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RESEARCH OF LOCAL FARMS AND FARMERS, LISTED IN THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, THEIR BACKGROUND AND LOCATION CONTINUES. GEORGE PEACH'S OAKWOOD FARM IS THIS ISSUE'S SUBJECT.

IT WAS THE EARLY 1850S WHEN CHARLES AND ANN (ANKAR) PEACH AND THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN CAME TO THE U.S. FROM ENGLAND; FOUR SONS, THREE DAUGHTERS. SON EDWARD WAS BORN IN THE U.S. THEY LIVED IN ANN ARBOR FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE SETTLING IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP.

JOSEPH, FIRST BORN, MARRIED ERMINA DODGE JANUARY 7, 1854, IN ANN ARBOR, AND IN OCTOBER, 1866 HE BUYS LAND IN SECTION 8 OF GREEN OAK. JOSEPH, DESCRIBED AS A GENERAL FARMER, AND ERMINA HAD EIGHT CHILDREN ALSO; TWO SONS, SIX DAUGHTERS. SON GEORGE WAS THE SIXTH CHILD.

JANUARY 23, 1886, GEORGE MARRIED ELLEN PEARSON FROM PUTNAM TOWNSHIP. GEORGE AND ELLEN WERE DAIRY AND POULTRY FARMERS ON 80 ACRES IN SECTION 15 AND THE ADJOINING 40 IN SECTION 22. OTHER PIECES THEY OWNED BROUGHT THE TOTAL ACREAGE, OAKWOOD FARM, TO 175. MUCH OF THIS WAS LATER MINED BY AMERICAN AGGREGATES AND IS NOW PART OF THE ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA. NINE CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM.

CHARLES AND ANN, JOSEPH AND ERMINA, GEORGE AND ELLEN ARE ALL RESTING IN GREEN OAK PLAINS CEMETERY ON MALTBY ROAD AS ARE SOME OF THEIR PROGENY. (COMPILED BY MARIEANNA BAIR FROM "EARLY LAND OWNERS AND SETTLERS" AND OBITUARIES BY MILTON CHARBONEAU; "YESTERYEARS OF GREEN OAK- 1830/1930" BY GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY; PLAINS CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION BY JOHN AND JANICE FIELD AND FROM LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENSUS RECORDS AND ATLASES. PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS 810/229-6402.)