

St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery  
Posen, Michigan  
Transcriptions

Including detailed family information  
with church and census records

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## History of the Elowsky Mill in Posen Township [Leer], Presque Isle County, MI

Michael Elowsky, Sr. [1808-1874] and his wife Freidericke Elowsky nee Scholl [1807-1887]; his three sons, Michael Jr [1843-1918], August, Friedrich and his two daughters, Wilhelmine Sylvester and Ernestine Sellke came to the United States from Oppulin, Kreis Lauenburg, Hinterpommern, Prussia in 1864. They settled in Detroit where Michael and his brothers were shoemakers/cobblers.

The Joseph Miller family arrived two years later. The ship Manifest [ship name, passengers, age, where from] shows: Joseph Miller, age 37; Wilhelmine Miller, age 45: daughter, Henriette Miller, age 13; daughter, Louise Miller, age 9 arrived at Quebec, Canada, on the ship, *STAR OF HOPE*, on April 13, 1866 from Hamburg, Prussia. The village of origin is listed as Schwetzin, Kr. Stolp, Pommern. The Miller's daughter, Henrietta, married Michael Elowsky, Jr. 18 April 1870 in the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit, MI.

In 1869, after saving enough funds from their work as shoe cobblers, Joseph Miller and the Elowsky families came to Presque Isle County along with the Sellke, Noffze, and Hardies families. Land was available and they together could Homestead. Michael Elowsky, Jr. and his brothers; Friedrich and August Elowsky along with Joseph Müller [spelling changed to Miller] homesteaded 160 acres of land under President Lincoln's Homestead Act. They built their homes from hand hewn cedar near a "creek" that later became known as Swan River in Belknap Township [Road 451 - halfway between Hawks and St. Michael's Church - Belknap]. In 2006, Orlan Kortman owns the site.

In 1880 Michael Elowsky, Jr. felt he had accumulated enough funds so that he could stay in his beloved north woods and with Michael Elowsky, Jr. pooled their money to purchase property on the North Branch of the Thunder Bay River in Posen Township [2 miles south of Leer]. The site chosen for the flour mill was at a location where an earthen dam could easily be built across the river. The result of the dam formed a millpond that flooded the low lying farm area. The mill pond provided an additional bonus - fishing. The base of the spillway [dam gate] was made of huge pine logs with moss pressed between. A stile [walkway] went across the spillway. The gates that controlled the level of the pond were boards and slabwood that ran across the dam from one end of the spillway to the other. The log boards and slabwood were vertically secured from the bottom of the spillway to the stile walkway. Each spring the thaw of the snow would raise the level of the millpond. It was necessary to keep the water level of the mill pond consistent so there was enough force of the water to turn the two luffel horizontal waterwheel turbines that powered the mill grinding stones. One turbine was 40 horsepower for grinding animal feed and the other was 55 horsepower for grinding soft wheat, hard wheat and rye for flour. To prevent the earthen dam from washing away, the boards and slabwood were pulled to open the spillway to release the excess water. In April 1923 the sudden melt off from the snow flooded the mill and washed out the spillway, stile, earthen dam, and the tool/animal shed. The original pine logs and moss of the spillway base were still intact after the flood.

The grist mill, built in 1881-1882, was a towering, three stories tall and was operated by three horizontal water wheels and was capable of producing 50

barrels of flour a day. The first grinding stone Michael purchased was an American millstone from a Mr. Lipke who operated a small mill on the Trout River, near Rogers City. Mr. Lipke stayed with Mr. Elowsky and taught him the business of milling. Together they did all the millwright work for Gilchrist and other lumber companies operating around the area. The milling processes were tedious and time consuming. Mr. Elowsky worked by day, and Mr. Lipke worked by night, operating the mill 24 hours a day. Every week the stone had to be ground to maintain its "sharpness" for grinding grain. It took Joseph and Michael an entire day to "sharpen" the stone using iron picks and chisels.

In 1886 a French buhr stone weighing three tons was imported to grind a fine bread flour. In the early 1900's a steel roller replaced the stones as the industrial revolution developed. The name changed to the Elowsky Rolling Mill. There would be 5 to 6 persons working the mill each day for 24 hours.

The mill expanded in size as the needs of local settlers grew. It became an important asset to the early communities of Leer, Posen, Metz, Belknap, Moltke, Hawks, Rogers City. There would be German, Polish, Norwegian and English speaking patrons. Both the Miller and Elowsky families became conversant in all four languages.

The rest of the mill operations were built between the years of 1889 and 1890. One of the early buildings constructed next to the Mill was a store/animal barn. A 55 horsepower saw mill was purchased from a mill in Posen and used in their operations on the south side of the river, across from the Mill. Many logs were brought by teams of horses and oxen. The resulting lumber was used for the construction of many houses and barns in Presque Isle, Alpena and Montmorency Counties.

On certain days there would be a line up of 7 to 10 teams of oxen/horses with grain to be ground either into flour or feed. To accommodate the waiting, the teams would be put into the animal shed. On occasions the teams would remain overnight. The store had supplies of pickled meat, sardines, matches, barrels of syrup and kerosene and other necessary items for the pioneers. This building was washed away in the flood of 1923 and was not rebuilt.

Originally, the payment for having grain ground into flour was that one barrel for each ten was kept. Beginning in 1900 until 1930 one sack of flour for each ten was kept. The "payment" barrels or sacks of flour were originally then taken to Alpena by teams of horses and oxen. Starting in the 1920's they were taken by truck. On the return they brought back supplies for the store. Starting in the 1930's, a cash fee was implemented for each sack of flour milled or feed that was ground from grain.

Michael's son, Emil Elowsky, inherited the Mill in 1918 upon the death of his father. Henrietta, Michael's wife, then moved to Alpena to live with her son, Richard Elowsky and family until she died in 1923. Emil married Martha Legner 19 January 1921. They were loyal and faithful members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of rural Posen. Together Emil and Martha operated the roller and sawmill until the fall of 1963 when the last grain was ground and the last log made into lumber. In 1935 he and Martha built a large home to replace the original Miller/Elowsky house. They were the parents of Emil Jr. [1923-1926] who was killed in a sawmill accident, Alvin [1926 - 1989], Edwin who lives in Alpena,

and Marjorie Bromund who also lives in Alpena. Many of the mill workers boarded with the Elowsky's and Miller's throughout the years.

Michael Elowsky, Jr. and his wife Henrietta Elowsky nee Miller are buried in the St. Michael's Lutheran Cemetery in Belknap Township as are his father Michael Elowsky, Sr., and brothers August Elowsky and Friedrich Elowsky. They were charter members of St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belknap and retained their membership there until their deaths. Joseph Miller [1827-1917] and his wife Wilhelmina Elowsky nee Pieper [1820-1907] are buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in rural Posen. Joseph and Wilhelmina also were charter members of St. Michael's, but transferred membership to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in rural Posen. The Miller and Elowsky families were instrumental in the construction of the St. Paul Church in 1897 that is standing yet today. Emil [1889-1973] and Martha [1900-1977], who were active members of St. Paul, are however, buried in the St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Metz, Michigan.

The Elowsky mill and farm were sold to the Tiffany family in the late 1960's with Emil and Martha retaining a small acreage downstream from the mill. They built their "retirement" home on the bank of the river. Today, Gary Tiffany and his family strive to promote interest in the mill and its historical significance to the community. The mill is a unique attraction in that all the original equipment is still in the mill. A State historical marker dedication ceremony was held at the mill on June 24, 2002.

Two other sons of Michael Elowsky learned well, and went into milling on their own as they grew older. They were Paul Elowsky and Otto Elowsky. Paul Elowsky's story is probably one of the more interesting. He bought a mill from Andrew HANSON on M-32 [between Hillman and Alpena] where the Graham Garage now stands and moved it to Hillman in Montmorency County. Otto Elowsky developed a mill on Wolf Creek at Herron in nearby Alpena County.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church - Posen, MI

The first missionary in the area, Rev. Joseph Antonius Bohn, organized the congregation of St. Paul on Bolton Road in 1878. Pastor Bohn also organized St. John's of Rogers City, St. Michael's of Belknap and Immanuel of Moltke.

The first church services were held in the homes of church members. Later, a small building was used which served as school and parish hall. In 1897, the present church was built. The church property was donated by Mr. Julius Behning. In recent years, extensive renovations to the church building, the parish hall and the parsonage have been made by the members.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located on the Alpena Road near the intersection of Green Road, 2 miles east and 2 mile southeast of Posen.

On November 10, 1893, the Village of Vincent in the Township of Posen, Presque Isle County, was incorporated and included Section 9 and 15, Town 33 North, Range 6 East. The name Vincent, came from Vincent D'Vincent, who at that time owned much property and operated the Vincent Place Hotel. He was a dealer in general merchandise, forest products, a manufacturer of lumber and shingles, and operated a planing mill. In 1907, the name of Vincent was dropped and the Village of Posen was incorporated. Many of the people in the area were from Germany and Poland. The name was taken from the Polish Province, Poznan and the German spelling, Posen, was used.

Charter members of St. Paul were Edward Behning, Louis *Gruening [spelling later changed to Green]*, August Bluemke *[spelling later changed to Blemke]*, Carl Schmoldt *[spelling later changed to Schmold]*, William Bahrke, Carl Trapp, August Mueller *[spelling later changed to Miller]*, Louis Schroeder and Carl Hahn.

Among the first marriages were those of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Blemke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boettcher, Mr. and Mrs. William Boettcher, Mr. and Mrs. Max Felax, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandt. *[The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary copy lists the Boettcher's as William and Henry Bocker. Boettcher is more correct.]*

In 1955, the Ladies Aid was reorganized with Mrs. Herman Heinecke as President, Mrs. Victor Hahn as Vice President, Mrs. Arnold Green as Secretary, and Mrs. Harry Wiese as Treasurer. Membership was sixteen.

The first resident pastor was the Rev. David Ehmann. He also started a parochial school where he taught German, English and religion. The school was discontinued in 1925.

Pastors listed in the St. Paul Register beginning in 1892 to 1902 were Theodor Hartman 1892-1895; C. Kuechle of Immanuel Lutheran Church Alpena and Bruno Potzger of St. Michael's Belknap Township served 1895 as Interim Pastors; David Ehmann 1895-1899; P. S. Mueller as interim Pastor 1900; J. W. Schoech 1900-1902. *[The two church record books overlap.]*

Since 1900 the following served St. Paul's at Posen:

Schoech, Rev. Joseph W.	1900-1903
Marzinski, Rev. E. E. L.	1904-1907
Essig, Rev. Heinrich W.	[St. Michael's Belknap interim pastor] 1908
Essig, Rev. William G. A.	1909-1912
Bartusch, Rev. E.	1912-1913

Marshall, Rev. John	1913-1915
Hahn, Rev. Arthur	1916-1919
Heumann, Rev. F. W.	[Immanuel Alpena interim pastor] 1919
Schmidt, Rev. Edward	1919-1925
Wacker, Rev. Arthur	1925-1929
Schoenow, Rev. William	1929-1937
Koenig, Rev. Otto	1937-1955
Heinecke, Rev. Herman	1955-1958
Unger, Rev. Ralph	1958-1964
White, Rev. Harry	1964-
Schultz, Rev. H.	
Luhrs. Rev. David	
Baerwolf, Rev. R.	
Moehring. Rev. J.	
Powers, Donald	
Molzan, Rev. Harold	1987-present

Information from:

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*St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* August 24, 1958

*St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* July 27, 2003

*History of Posen village*

## **Rev. Harold G. Molzan**

Present Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Posen, Michigan

Pastor Molzan has had an illustrious career in northern Michigan by serving the Lord at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Belknap, St. John Lutheran Church, Rogers City and presently St. Paul Lutheran Church, Posen, MI for 44 of his 59 years in the Lutheran ministry.

Pastor Molzan was born March 11, 1922 in Patterson, New Jersey to Mr. & Mrs. Otto Molzan. He received his early education at St. Paul Lutheran School of Patterson and graduated from Patterson Central High School. He began his studies for the Holy Ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, graduating June 7, 1947. His vicarage year was spent at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Detroit under the supervision of the late Rev. Louis H. Koehler.

He was ordained and installed at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Thawville [Iroquois County], Illinois on July 6, 1947. He served as vacancy pastor at the nearby St. John Lutheran Church, Buckley, Illinois. He accepted a Divine Call to the dual Macomb County, Michigan parishes of Christ Lutheran Church, New Baltimore and St. Peter Lutheran Church, New Haven. While there, the New Baltimore congregation grew in numbers. In February 1954, he accepted a Call to St. Michael Lutheran Church, Belknap. From February 1958 to July 1966, he served Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI.

In July of 1966, he accepted a Call to St. John Lutheran Church in Rogers City where he served for 21 years. During his tenure at St. John, he served in many capacities for the church and for the community that it is difficult to list them all. St. John's new church was built during his tenure.

Pastor Molzan "retired" in 1987 after 40 years in the active ministry. Since then he has been serving St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen. He also served St. Peter Lutheran Church of Metz for a year and a half and 40 months at Our Savior Lutheran Church of Glennie. He also served as Vacancy Pastor at St. John's Rogers City, Faith at Hawks, Holy Cross at Onaway, and Immanuel at Moltke.

In 1958 he was given the "Servus Ecclesiar Christi" award from Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in recognition of effective ministry among God's people in today's world. This award is given annually for those who have distinguished themselves in service to congregations and the church in general.

During his many years of ministry, his faithful wife, Florence, was always at his side. They have three children: Pamela [Mrs. Harley Schaedig] of Ocqueoc, Melinda of Onaway, and John of Rogers City. Another daughter, Judith Ann, died at the age of four and one half years on July 6, 1952. The Molzan's have three grandchildren: Harlan & Jenny Sue Schaedig, and Travis Bailey.

Information from:

*Presque Isle County Advance*, June 26, 1997

*Presque Isle County Advance*, July 3, 1997

*Presque Isle County Advance*, September 17, 1998

*Presque Isle County Cemeteries Vol. 7 Book 1 pp. 41, 42, 43*



**Longtime Posen Resident To Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
by Peter Jakey, Managing Editor of the *Advance* [31 August 2006]

Some people consider a long life lived as reaching 70, or even 80. Etta Blemke has lived a very long life, and then some. Blemke, who lived most of her 99 years in Posen, will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Labor Day.

A special coffee hour will be conducted at St. Paul Lutheran Church, located southeast of Posen, Saturday after the 5 p.m. service.

It was the same church she was confirmed at more than eight decades ago.

Her niece will be picking Etta up from her residence at the Pine Meadow Apartments in Alpena Saturday, as she does every weekend, and drive her to the church. She had been driving her own vehicle until only a year ago.

“She is a great gal”, said Rev. Harold Molzan, the church’s pastor. “She has been a faithful member all her life.”

It has been a while since Etta has been able to drive, and her hearing has slipped, but “her mind is very good”, said her niece Eleanor Schellie.

Other than her nieces and nephews, most of her immediate family has passed away.

Blemke was born to German farmer William and Bertha [Gruening] Wagner at their family farmhouse. She attended the Pulawski Township School and graduated from the eighth grade. Blemke worked on the family farm until she married her first husband, Paul Benson. They had a boy that died a few days after birth. He would be Etta’s only child. Five years after Benson passed away, she married Clarence Blemke, who lived until September 1978.

The dates are getting fuzzier for Etta, who recalled her second husband passing away 12 years ago, but when she searched for the exact date in her Alpena apartment, she found that it was nearly 30 years ago.

Over the years, Blemke worked as a bartender at “Whitey’s Bar”, which now is known as the “daily Limit”, as well as the “Three Pines”.

Eleanor said one of the most difficult parts about reaching 100 is losing so many friends. Her older brother and sister, Harry Wagner and Selma Blemke nee Wagner, have been gone for three decades.

“She misses them”, said Eleanor.

Some of the Blemke’s family members have lived into their 90’s, such as Etta’s aunt, but none made it to 100.

“She just took care of herself”, said Schellie, who added that her aunt never smoked.

To commemorate the occasion, Blemke also received a special birthday card from President George W. Bush

Blemke won’t be the only family member celebrating a birthday Monday.

Great-great-great-niece, Vanessa Wekwert of Alpena, also will reach an important milestone. It will be her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. That is 78 years from catching Etta. Make that 79 come Monday.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery of Posen, MI

St. Paul Lutheran Church was organized in 1878 according to printed records. In the beginning, church services were held in the home of members. The present church building was built in 1897. The church cemetery is down a lane from the church.

We wish to thank Norman Cooke for his cooperation and help with this publication. Others to thank are Ken McNealy from Hawks who copied the St. Paul Death Register in September 2002 covering the years 1901 to 2002. He noted that some of the pages were too light to copy. He also sent a copy of the cemetery map. In 2003, Don Knopf read the St. Paul Cemetery tombstones and placed the readings on 3 x 5 cards. Don was also the typist for this cemetery in 2006.

Richard Green and Norman Cooke, both members of St. Paul, know much about this church cemetery. When digging graves for a relative of Richard's, toward the front of the cemetery, wooden caskets were dug up. Another site was chosen and the same thing happened, more wooden caskets. It was then determined that there were many unmarked graves in the front part of the cemetery. Today, they have the area marked off and no future burials will be made in that area. This is probably the area where Don Knopf's stepgreat-grandmother Ernestine Legner and his infant aunts and uncles were buried. Richard Green told Don that there were other burials that remain unmarked. Evidently, burials were already done in the 1870's. While searching for records before 1900, Norman Cooke told Eunice he had given the old records to Eva Belle Pichan. That is where we found St. Paul's record book for the years 1892-1902. Eva copied them for us. There were 15 burials listed before 1900 including Carl Wagner 1870-1896, John Blemke d. 1896 and Louise Blemke 1926-1895, who had tombstones. No Legners were found. Is there another record book out there somewhere with burials before 1892?

Where are the church records for these Legner's?:

LEGNER, Ernestine 1826-1890

LEGNER, Ida Anna Therese 1880-1882

LEGNER, Wilhelm Adam Georg 1882-1882

LEGNER, Heinrich Carl 1884-1895 [*Not listed in the St. Paul's death register for the years 1892-1895. In fact, no Legner's are mentioned.*]

LEGNER, Rudolf 1886-1886

LEGNER, Olga Johanna 1887-1887 [*3 days*]

LEGNER, Albert Heinrich 27 February 1888 - 16 March 1888

LEGNER, Augusta 1892-1892 [*1892 death not listed in St. Paul's death register for the years 1892-1902. No Legner's listed.*]

**NOTE:** *The church council allowed Don Knopf to place a memorial stone for the above Legners in Lot #12 [September 2003] since no burial was in that spot. The memorial stone was placed between Joseph & Wilhelmine Miller and Emil R. A. Elowsky graves. Both are connected to the Legner line. So far, we have no records to prove where they are buried.*

Our thanks to Don Knopf for placing the memorial stone for the Legners in St. Paul's Cemetery thus recording their life and preserving their history. There are too many unmarked graves.

The cemetery map does not always correspond to the gravesites. There are no known sexton records. Eva Belle Pichan is working on the cemetery map to make it more accurate.

**ROW A Sites 13 & 14**

“Hier ruhen in Gott”

**MILLER, Joseph** Geb. 8 May 1827 Ges. 30 Dec 1917

**MILLER, Wilhelmine** seine frau Geb. 3 Jan 1820 Ges. 18 Feb 1907

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901-2002

Joseph Miller, died: 30 Dec 1917; buried: 2 Jan 1918; cause: debility of old age; age; 91 years 7 months 22 days

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901-2002

Wilhelmina Miller, died: 18 Feb '07; buried: 29 Feb '07; cause: debility of old age; age; 86 yrs; left behind: husband & daughter *[can't read daughter's married name as it was copied on the crease. The name of the daughter would be Henrietta Elowsky.]*

**PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATE:**

William Miller, died: 18 Feb 1907 Posen; age; 86 yrs 1 mo 15 days; Father: Harmon Miller

**NOTE:** Refer to the earlier article: *“History of the Elowsky Mill in Posen Township [Leer], Presque Isle County, Michigan”*

**ADDED NOTE:** Joseph & Wilhelmina Miller, along with Michael & Henrietta Elowsky came to America in 1866 settling in Detroit at first. They pooled their money and eventually came to PI County. This Miller line is NOT connected to the August Miller and their many descendants who are buried in the St. Paul Cemetery. They are a completely different family.

**CENSUS RECORD: 1880**

1880 Federal Census Belknap Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan [Roll T9\_601; Family History Film 1254601; ED 280] enumerated June 1880 by August Grossmann shows:

MUELER, Joseph, head, 58, Farmer, born Prussia

MUELER, Wilhelmine, wife, 63, Keeping House, born Prussia

**CENSUS RECORD: 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED 151; page 1A] enumerated 1 June 1900 by Eugene D' Vincent shows:

ELOWSKI, Michael, head, 56, born March 1844 Germany, married 30 years, to America 1868, Miller and Farmer

ELOWSKI, Henrietta, wife, 47, born June 1852 Germany, married 30 years, to America 1867

ELOWSKI, Otto, son, 27, born June 1872 Michigan, single, sawer in mill

ELOWSKI, Alex, son, 24, born Sept 1875 Michigan, single, setter in mill

ELOWSKI, Paul, son, 22, born Sept 1877 Michigan, single, ass't miller

ELOWSKI, Mike, son, 21, born March 1879 Michigan, single, laborer in saw mill

ELOWSKI, Richard, son, 18, born March 1881 Michigan, single, laborer in saw mill

ELOWSKI, Emil, son, 10, born Sept 1889 Michigan, at school

MILLER, Joseph, father, 69, born May 1831 Germany, married 49 years, to America 1866, laborer on farm

MILLER, Philomine, mother, 79, born Jan 1821 Germany, married 49 years, to America 1866

SCHMOLDT, Emily, servant, 19, born May 1881 Michigan, parents born Germany, single, house servant

BUDNICK, James, servant, 14, born April 1886 Michigan, parents born Poland, house servant

JOHNSON, Sam, laborer, 56, widowed, born Feb 1844 Norway, to America 1870, laborer in mill

ELOWSKI, William, cousin, 21, born Nov 1878 Michigan, single, mill laborer

#### ROW A Site 12

**LEGNER, Ernestine 1826-1890 & 7 infant grandchildren**

**CR:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alpena, MI

LEGNER Ernestine Bohnke, born: 1 April 1826 Kreis Stolp, Hinterpommern, Prussia; died: 3 Feb 1890 Alpena

**ALPENA ARGUS** [*newspaper*] **OBITUARY:** [unknown date]

"Austina Liegnes died Feb 28, 1889 she was 63 years and 8 days...died in Alpena".

**ALPENA COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF DEATH:** [#1401 - Red Book - Pg. 71 - Feb 28, 1889]

Austina LIEGNES, female; married; age: 63 yrs. 8 mos.: died: 28 Feb 1889 Alpena; cause: unknown; birthplace: unknown; occupation: housekeeper; parents: father - Christopher Bunke, and unknown mother; residence: unknown [*Date of record: 1 June 1890*]

**NOTE** from Don Knopf:

The State and County death date do not agree with the Immanuel records. No burial location was given in the St. Paul Posen, Immanuel Alpena, State, or County records. She was not recorded in the Evergreen Cemetery, nor in the Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in Maple Ridge Township [Alpena, MI]. It was assumed there was no gravestone, and therefore no record of where she is buried in Alpena County. The only other possibility to pursue was the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in rural Posen, which is a short distance from Maple Ridge Township where they lived. A reply from Rev. Molzan to my request for Legner names in the St. Paul records named 7 infant Legners and Ernestine Legner nee Bohnke buried in the St. Paul church cemetery. However, the map of the St. Paul Cemetery as given to me by the Sexton, Norman Cooke, does not show any of those names nor locations. The Cemetery has identified the area of many unmarked graves in the front section. Richard Green, longtime member of St. Paul's, related that digging was done for present burials when various wooden caskets were unearthed; indicating the location of those unmarked graves. It is assumed Ernestine and the 7 infant Legners are buried in that section. In September 2003, a memorial stone was placed between the graves of Joseph Miller and Emil Elowsky, Jr. Inscribed on the stone:

LEGNER

Ernestine nee Bohnke

1826 - 1890

and 7 Infant Legner Grandchildren

**NOTE** from Don Knopf:

The 7 infant Grandchildren are children of Albert & Johanna Legner nee Wetzel. Albert & Johanna Legner are buried in the St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery at Metz, MI. Ernestine's husband, Theodor Franz Josef Legner [25 Oct 1818 - 16 April 1901] is buried in the St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery at Metz, MI.

The 7 infants buried in St. Paul's Cemetery:

1. **LEGNER, Ida Anna Therese** 1880-1882

**CR: The Mirchau Parish Records** [*Kreis Karthaus, West Prussia Film # 020844*] shows Ida Anna Therese Legner, born 1 Dec 1880 Lonczyn, Kreis Karthaus, West Prussia; baptized 8 Dec 1880; godparents: Senior Legner, Theodor; Alwine Zoschke; Therese Heyden

2. **LEGNER, Wilhelm Adam Georg** 1882-1882

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Lutheran Church Alpena Wilhelm Adam Georg Legner, baptized: 20 Aug 1882; godparents: Theodor [*father of Albert*] Legner, Louis Gengerke, and Juliane Gengerke nee Martens [*No record has been found of his death.*]

3. **LEGNER, Heinrich Carl** 1884-1895 [*Not listed in the St. Paul's death register for the years 1892-1895. In fact, no Legner's are mentioned.*]

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena Heinrich Karl Legner, baptized: 9 April 1884; godparents: Karl Gengerke, Gustav Franz, Albertine Buchholz nee Bolter

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena Heinrich Karl Legner, died: 29 March 1895; funeral: 31 March 1895; clergyman: Rev. Kuechle [*The cause of death is written in German.*]

**ALPENA ARGUS** [*newspaper*] **OBITUARY** [3 April 1895]: "Albert Legner of Maple Ridge township was killed Friday. His father had cut a tree which lodged and in getting it down the top broke and flew back striking the boy on the head." [*The correct name is Henry Legner.*]

4. **LEGNER, Rudolf** 1886-1886 [*No other information than he is listed as buried in St. Paul's Cemetery from records prior to 1892.*]

5. **LEGNER, Olga Johanna**, born:12 March 1887; died:15 March 1887

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena

Legner, Olga Johanna, born: 12 March 1887; emergency baptism: 13 March 1887; no godparents listed; died: 15 March 1887 Maple Ridge; age: 2 days

6. **LEGNER, Albert Heinrich**, born: 27 Feb 1888; died: 16 March 1888

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena  
Albert Heinrich Legner, baptized: 14 March 1888; emergency baptism; no  
godparents listed

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena  
Albert Heinrich Legner, died; 16 March 1888; Rev. Kuechle

7. **LEGNER, Augusta** 1892 - 1892 *[1892 death not listed in St. Paul's death register for the years 1892-1902.]*

**Note:** *[The oldest child of Albert & Johanna Legner died in West Prussia.]*  
**LEGNER, Emma Marie Henriette** 27 Oct 1879 - 9 Dec 1879

**CR: MIRCHAU EVANGELICAL RECORDS** Mirchau, Kreis Karthaus *[Film # 0208443]*

Emma Marie Henriette Legner, born: 27 Oct 1879 Lonczyn, Kreis Karthaus, West Prussia; baptized: 16 Nov 1879; godparents: Friedr. Pethke, his daughter Henriette Pethke, Ann Heyden - all from Lonczyn; died: 9 Dec 1879 Lonczyn; buried: 10 Dec 1879 Mirchau Parish District Cemetery

**SHIP MANIFEST:** of Ernestine, Theodor, Albert & Johanna Legner  
Theodor Legner, his wife Ernestine Legner; son Albert Legner along with his wife Johanna Legner, and their daughter, Ida Legner arrived at Baltimore 30 April 1881 on the ship, *LEIPZIG*, from Bremen, Germany.

**NOTE** from Don Knopf:

After arriving to America in 1881, Theodor and Ernestine traveled with his son, Albert and his wife, Johanna to Columbus, OH, to Frankfort, IN, then to Chicago, IL; and then on to Toledo, OH before settling in Maple Ridge Township [Alpena County], Michigan in 1882. The first reference to Theodor & Frau Legner being in Alpena County is from the 1882 Communicant roster of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena. The farm they rented in Maple Ridge Township has not been identified, but is assumed it was between Alpena and St. Paul's Posen. They lived there from 1882 to 1897. It was from that residence the 7 infant Legner children and Ernestine died.

In 1897, the widower, Theodor Legner, his son Albert Legner and his wife Johanna and their living children: Emilie, Otto, Eduard, Alma, and Alfred moved to an 80 acre farm in Metz that was about 10 miles directly west of Maple Ridge. It is at this Metz farm where three more children would be born to Johanna and Albert: Theodore, Martha and Helma, making a total of 16 children born to Albert & Johanna with 8 living to adulthood. The Legner family then became members of the St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church at Metz. Theodore, Martha and Helma were baptized and confirmed from that church.

**FAMILY HISTORY** from Don Knopf:

Son of Theodor Franz Josef Legner & his first wife, Bertha Friederike Legner nee Meyer:

**ALBERT CARL LEGNER** [19 February 1858 Sochow, Kreis Stolp, Hinterpommern, Prussia - 31 August 1932 Leer, MI] m. 1879 Kreis Karthaus, West Prussia to **JOHANNA PAULINE BERTHA WETZEL** [19 May 1858 Zechlin, Kreis Stolp, Hinterpommern, Prussia - 22 February 1943 Leer, MI], daughter of Gotthilf Wetzels & Bertha Anna Kuhl

Albert and Johanna could not decide where to settle after arriving in America in 1881. There were other family members who already were settled in various place and who extended an invitation "to check things out". Their first stop after their arrival to the U.S. at Baltimore was at Columbus, OH with his Uncle Johann Legner's son, Theodore Legner; then on to Frankfort, IN, to an unknown relative; then to Chicago, IL with a brother, Louis Legner and Johanna's aunt, Johanna Grubbe nee Kuhl; then to Toledo, OH with Johanna's cousin, Henrietta Lueck nee Perlick. But the final decision was made when Johanna's half-sister, Louise Hardies nee Roy, who with her husband Wilhelm Hardies in 1869 homesteaded in Belknap Township, told them of land available in Northern Michigan. In a letter, dated 1882 from Toledo, Louise Hardies told Albert & Johanna that their friends, the Georg Gengerke family in Alpena, would be there to greet them at the boat dock in Alpena.

Albert was soon directed to land in Maple Ridge Township that he could rent. Buying land was not an option since most of his funds were used in "wandering" for a year. He supplemented his farm income by working at the docks in Alpena, loading and unloading the boats to save enough money to eventually purchase a farm. The first reference to them being in Alpena County is 1882 from the Immanuel Lutheran Church records. The Alpena city directories show the following: 1887-1888 "Albert Legner (laborer) n s Huebner 2 e of Dock" ; 1889-1890 "Albert C. Legner (stevedore), bds 121 E. Huebner". Directly below is "Theodore F. Legner (laborer) 121 E. Huebner". *[A stevedore is "a man employed to store goods in a ship's hold, or to unload such goods".]*

In 1897, they bought 80 acres in Metz Township, a half mile south of the former village of South Rogers, from Edward Hardies, Johanna's cousin. They farmed until 1932 when Albert became very ill. He and Johanna then went to live with their daughter, Martha Elowsky and family in Posen Township [Leer]. Both Albert & Johanna died from the Elowsky home. They are buried in the St. Peter Metz Cemetery.

Children of Albert Legner - Johanna Legner nee Wetzels who lived to adulthood:

1. **Emilie Bertha Legner** [26 March 1885 Maple Ridge - 24 March 1973 Alpena] Emilie Legner, m1: 17 Feb 1905; Albert Moss; Cheboygan; five children: Beatrice, Harry, Elaine, Clarence, Walter  
Emilie Moss nee Legner, m2: 28 June 1930; Daniel Nehmer; Croswell [Sanilac County], MI; no children  
Emilie Nehmer nee Legner, m3: Sept 1950; Michael Gabrysiak; Alpena; no children



**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church - Alpena  
Emilie Bertha Legner, baptized: 31 May 1885; Rev. H. C. Kuechle; godparents:  
Dorothea Splitt, Bertha Krieger, and August Pieper

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church - Metz  
Emilie Bertha Legner, confirmed: 23 July 1899; Rev. Ernst Thieme

Emilie & Albert's children:

A. Beatrice Helma Moss [17 May 1906 - 31 Oct 1975] married 1925 William  
Parrot, St. [5 July 1903 - 14 Nov 1945]; 1 child: William Parrot, Jr.

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz  
Beatrice Helma Moss, baptized: 3 June 1906; Rev. Ernst Thieme; godparents:  
Eduard Hardies, Therese Dramburg, Helene Zimmermann

**CENSUS ENTRY:** 1930

The 1930 Michigan, Wayne County, Detroit Federal Census [ED 593; page 8B]  
shows:

Living at 8151 Traverse Avenue

PARROT, William, head, 26, married at age 21, rents house for \$30 a month,  
born Michigan, parents born Michigan, Machine Operator at Auto Factory

PARROT, Beatrice, wife, 24, married at age 19, born Michigan, parents born  
Michigan

PARROT, William, Jr., son, 2 3/12, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

LEGNER, Theodore, 29, single, born Michigan, parents born Michigan [sic],  
Officer, Police Department

B. Harry H. Moss [14 Oct 1909 - 31 Aug 1982] married 1938 Esther Garcia  
[20 June 1918 - 16 Aug 1981] 4 children: David, Dennis, Donald, Darlene

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. John Lutheran Church Hagensville  
Harry Moss, confirmed: 9 Nov 1924; Rev. John Scheer

C. Elaine Emilie Moss [26 Aug 1912 - 17 Sept 2005] married 28 Oct 1933  
George W. Temple [9 Feb 1912 - 15 Sept 1981]; no children

**NOTES** from Don Knopf:

After marriage Elaine and George Temple lived in Wayne, MI. In 1947 they  
moved to Atlanta, MI and lived at Clear Lake. They operated the Trading Post  
Store at the entrance to Canada Creek Ranch, south of Atlanta. They purchased  
land in Canada Creek and built their home, moving from Clear Lake. After  
selling the Trading Post in 1955, Elaine and George bought the IGA grocery store  
in Atlanta in 1957 and operated it until 1962. They were members of the Holy  
Cross Lutheran Church in Onaway [Presque Isle County], MI.

George was president of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and became  
acquainted with state government officials. Elaine would entertain many  
Michigan government officials. Probably the best known was Governor G.  
(Soapy) Mennen Williams, a longtime governor of Michigan. George would  
invite the Governor and other state officials to the hunting area around Canada  
Creek Ranch each year. George, Elaine and Governor Williams were close  
friends.

## OBITUARY:

Elaine E. Temple, 93, of Atlanta, Michigan, passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005 following an extended illness. She was born on August 26, 1912 to Albert and Emelia [Legner] Moss in Detroit, MI. She married George Temple on 23 October 1933 in Detroit. She has lived at Canada Creek Ranch since 1945 formerly of Wayne, MI. She owned and operated the Trading Post from 1947-1955; and later the IGA store in Atlanta from 1957-1962. She was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and the Progressive Club, both in Onaway, MI. Mrs. Temple is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband George Sept. 16, 1981.

D. Clarence Granger Moss [26 June 1915 - 21 Feb 1961] married 28 Oct 1939 Helene NOWAK [12 Oct 1920 - living], daughter of John and Mary Nowak nee Kovacs; 3 children: Judith, Christopher, Cheryl

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz

Clarence Granger Moss, confirmed: 6 Dec 1931

**NOTES** from Don Knopf:

Clarence lived with his grandparents, Albert and Johanna Legner in Metz from boyhood until he found a job in Detroit, Michigan when he became a Tool and Die Maker. He died in Detroit of Hodgkin's Disease.

Clarence and Helene were married by the Justice of the Peace in Michigan - location unknown. Helene was Roman Catholic and half Polish and half Hungarian. She joined the Lutheran Church in 1940 and was confirmed at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Detroit.

E. Walter H. Moss [20 April 1919 - 27 Nov 1976] married 1941 Pearl Hawley [8 April 1923 - ?]; 4 children: Norman, Sharon, Diana, Gregory

2. Otto Albert Legner [24 April 1889 Maple Ridge - 15 April 1955 Leer, MI] *[Otto never married, but lived on, and farmed the Legner acreage in Metz, MI after his parents, Albert & Johanna, moved to Leer.]*

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena  
Otto Albert Legner, baptized: 4 May 5 1889; godparents: George Gengerke, Anna Gengerke, and Albert Schmidt

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church - Metz  
Otto Albert Legner, confirmed: 27 March 1903; Rev. Ernst Thieme

3. Eduard Theodor Legner [3 Aug 1891 Maple Ridge - 30 Aug 1961 Milwaukee, WI]; m. Pearl Hammelund nee Losby; date/location: 23 April 1919 Detroit; 1 child: Grace Jean

A. Grace Jean Legner, born: 25 Dec 1919 Detroit; m1 26 June 1937; Milwaukee, WI; Marvin Chester Wright [12 Sept 1917 - 2 April 1994]; 2 children: Bonnie Jean Wright married James Arthur Larson and Gary Chester Wright married Janis Carlisle  
Grace Jean Wright nee Legner, m2 7 March 1998 West Allis, WI; Howard R. Ehlers [15 Aug 1921 - 15 Dec 2001]; no children

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena

Edward Theodore Legner, baptized: August 1891; godparents: Albert Hardies, Theodor Noffze, Emma Gengerke, Emilie Kunath

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz  
Eduard Theodor Legner, confirmed: 16 April 1905; Rev. Ernst Thieme  
Mrs. Pearl Legner nee Losby, confirmed: 6 September 1925

4. **Alma Martha Legner** [30 Aug 1893 Maple Ridge - 5 Dec 1989 Rogers City] m. 1917 Detroit: Emil Zeglevski, Sr. [5 Oct 1892 - 4 April 1968 Metz]; 1 child: Emil Legner Zeglevski, Jr.

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena  
Alma Martha Legner, baptized: 29 Oct 1893; Rev. H. C. Kuechle; godparents: Albert Hardies, Wilhelmine Glenz, Maria Liedowke

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church - Metz  
Alma Martha Legner, confirmed: 24 March 1907; Rev. Ernst Thieme

A. **Emil Legner Zeglevski, Jr.**, born: 14 Feb 1925 Detroit - living; m1. 25 April 1953; Iva Erkfitz, born: 21 April 1935 - living; 3 children: Michael, Joseph, Daniel  
m2. 18 Sept 1965 Grace Lutheran Church; Auburn, MI; Nancy Bauer, daughter of Henry Baurer & Katherine Bauer nee Bell; 2 children: Greta, Carl

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz  
Emil Legner Zeglevski, confirmed: 13 Aug 1939; Rev. Karl Schmidt

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. John Lutheran Church - Rogers City  
Iva Mae Erkfitz, baptized: 4 Oct 1935; Rev. Louis A. Linn; godparents: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Erkfitz

**PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MARRIAGE RECORD:**

Iva M Erkfitz, age 17, daughter of Louis Erkfitz and Beulah Erkfitz nee Stutsman; and Emil L Zeglevski, age 28, son of Emil Zeglevski and Alma Legner, married: 25 April 1953; Rev. Robert E. Weller; witnesses: Harold Grambau and Ima Erkfitz

**NOTES** from Don Knopf:

Nancy Bauer was baptized 17 April 1937 by the Rev. Wesendorf [Auburn, MI]. Her godparents were her Aunt Mary Elizabeth [Bell] Behmlander and Katherine [Bauer] Taglauer.

5. **Alfred Eduard Legner** [24 July 1895 Maple Ridge; d. 15 Jan 1974 Rogers City] [*Alfred never married, but owned a farm across from Emil & Alma Zeglevski.*]

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena  
Alfred Eduard Legner, baptized: 15 Sept 1895; Rev. Kuechle; godparents: Ernest Kunath, Emil Gengerke, and August Krueger

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz  
Alfred Eduard Legner, confirmed: 4 April 1909; Rev. Ernst Thieme

6. **Theodore Eduard Franz Legner** [17 Oct 1897 Metz - 4 Oct 1969 Alpena], m. 17 Sept 1930 Detroit; Laura 'Lorna' Victoria Eckford [20 Nov 1909 Cobdon, Ontario, Canada - 9 Aug 1985 Alpena]; no children [*Theodore was a Policeman in Detroit, until his retirement when he moved to Long Lake in Alpena County to become a Real Estate Agent.*]

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz

Theodor Eduard Franz Legner, baptized: 21 Nov 1897; godparents: Edward Hardies, Theodor Hardies, and Therese Dramburg

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz

Theodor Eduard Legner, confirmed: 9 April, 1911; Rev. Ernst Thieme; memory verse for life: Romans 12:12

7. **Martha Louise Legner** [16 May 1900 Metz - 4 Feb 1977 Alpena]

m. 19 Jan 1921 St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena; Emil Elowsky, Sr. [22 Dec 1889 Leer - 13 March 1973 Alpena]; 4 children: Emil, Jr.; Alvin; Edwin; Marjorie and 1 foster son: Glen Brisbin

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz

Martha Louise Legner, baptized: 10 June 1900; godparents: Julius Dramburg, Martha Hoffmann, Luise Ohlrich

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz

Martha Louise Legner, confirmed: 16 March 1913; Rev. Ernst Thieme

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap

Emil Rudolf August Elowsky, baptized: 16 Feb 1890; Rev. Bruno Potzger; godparents: Rudolph Poch, August Elowsky, Sr., Marie Elowsky

**CR: MARRIAGE REGISTER** St. Paul Lutheran Church - Alpena

Emil Elowsky, 31, of Posen Township [Presque Isle County], Michigan and Martha Legner, 21, of Metz [Presque Isle County], Michigan married 19 Jan 1821; witnesses: Dorothy Poch, Alfred Legner, Arnold Elowsky, Helma Legner

**OBITUARY:** 15 March 1973 - *Advance*

Emil R. Elowsky, Former Mill Owner, Passed Away On Tuesday

The era of the "miller" has passed in Presque Isle County with the death of Emil R. Elowsky on Tuesday morning at Alpena General Hospital. Mr. Elowsky, who passed away following a two-week illness, was the owner of the historical landmark, "The Elowsky Mill" located on Leer Road in Posen, until the mill was sold two years ago to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krzesowiak of Rogers City.

Coming from Germany in 1872, his parents settled in Belknap on a 160 acre homestead. His father built the first stone mill in 1882 and in 1886 he found it necessary to add the second stone to aid the growing demand for the labor of the miller. In 1892 the present mill was built, its modernized machinery shipped from Buffalo to Rogers City by steamboat and hauled to the present site by horses. In 1926 new machinery was added which served the area people until Mr. Elowsky retired in 1957 and the mill was closed.

Born in Posen on December 22, 1889, Mr. Elowsky began his work as a miller at the age of 16. He later added the occupations of farming, plus owning and operating a saw mill and a shingle mill. He was married to the former Martha Legner in Alpena on January 19, 1921 and they made their home on the farm until two years ago when they moved to a portion of their property on Long Lake Road.

Mr. Elowsky is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons, Alvin of Route 2, Posen and Edwin of Alpena; a foster son, Glen Brisbin of Flint; a daughter Mrs. Donald [Marjorie] Bromund of Alpena; twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A son Emil, Jr. preceded his father in death.

A prayer service was held Wednesday afternoon at the McWilliams Funeral

Home. Funeral services were held Thursday [today] at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Metz with the Reverend Keith Parker officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials are asked to be made in memory of Mr. Elowsky to St. Peter's Church Fund.

**NOTES** from Don Knopf:

It was Emil and Martha's wish to be buried in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Rural Posen where they held membership for many years. Two years prior to Emil's death, when wishing to reserve a burial location in St. Paul's Cemetery, it was found that they could not be buried next to their son, Emil Elowsky, Jr. Another person [Paul Benson] had already been buried there. The Benson family did not want to remove the grave; therefore Emil and Martha then chose to join St. Peter Lutheran Church in Metz. That worked out well since many Legners are also buried in the St. Peter [Metz] Cemetery, as are many Elowskys.

#### **CENSUS ENTRY: 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED 151; page 1A] enumerated 1 June 1900 by Eugene D'Vincent shows:

ELOWSKI, Michael, head, 56, born March 1844 Germany, married 30 years, to America 1868, Miller and Farmer

ELOWSKI, Henrietta, wife, 47, born June 1852 Germany, married 30 years, to America 1867

ELOWSKI, Otto, son, 27, born June 1872 Michigan, single, sawer in mill

ELOWSKI, Alex, son, 24, born Sept 1875 Michigan, single, setter in mill

ELOWSKI, Paul, son, 22, born Sept 1877 Michigan, single, ass't miller

ELOWSKI, Mike, son, 21, born March 1879 Michigan, single, laborer in saw mill

ELOWSKI, Richard, son, 18, born March 1881 Michigan, single, laborer in saw mill

ELOWSKI, Emil, son, 10, born Sept 1889 Michigan, at school

MILLER, Joseph, father, 69, born May 1831 Germany, married 49 years, to America 1866, laborer on farm

MILLER, Philomine, mother, 79, born Jan 1821 Germany, married 49 years, to America 1866

SCHMOLDT, Emily, servant, 19, born May 1881 Michigan, parents born Germany, single, house servant

BUDNICK, James, servant, 14, born April 1886 Michigan, parents born Poland, house servant

JOHNSON, Sam, laborer, 56, widowed, born Feb 1844 Norway, to America 1870, laborer in mill

ELOWSKI, William, cousin, 21, born Nov 1878 Michigan, single, mill laborer

#### **CENSUS RECORDS: 1910**

1. The 1910 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED 177; page 1B] enumerated 16 April 1910 by Walter P. Adams shows:

ELOWSKY, Michel, head, 66, married 36 years, born Germany, to America 1868, farmer, general farm

ELOWSKY, Henrietta, wife, 56, married 36 years, 9 children born with 8 children living, born Germany, to America [*is not listed*]  
ELOWSKY, Richard, son 28, [looks like] Wd, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Mill Right at saw mill  
ELOWSKY, Emil, son, 20, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Miller at flour mill  
MILLER, Joseph, Grandfather, to Head of Family, 82, widowed, born Germany, to America 1866, Retired from flour mill. [*NOTE: 'to Head of Family' refers to the fact Joseph was to be listed first as the Head of the House instead of Michel.*]

2. The 1910 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Metz Township Federal Census [Roll T624\_671; E D; 175; page 3A] enumerated 21 April 1910 by Herman Grambau shows:

LEGNER, Albert, head, 52, married 30 years, born Germany, to America 1881, Farmer, speaks English  
LEGNER, Johanna, wife, 51, married 30 years, 14 children born with 8 children living, born Germany, to America 1881, speaks German only  
LEGNER, Otto, son, 20, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, laborer on home farm  
LEGNER, Edward, son, 18 single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, laborer on home farm  
LEGNER, Alma, daughter, 17, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany  
LEGNER, Alfred, son, 14, born Michigan, parents born Germany  
LEGNER, Martha, daughter, 10, born Michigan, parents born Germany  
LEGNER, Helma, daughter, 7, born Michigan, parents born Germany

#### **CENSUS RECORDS: 1920**

1. The 1920 Posen Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan Federal Census [ED 10; page 6B] enumerated 10 January 1920 by Christian Swankowski shows  
ELOWSKY, Emil, head, 30, single, owns farm, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Miller, flour mill  
ELOWSKY, Etta H., mother, 67, widowed, born Germany, to America 1867  
ELOWSKY, Max, brother, 49, married, born Michigan, parents born Germany, laborer, flour mill  
WOITAZEK, George, boarder, 19, single, born Michigan, parents born Poland, laborer, flour mill

2. The 1920 Detroit Federal Census shows:

Living at 898 Fairview Avenue in Detroit, Michigan  
Edward LEGNER, age 28, born in Michigan, electric man, street railway  
Pearl LEGNER, age 31, born in Michigan, father born Norway, mother born Michigan  
Martha LEGNER, age 19, born in Michigan, typist

#### **CENSUS RECORD: 1930**

The 1930 Posen Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan Federal Census [ED 14; page 1A] 7 April 1930 enumerated by Boleslaus Centala shows:

ELOWSKY, Emil, head, 40, married at age 31, owns, no value listed, born Michigan, parents born Germany, farmer, general farming  
ELOWSKY, Martha, wife, 29, married at age 21, born Michigan, parents born Germany  
ELOWSKY, Alven, son, 4 2/12, born Michigan  
ELOWSKY, Edwin, son, 2 2/12, born Michigan

Children of Emil & Martha ELOWSKY:

- A. Emil Richard Albert Elowsky, Jr., born: 6 Aug 1923 Leer; died: 9 Aug 1926 Leer *[See ROWA Site 11 for Church Record.]*
- B. Alvin Alfred Elowsky, born; 6 April 1926 Leer; died: 25 Feb 1989 Long Rapids; m1: 29 July 1950; St. Michael Parsonage Hawks; Betty Oliver; 5 children: Gay Lynn, Jill Ann, Tod Marc, Kristen, Dana  
m2: 23 May 1987; United Methodist Church; Wilson Township; Hazel McMillan; no children

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Alvin Alfred Elowsky, baptized: 16 May 1926; Rev. Arthur Wacker; godparents: Alfred Legner, Earl Elowsky

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Alvin Elowsky, confirmed: 6 July 1941; Rev. Otto Koenig; memory verse for life: 2 Timothy 3:14 *[He was confirmed the same day as his brother, Edwin.]*

**NOTES** from Don Knopf:

Alvin sailed on the Great Lakes for 15 years, most of those years as a cook. The next 20 years he was employed as a leader at the Besser Company in Alpena, Michigan.

He was a member of the Leer Lutheran Church, holding many offices. He also belonged to the VFW Post 2496, the Sportsman's Rifle Club, and the Eagle's Club. He was a 4-H gun safety teacher, and before his second marriage to Hazel McMillan he was president of the Singles Club.

He is buried in the Long Rapids Cemetery at Lachine, Michigan.

- C. Edwin Albert Elowsky, born 4 Jan 1928 Leer; married 2 July 1949; St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Alpena; Margaret Jane Diemond, daughter of Edward Diemond and Margaret D. Diemond nee Bromund. 5 children: Larry, Bonnie, Peggy, Marily, Myra

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Edwin Albert Elowsky, baptized: 5 Feb 1928; Rev. Arthur Wacker; godparents: Albert Elowsky, Helma Legner

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Edwin Elowsky, confirmed: 6 July 1941; Rev. Otto Koenig; memory verse for life: 1 Corinthians 6:20 *[Edwin was confirmed the same day as his brother, Alvin.]*

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Paul Lutheran Church Alpena

Margaret Jane Diemond, confirmed: 29 March 1942 *[The confirmation record also states that Margaret was baptized in the St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church of Herron, Michigan.]*

D. Marjorie Delphine Elowsky, born: 23 Jan 1938 Leer; married 23 Feb 1957; St. Bernard Rectory Alpena; Donald Bromund; 3 children: Jody, Jory, Jada  
**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002  
Marjorie Delphine Elowsky, baptized: 13 Feb 1938; Rev. Otto Koenig;  
godparents: Henry Knopf, Mrs. Emil Zeglevski  
**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002  
Marjorie Elowsky, confirmed: 1 Sept 1948; Rev. Otto Koenig; memory verse for life: John 10:27-28

E. Glenn Gibson Brisbin [6 June 1912 Marinette County, Wisconsin -19 Sept 2004 Flushing, MI] *[Glenn was raised by Emil and Martha Elowsky and was always considered their foster son. Glenn married and had one son. The BRISBIN family lived in Flint, Michigan.]*

8. Helma Margarethe Legner [6 Oct 1902 Metz - 30 Sept 1976 Rogers City]; married: 6 Nov 1929 St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz; Henry Emil Knopf [6 July 1895 Belknap - 5 Nov 1982 Rogers City]; son of Hermann Knopf & Wilhelmina Knopf nee Armstadt; 4 children: Eldon, Donald, Elwood, Karen  
**CR: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE REGISTERS** St. Peter Lutheran Church Metz

a. Helma Margaretha Legner, baptized: 2 Nov 1902; Rev. Ernst Thieme; godparents: Paul Hardies, Amanda Hoffmann, Emilie Roehring

b. Helma Martha Legner, confirmed: 28 March 1915; Rev. Rudolf Muenzinger  
*[The correct name is Helma Margaretha Legner.]*

c. Helma Legner of Metz and Henry Knopf of Belknap, married: 6 Nov 1929; clergyman: Rev. Albert R. Seemann; witnesses: Alfred Legner, Louise Wenzel, Fred Knopf, Nona Miner; text: Genesis 2, verse 18

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Heinrich Emil Friedrich Knopf, baptized: 21 July 1895; Rev. Bruno Potzger; godparents: Heinrich Wenzel, Fritz Armstadt, and Emilie Flemming

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Heinrich Knopf, confirmed: 4 April 1909; Rev. Heinrich Wilhelm Essig; memory verse for life: Romans 12:2

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap

a. Knopf, Henry E., born: 6 July 1895; died: 5 Nov 1982; buried church cemetery: 8 Nov 1982; leaves behind: 3 sons, 1 daughter, 2 brothers, 1 sister, 9 grandchildren; World War 1 U. S. Veteran

b. Knopf, Helma, born: 6 Oct 1902; died: 30 Sept 1976; buried church cemetery: 3 Oct 1976; cause: stroke

**CENSUS ENTRY: 1930**

The 1930 Belknap Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan Federal Census [ED 3; page 2A] enumerated by Otto Grambau 4 April 1930 shows:

KNOPP, Henry, head, 34, married at age 34, owns farm valued at \$10000.00, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan, farmer, general farming



KNOPP, Hilma, wife, 27, married at age 27, born Michigan, parents born Germany

KNOPP, Herman, father, 64, married at age 29, born Germany, to America in 1870

KNOPP, Minnie, mother, 57, married at age 22, born Michigan, parents born Germany

FLEMING, Edward, boarder, 39, single, born Michigan, parents born Michigan, laborer, farm

*[After marriage, Henry and Helma made their home in Belknap Township on the Knopf homestead farm, directly across from the Belknap Township Hall. In retirement they bought the Township Hall and remodeled it for their home and lived there until their deaths.]*

Children of Henry & Helma Knopf:

A. Eldon Royal Knopf, born: 27 Jan 1935 Belknap; married: 6 June 1964; Immanuel Lutheran Church; Waldenburg [Macomb County], MI; Sally Kuechenmeister [born: 26 April 1943], daughter of Walter E. Kuechenmeister and Helen Marie Kerner; 3 children: Diane, David, Lori

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Eldon Royal Knopf, baptized: 17 Feb 1935; Rev. Louis Heinecke; godparents: Fred Knopf and Martha Elowsky nee Legner

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Eldon Royal Knopf, confirmed: 4 July 1948; Rev. August H. Klenke; memory verse for life: Psalm 27:1

B. Donald Henry Knopf, born: 20 Oct 1936 Belknap; married: 25 July 1959 St. Paul Lutheran Church; Fort Wayne [Allen County], IN; Linda Ann Rahdert [born: 25 July 1937], daughter of Wilmer Christian Rahdert & Rosalind Elizabeth Rust; 2 children: Timothy, Alison

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER:** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Donald Henry Knopf, baptized: 8 November 1936; Rev. Louis Heinecke; godparents: Cora Wenzel, Emil Zeglevski

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Donald Henry Knopf, confirmed: 3 July 1949; Rev. August H. Klenke; memory verse for life: Psalm 143:10

**CR: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE RECORDS** St. Paul Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

a. Linda Ann Rahdert, baptized: 8 August 1937; Rev. Paul Miller; godparents: Martha Rahdert, Norma Rosebrock

b. Linda Ann Rahdert, confirmed: 18 March 1951; Rev. Edwin A. Nerger; memory verse for life: John 3:16

c. Linda A. Rahdert of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Donald H. Knopf of Rogers City, Michigan, married: 25 July 1959; Rev. Edwin A. Nerger; witnesses: Karen Knopf of Rogers City, Michigan; Shirley Musall of Otto, New York; Velma Huck of Orlando, Florida; Eldon Knopf of Rogers City, Michigan; Roger Stiers of Erie,

Pennsylvania; Gilbert Schillinger of Royal Oak, Michigan; Richard Rahdert of Indianapolis, Indiana; Walther Klenke of Miami, Florida

- C. Elwood Karl Knopf, born: 21 Nov 1938 Belknap; married 17 Aug 1963 Westminster Presbyterian Church; Rogers City, MI; Linda Kaye Cook [born: 27 Nov 1944], daughter of Charles Harold Cook & Jean Elizabeth Soper; 2 children: Kristi, Thomas

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Elwood Karl Knopf, baptized: 11 Dec 1938; Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Weber;  
godparents: Alfred Legner and Anna Knopf nee Hamann

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Elwood Carl Knopf, confirmed: 6 April 1952; Rev. August H. Klenke; memory  
verse for life: 2 Corinthians 5:15

**CR: MARRIAGE ROSTER** Westminster Presbyterian Church Rogers City  
Linda K. Cook and Elwood Knopf married 17 Aug 1963; Rev. Frederick T. Steen;  
attendants: Pamela (Heller) Bingle, Darlene Realy, Karen Knopf (Liedtke) Kim  
Marie Conley, Jean Elizabeth Conley, Eldon Knopf, Roger Hardies, Rodney  
Fleming

- D. Karen Faye Knopf, born: 28 Feb 1943 Belknap; married: 26 Feb 1966 St. Michael Lutheran Church; Belknap; Paul E. Liedtke [born: 25 Oct 1938], son of Friedrich Liedtke & Helen Beebe; 2 children: Amy, Steven

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER:** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Karen Faye Knopf, baptized: 28 March 1943; Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Weber;  
godparents: Ethel Nagel and Emil Zeglevski, Jr.

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Karen Faye Knopf, confirmed: 25 March 1956; Rev. Harold G. Molzan;  
memory verse for life: Psalm 37:4

**CR: MARRIAGE REGISTER** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap  
Karen Knopf & Paul Liedtke, married: 26 Feb 1966; witnesses: Laurence  
Morrison, Linda Knopf nee Cook

#### ROW A Site 11

“Budded on earth to Bloom in heaven”

**ELOWSKY, Emil R. A.** b. 1 August 1923 d. 9 August 1926

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901-2002

Emil Elowski *[no death or burial dates]* 1926; cause: Accident; age: 3 yrs; left  
behind: Emil Elowski, Martha Elowski, Alvin, Arthur *[sic]; should be Edwin*

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901-2002

Emil Richard Albert Elowsky, baptized: 26 Aug 1923; Rev. Edwin Schmidt;  
godparents: Richard Elowsky, Albert Legner, Mrs. Otto Elowsky

**FAMILY RECORD OF HIS DEATH:**

A helper/babysitter, a niece from the Elowsky family in Hillman had just  
walked over to the sawmill with Emil, Jr. to tell the "crew" that dinner was ready.  
The mill was shut down. However, a lever that regulates the logs to enter the

mill was accidentally triggered by the helper/sitter that activated the grid/auger to send up a log to the mill. The sitter and Emil, Jr. were running to the sawdust pile when the lever was triggered. Little Emil was in the path of the log and was hit in the temple causing the fatal injury.

**ROW A Site 10**

**BENSON, Paul J.** "Cpl. 7<sup>th</sup> infantry 3<sup>rd</sup> division" April 18, 1892 - October 5, 1944

**CR: DEATH REGISTER:** St. Paul's Church 1901-2002

Benson, Paul John, died: 5 Oct. 1944; buried: 8 Oct 1944; cause: Suicide - rifle; age: 52 yrs 5 mos 17 days; left behind: Mother, Wife, 2 brother, 2 sisters

**CENSUS ENTRY:** 1920

The 1920 Posen Township [Presque Isle County], Michigan federal census [Roll T625\_791; Page 6A; ED 322; Image 995] shows

JACOBSON, Hilda M., head, 55, widowed, owns house/farm, free of mortgage, born Norway, to America 1893, Manager of home farm

JACOBSON, Dora O., daughter 16, born Michigan, parents born Norway

BENSON, Paul, son, 27, single, born Michigan, parents born Norway, Farm Laborer

BENSON, Harry, son, 24, single, born Michigan, parents born Norway, Farm Laborer

BENSON, Marie, daughter, 22, single, born Michigan, parents born Norway, Private Servant

BENSON, Gunda, daughter, 20, single, born Michigan, parents born Norway

BENSON, Thorvalt, son, 25, single, born Michigan, parents born Norway, Laborer on home farm

**CENSUS ENTRY:** 1930

The 1930 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [Roll 1021; Page 6A; ED 14; Image 182] enumerated 17 April by Boleslaus Centela shows:

WAGNER, Bertha, 49, married at age 21, widowed, owns farm, has radio set, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer, General Farm

BENSON, Paul J., son-in-law, 37, married at age 37, born Michigan, parents born Norway, Farm Laborer, General Farm

BENSON, Etta, daughter, 23, married at age 23, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

**ROW B Sites 13, 14**

**GREEN, William A.** 1885-1960

**GREEN, Frieda** 1894 - 1963

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's Church 1901 - 2002

William A. Green, born: 3 July 1885; died: 28 June 1966; cause: died after an operation at Ann Arbor Univ. Hosp.; left behind: wife, Mrs, Frieda; 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 4 sisters, 11 grandchildren, 7 g-g-grandchildren

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's Church 1901 - 2002

Mrs. Frieda Green, died: 21 Aug 1963; buried: 24 Aug 1963; cause: Cancer; age: 69 yrs

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Paul's Church 1892 - 1902

Frieda Emilie Marie Sommerfeldt, baptized: 11 March 1894; Rev. Theodore Hartman; godparents: August Neumann, Mary Behning, Henrietta Wagner

**CR: MARRIAGE REGISTER** St. Paul's Church 1901-2002

William A. Green and Frieda E. Sommerfeldt, married: 18 Oct 1911; Rev. W. G. A. Essig

**PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY WORLD WAR 1 DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD:**

William August Greening; age 34; born; 3 July 1884; Posen, MI; farmer; nearest relatives: Louis Greening & Paul Klucks. Signed & dated: 12 Sept 1918 *[The church record birth date of William does not agree with the birth date on the draft registration card.]*

**CENSUS RECORD:**1900 for Frieda Sommerfeldt:

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED; page 7B] enumerated 9 June 1900 by Eugene D'Vincent shows:

SOMMERFELD, E. A., head, 38, married 7 years, born December 1862 Germany, to America 1865, Farmer

SOMMERFELD, Sophia, 23, married 7 years, born October 1876 Michigan, parents born Germany, 3 children born with 3 children living

SOMMERFELD, Frieda, daughter, 6, born March 1894 Michigan, parents born Germany

SOMMERFELD, Theodore, son, 3, born September 1897 Michigan, parents born Germany

SOMMERFELD, Edwin, son 1, born April 1899 Michigan, parents born Germany

**CENSUS RECORD - 1900 for William [shown as "Willie"]**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED; page 7B] enumerated 9 June 1900 by Eugene D'Vincent shows:

GREENING, Louis, head, 52, born November 1848 Germany, married 29 years, to America 1871, Farmer

GREENING, Pauline, wife, 48, born August 1848 Germany, married 29 years, 9 children born with 9 children living, to America 1871

GREENING, Fred, son, 24, born November 1875 Michigan, parents born Germany, Farm Labor

GREENING, Winnie, daughter, 21, single, born January 1879 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Gustie, daughter, 20, single, born January 1880 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Bertha, daughter, 18, single, born June 1881 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Willie, son, 14, born July 1885 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Hattie, daughter, 12, born March 1888 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Emma. daughter, 9, born February 1891 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Millie. daughter, 4, born February 1896 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Lizzie, daughter, 3, born March 1897 Michigan, parents born Germany

**CENSUS RECORD:** 1910 for Frieda Sommerfeldt:

The 1910 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [Roll 671; ED 177; page 7B] enumerated 16 April 1910 by Walter P. Adams shows: SOMMERFELD, Emil, head, 45, married 18 years, born Germany, to America 1865, Farmer, General Farm

SOMMERFELD, Sophie, wife, 34, 8 children born with 7 children living, born Michigan, parents born Germany

SOMMERFELD, Freda, daughter, 16, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan

SOMMERFELD, Theodore, 14, son, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan

SOMMERFELD, Edwin, son, 10, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan

SOMMERFELD, Martin, son, 8, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan

SOMMERFELD, Walter, son, 6, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan

SOMMERFELD, Herman, son, 2, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan

SOMMERFELD, Emma, daughter, 7/12, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan

**NOTE:** *The next family enumerated was*

ESSIG, William G. A., 24 married 1 year, born New York, parents born Germany, Minister, Church

ESSIG, Minnie, wife, 23, born Illinois, parents born Germany

**NOTE:** *Rev. Essig was Pastor of St. Paul Church 1909 - 1912.*

**CENSUS RECORD:** 1920 for William & Frieda.

The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [Roll T625\_791; Page 7A; ED 322; Image 997] enumerated 10 January 1920 by Christian A. Swankowski shows:

GREENING, William, head, 34, owns farm with mortgage, born Michigan, parents born Posen Germany, Farm laborer on home farm

GREENING, Frieda, wife, 25, born Michigan, father born Russia, mother born Michigan

GREENING, Esther, daughter, 7, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

GREENING, Arnold, son, 3 6/12, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

GREENING, Doris, daughter, 1 6/12, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

**NOTE:** *The Louis & Pauline Greening and the Fred & Maria Greening families were enumerated just ahead.*

**CENSUS RECORD:** 1930 for William & Frieda.  
1930 Census: Posen Township, Presque Isle, Michigan [Roll 1021; Page 6A; ED 14; Image 182] enumerated 17 April 1930 by Boleslaus Centala shows:  
GREEN, William, head, 44, married at age 26, owns farm, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer  
GREEN, Frieda, wife, 36, married at age 18, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Michigan  
GREEN, Esther, daughter, 17, absent, single, born Michigan  
GREEN, Arnold, son, 13, born Michigan  
GREEN, Doris, daughter, 11

**NOTE:** *The next family enumerated was Frederick Green and after that was Edward Blemke.*

**ROW B Site 12**

**MARZINSKI** b. 2 March 1905 d. 5 March 1905 *[There is a German text on the stone with lettering too small to read.]*

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's Church 1901 - 2002  
Ermin Chris. Fried. Marzinski, died: March 1905; buried: 8 March 1905; cause: Convulsion; age: 3 days; left behind: Father & Mother *[Ermin was the son of Rev. E. E. L. Marzinski, Pastor of St. Paul 1904 - 1907.]*

**ROW B Site 8**

**SCHRÖDER, Rose** wife of **LOUIS SCHRÖDER**  
died 3 June 1902 Age 48 8 mo 24 da

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1892 - 1902  
Schroeder, Rosina geb. Weinkauff, born: 4 Sept 1853; died: 3 June 1902; cause of death: ?; age: 48 yrs 8 mos 24 days; left behind: Louis Schroder, Martha, Ida, Ernst, Emma, Otilie, Louise, Emilie; Pastor J. W. Schoech

**NOTE:** Rosina's parents and siblings:  
Rosina was the daughter of Johann Weinkauff & Caroline Wilhelmine Weinkauff nee Warmhoff. Her siblings were: Daniel Friedrich Wilhelm Weinkauff, m1. Anna Rosina Wacholz, m2. Louisa "Lizzie" Nehring Bethke; Emilie Auguste Rosalie Weinkauff m. August Miller; Auguste Caroline Wilhelmine Weinkauff m. Wilhelm 'William' Bahrke; Pauline Caroline Weinkauff; Wilhelmine Henriette Weinkauff; Johann Michael Weinkauff; Friedrich "Fred" Carl Weinkauff m. Wilhelmine Caroline "Lena" Zaske.

**CENSUS RECORD:** 1900: *Name is written as Schrader.*  
The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 149; Pages 3A & 3B] enumerated 11 January 1900 by David Rowell shows:  
SCHRADER, Louis, head, born August 1853 Germany, 46, married 24 years, to America 1881, Farmer  
SCHRADER, Rosa, wife, born September 1853 Germany, 46, married 24 years, 5 children born with 5 children living, to America 1881

SCHRADER, Ernest, son, 22, born March 1878 Germany, single, to America  
1881, Farmer Laborer  
SCHRADER, Emma, daughter, 12, born December 1887 Michigan, parents born  
Germany  
SCHRADER, Lizzie, daughter, 10, born March 1889 Michigan, parents born  
Germany  
SCHRADER, Otelia, daughter, 7, born October 1892 Michigan, parents born  
Germany  
SCHRADER, Millie, daughter, 4, born February 1896 Michigan, parents born  
Germany

**NOTE:**

*The following 1870 & 1880 census records and the Homestead Purchase are  
for Conrad & Louisa Schroeder. It is believed they are the parents of Louis  
Schroeder.*

The **1870** Michigan, Wayne County, Detroit Ward 9 Federal Census [Roll  
M593\_715; Page 228; actual census page 40; Image 41] enumerated 8 June  
1870 shows:

SCHRADER, Conrad, head, 32, Laborer, born Prussia  
SCHRADER, Louisa, wife, 36, Keeping House, born Prussia  
SCHRADER, Henry, son, 12, At School, born Prussia  
SCHRADER, Christina, daughter, 4, born Michigan, parents born Prussia  
SCHRADER, Mary, daughter, 1, born Michigan, parents born Prussia

The **1880** Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census  
[Roll T9\_601; Family History Film 1254601; Page 596.4; actual census page 8D;  
ED 282; Image 395] enumerated 12 June 1880 by Henry Clothier shows:

SCHRADER, Conrad, head, 41, Farmer, born Hanover Germany  
SCHRADER, Louisa, wife, 46, Keeping House, born Hanover Germany  
SCHRADER, Christiana, daughter 13, at home, born Michigan, parents born  
Hanover Germany  
SCHRADER, Louise, daughter, 9, born Michigan, parents born Hanover  
Germany  
SCHRADER, Emma, daughter, 5, born Michigan, parents born Hanover  
Germany  
SCHRADER, Wilhelm, son, 2, born Michigan, parents born Hanover Germany  
SCHRADER, Johanna, daughter, 1/12, born May, parents born Hanover  
Germany

**Next family enumerated:**

SCHRADER, Henry, head, 22, farmer, born Hanover Germany  
SCHRADER, Paulina, wife, 18, Keeping House, born Michigan, parents born  
Prussia  
SCHRADER, Alice, daughter, 1, born Michigan, father born Hanover, mother  
born Prussia

**HOMESTEAD LAND ENTRY:** for Conrad Schrader

Homestead Land Record: Michigan Land Records Record

Name: CONRAD SCHRADER Land Office: DETROIT Document Number:  
531

Total Acres: 160 Signature: Yes Issue Date: February 13, 1878  
Land Description: 1 SWNW MICHIGAN-TOLEDO STRIP No 33 N 6 E 11  
2 N½SW MICHIGAN-TOLEDO STRIP No 33 N 6 E 11  
3 SWSW MICHIGAN-TOLEDO STRIP No 33 N 6 E 11  
**CITY DIRECTORY:** Alpena Michigan 1889-1890  
Schrader, Conrad, shoemaker for Masters & Barrett at foot of North 8th Street.

**ROW B Site 04**

**LUDWIG** *[no other information is given on the stone]*

*[Could be either of these 2 from church records]*

1. **CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002  
Ludwig, Herman Karl, died: 6 March 1901; buried: 8 March 1901; age: 2 days;  
left behind: Parents & siblings; Rev. J. Schoech *[The parents of Herman Karl  
Ludwig are Friedrich "Fred" Ludwig & Charlotte "Lottie" Ludwig nee Weide]*  
*[Is this the right burial?]* or is it
2. Ludwig, Baby, died: 23 Aug 1910; buried: 24 Aug 1910; Illeg.; cause:  
unknown; age: 2 hours; leave behind: Mother: Lena Ludwig; Father: ?

**ROW C Sites 12 & 13**

**WAGNER, William** 1874 - 1921  
**WAGNER, Bertha** 1881 - 1947

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002  
William Wagner, died: 16 Feb 1921; buried: 20 Feb 1921; cause: Diabetic Coma;  
age: 47 yrs 2mos 6 days; left behind: Mother, wife, 2 daughters, \_\_\_ & Etta & one  
son Harry next to \_\_\_.

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Michael Belknap  
Wilhelm Wagner, baptized: 26 Jan 1874; Rev. Joseph Antonius Bohn;  
godparents: Friedrich Polzin, Friderich Wagner, Wilhelmine Liedtke nee Selonke

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002  
Bertha Green Wagner, died: 6 July 1947; buried: 9 July 1947; age: 66 yrs 22  
days; left behind: 1 son, 2 daughters, 2 brothers, 5 sisters

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER** St. Paul's 1892 - 1902  
Gruening, Bertha Father: Fritz Gruening; birth location: Posen; date  
confirmed: 15 April 1895; Pastor Hartmann

**CR: MARRIAGE REGISTER** St. Paul's 1892 - 1902  
Wagner, Wilhelm, Farmer, Posen Twp. Presque Isle Co. Mich. and Greening,  
Bertha, Posen Twp. Presque Isle Co., Mich. date: 2 Oct 1901; clergyman: Rev.  
J. W. Schoech; witnesses: F. Gruening, Paul Brand, Karl Nietz, Augusta  
Gruening, Martha Wagner, Emma Wagner, Alma Wagner *[crossed out]*

**CENSUS RECORD - 1920**  
The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census: [Roll  
T625\_791; Page 11A; ED 322; Image 1005] enumerated 19 January by Christina  
A. Swartkowski shows:



WAGNER, William, head, 40, owns farm free of mortgage, born Michigan, father born Germany, mother born Bavaria, farmer

WAGNER, Bertha, wife, 37, born Michigan, parents born Germany

WAGNER, Harry, son, 17, single, born Michigan

WAGNER, Selma, daughter, 15, born Michigan

WAGNER, Etta, daughter, 10, born Michigan *[See article on Etta's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.]*

WAGNER, Henrietta, mother, 72, widowed, born Bavaria, parents born Bavaria  
**CENSUS RECORD - 1930**

The 1930 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [Roll 1021; Page 6A; ED 14; Image 182] enumerated 17 April by Boleslaus Centela shows:

WAGNER, Bertha, 49, married at age 21, widowed, owns farm, has radio set, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer, General Farm

BENSON, Paul J., son-in-law, 37, married at age 37, born Michigan, parents born Norway, Farm Laborer, General Farm

BENSON, Etta, daughter, 23, married at age 23, born Michigan, parents born Michigan *[See article on Etta's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.]*

#### ROW C Sites 10 & 11

**WAGNER, Carl** July 31, 1870 - March 12, 1896

**WAGNER, Auguste** Feb. 9, 1881 - April 19, 1903

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1892 -1902

Wagener, Carl Hermann August, died: 12 March 1896; buried: 15 March 1896; cause: Consumption; left behind: Parents Carl Wagner & wife, Ida, Gustie, Martha, Emma, Willie; Pastor D. Ehmann

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Auguste Wilhelmine Wagner, died: 9 April 1903; buried: 12 April 1903; cause: Consumption; age: 22 years 2 mo; left behind: Father & \_\_\_ and 3 siblings

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** Immanuel Lutheran Church Alpena

Auguste Wilhelmine Friedericke Wagner, baptized: 19 June 1881; Rev. H. C. Kuechle; godparents: Gustav Zadow, Julianne Beier, and Caroline Mielke

#### ROW C Site 4

**SHELLIE, Edward A.** Aug 17, 1905 - Jan 3 1972 "Father"

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's *[no record]*

**CR: MARRIAGE REGISTER** St. Michael Church Belknap

Edward Schellie, married: 17 Sept 1932; Myrtle Flora Hopp; Rev. Louis Heinecke; witnesses: Ernest Schellie & Myra Hopp

#### ROW C Sites 2 & 3

**SHELLIE, Emil** 1868 - 1947

**SCHELLIE, Paulina** 1868 - 1956

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Emil Schellie, died: 13 Apr 1947; buried: 16 Apr 1947; age: 79 yrs 21 days; left behind: wife, 4 sons, 1 daughter

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Mrs. Lena Schellie, born: 2 April 1868; died: 25 Aug 1956; buried: 29 Aug 1956; age: 88 yrs 5 mos; left behind: 4 sons, 1 daughter

**CR: MARRIAGE REGISTER** St. Paul Alpena

Emil Schellie and Pauline Behlke, married: 7 Nov 1891; clergyman: Rev. F. W. Wendt; witnesses: Ed Manthai, Minna Breitzkreuz

**CENSUS RECORD: 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED; pages 8A] enumerated 9 June 1900 by Eugene D'Vincent shows:

SHELLIE, Emil, head, 31, born March 1869 Germany, married 8 years, to America 1872, Farmer

SHELLIE, Lena, wife, 31, born April 1869 Germany, married 8 years, 5 children born with 5 children living, to America 1872

SHELLIE, Paul, son, 6, born July 1893 Michigan, parents born Germany

SHELLIE, Ida, daughter, 5, born December 1894 Michigan, parents born Germany

SHELLIE, Ernest, son, 3, born July 1896 Michigan, parents born Germany

SHELLIE, Clara, daughter, 3, born April 1898 Michigan, parents born Germany

SHELLIE, Arthur, son, 1, born March 1899 Michigan, parents born Germany

**CENSUS RECORD: 1930**

1930 Posen Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan Federal Census [Roll T626\_1021; Page 5A; ED 14; Image 180 enumerated 15 April 1930 by Boleslaus Centala shows:

SCHELLIE, Emil, head, 62, married at age 23, owns farm, born Germany, to America 1880, speaks German, Farmer, General Farm

SCHELLIE, Pauline, wife, 62, married at age 23, born Germany, to America 1891, speaks German

SCHELLIE, Earnest, son, 33, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farm Laborer

SCHELLIE, Arthur, son, 31, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farm Laborer

SCHELLIE, Edward, son, 21, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, no occupation

**ROW D Site 12**

**BENSON, Earl** b. June 14, 1932 d. July 15, 1932 "Son"

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Earl Harry Benson, died: 13 July 1932; buried: 15 July 1932; age: 2 days; left behind: Parents; cause: blank

**ROW D**

**BLEMKE, John** 18\_\_ - 1896  
**BLEMKE, Louise** 1826 - 1895

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1892 - 1902**

Johann Ludwig Bluemke, died: 5 March 1896; buried: 8 March 1896; cause: debility of old age; officiating minister: D. Ehmann; left behind: 4 sons, 2 daughters

**COUNTY DEATH RECORD: Presque Isle**

Ludwig Blimke, 75, died 5 March 1895 of consumption *[T.B.]*

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1892 - 1902**

Louise Blimke, died: 19 July 1895; buried: 21 July 1895; cause: stroke; left behind: Ludwig Blimke, 4 sons, 2 daughters; officiating minister: Pastor H. C. Kuechle

**CENSUS RECORD: 1880**

The 1880 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krackow Township Federal Census [E.D. 283 - page 5] enumerated 11 June 1880 by Henry Finney shows:

BLEMKI, John, 58, farmer, born Poland  
BLEMKI, Louisa, 56, wife, keeping house, born Poland  
BLEMKI, Amelia, 12, daughter, born Poland  
BLEMKI, Rosa, 14, daughter, born Poland  
BLEMKI, Gustav, 16, son, laborer, born Poland

NOTE: Louise's maiden name was TONN

**ROW E sites 9 & 10**

**HAHN, Carl F.** 1852 - 1938 "Father"  
**HAHN, Henrietta** 1849 - 1923 "Mother"

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 -2002**

Carl F. W. Hahn, died: 24 Aug 1938; buried: 27 Aug 1938; cause: paralysis stroke; age: 85 yrs 10 mos 23 days; left behind: 3 sons, 5 daughters

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Mrs. Carl Hahn, died: 4 March 1849; buried: 6 July 1923; cause: obstruction of the bowels; age: 74 yrs 4 mos 5 days; left behind: Mr. Carl Hahn, 4 daughters, 3 sons *[Henrietta's maiden name was Wagner.]*

**CENSUS RECORD: 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED; page 7A] enumerated 8 June 1900 by Eugene D'Vincent shows:

HAHN, Charles, head, 51, born October 1848 Germany, married 21 years, to America 1879, Farmer  
HAHN, Henrietta, wife, 49, born March 1851 Germany, 7 children born with 7 children living, to America 1880  
HAHN, August, son, 14, born November 1885 Michigan, parents born Germany  
HAHN, Hulda, daughter, 15, born October 1884 Michigan, parents born Germany  
HAHN, Otto, son 12, born June 1888 Michigan, parents born Germany  
HAHN, William, son, 7, born October 1892 Michigan, parents born Germany

HAHN, Edith, daughter, 7, born June 1893 Michigan, parents born Germany  
HAHN, Mary, daughter, 4, born December 1895 Michigan, parents born Germany

**CENSUS RECORD: 1920**

The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census: [Roll T625\_791; Page 11A; ED 322; Image 1005] enumerated 19 January by Christina A. Swartkowski shows:

HAHN, Otto, head, 31, owns farm with mortgage, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer

HAHN, Mary, wife, 26, born North Dakota, mother born Scotland, father born Michigan

HAHN, Victor, son, 8, born Michigan, mother born North Dakota, father born Michigan

HAHN, Erwin, son, 7, born Michigan, mother born North Dakota, father born Michigan

HAHN, Carl, son, 5, born Michigan, mother born North Dakota, father born Michigan

HAHN, Carl, father, 67, born Posen Germany, to America 1873

HAHN, Harriet, mother, 65, born Bavaria, alien, parents born Posen Germany, to America 1876

**CENSUS RECORD: 1930**

1930 Census Reference: Posen Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan [Roll T626\_1021; Page 6B; ED 14; Image 183] shows Carl Hahn, widowed, living with his son, Otto Hahn.

**ROW E Sites 7 & 8**

**GREEN, Fred C.** 1872 - 1961

**GREEN, Myrtle** 1923 - 1926

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Frederick C. Green, born: 12 Oct 1872; died: 22 Sept 1961; buried: 25 Sept 1961; cause: acute heart failure; age: 88 yrs 11m; left behind: wife, Mrs. Marie, 3 sons, Erhardt, Herb, Archie, 1 daughter Mrs. Commelia Smi\_, 4 sisters, G.C. 8, GGC 1

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Myrtle Dorothy Josephine Green, died: 30 March 1926; buried: 2 April 1926; cause: pneumonia; age: 2 yrs 3 mos 16 days; left behind: parents, 2 brothers, 2 sisters. *[Frederick's wife, Marie D. Green, is buried in Row G Site 12.]*

**CENSUS RECORD: 1920**

The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [Roll T625\_791; Page 7A; ED 322; Image 997] enumerated 10 January 1920 by Christian A. Swankowski shows:

GREENING, Fred, head, 42, Owns farm free of mortgage, born Michigan, parents born Posen Germany, Farm Laborer on home farm

GREENING, Marie, wife, 28, born Michigan, father born Michigan, mother born Bavaria Germany

GREENING, Gertrude, daughter, 6, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

GREENING, Erhardt, son, 3 9/12, born Michigan, parents born Michigan  
[*Louis & Pauline Greening were enumerated just ahead and the William & Frieda Greening family were enumerated just after.*]

**CENSUS RECORD: 1930**

1930 Census: Posen Township, Presque Isle, Michigan [Roll 1021; Page 6A; ED 14; Image 182] enumerated 17 April 1930 by Boleslaus Centala shows:

GREEN, Frederick, head, 50, married at age 28, owns farm, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer

GREEN, Mary, wife, 38, married at age 21, born Michigan, parents born Germany

GREEN, Gertrude, daughter, 16, born Michigan

GREEN, Erhardt, son, 14, born Michigan

GREEN, Emelia, daughter, 8, born Michigan

GREEN, Herbert, son, 4 4/12, born Michigan

GREEN, Arthur, son, 1/12, born Michigan

[Both Frederick and Mary's age do not agree with the tombstone reading dates.]

**ROW E Site 6**

**MILLER, Roger & Howard** born & died 18 August 1933

**ROW E Site 5**

**MILLER, Robert W.** b. 17 Dec 1935 d. 20 Dec 1935

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Robert Wayne Miller, died: 17 Dec 1935; buried: 19 Dec 1935; age: 1 day; left behind: Parents; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Miller

**ROW E Sites 3 & 4**

**MILLER, August** Aug 21, 1843 - Sept 16, 1895

**MILLER, Emilie** 6 Jan 1846 - 16 Nov 1917

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

August Miller - No Record

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Emilie Miller, widow; died: 15 Nov 1917; buried: 18 Nov 1917; cause: debility of old age; age: 71 years 8 mos 25 days

**SHIP MANIFEST RECORD:**

August & Emilie Miller along with their children: Emil Miller, Fredrick Miller, Wm. Miller arrived in America at New York on 10 April 1881 on the ship, *CIMBRIA*

**CENSUS RECORD: 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 149; page 3A] enumerated 1 June 1900 shows:

MILLER, Emil, head, 30, single, born November 1869 Germany, to America 1881, farmer  
MILLER, Frederick, brother, single, 23, born Nov 1876 Germany, to America 1881  
MILLER, William, brother, single, 22, born April 1878 Germany  
MILLER, Clara, sister, single, 18, born April 1882 Michigan  
MILLER, Ida, sister, 16, born April 1884 Michigan  
MILLER, Herman, brother, 14, born April 1886  
MILLER, Amelia, mother, 54, widowed, 9 children born and 7 living, born Feb 1846 Germany. To America 1881

**CENSUS RECORD: 1910**

The 1910 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 174; page 6B] enumerated 26 April 1910 by H. A. Taylor shows:

MILLER, Amelia, head, 65, widowed, born Germany, to America 1870  
MILLER, William, son 35, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farm Laborer on Home Farm  
MILLER, Herman, son 23, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farm Laborer on Home Farm

*[The household enumerated just before was William and Augusta Bahrke.]*

**ROW E Sites 1 & 2**

“In My Father’s House are Many Mansions”

**TRAPP, Gottlieb** 2 July 1810 - 14 Jan 1900

**TRAPP, Caroline** Seine frau 8 Sep 1818 - 9 Dec 1906

**CR: DEATH RECORD** St. Paul’s 1892 - 1902

Gottlieb Trapp, died: 12 Jan 1900; buried: 17 Jan 1900; cause: Nierven [*nerves*]; age: 89 yrs 6 mo 12 days; left behind: 3 sons, 3 daughters, Widow Trapp; Pastor P. Ehmann

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul’s 1901 - 2002

Caroline Trapp, died: 9 Dec 1906; buried: 11 Dec 1906; cause: Debility of old age; age: 88 yrs; left behind: 3 sons, 3 daughters, & other relatives

**NOTES** from Ralph Pugh:

Gottlieb and Caroline lived at Ratzebuhr (Neustettin County), Pomerania from at least the birth of their daughter Florentine in 1854. In early 1855, the Trapps lost two of their children at Ratzebuhr: Theodor died on February 20 and was buried three days later; Pauline Albertine Amalie died on March 27 and was buried on the same day. The Evangelical church records at Ratzebuhr only indicated that each child had been "sickly," but it is now known that Pomerania experienced a Cholera epidemic at the time. Gottlieb ceased using his first name (Johann) sometime between the birth of his son Carl [Charles in the U.S.] in 1858 and the birth of his daughter Pauline Wilhelmine Amalie in 1861.

Oral family history holds that, while yet in Germany, Gottlieb was a farmer, shepherd, and an excellent knitter. The German church records for the births of

his last children at Ratzebuhr (1854-65) indicate that he was a "Hausbesitzer," which can mean either a house owner or a landlord. From about 1860, he used Gottlieb as his name that he changed from Johann Gottlieb Trapp.

Gottlieb, Caroline, and their three youngest children arrived in New York harbor on October 16, 1872 on board the ship, *SMIDT*, emigrating by way of Bremen from Ratzebuhr. They reportedly wintered in Buffalo, New York and then arrived in Presque Isle County, Michigan the following spring. Their daughter Florentine had come by herself a few months before, arriving at New York on June 8, 1872 on board the ship *GERMANIA* (from Hamburg) and then taking up residence in Buffalo. The first of the Trapp children to come over were Albert and August, who arrived at New York on August 7, 1871 on board the ship, *CITY OF BALTIMORE*, (from Liverpool--the ship's passenger list indicates that the two came by way of France, where perhaps they had served in the Franco-Prussian War). Family tradition holds that August spent at least a year in Buffalo after his arrival; whereas, Albert went immediately to Presque Isle County; when Albert arrived in Presque Isle he worked for Albert Molitor. The Trapp's eldest son, Julius (who served in the Franco-Prussian War, according to family tradition), arrived in Presque Isle County several years after his parents. Arriving at New York on June 20, 1881 on board the ship, *SUEVIA*, with his wife and four children, Julius's listed occupation on the passenger list was "herder"--he had been a shepherd in Germany, like his father.

Gottlieb homesteaded 80 acres (the S½ of the NE¼ of Section 17, Belknap Township, Presque Isle County), residing on his claim from 1875 and receiving his patent for it on December 1, 1882; he became a U.S. citizen on August 4, 1881. Gottlieb and Caroline transferred their land on March 9, 1883 to their daughter Emilie and her husband, and moved to the Krakow Township farm of their son Charles, where they lived for the remainder of their lives.

Gottlieb's homestead was sold by their daughter Emilie to her older brother August Trapp around 1899, and as of the present time it is owned by one of August's direct descendants. August Trapp was an exceedingly strong man who was born without a left hand, having instead a stub with a protrusion.

There is a curious legend in the Trapp family that Caroline Walter's father was the "Kaiser's Forester" and that he disowned her when she married Gottlieb. Another legend centers on some sort of legacy. Albert Trapp died in an asylum in 1883 and his three sons adopted their step-father's name (Schroeder)--until they discovered that they had inherited money in Germany; they then resumed the Trapp name. Both of these legends must be investigated for possible substance.

The 1880 Federal Census Belknap Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan [Roll T9\_601; Family History Film 1254601; ED 280] enumerated June 1880 by August Grossmann shows:

TRAPP, Gottlieb, head, 70, Farmer, born Prussia

TRAPP, Caroline, wife, 62, Keeping house, born Prussia

TRAPP, Charles, son, 22, Farmer, single, born Prussia  
TRAPP, Emilie, daughter, 14, at school, born Prussia

Johann Gottlieb Trapp (July 2, 1810-January 14, 1900), who was known simply as Gottlieb Trapp from at least 1860. I do not know where he was born in Germany, but by 1854 (when one of his daughters was born) he was living at Ratzebuhr, Kreis Neustettin, Pommern, where he, his wife Caroline Trapp nee Walter (1818-1906) and their children lived until Gottlieb, Caroline and their youngest children emigrated to the U.S.A. in late 1872. By late 1873 they were living in Belknap Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan, where they homesteaded and lived the rest of their lives. Gottlieb was apparently a tenant farmer and shepherd in Pommern. Family tradition relates that a brother to Gottlieb emigrated to the U.S. before he did and settled in Illinois for a time. Gottlieb and Caroline Trapp nee Walter had nine children, seven of whom lived to adulthood.

- 1) **Julius Trapp** (January 9, 1839-September 21, 1913). Immigrated in 1881 to join rest of family in Michigan.
- 2) **August Trapp** (December 14, 1841-December 26, 1907). Immigrated in 1871; came to Michigan.
- 3) **Albert Trapp** (1844-1885?). Immigrated in 1871; came to Michigan.
- 4) **Theodor Trapp** (1847-February 20, 1855). Died at Ratzebuhr
- 5) **Pauline Albertine Amalie Trapp** (1850-March 27, 1855). Died at Ratzebuhr
- 6) **Wilhelmine "Florentine" Henrietta Trapp** (September 4, 1854-June 11, 1923). Later **Mrs. Anton Bernard Friedrich**. Immigrated in 1872.
- 7) **Carl Wilhelm Hermann Trapp** (February 24, 1858-February 6, 1923). Immigrated in 1872 (with parents)
- 8) **Pauline Wilhelmine Amalie Trapp** (October 1, 1861-July 2, 1925). Later **Mrs. Wilhelm Carl Papke**. Immigrated in 1872 (with parents)
- 9) **Mathilde "Emilie" Auguste Trapp** (July 25, 1865-May 3, 1936). Later **Mrs. Martin Julius Schepke, Mrs. Andreas Wegner**. Immigrated in 1872 (with parents)

#### **CENSUS ENTRY:** for Caroline

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 149; page 5B] enumerated 18 June 1900 shows:

TRAPP, Charles, head, 42, born Feb 1858 Germany, married 19 years, to America 1872, farmer

TRAPP, Malie, wife, 35, born June 1864 Germany, married 19 years, 10 children born with 9 living, to America 1880

TRAPP, Fredrick, son, 17, born October 1882 Michigan, farm laborer

TRAPP, Otilie, daughter, 16, born Dec 1883 Michigan

TRAPP, Henry 15, born March 1885 Michigan

TRAPP, Charles, son, 12, born Feb 1888 Michigan

TRAPP, Lizzie, daughter, 10, born March 1890 Michigan

TRAPP, Emma, daughter 7, born Aug 1892 Michigan

TRAPP, Ida, daughter, 4, born May 1896 Michigan

TRAPP, Otto, son, 2, born Dec 1897 Michigan



TRAPP, Elsa, daughter, 1, born Feb 1899 Michigan  
TRAPP, Carolina, mother, 82, widowed, born Sept 1817

**DIARY ENTRY:** Rev. Christian Schwan

Reference of Gottlieb & Caroline Trapp's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary [1887] is in Book 3 Page 250 of the Diaries of the Rev. Christian Schwan, the first Iowa Synod Lutheran Pastor to Northern Michigan [Belknap, Hawks, Metz, Alpena, Moltke, Cheboygan, Alpena, Inverness, Freedom]. The diaries are located at the Parsonage of St. James Lutheran Church in Moltke.

**ROW F Site 14**

**BLEMKE, William H** "Michigan WAGR US ARMY WW1" Jan 12, 1891 - Oct 16, 1973

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

William H. Blemke, born: 12 Jan 1891; died: 16 Oct 1973; buried: 19 Oct 1973; St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem; Rev. Harry White

**CR: BAPTISM RECORDS** St. Michael Lutheran Church Belknap

Wilhelm Heinrich Blemke of Posen, baptized: 14 Feb 1891; Rev. Bruno Potzger; godparents: Louis Schroetter, Emilie Müller

**WORLD WAR 1 DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD:**

Wm. Blimke, 26, single, Posen, Mich.; born 12 Jan 1891 Krackow, Mich; occupation: farming; employer: Mother and Father; 1 sister and 2 brother under the age of 12; claim exemption from enlistment: yes, to help support mother, father, 1 sister and 2 brothers; is short; medium built; has dark blue eyes; dark hair, not bald. Signed and dated: 12 June 1917

**ROW F Sites 12 & 13**

**BLEMKE, Pauline** 1870 - 1955

**BLEMKE, Gustav** 1864 - 1938

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Pauline Blemke, born: 5 Jan 1870; died: 6 Sept 1955; buried: 10 Sept 1955; age: 85 yrs 8 mos; left behind: 3 daughters, 5 sons, 13 grandchildren, 8 GGC, 3 sisters, 2 \_\_\_ [cut off]

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Gustav Blemke, died: 27 May 1938; buried: 30 May 1938; cause: pericarditis; age: 74 yrs 1 mo 6 days; left behind: wife, 5 sons, 3 daughters

**CENSUS ENTRY:** 1910

The 1910 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 174; page 3A] enumerated 13 April 1910 by H. A. Taylor shows:

Living on Krakow Road

BLEMKE, Gustav, head, 44, married 20 years, born Germany, to America 1868, Farmer

BLEMKE, Paulina, wife, 40, married 20 years, 8 children born with 8 children living, born Germany, to America 1871

BLEMKE, William, son, 20, born Michigan, Farm Laborer on Home Farm

BLEMKE, Laura, daughter, 16, born Michigan

BLEMKE, Bertha, daughter, 13, born Michigan

BLEMKE, Arthur, son, 9, born Michigan

BLEMKE, Elsie, daughter, 6, born Michigan

BLEMKE, Ermy, son, 3, born Michigan

BLEMKE, Clarence, son, 1, born Michigan

**CENSUS ENTRY: 1920**

The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 317; page 3A] enumerated 14 January 1920 by George F. Kauffman shows:

Living on Posen State Road

BLEMKE, Gustav, head, 55, born Germany, to America 1865, Farmer, General farm

BLEMKE, Pauline, wife, 51, born Germany, to America 1871

BLEMKE, William, son, 29, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany

BLEMKE, Edward, son, 26, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany

BLEMKE, Arthur, son 18, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany

BLEMKE, Elsie, daughter, 15, born Michigan, parents born Germany

BLEMKE, Erman, son, 14, born Michigan, parents born Germany

BLEMKE, Clarence, son, 11, born Michigan, parents born Germany

**CENSUS ENTRY: 1930**

The 1930 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 7; page 4A] enumerated 14 April 1930 by Veronica Purol shows:

BLIMKE, Gustav, head, 63, married at age 26, born Germany, to America 1867, farmer on farm

BLIMKE, Pauline, wife, 60, married at age 20, born Germany, to America 1874

BLIMKE, William, son, 38, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, laborer on farm

BLIMKE, Arthur, son, 29, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, laborer on farm

BLIMKE, Clarence, son, 21, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, laborer on farm

**ROW F Site 10 & 11**

**BLEMKE, Gary Ermin** June 18, 1951 - Dec 20, 1964

**BLEMKE, Linda Marlene** Aug. 21, 1949 - [living]

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Gary Ermin Blemke, died: 20 Dec 1964; buried: 24 Dec 1964; cause: died after an operation at Rogers City Hospital; age: 13

**ROW F Sites 8 & 9**

**BLEMKE, Dorothea Valeria** "Beloved Wife" Mar 22, 1925 - Mar 8, 2000  
**BLEMKE, Ermin Reinhardt** Dec 25, 1905 - Sep 26, 1996

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Ermin Reinhardt Blemke, died: 26 Sept 1996; buried: 29 Sept 1996; age: 90; years; Rev. Harold G. Molzan; left behind: wife, daughter

**OBITUARY** - Advance [3 Oct 1996]

Ermin Reinhardt Blemke, of 12452 Blemke Road, Posen, died September 26 at his home.

Ermin Blemke was born December 25, 1905 to Gustave and Pauline Blemke. He married Dorothy Ranke on August 13, 1949 Pastor Otto Koenig officiating.

He worked for the Presque Isle Road Commission, operating a motor grader and a snowplow for 27 years, until his retirement in 1968. He continued farming after retirement.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; one daughter, Marilyn; one sister, Elsie Blemke Soper of Alpena; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son Gary, and a daughter, Linda-Marlene.

Friends visited at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sunday, noon until the time of service at 2 p.m. Pastor Harold Molzan officiated. Interment took place in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements were in care of Beck Funeral Home in Rogers City.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Northeastern Michigan or charity of friend's choice.

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Dorothy Blemke, died: 8 March 2000; age: 74 yrs; left behind: daughter Dorothy [sic]

**OBITUARY:** Advance [16 March 2000]

Dorothy V. Blemke, 74, of Posen died March 8 at her home.

She was born March 22, 1925 in Hamtramck to Julius and Anna [Binkowski] Ranke.

Dorothy Ranke and Ermin Blemke were married August 13, 1949 at their residence by the Rev. Otto Koenig.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid Society.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn [Mrs. Ed Jr.] Kancik of Mio; a sister, Rita [Mrs. Chester] Pszczolkowski of Posen; a brother, Joseph [wife Gerti] Ranke of Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ermin, September 26, 1996; a son, Gary; and a daughter, Linda Marlene.

Funeral service was Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Posen with the Rev. Harold G. Molzan officiating.

Funeral arrangements were in care of the Beck Funeral Home.

Interment was at St. Paul Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Northeast Michigan or friend's choice.

**ROW F** Sites 6 & 7

**GREEN, Lewis** 1846 - 1938 Father

**GREEN, Pauline** 1852 - 1939 Mother  
"May They Rest in Peace"

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Louis Green, died: 12 Feb 1938; buried: 15 Feb 1938; cause: old age; age: 91 yrs  
3 mos 28 days

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** 1901 - 2002

Pauline Greene [*sic*], died: 13 Jan 1939; buried: 18 Jan 1939; cause: broncho  
pneumonia; age: 86 yrs 4 mo. 1 day; left behind: 2 sons, 7 daughters

**CENSUS ENTRY: 1880**

The 1880 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [E.D.  
282 - page 7] enumerated 12 June 1880 by Henry Clothier shows:

GREEN, Louis, 30, farmer, born Prussia

GREEN, Paulina, 27, wife, keeping house, born Prussia

GREEN, Frederick, 5, son, born Michigan, parents born Prussia

GREEN, Alvena, 4, daughter, born Michigan, parents born Prussia

GREEN, Augusta, 2, daughter, born Michigan, parents born Prussia

GLUTT, Gottlieb, 60, father-in-law, farmer, born Prussia

GLUTT, Henrietta, 54, mother-in-law, keeping house, born Prussia

**CENSUS ENTRY: 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [ED;  
page 7B] enumerated 9 June 1900 by Eugene D'Vincent shows:

GREENING, Louis, head, 52, born November 1848 Germany, married 29 years,  
to America 1871, Farmer

GREENING, Pauline, wife, 48, born August 1848 Germany, married 29 years, 9  
children born with 9 children living, to America 1871

GREENING, Fred, son, 24, born November 1875 Michigan, parents born  
Germany, Farm Labor

GREENING, Winnie, daughter, 21, single, born January 1879 Michigan, parents  
born Germany

GREENING, Gustie, daughter, 20, single, born January 1880 Michigan, parents  
born Germany

GREENING, Bertha, daughter, 18, single, born June 1881 Michigan, parents  
born Germany

GREENING, Willie, son, 14, born July 1885 Michigan, parents born Germany

GREENING, Hattie, daughter, 12, born March 1888 Michigan, parents born  
Germany

GREENING, Emma, daughter, 9, born February 1891 Michigan, parents born  
Germany

GREENING, Millie, daughter, 4, born February 1896 Michigan, parents born  
Germany

GREENING, Lizzie, daughter, 3, born March 1897 Michigan, parents born  
Germany

**CENSUS ENTRY: 1920**

The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [Roll  
T625\_791; Page 7A; ED 322; Image 997] enumerated 10 January 1920 by  
Christian A. Swankowski shows:

GREENING, Louis, head, 73, Owns farm free of mortgage, born Posen Germany, to America 1871, naturalized 1885, Farm laborer on home farm  
GREENING, Pauline, wife, 67, born Posen Germany, to America 1871, naturalized 1885 [The next households are the Fred & Marie Greening family and the William & Frieda Greening family.]

**CENSUS ENTRY: 1930**

1930 Posen Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan [Roll T626\_1021; Page 5A; ED 14; Image 180] enumerated 14 April 1930 by Boleslaus Centala shows:  
GREEN, Louis, 83, married at age 26, owns farm, no radio set, born Poland, parents born Poland, to America 1872, speaks German, Farmer, General farm  
GREEN, Pauline, wife, 77, married at age 20, born Poland, parents born Poland, speaks German, to America 1872

**ROW F Site 5**

**HANLON, Jessie** "Daughter" 9 Jan 1879 - Oct 15, 1942

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Jessie Hanlon, Casper, Wyoming; died; 15 Oct 1942; buried: 19 Oct 1942; age: 63 yrs 9 mos 6 days; leaves behind: 2 brothers, 6 sisters

**ROW F Sites 3 & 4**

**MILLER, Laura** "Mother" Oct 26, 1885 July 29, 1965

**MILLER, Emil** "Father" Nov 30, 1869 March 13, 1946

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Emil Miller, died: 13 March 1946; buried: 17 March 1946; age: 76 yrs 3 mo. 13 days; left behind: wife, 4 sons, 4 daughters, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 2 G-children

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 -2002**

Mrs. Laura Miller, died: 29 July 1965; buried: 31 July 1965; cause: heart failure; age: 70 [age doesn't match stone reading]

**DIARY ENTRY: Rev. Christian Schwan**

Laura Wilhelmine Carolina Fernanda Schepke, baptized: 15 Nov 1885 Bismarck; godparents - Wilhelmine Mielke, Karoline Osmanski, Ferdinand Selke

**CR: CONFIRMATION RECORD St. James Lutheran Church Moltke**

Laura Schepke, confirmed: 9 April 1899; Rev. Leonard Schmidt

**CR: MARRIAGE RECORD St. James Lutheran Church Moltke**

Laura Schepke & Emil Müller, married: 12 July 1905 Bismarck; Rev. Leonard Schmidt; witnesses: Wilhelm Müller, Bertha Schepke

**CENSUS ENTRY for Emil - 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Krakow Township Federal Census [ED 149; Page 3B] enumerated 11 January 1900 by David Rowell shows:

MILLER, Emil, head, 30, single, born November 1869 Germany, to America 1881, Farmer

MILLER, Fredrick, brother, 23, single, born February 1786 Germany, to America 1881, Farm Laborer

MILLER, William, brother, 22, single, born April 1878 Germany, to America 1881, Farm Laborer

MILLER, Clara, sister, 18, single, born April 1882 Michigan, parents born Germany

MILLER, Ida, sister, 16, born April 1884 Michigan, parents born Germany

MILLER, Harmen, brother, 14, born April 1886 Michigan, parents born Germany

MILLER, Amelia, mother, 54, widowed, born February 1846 Germany, 8 children born with 7 children living

**CENSUS ENTRY for Laura - 1900**

The 1900 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Bismarck Township Federal Census [ED 148; page 6A] enumerated 1 June 1900 by Emil Peltz shows:

SCHEPKE, Julius, head, 62, born Nov 1837 Germany, married 17 years, to America 1870, farmer

SCHEPKE, Emilie, wife, 34, born July 1865 Germany, married 17 years, 8 children born with 7 living, to America 1872

SCHEPKE, Laura, daughter, 14, born October 1885 Michigan, house keeper

SCHEPKE, Bertha, daughter, 11, born December 1888 Michigan, at school

SCHEPKE, Ida, daughter, 9, born June 1890 Michigan, at school

SCHEPKE, Friedrich, son, 7, born December 1892 Michigan, at school

SCHEPKE, Heinrich, son, 5, born January 1895 Michigan

SCHEPKE, William, son, 3, born May 1897 Michigan

**ROW F Site 2**

**MILLER, Willard E.** "Cpl 410 Inf. Div." March 11, 1923 - Jan 26, 1945

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Willard Miller, killed in action in France; died: 26 Jan 1945; Memorial Service: 11 Mar 1945; re-burial: Posen 8 Feb 1949; age: 21 yrs, 10 mos 15 days; leaves behind: parents, 4 brothers, 4 sisters

**ROW F Sites 01 & 1**

**MILLER, Donald H.** Oct 14, 1926 - Nov 23, 1998

**MILLER, Clarence A.** May 20, 1908 - March 16, 1981

*[No church record for Donald H. Miller.]*

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Clarence A. Miller, born: 20 May 1908; died: 16 Mar 1981; buried: Mar 18, 1981; age: 72 yrs; leaves behind: 3 brothers, 4 sisters

**OBITUARY:** Advance [26 Nov 1998]

Donald H. Miller, 72, formerly of Krakow Township, died Monday evening [November 23] at his home in Belknap Township.

The son of Emil and Laura [Schepke] Miller, he was born October 14, 1926 in Krakow Township. A lifelong area resident, he took over the family farm as a young man and operated it until he retired in 1984. In 1996 he sold the farm and moved to Belknap to make his home with his sister.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen.

Surviving are two sisters, Doris [Fred] Kalitta of Belknap, and Emily [Eldon] Hunt of Hillman; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sister, Olga Buchannan and Lillian Pszczolkowski; and four brothers, Willard, Clarence, Alfred and Edward Miller.

Funeral service was Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Posen with the Rev. William Besler officiating.

Interment was at St. Paul Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are in care of the Bill Brietzke Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or a charity of friend's choice.

#### ROW F Sites 04 & 03

**PSZCZOLKOWSKI, Lillian Iva** March 28, 1915 - Dec 20, 1990

**PSZCZOLKOWSKI, Anthony J.** Sep 26, 1919 - Jan 9, 2002

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Lillian Pszczolkowski, died: 20 Dec 1990; buried: 23 Dec 1990; age: 75 yrs; Rev. Harold Molzan; leaves behind: husband Anthony; Church Cemetery

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Anthony J. "Tony" Pszczolkowski, died: 26 Sept 1919 [*sic*], buried: 9 Jan 2002

**OBITUARY:** Advance [17 Jan 2002]

Anthony J. "Tony" Pszczolkowski, 82, of Posen died January 9, 2002 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Surviving are three children, Sandy [Ray] Oset of St. Clair Shores, Mark [Mary] Pszczolkowski of Rogers Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada, and Sharon "Rick" Krzywiecki of Rogers City; two granddaughters; a brother, Chester [Rita] Pszczolkowski of Posen; two sisters, Mary Kadlitz of Sterling Heights and Helen [James] Webster of Novi.

Visitation and funeral service was Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church with the Rev. Harold G. Molzan officiating. Posen VFW Post 7804 accorded Military honors at the graveside service. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Beck Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Posen VFW.

#### ROW F Site 05

**MOLZAN, Nicole Fay** "Our Precious Angel" Aug. 22, 1997

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Nicole Fay Molzan, died: 22 Aug 1997; buried: 25 Aug 1997; Rev. Harold Molzan

**OBITUARY:** Advance [28 Aug 1997]

Nicole Fay Molzan

A graveside service was conducted Monday afternoon, August 25, at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Posen, for Nicole Fay Molzan, still-born daughter of Janel Selke and John Molzan.

The Rev. Harold G. Molzan conducted the service with arrangements by the Beck Funeral Home.

Grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Molzan and Mrs. Mona Haneckow.

Also surviving are Nicole's twin brother, Jonathan Matthew, and brothers, Brandon and Andrew.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Ladies Aid Memorial Fund of Posen or a charity of friend's choice.

**ROW F Sites 06 & 07**

**MOLZAN, Florence M.** 1921 - [Living]

**MOLZAN, Harold G.** "Pastor" 1922 - [Living]

**ROW G Site 14**

**GREEN, Erhardt** 2 - 24 - 1916 2 - 19 - 1993

**OBITUARY:** Advance [25 Feb 1993]

Erhardt W. Green, 76, formerly of Grand Lake Highway, died Friday morning, February 19, at Huron Shores Health Center's Extended Care Facility. Born February 24, 1916, in Posen, he was a lifelong resident of the area. He engaged in farming prior to his retirement.

Mr. Green is survived by one brother, Archie Green of Posen, and one sister, Commelia [Mrs. Leo] Smith of Petoskey; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Herbert, and two sisters, Myrtle Green and Gertrude Plevinski.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the David Brietzke's Funeral Home with Carl Sauls officiating. Interment will be at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Posen.

Memorials may be made to the charity of friend's choice.

**ROW G Site 13**

**GREEN, Herbert J.** 1926 - 1968

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Herbert John Green, died: 16 Jan 1968 Alpena Hospital; buried: 20 Jan 1968; age: 42 years; born: 17 Dec 1926; leaves behind: Mother, Mrs Marie Green, 2 brothers, 1 sister

**ROW G Site 12**

**GREEN, Marie D.** 1891 - 1974

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 -2002



Marie Dorthy Green, born: July 12, 1891 Moltke; died: Nov 13, 1974; McWilliams Chappel *[sic]*; 16 Nov 1974 2 p.m.; St. Paul's Cemetery; leaves behind: 2 sons, Erhardt, Archie, daughter Corne [?]; Rev. H. White *[Marie's husband, Frederick Green, is buried in Row E Site 7.]*

**CENSUS RECORD: 1920**

The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census [Roll T625\_791; Page 7A; ED 322; Image 997] enumerated 10 January 1920 by Christian A. Swankowski shows:

GREENING, Fred, head, 42, Owns farm free of mortgage, born Michigan, parents born Posen Germany, Farm Laborer on home farm

GREENING, Marie, wife, 28, born Michigan, father born Michigan, mother born Bavaria Germany

GREENING, Gertrude, daughter, 6, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

GREENING, Erhardt, son, 3 9/12, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

*[Louis & Pauline Greening were enumerated just ahead and the William & Frieda Greening family was enumerated just after.]*

**CENSUS RECORD: 1930**

1930 Census: Posen Township, Presque Isle, Michigan [Roll 1021; Page 6A; ED 14; Image 182 enumerated 17 April 1930 by Boleslaus Centala shows:

GREEN, Frederick, head, 50, married at age 28, owns farm, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer

GREEN, Mary, wife, 38, married at age 21, born Michigan, parents born Germany

GREEN, Gertrude, daughter, 16, born Michigan

GREEN, Erhardt, son, 14, born Michigan

GREEN, Emelia, daughter, 8, born Michigan

GREEN, Herbert, son, 4 4/12, born Michigan

GREEN, Arthur, son, 1/12, born Michigan

*[The William Green family was enumerated just ahead; while the Edward Blemke family came directly after.]*

**ROW G Site 11**

**SHELLIE, Arthur** 1899 - 1979

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Arthur Schellie, born: 5 Mar 1899; died: 22 Feb 1979; buried: 24 Feb 1979; age: 79 yrs; Rev. D. Luhrs; Church Cem

**CR: BAPTISM REGISTER** St. Paul's 1892 - 1902

Arthur Eduard Schellie, baptized: 26 March 1899; clergyman: Rev. D. Ehmann; godparents: Freidrich Gruening, Auguste Wagner, Bertha Gruening

*[Arthur's wife, Theresa Schellie nee Chzran, b. 27 Sept 1906 - d. 3 May 2002, is buried in the Mt. Calvary Roman Catholic Cemetery Belknap.]*

**ROW G Site 10**

**WOOD, Louise S.** Mar 13, 1896 - July 5, 1971

*[No record in St. Paul's DEATH REGISTER for Louise.]*

**ROW G Sites 7, 8 & 9**

**SCHELLIE, Violet M.** Feb 26, 1938 Feb 21, 1968

**SCHELLIE, "Doc"** Jan 22, 1933 Oct 22, 2001

**SCHELLIE, Eleanor L.** April 20, 1937

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Mrs. Violet Schellie, born: 29 Feb 1938; died: 21 Feb 1968 Rogers City Hospital; buried: 24 Feb 1968; leaves behind: husband Edward, 4 sons: Dennis 12; Dwayne 10; Darl 7; Allen 5 Parents: Mr & Mrs Wm Brege

**CR: BAPTISM RECORDS** St. Michael Belknap

Violet May Brege, baptized: 3 April 1938; clergyman: Rev. Edwin C Weber; godparents: Anna Fuhrman and Paul Sellke

**CR: CONFIRMATION RECORDS** St. John Lutheran Church Hagensville

Violet Brege, confirmed: 1 June 1952 Pentecost Sunday; memory verse for life: Titus 2:11-12

**CR: MARRIAGE RECORDS** St. John Lutheran Church Hagensville

Edward Schellie and Violet Brege, married: 21 Jan 1956; witnesses: Donald Schellie, Marilyn Brege

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Edward "Doc" Schellie, Jr., born: 22 Jan 1933; died: 22 Oct 2001; leaves behind: daughter Lynette, 4 sons: Dennis, Darl, Dewayne, & Alan

**ROW G Sites 5 & 6**

**MILLER, Martha E.** 1894 - 1985

**MILLER, William H.** 1879 - 1960

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

William Hugo Miller, died: 2 Oct 1960; buried: 6 Oct 1960; born: 13 Nov 1878; cause: heart attack; age: 81 yrs; left behind: wife, Mrs Martha, 4 sons, 3 daughters, 1 brother, 1 sister, 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Martha E. Miller, born: 2 Mar 1894; died: 24 Apr 1985; age: 91 yrs; Rev. James Moehring; Church Cem

**CENSUS RECORD** - 1900 for Martha

The 1900 Michigan, Alpena County, Wilson Township Federal Census [Roll T623 699; Page 8A; ED 20] enumerated 20 June 1900 by James H. Fuggey shows:

FREDRICK, Andreas, head, 47, married 23 years, born March 1853 Germany, to America 1881, in America 19 years, Farmer

FREDRICK, Augusta, wife, 42, married 23 years, 11 children born with 9 children living, born August 1857 German, to America 1881, in America 19 years

FREDRICK, Olive, daughter, 18, single, born Sep 1881 Germany, Farm Laborer

FREDRICK, Herman, son, 16, born Feb 1884 New York, parents born Germany, at school

FREDRICK, Minnie, daughter 14, born Jan 1886 Illinois, parents born Germany, at school

FREDRICK, Henry, son, 11, born June 1888 Illinois, parents born Germany, at school

FREDRICK, Louis, son, 10, born April 1890 Illinois, parents born Germany, at school

FREDRICK, Charley, son, 8, born Jan 1892 Illinois, parents born Germany, at school

FREDRICK, Martha, daughter, 6, born Jue 1894 Michigan, parents born Germany, at school

FREDRICK, Clarah, daughter, 4, born Jan 1896 Michigan, parents born Germany

FREDRICK, Ida, daughter, 2, born April 1898 Michigan, parents born Germany

**CR: MARRIAGE RECORD** St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Herron Martha Fredrick, Wilson Township & William Miller, Krakow Township married 16 August 1910; Rev. Rudolf Munzinger; witnesses: Herman Miller and Klara Fredrick

#### **ROW G Sites 3 & 4**

**GREEN, Stephanie** Aug 7, 1920 - July 1, 1978

**GREEN, Arnold** May 10, 1916 - Nov 28, 1994

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Stephanie Green, born: 3 July 1920; died: 1 July 1978; leaves behind: husband Arnold; Pastor H. White; St. Paul Lutheran Church Cem

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Arnold Green, died: 28 Nov 28 1994; buried: 30 Nov 1994; age: 78 yrs

**OBITUARY:** Advance [1 Dec 1994]

Arnold G. Green, 78, a lifelong resident of Posen and Long Lake, died November 28 at Alpena General Hospital.

He was born May 10, 1916, in Posen. In 1942 he married Stephanie "Stella" Momrik in Posen.

Mr. Green was a self-employed master carpenter prior to his retirement. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Posen.

Surviving are one sister, Esther Koss of Posen; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella, in 1978; and one sister, Doris. Funeral services were conducted November 30 at the David Brietzke Funeral Home in Posen with the Rev. Harold Molzan officiating.

Interment was in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Posen.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

#### **ROW G Sties 1 & 2**

**HAHN, Otto R.** "Father" July 22, 1888 - Jan 2, 1976

**HAHN, Mary A.** Apr 26, 1891 - July 2, 1981

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Otto R. Hahn, born: July 22, 1888; died: 2 Jan 1976; buried: 5 Jan 1976; age: 87 yrs; leaves behind: wife, Mary; sons: Ervin & Carl; Pastor Harry White; Church Cemetery

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Maryann Hahn, died: 2 July 1981; buried: 5 July 1981; age: 90 yrs; leaves behind: 2 sons; Rev. David Nickel; Church Cemetery

**CR: CONFIRMATION REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Otto Robert Hahn, confirmed: 18 May 1902; Rev. J. W. Schoech

**CENSUS RECORD: 1920**

The 1920 Michigan, Presque Isle County, Posen Township Federal Census: [Roll T625\_791; Page 11A; ED 322; Image1005] enumerated 19 January by Christina A. Swartkowski shows:

HAHN, Otto, head, 31, owns farm with mortgage, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer

HAHN, Mary, wife, 26, born North Dakota, mother born Scotland, father born Michigan

HAHN, Victor, son, 8, born Michigan, mother born North Dakota, father born Michigan

HAHN, Erwin, son, 7, born Michigan, mother born North Dakota, father born Michigan

HAHN, Carl, son, 5, born Michigan, mother born North Dakota, father born Michigan

HAHN, Carl, father, 67, born Posen Germany, to America 1873

HAHN, Harriet, mother, 65, born Bavaria, alien, parents born Posen Germany, to America 1876

**CENSUS RECORD: 1930**

1930 Census Reference - Posen, Presque Isle, Michigan [Roll T626\_1021; Page 6B; ED 14; Image 0183] shows:

HAHN, Otto, 42, married at 21, head, owns farm, has radio set, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer, General Farm

HAHN, Mary, wife, 38, married at 18, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

HAHN, Victor, son, 19, born Michigan, parents born Michigan, Farm Laborer on home farm

HAHN, Ervin, son, 17, born Michigan, parents born Michigan, Farm Laborer on home farm

HAHN, Carl, son 16, born Michigan, parents born Michigan, Farm Laborer on home farm

HAHN, Carl, father, 77, widowed, married at age 24, born Germany, to America 1881

**ROW G Sites 01, 02**

**HAHN, Lucy F. AVERY** "Mother" Aug 21, 1915

**HAHN, Victor Robert** "Father" March 16, 1911 - July 16, 1972

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002  
Victor Robert Hahn, born: 16 Mar 1911; died: 16 July 1972; Funeral: 19 July 1972; 1 Thess 5:9,10; Pastor Harry White

**ROW H Sites 10 & 11**

**SCHELLIE, Janet E.** April 24, 1941 - [living]  
**SCHELLIE, Richard C.** May 7, 1939 - March 17, 2001

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002  
Richard Carl "Pete" Schellie, born: 7 March 1939; died: 17 March 2001; age: 61; leaves behind: wife, daughter, 3 sons, 5 brothers, 1 sister

**OBITUARY:** Advance [22 March 2001]

Richard Carl "Pete" Schellie, 61, of Posen died March 17, 2001 at his home. He was born May 7, 1939 in Belknap Township to Edward and Myrtle [Hopp] Schellie.

Peter and Janet Koss were married October 8, 1960 at St. Casimir Catholic Church. Peter enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; three sons, Dale [wife Karin] of Gaylord, Randy of Kingsley, and Danny [Sherri] of Posen; a daughter, Shari [Mrs. Scott] Frankland of Freeland; four grandchildren, Jeremy, Heather, Bridget and Chase; five brothers, Edward [wife Eleanor] of Alpena, Donald [wife Betty Ann] of Posen, Gerald of Posen, Kenneth of Posen, and Robert of Alpena; and a sister, Darlene Pines of Alpena.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Myrtle.

Visitation and prayer service was Monday at the Beck Funeral Home. Visitation resumed Tuesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church through the time of the funeral with the Rev. Harold G. Molzan officiating.

Inurnment will take place at St. Paul Church Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Schellie family, St. Paul Lutheran Church, or Hospice of the Sunrise Shore.

**ROW H Sites 8 & 9**

**KANCIK, Marilyn Diane** "Togetherness" Oct 27, 1953 - [living]  
**KANCIK, Edward Stanley** June 14, 1955 - [living]

**ROW H Sites 5 & 6**

**COOKE, Audrey M.** Dec 24, 1928 - Nov 21, 1992  
**COOKE, Norman W.** April 19, 1926 - [iving]  
m. June 20, 1947

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Audrey M. Cooke, died: 21 Nov 1992; buried: 24 Nov 1992; 63 yrs; Rev. Harold G. Molzan; leaves behind: husband, 2 children, 1 sister, 4 brothers; Church Cemetery

**OBITUARY:** Advance [26 Nov 1992]

Audrey M. Cooke, 63, of 12879 Grand Lake Highway, passed away Saturday, November 21, at home of an extended illness.

Born Audrey M. Doll, December 24, 1928, in Detroit, she graduated from Pershing High School in 1946. She married Norman W. Cooke, June 10, 1947, in Ferndale. She was employed at Coronet Color Photography for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke moved to Presque Isle County in 1980 from Detroit. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Posen, and also a member of its Ladies Aid Group, and served as their secretary. She was a member of Posen VFW Post #7804 Ladies Auxiliary; Welcome Aboard Club of Rogers City; and enjoyed arts and crafts, quilting, and working with ceramics.

Surviving are her husband, Norman; one daughter, Marilyn [Mrs. Gregory] Mischley of Alpena; one son, Norman W. Cooke, Jr., of Redford; one grandson; one sister, June [Mrs. Kenneth] Sailer of Hartland; four brothers, Jack of Las Vegas, Nevada, George of Rochester, Ralph of Warren, and Roger of Brighton; and her step-mother, Evelyn A. Doll of Brighton.

There was a parish prayer service at 7 p.m. Monday, and VFW Post #7804 Ladies Auxiliary service at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Brietzke-Gatzke Funeral Home in Posen. The funeral service was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Reverend Harold G. Molzan officiating. Interment was at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. Funeral arrangements were handled by Brietzke-Gatzke Funeral Home.

#### ROW H Sites 3 & 4

**MILLER, Leona E.** July 12, 1914 - March 3, 1983

**MILLER, Arthur W.** March 27, 1912 - July 2, 1981

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Arthur Wm. Miller, born: 27 Mar 1912; died: 2 July 1981; buried: 6 July 1981; age: 69 yrs; leaves behind: wife, Leona; 2 daughters; Rev. Robert Baerwolf; Church Cem

**CR: DEATH REGISTER** St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Leona E. Miller, born: 12 July 1914; died: 3 Mar 1983; buried: 7 Mar 1983; age: 68 yrs; leaves behind: daughters Sharon Grulke & Arlis [St. Charles]; Rev. James Moehring; Church Cemetery

**OBITUARY:** Advance [March 1983]

Leona E. Miller, 68, of 10091 Miller Rd., Posen, passed away suddenly at her home on Thursday, March 3.

Leona Flemming was born July 12, 1914 and married Arthur W. Miller on June 24, 1934. After her marriage she moved to Detroit, and the Millers then moved back to Posen in 1946. Leona was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen and its Ladies Aid Society. Her husband preceded her in

death on July 2, 1981.

Mrs. Miller is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Gary [Sharon] Grulke and Mrs. Frederick [Arlis] St.Charles, both of Alpena, and two brothers, Arthur Flemming of Hawks and Emil Flemming of Trenton. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 7, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen, the Rev. James Moehring officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gordon, Harry, Roger, Rodney and Leo Flemming and Tom Hill.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Wachterhauser Funeral Home of Alpena was in charge of arrangements.

**CR: BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION RECORDS St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

1. Arthur Wilhelm Heinrich Hugo Miller, baptized: 12 April 1912; Rev. Emil Bartusch.

2. Arthur Miller, confirmed: 19 May 1927; Rev. Arthur Wacker

**CR: BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION St. Michael's Belknap**

1. Leona Auguste Ella Flemming, baptized: 2 Aug 1914; Rev. William Schoenow; godparents: Auguste Bade, Ella Bade, Heinrich Knopf

2. Leona Flemming, confirmed: 14 April 1927; Rev. Carl VOLZ; memory verse for life: John 10: 27-28

**NOTE** for Leona by Don Knopf:

Leona was the daughter of Friedrich Flemming and Emilie Flemming nee Knopf of Belknap Township. Her siblings were: **Robert Flemming** [died in infancy 1889]; **Edward Flemming** [1890 - 1981, never married]; **Herbert Flemming** [1892 - 1955, married **Emma Meyers**]; **Laura Flemming** [1894 - 1973, married **Richard Hamann**]; **Augusta Flemming** [1896 - 1980, married **Carl Dramburg**]; **Arthur Flemming** [1898 - 1984, married **Therese Koeber**]; **Paul Flemming** [1903 - 1970, married **Lydia Evig**]; **Emil Flemming** [1907 - 1984, married **Lorraine Kettering**]; **Erwin Flemming** [1909 - 1977, married **Minnie Grambau**, daughter of Henry & Lena Grambau nee Ludwig].

**ROW H Sites 1 & 2**

**WEISE, Mary** 1918 - 2001

**WEISE, Harry R.** 1918 - 1981

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Harry R. Weise, born: 18 July 1918; died: 10 April 1981; buried: 13 Apr 1981; leaves behind: wife Mary; Rev. David Luhrs; Church Cemetery

**CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002**

Mary Weise, born: 20 Jan 1918 Lorain, Ohio; died: 21 Mar 2001 Alpena, MI; age: 83; leaves behind: 3 brothers

**OBITUARY:** Advance [24 May 2001]

Mary Weise, 83, of Pinecrest Manor, Alpena, died Monday, May 21, 2001 at Tendercare Green View.

Mary Momrik was born January 20, 1918 in Lorain, Ohio to Theodore and

Catherine [Dudach] Momrik. At the age of three she moved to Posen with her family. On October 5, 1940 she married Harry Weise at St. Michael parsonage in Hawks with the Rev. Otto Koenig officiating.

Harry preceded her in death April 10, 1981.

Mary was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Posen where she was active in the Ladies Aid Group and also served as its president for many years. She had been employed at the Alpena Garment Factory as a dressmaker for many years.

Surviving are three brothers, John Momrik of Alpena, Alexander [Evelyn] Momrik and Frank [Patricia] Momrik, both of Posen, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Eva Hodorowski, Anna Lasecki, Stella Green, and Sophie Smarczewski.

Visitation was Tuesday at the Wachterhauser Funeral Home and resumed Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Posen.

Funeral service was Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Harold Molzan officiating. Interment was at the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan or St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen.

#### **ROW H Sites 3 & 4**

**PICHAN, Eva Belle** Dec 11, 1921 - [iving]

**PICHAN, Norman F.** May 27, 1919 - June 19, 2004  
"M. Jan 9, 1941"

#### **CENSUS RECORD: 1920 for Norman**

The 1920 Michigan, Wayne County, Huron Township Federal Census [Roll T625\_821; Page 5A; ED 757; Image 137] enumerated 10 January 1920 shows:

Living in Section 11 in the home of son John Pichan

PICHAN, John, head, 38, rents farm, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer, General farm

PICHAN, Emma, wife, 27, born Michigan, parents born Germany

PICHAN, Edwin, son, 6, born Michigan

PICHAN, Leona, daughter, 4 9/12, born Michigan

PICHAN, Ernie, son, 3 5/12, born Michigan

PICHAN, Norman, son, 7/12, born Michigan

PICHAN, August, father, 72, born Germany, to America 1872

PICHAN, Augusta, mother, 66, born Germany, to America 1863

PICHAN, Louis, brother, 30, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, no occupation

#### **CENSUS RECORD: 1930 for Norman**

The 1930 Michigan, Wayne County, Huron Township Federal Census [ED 1004; page 6A] enumerated 14 April 1930 by J. A. Hermann shows:

Living on Middle Belt Road

PICHAN, John, head, 48, married at age 30, owns farm, has no radio set, born Michigan, parents born Germany, Farmer, Truck Farm



PICHAN, Emma, wife, 37, married at age 19, born Michigan, parents born Germany

PICHAN, Edwin, son 16, born Michigan, Laborer on Truck Farm

PICHAN, Ernest, son, 13, born Michigan

PICHAN, Norman, son, 10, born Michigan

PICHAN, Ralph, son, 6, born Michigan

PICHAN, Eldon, son, 4 9/12, born Michigan

PICHAN, Orval, son, 4/12, born Michigan

PICHAN, Frank, brother, 35, single, born Michigan, parents born Germany, House Carpenter

**CENSUS RECORD:** 1930 for Eva Belle

The 1930 Michigan, Wayne County, Rockwood Township Federal Census [ED 881; page 9B] enumerated 11 April 1930 by Benjamin B Wales shows:

Lining on Woodruff Road

OLMSTEAD, Fred, head, 54, married at age 25, owns farm free of debt, has radio set, born Michigan, parents born Michigan, Farmer, General Farming

OLMSTEAD, Hattie, wife, 50, married at age 21, born Michigan, parents born Michigan

OLMSTEAD, Blanche M., daughter, 27, single, born Michigan, Saleswoman, Retail Grocery

OLMSTEAD, Mary J., daughter, 25, single, born Michigan, no occupation

OLMSTEAD, Eva Belle, daughter, 8, born Michigan

WATSON, Thaddaeus, Boarder, 57, single, born Virginia, parents born Virginia. Farm Hand, General Farming

**OBITUARY:** Alpena News

Norman F. Pichan, 85, of Posen, died June 19, 2004, at Alpena General Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

Norman was born May 27, 1919, in Romulus, Michigan, to John and Emma [Steffke] Pichan. Graduating from Flat Rock High School in 1938, his work career began Dec. 9, 1938, when he hired on as a Machine Operator at the Flat Rock Ford Plant. In April 1940 he transferred to the River Rouge Plant as a guard which enabled him to pursue his favorite sport - baseball. He had been a star pitcher in school and went on to play on the Scenic Gardens, a Dearborn team who were the runners-up in the 1941 National Amateur Tournament and a member of the World Champion AAA Automotive Club Team in 1942. He later signed with the Springfield Browns in the Three-I League. He pitched three games - won 2 - lost 0, but developed a sore arm, going on the inactive list. Norman enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve and served as an Aviation Machinist Mate, Third Class from Nov. 11, 1942, until his honorable discharge on Sept. 14, 1945, in Astoria, Oregon, at the Naval Hospital. He had served at Grosse Isle Naval Air Base and Keneohoe Bay, Hawaii. He returned to Ford Motor Company retiring after 35 ½ years as a security guard, shift supervisor at the Romulus Plant, and when that plant was deactivated, returned to Rouge as Senior Office Clerk until his retirement in 1974. On Jan. 9, 1941, he married Eva Belle Olmstead in Wyandotte, Michigan. He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen.

He is survived by his wife Eva Belle; three sons, Alan [Grace] of Flat Rock;

Cary [Marvyn] of Posen; Lee [Mary] of Dexter; six grandchildren, Cameron [Jennifer]; Richard [Kellie]; Christopher [Karissa]; Heather [Michael]; Bailey and Matthew; five great grandchildren, Jessica; Kyle; Emma; Tyler; and Hannah.

Mr. Pichan is at McWilliams Funeral Home Posen Community Chapel where friends may call on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, from 2-9 p.m. There will be a prayer service at the funeral home at 7:70 p.m. On Wednesday he will be taken to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen where friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Harold Molzan officiating.

Interment will be at the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Posen or the AGH Cancer Center.

#### ROW I Site 10

**SHELLIE, Kenneth E.** March 28, 1942 - Sep 29, 2001

#### CR: DEATH REGISTER St. Paul's 1901 - 2002

Kenneth Schellie, born: 28 May 1942; died: 29 Sept 2001; leaves behind: daughter Judy; 2 sons, Terry & Travis; 3 brothers, Donald, Gerald, & Edward

**OBITUARY:** Advance [4 Oct 2001]

Kenneth Schellie, 59, of Posen died September 29, 2001 at Alpena General Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Schellie of Holly; two sons, Terry of Posen and Travis of Alpena; two granddaughters, Rachel and Kaitlin; four brothers, Edward Jr. [Eleanor] of Alpena, Donald [Betty Ann] of Posen, Gerald of Posen, and Robert of Alpena; and a sister, Darlene Pines of Alpena.

Visitation was Tuesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church through the time of the funeral with the Rev. Harold G. Molzan officiating.

Interment was at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were in care of the Beck Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

#### ROW I Site 7

**GRAMBAU, Bryant W.** 1956 - 2002 Age 46 *[There is no gravestone - only a Funeral Home Marker when this cemetery was read.]*

#### CR: BAPTISM RECORD St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Rogers City

Bryant William Grambau, son of Norman Grambau and Marie Grambau nee Trapp, baptized: 8 July 1956; Rev. Robert E. Weller; godparents: Mrs. Wilson Butler, Harold Grambau

**OBITUARY:** Advance

Grambau, Bryant William, 46, of Posen died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002 at home.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn nee Zadow; a brother, Lee of Rogers City; a sister, Robin (Jim) Godfrey of Traverse City; and three step-sisters, Sue (Gary) Wilson of Rogers City, Marilyn (Bill) Cordes of Hillman and Julie (Robert) Thornburg of Kalkaska.

Beck Funeral Home is in care of cremation arrangements and no public services will be held at this time.

FROM ST. PAUL'S LUTHERN CHURCH DEATH RECORDS, POSEN, MI

These entries are from the death register [1892 - 1902] do not have a stone in the church cemetery. There are many burials in the cemetery without stones or markers. They could be buried elsewhere. Since they were buried from the church, there is a need to record them here.

**SCHMOLDT, Fritz** d. 6 Sept 1892-1893; Cause of death: Diphtheria; Left behind: Karl Schmold, Caroline Schmold, Aug. Schmold, Jul Schmold, Bertha Schmold, Emilie Schmold Pastor Th. Hartman [p. 35]

**SCHROEDER, Marie** d. 1 July 1894; bur. 3 July 1894; Cause: [*cannot translate*]; Left behind: Louis Schroeder, Rosine Schroeder, 6 children Pastor Th. Hartman [p.35]

**MUELLER, Aug.** d. 16 Sept 1895; bur. 18 Sept 1895, Cause: ?, Left behind: Emilie geb. Weinkauf [sic], Emil Mueller, F. Mueller, Martha Mueller, Ida Mueller, Clara Mueller, Wilh. Mueller, Her. Mueller; Pastor D. Ehmann [p.36]

**SCHMOLD, Frieda** d. 10 Oct 1897; bur. 14 Oct 1897, Cause: [*cannot translate*]; Left behind: Parents August and his wife; Pastor D. Ehmann [p.36]

**TRAPP, Minna Louisa** d. 1 April 1899; bur. 4 April 1899; cause: [*cannot translate*]; Age: 13 years 15 days; Left behind: Carl Trapp and wife, and 9 siblings; Pastor D. Ehmann [p.36]

**WAGNER, Martha Bertha Anna** d. 1 May 1899; bur. 4 May 1899; Cause: [*cannot translate*]; Age: 13 years 8 months; Left behind: Carl Wagner and wife, 4 siblings; Pastor D. Ehmann [p. 36]

**WELK, Widow** d. 14 Oct 1900; bur. 16 Oct 1900; Cause: Debility of old age; Left behind: 2 sons, 2 daughters; Pastor P. S. Mueller [p. 37]

**GRUENING, Ludwig** d. 20 May 1901; bur. 21 May 1901; Cause: Weakness/debility; Age: 6 days; Left behind: Parents & siblings. [p. 37]

**KLUTS, Widow Henrietta** d. 11 Dec 1901; bur. 13 Dec 1901; Cause: Schlag [Apoplexy, stroke]; Age: 83 years 9 months 22 days; Left behind: A daughter [Mrs. L. Gruening]; Pastor J. Schoech. [p. 37]

**FROM ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH DEATH REGISTER, POSEN, MI**

These entries from the church death register [1901 - 2002] do not have a stone in the church cemetery or they have been buried elsewhere. They do need to be recorded in this cemetery book.

**SCHELLIE, Lena Sophie** d. 9 March 1902; bur. 11 March 1902; Cause: ?; Age: 2 days; Left behind: Parents and siblings; Rev. Joseph Schoech.

**BAEDTKE, Sam** d. 10 Feb 1904; bur. 15 February 1904; Cause: Old age; Age: 89 years; Left behind: Son and Daughter.

**GAPSKE, Magdalena Marie** d. 15 Sept 1905; bur. 17 Sept 1905; Cause: can't read; No age; Left behind: Father, Mother, siblings & B-.

**WAGNER, Carl** d. 22 July 1905; bur. 24 July 1905; Cause: Stomach Trouble; Age: 61 years, 6 months, 22 days; Left behind: Widow, 3 children, brother and other relatives.

**LOWERFELD, Melba Irmgard** d. 10 Sept 1907; bur. 12 Sept 1907; Cause: Summer sickness; Age: 1 year 8 mo. 2 days; Left behind: E. A. Lowernfeld [?], Sophia Lowernfeld [?], 5 children [*probably siblings*]; H. Heidel.

**LUDWIG, Baby** d. 23 Aug 1910; bur. 24 Aug 1910; Illeg.; Cause: Unknown; Age: 2 hours; Left behind: Lena Ludwig, Mother; Father ?.

**BREITKREUZ, Kermit Edward August** d. 7 Dec 1910; bur. 9 Dec 1910; Cause: Stomach spasm; Age: 2 months 10 days; Left behind: Parents Heinrich and Ida Breitzkreuz, siblings.

**WEIDE, Ralph Edward Wilhelm** d. 23 Jan 1911; bur. 7 March 1911; Cause: Stomach spasm; Age: 1 month 16 days; Left behind: Parents Friedrich Weide & Hedwig Weide from Alpena.

**SCHELLIE, Clara Augusta** d. 8 June 1913; bur. 10 June 1913; Cause: Nerve disease; Age: 16 years 1 month 9 days; Left behind: Emil Schellie, Pauline Schellie and siblings.

**BREITKREUZ, Alfred Friedrich Emil** d. 1 Sept 1913; bur. 6 Sept 1913; Cause: Weakness; Age: 4 months 11 days; Left behind: Heinrich Breitzkreuz and Ida geb. Mueller, ---- & 2 sisters.

**GRUNING, Wilhelm** d. June 1913; bur. 4 June 1913; Cause: Augeborne, weakness, premature birth; Age: 1 day; Left behind: Wilhelm and \_\_\_\_\_ Gruning.

**GRUNING, Eleonora Bertha** d. 21 March 1914; bur. 22 March 1914; Cause: Augeborne, weakness, premature birth; Age: 7 hours; Left behind: Wilhelm and Frie\_\_\_ Gruning, \_\_\_\_\_.

**LUDWIG, Margauarth** [*sic*] d. 2 April 1915; Cause: Stroke [*no other information*]

**ELOWSKI, Michael** d. 27 July 1918; bur. 29 July 1918 Belknap Church Cemetery; Cause: Arterio Sclerosis [German-couldn't find English translation- Sclerosis is probably English] plus Magenleiden or Gastric Trouble; Age 74 years 8 months 6 days; Left behind: Emil Elowski Jr.

**TRAPP, Mrs. Charles** d. 8 Dec 1920; bur. 12 Dec 1920; Cause: Tuberculosis of the intestines; Age: 21 years 11 months 26 days; Left behind: Husband, 2 sons, 1 daughter, Parents, 3 sisters.

**KRUEGER, Mrs. Carl** d. 27 Nov 1920; bur. 30 Nov 1920; Cause: Apoplexy; Age: 86 years 6 months 26 days; Left behind: 3 sons, 4 daughters.

**WAGNER, Mrs. Wilhelm Sr.** d. 26 Aug 1921; bur. 28 Aug 1921; Cause: Cancer of uterus; Age: 74 years 6 months 4 days; Left behind: 2 daughters, Mrs. Brandt and Mrs. Buckler.

**MINTON, Mrs. Josephine** d. 27 Nov 1922; bur. 29 Nov 1922; Cause: Apoplexy; Age: 63 years 3 months 28 days; Left behind: Mrs. Herman Marquardt, Mrs. Hobart Franklin, Mr. Martin Minton, Mr. Howard Minton, Mr. Arthur Minton.

**WIZA, Mabel Elinore** d. 7 Feb 1923; bur. 8 Feb 1923; Cause: Scarlet fever; Age: 6 years 4 months 19 days; Left behind: Parents, Steve and Bertha Wiza, and grandmother.

**WEIDE, Fred** d. 2 March 1925; bur. 8 Feb 1923; Cause: Insanity; Age: 42 years 1 month 26 days; Left behind: His parents, wife, 4 children, 6 brothers, 4 sisters.

**GRUNING, Myrtle Dorothy Josephine** d. 30 March 1926; bur. 3 April 1926; Cause: Pneumonia; Age: 2 years 3 months 16 days; Left behind: Parents, 2 brothers, 2 sisters.

**TWINS, Still born** d. 18 Aug 1933; bur. 20 Aug 1933; Left behind: Mr. & Mrs. Wm. \_\_\_\_\_. [*Surname cut off copy*]

**TRAPP, Henry** d. 28 Feb 1937; bur. 3 March 1937 Pilgrim Rest Cemetery; Age: 51 years 11 months 26 days; Left behind: Wife and son *Obit: \* data base*

**MAY, William** d. 30 Sept 1942; bur. 4 Oct 1942; Cause: No entry; Age: 67 years 6 months 12 days; Left behind: Wife, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 5 sons, 2 daughters 3 step-sons, 1 step-daughter.

**BRUNING, Carolyn Kay** d. 28 Aug 1945; bur. 31 Aug 1945; Cause: No entry; Age: 9 months 5 days; Left behind: Parents, 1 brother, 1 sister.

**TRAPP, Henrietta Schroeder** d. 29 Oct 1945; bur. 2 Nov 1945 Pilgrim Rest Cemetery; Cause: No entry; Age: 62 years 8 months 15 days; Left behind: 1 son, 1 sister.

**BLEMKE, Linda Marlene** b. 19 Aug 1949; d. 21 Aug 1949; bur. 22 Aug 1949; Cause: Premature; Left behind: Parents Mr. and Mrs. Ermine Blemke.

**TRAPP, Richard Dennis** b. 3 Sept 1955; d. 12 Oct 1955; bur. 13 Oct 1955 Pilgrim Rest Cemetery; Cause: No entry; Age: 5 ½ weeks; Left behind: Parents Mr. & Mrs. Donald Trapp, 1 sister, 3 brothers.

**TRAPP, Frederick Theodore** d. 13 May 1960; bur. 14 May 1960 Pilgrim Rest Cemetery; Cause: No entry; Age: 2 days; Left behind: Parents Mr and Mrs Donald Trapp, 1 sister, 3 brothers; Rev G. Lu\_\_\_ [*printing cut off*]

**HAHN, Miss Hulda** d. 3 Dec 1960; bur. 6 Dec 1960; Cause: Cancer; b. 30 Oct 1883; Age: 77 years; Left behind: 3 brothers, 3 sisters.

**WAGNER, Harry W.** d. 27 March 1965; bur. 30 March 1965; Cause: Stroke.

**BHARKE** [*sic*], **Miss Edith [Ida]** d. 13 Oct 1968; bur. 15 Oct 1968; Cause: No entry; Age: 85 years; b. 8 Jan 1883; Left behind: 1 sister, nieces & nephews.

**MILLER, Louise Wolgast [Ruby]** d. 26 Feb 1970; b. 9 Sept 1885; Age: 84 years; Left behind: nieces and nephews; 1 brother & 5 sisters preceded her in death. Service: McWilliams Funeral Home, 1 March 1970, 2 p.m. Rogers City. Interment: Pine Hill Cemetery, Cheboygan; Rev. Herman Heinecke, clergyman.

**BLEMKE, Edward E.** b. 10 Oct 1892; d. 30 July 1971; Funeral Service 2 Aug 1971, p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church, Posen; Pastor Harry SF\_\_\_ [*print cut off*]

**TRAPP, Fred C.** b. 13 Oct 1882; d. 16 Aug 1974; bur. 19 Aug 1974; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alpena, MI; Resting place: Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena, MI; Rev. David Nickel.

**BLEMKE, Clarence A.** b. 30 Nov 1908; d. 12 Sept 1978; bur. 15 Sept 1978; Age: 69 years; Rev. Baerwolf; Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena, MI.

**BLEMKE, R. Arthur** b. 21 March 1901; d. 17 Jan 1981; bur. 20 Jan 1981; Age: 79 years; Left behind: wife Martha; Rev. David Luhrs; Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena, MI. Obit: \*

**WEISS, George** b. 8 April 1932; d. 7 Sept 1990; bur. 9 Sept 1990; Age: 58 years; Left behind: Julia Henry; Rev. Harold G. Molzan; Holy Cross, Alpena, MI.

**MILLER, Edward F.** d. 25 Oct 1992; bur. 27 Oct 1992 in church cemetery; Age: 75 years; Left behind: Husband - Anthony; Rev. Harold G. Molzan. [*Although the*

*church death register states Edward was buried in church cemetery, he is interred in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Rogers City, MI]*

**McCREERY, Esther nee Hein** b. 12 April 1915; d. 15 Jan 1994; bur. 17 May 1994; Age: 78 years; Left behind: 3 daughters, 3 sisters, 6 grandchildren; Rev. Harold G. Molzan.

**KLEIN, Mel** d. 21 Jan 1994; bur. 24 Jan 1994; Age: 68 years; Left behind: wife, 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 sisters; buried: Memorial Park Cemetery, Rogers City, MI; Rev. Harold G. Molzan

**WEIDE, Laura** d. 15 June 1994; bur. 18 June 1994; Age: 99 years; Left behind: Daughter, son; Rev. Harold Molzan.

**SCHULTZ, Lizetta A.** d. 4 Sept 1995; bur. 6 Sept 1995 in Memorial Park Cemetery; Age: 87 years; Left behind: 2 sons, 1 daughter; Rev. Kevin Jones.

**WEIDE, Elmer R.** d. 6 Jan 1997; bur. 9 Jan 1997; Age: 84 years; Left behind: sister; Rev. Harold G. Molzan.

**BLEMKE, Martha M.** d. 31 Aug 1997; bur. 3 Sept 1997; Age: 94 years; Left behind: daughter Ann Suszek, grandsons, Mark & Joel Suszek, and three great-grandsons; Rev. Harold Molzan. [Note: *Called Norm Cooke, Posen, who filled in spaces cut off*]

**SCHELLIE, Myrtle Dora** b. 26 April 1915; d. 31 Aug 1999; Age: 84 years; Left behind: daughter Darline Pines, six sons: Edward, Donald, Richard, Gerald, Kenneth & Robert. [Note: *When copied the bottom information was cut off. Norm Cooke has the original records and he filled in the empty spaces.*]



