

The following items were copied from a "historical bulletin board" on the back of the Inwood Twp. Cemetery sign. The cemetery is located in Cooks, Inwood Twp, Schoolcraft Co, Michigan.

### **Story of the Old Cemetery**

Samuel Marks picked the site of the first Cooks Cemetery.

It's not often given to everyone to pick the place which forms the cemetery of their own burial, but this happened for Samuel Marks....A Civil War veteran who moved to Cooks from New York state.

Mark's grandson, Chester Gray died at the age of 6 months and the cemetery was picked at that time. A hillside along US 2 south of Cooks was chosen. The child buried there was the son of Mr & Mrs George W. Gray.

Eventually a number of others were buried there. A small picket fence enclosed the area at one time. Originally there were 5 acres in the cemetery. A forty was added by an act of Congress in 1896.

In recent years, graves have been moved to the new Cooks Cemetery and other areas, but some remain. Lilacs and "live forever" plants still grow and a number of large markers and small foot markers remain.

The graves include that of Marks, who served with company H of the 110th New York Volunteers in the war. He died October 8, 1893 at the age of 74.

Other veterans marked graves in the cemetery are those of M. H. Lyman, who served with Company F of the Michigan Cavalry and Levi Rivers. The Rivers marker is for Cynthia, wife of Levi, who died at age 53.

A number of persons who died at young ages also are buried here. These include Timothy O'Brien who died May 7, 1891 at the age of 23: Clifford, son of Joseph and Mary Truckey, who died in 1890 at age 16: Christopher Congdon, 1871 - 1900: and Samuel J. T. Lyman 14, Lizzie Lyman 16 and Pearl Lyman, children of Mr and Mrs Ardin Lyman.

Another grave is that of Hilda Johanna Heinanen, with the inscription "syn alawudella March 28, 1895 kuol Cooks Mills, Michigan June 13, 1900" Also buried here are Christopher Middaugh 1814 - 1901 and his wife Diadama 1816 - 1898, Kate Mitchel 1846 - 1899 and Alson Congdon 1833 - 1915.

This cemetery became inactive after the purchase of the new cemetery.

### **The New Cooks Cemetery**

Located in section 29, off 442 (old US 2) Cooks Township owned (Active).

The new cemetery was purchased 1912 from Ed Shilson for \$375. In 1914 a motion was made to have one side Protestant and the other side Catholic.

**Excerpts from the "History of the Catholic Church" (St Mary Magdalene) by Esther Levielle.**

Baptism 1890

O'Brien, John                      Maurtius & Marie (Black) O'Brien

Burial

O'Brien, Thomas born in Canada age 12, buried 1890

Baptisms 1891

Leveglie, Mary                      Teodile & Axeline (Desarmier) Leveglie    God Parents, Joseph & Agens Leveglie

Beauchange, Jo Wesley    Alfred & Adelia (Gaumon) Beauchange

Marenger, Anna                      Alexander & Mathilda (Desjardin) Marenger

Bruno, Joseph                      Joseph & Celia (Michand) Bruno

Weber, Mary                      Antone & Mary (Majer) Weber

Lorance, Donald                      Joseph & Olive (Desjardin) Lorance

Marriage 31 Oct 1892

Michael O'Brien & Mary Black    Witnesses Thomas O'Brien & Julia Black

**Newspaper Announcement**

Claude & Olive (Roberts) Segerstrom

1893 1969                      1894 1972

Married 14 May 1918

Children

David 1936 - 1978

Aldean 1928 - 1985

Romaine 1931 - 1984

Edward 1919 - 1987

Sadly missed by

Olive Deuparo

Jerome Segerstrom

Thelma Bowen

Loretta Knopf