

TURNPIKE TALES

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(Historical items from the "Madison Bouckville Antique Week" region)

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The Madison-Bouckville area has been rich in history from the arrival of the first settlers to the present day. As an addition to the newsletter, we have decided to share some of that history in order that the patrons who travel to the Madison-Bouckville Show will have a better understanding of our truly unique region.

MOSES MAYNARD AND HIS FAMILY

We now continue the story of the family of Moses Maynard by looking at the life of Edward Maynard. Edward was born on April 26, 1813 at McClure's Settlement. He was the second son of Moses and Chloe (Butler) Maynard, Moses Maynard's second wife.

Edward Maynard received his early education in the local township school and then attended Hamilton Academy in nearby Hamilton, New York. He then applied and was accepted at the Military Academy at West Point. His health became a problem and he resigned after one semester.

He turned his attention to civil engineering and the study of anatomy. His anatomical focus became dentistry and new dental techniques. By 1836 Edward is living in Washington, D.C. He had married Ellen Sophia Doty of Sherburne, New York in 1838. This marriage eventually produced seven children. Ellen died in 1863.

1838 was also the year when Maynard was the first to practice the thorough filling, with gold foil, of the nerve cavity, including the nerve canals, in molar and bicuspid teeth. In 1845 he introduced this practice in Europe. He was soon employed by Emperor Nicholas of Russia. He declined a permanent position in Russia, but was given a magnificent diamond ring by the Emperor.

While living in Washington, Maynard developed an interest in breech-loading rifles. His experiment led to a patent for the Maynard rifle in 1851. Further improvements were made for the rifle and it was used by both the north and the South during the Civil War. The rifle was even used by armies in Europe.

In 1857 he accepted the Chair of Theory and practice at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery and later received a position in the dental department of the National University in Washington, D.C.

Maynard was also the co-editor of the American Journal of Dental Science and attended the needs of several presidents of the United States. He invented many dental techniques other than the one already listed and received many honors for his work in both the U.S. and Europe.

Edward Maynard married for a second time in 1869. This was to Nellie Long of Savannah, Georgia. They would have one child, Edna. Following all of his many accomplishments, Maynard settled into his own dental practice in Washington until his death on May 4, 1891 at Washington. He certainly had led a very unique life.

JANE, MARY ANN, AND DEWITT CLINTON MAYNARD -

We have recorded information concerning Arba Maynard, the son of Moses Maynard from his first marriage, and sons Butler and Edward from his second marriage. However, we have read that there were three more children from the second marriage, Jane, Mary Ann, and Dewitt Clinton. We now take a brief look at these three individuals.

Jane Maynard was born in 1818 at McClure's Settlement and died in 1856 at Hamilton. She was included in the 1837 catalog of the Clinton Liberal Institute, Clinton, New York. Jane married William R. Griswold, a local Hamilton farmer.

She is buried in the Madison Village Cemetery. Her husband remarried and is buried with his second wife in Woodlawn Cemetery, Hamilton, New York.

Mary Ann Maynard was born in 1820 at McClure's Settlement and died in 1908 at Ionia, Michigan. She was also included in the 1837 catalog of the Clinton Liberal Institute.

Mary Ann married Nathaniel Aaron Cook. The couple moved to Michigan and lived in Ann Arbor before moving to Ionia. She is buried in Highland Park Cemetery, Ionia, Michigan.

Dewitt Clinton Maynard was born in 1821 at McClure's Settlement and died in 1822. He was the last child of Moses and Chloe Maynard and is buried in the Madison Village Cemetery. Chloe Maynard died in 1821, possibly from complications of childbirth.

**** We should note that Moses Maynard had no children with his third wife, Mary "Polly."