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**Many Others Who Have Been Here Since Early Days and Who Are in the “Fifty
Year Class” — Search Brings to Light Some Interesting Facts.**

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Search for names and data with reference to persons who have lived in Lansing during the fifty years that have elapsed since it became a city brings to light at this time (tomorrow, April 15, being the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of Lansing as a city) some interesting personages in point of years lived here as well as in point of age. The persons who have lived here longest are not the oldest persons in the city, and vice versa.

Fredrick Mortimer Cowles, 719 Washington ave n, lays claim to having lived in Lansing longer that any other person. He was 85 years old last February and has lived in Lansing 62 years and 4 days, although he has been here several times before he settled permanently April 10, 1847. He relates the he slept in a bard during the first fee weeks in Lansing and took his meals at the home of one Smith Tooker.

Not long afterward, however, perhaps a month, Mrs. Marian Turner, widow of James Turner, came here with her husband, and Mrs. John N. Bush, then Miss Eliza Powell, 18 years old came to take charge of the first school in Lansing. Mrs. Turner came with here husband from Mason, and relates that it took all day to make the trip by wagon through

the mud. They moved into a hurriedly built slab house on Turner st just north of where the Lansing brewery now stands.



Mrs. Marian Turner

In the fall of 1847 came John N. Bush from “down east.” He came to join his father a contractor, who held {had} taken to build the Franklin House. Mr. Bush has had an interesting career and more detailed story of his life in Lansing appears on another page.

The same year Joseph E. Warner came to Lansing. He served as mayor of the city in 1878, was elected a member of the city council and has been city clerk.

William M. Jones, 1903 High st n, proprietor of a cider mill in the north part of the city, is said to have come to Lansing about 1848, having arrived here before the capitol building was erected.

Mrs. Sarah T. Merrifield, 301 Seymour st, came to Lansing in 1848 and in Oct., 1848, Mrs. Electa Cook, Franklin ave e, a sister of Steven Morehouse came. Among the persons now living who came in the 1848 settlement was H.R. Pratt, 318 Townsend st.

Elbridge Dryer was born in White Oak township, Ingham county, in 1841 and while he did not become a resident of Lansing proper until many years later, he is one of the oldest inhabitants of this section of the state.

Daniel Mavis, 5287 Lapeer st n, who formerly owned the old Half Way house which stood midway between Middle Town and North Town, as Lansing and North Lansing, respectively were dubbed, is among the earliest settlers of Lansing, having settled here in the summer of 1847.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley, 414 Washington ave s, came in 1849.

William Hinman, city assessor, was born here in 1849, ten years before the incorporation of the city, and has lived here ever since.

Miss Lizzie Cowles, daughter of F.M. Cowles, was born here before the city was incorporated.

Among the most interesting of Lansing's pioneers is the Rev. William H. Haze, who although he did not come to Lansing until 1857, is now 93 years old. Last week he walked three blocks to vote at the city election. He was one of the early physicians of Lansing, was mayor in 1866, alderman in 1858, United States revenue collector 1870-71, member of the legislature in 1859. Although his site is gone he shaves himself with an ordinary razor. His mind is quite clear, his recollection good and his remembrance of voices peculiarly acute.

Among the arrivals in Lansing in 1853 was John I. Carpenter, attorney, who so far as is definitely known, is the only person left of the arrivals of that year. The following year saw the arrival of Henry A. Woodworth, shoe merchant, now 72 years old. Mrs. Woodworth, too among the list of persons who have been here 50 years. The same year came also Mrs. Harriet Longyear, widow of J. W. Longyear and sister of Mrs. Marian Turner, arriver John Robson, one of the proprietors of a carpet on Washington ave n,

arrived that year, also Charles H. Mead, of Mead Storage Co., Mrs. E.A. Cline, 2210 East st n, and Mrs. E. Hunt, 333 Chestnut st n.

In 1855 G.H. Ziegler, Christopher Ziegler and Fredrick Ziegler, brothers, came here from Ann Arbor. The same year Thomas Ellis, 113 Washtenaw st e, and Seymour Foster, postmaster came the latter hailing from Scio, Washtenaw county. Mrs. Foster, wife of the postmaster, came here in 1856.

Among others who have been here 50 years are , Alexander Wolcott, Franklin ave e, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Baker, 118 Shiawassee st e, (1849); Mrs. Joseph E. Warner, Judge R.C. Ostrander, (1858); S.L. Kilbourne, attorney; Harley Ingersol, Mead Storage Co., (1856); Edward Tooker, accountant, (born here); Charles L. Sattler, 914 Washington ave n; Allen Shattuck, Mrs. I.E. Hamilton, Mr. And Mrs. James Johns, Cedar and Kalamazoo sts, (1857); Mr. And Mrs. R.A. Bailey, 1717 Michigan ave e, (1857); Willard King (settled in Eagle township in 1847, moved away later), Mrs. S.G. Scofield, 902 Cedar st n, (1854) Mr. And Mrs. Edmund Parmlee, 1207 Chestnut st n, Mrs. Alfred Bixby, Seymour and Franklin sts, Mr. And Mrs. Hart Farrand (1857); John Broad, 424 Cedar st n, (1859); Stephen Morehouse (1859); Mrs. Patience Dorr, 809 Main st w, (1855); Henry Lovejoy, Mrs. E.H. Porter (1859); E.O. Kelley, 311 Washtenaw st w, Mr. And Mrs. James Hilliard, 614 Chestnut st s, (1857); Chas. J. Saier, 610 Hillsdale st w, (1854) Mrs. Nancy Daman, matron Lansing Industrial Aid Society; Mrs. Samantha Newbrough, 627 Ottawa w; Eben W. Dart, 320 Walnut n, Myron Green, 421 Capitol ave s; Mrs. Mary Case, 621 Washtenaw st w, Miss Kitty Briggs, Hazel st (1848); Mrs. Nancy Carr, 228 Sycamore st; Miss Francis Oatley, 228 Sycamore st; Miss Francis Oatley, 228 Sycamore st s (1850) John Oatley, 123 Sparrow ave (1851).

Mrs. N.O. Dane, 520 Seymour st (1857); Mrs. Mary A. Beale, 213 Kerr st (1856); John D. Kimmick (1858)' Mrs. D.B. Moon (1856); Mrs. Catherine Clark (1858); Mrs. F.D. Carnahan, 121 Shiawassee st e, (1858); A.A. Wilbur, 733 Seymour st; C.H. Norton, 314 1-2 Franklin ave e (1854); Mrs. Precilla Turner, 1225 St Joseph st w (1856); John Saier, 527 Pine st s 1857); M.J. Buck, 301 Walnut st n (1854); Mrs. James H. Baker (settled

within two miles of Lansing in the spring of 1840); George J. Cheney, 112 Hazel st e, (1856); Miss Kate Foster, 200 Kerr st e (1856); Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Fuller, sexton Mt. Hope cemetery, 91858); Robert G. Foster, 200 Kerr st s (1854); John A. Carr, 329 Pine st n (1856); J Frank Strong, 111 Willow st w (1857); Elizabeth Ziegler, 933 Capital ave n (1857); Mr. And Mrs. I.H. Burdick, 609 Chestnut st n (1849); Mrs. Maria A. Sanford, 308 Walnut st n (1849); J.M. Rice. 312 Larch st n (1859); William J. Foster (1853); Mrs. J. Baker (1849); Joseph Schneeberger, 1907 High st; S.B. Scammon, George W. Scammon, Willie Shaw, 1602 Washington ave s; Phillip Englehart, 212 Baker st; Mrs. Wilson Moore, V.J. Rork (18??); A.F. Boyce.

Denison Longyear, 503 Capitol ave n (born here 54 years ago); Horton Longyear, 406 Ottawa st w (born here 52 years ago)