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A former Orion Township Clerk, Margaret "Peg" Stephen, died on Nov. 27, 1993 at the age of 88 after a long illness.

According to her son Harry, a Lake Orion councilman, his mother came from pioneer stock, going back to land grant days. She was related to both the Huntoons and Kings, founding families of Waterford Township. Huntoon Lake is named after the family.



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Peg was raised on a 160-acre potato farm near Williams Lake and Airport Roads. Harry said a big old Victorian home, made possible by money made during the gold rush days, stood on the property. The centennial farm no longer exists.

Peg, a graduate of Pontiac High School, worked for Oakland County Registrar of Deeds before being elected the township's clerk in 1957. The Republican served as clerk until 1970.

Good friend Doris Groll, a retired township employee, worked with Peg and visited her often during her illness. "Despite being so crippled with arthritis, she was always so cheerful.

"She was still so vitally interested in what was going on in the township," Groll said. "She was a smart and intelligent person."

tape notes to the outside of her purse.

"She did things that other women didn't do in those days," Groll added.

Harry said his mother went on canoe trips by herself and even went backpacking in Montana. Peg, along with her late husband Willard, traveled to Europe by freighter and spent a lot of time in Australia.

Groll said Peg loved her dogs and cat. She told the story of Peg's cat crawling under the hood of her car to find a warm spot. "Peg started her car and heard this terrible noise — it chewed up the cat pretty badly. She rushed it to Dr. McNeil and he fixed it up. The cat lived for a few years after that. We laughed about that for a long time."

Peg is also survived by another son, W. Richard of Orchard Lake; her three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Howarth Methodist Church, Beta Sigma Phi and the Lake Orion Federation of Women's Club.

Funeral services were Nov. 30 in the Huron Street Chapel of the Huntoon Funeral Home in Pontiac. Rev. David Koski officiated. Burial was in East Lawn Cemetery.