

William A. Rosenkrans of Corunna (1911-14), Republican
 Byron P. Hicks of Durand and Owosso (1919-22), Republican
 Seth Q. Pulver of Owosso (1927-28), Republican
 Leon F. Miner of Owosso (1929-30), Republican
 Herman H. Dignan of Owosso (1939-42), Republican
 James M. Teahen, Jr. of Owosso (1951-54), Republican
 Donald E. Smith of Owosso (1955-58), Republican

Of the 20 men who were elected State Senator from Shiawassee County, 13 were Republicans, six were Democrats, and there was one Greenbacker. Three of the six Democrats were elected before the GOP was formed "under the oaks" at Jackson in 1854, and there has been not a single Democrat from Shiawassee County elected State Senator since 1896.

The geographical distribution of State Senators has not been so diffused throughout Shiawassee County as has been the case with the State Representatives. For instance, 13 of the 20 State Senators were from Owosso, which doesn't leave too many for anybody else.

In addition, Shiawassee County has sent one of its native sons to Congress — the late Alvin M. Beniley, who served as a U. S. Representative from 1953-60.

Shiawassee County has provided the state with one elected Lieutenant Governor — Andrew Parsons of Corunna, who was elected in 1852 and served only about two months in 1853 before he was elevated to the Governorship upon the resignation of the incumbent Governor, Robert McClelland.

Finally, Herman P. Dignan of Owosso, who served as a State Representative from 1935-38 and as a State Senator from 1939-42, was elected Secretary of State on the Republican ticket in 1942 and served in that office from 1943-46.

CLINTON COUNTY

A total of 43 different men who lived in Clinton County have served in the State House of Representatives.

Of these 43 men, 27 were Republican, 19 Democrats, and two Whigs. In case you note that totals up to 48, not 43, you're right — five of the 43 men served non-consecutive terms, just as did Grover Cleveland as President of the United States.

It's interesting to note that eight of the 19 Democrats (and, needless to say, both of the Whigs) were elected before the Republican Party was formed "under the oaks" at Jackson in 1854. Since 1893 there has been only one Democrat elected to the State House from Clinton County and that was George H. Schoenhals of St. Johns, who was swept into office in the Franklin D. Roosevelt landslide of 1932. He interrupted the longest tenure of any State Representative in Clinton County history — that of John P. Espie of Eagle Township, who had served 10 years when Schoenhals upended him. In 1934, Espie came back to retake the seat from Schoenhals and hold it for another 16 years.

For a ten-year period beginning in 1863 and ending in 1872, Clinton County was divided into two Representative Districts. District 2 consisted of the northern half of the county (Lebanon, Essex, Greenbush, Duplain, Dallas, Bengal, Bingham, and Ovid Townships and all cities and villages lying within those townships), and District 1 embraced the southern half of the county (Westphalia, Riley, Olive, Victor, Eagle, Watertown, DeWitt, and Bath Townships, plus all cities and villages lying within those townships). Dis-

trict 1 was marginal, with the Democrats winning most of the time. District 2 was heavily Republican.

For a 14-year period beginning in 1873 and ending in 1886, Clinton County was re-divided into two new Representative Districts which were different than the districts that existed between 1863 and 1872. The "new" District 1 consisted of Duplain, Ovid, Bingham, Olive, Victor, Bath and DeWitt Townships and all cities and villages lying within those townships. The "new" District 2 embraced Greenbush, Essex, Lebanon, Dallas, Bengal, Westphalia, Riley, Watertown, and Eagle Townships plus all the cities and villages lying within those townships. District 1 was heavily Republican, but District 2 was marginal, the Democrats usually emerging victorious.

Beginning in 1887, Clinton County was no longer allowed to elect two representatives from within its borders. The population of the rest of the state had caught up with it, and Clinton from 1887 through 1952 was allowed one State Representative from within its borders. Beginning in 1953, it was combined with Barry and Eaton Counties into a district which elected two Representatives. In 1965, it was reapportioned into its present status.

Following is the list of those who served in the State House of Representatives from Clinton County:

Robert G. McKee of DeWitt Township (1839), Democrat
 Milo Turner of DeWitt Township (1842), Whig
 Daniel Ferguson, Jr. of DeWitt Township (1844), Democrat
 Samuel M. Scott of Essex Township (1846), Democrat
 William W. Upton of Victor Township (1847), Democrat
 Samuel M. Scott of Essex Township (1848), Democrat
 Morris S. Allen of DeWitt Township (1849), Democrat
 Samuel M. Scott of Essex Township (1850), Democrat
 David Clark of Eagle Township (1851-52), Democrat
 Robert E. Craven of Duplain Township (1853-54), Whig
 Timothy H. Pettit of Essex Township (1855-56), Republican
 James Kipp of Duplain Township (1857-58), Republican
 David I. Daniels of Wacousta (1859-60), Republican

William F. Jenison of Eagle Township (1863-64) (1), Democrat
 Chandler Freeman of Maple Rapids (1863-64) (2), Republican
 Moses Bartow of Westphalia (1865-66) (1), Democrat
 Orrin W. Munger of St. Johns (1865-66) (2), Republican
 Sidney U. Alexander of DeWitt (1867-68) (1), Democrat
 Stephen Pearl of Greenbush Township (1867-68) (2), Republican
 Philo Doty of Eagle Township (1869-72) (1), Republican
 Aaron Sickles of Elsie (1869-70) (2), Republican
 Rowland S. VanSoy of Essex Township (1871-74) (2), Republican
 (VanSoy's 2nd District boundaries were changed after his first term, but he was elected to a second term from the "new" 2nd District.)

John C. Brunson of Victor Township (1873-74) (1), Republican
 Samuel S. Walker of St. Johns (1875-76) (1), Republican
 Moses Bartow of Westphalia (1875-76) (2), Democrat
 Eugene V. Chase of Elsie (1877-80) (1), Republican
 Newton Baker of Bengal Township (1877-78) (2), Democrat
 Frank Noeker of Westphalia (1879-80) (2), Democrat
 William H. Rose of Bath Township (1881-84) (1), Republican
 Richard B. Carus of Essex Township (1881-82) (2), Republican
 Frank Noeker of Westphalia (1883-84) (2), Democrat
 Emory B. Voorhees of Ovid (1885-86) (1), Democrat
 Luther Fitch Conrad of Watertown Township (1885-86) (2).

Democrat elected on a Fusion ticket with Greenbacker support

Loyal W. Hill of Eagle Township (1887-88), Republican
 Cyrus Sherman of Ovid (1889-90), Republican
 Levi W. Baldwin of Fowler (1891-92), Democrat
 Francis W. Redfern of Maple Rapids (1893-96), Republican
 Chester E. Jackson of Ovid (1897-98), Republican
 Michael S. Doyle of Elsie (1899-1902), Republican
 Levi P. Partlow of Eagle Township (1903-06), Republican
 William A. Norton of St. Johns (1907-08), Republican
 Dwight S. Morrison of St. Johns (1909-12), Republican
 Charles A. Hulst of St. Johns (1913-18), Republican
 George C. Hunter of Ovid (1919-22), Republican
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