

## Gogebic Range Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Greetings—You may be some of many who visited the Gogebic Range this summer or plan to be here for the fall color season. Reminiscing seems to be a major component of the make-up of amateur genealogists (Guess that's us). Fourth of July celebrations and county fairs provide the conditions for doing just that and there have been terrific ones around here this year, as always. If you do get to the area, please look up any of us with the GRGS. We can exchange stories of yore and perhaps help each other locate a few ancestors, find where they lived and worked, where the kids attended school, and in many cases, why they left the area.

*Many thanks to Carol Williams for the wonderful program she put on June 11 at the Bessemer Area Heritage center. "They Came in Ships" was geared to helping us identify our ancestor immigrants and to locate and read passenger lists and other pertinent documents. Here are a few "helps" she provided:*

### *Types of passenger lists*

*1892—1921—Immigration Passenger lists*

*1855-1890—Custom passenger lists*

*1500-1885—Ships/Captains lists*

### *Major Indices*

*1892-1954—Ellis Island*

*1855-1891—Castle Island—(Note—I had heard of this but hadn't*

*Tried it—Wonderful source.)*

*1500—1900—Ancestry.com*

*Before 1820—The Ships lists/logs*

## Internet Sources

[www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)

[www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org)

<http://ellisland.org>

[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) –Steve Morse One step Guide

<http://www.immigrants.net>-- Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

[www.archives.gov/genealogy/immigration](http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/immigration) --National Archives and  
Records Administration

[www.olivetreegenealogy.com](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com)-Olive Tree Index to Ship Lists

<http://immigrants.byu.edu> –Immigrant Ancestor Project

[www.mifamilyhistory.org/glpassengers](http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/glpassengers) -Great Lakes Travel into MI

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/index.jsp> -National Archives Searchable  
Index for Russian, Irish, German and Italian Immigrants to America



**Enlistment Record for Company I, Third Infantry, Michigan National Guard,** stationed in Ironwood in early 1900s (Continued from April newsletter). Let us know if you recognize someone. We'll try to find more information about him.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Enlistment Date</u>	<u>Discharge Date</u>	<u>Cause of Discharge</u>
Kuton, John	23	Aug. 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed from sta.
Patrick, James	24	Aug. 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed from Sta.

Samuelson, Norm	22	Aug. 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed from Sta.
Walsh, Harry	18	Aug. 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903	Removed from Sta.
Stewart, Guy	27	July 16, 1903	Mar. 19, 1904	Removed from Sta.
Patawa, Alfred	31	Mar. 28, 1904	May 6, 1904	Died of Pneumonia
Switzer, William	18	Aug. 18, 1903	Mar. 22, 1904	Dishon. discharge
Olson, Alex	31	June 10, 1904	_____	Bus. Engagement
Bart, Alex	21	Mar. 29, 1904	_____	_____
Charboneau, D.	21	Mar. 29, 1904	_____	Dishon. discharge
Fabio, John	20	Mar. 3, 1904	_____	_____
Galley, Owen	18	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Dishon. discharge
Garland, Bert	23	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Bus. Engagement
Lesselyong, Leo	18	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Dishon. discharge
Larson, Claude	18	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Dishon. discharge
Lipke, Bruno	21	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Removed from Sta.
Rough, William	18	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Removed from Sta.
Rutherford, Robert	18	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Removed from Sta.
Sackett, Lee	20	Aug. 18, 1903	_____	Removed from Sta.
Hammerloc, A.	24	Mar. 3, 1904	_____	Dishon. discharge
Mosell, John	20	Mar. 1, 1904	_____	_____
Seally, Earl	18	Mar. 1, 1904	_____	Removed
Sarkali, Edward	18	Mar. 2, 1904	_____	Dishon. discharge
Kesik, James	23	Mar. 29, 1904	_____	Dishon. discharge
Rappe, George	22	Mar. 19, 1904	_____	_____
Rasmussen, Walt	18	Mar. 19, 1904	_____	_____

Wallace, James	25	Mar. 29, 1904	_____	Dishon. discharge
Maryland, Victor	22	Apr. 5, 1904	_____	_____
Nelson, Gust	23	Apr. 5, 1904	_____	Removed
Donivan, John A.	23	Apr. 10, 19904	_____	Dishon. discharge
Deitrick, John	23	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	Dishon. discharge
Johnson, Alfred	19	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	_____
Justinas, Mike	19	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	_____
Masek, John	18	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	_____
Petronis, Mike	25	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	Bus. Engagement
Stenstrom, Miller	18	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	_____
Shaffer, Roy	21	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	_____
Vatanle, Joe	20	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	_____
Brooks, James	23	Apr. 10, 1904	_____	Removed
Shea, James	21	May 19, 1904	_____	Dishonorable
Sackett, Roland	18	May 19, 1904	_____	_____



### *The Heritage of Charles J. Broecker—From the Gogebic Range to France*

*A few weeks ago I was privileged to visit again with two French sisters with Gogebic Range roots. They previously visited Ironwood about five years ago. Anne Selma Ginestou and Regine Broecker walked into the Historic Ironwood Depot, prepared to*

*donate a well-documented and meaningful album encompassing much of the life of their father, Charles Broecker. I'd like to share some highlights from it.*

*Charles Broecker was born in Ironwood on December 4, 1913, with the birth name Odin Nils Peterson. He was one of the two youngest children of Swedish emigrants. His father, Sven Albert Peterson, a miner with tuberculosis, died in Colorado in January 1918. His mother, Selma Nelson, lived with six children at 120 Frederick St. until her death February 1920 from influenza. Odin Peterson was adopted two times, the second time being May 1921 by Charles Bernard Broecker, who changed Nils' name to Charles Broecker.*

*He lived a large part of his early life with his adopted family in Kenosha and Milwaukee, Wisconsin till he left for the war (WWII). Until then he also had frequent links with his birth family. Charles maintained a fascinating journal of his war years in Europe and Africa. The sisters asked that the American Legion be offered the opportunity to display the journal. I'll arrange that. His journal is a vivid story of battles and movements throughout Italy and France, written from the viewpoint of a soldier who fought and lived in horrendous conditions. He was not afraid to present his impression of events that newspapers might publish with a different slant. His description of off-duty incidents and insight are priceless. We'll feature some in future newsletters, along with further genealogy about the family who remained in this area.*

*In 1944 Charles met his wife to be in the small village of Le Castellet in the picturesque area of Provence in southern France. Charles and Denise Maurillon were married in 1947. For several years Charles worked for the U.S. Army in Belgium, Holland, England, and France. Denise was an only child and did not want to go to the States before her parents died. Charles had planned and hoped to return one day to America but that was not to be. He died July 30, 1962 as a result of poor treatment of a stomach ulcer following the war. He is buried in the tomb of the Maurillon's family in the medieval village La Cadiere d'Azur.*

*Anne and Regina would welcome hearing from anyone who may have known Charles or his families. We'd be pleased to connect you with them.*

*Until next newsletter, happy and successful searching,*

*Gary Harrington*

