## Wemett

Joseph Wemett

Born: March 3, 1799 in Quebec, Canada

Parents: Mr. Ouimet (c. 1750-1804) and Mrs. Ouimet (c. 1755-1810)

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ouimet (some of the children's surnames Anglicized to Wemett)				
Catherine	1780		1815	
Mitchel	1781	m 1) Marie-Anne Lague	1847	
		m 2) Unknown		
		m 3) Catherine		
Charles	1787		1802	
Andrew	1788	m 1) Joanna Macomber	1861	
		m 2) Hannah West		
Marie	1794	m Francis Grenville	1846	
Francois	1796	m Ambrose Ammel	1886	
Toussaint	1797	m Louise Barselue	1865	
Joseph	1799	m Elizabeth Welch	1860	

<u>Mr. and Mrs. Ouimet</u> lived near Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Mr. Ouimet may have been named Robert; Erwin Wemett in his history of the family wrote: "The heads of the first families of Ontario County [descended] from Robert Wemett."

Mitchel Wemett (1781) See Other file.

Andrew Wemett (1788) See Other file.

<u>Marie ("Mary") Wemett</u> (1794) was born January 14, 1794 in Quebec, Canada. She married Francis Grenville (1789-1825); they had six children: Dennis, Clarissa, Saphronia, Frank, Joe, and Henry. She died February 1, 1846 in Canadice.

**Francois ("Frances") Sophia Wemett** (1796) married Ambrose Ammel (1784-1880+) Her children were Elizabeth (1818), Honoria (1818), Eudoxie (1820; a daughter), Peter (1825), Sophronia (1827), and Louis (1838). They settled in Calumet, Wisconsin. Erwin Wemett wrote: "They settled in the west and the only time we ever heard from them was when their son Peter came out here [to New York]. He was a widower and our childish admiration centered on a huge gold watch chain and solid gold watch [that he carried]. We afterwards had a letter from him saying his son's intended found him so agreeable that she had married him in preference to his son." Peter Wemett married, as his second wife, Nancy Osier on June 25, 1882.

**Toussaint ("Toosa") Wemett** (1797) was born October 9 1797 in Canada. He lived his whole life near where he was born. He married Louise Barselue. They had six daughters and four sons. He died September 13, 1865 in Canada. Erwin Wemett wrote: "There was another brother, "Toosa," but we are unable to find anything authentic about him."

Joseph Wemett (1799) See below.

Joseph Wemett (1799)					
m 1824 in Canadice					
Elizabeth Welch (1803-1874)					
Children of Joseph Wemett and Elizabeth Welch					
Julia	1825	m Isaac Stevenson	1873		
William	1828	m Huldah B. Goodwin	1899		
Mary	1829	m John Brown	1905		
Minerva	1833	m Augustus Shepard	1898		
Jane	1837		1850		
Elizabeth	1839	m Erastus Wemett	1902		
Henry	1841	m Mary Ann Knapp	1922		
George	1844	m Frances Clemons	1929		
(6 others who did not survive childhood)					

## <u>Death</u>

Joseph: January 1, 1870 in Canadice; bur. Bald Hill Cemetery, Canadice Betsy: August 1874 in Canadice; bur. Bald Hill Cemetery

JOSEPH WEMETT FAMILY HISTORY -- by Erwin Wemett, son of Erastus Wemett (edited)

Joseph Wemett, youngest brother of Andrew, was born near Montreal Canada in 1799 and when 14 years of age he came to Lowville Lewis County, NY and from there migrated to Canadice, Ontario County, NY.

In 1824 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Welch. The Welch family then owned what is now known as Augustus Shepard farm. When Conrad Welch, who was Uncle Joe's wife's father, died Uncle Joe bought off the heirs and in 1841 built the old homestead which now stands in a good state of preservation. [Joseph Wemett lived at 5520 Route 15A outside Hemlock, at the top of the hill in Canadice, address Springwater PO, but in town of Canadice.] At the time this house was built it was the finest house between Lima and Dansville. This house is now occupied by Robert R. Wemett. Across from this house is the old Wemett burial grounds where now rests a goodly number of the old Wemett family, together with nieces and nephews who Uncle Joe brought up.

The writer can remember the remains of the old stone school house where the children and nieces and nephews of Uncle Joe and Aunt Bessie were taught the three R's at the expense of the generous old couple. Uncle Joe also endowed the Genesee College at Lima and was one of the first to give \$100.00. Old people who knew Uncle Joe and Aunt Bessie have often told us that this was the most hospitable home, but as Uncle Joe was unusually thrifty there was always plenty to eat, but in return he expected and exacted work.

Uncle Joe and Aunt Betsy (Bessie) were the parents of 14 children, 8 of whom grew to maturity. It is told that Uncle Joe started out to give each of his grandchildren \$100 dollars at birth, his intentions were good but they came so thick and fast that he was unable to keep it up, much to the disappointment of those coming later.

Uncle Joe and his brother Andrew were born Catholics, but later they became loyal to the Quaker faith. The Welches were all Quakers. Uncle Joe was a unique character, a man of powerful build and a tireless worker and although he made a home for almost everyone, he amassed what is those days what was considered a goodly small fortune. He owned at his death some 600 acres of land with a large amount of personal property. The writer has search records concerning these properties and never found any kind of a mortgage against any property owned by Joseph and Betsy (Elizabeth) Wemett.

Their living grandchildren number 20, their living great grandchildren being over 40 now. Uncle Joe passed on just as the dawn was breaking in the year 1870 and Aunt Betsy followed in August 1874.

## Elizabeth Welch

This information came from **Virginia M. Harris** (212 S. Union Street, Spencerport, N.Y. 14559; July 1995): "Elizabeth Welch's father was Conrad Welch; they were Quakers. He was a brotherin-law to Knowles and were the first settlers in Springwater in the Bald Hill region. They came from near Rochester were they were subject to swamp fever and headed to the hills in the south to high ground to avoid it. When she married Joseph he became a Quaker. Once a month they drove a horse and buggy to Rochester on Saturday to go to church and return Sunday. My Grandmother told the story that when her mother & Elizabeth went to school, the other girls wore lace-trimmed pantaloons. They could not because they were Quakers, so somewhere they obtained some & put them on on the way to school and changed back on the way home."

Julia Ann Wemett (1825), first daughter of Joseph and Betsy Wemett was born in 1820 and at the age of 20 (January 12, 1848) married a wild Irishman by the name of Isaac Stephenson (1816-1875). To this union was born five children. Julia's children: Wellington (1850-1863); Sarah (1852-1863), Sibley (1854-1915), Mary Ellen (1855-1880), Anna (1856-1879), Isaac (1858-1890), Josephine (1860-1943), Joseph (1862-1895), and Nickson (1877). She died February 28, 1873; she and her husband are buried at Canadice Hollow Cemetery.

Sibley Stephenson married Etta Dunn.

Josie Stephenson married Selwyn Marsh. Josie lived at Starkey, N.Y.

<u>Nickson Stephenson</u>, the youngest, married Addie Wilbur. Nick skipped out and has never been heard from since. (Sometimes spelled "Nixon.")

<u>William Wemett</u> (1828) was the oldest son of Betsy and Joseph. At the age of 29 (1857) he married Huldah Goodwin. To this union was born one daughter, <u>Emma</u>, who married John H. Adams and raised a family of two girls and two boys. William Wemett relinquished his life in 1899. His widow, Huldah Goodwin Wemett, afterwards married Alden Pemberton, Huldah Pemberton died Unknown. Obituary of William Wemett: "Mr. William Wemett, an old resident of this place, died last Tuesday afternoon at half-past 4, after an illness extending over five years.

His decline was rapid during the past two weeks. He was able to be at the polls town meeting day. Besides brothers and sisters, he leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. John H. Adams. The funeral was held from his late residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Blowers officiating. The burial was in the Livonia cemetery. Mr. Wemett was a man held in the highest esteem by our people, and all sincerely regret his death." He was buried at the Union Cemetery in Livonia.

*Emma Wemett* was born August 1, 1851. She married John H. Adams (1858-1922). Their children were John, Clifford, Fannie (married G. Abbott), and Gladys (m Wynn Hanna; one son, Wynn, Jr.). Emma died January 5, 1939.

<u>Mary Wemett</u> (1829) was born in December 1829. At the age of 21 she married John Brown. To the union of John and Mary were born four sons, <u>Scott</u> (1833-1911), <u>Edward</u> (1860-1931), <u>George</u>, and <u>Will</u> (1854-1890), and one daughter <u>Helen ("Nellie")</u> (1856-1918) Mary Wemett Brown died August 16, 1905, and is buried in Union Cemetery in Livonia.

<u>Scott Brown</u> married Laura Smith who died a few years later. He then married Mellissa Aldrich. By his first marriage he left Nellie, Bessie, Ernst, Louis, and Claude. Clarence was a son of the second marriage.

*George Brown*, another son of John and Mary Brown, first married Mary Ingraham; to them was *William Brown*, son of John Brown and Mary Wemett Brown, was born in 1853. He married Stella Roberts; they had one son, Victor. William Brown died in January 1890.

*Edward Brown* was born in 1859. In 1883, he married Alta Potter. There were no children of this union.

<u>Nell Brown</u> married Albert Bailey. To them was born two daughters: Edna and Georgia.

<u>Minerva Wemett</u> (1833) married Augustus Shepherd September 13, 1860. He had first been married to Minerva's cousin Floville Wemett, the daughter of Minerva's uncle Andrew Wemett. <u>Floville Wemett</u> (1820) was born in Lewis County, New York. She married Augustus Shepard in 1847. To this union was born three children, <u>Sarah</u> (married Frank Morris and went West to live. She died on January 9, 1893, leaving a family of seven children.); <u>Thankful</u> (died at age twenty); and <u>Charles</u> ("Charley"; drowned in Hemlock Lake, August 18, 1867.) Floville died July 20, 1859. **Minerva's children**: Herbert (1863-1910), Jessie (1866-1959), Jennie (1870-1953), and William (1871-1940).

<u>Herbert ("Bert") Shepard</u> married Pearl Palmer; he lived, and died in Nebraska. His children were Mable, Arthur, Stanley Randal, and Clarence.

*Jessie Shepard* married Elmer E. ("Colonel") Colegrove, and lived near Canadice Lake. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Springwater.

Jennie Shepherd married Samuel West and lives in Springwater, NY.

*William Shepard*, youngest son of Augustus and Minerva, married Dorothy Albertson and for many years has lived and kept a store in South Livonia. They had one daughter, Fern.

**Elizabeth Wemett** (1839) married Erastus Wemett, her cousin (he was the son of Andrew Wemett). She was his second wife. They had two children – a daughter who died as an infant

and whose name is not known, and Erwin Erastus (who wrote much of this History of the Wemett Family). She died November 7, 1902.

*Erwin Wemett* was born in 1876 and died February 14, 1952. He married Drusilla \_\_\_\_; and after her death married Laura Partridge in 1897 in Conesus.

Henry Joseph Wemett (1841) was born February 1841. He attended Genesee College which his father had helped endow and upon graduation taught school for several years. Being of a jovial disposition and always joking, he was sought for near and far to complete the term of some unfortunate teacher who had been thrown out of a school house window. In 1865, he interrupted his college education to enlist in the Union Army for one year. Within days of reporting to duty he was promoted to the rank of 2nd Lt. in the 188th Infantry and fought in 10 battles in Virginia. He was at the surrender at Appomattox. Upon his return he was known as "Captain" Henry. This was a particularly fitting title since one of his occupations was the pilot of the Hemlock Lake steamer named [Seth Green]. After the war he finished his college and taught school for several years. During this time, he became Superintendent of Schools. [Henry J. Wemett was on the school board for Hemlock School in 1911.] He was superintendent of schools for several years. In 1868 he married Mary Knapp. His children: Frank(1871-1946), Cora (1874-1958), Harry (1875-1922), Dora (1877-1922), Roy (1879-1879), Robert (1881-1956), and William (1885-1911). At the time of Joseph's death in 1870, the farm had grown to 500 acres. The next to occupy the homestead was the second of his sons, Henry Joseph Wemett. He was instrumental in the development of Hemlock Lake as a resort area. He owned and operated several steam ships on Hemlock and Honeove Lakes. He died in 1922.

His obituary: "Henry J. Wemett familiarly known as Captain Wemett by scores of his friends, died at his residence in the town of Canadice . He was born in the house where he died, being in his eighty- first year. He was ill but a few days. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. Mr. Wemett received his early education in the public schools and at Genesee Wesleyan seminary at Lima, leaving there in August, 1864, to enlist in the 188th New York Volunteers. In the service he was in ten engagements and became a first lieutenant under Colonel Doolittle. At the close of the war he re-entered the seminary at Lima, from which he was graduated as valedictorian of his class. For some time he studied law in Canandaigua. He later taught school in New York State and Michigan and was for some years school commissioner of Ontario county. He then became interested in the development of Hemlock Lake as a summer resort, where he built and operated several steam boats. When Hemlock Lake was acquired by the city of Rochester as a reservoir he transferred his interests to Conesus Lake, which became a popular resort for Rochesterians. Here he was instrumental in forming the Dewey transportation company, of which he was a shareholder and manager. A great many residents of Rochester and vicinity will remember the steamer McPherson of which Mr. Wemett was captain for several seasons. In 1893 Mr. Wemett turned his attention to the development and reclamation of the muck lands at South Lima, where he engaged in the raising of celery for some time, leaving there to retire to his farm on the east side of Hemlock Lake. He rendered the city officials considerable assistance in acquiring property around Hemlock and Canadice Lakes. The farm was the old

homestead established by his father, Joseph Wemett, who came into this country from Canada as a young man. In 1868 Mr. Wemett was married to Mary A. S. Knapp of Bath. Mr. Wemett was a well-known public speaker, prominent in the affairs of his community, a natural story-teller with a strong personality, and he was fond of relating to his friends and acquaintances reminiscences of early days. His man public services brought him in close touch with a large number of people. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mary Wemett six children-Dora and Harry of Chicago William of Valley City North Dakota, Mrs. Cora Weeks of Rochester, the Rev. Frank Wemett of Spokane and Robert, who resides on the old homestead. There are several grandchildren and on brother,, George A., of Hemlock. There are also six nephews. William Shepard C. E. Wemett, Floyd Wemett, Luther Wemett, Irwin Wemett and John Adams acted as bearers. Mrs. Floyd Caskey and Mrs. Huxley Gibbs sang. The Rev. Mr. Sanderson, pastor of the Hemlock Methodist church officiated at the funeral which was held from the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the burial was in the Union cemetery at Livonia."

Frank Wemett was a Methodist minister. He married Hattie Amos.

Cora Wemett married Edward Weeks.

*<u>Harry Wemett</u>* lived in Chicago. He married Florence Warren. He is buried in Livonia (Union Cemetery?)

William Wemett was a professor of Valley City State Normal, in North Dakota.

**<u>Robert Wemett</u>** was a fine carpenter by trade and resident of the old homestead. He married Mary Wilson in 1905 in Lakeville. He is buried in Union Cemetery in Livonia.

William Wemett married Fern Stevenson

<u>George Alonzo Wemett</u> (1844) was born March 19, 1844 in Canadice. He married Frances Clemons February 7, 1872. He was the daughter of John Clemons and Lydia Arnold. They had five children: <u>Correll</u> (1879-1937), <u>Clarence</u> (1885-1961), <u>Fred</u> (died age 3), <u>Infant son</u>, and <u>Aulsa</u> (1902-1987; an adopted daughter).

**Family Notes About George**: "As of 6/1/94 conversations with Mary, Mark, and Norris Wemett, no one can ever remember their grandfather working. He apparently had a small pension somehow connected to the the Civil War and periodically sold off some land from the family farm on Bald Hill." "He enlisted in Company I of the 188<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry September 29, 1864 and attained the rank of Sergeant. Participated in 9 engagements and was discharged near Washington DC on July 1, 1865. At that time he was described on his discharge papers as 20 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall , fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair, occupation-farmer."

From a newspaper clipping about their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** (1922) "Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wemett parents of four sons, two of which died in infancy. Of the two that remain, Correll Wemett is proprietor of the Hilltop Dairy and owner of a large farm in Lima, while Clarence E Wemett is president of C. E. Wemett & Company, Inc., which has offices in Hemlock, Naples and Prattsburg. During her entire life Mrs. Wemett has been interested in music and has been prominently connected with every musical enterprise within the community. She graduated from the Sherwood Musical Academy, in Lyons, NY 1869. Until recent years she has taught piano and

has been the organist in the local Methodist Church, of which she has been an active member. Mr. Wemett has the distinction of being the oldest man in the community, besides being one of the four surviving Civil War veterans in the town of Livonia. He can distinctly recall many of his war experiences that took place after his enlistment in 1864. He took part in nine engagements the most important of which was the battle of Five Forks where 600 Rebel prisoners were taken. Most of his fighting was done under the command of General Gregory, Major Davidson, and Captain John Marks. The latter two coming from Rochester. Mr. Wemett was at the front at the time of the surrender and it was his company that guarded the arms that the Confederate Soldiers piled up as they filed past and surrendered their weapons. He recalls the kindness shown by General Grant in allowing the rebel soldiers to keep their horses and side arms."

He died August 13, 1929, and is buried in Union Cemetery. **His Obituary**: "Hemlock Veteran Dies After Brief Illness -- George A. Wemett's Funeral Today. George A Wemett passed away after a brief illness at his home in Hemlock, Tuesday evening, August 13, 1929. Mr. Wemett was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Welch Wemett and was born March 19, 1844, on the home farm, Bald Hill, Canadice, the present home of his nephew, Robert Wemett. He was one of fifteen children. He married Miss Frances Clemons of Springwater in 1872 and they resided on the home farm for four years, after which they moved to Hemlock and have resided in their present home ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Wemett had four sons, two of which died in infancy. Several years ago they took into their hearts and home a little girl, who is now Mrs. Everett Hayward. Mr. Wemett is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Wemett; two sons Correll of Lima and Clarence E. of Hemlock; also the daughter, Mrs. Aulsa Hayward, and 11 grandchildren. Before his marriage Mr. Wemett served in the Civil War fighting mostly under the command of Major Davison and Capt. Marks of Rochester." Another article about his death: "Mr. Wemett was one of the four surviving Civil War veterans in the town of Livonia. He enlisted in 1864 and took part in nine engagements, the most important of which was the battle of Five Forks."

<u>Correll Wemett</u> (1879) was born in Hemlock August 23, 1879. He married Cora Burmeister April 15, 1900. He died July 2, 1937 in Lima and is buried in Honeoye Falls.

*<u>Fred Wemett</u>* (c. 1880) died at age 3.

Infant Son (c. 1882) died in infancy.

<u>Clarence Elmer Wemett</u> (1885) was born February 26, 1885 in Hemlock. He married Ada Helen Jennings (June 4, 1887-Dec. 16, 1934; daughter of Nelson Jennings and Susan Bower) April 5, 1910 in Hunts Hollow, New York. Then married Anna Elizabeth Jennings October 16, 1935 in Geneseo (at the Methodist Parsonage; by Rev. W. J. Brown).

**1910** A newspaper clipping about the wedding of C. E. Wemett and Miss Ada Helen Jennings: "A Pretty Home Wedding – A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jennings of Naples on Tuesday of this week, when Mr. Clarence E. Wemett of Hemlock and Miss Ada Helen, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, were married at noon, the Rev. W. J. Brown of Pultney, a brother-in-law of the bride, performing the ceremony. About twenty-five relatives were present. The bride was handsomely gowned in cream colored nun's veiling and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, and the ring service was observed. Dinner followed the congratulations. Guests were present from Honeoye Falls and Dundee. The occasion was the more impressive from the fact that the day was the twenty-ninth anniversary of the marriage of the bride's parents. There were many valuable presents, among which was a check for \$100 from the bride's father. After a short wedding trip their friends will welcome them back and they will be at home after Sunday, May 1st. They will reside at Hemlock to the supreme satisfaction of their many friends. Good luck and best wishes to them! Hemlock, April 6."

## **1918** (about) – became oil distributor (Pennzoil, later Shell)

1934 (newspaper article) "Death of Mrs. Clarence Wemett. [Dec. 16, 1934] Ada Jennings Wemett, wife of Clarence Wemett of Hemlock, died at her home there at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, of pneumonia. She was taken sick the preceding Monday, and failed to respond to the medical treatment which was unsparingly given her. Funeral services were held at the Hemlock Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Livonia. Mrs. Wemett was born forty-seven years ago in Naples, the daughter of Nelson and Arvilla Bower Jennings. There she lived with her family until 1910, when she married Clarence E. Wemett and moved to Hemlock, where her husband was in business. Five children were born, all of whom survive; Mrs. Fred Kenzie of Prattsburg; Norris, a medical student at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada; Bruce a senior in Hemlock High School; and the 8 year old twins, Mark and Mary. Surviving also are Mrs. Wemett's husband; her father; two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Brown of Geneseo and Miss Anna Jennings of Hemlock; one brother, James of Naples, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Wemett was a member of the Hemlock Methodist church, of the Rebekahs, of the W.C.T.U., and very active in these organizations as well as in every movement or enterprise whose merit commended itself to her. She gave freely of her interest, counsel and ability in every good work, in addition to devoting herself unsparingly to the welfare and happiness of her family. The suddenness of Mrs. Wemett's illness and death, the season of the year and many other factors combine to make her passing one of extreme sadness." \ She is buried in Union Cemetery, Livonia.

**1935** Marriage Announcement from Newspaper: "Miss Anna E. Jennings and Mr. Clarence E. Wemett of Hemlock were united in marriage at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. J. Brown, in Geneseo by the Rev. W. J. Brown in the presence of eighteen friends and relatives. The Methodist Episcopal ring service was used. The bride was gowned in eggplant velvet with a corsage of yellow roses. The couple was unattended. Following the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served. The bride's table and house decorations carried out the color scheme of yellow and white in both candles and cut flowers. After a week's trip though the east, Mr. and Mrs. Wemett will be at home in Hemlock.

**1938** A newspaper clipping entitled "Wemett Leases Shell Stations" – Announcement is made that as of Jan. 5, 1938, C.E. Wemett & Co. of Hemlock has leased its complete Shell territory to the Shell Union Oil Co. The territory comprises Livingston, Ontario and Steuben counties, and contains twenty-eight stations, sixteen of them owned and directly operated and twelve of them dealer stations. The entire personnel will be retained by the Shell Union company, and operation will be on the same general basis as heretofore. C. E. Wemett has been a distributor for about twenty years. He was with the Pennzoil company for six or seven years, placing his first service station in Livonia, operated by L. E. Bartlett and located where R. W. Shepard's station now

stands. That was nineteen years ago. Subsequently Mr. Wemett was distributor for the Eldred company for four or five years, and during the last seven he had developed the Shell business to such an extent that he had become the largest distributor of Shell products in the state. In commenting upon the growth of the business he expressed his appreciation for the increasing patronage which has been given his Shell stations and Shell products. Under terms of the lease, the Wemett company continues to own the equipment and the accounts, and the business will be operated on a gallon-age basis. Government reports show that during 1937 the Wemett company paid state and federal gasoline taxes averaging about \$5000 a month.

1961 Clarence died November 21, 1961 in Hemlock and is buried in the Union Cemetery.

**Obituary**: Mr. Wemett died at his home in Hemlock after a long illness. Mr. Wemett was born in Hemlock Feb. 26, 1885, the son of George A. and Frances Clemons Wemett. He graduated from Livonia High School in the Class of 1905, and soon afterward began working in John Beam's hardware store in Hemlock. Fifteen years later he bought the store which later was sold to Hugh Drain and which only recently came back into the Wemett family when Mr. Drain sold to Mr. Wemett's son, Mark, and grandson, Ross Kenzie. Always enterprising, Mr. Wemett as a young man saw a future in the handling of Petroleum products and made connections with the Shell Oil Co. He was a Franchiser jobber in this company for about 32 years, and the Wemett Corp. are now the largest in the Cleveland district, distributing in [several] counties with about 25 service stations. The first of the stations was in Livonia.

Never one to be content following only a given routine, in 1929 he established a pottery shop in East Bloomfield, where he already had a Shell outlet. At one time he also operated the Avon Coppersmith. He Founded the Forge Wrought Iron Works in Hemlock. He built the Egypt Valley Girl Camp in the Bristol Hills in 1949, later sold to the Seven Lakes Girl Scout Council, Phelps, NY. (The Girl Scouts have since sold the property - 1990?) In 1953 he bought and remodeled the White Horse Tavern, in East Avon, which burned shortly after the opening.

He was a member of the Hemlock Methodist Church and had been a trustee for 35 years. He belonged to the Hemlock Civic Club and the Hemlock IOOF. He was a member of the Board of Education of the Hemlock Union Free School and a director and past president of Union Cemetery. He also participated in obtaining a water system for Hemlock in 1950.

**Memories**: Notes from **Honeoye Lake Courier**, 1987 (Jack Evans): "The second floor of the Wemett hardware store was crammed with obsolete, odd items of merchandise no longer for sale." **Hugh Drain** memories 1975, about Clarence Wemett: "For years the Wemett Corporation operated a plant from which they distributed gasoline, fuel oil and other petroleum products. This plant is no longer in operation."

<u>Aulsa Elizabeth Martin Wemett</u> (1902) was born October 8, 1902 in New York City. She is the adopted daughter of George and Frances Wemett. She married Everett Ellsworth Hayward (1898-1962) October 31, 1925; they had three children. She died June 27, 1987 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Honeoye.