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## NEWS BRIEFS

The Blackford-Wells Genealogy Society held the January meeting on Saturday, January 20, 1996 at the Brass Latch in Montpelier, Indiana. President Lynn Elliott presided. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and the first newsletter was passed out to members in attendance. Program chairman, Tricia Dirig, presented a topic on Native American research.

The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wells County Public Library, 202 W. Washington, Bluffton, Indiana. All are encouraged to attend!

## CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Charter memberships to the Blackford - Wells Genealogy Society are still available.

Those wishing to become a Charter Member have until April 30, 1996 to join the Society.

Memberships are \$10.00 for Single member; \$15.00 for Family (all at one address).

Simply complete the form on the back and send your check, payable to Blackford - Wells Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 54, Bluffton, IN 46714.

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## OLD BUILDINGS ARE REMINDERS OF PAST HISTORY

by: Lucile Henley and Judith VanCamp

On the site of the 1852 Lyman Simpson Tavern, Samuel Covault built a 20 x 60' building in 1895 with the appearance of a New York City Brownstone. This building has been the location of a hotel, furniture store, bakery, mortuary, house of ill repute, jewelry store, and a building and loan company. It housed the press for a local newspaper and served as a post home for the American Legion after World War I. At one time it was used by the Baptist Church for Sunday School classes. In 1922 the building was purchased by the Redman's Lodge, and in 1926 was sold to the Knights of Pythias. Thereafter, it was turned over to the Pythian Sisters and used for their lodge work until approximately 1969.

In 1955, a talented group of local artists began meeting at the Montpelier Public Library to paint. They later moved their meeting place to a barn studio behind The Old Brick House Restaurant at High and Jefferson Streets. Their first art exhibit was held among the beautiful old-fashioned flower beds and ornamental trees at this location, while the interior of the restaurant provided a permanent gallery for the display of the local artists' works. Annual art shows were held at

Ledbetter's (Williams Grocery), the old Kroger Store, and the Old Railroad Depot. The group formed a non-profit corporation in 1979 called Montpelier Arts, Inc. and purchased the 1895 Covault Building at 105 East High Street. Founders of this organization were Jan Ingersoll, Paula Carfield, Jayne Mattson, Virginia Wittwer, Dorothy Wilson, Mary Gray, and Maro Outcalt. Through their own efforts and perseverance, in combination with volunteer action and support of the community, the dilapidated building was renovated to restore and preserve its historic appearance. Timbers were pulled out from the inside, brick moved, and plaster knocked off walls. Repairs were made to the roof and water lines. The building was rewired, and a gas furnace installed. Windows were repaired and replaced. A kitchen and restroom were added. A rustic balcony for the artists' painting area was built from timber taken from the old Hoosier Grain Mill. Lighting in the main room is provided by beautiful custom made chandeliers in shades of caramel, beige, and sand lead glass. A brass latch used in the front door was once used in the old library in Hartford City, and the artists adopted "The Brass Latch" as the

name for their building. Later the adjoining room to the east, part of the original building, was acquired thereby adding another restroom and creating a spacious room with a rustic appearance accentuated by wooden plank flooring and rough-hewn walls.

The exterior displays a rosette-decorated cement strip extending the width of the building above the story high six-paned window and entrance. Scalloped brick edging enhances the rooftop of the building front. A brick sidewalk leading from the front entrance to the street was laid, as well as a brick patio at the rear of the building.

Presently, The Brass Latch is used for workshops in visual arts and crafts and for the society's annual art show in September and their Christmas Shop. The building is also available for public or private gatherings.

Membership in Montpelier Arts, Inc. is open to anyone interested in promoting visual arts and crafts. The group meets regularly on Tuesdays.

*Editor's Note:* One of the founding members of Montpelier Arts, Inc. is Virginia Wittwer, a Charter Member of the Blackford - Wells Genealogy Society. BWGS meets at The Brass Latch for many Blackford County meetings.



## QUERIES

#0002

LUCKENBAUGH

Seeking info on family of John Wesley and George Washington LUCKENBAUGH, twin brothers who lived in Blackford-Wells area during the early 1900's

J. Richard Felix  
1940 Taneytown Rd.  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

#0003

HALL, CARR

HALL, Robert (1819-1880)  
HALL, Emily CARR ((1825-1876) from Cumberland Co., NJ to Jefferson Twp, Wells Co. between 1851 & 1855. Supposed to have been buried in the cemetery at Murray but stones not found. Would like the death records for these.

Linda Hall Rakowski  
1111 S. Waukegan Road #8  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

## COMING EVENTS

4/13 1996 Annual Meeting  
Indiana Genealogical  
Society at The  
Century Center,  
South Bend, Indiana

4/20 Quarterly Meeting,  
BWGS, at Wells Co.  
Public Library,  
Bluffton, IN  
10:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Susan  
Leduc - "Using 20th  
Century Records"

5/10 Civil War  
5/11 Reenactment -  
Hartford City  
7/21 Quarterly Meeting,  
BWGS, at The Brass  
Latch, Montpelier, IN  
10:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Elaine  
Spires-Smith

## FROM THE EDITOR



April showers bring May flowers! As long as the stuff coming out of the sky is liquid and not frozen, you won't hear me complain.

With the spring weather come "those crazy genealogists" who poke around in dusty old records and in overgrown cemeteries (my 10 year old son says, "Mom's digging up dead relatives again.").

In your "diggings", should you run across a cemetery that is not taken care of by any formal group, notify the township trustee where the cemetery is located. There is an Indiana statute that requires the township trustee to maintain uncared for cemeteries.

The French Lick Twp. trustee in Orange Co., Indiana had the Wolfington / Jackman Cemetery mowed after I wrote a letter to his office reminding him of this statute. I encourage all of you to help preserve our heritage by reporting an uncared for cemetery to township trustees.

Thanks to all who submitted material for the April newsletter. You are all GREAT! Please continue sending your articles, QUERIES, etc. to me at  
Diana Busche  
4901 W. 1100 North  
Markle, IN 46770-9767

Deadline for the July newsletter is June 15th.

Did you notice the new name for our newsletter? The name, "The Blackford-Wells Tracer" was submitted by Charter Member, Lela Claghorn and Virginia Wittwer designed our society logo with Blackford and Wells counties under the tree. MANY THANKS LELA AND VIRGINIA! Also, Jerry Hunnicut submitted the "Root Diggers" logo used on the "Queries" column. THANKS, JERRY!

## ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT (IGS)

The Indiana Genealogical Society 1996 Annual Meeting and Workshop, "At the Bend of the River" will be held on April 13, 1996 at The Century Center in South Bend, Indiana.

There will be six speakers and lunch will be on your own. A room full of vendors will be available.

Cost is \$15.00 for Individual IGS members and \$18.00 for non-members and walk-ins. Make checks payable to Indiana Genealogical Society and mail to I.G.S. c/o Betty Warren, 6922 Rocklane Road, Greenwood, IN 46143.

Brochures with more details are available at the Allen County Public Library genealogy department.

## THIS 'N' THAT

Extracted from Name Changes Granted by the Indiana General Assembly Prior to 1852 by Malinda EE Newhard

GEAR, Levi to Levi FRASH

Levi GEAR of Blackford County, name changed to Levi FRASH. Effective upon passage. Approved February 12, 1851. (L-1851.p. 207) Submitted by: Mary Jane Kaiser, past district director.

## NEW BOOKS

### STARR, the Quakers from Ireland

After nearly 30 years of research, the genealogy of the STARR family by Lillie Alberson Harris and Virginia Farlow Wittwer has been published. The Starr family has been traced to Capt. Starr of England, who later settled in Coote Hill, Ireland, along with his son John. Five sons of John came to America in the early 1700's and settled in Chester Co., PA. The families of these five sons have been researched to the present generation and included in this publication. Some of the allied families include: CARNES, CROSBY, GROVES, HOLLOWAY, LAMBERT, LANCASTER, McGEATH, MURRAY, and NUTTER. Also included are early copies of maps, wills, marriages, and pictures, along with an alphabetical listing of 6,000 plus names in the index. It contains 362 pages, is soft cover and spiral bound.

Not only does this book cover the basic genealogy facts, but also included are various stories uncovered about the Starr family members. Also included are pictures of different family members that the two authors found along the way. It's a fun book to just sit and read - with stories of the famous outlaw of the west, Bell Starr, the Cherokee Indian line of the Starr family, etc.

Chapter 10 is a chapter devoted to those seeking information on their Starr family lines - people that have written the authors their queries over the years trying to tie into the lines of the 5 brothers. This section includes all known information on the missing links, as well as the names and addresses of the inquiring people.

To date the books have been placed in the Wells County Public Library, the Huntington County Library, the Son's of the Revolution Library in Glendale, CA, the Cumberland Trail Genealogical

Society at St. Clairsville, OH, and the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

### H. BROWN & SON, Warren, Ind.

#### Funeral Home Records

1891 - 1990

Vol. I A-K Vol. II L-Z

The records of the H. Brown & Son Funeral Home of Warren, Indiana have been compiled and printed in two volumes. It lists over 7,500 deaths in alphabetical order. All this work was done over a period of two years by Lillie Alberson Harris. Copies of these two volumes have been placed in all of the area libraries.

### JOURNAL & COFFIN RECORDS

of Ira Brown 1884-1890

Copied by Lillie Alberson Harris  
1996

These records contain more than names, birth and death dates. Mr. Brown, in his own writing, put his day to day commentary about the weather, dealings he had at his furniture store, and the state of his health. he also wrote about early vaults, the hand making of the coffins, of which some were varnished and some were cloth, and for his enjoyment he attended the Pulse Opera House in the evenings. To quote Jeff Glancy "the Journal of Ira Brown is very interesting to read. We are very lucky to live during this period of time instead of Ira Brown's era, we have modern cars and equipment to make services today (better) than they were years ago for him."

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In 1990, Jeff Glancy of the Walker-Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier, Indiana became associated with the Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana. It is now known as the BERGMAN-GLANCY-H. BROWN & SON FUNERAL HOME.

Through the generosity of Jeff Glancy & George Bergman, copies of The H. Brown & Son Funeral Home Records and the Journal & Coffin Records of Ira Brown 1884-1890 have been placed

by Lillie Alberson Harris and Virginia Wittwer in the following libraries: Warren, Montpelier, Hartford City, Portland, Bluffton, Huntington, Markle, and Ft Wayne.

### ABSTRACTS OF THE RECORDS

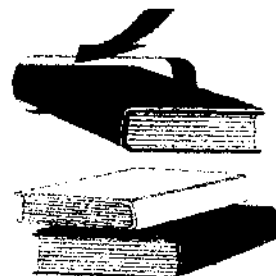
Of the Society of Friends in  
Indiana

Originally edited by: Willard Heiss  
Revised Edition edited by: Ruth Dorrel and Thomas D. Hamm

In 1962, The Indiana Historical Society published an invaluable resource for those exploring Indiana family history - volume 1 of *Abstracts of the Records of the Society of Friends in Indiana*. This classic book has been revised and now includes records not available at the time of the first edition.

The family history book, which includes an every-name index, is scheduled for publication in August 1996. It will include information on the Springfield and Whitewater Monthly Meetings in Wayne County from the 1820s to the late 1890s. The monthly meeting records contain important Quaker materials for the researcher - minutes, records of births and deaths, marriage records, removal certificates, and disownments.

This book is available on to members of the Indian Historical Society at the prepublication price of \$30 (regular retail price will be \$60) if ordered before May 1, 1996. If you are not a Society member, but would like to become one to take advantage of the prepublication discount, contact the IHS's membership department at (317) 232-1874, fax (317) 233-3109, or e-mail reboomer@iquest.net



**BATSON CEMETERY BURIALS**  
**Extracted from the H. Brown & Son Funeral Home Records**  
**by**  
**Lillie L. Harris**

The Batson Cemetery is located along the river in a wooded area at 750 S 750 West in Jackson Township, Wells County, Indiana. It is one of the older cemeteries in Wells County. Several years ago the stones in the Batson Cemetery were read, put in book form, and placed in many libraries. Many of the early graves were not marked which accounts for many of the following individuals not being listed in the Batson Cemetery records. Some of these names, dates, or spellings may be incomplete or inaccurate, but are shown exactly as they appear on the original document. These records are in order of death year.

GEORGE HOLDREN, died of poison 10 Aug 1884 in Wells Co., IN.

LEVI WILLIAMSON, d. 17 Jan 1886. He lived at Buckeye, IN.

MARY A. CALE, d. 4 Mar 1886 age 66 years.

FREDRICK HUFFMAN'S SON, d. 17 Mar 1886 age 17 years. They lived in Jackson twp., Wells Co., IN.

MILTON WILLIAMSON'S CHILD, d. 24 Mar 1886 age 9 months.

EMMA ROUSH, d. 10 Jan 1890 age 19 years. She was the wife of Carrie Roush.

WALTER A. BOCK'S CHILD, d. 14 Jan 1890. Lived in Jackson twp., Wells Co., IN.

HENRY SPECE'S INFANT, born dead 11 Jan 1897

FRANK BARBER'S WIFE, d. at Dillman, IN 8 Feb 1897 age 25 yrs.

BENJAMIN HUDSON, d 12 Feb 1897 at Montpelier, IN.

CHARLES CLAMPET'S INFANT, d. 3 Mar 1897 age 1 month. They lived near Dillman, IN.

ROBERT ALEXANDER, d. 25 Mar 1897 age 74 years. He was born in OH and lived 1/2 mile west of Sugar Grove, IN.

REASON BEVINGTON, d. 26 Mar 1897 age 77 years. Born in PA.

CHRISTOPHER C. PARKER, d. 26 Mar 1897. He lived 5 miles south of Warren, IN.

WILL HUBER, d. 29 Apr 1897. Lived at Milo, IN.

A. C. WILLIAM'S WIFE, d. 10 Jun 1897

ESTHER ELKINS, d. 23 Aug 1897. Lived at Dillman, IN.

NERI HUNNICUT, d. 30 Aug 1897 age 53 years. He was born in OH and lived 6 1/2 miles east of Warren.

ELLA JAQUES, d. 6 Sep 1897 age 20 years. She was born in Boston, NY and died there.

ALBERT TERHUNE'S CHILD, d. 14 Sep 1897 near 2 years old.

NOVA WHITE, child of Frank White, d. 16 Oct 1897.

---- COMPTON/CUMPTON, d. at the Wells County, IN Farm 18 Oct 1897 age 25 years.

SAMUEL JONES, d. 12 Nov 1897 in Jackson twp., Wells Co., IN.

ELIZA BUCKLAND, d. 29 Nov 1897. Her daughter was Mrs. A. L. Christman

WILL CHOPSON, JR'S BABY, D. 18 Dec 1897

A. H. WILLIAM'S CHILD, d. 22 Dec 1897

ALICE BATSON, b. 5 Nov 1847 IN, d. 3 Oct 1931 at the Henry Batson home. Fa. Martin Jones. Mo. Margaret Cloud.

NANCY FOUST, b. 4 Apr 1854 IN, d. 10 May at Marion, IN. Fa. John Benjamine

HENRY JONES, b. 13 Nov 1861 IN, d. 30 Mar 1931 in Park Co., IN. Fa. Oscar Jones. Mo. Jane Huffman.

VINIA E. CRAWFORD, b. 9 Jun 1857 IN, d. 30 Dec 1928 at Mt. Zion, IN. Fa. John McKee. Mo. Ann Colbert.

MELVINA BROWN, b. 11  
Apr 1847 Madison Co.,  
IN, d. 13 Aug 1927  
in Nottingham twp.,  
Wells Co., IN.  
Husband, Jacob Brown.  
Fa. Marion Davis, b.  
NC. Mo. Nancy Dulkan,  
b. NC.

EDWARD FORNSHELL, b. 1  
Feb 1871 IN, d. 17 Oct  
1926 Indianapolis,  
IN. Fa. Robert  
Fornshell.

OLIVER SHERMAN SILLS,  
b. 27 Mar 1848 Chester  
twp., Wells Co., IN.  
d. 11 Aug 1924  
Dillman, IN. Fa.  
Joseph Sills, b. PA.  
Mo. Elizabeth Grimes,  
b. PA.

THOMAS CLOUD, d. 9 Jun  
1904.

JOHN McSTEEL, d. 14  
Aug 1905.

MRS. JOHN HUPP, d. 22  
Aug 1905

NANCY HUFFMAN, d. 14  
Nov 1906

JACOB MINNICH, d. in  
Wells Co., IN 15 Feb  
1907 age 92 years.  
Fa. Jacob Minnich, b.  
Germany.

WILLIAM WESLEY THORP,  
b. KY, d. 6 Aug 1907  
age 64 years. Oc.  
Minister. Fa. Daniel  
Jett, b. KY. Mo.  
Elizabeth Thorp, b.  
Ky.

ELIZABETH ROUSH, d.  
Mt. Zion, IN 27 Aug  
1907 age 33 Years.

BENNETT UNDERWOOD, b.  
Preble Co., OH, d. 6  
Nov 1907 age 79 yrs.  
Fa. Bennett Underwood,  
b. KY. Mo. Susan  
Gietner, b. PA.

FRANK SMITHSON, d. 4  
Feb 1908 in IL. Oc.  
oil worker.

MRS. SAMUEL BATSON, d.  
13 Sep 1908.

DAVID BEEDY, d. at the  
home of Henry Spead 25  
Jun 1909 age 56 yrs.  
Fa. William Beedy, b.  
MD. Mo. Mary A. Bryan,  
b. PA.

HENRY SPEARS CLOUD, b.  
Ohio, d. at age 74, 4  
Sept. 1909, Mt. Zion,  
IN. Fa. Henry S.  
Cloud, b. PA. Mo. Ann  
Laymon, b. PA.

SAMUEL BATSON, d. 5  
Feb 1910 age 79 Yrs.  
Fa Samuel Batson, b.  
NJ. Mo. Nancy Reaston,  
b. KY

SARAH UNDERWOOD, b.  
OH. d. 15 Apr 1910 age  
79 Yrs. Fa. Dennis  
Fauls, b. VT.

SARAH ANN McELHANEY,  
widow, b. OH. d. 10  
Jul 1910 age 79 Yrs.  
Fa. Prible. Mo.  
Betsey Bates.

SARAH McDONALD, b. OH.  
d. 2 Dec 1910 age 66  
Yrs. Fa. Jacob Huber,  
b. OH. Mo. Barbara  
Fisher, b. OH.

CATHERINE JONES, d. 27  
Sep 1911 age 86 Yrs.

MARY WOLFGANG, d. 25  
Jul 1912 age 85 Yrs.  
Fa. Jonathan Foust, b.  
OH. Mo. Shafer, b.  
OH.

ZEPHANIAH ALLEN,  
widow. b. OH. d. 23  
Oct 1913 age 76 Yrs.  
Fa. Samuel Allen, b.  
OH. Mo. May J. Batson,  
b. OH.

IRA IRENE HUNNICUTT,  
d. at Liberty Center,  
IN 24 Oct 1913 age 1  
mo. Fa. Eliza  
Hunnicut, b. IN. Mo.  
Ella Byne, b. IN.

SARAH E. JONES, widow.  
b. NC. d. at Mahlon  
Gephart home 11 Jan  
1915. Fa. John H.  
Swaim, b. NC. Mo.  
Elizabeth \_\_, b. NC.

LYDIA KNOTT, married,  
b. OH. d. 24 Aug 1915  
age 74 Yrs. Fa. James  
Baker, b. OH. Mo.  
Susannah \_\_\_\_.

SUSANNAH HUFFMAN,  
widow. b. OH. d. 10  
Nov 1915 age 99 Yrs.  
Fa. George Myers, b.  
VA. Mo. Mary Cosler,  
b. VA.

HANNAH M. CLICK, b. IN  
31 Mar 1844. d. near  
Warren, IN 2 Sep 1916.  
Fa. Amstead B. Tharp,  
b. NC. Mo. Irene  
Ricketts, b. NC.

ANNA MCKEE, b. OH 14  
Dec 1840. d. 12 Aug  
1916. Fa. George  
Colbert, b. VA. Mo.  
Elmira King, b. VA.

ISAAC JONES, b. IN 4  
May 1830. d. 5 Jul  
1917 Wells Co., IN.  
Fa. Daniel Jones. Mo.  
Susannah Garden.

SARAH JONES, b. 19 Oct  
1834 in OH. d.  
Bluffton, IN 31 Jul  
1917. Fa. Henry  
Huffman. Mo. Elizabeth  
Eversole.

ISABELLE SPROWL, b. IN  
13 Jul 1842. d. 3 Aug  
1917. Fa. Atkinson,  
b. England. Mo. Martha  
Moundsey, b. England.

ELIZA J. ROUSH, b. IN  
12 Nov 1845. d. at Mt.  
Zion, IN 1 Dec 1917.  
Fa. Nathaniel Batson.  
Mo. Nancy Ralston.

JOHN W. SPROWL, b. IN  
18 Jul 1845. d. 23 Jan  
1918. Fa. James  
Sprowl, b. PA. Mo.  
Mary Wagman, b. PA.

ISAAC NEFF, b. IN 25  
Jul 1847. d. Mt. Zion,  
IN 7 May 1918. Fa.  
Jacob Neff, b. VA. Mo.  
Mary Chapman, b. OH.

JAMES HUDSON, b.  
Clinton Co., OH 19 Nov  
1827. d. Milo, IN 27  
Feb 1920. Fa. Benjamin  
Hudson. Mo. Catherine.

MARY A. STEVENS, b. IN  
10 Apr 1842. d.  
Warren, IN 21 Apr  
1921. Fa. John Neff,  
b. VA. Mo. Marie  
McFarren, b. VA.

BENJAMIN C. BATSON, b.  
IN 14 Dec 1847. d. 12  
Sep 1921. Fa. Samuel  
Batson, b. NJ. Mo.  
Nancy Ralsten, b. KY.

WILLIAM FOUST, b. OH 8  
Jun 1846. d. 4 Jun  
1923. Fa. Jacob Foust,  
b. OH. Mo. Hester  
Rush, b. OH.

LESTER BURKHART, b. &  
d. Grant Co., IN 23  
Aug 1935. Fa. Lester  
Burkhart, b. IN. mo.  
Hazel Van Urden, b.  
IN.

SARAH D. DILLMAN,  
widow, b. Wells Co.,  
IN 19 Feb 1852. d. at  
Franzeyburg, OH 5 Oct  
1935. Fa. Thomas  
Carson Cloud. Mo.  
Rebecca Jones. Married  
30 Dec 1877 John Ed  
Dillman. Ch. Thomas,  
Josie Benson, Mary  
Mercer, Almeda  
Johnson, Virgie Tucker  
& Hazel Paugh.

ALMEDA JAMES, b. Wells  
Co., IN 17 Aug 1870.  
d. Wells Co. 8 Jan  
1938. Fa. Wm. F. Pond,  
b. OH. Mo. Mary  
Parker, b. OH. Married  
9 Sep 1890 Banter  
James

BANTER JAMES, b. Wells  
Co., IN 23 Jan 1868.  
d. Bluffton, IN 10 Oct  
1948. Fa. Isaac James.  
Mo. Elizabeth  
Duckwall. Married  
Almeda Pond.

REBECCA JAME NEFF, b.  
Elwood, IN 28 Sep  
1874. d. Dillman, IN  
11 Apr 1949. Fa.  
Zachariah Taylor  
Williamson.

ALONZO NEFF, b. Htgn  
Co., IN 4 May 1973. d.  
Grant Co., IN 6 Jan  
1954. Fa. Wilson Neff.  
Mo. Sarah Ramsey.  
Married Rebecca Jane  
Williamson. Sib.  
Myrtle Chopson

WILLIAM A. SILLS,  
unmarried, b. Wells  
Co., IN 29 Oct 1874.  
d. Wells Co. 26 Oct  
1957. Fa. Oliver  
Sills, b. Wells Co.  
Mo. Laura Graves, b.  
Wells Co. Sib. Mrs  
Homer Oxley.

## BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY

Extracted by: Joyce Bauermeister

March 1996

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery is located at the corner of 650 E and 750 N in Jefferson Twp., Wells County, Indiana. The church and school are on the corner with the cemetery positioned behind the north end of the building. The cemetery faces the west, with rows running north and south. There is a driveway on the west and north boundary of the cemetery. All plots start at the north driveway and count to the south.

This information was extracted from the original plat book which lists all burials in the church cemetery. There are some unmarked gravesides. Ages are written next to the names and the dates listed in the second column are the date of death and not necessarily information taken from stones.

Rows 1-7 are included in this newsletter; Rows 8-13 will be included in the next newsletter.

### ROW 1

Fredrick Grewe (stillborn)	1922-1922
Leona Bauermeister (3 months)	March 12, 1925
Halden Bauermeister (1 year)	1926-1927

### ROW 2

Elizabeth Grewe (83 years)	October 20, 1916
vacant	
George H. Werling (59 years)	November 28, 1919
John E. Werling (63 years)	September 26, 1922
Sophie Bauermeister (88 years)	May 9, 1924
Ludwig Werling (21 years)	November 18, 1924
Martin Fackler (67 years)	July 12, 1925
Otto Schueler (3 <sup>o</sup> years)	March 9, 1928
Alma Bauermeister (33 years)	January 16, 1929
Karl F. Nahrwold (55 years)	March 2, 1929
Anna E. Hahrwold (88 years)	July 7, 1968
Christian Grewe (78 years)	February 28, 1940
Louise Grewe (72 years)	June 22, 1942
Andrew Werling (77 years)	November 28, 1942

### ROW 3

Paul Fackler (33 days)	March 16, 1897
Edwin Werling (9 months)	February 28, 1899
Arnold Meyer (3 months)	March 23, 1901
Emma Bauermeister (1 yr 8 mo)	October 29, 1901
Reinhold Kraft (12 days)	December 26, 1902
Willie Janssen (11 days)	March 29, 1905
Wiard H. Janssen (3 weeks)	October 12, 1906
(Stillborn) Bauermeister	February 23, 1907
(Stillborn) Nees	June 13, 1911
Walter G. Hunt (1 month)	September 19, 1916
Kurt Bauermeister (3 months)	August 21, 1920
(Stillborn) Grewe	1921
Lorine Kraft (3 years)	1919-1922
Lorna Schueler (13 years)	November 1, 1930
Donna Jean Graft (2 days)	May 19, 1946
Larry Wayne Miller (hrs)	June 27, 1946
William A. Graft (3 years)	1944-1947
Adolf Meyer, Jr.	1947
Aubrey Lane Graft (1 year)	September 15, 1987



**ROW 4**

Sophie Meyer (31 years)	July 16, 1897
Sophie Witte (24 years)	September 28, 1901
Ernst Bauermeister (62 years)	March 17, 1903
Andreas Werling (75 years)	March 26, 1905
Albert F. Meyer (17 years)	April 4, 1910
Emma S. Trenary (20 years)	July 22, 1914
Louise R. Fackler (56 years)	September 19, 1914
Heinrich Grewe (81 years)	October 1, 1914
Fredrich Grewe (50 years)	October 22, 1914
Conrad F. Nahrwold (76 years)	February 1, 1915
Sophie Nahrwold (82 years)	March 26, 1931
John C. Graft (76 years)	June 30, 1936
Ida A. Graft (71 years)	December 27, 1939
Fredrick Graft (72 years)	February 17, 1940
Marie Graft (75 years)	March 9, 1952

**ROW 5**

Anna Werling (65 years)	February 6, 1930
Marie S. Meyer (54 years)	February 1, 1931
Ernst Meyer, Sr. (77 years)	September 1943
Minnie Brandhorst (69 years)	February 1, 1932
Sophie Grewe (62 years)	March 9, 1932
Carl Grewe (66 years)	September 2, 1935
Alfred F. Grewe (30 years)	May 27, 1932
Louise Werling (68 years)	October 3, 1932
Carl Stoppenhagen (79 years)	November 21, 1932
Wilhelmina Stoppenhagen (78 years)	February 3, 1935
Christian J. Werling (72 years)	April 30, 1933
Marie M. Werling (91 years)	October 2, 1954
David Werling (71 years)	June 27, 1934
Sophie Werling (75 years)	December 4, 1947

**ROW 6**

William C. Rekeweg (81 years)	November 2, 1963
Louise S. Rekeweg (54 years)	August 28, 1943
Ernst Bauermeister (85 years)	March 17, 1948
Caroline Bauermeister (77 years)	January 6, 1945
Christian Graft (83 years)	April 8, 1945
Mary H. Graft (97 years)	September 19, 1965
Louise S. Werling (84 years)	June 21, 1949
Sophie Franke (66 years)	February 1, 1951
Christian F. Franke (82 years)	February 12, 1958
Elizabeth Werling (63 years)	December 18, 1951
Arthur J. Grewe (55 years)	February 26, 1952
Sophia A. Grewe (83 years)	August 27, 1982
vacant	
Dorothy F. Schueler (37 years)	April 19, 1952
Fredrich W. Franke (49 years)	September 26, 1953

**ROW 7**

Alice Schueler (3 days)	June 3, 1950
Douglas Ray Graft (0 days)	April 27, 1951
Louis Paul Friedler (8 days)	April 15, 1954
Ronald D. Burns (stillborn)	March 22, 1958
Natalie Ann Hilsmier (8 days)	October 25, 1960
Barbara Sue Dippel (stillborn)	March 10, 1961
Roger Allan Dippel (stillborn)	March 9, 1963
Amy Lyn Bauermeister (4 years)	September 18, 1965

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