In the course of the afternoon the remains were viewed by Mr. John Loesch and several others, who at once pronounced them to be those of Mathias Beierlein. Mr. Loesch further recognized him by the clothes he wore, they having been given to him by himself about six months ago. The socks which the deceased had on had also been given to him by Mr. Loesch. Mr. George Beierlein who clerks at Woodruff's fruit stand, also recognized the remains as those of his father, though the absence of the hair made it rather difficult. There seems to be no question, however, but that the body found is that of Mr. Beierlein. Dr. James gave it as his opinion that the body had been in the water about ten or fourteen days, perhaps longer. The appearance and condition of the body proved that it had been in the water for some time, the storm of Sunday probably bringing it to the surface.

Mr. Beierlein leaves a wife and seven children, all of who reside in this city, their residence being at the corner of Lapeer and Fourteenth streets. He, however, has not lived with them for a number of years, as he was of a worthless character and would not be tolerated by them on account of his dissipated habits. He gained his living mainly by

doing chores for saloons, and whatever odd jobs he could get, having not settled home. He was last seen alive about two weeks ago, several parties remembering to have seen him about that time. The probabilities are that while in an intoxicated condition he had wandered to the docks and, falling off, had so met his death. The deceased, during the Civil War was a member of Company A, 2d Regiment of Michigan cavalry, being honorably discharged on the 17th of August, 1865. According to his discharge papers, he was in his 49th year at the time of his death. He has been a resident of this city for about 25 years. His father is now living in this city, and is now at the ripe old age of 89 years. The inquest will be resumed to day.

There also appears in the Saginaw Herald Weekly on May 1, 1879 Thursday, East Saginaw, Page 1, the same article, word for word.

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THE END

The body of Mathias Beierlein, the unfortunate man found floating in the river was buried yesterday afternoon, the expenses being borne by the city. The body was attended to grave by members of the family, among who could be seen the aged father and mother of the deceased, the former being known to be 104 years of age.

The inquest was resumed yesterday afternoon at the office Dr. B. B.Ross, coroner. The first witness sworn was Mr. John Loesch, who testified substantially as was stated in the HERALD yesterday. The deceased was last seen alive by him on the evening of the 12th, between seven and eight o'clock, when he was in a sober condition. Dr. James in his examination gave it as his opinion that death was caused by drowning; no marks of violence were to be found. The father of the deceased stated that he had been missing for sometime and that diligent search had been made for him. He was satisfied that was his son. The identity of the body was fully established and the jury, after a short deliberation, gave a verdict of "accidental drowning".

If the City buried him, there is no headstone, but it would have been in the Brady Hill Cemetery Potter's Field as that was the city owned cemetery at the time, 1879. No record was found in the City Council Meeting Minutes around that time.

As far as I can see this is THE END.

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JURY ACQUITS ON BURGLARY CHARGE

William HINTZ Held not Guilty of Robbing Home of C W PORTER

Not Called on Stand in His Own Behalf

Testimony of Alleged Accomplice Only Evidence Against Him— Re-Arrested on Charge of Larceny

William HINTZ, who was placed on trial Monday afternoon in Judge Wm Glover GAGE'S court, charged with burglarizing the home of C W PORTER, Sheridan avenue, on the night of Feb 2, was acquitted yesterday afternoon, the jury being out only about one hour. Percy WALL, who pleaded guilty to his part in the burglary and who stated that HINTZ was his accomplice, was the only witness the people produced to connect HINTZ with the crime. The defense put one witness on the stand, a sister of the accused, who testified that he was at home on the evening the burglary was committed. The defense refrained from putting HINTZ on the stand.

HINTZ is the prisoner who created a sensation in the county jail some weeks ago by attempting to hang himself in his cell after he had set fire to the contents of his mattress. During the time he has been confined in the jail he has kept the sheriff and turnkey on the alert as they regard him as a very slippery fellow. He was much elated over the result of the trial and proposed to leave the court room at once but he was escorted back to jail. Officer JORDAN being on hand with a warrant charging him with larceny from a dwelling in the day time. The complaint on which the warrant was issued was made by Mrs Mary E BROOKER of 324 North Weadock avenue, who charged that HINTZ stole a gold watch worth $25 and $20 in money from her home in the day time on April 13, last.

Not Surprised at Warrant

HINTZ was not altogether surprised on being served with this warrant, but the despondency which led him to attempt to commit suicide had now given place to bravado. He was inclined to treat his second arrest as a joke and professed to believe that he would get bonds as soon as an opportunity was afforded and would get out of this affair as easily as the last one. Prosecuting Attorney PURCELL, who conducted the burglary prosecution, said last evening: "WALL was the only witness we had and the testimony of an accomplice seldom has great weight. We would have stood a better chance of conviction if HINTZ had taken the stand. The last case commenced against him is a strong one."

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On Friday representatives of the City Federation, W C T U, will make their annual visit to the poor farm. All who can go are requested to do so. The buss provided for the occasion will leave the south end at 1 o'clock and will stop at the corner of Fayette and Gratiot, and at the corner of Michigan and Genesee at the north end.

C E BRENNER returned from point Lookout yesterday. He says that the weather is fine and the bathing excellent. The store and hotel are now open. A S GEHL running the latter. The families of C E BRENNER, Wm H KIENKE, Theodore HUSS, Charles LEE, and Misses Edith and Lulu BROWN, all of Saginaw, are at the Point this season. This morning at 9 0'clock the boat will leave at the foot of Ames

street, and the families of Judge BEACH, George DEINDORFER and Chas A KHUEN will be among the passengers.

PERSONAL MOVEMENTS

W L SMITH is in Detroit on business

Theo W MYERS is in Owosso on business

Mrs Benton HANCHETT is home from Chicago

Walter A BAUM is visiting friends in Chicago

Carrie MONK of Ivy is visiting friends in the city

W H WALLACE of Bay Port is a guest at the Bancroft

Mrs Joseph K RICKEY is visiting in Clarinda Ia

Arthur LORANGER of Hammond, La is at the Bancroft

Miss Grayce MYERS is visiting friends in Ontario and Ohio

Mrs Robert BOYD departed for Higgins Lake yesterday

Gilbert M STARK and family left for Higgins Lake yesterday

R C MORLEY has returned from his visit at Higgins Lake

Mrs Gaertner G OWEN returned last evening from Charlevoix

Fred HELFRECHT of Sanilac is the guest of Saginaw friends

Mrs John M BROOKS is spending a few weeks at Spring Lake

Mrs A W LANCASHIRE and family left for Higgins Lake yesterday

Mrs Arthur BARNARD and Newell BARNARD leave today for Higgins Lake

Miss Minnie BLOCH of Freeland left for Flint on a three weeks' visit

Mrs A L BUTTON is visiting with Mrs W E ALLINGTON at Spring Lake

Miss Bessie BLACKMAR leaves on a trip to the St Louis exposition today

Fred L JOSLYN is home from Higgins Lake where he has been for several days

Mrs NOBLE of Detroit is visiting her mother, Mrs J H HADLEY, Genesee avenue

Miss Nell CUMMINGS of Durand is visiting her cousin, Miss Georgia TUCKER

Miss Bertha FALKENHAGEN has returned from a short visit with friends in Detroit

Mr and Mrs E R TUCKER and son, Robert, are visiting friends and relatives in Holly

Albert GUILL spent the Fourth at the cottage of his uncle, A C WHITE, at Tawas Beach

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KERBY—Mrs Kate KERBY, widow of the late Wm K KERBY, died at her home on Mackinaw street, at 11 o'clock Friday night, of paralysis. Her late illness was of several weeks' duration, and her health had been much impaired for the last two or three years.

The passing of Mrs KERBY removes one more of the unique characters whose memories will be associated with early days. Her maiden name was Kate RABBYT, and she was born in Monroe, Mich. She never enjoyed educational advantages to any great extent. She came to Saginaw in the early '50's and found employment in the old Webster house. She was a woman of unusual energy and much native ability. In 1857 she was united in marriage with the late W K KERBY. Soon after they engaged in the hotel business on North Hamilton street. In the early 60's they located in what is still known as the Kerby house. Here they built up a large business. Within a few years they built the brick building that occupies the corner of Hamilton and Cleveland streets. During the days when the lumbering business was at its height the Kerby house was headquarters for very many of those who made up the "Red Sash Brigade." Mrs KERBY was the real head of the business, and was better known to the patrons of the house than her husband was. She had business ability, and was not out of her element even with the class of people with whom she had to deal.

Beneath a rather rough exterior there was a generous, kind woman's heart. Many a woodman or riverman who fell ill had care at the Kerby house that was perhaps not surpassed by the city hospitals of later days. Mr KERBY died in 1885. A few years later Mrs KERBY disposed of the Kerby house, and the Taylor house being vacant she took it. This venture and some other losses proved her financial undoing. Soon after she went to the small farm where she died. She managed this herself much of the time, and as late as two years ago she frequently did what is commonly called man's work on the farm. She was upwards of 70 years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by one brother, James RABBYT, and two sisters, Mrs PITTINGER of Detroit, and Mrs M McGOWAN of Monroe.

Mrs PITTINGER has been with her during her last illness. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from SS. Peter and Paul'

This article seemed especially interesting because, if you are like me, the West Side was always thought of as the place where only the well-to-do lived. This article seems to disprove that theory.

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DEATH LURKS IN WRETCHED HOVLE

Poverty, Misery and Disease Rampant in Old "Barracks" on Cass Street

In Throes of Starvation, Weak From Lack of Necessities of Life, Occupants Victims to White Plague

When the people of Saginaw read of the reeking hovels of the poor in the great cities, where human beings eke out a precarious existence, they do not associate this idea of utter poverty and hopeless misery with "Saginaw the beautiful." Yet, probably neither New York nor Chicago, the slums of any American city, disclose more wretchedness, poverty, hopelessness or human misery, than the old weather beaten barracks on the south side of Cass street, between Michigan avenue and Hamilton.

Within a stone's throw of the palatial residences of two millionaires, surrounded by homes of wealth and luxury, in the very shadow of the church steeples, a reporter of The Courier-Herald yesterday, in company of Ensign UNDERWOOD of the Salvation Army, visited those horrible hovels, where the wolf of starvation makes his very lair, where the "white plague" is hovering over his doomed victims and the sheriff's office has left notice of coming eviction for rent that cannot be paid, since there is not even money there to buy the poorest food.

Death Stalks in Hovel

In a bare, front room on the lower floor lay a woman, a widow, aged with years and sorrow, and suffering. Evidently a victim of consumption, she cannot provide for her own three children and the four grandchildren. With them is a daughter-in-law, herself ill, who is unable to do much. They have resided here for a little more than a year. Their rent is long past due and if not paid from some quarter on Friday they will be cast out into the street if the law takes its course, for non-payment of rent.

Upstairs, in a garret that reeks with odors and whose stuffy air turns the visitor's stomach in even a five minute's stay, are an abandoned wife and five helpless children. The youngest, a boy of three, is dying of cholera-infantum and perhaps in a few days will be at rest in the Potter's Field. Another, a little girl of eight or nine years, is dying of consumption and her life also seems destined to soon go out. One by one the humble articles of household furniture have gone out to buy a little food and the junk left would probably not bring a dollar at a rummage sale.

Family Subject to Eviction

Here too, the rent is overdue and on Friday the poor mother expects to be shoved out into the street with her little ones "unless the good Lord helps us," said she. This woman was married 22 years ago has led a precarious existence, but now her husband has gone away and left her and his children. She draws $3 a month from the poor fund (for six persons.) She has brothers and sisters in Canada who would help her if she were there. If the children can be safely moved they would all no doubt be better off there, certainly better off than in the horrible hovel where they are dying.

To each suffering mother Ensign UNDERWOOD carried a few necessities and he saw that groceries were sent for their immediate needs. Saginaw has thousands of charitable people and those nearest these poor sufferers will, no doubt, carry them assistance when they read the story of their sufferings. Then, after their most immediate needs, food, clothing, shoes, fuel and medicines are supplied, there is opportunity for some form of permanent relief. While these are exceptional cases, others almost as bad frequently come to the notice of the army.

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DEXTER- The remains of the late Howard DEXTER arrived in the city yesterday noon from Forsythe, Fontana, and were taken to Deisler's undertaking rooms. He was one of Saginaw's most popular young men until a few years ago when he went west to work for the Northern Pacific railroad. Although he had been an engineer for only a comparatively short time, he was considered one of the best of the younger engineers of the road. Last Wednesday, he and Mr JENNESS, a friend, had been looking around Forsythe for lots to build on. They had returned to the railroad and Mr JENNESS had taken the train east. Mr DEXTER rode with him for a distance up the yard and then jumped off. He stumbled over a switch and fell on the tracks so that he was stunned. He must have lain there for some time, as he was just raising himself to his knees when train No 5, west bound, struck him. He was thrown some distance and killed instantly. The engineer on No 5 saw him as he was trying to pull himself off the tracks, but though he did all in his power he had not time to stop his train. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. and at 3 at the Church of the Holy Family. Rev Fr Prudhomme officiating. Burial in Calvary cemetery.

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Barrows Music Company

The manufacture of musical instruments in Saginaw is a very important industry, a large amount of capital being invested in it, and giving employment to several hundred skilled mechanics at good wages At 216 Tuscola street are located the premises occupied by the Barrows Music Co., manufacturers of the Waldo mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, guitars, harp guitars, banjoeaux, banjeaurines, banjeauilns, piccolo banjeaux, bass banjeaux and the Barrows music cabinets. The company controls the United States on its music cabinets, which are manufactured in plain and fancy figured woods. The instruments they manufacture have no superior on the market, and are endorsed by musicians for their beautiful quality of tone, carrying power, adjustment and beautiful finish.

The Waldo mandolin is the only one in the United States that is made with the "F" holes in the top or sounding board, same as a violin, and the Barrows Music Co have a construction patent on this mandolin, thus holding exclusive control of same. Owing to the peculiar construction of the top and the use of the violin "F" holes the tone produced is round, full and sympathetic, resembling greatly a fine violin. The mandocello is entirely original with the Barrows Music Co but they, realizing the necessity of having a relative instrument to the violoncello and large enough to support the tone vibration of heavy strings, have perfected and are the first to place uptown the market such an instrument. It is similar in shape to the mandolin, but about four times as large. Their banjeaux and guitars are in every way the equal of their mandolins, but the instruments are too well known by musicians in all parts of the world to require any further comment from us.

The premises occupied by the factory consist of three floors, with over 12,000 feet of floor space, and are equipped with the most modern machinery, tools, and appliances that genius could devise. The officers of the company are: J F BARROWS, president; J M H HOUGH, vice president; and Geo W BOSTWICK, secretary and treasurer. These gentlemen are men of enterprise and exceptional business ability. The business was founded in 1888 by Mr J F BARROWS, but in 1894 the present company was incorporated under the laws of the state. The business has steadily grown owing principally to the superiority of the instruments manufactured. Their catalogue comprises 32 pages and is beautifully illustrated.

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LUMBER DAYS HOME TO GIVE WAY TO HOSPITAL

Built of selected Saginaw valley timber and incorporating the knowledge and skill of the best lumbermen in the world, the William B MERSHON residence at Michigan and Houghton is a monument to Saginaw's onetime glory as lumber queen of the world.

As the result of the death of Mr MERSHON last summer, the two square blocks of property, containing the home, stables and gardens, have been sold to St Luke's Hospital association as the site for postwar construction of a new hospital.

In this impressive home, the late Mr MERSHON, sportsman and big businessman, arranged some of the most important business deals of the lumber and post-lumber era. Some transactions involved such nationally known products and organizations as Ivory soap and the great Phelps Dodge copper mining industry.

THE TRUE SPORTSMAN

Here, while handling one of Saginaw's great fortunes, Mr MERSHON found time to enjoy fine horses and hunting dogs, take great interest in gardening-particularly in growing rare vegetables-and to provide a haven for wild birds and small animals.

It was in 1893, when the Saginaw valley still produced the cream of the nation's lumber supply, that William B MERSHON, then a prominent young lumberman, decided to build for his bride a home that would combine the finest products of the Saginaw valley he loved. Architects advised him to use imported wood in finish some of the rooms, but he demanded that every piece of lumber come from Saginaw valley forests.

The men who worked for him at the William B MERSHON & Co mill in Carrollton (formerly MERSHON Station) decided they would make a gift of their best skill and efforts in the construction of the home for Mr MERSHON and his wife. Men skilled in selecting the best timber went out into the woods and chose the finest trees, directed the cutting of them and followed the logs through the mill, where the best-trained hands took special pains in turning out perfect lumber.

FINEST OAK, PINE, MAPLE

When the home was finished it stood as a monument to Saginaw's glory as lumber queen of the world. The finest oak ever cut--much of it from around Paines Station--and equally fine maple from the woodlands of the Tittabawassee went into the building. One entire room is finished in perfect birdseye maple. Grand Rapids furniture men, who were friends of the builder, made furniture in the exact pattern of the woodwork.

Every piece of lumber in the home's unusual stairway was prepared by hand. Spindles were handturned. Mr MERSHON's bedroom was finished in ivory, but the lumber was so fine that he never would permit the use of soap and water in cleaning it.

The home was the birthplace of three of Mr MERSHON's children, Marion MERSHON SAYER, who died in 1939. Lt Col William B MERSHON of Saginaw, now at Fort Riley Kansas and John M MERSHON, who is supervising camouflage work for Douglas Aircraft Corp in Santa Monica Calif. The oldest son, Edward L , was born before the house's completion.

ENTERTAINED LAVISHLY

The grounds originally covered about eight square blocks, extending back to Benjamin street, and including the present site of the Michigan Institution for the Blind.

The owner's charm and love of entertaining brought to the MERSHON home many notable persons, and none went away without saying he had been treated to the best food he ever had tasted. Wild fowl, fish and game from Mr MERSHON's hunting and fishing trips stocked the larder. The refrigerator was large enough for men to walk in, and often held a whole deer or side of beef. Mr MERSHON was an authority on the preparation of food, personally supervised the aging of meat, and until the time of his death prided himself on being able to tell to a day the "age" of a piece of beef.

And while the guests came to enjoy Mr MERSHON's company and hospitality they frequently left behind orders that kept his mill and factories running. Some left business knowledge that became stepping stones on the path to greater success for their host.

A COPPER MAGNATE

There was the Anaconda Copper Co official who talked of copper mining during his visits with Mr MERSHON in Saginaw and during their hunting and fishing trips.

Saginaw valley lumber production was on the decline. Mr MERSHON had established the Saginaw & Manistee mill at Williams Ariz and there was copper in Arizona. Through the knowledge he had acquired from the Anaconda official, Mr MERSHON selected valuable copper claims in Arizona and threatened competition for Phelps Dodge Corp and Calumet & Arizona Copper Co, the two big companies at that time operating in Arizona. He sold his claims to Calumet & Arizona, receiving stock in payments: became a director of the company and later chairman of the board. Eventually he arranged a merger of Calumet & Arizona with Phelps Dodge Corp, one of the present-day "big three" of the copper mining industry. The consolidation placed him on the board of directors of Phelps Dodge, a position he held until he resigned a few years ago because of ill health.

GAVE "IVORY" ITS START

Another interesting development that had its origin within the walls of the big house on Michigan avenue was the marketing of Ivory soap.

"I was a youngster the day Bob SCHULZ came and talked with my father about producing soap for Proctor & Gamble, but I had big ears for business deals and remember the details well," says Edward L MERSHON of Seattle Wash, son of the pioneer lumberman, who is visiting in Saginaw. "We called him "Uncle Bob" SCHULZ. He had discovered a soap that would float and he marketed it under the slogan "Duck Soap-It floats". He told my father that he had received an offer from two Cincinnati business men, Procter and Gamble, who had been trying unsuccessfully to produce a soap that would float. They had offered him what seemed an astronomical sum to produce soap for them. The main difficulty for SCHULZ was that he didn't have sufficient capital to provide shipping boxes for the first month, until he began receiving the profits. The W B MERSHON Co was the biggest box manufacturer in the world, and father said he would provide the boxes and SCHULZ should accept the Procter & Gamble offer. That was the start of Ivory soap."

In later years Mr MERSHON spent more and more time in his home, writing of his hunting trips and of Michigan wildlife. He always maintained the grounds as a bird sanctuary and until the last watched from his window the flocks of wild fowl that made regular visits to the yard. The house and grounds stand as one of the few remaining monuments of the days when Saginaw supplied the lumber for the world and the valley's forests were abundant with wild life.

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