

*Stanly Williams on Man Road*

Mr. Kenneth Williams, 15881 Dryden Road, Allenton, MI 48002, brought in a picture of the East Berlin Methodist Church, which was located on Miller Road about one mile south of Burt Road on the west side of the road. It was moved with 1 or 2 horses and winched in on log rollers. The stones from the foundation of the church are still there on Miller Road where it came from. He can't remember it being moved, but it sat on logs for some time and they put it on the foundation in the 30's.

He lived with Annie Cawthorne when he was about 10 years old. Her parents staked a claim in Michigan the day Lincoln was made president. She remembered watching the Indians run by chasing deer. There is an Indian cemetery on Belle River Road where the new house was built. They put little stones around every grave. There are stones underneath the driveway to that house. Another cemetery was at Pound Hill. His grandfather was born in Riley Township and hauled the mail and freight. He lived in Memphis. Someone from the Memphis State Bank came out and shot himself on Masters Road. The Emmett bank never closed except for one day.

There is another Indian cemetery in Berlin Township about 40 rods (660 ft.) west of Miller Road. On Masters Road just west of the woods behind Annie Cawthorne's house there used to be a beautiful log cabin. Dobbyn's had a picture of this church - the original post card, but can't find it. Their dad was a preacher there and his grandfather was on the Board of Directors. Someone sent the postcard to his mother and wrote on the back of it and he got it from his mother awhile ago. Hannon said it was moved as the Riley Center Community Group and they had dances, potluck dinners etc. here. The Township used is as the Township Hall, but it wasn't official until the Township bought it for \$1 about 12 years ago. They donated it to the Township and whoever is left of the original group has free use of the hall. Until about ten years ago, there used to be a potluck dinner all day on election day. It was a major social event.

There were two schools in Riley Center - one was just south of Spencers and one was Spencers and they argued which school would be used. They finally used Spencers. Story had a water well there for years (at the school they didn't use).

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