

The Gogebic Range Genealogical Society Newsletter  
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We're in the middle of another exciting summer in the North Woods. It's great to meet so many of you who come for a first-time visit to the Gogebic Range or perhaps make a repeat visit to see family and friends or simply enjoy the beauty of the area. Especially fun is to meet those of you who have communicated with us through Gogebic Roots. Nothing gives us more pleasure than to help someone find a long lost cousin or a grand parent who you never knew. We may not always be able to respond immediately to your request, but we will do our best. Don't be reluctant to follow up on a query, just in case something was lost in the shuffle.

**Annual Meeting and Lunch**—tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2010, but the date is conditioned on our program presenter. We had a couple of possibilities for a program that didn't pan out, so we're still searching. Any ideas? Let us know.

**Ironwood's Resettlement**—Still a vibrant community just north of Ironwood, the Resettlement had its roots in the New Deal during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Under the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Resettlement Administration, houses were built to meet different objectives. For example, houses it built in semi-rural areas adjacent to middle-sized and small communities were usually part of a plan which enabled persons who made their living in town to supplement their income by raising certain types of agricultural products. The resettlement in Ironwood was the only one listed for Michigan in the document put out by the Dept. of Agriculture in June, 1937. Called a "garden community," for 200 low-income families (119 were built), the construction was on 1600 acres of "fertile" land in Gogebic County, just north of the town of Ironwood. According to *The Agricultural Forum's* description, "Ironwood, an iron-mining town with a population of 14,000 is in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Bad housing conditions there were aggravated by the unusual severity of the economic depression in the region. Also, a residential section of the town has been slowly sinking because of underground mining operations. The building of Ironwood Homesteads will not only meet general housing needs but will primarily provide a chance for low-income workers to supplement their incomes with food grown for home consumption. Each family will have a

garden plot of at least 5/8 of an acre adjacent to its home. Houses are two stories high and have from 4 to 6 rooms, basements, and in most cases garages. The basement has a large cold room. A central water system will supply all buildings. Cooperative facilities including a trade center, a cannery, dairy barns, hog shelters, and poultry houses are planned. Fencing, landscaping, walks, and driveways are provided.” We’ll try to follow up to determine to what extent cooperative facilities were built. Unit costs were projected to be \$10,403.

An article in the Ironwood daily Globe, April 17, 1937 stated the construction of 119 dwelling units at Ironwood Homesteads, federal resettlement administration project in Ironwood Township was nearing the final stages. In an interesting development, we note in a July 22 article that the resettlement project was making inroads into projects of the local WPA (Works Progress Administration). Resettlement workers were informed that they could not shift back to the WPA if they became dissatisfied with their jobs building Resettlement housing.

### **Enlistment Record for Company I, Third Infantry, Michigan National Guard, stationed in Ironwood.**

Continued from April newsletter.

Again, our thanks go out to Mrs. Dorothy Boxhorn for donating the records. A reminder that spelling of names is questionable because of difficulty in transcribing from the original document. Page 3.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Enlistment Date</u>	<u>Discharge Date</u>	<u>Cause of Discharge</u>
Jacobson, Jacob	18	Feb. 19, 1900	Dec. 3, 1900	Non-atten. inspec.—dishon.
laBlonde, Charles	18	Feb. 19, 1900	Oct. 2, 1902	Removal from station
Mollard, Francis	18	Feb. 19, 1900	Oct. 6, 1900	Business engagement
Macki, Robert	28	Feb. 19, 1900	Dec. 3, 1900	Non-atten. inspec.—dishon.
Scholler,Alphonse	22	Feb. 19, 1900	Oct. 6, 1900	Removal from station
Treisithick,Thomas	19	February 19, 1900	December 3, 1900	Non-atten. Inspec.—dishon.
Wister, William	18	February 19, 1900	February 19, 1903	Term expired
Strick, John S.	27	March 29, 1900	June 20, 1900	Appt. Bat. Sgt. Major
Gate, Daniel E.	32	March 29, 1900	February 8, 1902	Removal from station
Hanson, Frank	31	March 29, 1900	February 8, 1902	Removal from station
Exworthy, Robert	21	March 16, 1900	Dec. 4, 1902	Promotion
Hodge, Richard	19	March 29, 1900	October 6, 1900	Removal from station

Triplett, Wm. D.	29	May 7, 1900	May 7, 1903	Expir. term of service
Otto, William	22	May 7, 1900	May 7, 1903	Expir. Term of service
Kortan, Archibald	20	May 7, 1900	June 25, 1901	Removed from station
Greer, John W.	26	May 7, 1900	June 25, 1901	Removed from station
Munthe, Oscar	18	June 30, 1900	March 30, 1903	Removed from station
Jordan, Edward	20	June 30, 1900	December 3, 1900	Non-atten. Inspec—dishon.
Chism, James	29	May 16, 1900	May 16, 1903	Term expired
Moyle, Wm. T.	24	June 30, 1900	June 30, 1903	Removed from station
Bemiss, Charles J.	27	July 16, 1900	June 25, 1901	Removed from station
Charboneau, E.	20	July 16, 1900	December 3, 1900	Non-atten. Inspec.
Nelson, Nels	20	July 16, 1900	July 8, 1902	Removed from station
Stewart, Guy	24	July 16, 1900	July 16, 1903	Term expired
Winn, Norman	18	July 16, 1900	July 16, 1903	Term expired
Thompson, G. Cyrus	18	July 30, 1900	April 6, 1902	Removed from station
Johnson, Albert	19	March 4, 1901	December 26, 1903	Removed from station
Patana, Alfred	28	March 28, 1901	March 28, 1904	Term expired
Bentzen, Charles	18	March 4, 1901	March 4, 1904	Term expired
McNaire, Robert	25	March 4, 1901	March 17, 1903	Removal from station
Kosky, Erick	19	March 4, 1901	March 29, 1903	Disobedience order (dishon)
Carlson, Emil	25	March 4, 1901	March 29, 1903	Removed from station

### Searching---

Norm Francis is searching for his dad's whereabouts in the Ironwood area around 1921. He believes his dad left England in that time-frame and may have stayed with a cousin, Tommy Mills, in Ironwood for a short time.

Norm's [e-mail—NormFrancis@alliantenergy.com](mailto:NormFrancis@alliantenergy.com)

Still stuck on that elusive grand parent or great, great aunt? Let us know and we'll gladly publish your query. We cover the Gogebic Range, which is most of Gogebic County, Michigan and Iron County, Wisconsin.

Until our next newsletter, happy and successful searching.

Gary Harrington