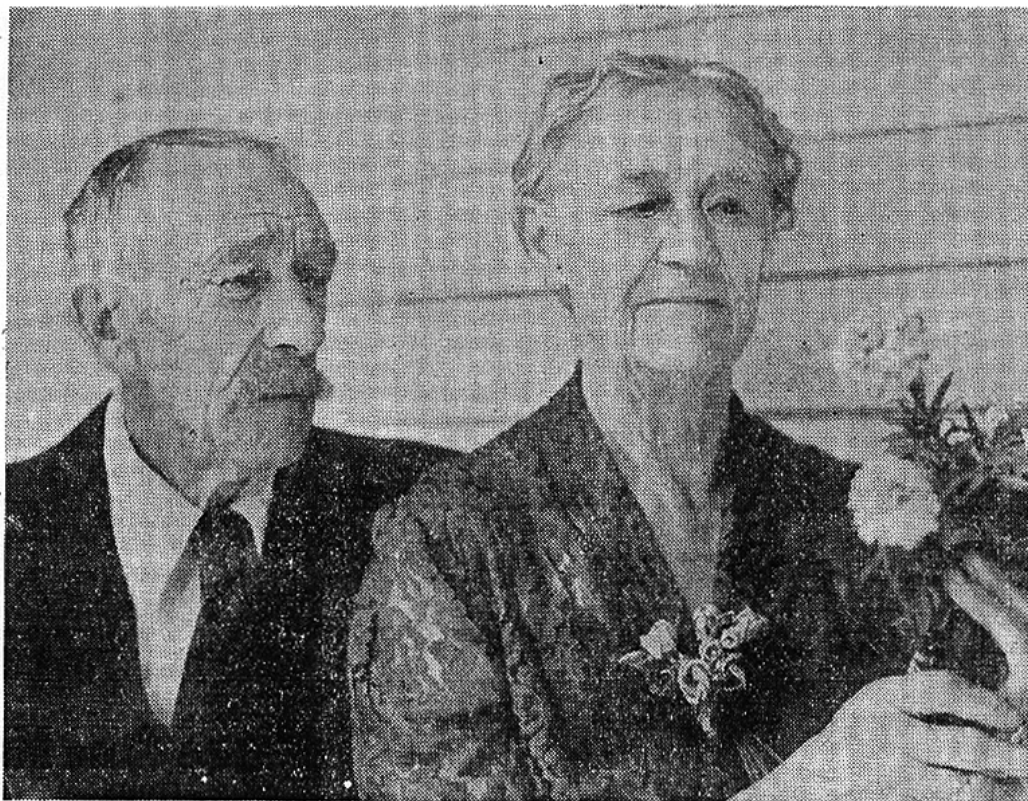


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**Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary**—The picturesque farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Roat at the southeast corner of the Lapeer and Vassar roads, built on imposing lines even in Civil war days and dignified by 73 years of family use, was the scene Saturday of a happy family celebration. The open-house hours were marked by a gathering of hundreds of relatives and friends from Genesee and neighboring counties. Mr. Roat, who is an ardent hunter despite his 80 years, obliged many visitors with stories of hunting trips, recalled by the scores of hunting trophies with which the house is adorned. Coincident with the occasion, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Day, celebrated their wedding anniversary. (Journal Photo.)

## Levi Roats Observe 60th Wedding Anniversary in Vassar Road Home

The hospitable farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Roat on the Vassar road, in Davison township was the scene of a double celebration Saturday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Roat observed their 60th wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Day celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Day is a daughter of the Roats. The couple was assisted in receiv-

ing 200 guests by Mrs. Clarence Day and Mrs. J. L. Roat.

Fall flowers were disposed about the rooms and the table was laid with a lace cloth and decorated with candelabra with lighted tapers. Mrs. Edward Magee and Mrs. Matie Bartlett poured. A buffet luncheon was served.

The Rev. B. H. Taylor of the Davison Baptist church and the Rev. Harold Carr, pastor of Court Street M. E. church in Flint, were speakers. Mrs. Alton West contributed to the occasion with old songs, Mrs. Mark Black accompanying at the piano. Her selections were "When You and I Were Young Maggie" and "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet." Mrs. Nellie I. Thomas of Petoskey read an original poem pertaining to the 60th anniversary of the Roats. Guests attended from Clio, Detroit, Flint and Davison.

Levi H. Roat and his bride of 60 years, were married Sept. 17, 1878, in the Presbyterian manse at Flint by the Rev. Northup. Mr. Roat was born in a log house on his present farm site on June 20, 1858, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Roat, who came to Flint when there was but one store and a saw mill on the Flint river and the only transportation was the ox team.

The log house of his birth was replaced with a comfortable farm home where the Roats live today on the same farm his parents purchased from the government. Mrs. Roat, the former Fanny Evelyn Coles was born in Frankenmuth March 4, 1862, and came to Genesee county at the age of 11 years. The Roats celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the same farm residence.

They have two sons, Jesse L. Roat of Lake Fenton and Frank Roat of the Vassar road, one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Day, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.