

# PIONEER RECORD



## MIDLAND'S PIONEER FAMILIES

This month we continue printing some of the series of articles with interviews of Midland pioneers which appeared in the Midland Sun newspaper February through May, 1924.

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 April 10, 1924. LEONARD REED - This interview with Leonard Reed is continued from the previous issue of PIONEER RECORD.

This man was a pioneer in the true sense of the term in that he was a trapper and hunter, but always for big game. And, today at the age of almost 82 he will dare any man that he can shoot the head of a partridge at every shot.

He has killed as high as 26 deer in one fall, but the meat was never wasted. He tells of a hand-to-hand encounter with a big buck when the only weapon he had was a knife. He managed after a hard struggle to cut the buck's throat. It's horns among the finest specimens in the county, adorns his home today.

He tells of shooting bear from the front porch of his home just above the forks. He also recalls a near fight with the biggest bear he ever remembers seeing. This was in Montcalm county. He sighted the bear and taking his ax as he cautiously crept closer. As he leaped to strike the bear between the shoulders with the ax, he fell short of his mark. The bear turned and faced him. He glared at the bear and the bear glared at him. "I had often heard it said that a wild animal could be looked out of countenance. I believe it can be done because that bear turned his head ever so slightly and then suddenly he wheeled and ran."

In a close shave with a catamount near Sanford, he bested the animal in a hand-to-hand conflict and when he drew its hind legs up over his back and shoulders, its front feet and head laid on the ground. In this manner he dragged the animal to his house. He recalls that John W. Lean was a strong rival hunter.

His prowess as a trapper was the envy of all. He recalls selling coon and muskrat skins to John Eastman. At one time he sold him ten mink? skins for \$100. Eastman's store at the time was located over the "Hole in the Wall Saloon" on the east side of Benson street near the Orr Bean & Grain company's office building.

No doubt the identity of this fiddler, woodsman, hunter, and trapper has been suggested to many of the pioneers. The interesting character of this article is Leonard S. Reed., now residing near Sanford.

Mr. Reed was born in Webster township, Washtenaw county on April 20? 1842 and came to Midland in the fall of 1862. He was united in marriage to Caroline, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Patterson on March 23, 1865. Mrs Reed died about two years ago. Mr. Reed has been a passenger many times on the

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This PIONEER RECORD is intended to contain useful genealogical information, but it is also the main vehicle for communication with you, the members. Since it is only published four times a year, I want to touch on a few things that will be happening before I write again.

At the October meeting I asked for volunteers for the Book Committee. Let me describe what is involved in that activity. Over the past eight years our society has donated nearly \$4300 to the library for the purchase of books for the genealogical collection. Usually the library has matched our donation and the collection now numbers some 800 books. Our committee normally meets a couple of time to draw up a list of book recommendations. We try to limit our selections to books and other materials that pertain to Michigan and the states from which substantial migration has come. Some of these are the original thirteen colonies (MA, RI, CN, PA, NY, VA, etc.) as well as OH, IN, KY, and TN and the province of Ontario. If you have seen a book you think we should recommend or have any other suggestions, let me know. I still have an opening on the committee and I hope to fill it soon.

Since the May meeting will be devoted to the FIRST FAMILIES OF MIDLAND COUNTY program and awards, we will need to move our election of officers up one month to April. That means the nominating Committee will have to start earlier. I will be calling on some of you soon to help with that. We need a few new officers to blend in with the experienced ones, so be thinking about the roll you would like to play on YOUR organization.

Jo Brines did a nice job of explaining our budget for 1991+1992 at the last meeting. Membership dues are expected to be \$937.50 (based in 75 singles and 15 couples). Through October 16 we are still a couple of hundred dollars short of that number. Since dues are our main source of income, we should all try to encourage friends to become members and urge former members to return to the group! The income we are expecting from First Families will be needed to cover project costs (the main objective is to encourage genealogy). Society Book Sales are not expected to contribute much profit this year. And, In spite of Jo's efforts, the interest on our CD, checking account and savings is pretty low due to current monetary policy. I don't mean to sound too gloomy, but our budgeted library book purchases of \$600 may be a bit ambitious. Jo and your board of directors will be watching these things through the year. In the meantime, help bring in NEW MEMBERS!

The OBITUARY PROJECT continues to make progress. The Midland Republican data from 1924-1927 has been transferred from Apple ProDOS format to MS-DOS. If ANYONE has any OBIT PROJECT DATA ON DISK, please let me or Ora Flaningam know. We still have some lists that will have to be scanned (at a dollar a page) if we can't find the disks from which the lists were made. With regard to the PROBATE PROJECT, Ralph Hillman is still willing to brief anyone interested in helping Florence Wise who has taken over the leadership. We have designed a form for abstracting the desired information. And, Diana Butcher will help anyone willing to inventory their TOWNSHIP RECORDS. She and Marilyn McGinnis found things in Homer Township that don't exist anywhere else.

Thanks to Gayle Hanna, we've got some good PROGRAMS COMING UP. This month we hear about the Burton Library and in January, Ralph Hillman will tell us how we might use a Professional Genealogist. See you on Nov. 20th ... and BRING A NEW MEMBER!

Bill Worden

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old river boat Belle Seymour, between Midland and Saginaw, when James Bean was captain: Dan Osborn, Wheelman, and Joseph Dagle, fireman. Bean succeeded Charley Case as captain.

He remembers when grading for the old F. & P. M. road bed just east of the Benson street crossing that a number of Indian skeletons were unearthed.

He also recalls that it was early in February, that he saw an Indian squaw chopped down a "coon tree," a big elm on the Osborn farm, about three miles up the Tittabawassee, and when the tree fell her dogs killed 11 coons.

Mr. Reed could speak the Chippewa language so well that he found no difficulty conversing with the Indians. He has a fine collection of arrow heads.

He spent one winter in the lumber woods a little south of Curtis, where a long stave mill was operated. The mill town was located a few miles west of Camp 16.

As the forests were cleared away and game became less plentiful he turned his attention to farming has spent 39 years on his farm a few miles from Sanford.

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April 10, 1924. MR. and MRS. W.A. FINNEY - To have ridden and conversed with General Sheridan at the time he was making his famous ride "from Winchester twenty miles away" of Civil War history is the part played by a Midland citizen in that drama of the birth of a nation.

This Midland citizen was a private in the ranks and had no intention, inclination or desire to accompany "Fighting Phil" on his mad race to rally his men and whip the rebels. But fate willed otherwise.

It all happened because of the pranks of a horse, and Walter A. Finney was the victim.

Colonel Fisk's horse had become frightened and had the officer about tired out when the Colonel called Finney from the ranks to help him pacify the animal. As the officer dismounted Finney grabbed the bridle reins, but the horse lunged and he failed to mount. The animal kept going at a wild pace with Finney hanging on, and he says, it seemed he was dragged almost a mile before he was able to land in the saddle and then it was some time before he fully gained control of the frightened steed.

By that time he was far from the scene of battle and rode on until he came to a turnpike just at the break of day. It was here he met Sheridan and became his companion for a few miles of that famous ride.

Sheridan asked him where he was going and Finney replied that he didn't know, adding that he had so far been forced to go where ever the horse took him. They dashed on for a ways and Finney was about to turn into another road when Sheridan wheeled his horse and asked, "Where are the Rebels?" Finney replied, "They now occupy our position." Sheridan answered, "Just where I want them, and we'll lick hell out of them before night" and dashed on. It was here he recognized the officer as Sheridan, and Finney, fascinated, followed him to the front. "And Sheridan did lick hell out of them Rebs," said Mr. Finney with emphasis.

Finney delivered the horse to his Colonel's aide and joined his company. He had lost his gun and went into the fight without one. His Colonel, noticing this, demanded to know what he was doing there without a gun. "I'll get one soon," answered Finney, and he did, picking up one from a soldier in his company as he fell mortally wounded.

If one digs deep into the history of that momentous event he will learn that the confederate forces received all Sheridan promised as he drove them

out of the Shenandoah valley forever.

Its prominence is due to the romantic and the spectacular of the poet's well known lines, which perhaps are better known to the reader than the details of the events causing the "famous ride. "

This ride is real and indelibly written upon Mr. Finney's memory, and the lines of the poet stir within him the love he cherished for his favorite general of that war.

Mr. Finney served his country, enduring all the hardships of war, and fought in 22 battles. But, by another prank of fate he missed taking part in the battle of Gettysburg.

At that time he was in the Chestnut Hill hospital in Philadelphia. When the call came to the hospital for all the men able to go, he was one of the number selected. The soldiers were sent to Washington by water, but arrived too late to be sent to the scene of the battle. He was present when General Lee's troops surrendered their arms at Appomattox Court House, Va., on April 12, 1865.

Following the battle of Cedar Creek his company went into winter quarters about 20 miles west of Winchester, but they were soon ordered into winter quarters at Petersburg.

History says: "While Richmond was blazing, Lee's troops in Petersburg were quitting so secretly that they were many miles away when the Federal pickets discovered, at dawn, that the entrenchments before them were entirely abandoned." Mr. Finney was one of the pickets referred to above and was the first to signal from the top of the breastworks to his comrades that the way was clear. He also did picket duty at Fort Hell, a Confederate stronghold near Petersburg.

Mr. Finney was born in Hillsdale county near the little town of Bankers on May 27, 1843. Mrs. Finney was born at Swan Creek in Saginaw county on January 13, 1846. They were united in marriage in Saginaw on January 7, 1863.

On the 7th of last January they quietly celebrated the 61st anniversary of their wedding at their home on Pine street. They have the honor to be among the oldest married couples in the United States.

Mrs. Finney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Brailey, came from Massachusetts and settled in Saginaw county in 1822. They lived in Swan Creek for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Finney, having no children of their own, adopted and raised five children, but all are now dead. Mrs. Finney is the only one living out of a family of nine children.

Mr. Finney has a brother, Frank in Hillsdale, whom he has not seen since 1871. It is now planned that this brother will visit Mr. Finney next May. He has another brother, Cornelius, whom he has not heard from for over two years.

Mr. Finney came to Saginaw county with his parents in December 1859. He found work in the lumber woods and for a time his work alternated between the lumber woods in winter and the saw mills in summer. He worked for some time in the mill at Carlton.

He enlisted in Brooklyn, N.Y., on February 8, 1864 in Company C, 65th New York, and was discharged on July 25, 1865.

Soon after being discharged he returned to Saginaw and took up farming and worked the Dr. I.N. Smith farm for three years. This farm was located on the north side of the city and later became a part of the fair ground. It is now included in the residence section.

They moved to Midland county in 1891 and located on the Sheldon farm near the county farm. Later they purchased a home near the city water works from Samuel McReavy.

Mr. Finney's first visit to Midland, however, was in 1866 and he was here many times before becoming a citizen of the county. He spent one winter in a logging camp on the Big Cedar and three winters in camps near "16". Later he spent one winter driving a "tote" team between Saginaw and "16", always stopping at the Axford House. When in Midland he stopped at the old American House. he tells of many wild scenes at Camp 16, now Edenville.

Mrs. Finney, quiet and unassuming, though endowed with the determination of her New England ancestors to see right and justice prevail, has faced experiences that would daunt most women.

Backed by this determination she surmounted a mountain of obstacles including officers, White House attendants and clerks during Civil War days and undaunted fought her way into the presence of Abraham Lincoln and secured from him a 30 day furlough for her husband.

Despite Lincoln's promise to her the maze of red tape was so long unwinding that she grew discouraged and was at the depot in Washington in the act of purchasing her ticket for Saginaw, when her husband appeared on the scene with his furlough.

When asked how the Great Emancipator impressed her she quickly replied: "The homeliest man I ever laid my eyes on. When he arose from his chair to talk to me he was so tall, and it seemed his hands reached to his knees. He was kindly, but seemed so sad. He was very kind to me."

Mrs. Finney says she explained to him who she was, why she was there, what she wanted and that she also told him Mr. Finney had cast his first ballot for him. But just why she told him this, she didn't know. She has always thought that it pleased him, however.

Her recollection of Lincoln and the White House were vividly impressed upon her memory and despite the cause of her visit to the nation's capitol during the 'stirring days of the war' she recalls many harrowing experiences of that trip.

In the spring of '64 a message from the war department advised her of Mr. Finney's death at the Findley hospital in Washington. She immediately took the train, the first one she had ever seen, at Saginaw for Washington. Arriving in Baltimore she was delayed several hours and tells of being "fleeced" out of \$12.50 for a ticket to Washington. Arriving there late in the afternoon she states that guards seemed to be stationed everywhere. She was not allowed to go to the hospital until the next morning when a guard accompanied her.

But the whim of fate had again intervened and she found Mr. Finney alive, recovering from typhoid fever. She tells of staying so late at the hospital one evening that she was sent to spend the night with the laundry girls. At 9 o'clock the candles were put out. A little later the girls tacked quilts over the windows and relighted the candles, but instantly a tap was heard on the window and a voice informed them they would be reported the next morning. The girls not wanting Mrs. Finney to become involved, helped her to escape early the following morning.

Although she was searched before being allowed to enter the hospital she tells of smuggling oranges to her husband. They would go out on the lawn back of the hospital and bury the orange peel replacing the sod carefully.

She made friends with the sick and injured in the hospital and one soldier - a mere boy - believed her to be his sister. He gave her a string of beads which she values as a "keepsake."

(This interview with Mrs. & Mrs. Finney will be concluded in the next Pioneer Record)

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- 929.373 Gateway to the West.
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- 929.1 From Generation to Generation. How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History. by Kurzweil.
- 929.2 17th Century Colonial Ancestors. Supplements #2 1979-1988 of Members of the National Society of Colonial Dames. XVII Century 1915-1988.
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- 929.3774 Born in Ohio Living in Southwest Michigan in 1860. GLYNDWR Resources.
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- NO NUMBER A History & Genealogy of the Families of Howland, Brown, Follett VanDyke, Lamb, Spaulding, & Davidson with Related Lines of Treat, Botsford, Parker, Burwell, Clark, Andrews, Symmonds, Burnaman, Ashbuck & Smith. Vol. 2 by Symmonds.
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- 929.3774 Michigan 1870 Census. Vol. I. Library of Michigan.
- 929.1 The Handy Book for Genealogists. 1991.
- 929.374 New England Genealogical Research. A Guide to Sources.  
compiled by Kip Sperry.
- 929.2 Ancestors and Descendants of Glenn and Lulu Jones Stanford.  
by Willis D. Stanford.
- 929.3774 Michigan Surname Index. Vol. II. Mich. Genealogical Council.  
1989.

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## FIRST FAMILIES OF MIDLAND COUNTY - WORKSHOPS

If you are interested in collecting information on your family for the First Families of Midland County project but don't know where to start, you might be interested in the following workshop dates. Volunteers from the Society will be available to aid you on what information is needed and where to look. The workshops will be held at the Grace A. Dow Library, Conference room D, 10 a.m. to noon.

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| 1) November 16, 1991 | 2) January 18, 1992 |
| 2) February 15, 1992 | 4) March 21, 1991.  |

The project will honor anyone who had ancestors in Midland County prior to December 1894 and will continue to December 1994. If you need applications for the project, write to Maxine McCullen, 1744 Smith's Crossing Rd., Midland, MI 48640.

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## ANOTHER GENEALOGICAL SOURCE

At an LDS Family History Center in your area, ask to see the CD-ROM listings of deceased social security recipients. Using the name, location and date of death as guides you will find such information as dates of birth and death and last place of residence and social security number. With a number you can then apply for a printout of the social security application for \$7 from the Dept. of Health & Human Services, SS Administration. Attn: Freedom of Information Officer, 4-J-9 West High Rise Bldg. 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

## MIDLAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP 1991-1992

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ANDERSON	JUDY	3705 LAWDALE	MIDLAND	MI	48642	631-6599
ANGER	MARGE & CLEMON	960 NOYES DR RT 9	MIDLAND	MI	48640	839-9545
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BERRY	MARION	5813 WOODBRIDGE	MIDLAND	MI	48640	631-3057
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BUTCHER	DIANA	660 E OLSON RD	MIDLAND	MI	48640	835-4528
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ETTINGER	RICHARD	23155 HAWTHORNE	FARMINGTON	MI	48024	476-8689
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FLANINGAM	ORA	3227 E. STEWART RD.	MIDLAND	MI	48640	835-3227
FOX	BARBARA	1823 EASTLAWN APT I-4	MIDLAND	MI	48642	631-5713
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HODGES	REBECCA & ROBERT	3211 RIGGIE	MIDLAND	MI	48640	631-5582
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HOYLE	NIKI	1902 E ASHMAN	MIDLAND	MI	48642	631-2083
HUMPHREY	NANCY	2903 MT VERNON	MIDLAND	MI	48642	631-5123
HUND	SHARON L.	R# 5 BOX 46 CORINTH RD	LAFAYETTE	GA	30728	638-1352
HUNTINGTON	SHERRY	1529 AUSTIN	LINCOLN PARK	MI	48146	
HURLEY	NANCY & MIKE	118 VARNER CT	MIDLAND	MI	48640	631-0928
KEELEY	TERRY	3811 E ISABELLA RD	MIDLAND	MI	48640	631-2766
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LLOYD	MARGARET	4276 PINCOWNING RD	RHODES	MI	48652	879-5798
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SCHWEITZER	SHIRLEY & KEN	516 CRESCENT DR	MIDLAND	MI	48640	631-1219
SEARLE	THOMAS L	211 S RANDOLPH	PRINCETON	IL	61356	
SHIER	QUITA V	215 W ST. ANDREWS DR	MIDLAND	MI	48640	835-3278
SHRIER	JAYNE & KEN	1507 CLOVER LANE	MIDLAND	MI	48640	835-6900
SKORY	GARY	115 RIPLEY	MIDLAND	MI	48640	839-0011
SOMERVILLE	JOAN	3217 W WACKERLY	MIDLAND	MI	48640	835-4835
STEBLETON	LEO	6 BURRELL CT	MIDLAND	MI	48640	835-3210
STEELE	ROSE	2832 MC CULLOCK RD	BEAVERTON	MI	48612	435-7157
STRALEY	HARRIET	RTE 4 BOX 35	VAN WERT	OH	45891	
STULL	DANIEL	1113 W PARK DR	MIDLAND	MI	48640	832-3154
TANNER	KAREN	P.O. BOX 58338	FAIRBANKS	AK	99711	
TOMLINSON	DONALD W	26 DONCASTER DR	BRAMALEA ONT CAN		L6T157	
TRUMBLE	MARJORIE	2166 SCHAFFER	MIDLAND	MI	48640	689-4966
VOSBURGH	BETTY JO & THEODORE	5419 KNOLLWOOD	BEAVERTON	MI	48612	435-9083
WARD	GILBERT	1007 BALFOUR	MIDLAND	MI	48640	835-6292
WEIMER	DAVID	2317 W WALTER RD	SANFORD	MI	48657	465-6344
WISE	FLORENCE	4013 LOWELL CT	MIDLAND	MI	48642	832-8673
WORDEN	PAT & BILL	1201 GLENDALE	MIDLAND	MI	48642	631-7801
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ZILINCIC	SANDRA	33 PINE COURT	SANFORD	MI	48657	687-5729

## MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOC. - OBITUARY PROJECT REPORT - NOV. 1991

This project consists of an index of obituaries taken from the Midland Times, 1872-1875; Midland Republican, 1872-1927, and the Midland Sun, 1890-through Feb., 1927. The work has been ongoing for several years and was done by many volunteers from the society. Pat and Bill Worden recently completed the 1924-1927 Republican indexes. This completed the initial typing of the data. The data was typed into computers and later printed out, but with the passage of time, a number of computer disks from the early work have disappeared. The present status of the work is as follows.

Paper	Years	Pages	Comments
Times	1872-1875	1.5	No Disk
Republican	1872-1885	6	No disk
"	1885-1887	6	No disk
"	1888-1890	6	No disk
"	1891-1896	27	No disk
"	1897-1901	16	DISK, multiple files
"	1902-1910	29	No disk
"	1911-1912	5	DISK
"	1913-1915	13	No disk
"	1916-1919	19	DISK, multiple files
"	1920-1923	22	DISK, multiple files
"	1924-1927	13	DISK, multiple files
Sun	1890-1920	103	DISK, single file
"	1921-1922	8	No disk
"	1923-1924	10	No disk
"	1925-1926	14	No disk
Total		281	For 92 pages there is no disk.

This is an improvement over Spring, 1991 since several missing diskettes containing about 30 pages were recently found. There are about 52 names per page, which means the missing data amounts to about 4280 obituaries.

The data on the disks were in several different formats (Kaypro, CP/M, IBM, Apple, Commodore) and from different types of programs (wordprocessor, database, spreadsheet), etc. Also the Republican data were in multiple files that needed to be combined. We have taken the various files and transferred them to IBM and using a wordprocessor have combined, sorted, and reformatted them into a common style. It has taken two of us several weeks to do this working part-time. Reformatting the available files is now about 80% complete.

If the missing files were available it would be possible to also combine them, sort and reprint them.

To recover the missing data, it must either be re-input by hand, or re-input using a data scanner. The data scanner method can be done, but it will cost about the same as having a professional typist do it. It will, however, be much faster.

Since the data are now organized, re-input by hand will be easier than the first time, but still time consuming.

We are planning to retype at least some of the smaller files and if anyone could help us with this work, please call us at 835-3227.

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Donalee Flaningam

## OBITUARIES FROM THE MIDLAND SUN 1890 THROUGH 1920

Last Name	First Name	Birth	Mon/D	Death	Mon/D	Paper	Year	Mo/Day/Pg	Comments
Hawley	(male)			1893	Jun	Sun	1893	06/23/08	Son of Henry
Hawley	(twin babies)			1894	Aug	Sun	1894	08/31/08	Bur in Hope
Hawley	Dan			1891	Apr	Sun	1891	04/30/01	Bur at Sanford
Hawley	Ida				Oct/04	Sun		10/09/01	Bro: G Visgar
Hawley	Mrs			1901		Sun	1901	01/11/07	Funeral in Barnes
Hawley	Mrs Ezra			1918		Sun	1918	10/24/03	
Haworth	Everett C			1918		Sun	1918	09/12/01	D. fr scalding
Haworth	Everett C	1892	May/13	1918	Sep/08	Sun	1918	09/19/01	
Haworth	Gerald Clemence	1918	Oct/14	1918	Jan/26	Sun	1919	02/06/05	Ae 3 mos s/o Celia
Hayden	Mary	1846	Feb/07	1913	Apr/03	Sun	1913	04/10/05	
Hayes	(twin boys)	1917	Oct/14	1917		Sun	1917	10/25/02	Sons of Ray
Hayes	Mina			1901		Sun	1901	11/22/05	Died in Coleman
Hayes	Mrs			1901		Sun	1901	11/22/05	Wife of William
Haye	James S			1895		Sun	1895	12/06/05	Fat/Mrs E.Berryman
Hayward	Walter M			1918		Sun	1918	07/11/01	
Hazen	Florence			1920	Sep/03	Sun	1920	09/09/01	
Heald	Eugenia	1845	Jun/22	1908	Jul/31	Sun	1908	08/07/01	Nee: Hitchcock
Heald	Perley C			1915	Jan/01	Sun	1915	01/07/01	D. in Portland OR
Hearns	Emily	1842	Jan/12	1914	Jul/25	Sun	1914	07/30/01	
Heath	Mrs E			1901	Mar/14	Sun	1901	03/22/05	Sis: Eli & A Shoup
Hecox	Henry			1908		Sun	1908	10/30/05	
Hector	Charles			1913		Sun	1913	09/25/01	
Heffernan	Mrs Thomas			1914		Sun	1914	10/15/05	Sis/o Mrs J Reed
Hefthaler	Arthur			1919		Sun	1919	11/06/01	
Heindel	(child)			1897		Sun	1897	09/24/05	Ch/o Jos ae 4 mo
Heitkamp	Peter			1918		Sun	1918	10/17/01	
Hemingway	George F			1894	Nov	Sun	1894	11/23/05	
Hemingway	Mrs			1898		Sun	1898	04/15/08	Sis Mrs D A Mills
Hemstead	Sarah			1917		Sun	1917	08/09/02	
Henderson	Emma			1918		Sun	1918	05/16/08	
Henderson	Mary			1891	Oct	Sun	1891	10.22/04	Ae 19 yrs
Henderson	Mrs James			1911		Sun	1911	07/13/05	Sis/o Mrs J Watts
Heneline	(infant)			1917		Sun	1917	12/13/08	
Henry	Benetto			1916		Sun	1916	10/26/01	Ae 8 yrs dau/o Sam
Henry	Effie McCallan	1878	Nov/02	1915	Mar/12	Sun	1915	03/18/01	
Henry	Medra P			1920	Nov/04	Sun	1920	11/11/01	
Henry	Wallace Leroy			1910	Nov/15	Sun	1910	11/18/01	Infant a/o Wm
Henson	Mr			1916		Sun	1916	08/24/03	
Hepinstall	(infant)			1901		Sun	1901	07/05/01	
Hepinstall	Lucille			1907		Sun	1907	09/20/08	Dau/o William
Hepinstall	Mrs			1899		Sun	1899	08/04/08	Buried in La Porte
Hepinstall	Robert			1902		Sun	1902	01/24/08	
Hepinstall	Robert			1902		Sun	1902	01/17/01	Ae 77 years
Hepinstall	Vera B			1908		Sun	1908	09/25/01	Father: James
Hepner	John			1919		Sun	1919	11/30/07	
Heppner	(child)			1892	Sep	Sun	1892	09/08/09	Child of John
Heppner	(infant)			1910		Sun	1910	10/14/01	Child of Charles
Heppner	Fred			1918	Jul/01	Sun	1918	07/04/05	
Heppner	Fred	1880		1918		Sun	1918	07/11/01	
Herrell	Orval			1910	Aug/20	Sun	1910	08/26/01	Ae 2 yr s/o Wm R
Herrick	Mrs James			1897		Sun	1897	12/17/05	Cous G Rockwell
Herring	Mary			1892	Oct	Sun	1892	10/13/07	Mot G & L Warner
Herringehaw	Mrs Joseph			1917		Sun	1917	03/01/05	
Rees	Earl			1909	Apr/10	Sun	1909	04/16/04	Father: Erwin
Hess	Rosanna			1912	Dec/10	Sun	1912	12/12/01	
Hettler	Glen			1919		Sun	1919	11/27/06	
Hewins	Henry E			1900		Sun	1900	10/19/05	Lvs wife/ 2 child
Hewins	Susan	1827	Oct/02	1902	Dec/03	Sun	1902	12/12/01	Mot/o Charles
Hewitt	Mary			1910	Jul/16	Sun	1910	07/22/01	Bur Carsonville
Hewlett	Walter	1919		1920	Mar/30	Sun	1920	04/01/01	Father: Nelson
Hichcock	Samuel J			1896	Apr/02	Sun	1896	04/10/06	Fat/Mrs R.C.Herald
Hickerson	Mrs L			1909		Sun	1909	04/30/08	
Hickerson	Virgeal	1876	Dec/08	1908	Dec/14	Sun	1908	12/18/05	
Hickerson	Virgil			1908		Sun	1908	12/18/08	Bur Homer
Hickerson	William Scott			1911	Mar/13	Sun	1911	03/17/01	D. in Homer Twp
Hickey	Mrs			1918		Sun	1918	10/03/05	Mot/o Dr J Hickey
Hickey	Patrick J			1914		Sun	1914	07/23/05	Bro/o Dr J P
Hickling	Arthur	1839	Apr/28	1916	Jan/29	Sun	1916	02/03/01	
Hickling	Catherine	1837	Aug/22	1911	Jan/15	Sun	1911	01/20/01	
Hickling	James F	1894	Sep/02	1917		Sun	1917	06/28/05	
Hickling	Luther B	1863	Dec/23	1916		Sun	1916	10/05/01	
Hickling	Margaret	1832		1901		Sun	1901	07/05/01	
Hickling	Mrs Glenn	1897	Aug/26	1914	Mar/27	Sun	1914	04/02/01	
Higby	Mr			1905		Sun	1905	05/05/08	
Higby	Walter			1905	Apr/29	Sun	1905	05/05/01	Res: Lee Twp
Higgins	Albert	1831	Oct/08	1915		Sun	1915	01/07/01	
Higgins	Albert			1910		Sun	1910	10/14/01	
Higgins	Anna Fair	1842	Mar/15	1915	May/31	Sun	1915	06/03/01	
Higgins	Billy Gordon			1918		Sun	1918	12/12/05	Ae 3 yrs
Higgins	Mr			1895	Jan	Sun	1895	01/25/04	
Higgins	Mrs John			1890	Oct	Sun	1890	11/06	4
Higgins	Rev Francis E			1914		Sun	1914	01/07/01	D. in Delano MN
Higge	Arthur			1914		Sun	1914	07/23/08	

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