

JOHN H. GEARHART

John H. Gearhart, second son of John S. and Sarah C. Gearhart, was born in Juniata Co., Penn., January 5, 1870, and passed away at the St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, Sunday, December 8, 1935.

October 7, 1892 he was united in marriage to Edith L. Snyder of Delta, Ohio. To this union four children were born, Ethol M. Figg of Vermontville, Gertrude Tellier of Lansing, Grace Hendricks of Toledo, Ohio and Norma Gearhart of Lansing.

When he was but a small child his parents moved to a farm west of Woodland and later to the Gearhart farm west of Vermontville. After his marriage he lived on Irish street for several years, then moving to Lake Odessa where he worked for Smith Bros. and Velte, later going into business for himself and for the past eight years has been a solicitor for the Lansing State Journal.

Mr. Gearhart was a member of the Mayflower Congregational Church at Lansing, and took an active part in all the church activities.

He is survived by the four daughters, four granddaughters, one grandson, two brothers, Dervin Gearhart of Lansing, Henry Gearhart, Vermontville, six sisters, Mrs. Amanda Robart, Walkerville, Mrs. Maggie Winchell, Kansas City, Kansas, Mrs. Anna Harvey, Nashville, Mrs. Ella Bennett, Bellevue, Mrs. Sarah Weeks, Lansing, and Mrs. Edith Cotton, Kalkaska.

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ALONZO LAKE

Alonzo Lake, son of Jacob Lake and Urania Hastings Lake, was born in Pittsfield, Lorraine Co., Ohio, March 25, 1855, and passed away at the Hospital in Charlotte, Dec. 10, 1935 at the age of 80 years 8 mo. and 16 days. At the age of two years he came with his parents to Michigan to the home where he has always resided. He was the eldest of a family of four children.

Arvin Lake and Mrs. Hattie Lake Parmelee preceded him in death. One brother Charles Lake resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

July 4, 1878 he was united in marriage with Miss Myra Gleason, who passed away May 31, 1927. To this union one son was born William N. Lake who with his wife survive him also several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The funeral services were held at the Mapes Funeral Home in Sunfield, Thursday, Dec. 12. Elder Roach officiated and burial was in Freemire cemetery.

FRANK PUGH

Frank Pugh, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pugh, was born in Eaton county, Michigan, August 20, 1860, and passed from this life at his home in Roxand township Dec. 12, 1935, aged 75 years, 3 months, 22 days. March 25, 1884, he was united in marriage to Lucy Granger, who departed this life June 10, 1929. To this union was born one daughter, now Mrs. Grace Wells. He spent his entire life in Eaton county living in the same home for the past 44 years. Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Grace Wells, one granddaughter, Phyllis, also one brother, Edwin B. Pugh of Battle Creek and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday, Dec. 14, and burial in the Freemire cemetery.

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"I heard the train blow the usual crossing signal, then the engineer pulled a long hard blast and I knew something was happening.

"I looked over the side of the tender in time to see the two cars at the crossing. The car in front suddenly moved out onto the tracks. As the locomotive hit it swung the automobile around, and the car seemed to sideswipe the other automobile.

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W. 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.

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