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A 1940s postcard from Holland, Michigan

Message from the Prez

Many people associate the month of May with Memorial Day. Some look forward to the three-day weekend while others are reminded about the loved ones, they've lost due to war. This Memorial Day please take a moment to remember all the fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice. I would like to share with all of you the story about Ephraim Silcox.

Ephraim was born around 1849, in Antioch, Illinois. He was the son of Elizabeth Brown and William Silcox. When Ephraim was a young boy, his family moved to the Romulus area. Shortly after Ephraim's fifteenth birthday, he enlisted in Company L of the 8th Michigan Cavalry. On January 22, 1864, Ephraim mustered into the war, he joined the regiment down in Sterling, Kentucky on February 27, 1864. On August 3, 1864, Ephraim was captured on Stoneman's raid to Macon, Georgia. A large portion of the 8th Michigan Cavalry surrendered and were taken down to Andersonville Prisoner of War Camp. Andersonville was a horrible place and most soldiers who were taken there never left. However, when the news that General Sherman captured Atlanta Georgia on September 2, 1864, reached Andersonville, evacuation started almost immediately. The south was worried that Sherman would ride down to Andersonville and release the prisoners, so they decided to move the prisoners to other camps. In the week of September 7, 1864, almost 17,000 prisoners of war would be moved from Andersonville to other camps in the south. Fortunately, Ephraim would be one of the 17,000 men who survived and made it out of Andersonville. More than likely, during the march to one of the surrounding camps, Ephraim perished and died. His remains probably lie in one of the trenches someplace in the south. If you visit the Taylor Township Cemetery, Ephraim has a grave site near his relatives. His death date is listed as August 3, 1864 (date he was captured). I can't help but wonder if his family ever learned the truth about Ephraim's fate.

Mary-Johna Wein



Please join us in these upcoming events!!!

Friday May 12, 2023 – Presentation on Chief Walk in the Water (Marx home 7pm)

Sunday May 21, 2023 – pie and ice cream social

Sunday June 11, 2023– membership picnic (*more on the next page*)

Saturday September 9, 2023 - 65th anniversary of the Wyandotte Historical Society.



MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Join us Sunday June 11, 2023, at 1 pm to celebrate all the wonderful volunteers. As a thank you to all the volunteers, we would like to host a picnic at the museum campus to celebrate everyone's hard work. Hot dogs, salads, desserts, and refreshments will be served free of charge to any of the volunteers. If anyone would like to bring outside guests, there will be a free will donation bin. We hope to see all of you there!

Check out this 1926 advertisement!



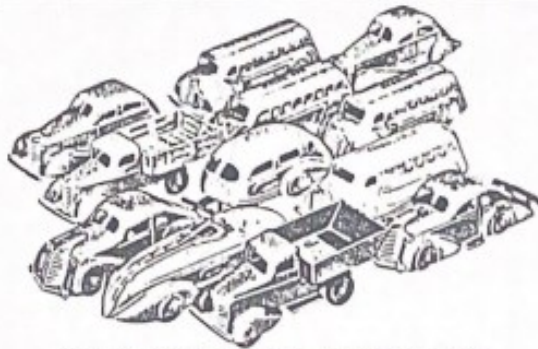


CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS FROM WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN

A year of research was put in by members of the WHS to compile this list. We are so thankful for these men!

Aber, Louis	Crist, Lewis	Gudith, John	Manor, Frank	Sheridan, John	Williams, Isaiah
Alexander, Duncan	Crossmyer, John	Haight, Benjamin	Mapes, Silas	Short, John	Wilson, Ashbel
Apply, Joseph	Decker, Oliver	Haight, Daniel	Martin, August	Simon, Andrew	Wolcott, John
Armstrong, Eugene	Delisle, Oliver	Haskins, Theron	Mason, Orlo	Smith, David	Wright, Francis
Atchinson, Phineas	DeLosh, Fredrick	Haven, James	McCann, James	Smith, Christian	Zeass, Louis
Bailey, Sanford	Donaldson, Henry	Hendricks, Samuel	McKnight, James	Solo, Claude	
Baisley, Francis	Donaldson, Hiram	Heritage, James	Moodie, Robert	Spaven, George	
Baldwin, Lewis	Donaldson, John	Hibbard, Oliver	Moore, George	Spence, William	
Barrow, Richard	Donaldson, William	Hicks, Frank	Morgan, James	Stafford, John	
Bellville, William	Doremus, Spencer	Hills, John	Moynaham, John	Stoflet, Henry	
Bishop, William	Ehring, Adam	Hoagland, David	Murphy, James	Sutliff, John	
Boltz, Joseph	Evans, Thomas	Hood, Samuel	Newington, James	Terrell, James	
Boltz Jr., John	Farnsworth, James	Hooker, Henry	Niesen, Peter	Terrell, Hazel	
Bondie, Alexander	Ferguson, Leander	Hunter, Edward	Pemberton, Stephen	Trout, Morris	
Bone, Frances	Finney, Samuel	Hurst, James	Pemberton, John	Turner, Josiah	
Bragenzer, Joseph	Fleming, Daniel	Jackson, William	Pender, James	Von Renner, Charles	
Brass, Morris	Fountain, Nelson	Krieger, Christian	Pickney, George	Vreeland, William	
Brindle, Asa	Fuller, Almeron	Kuehl, John	Pocock, Henry	Wall, Michael	
Brown, Henry	Fuller, Dayton	Kuntz, Jacob	Putnam, Henry	Warner, Jeston	
Bryan, John	Gee, Alexander	LaBeau, Charles	Ragan, John	Wayman, John	
Bullard, Herbert	Gibson, James	LaBelle, Charles	Ross, Euphrates	Webb, William	
Campau, Claude	Goodell, Elijah	Labo Jr., Alexander	Roth, Geroge	Welch, John	
Carson, Edward	Goodwin, William	Lapham, William	Sancrant, Eli	Wells, William	
Carson, William	Gordon, Henry	Lawrence, Samuel	Schoemaker, John	Wells, Chandler	
Clark, Samuel	Grace, Patrick	Leighton, Robert	Schweiss, Joseph	White, Jacob	
Colfax, William	Gudith, John	Lloyd, William	Secord, John	Wiechers, Charles	
Coop, Thomas	Gudith, Francis	Losee, Alfred	Shatelroe, Dominick	Williams, Clinton	

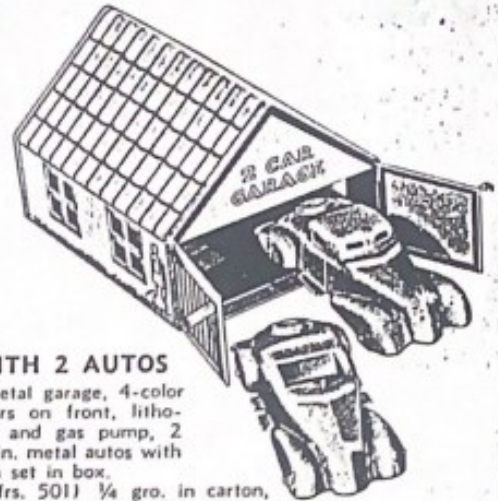
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AUTO AND TRUCK ASSORTMENT

12 STYLES—6 to 7 inches long, steel, wood wheels, assorted color baked enamel finishes, assorted coupe, sedan, stake truck, dump truck, racer, speedster, air speed coupe, touring sedan, trailer car, trailer, ambulance and gasoline truck.
62X-7544—(Mfrs. 12) 1/2 gro. in carton, 32 lbs.

Gro. \$9.00



GARAGE WITH 2 AUTOS

3 3/4 x 4 1/4 in. metal garage, 4-color litho, double doors on front, lithographed windows and gas pump, 2 heavy gauge 4 3/8 in. metal autos with rubber tires. Each set in box.
62X-7603—(Mfrs. 501) 1/4 gro. in carton, 22 lbs.

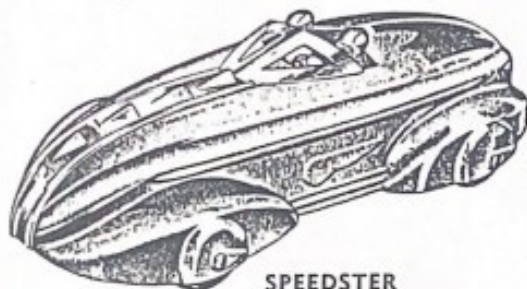
Gro. \$21.00



LAND CRUISER WITH TRAILER

11 3/4 in. heavy gauge steel, assorted colored enamel finishes, rubber wheels, detachable trailer with door in rear. Each in box.
62X-7625—(Mfrs. 346) 1/4 gro. in carton, 30 lbs.

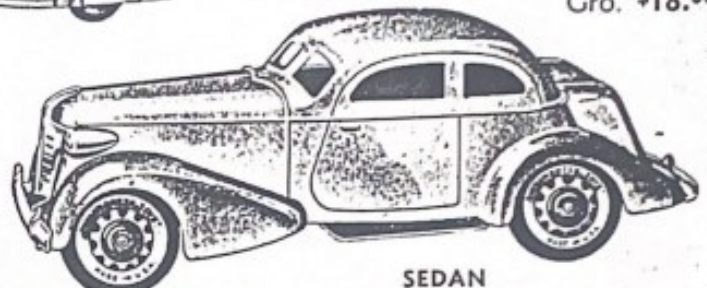
Gro. \$18.00



SPEEDSTER

7 in. long, steel, assorted color baked enamel finishes, wood wheels, litho figures.
63X-378—(Mfrs. 378) 1/4 gro. in carton, 17 lbs.

Gro. \$9.50

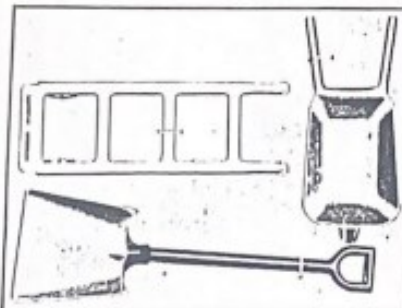


SEDAN

9 3/4 in., assorted color baked enameled finishes, bright metal radiator and bumpers, equipped with spare tire and trunk, litho metal wheels, imitation headlights. Each in box.

63X-344—(Mfrs. 344) 1/4 gro. in carton, 43 lbs.

Gro. \$22.50



SHOVEL, HAND TRUCK and WHEELBARROW SET

3-PIECE SET—8 in. shovel, 5 1/4 hand truck, 5 1/4 in. wheelbarrow, heavy steel, assorted color baked enamel finishes. Each set mounted on card.
63X-107—(Mfrs. 107) 1/4 gro. cards in carton, 16 lbs.

Gro. \$9.50



STAKE TRUCK

6 in. long, steel, bright metal radiator and bumper, wood wheels, baked enamel finish.

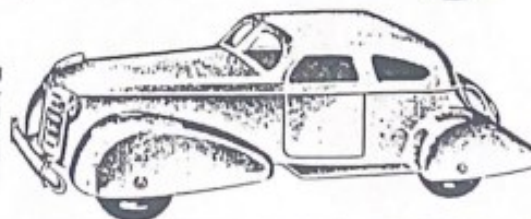
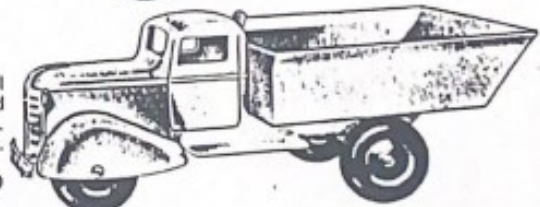
63X-317—(Mfrs. 317) 1/4 gro. in carton, 17 lbs.

Gro. \$9.00

DUMP TRUCK

6 in. long, steel, bright metal radiator and bumper, wood wheels, baked enamel finish.
53X-318—(Mfrs. 318) 1/4 gro. in carton 17 lbs.

Gro. \$9.00



SEDAN

6 in. long, steel, bright metal radiator and bumper, wood wheels, baked enamel finish.

63X-316—(Mfrs. 316) 1/4 gro. in carton, 17 lbs.

Gro. \$9.00

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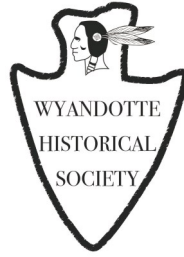
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