

The Buck Family

Jonathan Buck was born in 1751. According to his Revolutionary War papers, he was born in Sharon, CT where he enlisted in 1777. By 1790, however, he was living in Monkton, VT where he is listed on the census record. Jonathan married Mary Brecenbridge b. 1755. Although no record can currently be found of Jonathan's parents, he is most likely descended from Emanuel (Enoch) Buck, who came to Wethersfield CT from England in 1648. Emanuel changed his name to Enoch because the Puritans thought his name to be sacrilegious. The Genealogical Dictionary of New England Settlers mentions that the Wethersfield records show his surname varied as Book, or Bouk 'as he wrote it'. The documented Buck families who lived in and around Sharon Connecticut were all related to Emanuel.

Walter Buck, the son of Jonathan Buck and Mary Brecenbridge, was born in Sharon, CT in 1776.

Sometime between 1798 (when Alvin was born in VT) and 1800, Jonathan and Walter Buck moved from Vermont to Elizabeth Town, Essex County, New York. The 1800 census record shows that Jonathan's household consisted of one white male 45 and over and one white female 45 and over. Walter's first wife must have died soon after 1800. His household lists one male 16-25, one female 16-25 and two males under 10. One of the young males would have been Alvin Buck b. 1798. Alvin's death certificate lists his mother's name as Mary, but we have no other record of Walter's first wife.

In 1802 Walter married Flora Chloe. Walter and Flora had 10 children:

1. Noah BUCK b: ABT 1803 in <, Essex, New York>
2. Jonathan BUCK b: ABT 1805 in <, Essex, New York>
3. Walter BUCK b: ABT 1807 in <, Essex, New York>
4. Eunis BUCK b: ABT 1811 in <, Essex, New York>
5. Truman BUCK b: 3 Jan 1813 in , Essex, New York
6. Abigail BUCK b: ABT 1814 in <, Essex, New York>
7. Sally BUCK b: ABT 1816 in , Essex, New York
8. Edward E BUCK b: ABT 1821 in , , New York
9. Horace Henry BUCK b: 1823 in , , New York
10. Roxana Rosanna BUCK b: 13 Apr 1826 in , Lorain, Oh

The 1810 census shows Jonathan and Walter still living in Essex County, New York.

Walter Buck was in Chautauqua County NY in 1820 and moved to Lorain, Ohio after 1823 but before 1830. Jonathan filed for a Revolutionary War pension in 1833 in Lorain County Ohio, he died in 1840 in Russia Township, Lorain County, Ohio. Walter moved to South Bend, St. Joseph County Indiana sometime prior to 1840 and lived there until his death. Walter's will was filed on March 10, 1858 in the St Joseph County Clerk's office, Indiana. His will leaves \$1.00 to his sons, Alvin, Walter, Truman, and Edward. He also leaves the sum of \$1.00 to Sally and Roxana. The remainder of his estate was left to his youngest son, Henry.

Alvin Buck

Alvin Buck must have stayed in New York when his father and grandfather moved to Ohio. He bought land in Huron Twp, Wayne County on December 17, 1830. He is listed on the deed as being from the city of Seneca Falls in Seneca County. His younger brother Walter went to Ohio, but then moved back to New York. Walter is found in the 1840 census in Rose Twp., Wayne County, New York.

The brothers married sisters, Sally and Nancy Drury, respectively. Sally and Nancy were the daughters of Caleb Drury and Jane Hudson (formerly of Orange County Vermont, but living in Rose Twp, Wayne County, New York at the time of the marriages).



Alvin Buck (left) and his wife Sally Drury Buck (right)



Below, the children of Alvin and Sally Buck. Standing in back row is Albert H. Buck, and two brothers. Seated in front row is Isaac Buck, Mary Jane (Buck) Gamber and another brother. The three unidentified brothers are Walter C., Lewis, and Ansen.

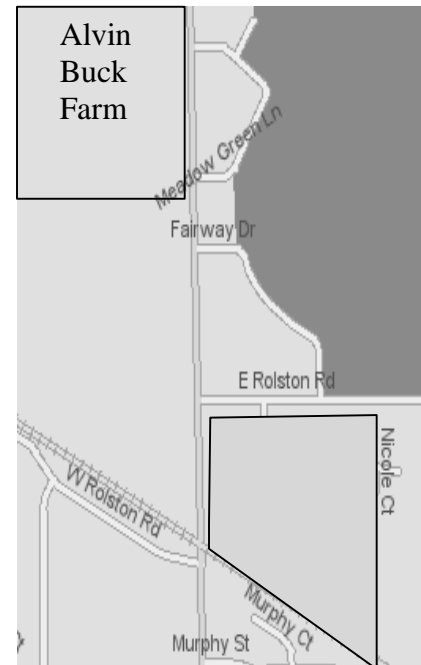
In 1844, Alvin's family and the family of his brother Walter migrated to Michigan. The biography of Albert H. Buck states that they traded their farm in New York for the farm in Michigan, sight unseen. This is probably true. The original Michigan farm of 40 acres, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17 Township 5-N, Range 6-E, was homesteaded by Orin Skut. Two families by the name of Skut were found in the 1840 census records for Wayne County New York. Alvin Buck died 13 Nov 1870 and was buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Linden Michigan. Sally (Drury) Buck died October 1895.



Isaac Buck

The original Buck farm in Linden occupied a 40 acre section west of what is now North Bridge Street (in the center of the map), and $\frac{1}{4}$ section north of E. Rolston Rd. This would be west of what is now the Spring Meadows Golf Club. Sometime prior to 1859, Alvin Buck purchased another 40 acre odd-shaped plot which Isaac Buck most likely occupied prior to moving to Hale. This farm would roughly be the area to the east of North Bridge Street, south of E. Rolston Rd., north of the railroad tracks and west of Nicole Ct.

Isaac Buck, fourth son of Alvin, married Louisa Rosetta Barber. The Barbers migrated from Seneca Falls, New York to Linden, Michigan around 1851. Later the Barbers lived in Ionia County. Louisa's mother was a Graves, and one theory is that they moved first to Linden because they were related to Mathias Graves, the great-great-grandfather of Ralph Graves, who lived northeast of the Alvin Buck farm. When Isaac and Louisa moved to Hale in 1885, they stayed with Charles Graves (son of Mathias) the first winter. In the spring, they built a cabin and homesteaded adjacent to the Charles Graves farm.



Census listings for Jonathan Buck

- 1790 Monkton, Addison, Vermont
- 1800 Elizabeth Town, Essex, New York
- 1810 Elizabeth Town, Essex, New York
- 1820 Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York
- 1830 Sullivan, Lorain, Ohio
- 1840 Russia, Lorain, Ohio – age 90

Census listings for Walter Buck I

- 1800 Elizabeth Town, Essex, New York
- 1810 Elizabeth Town, Essex, New York
- 1820 Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York
- 1830 Sullivan, Lorain, Ohio
- 1840 St Joseph County, Indiana

Census listings for Alvin Buck

- 1830 Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York
- 1840 Huron, Wayne County, New York
- 1850 Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan

Buck Family History

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The earliest knowledge I have of the Buck family is that my Great-Great-Grandfather, Alvin Buck, moved with his family from New York, to Genesee County Michigan. They settled in Linden, Mi, south of Flint, I have seen Alvin's gravestone in the Linden cemetery, showing that he died in 1870. Alvin had several sons, and one of them, Isaac Buck, moved to Hale, Michigan in 1885.

Isaac had three children Henry Rudolphus Buck (My grandfather), Frank, and Ida. Henry was born on April 25, 1863, Frank Ervin was born June 22, 1870, and Ida Bella Buck was born Aug. 8, 1881. My aunt Edith told me that the reason Isaac moved to Hale was that his son Frank, being a boy of about 15, I think she said, was giving his parents problems. The railroad ran right by their house in Linden, and Frank had made friends with the trainmen, and would get on the train with them and go as far as Detroit, and they were afraid he would get into trouble. Henry would have been 23 when the family moved to Hale in 1885. I believe it was after the move to Hale that he met his future wife, Ella A. Ross of Lyons or Palo, Michigan. Henry had gone to that community to visit his aunt, Ida Barber, who was a sister to his mother, Louisa Barber Buck, and was a neighbor and friend of Ella Ross.

Henry Buck and Ella Ross were married on April 25, 1888, and their oldest child, Robert Henry Buck, (my father) was born September 2, 1889. Ella Buck returned to her former home in Ionia County for the birth of her first child, being convinced that better medical care would be available there. Ella Hodges had died in childbirth at Hale. Ella was a sister of Louisa Buck and Ida Teed. The Hodges lived on the road going east from M-65, one mile north of Hale. It was a small house on the south side of the road, perhaps one-half to three-quarters of a mile east of the highway. When Ella Hodges died, the Hale cemetery had not been started yet, and she was buried at her home.

Isaac settled on a farm one mile east of Hale, on the S.E. corner of the intersection of the two roads, I remember being in the house when I was a young boy. Frank and Katy and their two grown sons, Clarence and Walter, lived there. I believe that Frank Buck had lived in Flint at one time, I heard him mentioning to my Dad that he had been working at the Buick Plant. He told of walking to work one day in the winter, past a lot where Buick engine blocks were piled up, and one block fell down and injured his foot so he was out of work for a while. Frank and his wife Katy moved in with his parents, Isaac and Louisa, and took care of them when they were elderly, and the farm became his. Although I understand it was a log house, in my time the exterior was covered with something like green asphalt roofing shingles or roll roofing. I remember that the floors were very rough and uneven, and the windows came down quite low, Later, my brother Wilfred explained to me that the lower logs were rotting and the house was gradually settling lower, which explained about the windows and the floor, if Frank was 15 years old when the family moved to Hale in 1885, he would have been 67 when my family moved into the village of Hale in 1937. The younger son, Walter, was probably in his 20's, and Clarence was several years older, I believe. Clarence died while I was still living at Hale, that is, before 1947.

Albert Buck was Frank's oldest son. Wilfred talked with Albert's wife Flossie when she and Albert were living at Long Lake, and she explained how Albert came into possession of the family Bible. It was her understanding that her husband Albert was the oldest son of the oldest son of Isaac Buck. Actually, Henry Buck was Isaac's oldest son. (It may be that Clarence was Frank Buck's eldest son, but was not mentioned in the above context because he never married) I believe Wilfred saw the Bible at that time, and it listed the names and birth dates of Alvin and Sally's children. Alvin Buck's wife's maiden name was Sally Drury.

August 22, 1987, I received a letter from my mother with an enclosed paper from Flossie Buck, a copy of the information in the old family Bible. Her husband, Albert Buck, had given the Bible to his son Mervin before his (Albert's) death, but Flossie had copied the information. Here is what she wrote:

Alvin Buck	July 13, 1798 - Nov. 13, 1870
(His Wife)	
Sally Drury Buck	Aug. 18, 1802 — Oct. 25, 1895
(Their Children)	
Mary Jane Buck	July 10, 1827 - Jan. 9, 1903
Walter C. Buck	June 20, 1830 - March 22, 1914
Lewis Buck	Aug. 22, 1832 - July 23, 1913
Ansen Buck	Nov. 25, 1834 - Dec. 13, 1914
Isaac C. Buck	Aug. 21, 1837
Albert H. Buck	Feb. 14, 1842 - Nov. 29, 1917
Isaac Buck	August 21, 1837
Married	Nov. 27, 1861 Fenton City
(His Wife)	
Louisa Barber Buck	
(Their Children)	
Henry R. Buck	April 25, 1863 died 1912
Frank Ervin Buck	June 22, 1870 - Dec. 18, 1950
Ida Bella Buck	August 8, 1881 -
Frank Buck	June 22, 1870 -
(His Wife)	
Catherine Daly Buck	June 20, 1874 - July 25, 1966
(Their Children)	
Clarence (the eldest?)	not included in the list from Flossie.
Nettie Mae Buck	Aug. 10, 1892 - July 11, 1921
Albert Herman Buck	Sept. 28, 1898 - Oct. 10, 1977
Mary Rosella Buck	Feb. 13, 1901 - Dec. 26, 1985
Gertrude Buck	June 16, 1903 - Aug. 16, 1974
Lucille Rose Buck	April 14, 1907 - Mar. 7, 1974
Bernadine Della Buck	Jan. 8, 1910 -
Walter Henry Buck	June 2, 1915 -

(This concludes the information from Flossie, given above just as she wrote it except that that I added Clarence's name.)

Fenton City appears on the line of Isaac and Luisa's wedding date, and so I take it that means they were married there. Today the town just east of Linden is simply "Fenton".

It must have been from Alton that I got the story on an old Winchester Rifle that Aunt Katy had. It seems there was a hardware store in Flint in the early days, that is, around 1885 that was still in business when my parents lived in Flint in the 1920s. At the latter time the store used the slogan, "WE SOLD OX YOKES TO YOUR GRANDFATHER." According to the story, as I remember it, when Isaac Buck was about to move to Hale, his father bought this rifle at this store and gave it to him, saying, "You're going into bear country, you'll need this." The problem with this is, Alvin Buck died in 1870 according to the tombstone, and Isaac didn't move to Hale until 1885, Perhaps it was one of Isaac's brothers who gave him the rifle.

Frank and Katy Buck had five daughters, Nettie, Mary, Gertie, Lucy, and Bernadine, Bernadine was the youngest and was married to Steve Swanson. He died quite young. Bernadine became an Assembly of God Minister. It seems to me that Bernadine raised a niece, the daughter of her sister who died from complications of childbirth. This sister, Nettie, was married to Bob Healy. He had a son Bobby Healy who was around Hale when I was a kid, maybe my age or a little younger. Wilfred remembers being at the Healy home with our dad when Nettie was dying. The house was near the intersection of the two section line roads one mile E. and one mile N. of Hale, on the north side of the Webb Rd, and just east of the Tower Line Rd.

Lucy Buck was married to Ed Hickman of Mclvor, and I can remember playing with the Hickman children when they came to Hale to visit.

Henry Buck took the job of clearing the trees and seeding the land for the Hale cemetery. Ella Hodges' body was exhumed and buried there, and I remember seeing the Hodges graves near the Buck lot, when I was young. Alton remembers hearing that one day when Henry and his father Isaac had spent the day working on the new cemetery, they came home and ate supper and then shot a bear across from their house, on the north side of the road. Aunt Edith told me that Isaac Buck's farm (on section 24) had very fertile soil, and his son Henry thought he couldn't go wrong by buying the land on the southeast corner of section 14. diagonally across from it, but Henry's farm turned out to be sandy and unproductive.

Henry and Ella Buck had four children; Robert Henry, born Sept. 2, 1889; Addie, who died at about age 5, Vera, and Edith. Henry Buck died at age 49, in 1912. He was "working up at the dams", that is, on the construction of the electric power dams on the AuSable River, when he took ill. It is believed he died from typhoid fever. One of the men working with him came down to the home in Hale, where Robert was staying home with his mother and taking care of the farm, and said, "you better go up and get your pa, he's pretty sick." Robert went up with the buggy and found him lying in the bunkhouse, and brought him home, and it seems as I remember the story he died within a few days.

I remember Dad telling me that in the early days, "decking chains" were used on the Isaac Buck farm to pull the hay up into the barn. The noise of the chains running through the steel pulleys could be heard in Hale, one mile away.

When I was a child, Henry Buck's sister, Aunt Ida (Mrs. Ida Carrol) lived in Tawas. Her husband, Frank Carrol, was still alive when I was quite young. I believe he was crippled. I can remember seeing him hook a tin canister of pipe tobacco with his cane and pull it across the floor to him. In those days it seemed the name was pronounced "Carl", one syllable, but later my relatives began to pronounce it as it is spelled. Aunt Ida was a member of the Baptist Church in Tawas, and a very sweet and godly Christian, my mother had a high regard for her. I guess I can only remember meeting her husband once, as referred to above, he must have died while I was quite young. Aunt Ida had two daughters, Beatrice and Violet.

When Beatrice was in her late twenties, I believe, she married a man older than she was, perhaps who had children, I believe they had a summer place on Black Lake in Northern Michigan, E. of Cheboygan, and once when Aunt Ida was staying there with them, Beatrice brought her to our place in Pellston, it was when we were living in the Brady house. I never met Beatrice's husband. The other daughter, Violet, never married. She worked in a factory in Flint, after being educated for teaching school and deciding that wasn't for her. Her employer, Marvel Carburetor, moved her to Decatur, Ill. Aunt Ida lived with Violet until her death, and I understand Violet still lives in Decatur. I was at Aunt Ida's funeral in the Baptist Church in Tawas, and her pastor from Decatur had a part, as well as the young pastor from Tawas.

Wilfred remembers that Frank and Ida Carroll lived in Hale before they were in Tawas. Their home was on the south side of the road, near Chrivia's place.

Some time in the past year or so, Mother gave me some old Buck family pictures. One is a good studio picture of Henry Buck and his wife Ella at about the time they were married. All my growing up years I regretted that I had never seen good picture of my Grandpa Buck, and didn't know what he looked like. Perhaps this picture just mentioned was not in my family's possession at that time, Also, mother showed me one or more pictures of the Henry Buck family and Mr. and Mrs. Giles Teed, at picnics at the AuSable River. Mrs. Teed, ("Aunty Teed" to us) was my father's great aunt, and her name was Ida. She was a sister to Louisa Barber who became the wife of Isaac Buck, and I take it that the children of Henry Buck were taught to call her "Aunty Teed" by way of distinguishing her from their aunt Ida Carrol (nee Buck).

Giles Teed was known to us as "Uncle Dile", perhaps that was a rendering of some small child in the family that stuck. The Teeds had no children. Giles was known as being rather odd. Wilfred and I walked across through the woods and fields to their house sometimes in the summer of 1937, when we were living on the Humphrey place, about 2 miles east of Hale. When we got to the lane that lay along the west side of Uncle Dile's cow pasture, his cows would see us and come running up closer for a look, and then run away again. I remember that in Mr. Teed's final illness the adults remarked that the neighbors who were taking care of the stock had a difficult time because Dile somehow had handled his animals so as to make them wild with strangers. I remember staying with Aunty Teed for a few days in the summer, soon after her husband died. She said, "He can save me a lot of steps". I suppose the cows and horses had been disposed of by that time, but she had some chickens. She asked me to go into the hen house and remove a dead hen that smelled to high heaven, and she tied a handkerchief over my nose.

I was at her house once as a very small child, perhaps during the Long Lake years, and she was trying to keep me amused, and she said, "I know what you want to do, you want to mark", so she got me a pencil and paper. I remember thinking, "That's how the old-timers talk." On another occasion I was there (again, as a real small child) when the men were digging the potatoes, and she found some potatoes that had knobs on one end, faintly suggesting a human body, and she helped me cut out paper dresses to dress them, there was a hole cut for the head and the paper folded over the shoulders.

The Teeds lived on Curtis Rd., which is an E-W road, one mile south of the E-W road running through Hale. So the distance was one mile for Wilfred and me to walk through the fields, straight south, from our home at the Humphrey place. Their nearest neighbors east, on the same side of the road, were Lloyd and Esther Murray, and to the west, Del and Mae Kessler. Across the road and to the east were Alfred and Muriel Graves. Once when Eva Graves was a little child, perhaps two years old, she wandered away from home and was discovered by Aunty Teed playing in her flower bed by the kitchen door, "Just like she had dropped down from heaven", as Aunty put it. I believe those words reflected Aunty Teed's disappointment at never having any children of her own. She loved children, and was very good to us. She must have been many years younger than her sister, my Great-Grandmother, Louisa Buck, so that she was closer in age to her nephew, Henry Buck, and she and Giles were close to Henry and his family, I gather.

Following the death of Henry Buck, Robert and his mother sold the farm in Hale and moved to Flint, where Robert worked for Buick. They are listed in the 1920 census as living in the village of Flint.

Biography of Albert H. Buck

Written about 1904

Early in the last century the farming people in the state of Vermont were thrown into considerable distress on account of the failure of their crops, and many of their numbers left the state, emigrating westward into New York. Among others were the parents of Sally Drury, who was born at Eden, Vermont, in 1802, coming to New York state with her parents in 1816. Later she met and married Alvin Buck, who was born in New York state in 1798. They made their home at Huron, Wayne County, New York, where Albert, the subject of our biography and the youngest of six children was born February 14, 1842. In 1844 they came to Fenton township, Genesee County, Michigan, to a farm on-half mile north of Linden, having traded their New York property for the forty-acre fare here without having previously seen it. It had a dwelling on it, however, and the family soon settled down to active life in what was practically a new world to them.

The father of the family lived to be seventy-three years of age, while the mother passed away in October, 1895, attaining the magnificent age of ninety-three years. She was one of the last survivors of the very early settlers, having lived for fifty years on the same farm.

The family consisted of five sons and one daughter, Mary Jane, who married William Gamber and died four years since at the age of seventy-five years. The sons were: Walter C., a farmer of Fenton township, who died at the age of seventy-seven years; Lewis, born in 1832 and now living in Linden; Anson, born in 1834, unmarried, and now lives on the old homestead; Isaac C. is now living at Hale, Iosco County, Michigan.

Our subject, Albert H, grew to manhood on the farm assuming charge of it as soon as old enough to stand that responsibility. He bought out the interests of the other heirs and assumed the care of his mother. He had an eye for business, however, and for several years he butchered and sold meat of various kinds. An opportunity to run a threshing machine presenting itself, he gave this his attention during seven seasons. While on a trip back to New York state in 1870 he saw a steam thresher for the first time, it being among the first manufactured.

In 1871, in company with Joseph Middleworth, he operated a grain elevator, continuing at this for about six years, and making of it a financial success. In 1877 he bought a good farm about two miles north of Linden disposing of it three years later and reinvesting in the present homestead of eighty acres adjoining Linden. He purchased it in 1880 and has continued to operate it for twenty-six years. He still owns the old homestead and handles wool, beans, etc. in conjunction with his other business. He has given considerable attention to the raising of sheep, and is well versed not only in what constitutes good veal and market stock, but is thoroughly conversant with the subject in general, both as to value and utility.

In the year 1880, Mr. Buck purchased a one-half interest in the Linden elevator, which he and his partner jointly managed until 1886 when Mr. Buck purchased his partner's interest in the elevator and at once assumed entire control of the business, in which he continued until 1906. He then

disposed of the elevator and all that pertained to it. Mr. Fred Welch, of Fenton, Michigan, becoming the proprietor and manager.

Mr. Buck was married on December 31, 1863, to Miss Lydia Almira Chapin. Mrs. Chapin the mother of Mrs. Buck, was born in Vermont and came to Michigan when fourteen years of age. She died when Lydia was about eight years old.

After Mrs. Chapin's death, Mr. Chapin remained on the farm in Fenton township until the railroad survey cut into the farm, whereupon he disposed of it, removing to another tract in Shiawassee county.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck had two sons, Oliver O., born October 5, 1869, and Herman A., born July 13, 1878. The latter is occupying the old homestead, while the former is on the farm with his father.

Mr. Buck has not narrowed himself down to his neighborhood activities, but has taken time and opportunity to travel about over the country. He has visited some of the notable expositions that have been world-renowned having attended the fairs at Philadelphia, Chicago and Buffalo. At all these places Mr. Buck was an interested investigator into those features that not only gave enlightenment of the world generally, but also of matters that gave him a better outlook on his business life after returning to his home community. He does not believe in speculation, but is not at all afraid of a business venture, as is evidenced by his transaction recently made. In company with another gentleman, he purchased one thousand sheep in Idaho and shipped them to Buffalo, New York. At another time he purchased thirty double-decked carloads of lambs, leaving orders for them to be shipped one month later. He has not sought public office, but has rather preferred to devote himself unqualifiedly to his business interests.

Obituary - Mrs. Isaac Buck

Mrs. Isaac Buck died at her home near Hale on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1922, aged 78 years, 10 months and 23 days. Mrs. Buck was stricken with paralysis two years ago last September and since that time had been unable to walk. Her last illness was of short duration. She was taken sick Wednesday and passed peacefully away Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, sweetly trusting in a just God and in a loving Heavenly Father.

Louisa Rosetta Barber was born at McGee's corners. New York, Feb 23, 1843, and came to Genesee County Michigan with her parents when 8 years old. She was married to Isaac Buck of Linden, Genesee County on Nov. 7, 1861 and they resided there until they came to losco County in 1885.

She was baptized into the Baptist Church at Linden when she was 14 years old and united with the Baptist Church of Plainfield when it was organized in 1889, of which she has always been a consistent member. Until disease made it impossible she was a very active in all departments of the church work.

Mrs. Buck was the mother of three children, Henry, Frank, and Ida. Henry, having died ten years ago, the other two children, Frank and Ida are left to mourn her loss, together with one sister, Mrs. G.W. Teed, fourteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren, besides a host of friends will greatly miss her.

She was buried Wednesday from the Hale Baptist church, Rev Joshua Roberts officiating. Burial was made in the Plainfield cemetery. The beautiful flowers, the large number of sorrowing friends all testified to the esteem in which she was held in the neighborhood. Relatives present from a distance were: Mrs. Edgar Peterson and little daughter, Lucille of Clare Mich., and Mrs. H. Fisher of Ogemaw County.