

He was a Judge of the Michigan circuit court and a member of the Territorial and State Legislatures, also a Commissioner of Internal Improvements and District and County Surveyor." (Memorial Record of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan 1883 pages 10 and 11)

He was one of the projectors of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal.

J. & W. BURT (1856 - 1857)

John Burt (1814 - 1886)

William Burt (1825 - 1898)

Detroit, Michigan

John Burt, son of William Austin Burt, was born in Wales Township, Erie County, New York on April 18, 1814. He died in Detroit on August 16, 1886. He is buried in the Burt Lot in Detroit.

From 1840 to 1850 he was engaged with his father in surveying in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He was the first superintendent of construction of the first canal at Sault Ste. Marie. He was the inventor of the locks and patentee that are used there. With his brother William he was a partner of J. & W. Burt in 1856 and 1857. Apparently he left the company in 1857 to engage in many other enterprises. He was also a partner in the firm of Burt and Watson in 1857 and 1858.

The biography of his brother William will be found in the Burt & Bailey history.

1856-57 Detroit directory show the following listings: Burt, J. & W. mathematical instrument makers 214 Jefferson Ave. Burt, W. of J. & W. Burt with J. Burt, Burt, John of J. & W. Burt res. 25 Rowland Fawcett, W. H. mathematical instrument maker.

BURT & BAILEY (1853 - 1856)

William Burt (1814 - 1898)

John A. Bailey

Detroit, Michigan

William Burt was a son of William Austin Burt. He was born in Mount Vernon, Michigan, October 31, 1825. He died in Marquette, Michigan on December 19, 1898. He is buried in the Burt Lot in the Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

He was associated with his father and his brother John as a surveyor until 1846. From early in 1847 to 1858 he was a United States Deputy Surveyor.

He was a member of the firm of Burt & Bailey from 1853 to 1856; in 1856 and 1857, with J. & W. Burt; and in 1857 and 1858 a member of the firm of Burt and Watson, all of the concerns being in Detroit.

In 1866 he moved to Marquette, Michigan where he was engaged in other enterprises until his death in 1898.

September 6, 1853 - The Detroit Advertiser: "Messrs. Burt & Bailey, three doors below the Advertiser Office, have opened a factory for making and repairing mathematical instruments. They are engaged in making Burt's Patent Solar Compass."

They are listed in the Detroit city directories, as follows:

1853-54 Burt & Bailey. Mathematical Instrument Maker, ss Jefferson Avenue, between Bates and Randolph, Bailey, J. A., of Burt & Bailey, math. instrument maker, ss. Jeff Avenue, between Bates & Randolph, Crossman, Charles, with Burt & Bailey, Grant, Wm. C. with Burt & Bailey, 1855-56 Burt & Bailey, Math. inst. mak, 214 Jefferson, Bailey, John, of Burt & Bailey, mathematical instrument maker, 320 Congress.

The Sacramento County Historical Society, located in Sutter's Fort State Historical Monument in Sacramento, California has a Burt & Bailey Surveyor's Compass.

BURT & WATSON (1857-1858)

William Burt (1825 - 1898)

Thomas Watson (1832 - 1906)

Detroit, Michigan

1857-58 Burt & Watson mathematical inst. man'fs over 214 Jefferson, Burt J. & W. (non-resident), Watson, Thomas of Burt & W. 34 Montcalm, Crossman, Charles, with Burt & Watson, Grant, W. C., math inst. maker.

In the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan there are two Burt & Watson Surveyor's Vernier Compasses, with Burt Solars. They are 14" overall, needle 3-5/8" long. They are engraved "1857-1858" No. 79 is engraved "Made for Henry Merryweather". The other one is engraved "No. 85"

"Burt Solar February 25, 1836 Patented" is engraved on both.

BENJAMIN CHANDLEE, JR. (1723 - 1791)

Nottingham, Maryland

Benjamin Chandlee, Jr. was born in Nottingham, Maryland on January 22, 1723. He died in Nottingham on September 18, 1791.

It is interesting to note that Nottingham was in Pennsylvania until after 1768, when the Mason-Dixon line transferred Nottingham to