Several families by the name of Buck are recorded as having purchased land in Livingston County in the first half of the 19th century. All, of course, came from the east. Jasper and Rhoda (Hendricks) were in the Brighton Village area by 1841. Shortly after their arrival, their two oldest children, Willis, seven, and Philena, one, died in 1842. Rhoda's diary indicates the daughter was the 4th body buried in the Village Cemetery. This is difficult to confirm since early records would dictate otherwise. Abigail, born August 24, 1844, married William C. Lyon of Brighton Township. After Lyon's death March 3, 1909, she married Charles E. Placeway, a widower after Alma Casey, his deceased wife in 1904. February 8, 1911, Abigail and Charles are both buried in Calvary Cemetery beside their respective first spouses. Myron, who became a veterinary and followed his service as a bugler in the Civil War, was born in 1846. He died in Chicago January 14, 1929. Kingsley was born in 1848. Other than 1850 census records, and his inclusion in Jasper's will, no more information has been found. There is no mention of him in Abigail's obituaries nor in Jasper's two line obituary.

As a cooper, Jasper brought a valuable trade to the growing community; he made barrels and casks. Storage containers for food, water, grains, etc., were in short supply and much needed by the settlers. A cooper needed to be knowledgeable about tree species, the use of cutting and shaping tools and how to steam and bend the staves into useful containers. His shop is said to have been located on Deer Creek south of North Street. Following the opening of a large cooperage in Uenilda Township his small operation could not compete. Abigail's obituary recorded "Mr. Buck kept store in the Welcher building on the (SW) corner of Main Street and Grand River Road".

By the spring of 1850 the couple buys 140 acres in Section 13, SW 1/4 1/2; Section 14, SE 1/4; and Section 23, NE 1/4 in Hamburg Township to build a home and farm. Bordered by Winans Lake Road, the farm was located between Chilson and Hamburg Roads east of Winans Lake. Their daughter Ella was born in 1856. She married George Burgess and moved from the area.

The Bucks were sympathetic to the plight of a child for shortly after moving to the farm, Henry S. Fitch, a 14 year old orphan, came to live with them. (His father had died at sea on his way to California shortly before.) One can understand the Buck's willingness to take him in having lost the two little ones less than 10 years before.

Jasper, b. 1812, N.Y., d. December 1, 1887, and Rhoda, b. 1820, N.Y., d. January 1, 1900, both are interred in the Village Cemetery near their two children. After his death the land is willed to the Four remaining children. Presently one finds many pleasant homes in that area; homes of those anxious to raise their families in rural surroundings. (Compiled by Marianna Bair from Census records; Old Village Cemetery transcription by John S Janice Field and its Supplement researched by Bill Pleass: The Calvary Cemetery transcription and obituaries compiled by Milton Charbonneau. Additions/corrections welcomed. 810/229-8402.)