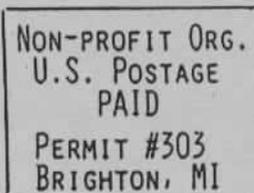


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#### THE DYKES RELOCATE TO GENOA TOWNSHIP FROM NEW YORK

Christmas Day, 1842, is when Joel H. Dykes was born to Joseph (b. 1807, Genoa, N.Y.) and Jane O'Neal (b. 1814, New Jersey) Dykes in Steuben County, N.Y. Joseph was a farmer, of German descent, and a shoemaker. Six of Joel's nine siblings survived to maturity.

A log cabin was their home in 1844, upon arriving in the Michigan wilderness. The 1850 census finds them on their farm in Genoa Township consisting of 80 acres in Section 26 and 80 in Section 25, on both sides of Bauer Road. Many homes and Mt. Brighton now occupy those hills.

Joel Dykes' education was obtained in log schoolhouses where students sat on log slabs supported by stick legs. The writing class prominently featured quill pens. (Probably more easily obtained than pencils - quills came from the feathers of their geese and ink could be made from walnut husks and/or berry juices.)

At 21 he was working for himself but the Civil War was raging so he left agricultural pursuits and enlisted in Co. A, 22nd Michigan Infantry, serving from January 6, 1861 through September 15, 1865. He fought in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, Kenesaw Mt., Georgia, battles and the Atlanta Campaign. Then to Murfreesboro, Tennessee through June, 1865, coming from Provost duty in Chattanooga just prior to that. Much of his time in Chattanooga was spent in the hospital combating measles. (His resulting poor health provided him a veteran's pension of \$6.00 per month.) He is included in the 1921 picture of living members of the local GAR.

After the war he bought out the other heirs in the home farm and returned to farming. Amelia Morgan of Dundee, Michigan, became his bride July 18, 1867. Four daughters came along - Lois who died at two years; Edna, who married Seth Jacobs (descendents still in the area); Etta, who married Irving Gilbert; and Ida, who married Edwin W. Towne. All of them local men.

In 1900 he sold the farm to Charles Bauer and, with Amelia, moved into Brighton; to the southeast corner of Washington and S. Second Street with Etta and Irving. Joel died November 8, 1931. The location of two year old daughter, Lois', burial has not been found. Joel, Amelia, the three younger daughters, their husbands and two grand children are laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery. His parents, and six siblings are buried in the Village Cemetery. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from 1891 Portrait and Biographical Album; Brighton Village Cemetery transcription of John and Janice Field; early atlases and census records; Fairview Cemetery transcriptions and obituaries compiled by Milton Charboneau. Additions/corrections invited. 810/229-6402.)