

# Time Tracs by Jim Ingram

*A series on Orion Township farms. It began with the Lessiter farm (Time Tracs -- Lake Orion Review, September-October 2004)*

*It continues with the Hemingway farm. The Charles K. Carpenter, Charles A. Carpenter, Christopher Cole, Elijah Bailey Clark, John P. Kelly, Isaac Casamer, Frank W. Blair, William E. Scripps and Jacob Schick farms will follow.*

## **LB Hemingway Farm**

LB Hemingway was born in Tompkins County, State of New York, Sept. 8, 1827. He married Sylvia Stone, a native of the same township as himself in 1848.

They came to Michigan in 1855, purchasing a tract of land in Orion Township. They had one child, Orra L., born Aug. 4, 1862.

The farm of 220 acres was located on both sides of Clarkston Road at Hemingway Road. It ran west of Hemingway to the shore of Elkhorn Lake, then called Mud Lake.

The house and barns were on the west side of Hemingway between Clarkston and Heights Roads.

Orra married Minnie Sheldon of Orion Township in 1886. They had three children -- Carl, born in 1887, Ruth, born in 1892 and Hope, born in 1898.

Orra continued the family farm after the death of his parents. Mrs. LB Hemingway died in the family farm house on April 20, 1909. Her husband had preceded her in death.

Orra retired and sold the farm in

the early 1920s. The house and barns were torn down over the years and the farm property is now primarily occupied by single family dwellings.

Orra built a retirement home on Jackson Street in the Village of Lake Orion in the early 1920s. He was the Justice of the Peace for Orion in the 1920s and 1930s with an office in the village hall.

For many years in Michigan, the Justice of the Peace was the local judge and conducted court business in that jurisdiction.

The Jackson Street home would later be occupied by Orra's son Carl, his wife Winifred and daughters Helen and Marcia.

The house still exists at 347 Jackson Street at the corner of Hauxwell.



**Hemingway farm**



**Orra and Minnie Hemingway with their children Carl and Ruth in the late 1890s.**