

Statira "Statie" Hammond, born 29 October 1881, Alaiedon Township Ingham County, was the daughter of Upton J. (1848-1923) and Ada (Kinsman) (1854-1942). Ada was born and raised in Okemos. Upton, an

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Alaiedon Township, Ingham County farmer married Ada in 1875, Okemos. Statie was the couple's first born child.

As a child Statie was a member of Wilkins Memorial Church in Alaiedon Township, which was named after the pioneer Wilkins family. The church closed around 1920. Statie, probably before her marriage, moved her membership to Okemos Baptist Church, Meridian Township.

Statie attended Okemos School through the 8th grade. The highest-grade level at Okemos in this particular year was 8th grade and was considered graduation. Because of her October 29 birthday, we believe she started 1st grade in 1886. Thus, Statie Hammond graduated at age 13 and is in the Okemos Class of 1895. Statie stayed close with her Okemos classmates. [One such gathering was featured in the Lansing State Journal, June 7, 1951. <click this area to read "The Circle of Friends">](#)



She married James Bernard True 1 January 1907, Ingham County. James

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The Masonic lodge conducted the funeral services of Orval True, aged 81, who had spent practically all his married life on the True homestead near Mason. Mr. True is survived by a wife, four children, Mrs. Chas. Beaumont, and Bert True, both of East Lansing; Mrs. Joseph Robinson of Holt, and James True of Alaiedon. He and his twin brother, who died some time ago, were the first male white children born in Rives township.

was a 2nd generation Michigander. His father, Orville (or Orval) and twin brother, Orrin, were the first white boys born in Rives Township, Jackson County, Michigan. Orville married in 1858 and bought farm land near Mason where he cut timber, sheared sheep and during the long winters made axe handles. James was raised

on that farm and when he married Statie he continued to farm for a number of years. James later worked for the Lansing City Engineering Department.

James and Statie had only one child, a daughter named Alice Maxine, born 5 September 1911. James died 11 October 1956. Statie died 25 May 1964. They were interred Summit Cemetery, Williamston.

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MRS. STATIRA TRUE, WILLIAMSTON, DIES

Mrs. Statira True, 82, 240 Sherwood Road, Williamston, died Monday at a local hospital. Born in Alaiedon Township, she had been a lifelong resident of Ingham County. She was a member of Okemos Baptist Church, the Pioneer Club of Okemos and a member of the Home Round-Up Club. She was the widow of James B. True.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Paul Corbin of Williamston; one granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel, East Lansing. Burial will be in Summit Cemetery, Williamston.

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