

THE ROAT FAMILY
of New York and Michigan

Martin Roat
(1732/1734-1816)

Frederick Roat
(1774-1858)

Levi Roat
(1812-1878)

Levi Havilla Roat
(1858-1941)

Jesse Levi Roat
(1879-1960)

MARTIN ROAT

The first member of “our” Roat family to come to America was Martin Roat. Martin was born in Germany about 1732-1734. At this time, nothing is known of Martin’s parents, or his exact birth date and birthplace. His family name in Germany may have been Roth (pronounced “Roat” in German). The old church records in Montgomery, New York, have it spelled Roth, Rood, Raad, Rapp, and even Rok.

We do not know when Martin Roat came to America, but by 1758 he was a resident of Ulster County in New York. On 8 April 1758, Martin enlisted in the New York Provincial Troops. He was 26 years old and his occupation was given as “Miller.” Two years later he reenlisted. His age was again given as 26, but this time his occupation was “Baker.” The militia records show that he was about 5-feet, 5-inches tall, had dark or black hair, and brown eyes.

Martin Roat was likely an immigrant from that part of Germany known as the Palatinate. Many such Palatines settled in the part of Ulster County, New York, that later became Orange County. The association of his family with churches in the village of Montgomery suggest that he and his family resided in that area from at least 1762 (birth of daughter Catharine Roat) to 1791 (baptism of daughter Jennie Roat) and presumably longer. Today’s village of Montgomery is in the larger Town of Montgomery that was once part of Shawangunk Precinct in Ulster County, which became Wallkill Precinct in 1743. In 1772, Wallkill Precinct was divided, the eastern part becoming Hanover Precinct, which in 1788 was renamed Montgomery and in 1788, the Town of Montgomery. In 1798, Montgomery was separated from Ulster County and became part of Orange County. In this document, the place name of Montgomery is used, even though it went by other names earlier in its history.



“ROAT” inscribed on a tombstone in the cemetery of the Dutch Reformed Church in Montgomery (Orange County), New York.

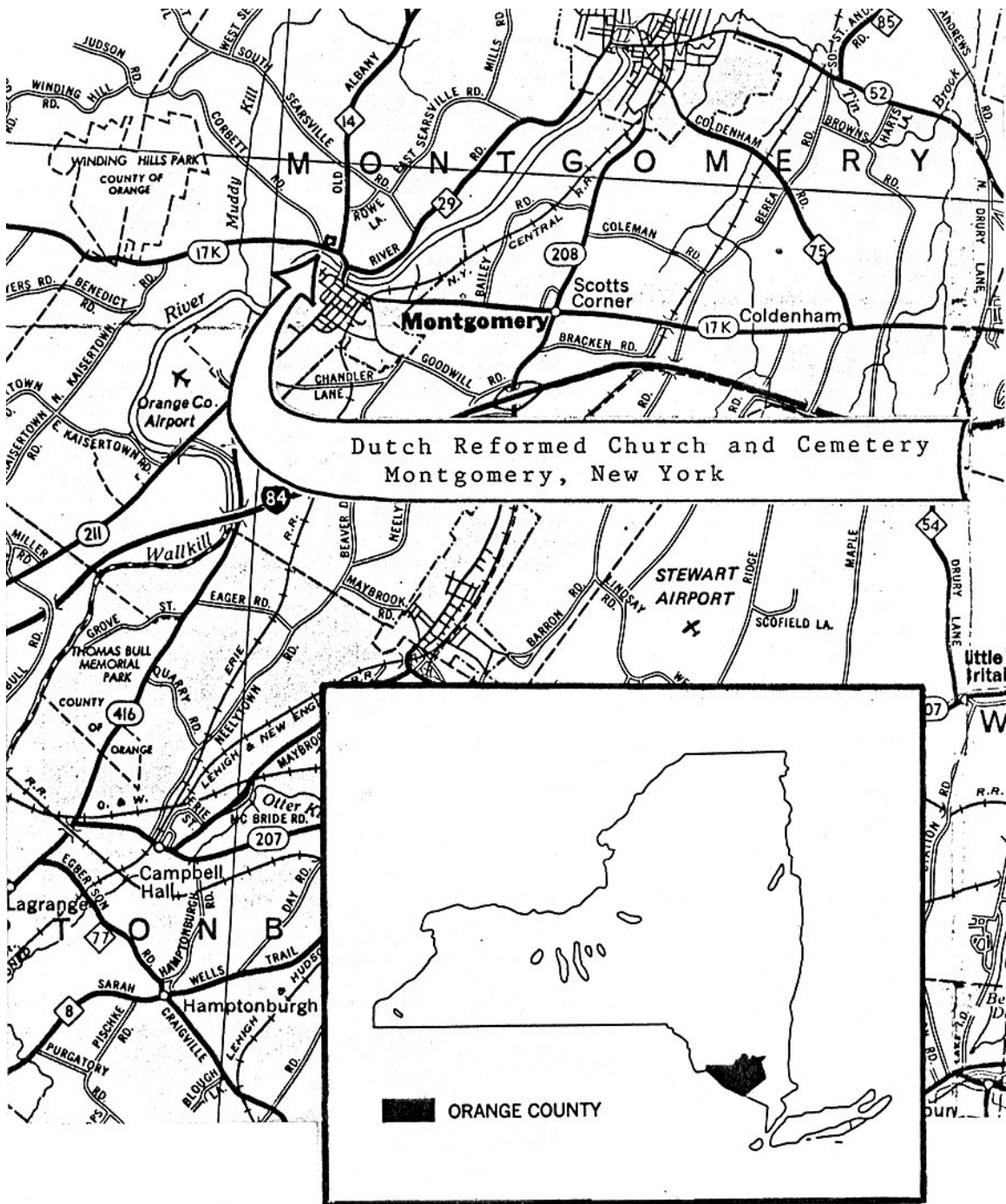
A MUSTER ROLL OF THE MEN RAISED, AND PASS'D IN
THE COUNTY OF ULSTER FOR CAPTAIN CLINTON'S COM-
PANY 29th APRIL 1760.

James Clinton, Captain.

George Clinton, }
Isaiah Purdy, } Lieutenants.

MEN'S NAMES.	Day of Inlistm ^t	Age.	Where Born.	Trade.
George Lucky	Ap ^l 2	20	Ulster County.	Cooper
William Buchanan.....	do 24	21	do	Farmer
Samuel M ^c Colm.....	do 2	31	do	Cordwainer.....
Robert Farier.....	do 2	26	Ireland	Weaver
James Adisson.....	do 26	49	do	Colier.....
Edward Early	do 24	21	do	Cooper
Daniel M ^c Bride	do 5	35	do	Blacksmith
Gerlecht Hext.....	do 23	20	Germany	Farmer
Henry Seise	do 5	19	Philadelphia...	do
Johannis Felder.....	do 23	24	Ulster County.	do
Martin Roat.....	do 23	26	Germany	Baker.....
George Felmer.....	do 23	26	do	Farmer
Fredrick Kinbergh	do 23	26	do	Cordwainer.....
Isaac Emy	do 23	30	Germany	Mason
Matise Kinbergh	do 23	22	Ulster	Farmer
William Neily	do 12	19	Ulster	do
James Dunlap	do 2	19	Ireland	Weaver
John Ogden	do 5	18	Orange Co.....	Farmer
Thomas Johnston	do 5	26	Ireland	do
Joshua Deans.....	do 5	28	Long Island...	Weaver
Richard Andrews	do 5	25	Ireland	Farmer
Joseph M ^c Clughan	do 5	34	do	do
Barnabas Monroe	do 24	38	do	do
Henry Savage	do 26	29	do	do
Charles Brannin.....	do 26	36	do	do
Duncan Campbell.....	do 26	30	Scotland.....	do
John Graham	do 2	20	Ulster Co.....	Cordwainer
Samuel Boyd	do 24	23	Ireland	Weaver
Robert Waugh.....	do 24	23	do	Farmer
James Waugh	do 24	28	do	do
James Johnston.....	do 3	25	do	do
Robert Hanmer.....	do 24	29	Long Island...	do
Robert Ferguson.....	do 7	45	Ireland	do
William Smith.....	do 26	24	Dutchess Co...	do
Samuel Stagg	do 10	25	Orange Co.....	do
Malachi Seker	do 22	19	Germany	do
Hans Jury Haas	do 22	18	do	do

In about 1761, Martin Roat married Anna Maria Velde. They had at least five children. The first child, Catharine, was baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church. The other children were baptized at the Hebron Lutheran Church. Both of these churches were in Montgomery, then a part of Ulster County and today in Orange County, New York.



Following the death of his first wife, Martin married Elizabeth Sinsabaugh on 31 March 1791. [The name Sinsabaugh (apparently Sensebach in Germany) is spelled in a variety of ways, including Sensebaugh and Sensabaugh.] From this marriage there was one child, Jennie. When Jennie was baptized in December 1791, her mother was listed as deceased, and in a list of communicants at his church on 16 June 1792, Martin was listed as Martin Roth, widower. Nothing more is known about this young child, Jennie.

Martin Roat died on 25 April 1816, when he was about 83 years old. This is recorded in the records of the Dutch Reformed Church in Montgomery, New York. No tombstone for him has been located in the church's cemetery.



The Dutch Reformed Church in Montgomery, New York.

FAMILY OF MARTIN ROAT

Marriage to Anna Maria Velde

Martin Roat

b. about 1732-1734

Germany

d. 25 April 1816

Montgomery, New York

Anna Maria Velde

b. baptized 7 Feb 1743

Montgomery, New York

d. before 1791

Montgomery, New York

m. about 1761

Montgomery, New York

Catharine Roat

b. baptized 1 May 1762

Montgomery, New York

d.

Christian Roat

b. 5 June 1764

Montgomery, New York

d. 17 September 1842

Crawford, New York

m. Elizabeth Sutherland

Malachi Roat

b. about 1766-1769

d. 1 April 1841

Montgomery, New York

m. Rachel Sinsabaugh

Anna Maria Roat

b. 15 July 1771

Montgomery, New York

d.

m. Jacob Williams [?]

Frederick Roat

b. 28 February 1774

Montgomery, New York

d. 20 June 1858

Crawford, New York

m.₁ Leah Sinsabaugh

m.₂ Harriet Sinsabaugh

Johannes Roat

b. 30 June 1776

Montgomery, New York

d.

m. Hannah Smith [?]

FAMILY OF MARTIN ROAT
Marriage to Elizabeth Sinsabaugh

Martin Roat
b. about 1732-1734
Germany
d. 25 April 1816
Montgomery, New York

Elizabeth Sinsabaugh
b.
d. before 30 December 1791
Montgomery, New York

m.₂ 31 March 1791
Shawangunk, New York

Jennie Roat
b. baptized 30 December 1791
New York

FREDERICK ROAT

The fifth child of Martin Roat and Anna Maria Velde was Frederick, born 28 February 1774. Frederick was baptized on 25 May of that year at the Hebron Lutheran Church.

Based on information in the federal censuses, Frederick Roat was a farmer in Montgomery and later Crawford (Orange County) New York. By 1800, Frederick married Leah Sinsabaugh. Over the next 19 years, they had 8 children. (One of these children was Levi Roat.)

Leah Sinsabaugh Roat died in 1846. Her headstone is in the cemetery of the Dutch Reformed Church in Montgomery, New York.



Tombstone of Leah Sinsabaugh Roat.

In 1848, when Frederick was 74 years old, he married Harriet Sinsabaugh, who was 20. They had one child, Mary.

Frederick Roat died on June 20, 1858, at the age of 84. He was buried in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery, but no stone has been located.



Cemetery of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Apparently Frederick could not sign his name, since he signed his will with his mark (see next page). At the time of his death, the Surrogate Court contacted “Levi Roat residing in Genesee County in the State of Michigan.”

Will of Frederick Roat

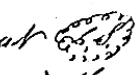
In the matter of proving the
last will and Testament
of
Frederick Roat, deceased
as a Will of Personal Estate.

I, Frederick Roat of the town of Crawford in the County of
Orange, & State of New York, being of sound mind & disposing
memory do make publish and declare this my last will
and Testament (hereby revoking all former wills I may have made)
As follows.
My will is that my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my property.

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Second. My will is that all my property over and above what is first above
mentioned, be at my decease equally divided between my wife
Harrist and my daughter Mary E. by my said wife Harrist
share and share alike, my wife Harrist to have the use of
my daughter's share until she arrives at the age of twenty
one years, my wife to support and maintain my daughter
till that time.

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Marcus Rump
& John S. Sammons, the Executors of this my last Will and Testament;
In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this fifth day of
February, 1853.

Frederick ^{his} Roat ^{marks} 

The above instrument was now here signed by the Testator in the
presence of each of us which instrument at the same time the Testator declared
to be his last Will & Testament, and we at his request sign our names
hereto, as attesting Witnesses

H. B. Bull, Mountgomery, Orange Co., N York,
Solomon Roat, Crawford " " " "

FAMILY OF FREDERICK ROAT

Marriage to Leah Sinsabaugh

Frederick Roat

b. 28 February 1774

Montgomery, New York

d. 20 June 1858

Crawford, New York

Leah Sinsabaugh

b. baptized 28 February 1779

Montgomery, New York

d. 6 March 1846

Crawford, New York

m. about 1800

New York

Jeremiah Roat

b. 16 September 1801

Montgomery, New York

d. between 1840-1850

Tompkins Co., New York

m. Amy Delamater

Lavina Roat

b. 2 February 1805

Montgomery, New York

d. after 1858

m. David Decker, Jr.

Solomon Sinsabaugh Roat

b. 4 March 1807

Montgomery, New York

d. 24 April 1856

Crawford, New York

m. Sarah A. Jagger

Hiram Roat

b. 1 October 1809

Montgomery, New York

d. 18 March 1897

Allegany Co., New York

m. Fanny M. Luce

Levi Roat

b. 11 December 1812

Montgomery, New York

d. 4 April 1878

Davison, Michigan

m.₁ Caroline Sinsabaugh

m.₂ Elsie Jane Rump

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Julia Maria Roat
b. 16 December 1814
Montgomery, New York
d. 18 May 1855
Montgomery, New York

Marcus Roat
b. 19 July 1818
Montgomery, New York
d. after 1858

David Roat
b. 22 November 1820
Montgomery, New York
d. 5 May 1902
Pontiac, Michigan

m.₁ Catharine Ann Rump

m.₂ Betsey E. Cole

FAMILY OF FREDERICK ROAT
Marriage to Harriet Sinsabaugh

Frederick Roat
b. 28 February 1774
Montgomery, New York
d. 20 June 1858
Crawford, New York

Harriet Sinsabaugh
b. about 1828
d. 18 December 1880
New York

m.₂ 18 January 1848
Montgomery, New York

Mary Elizabeth Roat
b. 6 November 1849
New York
d.

LEVI ROAT

Levi was the fifth child of Frederick and Leah (Sinsabaugh) Roat. He was born 11 December 1812. In his youth, Levi would have lived and worked with his parents on their Orange County, New York, farm.

On 5 February 1835, Levi married Caroline Sinsabaugh. Sometime prior to 1846, Levi Roat moved to Tompkins County, New York, with his young family. From this marriage there were four children, three of whom died young. The fourth, William, later served in the Civil War, moved west, and died in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1916.

Levi and Caroline were apparently divorced, since she married Andreas/Andrew Teeter about 1847 and had at least three children with him. Levi migrated to Michigan with other family members and friends. On 15 February 1855, Levi Roat married Elsie Jane Rump in West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan. Elsie was also of a primarily German family that had migrated from Orange County, New York, to Michigan. Shortly after their marriage, Levi and Elsie Jane moved to Genesee County, Michigan.

At the time of the 1860 federal census, Levi and Elsie were apparently residents of Burton in Genesee County. (See 1860 census on next page.)

SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in Township of Carleton in the County of Kenosha State of Wisconsin enumerated by me, on the 19th day of June 1880. Ed. Hammler Ass't Marshal.
 Post Office Shout Mch.

Dwelling-house— numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1880, was in this family.			Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 50 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
		Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.									
1 675	652	3	22	M	White	Farmer	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
2 676	653	4	18	M	White	Farmer	13,500	800	Wis						
3	"	2	22	F	White				"						
4	"	16	16	M	White	Iron Laborer			Wis						
5	"	11	11	F	White				"						
6	"	2	2	M	White				"						
7	"	12	12	F	White				"						
8 677	654	30	30	M	White	Farmer	12,200	200	Wis						
9	"	23	23	F	White				"						
10	"	5	5	M	White				Wis						
11	"	2	2	M	White				"						
12 678	655	45	45	M	White		2,000								
13 679	656	22	22	M	White	Laborer		100	England						
14	"	27	27	F	White				"						
15 682	"	2	2	M	White				Wis						
16 683	"	12	12	M	White				"						

Levi and Elsie Jane (Rump) Roat had seven children. Two of their children, Levi H. and Emily, married into the family of John Coles, creating a close relationship between the Roat and Coles families.



This picture, taken about 1885, shows Elsie Jane (Rump) Roat and her seven children. In the front row, left to right are: John, Jane, Elsie, and her oldest son, Levi Havilla. In the back row, left to right are: Dora, Emily, David, and Estella.

There are no known pictures of Levi Roat, but his wife, Elsie Jane, is on the left in this four-generation picture of the Roat family, taken about 1902-1903.



Elsie Jane (Rump) Roat, Marguerite Roat, Levi Havilla Roat, and Jesse Levi Roat.

The 1916 history of Genesee County, Michigan, records the following about Levi and Elsie Roat and their children:

Levi and Elsie J. (Rump) Roat, natives of the state of New York, came to Genesee county after they were married and settled on one hundred and sixty acres of wild land which they took from the government and which they developed and improved. They later increased their holdings to two hundred acres. Besides their active life on the farm they devoted much time to the work of the Presbyterian church, of which they were members. Mr. and Mrs. Roat were the parents of seven children: Jane M., wife of G. W. White, of Lapeer county; Levi, a farmer in Davison township; Dora, the wife of George Thomas, a retired farmer, of Flint; Estella, the wife of Willard Hill, a retired farmer, of Ithaca, Michigan; Emily E., wife of Mr. Coles; John W., a farmer, of Burton township, and David, also a farmer.

History of Genesee County, E. O. Wood, 1916

Despite what this history says, no evidence has been found that Levi Roat ever acquired land directly from the federal government. He did purchase about 175 acres in the southwest quarter of Section 18 in Davison Township. He later acquired small tracts in Burton Township, which gave him ownership of all four corners of the intersection of Lapeer and Vassar Roads. It is unclear where the Roat family actually lived. From available records, it appears that they first lived on the property in Davison (1855), but soon moved to a different house on their Burton Township property (1855-1858). It appears that they later moved back to the Davison Township property (1865-1867). The 1870 census records them as being in Davison. Because of this uncertainty, it is unclear where exactly their seven children were born. The list of their children on page 20 indicates their places of birth based on the best available evidence.

Levi Roat died in Davison on 4 April 1878, at the age of 65. Elsie married Joseph Hill in 1891, and died on June 20, 1916. Levi and Elsie are buried together in Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

FAMILY OF LEVI ROAT
Marriage to Caroline Sinsabaugh

Levi Roat

b. 11 Dec 1812, Montgomery, New York
d. 4 Apr 1878, Davison, Michigan

Caroline Sinsabaugh

b. 9 Mar 1817, Montgomery, New York
d. 12 January 1894, Newfield, New York

m.₁ 5 Feb 1835, Montgomery, New York
(divorced prior to 1848)

James Harvey Roat

b. 17 Jan 1836, Montgomery, New York
d. 13 Mar 1838, Tompkins Co., New York

Mary Ellen Roat

b. 11 May 1837, Montgomery, New York
d. 22 Jan 1840, Tompkins Co., New York

[Male child]

b. about 1840
d.

William Francis Roat

b. 7 Aug 1842, Tompkins Co., New York
d. 27 Jul 1916, Leavenworth Co., Kansas

Valerie Osborn

b. 1852, New York
d. 30 Aug 1887, Chelsea, Kansas

m.₁ 27 Nov 1867, Spencer, New York

Mary Elizabeth (Stillion) Ross

b. 13 Oct 1851, Gilmore, Ohio
d. 30 Nov 1939, Amazonia, Missouri

m.₂ 18 May 1897, St. Joseph, Missouri

FAMILY OF LEVI ROAT
Marriage to Elsie Jane Rump

<p>Levi Roat b. 11 Dec 1812, Montgomery, New York d. 4 Apr 1878, Davison, Michigan m.₂ 15 Feb 1855, West Bloomfield, Michigan</p>	<p>Elsie Jane Rump b. 8 Nov 1829, Crawford, New York d. 20 Jun 1916, Davison, Michigan</p>
<p>Maria Jane Roat b. 15 Dec 1855, Davison, Michigan d. 4/5 Feb 1937, Flint, Michigan m. 11 Mar 1874, Genesee County, Michigan</p>	<p>George William White b. Oct 1851, Chemung, New York d. 1929</p>
<p>Levi Havilla Roat b. 20 Jan 1858, Burton, Michigan d. 19 Feb 1941, Davison, Michigan m. 17 Sep 1878, Flint, Michigan</p>	<p>Fanny Evelyn Coles b. 4 Mar 1862, Frankenmuth, Michigan d. 11 Feb 1945, Davison, Michigan</p>
<p>Isadora Roat b. 13 Oct 1859, Burton, Michigan d. 4 Dec 1940, Flint, Michigan m. 26 Aug 1877, Genesee County, Michigan</p>	<p>George Henry Thomas b. 6 Jun 1856, Davison, Michigan d. 1 Jun 1939, Flint, Michigan</p>
<p>Estella Roat b. 20 May 1861, Burton, Michigan d. 25 Nov 1919, Flint or Ithaca, Michigan m. 10 Nov 1880, Genesee County, Michigan</p>	<p>Willard Hill b. 5 Feb 1860, Genesee Co., Michigan d. 29 Jan 1940, Ithaca, Michigan</p>
<p>Emily Elizabeth Roat b. 8 Jan 1865, Burton, Michigan d. 13 Sep 1929, Flint, Michigan m. 17 Sep 1881, Genesee County, Michigan</p>	<p>John J. Coles b. 16 Jun 1858, Saginaw Co., Michigan d. 19 Nov 1926, Newberry, Michigan</p>
<p>John W. Roat b. 14 Mar 1867, Davison, Michigan d. 8 Jun 1933, Flint, Michigan m.₁. 4 September 1887, Genesee County, Michigan (divorced 22 January 1900)</p>	<p>Mary Hull b. 2 September 1869, Exeter, Ontario, Canada d. 13 May 1948, Michigan</p> <p>Elsie Mae Tubbs b. 5 Aug 1880, Mayville, Michigan d. 19 May 1950, Burton, Michigan m.₂. 6 Jan 1901, Genesee County, Michigan</p>
<p>David Roat b. 2 Dec 1868, Davison, Michigan d. 30 Apr 1928, Goodrich, Michigan m. 11 Nov 1889, Flint, Michigan</p>	<p>Eliza Ella Hall b. 2 Sep 1869, Davison, Michigan d. 24 Sep 1944, Davison, Michigan</p>

LEVI HAVILLA ROAT

Levi Havilla Roat was the second of seven children of Levi Roat and Elsie Jane Rump. Levi Havilla was born on 20 January 1858, in Burton Township, Genesee County, Michigan. He grew up on his family's farms in Burton, and later Davison.

On 17 September 1878, Levi H. Roat married Fanny Evelyn Coles. She was born 4 March 1862, in Frankenmuth Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, the daughter of John Coles and Martha Lozier.



Fanny E. (Coles) Roat and Levi H. Roat

The children of Levi H. and Fanny (Coles) Roat were: Jesse Levi, Martha Jane, Robert Levi (who died in infancy), Fanny Isadora, and a foster son, Frank Donelson Roat.



Levi Havilla Roat and his family were photographed in the late 1800s at the Roat farm in Davison. (There is an unidentified young girl on the far right in addition to Martha and Fanny.) Note the horse and buggy, the family dog, and what may be the family Bible on Fanny's lap.)

On 17 September 1928, Levi H. and Fanny Roat celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Married 50 Years



MR. AND MRS. LEVI ROAT (Becker Studio)

About 300 guests will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Roat, Lapeer-rd, tomorrow, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, relatives and friends to come from points in California, New York city, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Detroit, Bay City, and nearby towns for the celebration.

Dinner will be served from 5 o'clock until all have been cared for, seven of Mr. and Mrs. Roat's granddaughters to take charge of the serving: Mrs. Louis Gillam, Mrs. Ward Folsom, Mrs. Jack Stevens, the Misses Geraldine Eleanor and Betty Roat, and Gladys Peters.

Mr. Roat was born in 1858 in Flint, his father, Levi H. Roat, having moved here when Flint could boast of only a sawmill and one store, and when ox teams were the means of transportation. Mrs. Roat was born in Saginaw-co in 1862, coming to Flint at the age of 10 years, and her marriage to Mr. Roat took place in Flint in 1878.

There are two children in the Roat family, Mrs. Clarence Day, of Genesee, and J. L. Roat, of Flint. In addition to the seven grand-children mentioned above are two grandsons, Howard Peters and Robert Roat. The only great-grandchild is Ralph Gillam.

Levi H. Roat died 19 February 1941, at Davison, Michigan. Fanny Coles Roat died 11 February 1945, also in Davison. Both are buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

FAMILY OF LEVI HAVILLA ROAT

Marriage to Fanny Evelyn Coles

Levi Havilla Roat

b. 20 Jan 1858, Burton, Michigan
d. 19 Feb 1941, Davison, Michigan

Fanny Evelyn Coles

b. 4 Mar 1862, Frankenmuth, Michigan
d. 11 Feb 1945, Davison, Michigan

m. 17 Sep 1878, Flint, Michigan

Jesse Levi Roat

b. 2 Oct 1879, Davison, Michigan
d. 16 Apr 1960, Flint, Michigan

Katharine Ellen Thomas

b. 12 Nov 1882, Burton, Michigan
d. 19 Aug 1982, Flint, Michigan

m. 3 Apr 1901, Burton, Michigan

Martha Jane Roat

b. 6 Jan 1884, Davison, Michigan
d. 29 Jun 1964, Davison, Michigan

Clarence R. Day

b. 1 Mar 1881, Burton, Michigan
d. 15 Jan 1961, Davison, Michigan

m. 17 Sep 1901, Davison, Michigan

Robert Roy Roat

b. 6 Jun 1885, Davison, Michigan
d. 1 Mar 1886, Davison, Michigan

Fanny Isadora Roat

b. 10 Jun 1888, Davison, Michigan
d. 2 Mar 1920, Davison, Michigan

Howard Ambrose Peters

b. 4/8 Sep 1885, Henderson, Michigan
d. 9 Jul 1968, Allegan, Michigan

m. 20 Jun 1906, Genesee County, Michigan

Frank Donelson Roat [foster child]

b. 30/31 Jan 1901, Davison, Michigan
d. 30 Oct 1988, Lancaster, Calif.

Mary Frances Stiles

b. 27 Sep 1906, Flint, Michigan
d. 1 Apr 1994, Flint, Michigan

m. 11 Oct 1924, Burton, Michigan

JESSE LEVI ROAT

Jesse Levi Roat, the son of Levi H. and Fanny (Coles) Roat, was born on 2 October 1879, in Davison Township, Genesee County, Michigan. He grew up on the family farm in Davison. He had two sisters, Martha Jane and Fanny Isadora, and a foster brother, Frank Donelson Roat.



Jesse Levi Roat and sisters, Martha and Fanny

Jesse Roat was a grocer and salesman. He built several homes and made improvements on others. He loved to hunt and fish, and, in his later years, he traveled extensively.

On 3 April 1901, Jesse married Katharine Ellen Thomas, the daughter of William I. Thomas and Nellie I. Bates. Katharine was born on 12 November 1882, and grew up on a farm in Burton Township, Genesee County, Michigan. “Kate” had two younger brothers, John William and Roy Cresswell.

Jesse and Kate raised a family of six children: Marguerite, Geraldine, Katharine, Eleanor, Betty, and Robert.



The Jesse and Katharine (Thomas) Roat family, taken about 1925.

Front row, left to right: Betty, Kate, Jesse, Robert.

Back row, left to right: Marguerite, Eleanor, Katharine, Geraldine.

Jesse L. Roat died at the age of 80 on 16 April 1960, in Flint, Michigan. Katharine Thomas Roat died on 19 August 1982, also in Flint, at the age of 99. Both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, Michigan.

Family of Jesse Levi Roat and Katharine Ellen (Thomas) Roat

Jesse Levi Roat

b. 2 Oct 1879, Davison, Michigan

d. 16 Apr 1960, Flint, Michigan

m. 3 Apr 1901, Burton, Michigan

Katharine Ellen Thomas

b. 12 Nov 1882, Burton, Michigan

d. 19 Aug 1982, Flint, Michigan

Marguerite N. Roat

b. 25 Jun 1902, Davison, Michigan

d. 2 Dec 1967, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

m. 26 Jun 1925, Flint, Michigan

Lewis Herbert Gillam

b. 13 Jun 1899, Genesee County, Michigan

d. 29 May 1975, Saginaw, Michigan

Twin of Marguerite

b. 25 Jun 1902, Davison, Michigan

d. 25 Jun 1902, Davison, Michigan

Geraldine Frances Roat

b. 10 May 1905, Flint, Michigan

d. 13 Oct 1987, Ann Arbor, Michigan

m.₁ 11 Jul 1930, Flint, Michigan

Claude Lewis Yates

b. 15 Mar 1906, St. Thomas, Ontario

d. 15 Aug 1941, Flint, Michigan

Kenneth Wallace Taylor

b. 21 Aug 1905, , Michigan

d. 24 May 2001, Saginaw, Michigan [?]

m.₂ 27 Nov 1968, Midland, Michigan

Katharine Auten Roat

b. 25 Sep 1907, Flint, Michigan

d. 11 Feb 1998, Flint, Michigan

m.

Milton John Stevens

b. 22 Mar 1904, Taymouth, Michigan

d. 19 Oct 1968, Flint, Michigan

Toledo, Ohio

Eleanor Fanchon Roat

b. 1 Dec 1910, Flint, Michigan

d. 5 Aug 1994, Orange City, Florida

m. 23 Apr 1933, Flint, Michigan

Harold Elmer O'Brien

b. 17 Jun 1910, Sheridan, Wyoming

d. 13 Sep 1997, Orange City, Florida

Marion Elizabeth "Betty" Roat

b. 24 Sep 1915, Flint, Michigan

d. 9 Dec 1954, Flint, Michigan

m. 9 Sep 1938, Flint, Michigan

James Gordon Reed

b. 29 Sep 1917, Painsville, Ohio

d. 17 Sep 2001, Florida

Robert Levi Roat

b. 21 Apr 1917, Flint, Michigan

m. 29 Jan 1944, Coronado Beach, Florida

Virginia Lee Lanin

b. 19 Jun 1923, St Louis, Missouri

as of 12 April 2008