

## WM. GOTTFRIED KAMIENSKY

William Gottfried Kamiensky was born in Thierberg, Germany (near Berlin) May 4, 1880, the son of Friedrich and Marie Kamiensky, and came with his parents at the age of two years, to the United States, the family settling in LaSalle, Illinois. Upon the death of his mother when he was thirteen years of age he returned to his former home in Thierberg for a years visit, and then again returned to LaSalle to be with his father and stepmother.

There followed an extensive period of travelling, but later he located at North Judson, Indiana where he met Miss Blanch Seagrave to whom he was married in 1906. They settled at North Judson, the home of the bride, where two of their three children—Wilma Bell and Donald S. F. were born.

At North Judson in 1903 he took up his lifetime occupation of railway agent and telegraph operator which vocation brought him and his family in 1916 to Morgan, Michigan. After a short time in Morgan, they moved to Jackson and later to Hastings where their third child, a daughter, Helen Georgia, was born.

Two years were spent in Hastings and the family came to Vermontville in 1919 where the deceased has since resided, a respected and well-known citizen.

He was affiliated with the German Lutheran Church, a thirty-second degree Mason of the Vermontville F. & A. M. No. 232, a member of the I. O. O. F. and Eastern Star.

He passed away Sunday, December 22, 1935 at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, at the age of fifty-five years.

Funeral services were conducted from the M. E. Church Thursday at two o'clock, Rev. H. R. Kinney officiating, and interment was at Woodland cemetery under auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

Maria E. Gorham was born in Vesta, Wisconsin, the 7th day of March, 1855, and departed this life on January 22, 1934, at Hall Hospital, Vermontville, Michigan.

She came with her parents to Michigan at the age of four years, where they settled in Calhoun Co., later moving to Eaton County in Sunfield township, where she was one of the early pioneers of that place.

On July 26, 1874 she was united in marriage to Myron C. Steves, also of Sunfield township, they later moving to Vermontville township where they have since resided. Mr. Steves preceding her in death seven years ago.

To this union was born four children, Cora B. Rawson of Vermontville, Albert C. Steves of Mulliken, Glenn M. Steves who departed this life January 6, 1916, and one child dying in infancy.

Mrs. Steves was of a sunny jovial nature, a kind affectionate mother, a true friend, and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She was an active member of the Woman's Relief Corps, always taking a keen interest in the activities of the community where she lived.

She leaves beside the daughter and son, two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Walsh of Sunfield, Mrs. Jane Shaffer of Lansing, seven grandchildren, who with other relatives and a host of friends will always cherish her memory.

Funeral services were held at her late home on East Main street, Thursday at 1:30 p. m., with a large attendance of relatives, neighbors and friends. Elder Rouch officiating. Interment in the Freemire cemetery.

Those attending the funeral from away were: Mrs. Jane Shaffer and son Ariand of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Walsh of Sunfield, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pugh of Lake Odesa, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gorham of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Gorham of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Parr, Mrs. Fred Woodman and Mrs. Lewis Ross of Charlotte.

## GROCERIES

## JOSEPH B. STONE

Joseph B. Stone, last Civil War Veteran, and highly respected resident of Vermontville for fifty-eight years, died April 21, 1934, at his home on West Main Street, following a week's illness.

Joseph Bronson Stone was born at Lewiston, Niagara County, New York, April 2, 1844, and at the time of his death, was ninety years, and nineteen days old.

Mr. Stone's parents, Chauncey and Mary Stone had a large family, of which Joseph was next to the youngest. His early life was spent at the farm home near Lewiston, where with his brothers and sisters he attended the country school and helped with the farm duties until he was eighteen years of age.

At this time the Civil War being in progress, Joseph with a brother Arnold, left the home place, going to Lockport to enlist in the 19th N. Y. Independent Battery, Light Artillery.

Mr. Stone served his country as a private in the army for three years being honorably discharged June 13, 1865 at Elmira, N. Y. Returning then to his home at Lewiston.

Mr. Stone was a charter member of the G. A. R. Post at Lockport, N. Y. and kept up his membership as long as this post was active, until all the old comrades had passed on.

June 29th, 1871 Joseph B. Stone was united in marriage to Ellen Elizabeth Bale at Lewiston. Purchasing a farm at this time.

Emma Seitz, oldest daughter of George and Christina Seitz, and one of a family of nine children, was born in Ohio, April 25, 1871, and moved with her parents to Sunfield township, Eaton County, Michigan, when ten years of age. She attended the Hayer and Paterson schools.

She was united in marriage to William Hickey of Vermontville October 3, 1900 and since that time this has been her home. Their married life was very congenial and happy and when Mr. Hickey passed away Sept. 16, 1930, she felt keenly her loss.

About two years ago Mrs. Hickey went to Ypsilanti where she found employment in a pleasant home, until ill health made retirement from active duties necessary and she spent some time with her sister Mrs. John Kenworthy. She went to Mercy Hall Hospital, Detroit in December where she was tenderly cared for until the earthly life ended at 1:25 Monday afternoon, January 29, 1934. The remains were brought to the ward funeral home in Vermontville and later taken to her home on North Main street, occupied by Mrs. Kite, where a prayer service was held at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday and funeral services were held at 10:00 o'clock in the Hastings Catholic Church, Rev. Father B. F. Geller, officiating and burial was beside her husband in the Catholic cemetery at Hastings.

Mrs. Hickey made friends wherever she went and will be greatly missed by relatives, friends and neighbors.

The surviving members of her family are three brothers: Fred Seitz of San Francisco, California, Frank of Vermontville and Eddie of Battle Creek; three sisters, Clara Kenworthy of Ypsilanti, Lizzie Lake and Mrs. Mary Irvin Vermontville.