

## Gogebic Range Genealogical Society Quarterly Newsletter

April 2011

Spring in the North Woods is a special time. Birds are singing, flowers flowering, and genealogists of all rank are gearing up for summer travel (gas prices notwithstanding) to search for information about their fore fathers and mothers in cozy village clerks' offices or large research libraries and places in between. Maybe you'll head for the Gogebic Range. The area is full of people who are willing and anxious to help you complete another block or two on your pedigree chart. If you happen to be in the area May 11, stop by to visit the Gogebic Range Gen. Soc. at the Bessemer Area Heritage Center. Carol Williams, president of the Northern Waters Gen. Soc. will present "***They Came in Ships,***" a program focusing on researching our immigrant ancestors. Those who have heard and seen the presentation say it is outstanding. Program is at 2 P.M. Light refreshments will be available.

**Teachers--**Many of us had ancestors who were teachers. I picked up an interesting set of rules for teachers from the Ames, Iowa Historical Society. Teachers in 1872 certainly earned their wages if the following is even close to the norm.

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps and clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and scuttle of coal for each day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of their earnings for their benefit during their declining years so that they will not become a burden to society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool halls, or gets shaven in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect their worth, intention, integrity, and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully will be given an increase of 25 cents per week in their pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

**Enlistment Record for Company I, Third Infantry, Michigan National Guard,**  
stationed in Ironwood just before and after the Spanish-American War—  
Continued from previous newsletters in hopes you will find an ancestor or two.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Enlistment date</u>	<u>Discharge Date</u>	<u>Cause of Discharge</u>
Beckman, Peter	30	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept. 23, 1904	Removal
Secore, Joseph	24	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Removal from station
Drew, Charles	23	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Removal from station
Mollard, Francis	21	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Dishonorable discharge
Dwyer, Patrick	24	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	blank
Cuybi, Edward	25	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 22, 1904	Dishon. Nonattendance drill
Cuybi, Sid	23	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Removal from station
Fletcher, Harry	25	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 23, 1906	Expiration term of service
LaBlond, Isadore	20	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Business engagement
Lahti, Jacob	27	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Dishon. Disobeyed order
Gorilla, Louis	24	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 23, 1903 (6?)	Expiration of service
Bessen, Henry	23	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Dishon. Disobeyed order
Alguire, William	19	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	disobedience orders
Maki, Mike	25	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Dishon. Disobeyed orders
Conly, Edward	19	Mar. 23, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed

Vincent, Frederick	24	Mar. 23, 1903	blank	Removed
Coutch, Archie	19	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 23, 1906	Expiration term of service
Stenstrom, Albert	25	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept. 27, 1904	Business engagement
Dodd, Lacey	18	Mar. 23, 1903	Sept. 27, 1904	Removed
Hopaga, Andrew	25	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Dishon. Disobeyed order
Nyarjila, Mike	26	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 29, 1903	Disobeyed order
Martell, Peter	25	Mar. 23, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed
Vickers, Martin	21	Mar. 23, 1903	Mar. 23, 1906	Expiration term of service
Triplett, William D.	32	May 7, 1903	Blank	blank
Otto, William	25	May 7, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed from station
James, Chris	33	May 16, 1903	Failed to reenlist	Removed from station
Andrews, William	32	Aug. 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed from station

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**A photo by Jones Studio in Ironwod circa 1900-1920—Scanned by John Burns from glass negatives located at the Historic Ironwood Depot archives**



*Luther Leader at 204 Bonnie St.--Student  
1921 Ironwood city directory*

***Eliza Bagster's saga of her 1849 voyage to the New World—From her journal***

(Continued from January newsletter)

Sept. 1, 1849—The wind is blowing a complete gale since yesterday morning. I could not go to bed. Feeling too frightened, but I was the best. The yard arm, which carries the largest sails is broken, it gave such a crash. I saw it. We cannot stand hardly, all walk sideways. I went to look at a small brig, which came in sight and looking down from the deck, was schocked to see a poor child just brought to be buried. It was seved up with some weight to sink it, and fixed to a board. While burying, the next child died, making three in the same family. The wind still keeps up, I, quite well. Going 9 knots an hour. Shall go to bed soon, read all day.

Sept. 2—The gale continues Sunday. Sat on the sofa and read. Many ill. Dr. Falenty to do. The vessel slants. The ocean looks most grand. I do feel frightened now. The moon looked so lovely, shining on the water. I keep the courage of the Thellon's, they are complete Irsih, the distress on board is very great. Some are starving—tried to buy some food, but could not.

Sept. 3—The gale continues. Another person dead, a woman. The wind abated about six. Nothing particular has occurred today.

Sept. 4—Dead calm, only going 4 knots all night, now about 11 p.m. It is most tiresome. At this rate, we shall be six or seven weeks more. The motion in the vessel is continual—it makes one

feel quite fatigued. The Thellons do nothing but grumble. The Dr., nothing, but sleeps on the sofa. The other passenger, nothing but study and myself, work, read, and mope. There is a great sameness.

Sept. 5—The gale is beginning again—worse than before, constantly a head wind sea. Cannot hold a needle, can hardly stand on deck. I hope it does not blow in this way on land. I fear trip. Denton will find my journal very uninteresting. Another old woman dead.

Sept. 6—The gale continues but less violent. The ship dips very much, because there is more sea than wind. Fear we shall be a month longer. I feel very tired. Already we have sailed a fortnight and yet are not halfway. We now have 20 hundred miles to go. I must unpack my boxes, as I fear they will be damp.

Sept. 7—The wind has changed though blowing hard. It is aft and we are going 11 knots an hour. It is getting very hot. Another woman died. It is very wearying on board.

*Note—Eliza Bagster appears to be a woman of some means, at least in relation to her ship board mates, but certainly didn't find the trip a luxury cruise. Death seemed a daily occurrence.*

*We can only imagine what our ancestors endured in the immigration process.*

Remember the program, *They Came in Ships*, Saturday, June 11, 2 P.M. at the Bessemer Area Heritage Center.

We encourage you to become a member of the Gogebic Range Gen. Soc. The easiest way is to go to our website, [gogebicroots.com](http://gogebicroots.com) and follow the instructions to join the society. Along with our obit services at \$2 per obit, membership is a primary source of income needed to maintain our website and continue to provide assistance to the hundreds who contact us yearly. We bend over backwards to assist our members. It's fun helping people who appreciate what the GRGS has to offer. It's also a pleasure getting to know you.

Until our third quarter newsletter in July, the GRGS wishes you good health and  
good searching.

Gary Harrington  
President, GRGS

