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PRESENTATION**

What's In A Name? . . .

- William Shakespeare uses this line in Romeo & Juliet to convey that the naming of things is irrelevant
 - *“What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet.”* - Juliet
- The chapter name is what piqued my interest and enticed me to come to a chapter meeting
- Distinct name – ties us to the history of Clarkston
- Provides us with a purpose and unique opportunities

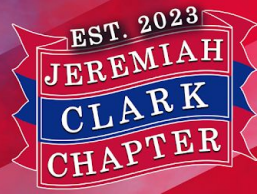
A Story Shared – A Chapter Formed

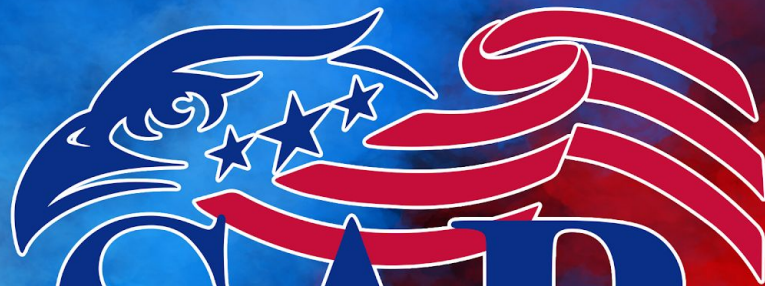
- Our chapter name was influenced by the Clark family story Charlotte Cooper presented during our chapter meeting in December 2022
- Many thanks to Charlotte for inspiring our chapter name and her family for their support in our founding and future success



My Name Is Grant And I'm Addicted To Genealogy

- Compiled hundreds of family trees
- Specialize in reverse genealogy – Past to Present - Find living people
- My family tree has over 10,000 “Goulet” descendants
- When I heard about the Clark Family history and the naming of the chapter an idea sparked
- How hard would it be to build a family tree of Clark descendants?





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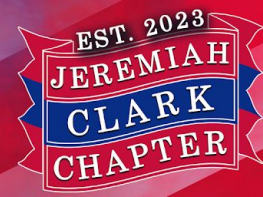
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CLARK FAMILY

LEGACY PROJECT

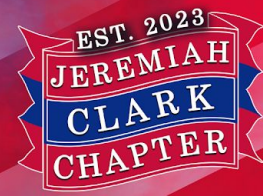
The Clarks

- Jeremiah Clark & his wife, Sarah Millington had 14 children
- Some stayed in New York, and some moved to Michigan
- Two sons: Jeremiah Jr and Nelson did the most to improve the township – sawmill, gristmill, fish hatchery, general store, planted first apple trees, acted as postmasters and were active in local politics – Clarkston named after them



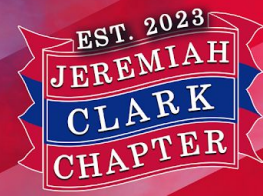
Clark Family Research

- 12 of 14 children lived to be adults
- Able to identify descendants for 8 out of the 12
- 1,479 descendants identified
- Tree compiled on Ancestry.com
- Separate spreadsheet with detailed notes
- Approximately 400 hours of research completed



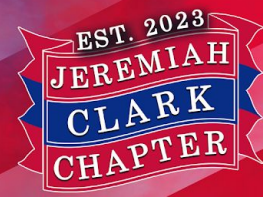
Finding The Living Descendants

- Social media profiles
- U.S. public record system – Addresses / Phone numbers
- FamilyTreeNow.com – Surprise! Shows where you lived and who your family members are



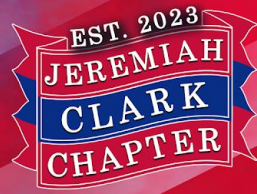
Clark Family Descendants

- 742 living descendants:
 - 237 – With Facebook profiles and addresses
 - 203 – With just addresses
 - 89 – With just Facebook profiles
 - 529 total possible descendants can be reached
 - Behind each descendant are 2X – 4X more people



Clark Family Legacy Project Plans

- The Clark family tree is hosted on the Jeremiah Clark Chapter website – Includes all sources
- Contact living descendants
 - Message through Facebook
 - Send postcards
- Reaching a thousand people is the goal
- All possible to join SAR / DAR



Clark Family Legacy Grand Plan

- July 2026 – 250th Anniversary – Work with DAR and city of Clarkston to plan a big event to celebrate the Clark family – Try and invite as many living descendants as possible





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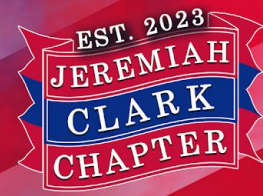
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MORE THING

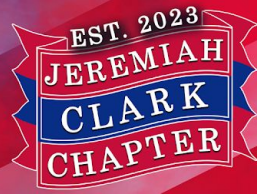
Patriots of Oakland County

- Many years of research by DAR chapters - specifically Lillian Drake Avery and Barbara Frye
- Dave Decker shared this research with me
- Was asked to make material for Constitution Week



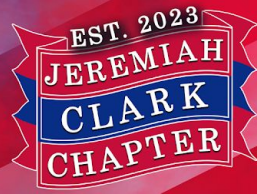
A Happy Accident

- Wanted to make something attractive but struggled due to the amount of information
- After a simple approach a light bulb went off
- One of my favorite pieces of artwork



Patriots Of Oakland County Poster

- In the spirit of America 250 we are sharing the artwork with both DAR chapters
- Honor our patriots and provide something that can be proudly displayed
- Two size posters: 48” x 36” and 24” x 18”
- Generate revenue



Thank You For Having Us

Jeremiah Clark Chapter Officers

President / State Trustee - Dave Suzor
Vice President - Mick Packard
Treasurer - Dave Walls
Secretary / Genealogist - Mike Packard
Registrar / Genealogist - Ken Loudy
Public Relations - Grant Goulet
Historian - David Decker

