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**Early Roads in Genoa Township — Euler and Kellogg Roads**

In 1835, John Euler, Sr., sons Peter and John Jr., and nephew Jacob took up land in Sections 11 and 12 in Genoa Township. A year later sons Henry and Lawrence arrived from the east. All had immigrated to the United States in 1828 from Germany.

Euler Road, about 1-1/4 miles long, stretches from the Grand River Trail north to McClements, through Section 12.

In 1837, Lawrence Euler bought an acre of land from Thomas and Abigail Pinckney for \$10, at the south end of Euler Road on the south side of Grand River Trail. Here he built a log store and tavern, one of the first business ventures in the township, the Dutch Inn. He also built a frame barn nearby to stable travelers' horses and the team which drew freight wagons and stagecoaches. The log tavern burned in the 1880s and a two story frame store, with living quarters at the rear and upstairs, took its place. Not only could one pick up one's mail (for a time), groceries, water for your thirsty horse, the automobile radiator or yourself from the dipper in the bucket, there was usually a table for a game of cards. One could learn of a home-made remedy for whatever troubled you; bruises, boils, sprains, fever and even minor surgery to remove a sliver or to sew up cuts.

Many lonesome young women, remembering the warm, comfortable, well-stocked cupboards, and the many friends left behind in the east, walked for miles just to see other people and enjoy the excitement of the arrival of the stagecoach. The Dutch Grocery (Inn) had a variety of owners before burning, February 19, 1947.

Kellogg Road proceeds north from Grand River to M-59 in Oceola Township, four plus miles.

David and Eliza Kellogg, of whom both parents had been born in eastern states, arrived in Livingston County in the 1840s with three year-old daughter, Mary. They purchased 80 acres in Section 1 and 80 in Section 2, April 26, 1847, in Genoa Township. The 1859 plat map indicates their home in Section 1. By 1875, the rural Kellogg School, District Fr.#2, is located on the southwest corner of Kellogg and Golf Club Roads. As was often the case, it is probable the Kelloggs donated that corner for use as a school.

February 24, 1853, the Livingston County Agricultural Society was formed. This organization was "...for the encouragement and enhancement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanical arts." During the first fair, held in Brighton, October 6, 1853, prizes were given for field crops, cattle, horses, sheep, swine, poultry, butter, cheese, sugar and honey, etc. It can be assumed David Kellogg participated since he was a member in good standing. Five more children were born to David and Eliza.

In the mid 1950s the Free Press Fresh Air Camp was located on the east side of Kellogg Road, Section 11, followed by the Detroit Recreation Camp and later by the Chaldean Camp.

Both Kellogg and Euler Roads host a large variety of professional, financial, retail and commercial developments at their junction with Grand River.

With the advent of Rural Free Delivery (RFD), roads were named for local early residents for mail delivery.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: writings of Bill Pless; "Early Landowners..." by Milton Charboneau; plat maps and census records. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)