

## Gogebic Range Genealogical Society Quarterly

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*Happy New Year*—Resolutions for the year? We haven't written down any, but some things come to mind: Help more people discover their roots on the Gogebic Range, increase membership, provide better service (although I think we do a pretty good job or at least try), have more programs and \_\_\_\_\_(anything you might want to add). Let us know.

Every once in awhile we need to plug the local historical societies. I'm involved with the Ironwood Area Historical Society , which probably accounts for our using more basic materials from the IAHS Museum archives than from anywhere else to come up with lists of names, stories, etc for the newsletters, but remember to support all the societies on the Gogebic Range—Bessemer Area Hist. Soc., Wakefield Hist. Soc. and the Iron County Hist. Soc. in Hurley. They all do a great job and never lack for projects that need funding but often lack the people to jump in and find ways to help.

*Speaking of lists*, we'll move along on the names from the **Enlistment Record for Company I, Third Infantry, Michigan National Guard, stationed in Ironwood** just before and after the Spanish American War in the late 1890s. The vast majority of soldiers listed in earlier newsletters fought in the War. Few of the ones to follow would have enlisted in time to join the war-time forces.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Enlistment Date</u>	<u>Discharge Date</u>	<u>Cause of Discharge</u>
Wester, William	22	Feb. 19, 1903	Mar. 19, 1904	Removed
McKee, Ira S.	29	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 19, 1904	Removed
West, Verne	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Dec. 31, 1903	Removed
McNiff, Alberta	28	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 23, 1906	Expired term serv.
Williams, Arvil	22	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 23, 1906	Expired term serv.
Engman, Werne	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Aug. 13, 1900	Removed fm sta.
Dalbec, Mady	26	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Removed
Seamens, Joseph	20	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Dishonorable

Henry, Albert	24	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Removed
Youngel, Edward	19	Mar. 23, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed
Margland, Victor	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Dec. 26. 1903	Removed
Johns, Mike	20	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	blank
LaBlond, Charles	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept. 27, 1904	Removed
Erickson, John A.	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Aug. 13, 1903	Bus. Engagement
Holemo, Olaf	24	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	blank
Powell, John	29	Mar. 23, 19033	blank	blank
Peterson, Herman	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept, 27, 1904	Removed
Maki, Matt	24	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Dishon. Dis.
Gardner, William	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed
Shuman, Arthur	19	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	blank
Collins, George	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept., 27, 1904	Removed
Rowe, Joseph	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Dec.	Removed
Taylor, John	19	Mar. 23, 1903	page torn	Removed
Barrett, Mike	21	Aug. 18, 1903	page torn	page torn
Webb, Sarnell	25	Mar. 19, 1903	page torn	page torn
Bratland, Albert	22	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept. 27, 1904	Removed
Wanzer, James	18	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	blank
Galliinatti, Servene	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Aug. 13, 1903	Bus. Engagement
Ryan, Charley	20	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept. 27, 1904	“ “
Symonson, Tom	22	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Dishon. Dis.
Secore, Matt	20	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	blank
Hellen, Walter	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Dishon. Dis.

The Ironwood Area Hist. Soc. via the efforts of John Burns has been scanning glass and other old negatives to CDs. John has been doing a great job. The images in many cases look better than those generated by modern cameras. Here are some of those with names from around 1918-1923. We'll try to add more in future newsletters. Hopefully, you'll find some family members.



Dorothy Wilcox



Billy Kupecky



Otto Morstead

*Let us know if you recognize any of the people shown above and would want us to do further research on their family.*

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Let's rejoin the voyage of Eliza Bagster from England to the United States in 1849. Eliza's journey probably is similar to thousands of others, although her quarters were likely more comfortable and food a bit more palatable than that of many who sailed with lesser accommodations during the period. Several of her comments would lead the reader to assume that she imagined herself a cut above most of the passengers. You may recall Eliza was the GG or G grandmother of John Burns who has been doing the scanning of the glass negatives.

August 26, 1849—The feeling very ill. The vessel rolling very much. The wind still against us. A vessel came from Cork. Went on deck to see Cork for the last time. Shall be in the Atlantic before morning. Too ill even to read. A sad Sunday, most ill on board. My neighbors keep in back, so best, I do not like them. They make so much noise, that I cannot rest. Too ill and rough to write. Got better after tea. The dr. appears a good man. Sat and read after the evening.

August 27—Too ill to get up for breakfast. Wind very high and still contrary. Went on deck—saw the Atlantic for the first time. How grand it is. Nearly all on board ill. Sat out in the air nearly all day, began to feel better. The Hillan's still in bed—he quite ill and she quite lazy. I would eat, but each time I did so, was ill afterwards, but I persevere and am getting better. Thank God the cholera is checked. The vessel rocking badly. Captain never leaves the deck. He is very reserved, but pays all necessary attention. Tacking the vessel very disagreeable. I am the most respectable on board. The steward most attentive.

August 28—Got up feeling well, but had a wretched night. The people next to me in bed all day and talk and groan all night. Went on deck. I saw the fish playing about on the water—very pretty sight. There was an alarm of fire in the hold. They had been fumigating with tar and brimstone and it took fire. The fright was dreadful, the Captain was quite calm and before anyone was aware, he was there with water. It was soon put out. I never felt as I then did. I thought we were lost. The vessel still heaving dreadfully. Contrary winds—can make little or no progress. Was quite amused to see the people at breakfast on deck, each in clusters of four or five. The crew now have lime juice to drink. They work the pumps twice a day and sometimes in the night. Had a long chat with the mate about New York. I have plenty of water and not bad.

August 29—Made up my journal, as it is quite a calm wind on deck. Saw something swimming about. They are shells of some kind, have seen pictures of them, but in the water they are clear, with an orange spot, which I suppose is the head. The ocean looks most beautiful—all colors. The night has been very rough, but now almost a calm and quite warm. The deck presents a funny sight—some washing, some eating, some laying, all employed. We had meal—porpoises jumping about and also some sea nettles. Quite a calm—have not seen a vessel for two days. On deck to see the sun set. Oh! It was a glorious sight. Very hot.

August 30—A dead calm. We are not moving more than a mile or two or three hours. It is very sultry. Were alarmed with the cry of fire from the hold. Some tar had taken fire. The alarm was dreadful. It was soon put out. Too hot to be in the cabin. Going on quarter deck, hurt my leg. Dr. gave me something for it. After dinner, saw a sun fish, a curious looking thing. Two sharks came close to the ship, but did not see them.. It looks stormy, but still quite calm.

August 31—Eleven vessels in sight. Early, about ten, we strike there, one after another. The first had a flag, sickness on board, and we had to put up one for

death, a boy having died of dysentery. Another dying, and a woman too. It makes us feel low. The weather has changed. We are rocking with a fair wind at last and get on well now. It has rained twice. The constant motion we have is as if we were in a boat swing. We shall have the boards for dinner

### Searching

*Stan Graiewski is attempting to determine if names similar to his family name and found in this area are related. He found several in the Gogebic Range Directories that could potentially be related. Following are several of them: 1912 Grajeski, Anton; Grewski and Lipke; Grewski, Stanislaus. 1928 Graiewski, SA; Graski, Joseph; 1938 Grajewski, Bernard and Alice; Griewski, Stanley and Martha. 1947 several Griewski and Joseph Graski.*

I'm sure Stan would appreciate any information you could provide.

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Until our next newsletter, the GRGS wishes you the best.

Gary Harrington