

## **POTTER'S FIELD**

### **Block 11C**

10/6/2024

**A potter's field is a burial ground for people who are poor, unclaimed, or unknown. The term comes from the Bible, where the chief priests of Jerusalem bought a potter's field to bury criminals, strangers, and the poor.**

- The Potter's Field for Plymouth County is located at the Memorial Cemetery in Le Mars. (Also known as the city cemetery) Approximately 2 of the 20 acres in the cemetery.
- Located in the southeast part of the cemetery in Block 11C.
- Currently we have identified approximately 136 recorded graves.
- It's estimated that there may be an additional 50-75 graves that have not been recorded.
- There are a couple years that the grave records have been lost. (Rows 7-8) These would be for the years of (1933 to 1942).
- In our research we have discovered at least 2 or 3 previous owners of the cemetery before the city. Those records are some in question. ( We are still looking to find that information)
- We have also been informed by city officials that have worked hard to keep the records accurate, that there are many unrecorded burials, which took place at night. These burials were done by people with no money and needed to bury their loved ones. (This information has been handed down through the years. Unknown if it is documented anywhere)

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- There are about 6-8 of those that have been buried in the Potter's Field that were Identified as UNKNOWN. Three (3) of these infants Identified as BABY DOE.
- (18) Children aged 10 and under are buried in the Potter's Field.
- (7) Military veterans are buried in Potter's Field
- Many that are buried, that we have no information except a name and date of death. ( Most were immigrants or drifters. Two of these we're not sure if the names are correct.)
- First recorded grave in the Potter's Field was for Jennie (June) Van Halsma who died on 3/23/1890 at the age of 35. This was 6 years after the first burial in the city cemetery. She was born in Holland in about 1855.
- The last burial was 12/10/2024. Nancy Geary age 79 passed on 11/1/2024 at a care facility in Plymouth County.

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**1: Jennie Van Halsma: abt 1855 - 3/23/1890 (35):** Jennie's record shows she was born in Holland, however there's no date of birth recorded. She was a housewife and was buried here in LeMars. She was also listed as having the first name of June.

*Source ~ Plymouth County Museum Website.*

**2: Thomas Doll: abt 1848 - 5/22/1890 (42):** Thomas was born in Norway. He worked as a baker for J. F. Heeb. He was described as a heavy drinker, which is believed to have led to his death. It was described as a horrible last few hours for him.

*Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel, 5/22/ 1890.*

**3: N.M. Schmidt: abt 1838 - 10/6/1890 (52):** A farmer by trade, was born in Denmark and married. He died at the age of 52 and is buried in the Le Mars Cemetery.

*Source ~ Plymouth County Museum.*

**4: Lanyard Thaden: Moved to Block 8 Lot 35**

**5: John Henning: abt 1813 - 8/6/1891 (78):** It is believed that John was living in the poor farm when he died. Very little information is known about him.

*Source ~ Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel, 8/7/1891.*

**6: Joseph P. Holmes: abt 1813 - 8/8/1891 (78):** Joseph was born in Canada, died at the poor farm of consumption.

*Source ~ 9/8/1891 Le Mars Sentinel / Plymouth County Museum*

**7: Anton (Tony) Wanner (Wonner): abt 1863 - 12/8/1891 (28):** Anton was born in Germany. He was a bartender in Struble, Iowa, who had an

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**ROW 2**

**1: Infant Son Jacobs: 2/12/1891 (0) :** The child was stillborn.

*Source~ Plymouth County Museum Website.*

**2: Henry Wuest: abt 1857 - 5/3/1895 (36) :** Henry was born in Switzerland, and lived in the county poor farm for the past twelve years. He was a laborer and passed away while living at the poor farm.

*Source~ Plymouth County Museum Website. 4/8/1895 Le Mars Sentinel*

**3: William Dockery: abt 1860 - 5/17/1895 (35) :** Working as a farmhand on a farm in the area near the village of O'Leary. The farmer reported that "Dockery came to work drunk and was fired". Dockery was mad and told the farmer he would be back. The next day the farmer and his young son were working in the barn and heard a noise. Dockery was drunk and attempted to steal eggs from the chicken house. The farmer shot Dockery and killed him. The Sheriff and Coroner ruled the case self-defense. The newspaper reported that "The farmer was known to have a short fuse and had threatened to kill Dockery before the incident".

*Source ~ 5/20/1895 Le Mars Sentinel*

**4: Ivy M. Rowen: 5/23/1895 - 6/10/1895 (18 mo):** Ivy died of a lung infection at home. *Source~ June 13, 1895 Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**5: Alfred Swanson: abt 1848 -7/10/1896 (48) :** Alfred was described as a laborer with a drinking problem. He was born in Switzerland, and had lived in Webster County and in the Des Moines area. His body was discovered hanging in the loft of a farmers barn. The coroner ruled the death a suicide.

*Source ~ 7/11/1896 Le Mars Globe.*

**6: Emil Heuser: abt 1857 - 9/24/1895 (28) :** Emil was born in Germany, was single and had no family in the area. He had been living in the poor farm at the time that he passed away.

*Source~ Plymouth County Museum Website.*

**7: Frank Beeling: abt 1861-10/20/1895 (34):** Frank was killed by a train near Hinton. *Source~ Plymouth County Museum Website.*

**8: Male Infant: abt 2/20/1896 (5 days):** Unknown infant male was found on the Illinois Central railroad tracks. The Coroner's investigation determined that the child died of strangulation. A cord was found around the child's neck.

*Source ~ 2/ 20/1896 Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**9: Nick Kohl: abt 1851 - 2/16/1896 (45) :** Born in Switzerland. Nick died at the Plymouth County poor farm where he was living. He had been sick for about two weeks.

*Source ~ 2/19/ 1896 Le Mars Globe.*

**10: Unknown:** No Information at all.

**11: Ulrich Kulman: abt 1869 - 3/17/1897 (28) :** Ulrich also possibly spelled Olrich. Shows up in the 1896 Census as Olrich. *No other information was found.*

**12: Floyd N Carder: abt 1852 - 3/20/1897 (45) :** Mr. Cader died while staying at the Farmer's Home Hotel. He passed away on 3/20/1897. He has lived in the Le Mars area for about the past six years. He was an engineer. He had no known relatives and he had no money. Iowa Death Records state that Floyd died from heart disease.

*Source~ Iowa Death records/ 3/24/ 1897 Le Mars Globe / 3/25/1897 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.* Shows the name as James Carter with very little information. The Farmers Home Hotel is also known as the Weidenfeller Hotel.

**13: Ed Dietrich: abt 1857 - 1897 (35-40 YOA ) :** It was reported that Ed died of alcoholism. He was working and living in Mr. Henth's Livery Stable. Ed had lived around Le Mars and the vicinity for several years. It's believed that he came here from Germany from a very wealthy family, and was very well educated. It was said he told people that he had deserted from the **German Army**.

*Source ~ 5/5/1897 Le Mars Globe.*

**14: Walter D. Baney: abt 1887 -5/6/1897 (10):** Walter, the son of Edward and Mrs. Baney, died of bowel inflammation while the family camped near town enroute to Hutchinson County South Dakota.

*Source ~ 5/10/1897 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel*

**15: William Crawford: abt 1831 -1/17/1898 (67):** William, a school teacher in St. Paul MN for a time, died of kidney trouble at the poor farm. Very little was known about him. He lived at the poor farm for about 7-8 years before his death.

*Source ~ 1/22/1898 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**16: Henry Meitzler: abt 1853 - 1/20/1898 (45) :** Henry a Well digger by trade was a long time resident at the poor farm, is believed to have died of heart disease. *City Records show the name as Writzer.*

*Source ~ 1/24/ 1898 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**17: P. Jenkins: abt 9/1/1897 - 2/28/1898 (6 mo):** Infant child of M.M Jenkins died after a week-long illness.

*Source ~ 3/ 2/1898 Le Mars Globe.*

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**1: Thomas Lewis: abt: 1848 - 8/1/1898 (52) :** Was working on a farm near the Akron and Chatsworth area, and died of what appeared to be natural causes (Heart Failure). The Coroner was called and told that the deceased was William Lewis. When the Coroner arrived to retrieve the body, a gentleman approached and asked if the Coroner knew the dead man. The Coroner said " it's William Lewis. The gentleman stated that he didn't think so and told the Coroner that he knows William Lewis and that it's not him. The Coroner asked how well the gentleman knew William Lewis ? The gentleman said, I know him real well, because I'm William Lewis and this guy is not related to me. The deceased was later identified as Thomas Lewis. Mr. Lewis was believed to have a sister in the Saint Louis area, but has been unable to make contact. There is no family in the area. *Source ~ 8/3/1898, Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**2: Johanna Klein: abt: 1831 - 8/5/1898 (67):** Johanna died at the home of Mrs. L.W. Lane. Mrs. Lane had been charged by the county authorities to be cared for Johanna because of poor health for many years. She had been at the poor farm prior to that.  
*Source ~ 8/11/1898 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**3: Maurice Hardey: abt: 1862 - 9/23/1898 (36) :** Was found face down in the Floyd river south of Le Mars by two young boys playing on the bridge. The authorities were called and Hardey was pronounced dead by the Coroner, but a Coroner's Inquest was requested because the body was found in shallow water. Several people testified in the case and the death was ruled accidental death due to intoxication and falling off the bridge. Even though one witness asked how that could be when the body was found some 30 yards upstream from the bridge. Maurice worked for several people in the area and would travel to Lyon County to work as well. *Source ~ 9/24/1898, Le Mars Globe.*

**4: William Shrils: abt: 1871 - 5/15/1899 (28) : No Information**

**5: Marie Noltause (Kuolthouse): abt: 1821 -12/8/1899 (78):** Marie died at her home in Le Mars, after a brief illness. She left her husband and two adult children. She was born in Holland.

*Source ~ 12/13/1899 Le Mars Globe.*

**6: Phil Frederick Tokey: abt: 1849 - 12/27/1899 (50): BRITISH VETERAN:** Phil was born in England. Served for sixteen years in the artillery service of England, enlisting in 1867. He saw service in India, South Africa and other parts of the globe, and received a medal for bravery in the Afghan war in 1879. He was under Lord Roberts when that general made his celebrated march to Kaudahar and was also present at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir in Egypt in 1882.

*Source ~ 12/28/1899, Sioux City Journal.*

**7: Florence Donovan: abt: UNK - 1900 - (Unknown age):** Donovan and one other young man attempted to hop a freight train bound for Sioux City. Donovan was struck by a coal shut on a shed and fell from the train and was crushed. He is described in the article as a youth. No age was given. He was from Blawblk, Minn, but had been residing in the Remsen area. *Source ~ 10/24/1900, Le Mars Globe.*

**8: George Goodwin: 5/22/1826 - 12/10/1900 (74):** George, a resident at the poor farm for many years, died on December 10, 1900.

*Source ~ December 12, 1900 Le Mars Globe.*

George Goodwin was the second husband of Nancy (Rathburn) Robinson, widow of Melvin C. Robinson (1829-1864). George and Nancy were married on 27 September 1865 in Dodge County, Wisconsin. They had two daughters, Margaret Elizabeth and Mary. Nancy Goodwin died between 1873 and 1876. The location of her grave is unknown but can be assumed to be in Dodge County, Wisconsin. After Nancy's death, George placed their daughters with relatives to be raised.

He died in the Plymouth County Poor Farm in Marion Township, Plymouth County, Iowa. *Source ~ Find a Grave (Family).*

**9: Herman Dorsch (Dusit)(Dusch): abt: 1866 - 3/18/1901 (35):** Herman's true last name was unknown. He used the last name of Dusch, Dusit, and Dorsch, however he was known in the Le Mars area as "Pops". He came from the New York area as an orphan and was shipped to Galena, Illinois. He was adopted and ended up in Plymouth County, Iowa. He was a well liked young man, very intelligent, and a hard worker. He did fall victim to the whiskey and died of intoxication and exposure. He had been living at the Weidenfeller Hotel at the time of his passing. *Source ~ 3/ 21/1901 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**10: John Jessen: abt: 1861 -4/21/1901 (40):** According to the Le Mars newspaper dated April 21,1901. Jessen was murdered by two subjects. The two were apparently working as hired hands. Jessen was an alcoholic and very abusive husband. He came home and threatened the two subjects and his (Jessen's) wife. He went to his bedroom to possibly retrieve a gun. The wife and two subjects left the house. A short time later Jessen had chased the two subjects around the barn and shots rang out. One of the individuals came from around the house and told Jessen's wife John was dead. The two individuals were charged with murder after a Grand Jury hearing. *Source ~ 4/21/1901, Le Mars Globe.*

**11: John Gergo (Geiker)(Gergo): abt 1868 - 5/30/1903 (35) :** According to the Le Mars paper dated June 1, 1903. Gergo was stalled on the railroad

track and was struck by a train. It was believed he was intoxicated at the time.

*Source ~ 6/1/1903, Le Mars Globe.*

**12: C. Culver (Culiva): abt: (UNK) - 4/1/1904 (Unknown age ): No information at this time.**

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**1: Ray Bridgeman: abt: 1845 - 12/16/1905 (60's):** Ray Bridgeman. Bridgeman was living in the poor farm and is believed to have died from kidney failure as well as other health problems. Ray moved to LeMars (from Galena IL.) a fairly wealthy man. He was a deputy postmaster in that town under authority of President Grant. He fell on hard times and was identified as a very honest and hard working gentleman. He worked for many years at Pews Hardware store where he would arrive early in the morning and not leave until late at night. The Plymouth County Museum site has the last name spelling Bridgeraun.

*Source ~ 12/19/1905, Le Mars Sentinel*

**2: Unknown Baby: 3/22/1907 (Hours Old):** The body of a baby girl was found in an ash pile behind the Carnegie Library. The coroner believed the infant had lived for a few days. Coroner reported that the train conductor said a woman complained of being sick on the train as it went into Sibley, Iowa. He thought the woman exited the train in Le Mars. The coroner reported that the infant was just a few hours old at the time of her death, and that the child was killed by holding the child's nose, so it was unable to breath. No other information was released. Secured for investigation.

*Source ~ LeMars Sentinel 3/27/1907*

**3: Infant A. Bakken: 8/28/1907 (3 1/2 Mo ):** Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bakker died after a brief illness.

*Source ~ 9/3/1907 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**4: John Richardson: abt: 9/27/1837 - 9/8/1907 (70) :** John was born in Cumberland, England and came to the United States in 1888. He settled in Illinois, he went back to England for a time and in 1906 ended up in

Kingsley, Iowa. His brother was William Richardson of Elkhorn Township. He died at the County Farm of lung failure.

*Source ~ 9/10/1907, Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**5: Joseph Edwards: abt: 1852 - 10/7/1908 (56) :** Born in Buffalo, Kentucky. Joe died of tuberculosis after a long illness. He left a wife and three kids. He had been an employee at the city water plant for many years. *Source ~ Le Mars paper dated 10/9/1908.*

**6: Joseph Tipton: abt: 1866 - 5/11/1910 (44) :** Was first thought to have tuberculosis and later doctors decided it was another unknown disease. He had worked near Remsen as a farm hand until his health changed. He was then placed in the county home where he died. He was said to have no family, friends or money. It was believed he was born in Illinois. *Source ~ 5/ 12/1910 Le Mars Globe*

**7: Mayron Edward Haseltine (HAZELHIN) : abt: 1910 - 7/15/1911 (11 Months) :** The Haseltine were traveling from Council Bluff to Minnesota by covered wagon with young Myron. The child had taken ill and the family stopped in Le Mars for help from a doctor. It was determined the child had pneumonia and was beyond any help when they arrived. The family had no money, and the child's body was taken to Wiltgen Funeral Home where a small service was held. The last name is spelled a few different ways. Possible name spellings **HAYETHINE, HAZELHIN**. Also believe the father is John.

*Source ~ 7/18/1911 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**8: Colord NEAU / Negro Male: abt: 1887 - 9/21/1912 (25):** September 24, 1912 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel reported that a Colored male was found dead at the stockyard was possibly murder. The man and two other colored males were helping load hogs when all three suddenly disappeared. The deceased was found a short time later in the lot with several injuries to his head. It appeared he had been struck with a blunt

object. A witness that had seen the three males earlier said the deceased was clean and very well dressed, where the other two had dirty clothes and not at all clean. The man's body was taken to Wiltgen's Funeral Home and will be buried in the city cemetery.

*Source ~ Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**9: H.F Cravens: abt: 1877 - 11/22/1917 (40):** A corn husker working on the Louis Montangn farm near Potosia in the southwest part of the county fell from a wagon to his death. Cravens was a stranger to the area, but is believed to have two living sisters. Their whereabouts is unknown.  
*Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel on 11/30/1917.*

**10: William Lewis : abt: 1841 - 5/7/ 1919 (78):** William Lewis Was Well Known Teamster and Horseman

William Lewis, a well known resident of Plymouth County since the eighties died at the city hospital on Wednesday morning. His death was sudden. He had eaten breakfast and the nurse had left the room with the tray of dishes when she returned a few minutes later she found Lewis dead. Lewis was brought to the hospital from the county farm on March 13 and underwent the amputation of his leg to prevent the spread of gangrene, which had affected his foot. Lewis had worked for many years in LeMars and on farms in Plymouth county. He was employed by Wm. Boyle when the latter was sheriff and had worked in livery stables for many years. About two or three years ago, being too old and infirm to work longer, he was taken to the county farm. Lewis was a teamster and a first rate man around horses and knew how to treat them and make them look their best. He was proud to turn out a rig and team in spick and span fashion. His relaxation was getting on sprees but he never harmed anyone but himself. But little of his early life is known in LeMars. He came here from the vicinity of Galena, Ill. It is said that he had relatives in Illinois who offered him a comfortable home, but he

preferred to be on his own. He was about seventy-eight years of age, as far as his associates could learn.

The body was taken in charge by undertaker Wiltgen and the funeral held Yesterday. *Source ~LeMars Sentinel, 5/9/1919 and from the Plymouth County Museum.*

**11: Kowalski Infant Boy (Alex Davidson): 5/23/1919 - 5/24/1919 (1 day):** Museum Records show last name **Kowalsky Infant/** Mother Clara. Iowa Death Records show that Clara Kowalski gave birth to a boy who died shortly after birth. The infant was named Alex Davidson. *Source ~ Iowa Death Records.*

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**1: EMPTY**

**2: Scott Spaulding: abt: 1869 - 11/30/1915 (46):** According to Iowa Death Records, Scott died at the hospital in Le Mars of a bowel obstruction. He was from North Field, West Virginia. He worked husking corn in the Merrill area. *Source ~ 12/3/1915 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**3: John (Sandy) Vohon : 8/26/1855 - 1/15/1916 (61):** John died in a Sioux City hospital of cancer. He had been in the hospital being treated. Little was known about him. He was a carpenter by trade and had no known family in the area. He spoke of a brother in Texas.  
*Source ~LeMars Bi-Weekly Sentinel on 1/18/1916.*

**4: George Owen: abt: 1847 -11/18/1916 (70):** George died in the County Poor Farm after having a foot amputated. He had no friends or money, and his family was all believed to be dead. He came from England as a young boy and worked in Sioux City and Le Mars as a gardener.  
*Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel 11/21/1916.*

**5: George O. Dell: abt: 1853 - 1/21/1917 (64) :** George died of heart problems caused by high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Arteriosclerosis. *Source ~ Iowa Death Records*

**6: Oscar Anton Peterson: 12/1/1875 - 4/29/1917 (42) :** Mr. Peterson from Beach N.D. threw himself in front of the Number 10 passenger train while working in the rail yard. He had no family in the area.  
*Source ~ 5/4/1917 Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**7: James E. Springstead : abt: 1864 - 4/20/1919 (55) :** Reported that James Springstead had died in a local hotel after medical complications from heart failure. Nothing is really known about him, except he came from the Burlington area after being released from the hospital in January, where he had what was believed to have been a cyst from his neck. He was reported to have been a drifter and would not leave any information about his family or where he came from.

*Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel on 4/25/1919*

**8: R. Henry Renken: abt: 1863 - 2/10/1921 (57) :** Henry Renken, a resident of Plymouth County for more than thirty years was found dead in his bed at the residence of Paul Utesch where he had been making his home of late. Mr. Renken had been in poor health for some time. Death was due to heart failure and other complications.

*Source ~Plymouth County Museum Cemetery page.*

**9: Frank Moist: abt: 1856 - 7/20/1921 (65):** Frank died while in the county home, where he had lived for several years. Death records show he died of tuberculosis.

*Source ~ Plymouth County Museum Cemetery page.*

**10: Adolf Jensen Theodore Haak: 9/15/1879 -8/6/1928 (49):** VETERAN of WW I. Adolf was a well known Auto Truck Trader from Brunsville. He was born in Germany and died at the Community Hospital.

*Source ~ Plymouth County Museum Cemetery page.*

**11: James Diehl: 10/24/1852 - 2/6/1934 (81):** James moved here from Ohio, and was known as a trapper, carpenter and farmhand. James had many talents. Death records indicate his death was caused by heart failure and influenza. He left 2 sisters that were in the Ohio area.

*Source ~ Le Mars Globe 2/8/1934. Iowa Death Records.*

**12: Wanda May Givnes (Givens): 11/23/1931 - 3/9/1932 (5 mo):** According to Iowa Death Records, Wanda May Givens age 5 months of Westfield died of Influenza. The mother is listed as Laverne Givens.

*Source ~ Iowa Death Records.*

**13: Bill Alberts: 6/?/1893 - 3/15/1927 (74) : Turned First Furrow On Ground Where Remsen Flourishes :** Credited with having turned the first furrow in the virgin soil on the ground, where now flourishes the town of Remsen, Bill Alberts, aged 73, a derelict on the sea of humanity, gave up the ghost and passed away at the county farm, Tuesday morning. Little is known of his antecedents, aside from the fact that he worked on farms in the east part of the county for many years, and when forced by exigencies of age and failing health, took shelter in the home provided by the county. William Alberts was born at Luray, Iowa, June 1853, and came to Plymouth County in the early days of settlement. He was of a reserved, not to say truculent, disposition and his associates of the county home never gained his confidence as to his associations. A letter was found in his clothing written last year on an Ida Grove hotel stationery signed by Mrs. Dan Miller, supposedly a niece, from its tenor. The body was given in charge of Wiltgen Undertaking Firm, and the burial was made in the potter's field yesterday afternoon.

*Source ~ 3/18/1927 Le Mars Semi- Weekly Sentinel.*

**14: Bill Adams: abt: 1863 - 7/16/1927 (64):** William Adams, 64 years old, a farm hand, died at a local hospital here Saturday afternoon from injuries he received when trampled by an irate bull the previous day at the farm of Henry Detloff, about five miles north of LeMars. Adams was attacked by a bull as he was taking the animal back to the barn after leading it to water. He was struck in the back by the animal and tossed in the air and then trampled, his chest being crushed. Adams was rushed to the hospital in LeMars after his prostrate form was seen lying in the farmyard by Mrs. Detloff. The physicians could do little for him as his injuries from the first examination were seen to be fatal.      WARNED BY OWNER

days, had been cautioned to look out for the animal. The bull is a Guernsey and dehorned. Before going to the Detloff place Adams had worked on the Allie Hawkins farm in Sioux County for a short time.

*Source ~ 7/19/1927 Le Mars Semi- Weekly Sentinel.*

**15: Clarke Reeder: abt: 1848 - 12/5/1927 (79) :** Clarke was a long time resident of the county home and had many health problems. It was reported that he dropped dead while sweeping the porch. He was born in Farmington, Ohio in 1848.

*Source ~ Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel, 12/9/1927.*

**16: August Kluver: 5/12/1857 -3/31/1929 (72):**

**Farm Hand Ends Life with Shotgun.**

August Kluver Dies Soon After Shooting at Barthel Ruba Home Sunday. Despondent, presumably over his inability to find steady work and a permanent home after many years of hard work and shifting from place to place, August Kluver, a well known farm hand who had been in this vicinity for many years, ended his life Sunday afternoon by shooting. Writhing in agony, and with life nearly extinct, Kluver was found lying on the kitchen floor at the Barthel Ruba farm home four miles southeast of Remsen at 5 o'clock in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Ruba on their return from a visit with neighbors. He died soon thereafter. Mr. Kluver had been admitted to the county home last fall, and failing to find this to his liking, he applied to Mr. Ruba for shelter for the winter. Mr. Ruba, having been acquainted with the man for a long time, admitted him to his home and Kluver worked for his board. He had been in a rather despondent mood for a number of weeks. The fatal act was committed with a .12 gauge shotgun, which apparently had been placed against the base-board of the room and discharged with the use of a curling iron. The charge struck him directly above the heart and some of the shots scattered and struck him in the face and head. Coroner L. E. Mauer pronounced it a clear case of suicide. The body was taken to the Nothem undertaking rooms and held there until the time of the funeral. The body was taken in charge by the county, and was laid to rest in the city cemetery at Le Mars Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

But very little is known hereabouts concerning the birthplace of the unfortunate man, but it is known that he was a native of Germany and came to this country as a young man. Kløver is believed to have been about 65 years old. He spent about 45 years in this part of the country, and for many years was in this county and around Remsen.

*Source ~ Remsen Bell-Enterprise 4/4/1929. Iowa Death Records show his last name as Cløver was his age of 62.*

**17: Godfried Wallenschlager: 2/12/1870 - 3/31/1930 (60):** Mr. Wallenschlager was born in Switzerland. His body was found in the grove on the Val Sitzmann farm near Kinglsey. He was a farmhand for Mr. Sitzmann, and was believed to have died due to intoxication.

*Source ~ 7/10/1930 Le Mars Globe.*

**18: George Peters / (Infant): 10/29/1941 :** The infant died shortly after birth at the hospital. Parents were George E. and Lizz Peters.

*Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel on 10/31/1941.*

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**1: George Calhoun: 4/17/1870 - 2/4/1932 (61) :** Long time Plymouth County resident, George Calhoun died on February 4th. George's family was one of the first families to homestead on the Floyd River. He was a farmer for many years and also worked for the Illinois Central Railroad.

*Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel on 2/5/ 1932*

**2: Henry Ortgies: 1/22/1849 - 1/23/1933 (83) :** A longtime resident of Plymouth County died at the County Farm where he had lived for many years. He moved here from Germany and worked as a farm hand, a bartender until prohibition, and later became a painter by trade. He had no family in America , but had many friends.

*Source ~ Le Mars Globe 1/26/1933*

**3: Gus Roden: 1/19/1905 - 1/30/1933 (87) :**It was reported that Gus died at the Sacred Heart Hospital after a brief illness. He had been living at the County Farm for the past five years. Gus came here from Germany and was married and widowed. He had no other family here.

*Source ~ Le Mars Globe 2/2/ 1933*

**4: Henry Meins: 4/15/1890 - 4/15/1933 (43):** The Le Mars Globe reported the death of Mr. Meins on his 45th birthday. Henry was found dead on a farm in rural Plymouth County after suffering a 410 shotgun blast to his legs. A trap had been set up in a chicken coop where many chickens had been stolen over the past months. When the family returned home in the evening from Craig, they discovered the body of Meins. The county coroner investigated and determined that Meins had bled to death.

*Source ~ 3/17/1933 Le Mars Globe.*

**5: Samuel Sevison (Seveson?): 11/4/1850 - 10/13/1933 (82):** Mr. Sevison was a long time resident of the county. He was born in Limostone, PA, but lived in Plymouth County for more than fifty years. He was involved in real estate, and a stockholder in the Plymouth County Milling Company. He died of old age and left behind many family members and friends. *Source ~ The Le Mars Globe on 10/16/1933.*

**6: Adolph Witte: 7/25/1856 - 8/3/1934 (78) :** Funeral services were held on Saturday from Luken's Funeral Home, with Rev. John Perl officiating, for Adolph Witte, resident of Merrill for 35 years, who passed away at the Sacred Heart Hospital Friday, suffering from the infirmities of old age. He had been sick for the past three weeks. Mr. Witte was born in Mackelburg, Germany, on July 25, 1856, and at the time of his death was 78 years, and eight days old. He had resided at Merrill for the past 35 years and for a good number of years was a well digger there. Mr. Witte was a conscientious and willing worker and a man who always performed well at whatever task he undertook. He leaves to mourn his death, brothers and sisters and other relatives who live in the old country and whose names could not be learned. Burial was made in the City cemetery with Luken's in charge of funeral arrangements.  
*Source ~ LeMars Globe-Post 8/ 6/1934*

**7: Empty (Joan Stucke Removed)**

**8: Herbert Gillis: abt: 1872 - 12/16/1934 (62) :** Mr. Gillis died at the Depot Hotel of what is reported to be Internal Malady. He had been farming days earlier near Ellendale when he became ill.  
*Source ~ 12/18/1934 Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel.*

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**1: Infant Kelly:** No information

**2: William Kilker:** 12/15/1859 - 9/15/1942 (82) : William Kilker was born in Forreston, Ill. Mr. Kilker worked as a farm hand most of his life. He was never married and is not known to have any relatives in the area. He moved here from Illinois. He died at the Zimmerman House of old age.  
*Source ~ Iowa Death Records , Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel, 9/18/1942.*

**3: Ole Peterson:** 1/30/1905 - 4/18/1943 (86) : Mr. Peterson worked for the railroad as a lineman and as a farmhand in his younger years. He died at the Zimmerman house of old age.  
*Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel on 4/19/1943.*

**4: Franz Roth (Frank?) :** abt 1887 - 7/26/1943 (56): Franz Roth was working on the Jauer Farm near Hinton and died of what appeared to be an accident. The accident was discovered when a team of horses Franz was working with came into another team. Franz was found a short time later lying on the ground unconscious. Franz and another man that had been working the other team were taken to the hospital with injuries. Franz died later that night of his injuries in the Sioux City Hospital. Franz was born in Germany *Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel on 7/29/1943.*

**5: Frank Brausch:** abt: 1865 - 2/26/1944 (79): Mr. Brausch, an inmate of the county home, died unexpectedly Saturday evening from a heart attack. He was apparently in good health and ate his supper as usual. Shortly afterwards, he complained of pains in his chest. He was assisted to bed and an hour later passed away. Brausch was always reticent about his personal affairs and nothing is known here about his relatives. He worked around Remsen for many years at well digging and other jobs. The body was taken to the Luken Funeral Home where services will be

American Lutheran Church will officiate at the service. *Source ~ Plymouth County Museum Site and The Le Mars Sentinel 2/29/1944.*

**6: Vern Godfrey : 12/1/1882 - 12/20/1944 (62) :** Vern died Wednesday at the Zimmerman Home where he had been since taken ill. Previous to that he had lived at the county farm for two years, where he worked on the farm. He had no known relatives. Funeral services will be held at the Luken Funeral Home. Mr. Godfrey was 62 years of age on December 1.

*Source ~ 12/12/1944, Le Mars Daily Sentinel.*

**7: John George Bornholtz: 9/27/1874 - 8/8/1945 (71):** The only thing found on Mr. Bornholtz was an entry in the Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel for September 14, 1945. Plymouth County Board of Supervisors on bills approved for payment. \$75 to Wiltgen Funeral Home -Burial -Bornholtz. The death certificate states he worked doing farm labor most of his life.

*Source ~ Iowa Death Records.*

**8: George Walters: 4/14/1884 - 9/17/1945 (61) :** George Walters, local painter and paperhanger, died at the Zimmerman Home Monday evening following a stroke. Mr. Walter's had been in failing health with heart trouble for the past six months and suffered a stroke Sunday night. Deceased was born at Columbus, Ohio, on April 14, 1884, and was 61 years, 5 months and 3 days of age at the time of his death. Mr. Walters came to Plymouth County about 25 years ago where he made his home for some time, later leaving and returning periodically. During his years of residence in LeMars, he was employed by the late J.P. Poeckes and was still active in his profession until the time of his death.

*Source ~ Plymouth County Museum website as reported on 9/21/1945 in the Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel.*

**9: Caspar Bill Anton: 5/19/1914 - 5/14/1946 (31) :** The LeMars Globe reported on May 16th, 1946 that Caspar had taken his own life with a homemade 22 caliber pistol. The incident took place near the railroad tracks. *Source ~ Iowa Death Records and 5/16/1946, Le Mars Globe.*

**10: Roland LeRoy Seely: 7/8/1898 - 1/1/1947 (49) Veteran WWII :** Roland was celebrating New Years with some friends at the poor farm 1 ½ miles south of Oyens. He was given a ride back to the farm house where he was staying and working for the family. He told his ride to drop him at the gate and he would walk the rest of the way as he was not feeling well and thought the walk would do him good. He was dropped at the gate at about 1 am and was found about 9 am a short distance from the gate. He apparently had a heart attack and froze to death. He has family in the area. Mainly in the Akron area.

*Source ~ 1/2/1947 Le Mars Daily Globe.*

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**1: Gladieth B. (Framke) Beach : 11/18/1915 - 11/17/1947 (31) and Son John 11/17/1947 (1 Day):** Died from injuries from an automobile accident in Sioux City, on Highway 75 near the Floyd Monument. Infant John is buried at the foot of his mother.

#### **News Report & Obituary :**

**LEMARS, IOWA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1947**

**Second Victim Of Accident Is Dead**

**Mrs. John Beach**

**Succumbed Nov, 18**

Mrs. John Beach of Brunsville, who was injured in an automobile accident south of Sioux City on Highway 75 on Wednesday of last week, died Monday in a Sioux City hospital as a result of her injuries. Gladieth Fromko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fromke, was born Nov. 18, 1915, at Blencoe, Iowa, and came to Plymouth county two years ago. On May 4, 1947, she was married to John Beach at Dakota City, Neb., and they have since lived at Brunsville.

She is survived by her widower, her father, Herman Fromke of Sioux City, a brother, Jesse of Angus, Minn., and other relatives and friends in Sioux City, Omaha, Onawa and Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held at the Mauer Funeral Home at 2 p. m.

Thursday with Rev. Ward B. Campbell of the Free Methodist church officiating and burial will be in Le Mars city cemetery.

Mrs. Beach is the second woman to die as the result of this highway accident. Mrs. Richard Van Voorst died Sunday.

*Source ~ 11/19/1947 Le Mars Globe.*

**2: Oscar Sutton Marshall: 4/22/1848 - 12/19/1954 (77) :** Oscar Marshall of Brunsville died at the Plymouth County Home, Sunday, Dec. 19. He was 77 years old. He was in lingering sickness for 5 weeks. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 2:00 o'clock at the Mauer Funeral Home. Rev. H.V. Bartz officiated. Burial was in the City cemetery. He made his home at the Gert Siebens home for the last 10 years. He had been at the county home for the last 5 weeks. He was possibly a veteran. Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Ed Lane, from Des Moines and one brother, Chester Marshall of Winfield, Ia.

*Source ~ The LeMars Globe-Post, 12/ 23/1954*

**3: Patrick Terrance McGovern: abt: 1877 - 3/28/1955 (78):** Mr. Mc Govern came to the Le Mars Police Department for a place to stay, as he had very little money. He was last heard at around 10 pm when the duty officer heard him washing up before retiring for the night. The morning duty officer came in and discovered the gentleman had passed away. He had reported to the officer the night before he was coming from Stockton CA. on his way to see family somewhere in Milwaukee. Authorities checked with the hospitals in the Stockton area, as he had reported he had been released after a heart issue. They had no record of anyone by that name.

*Source ~ Le Mars Globe 3/31/1955 and Iowa Death Records.*

**4: Sarah Ann Wolf: abt: 1871 - 12/18/1954 (83) :** Sarah passed away at the Plymouth County Home early Saturday, December 18, following a long sickness. Deceased was born in Hungerford Township, Plymouth County in 1871. No relatives survive.

*Source ~ The LeMars Globe-Post 12/20/1954*

**5: Assmussen Infant: 11/24/1955-11/28/1955 (4 days):** The daughter of Jens and Anna Assmessen, who made their home in Remsen, Iowa. There are no details of the death. The child was apparently never named, and only listed in the obituary her mother Anna as proceeding her in death. *Source ~ Find A Grave under Anna Assmessen.*

**5: Baby Doe 1956 (days old) :** Unsure but an Infant's body was found in the Akron area just before this burial date. The child died of a cerebral hemorrhage possibly from a difficult birth. Ruled Natural Causes.

*Source ~ Floyd Valley Farm News, 1/20/1956.*

**6: Frank Dutch Heigner: 7/9/1895 -12/5/1957 (62):**Veteran of WW I Frank (Dutch) Heigner passed away at the Plymouth County Home on December 5, 1957. He was the son of the late Agnes McQuatson and August Heigner. Mr. Heigner was born July 9, 1895, in Plymouth County. He had resided in the county his entire life and was a laborer. He was a veteran of World War I. He had been a patient at the home for one year. Survivors include sisters: Mrs. Lena Brownmiller of Marcus; Mrs. Agnes Ebert of Lutson, Minnesota; and Mrs. George Hayes of Springfield, Illinois; and a brother, Julle of West Alice, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Laura.

*Source ~ The LeMars Globe-Post, 12/9/1957*

**7: Harry Christensen: 6/9/1900 - 1/24/1962 (61):** A farm laborer, Harry died at the County Home where he had lived for several years. He was seriously ill when he moved into the County Home and never recovered.

*Source ~ Le Mars Globe , January 25, 1962*

**8: Alexander McInness: 6/20/1915 - 4/13/1962 (46):** Veteran of WWII Alex had lived in Merrill for about three years. Was a salesman in retail by trade. He served in WW 2 with the Canadian Forces. *Source ~ Ancestry*

**9: Oliver Ainsworth Washburn: 11/28/1882 - 11/26/1962 (79):** Oliver moved here from the Sloan Iowa area. He worked for the railroad for many years. He died in the County Home where he had lived for a couple of years. *Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel , 11/26/1962*

10: Herbert (Herb) Ervin Koerner: 3/24/1901 - 3/12/1965 (64): Herb cement worker, was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital after being discovered at County Home hemorrhaging.

Source ~ *Le Mars Daily Sentinel*, 3/15/1965

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**1: Stella Kramer: 8/7/1880 - 9/13/1965 (85) :** Stella was born in Kingsley, Iowa. She moved into the County Home in 1958 where she passed on September 13, 1965. She was survived by a son G.H. Kramer of Pico Rivera, California. *Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel, 9/15/1965.*

**2: Birdie Krudwig: 7/10/1897 -6/27/ 1966 (79) :** Birdie's information is very sketchy. Iowa Records show that she was born sometime between 1886 and 1888 Birdie Carpenter. She married Ed Krudwig and in 1915 the Census records show her residence as MHI in Cherokee for 53 years ,until her death in 1966. *Source ~ Iowa Death, Marriage and Census Records.*

**3: Tony Christensen: 8/10/1886 - 5/20/1930 (46):** Tony moved to America as a young child from Denmark. He worked as a farm hand most of his life, but after some heart related problems moved into the county home. He died there from heart failure.  
*Source ~ Le Mars Globe , 5/22/ 1930.*

**4: Rita Irene Beach : 11/18/1924 - 5/23/1968 (43) :** Rita Duxberry married John Beach in 1950. She had a son Gary, a daughter Dianna and five step children. She died at the hospital in Iowa City after a brief illness.  
*Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel , 5/ 23/1968.*

**5: Augusta Prodahl: 10/28/1862 - 11/10/68 (76) :** Augusta died at Floyd Valley Hospital after a brief illness. She had been living at the Plymouth County Home for several years and had been a patient at MHI in Cherokee before that.  
*Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel on 11/11/1968 and Iowa Death and Census Records.*

**6: Glendora May Meyers: 7/24/1928 - 10/18/1928 ( 3 Mo) :** Glendora died of an intestinal problem. Her family had only moved to Le Mars a short time ago from Wagner, South Dakota.

*Source ~ Le Mars Bi-Weekly Sentinel, 10/23/1928.*

**7: Irwin B. (Buck) Estes:2/7/1906 - 7/19/1971 (65) :** Irwin spent most of his life working as a farm hand.e was a long time resident of MHI in Cherokee, died at the Plymouth County Home. He does have a grave marker. *Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel on 7/21/1971.*

**8: Howard V. Anderson: 10/13/1913 -5/16/1935 (21) :** Died in an Iowa prison of tuberculosis where he was serving a five year term for larceny. *Source ~ Iowa Death Records.*

**9: Frank Virgil Morris: 8/12/1906 - 5/17/1987 (80) :** Frank was born in Elk Point, South Dakota. He farmed for many years and also worked at the American Legion in Brunsville as well as operating the cafe. He died while living in the Abbey of Le Mars.

*Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel, 7/ 31/1987.*

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**12: Gertrude Pitts: 3/3/1914 - 3/3/1971 (56) :** Gertrude was married to John F. Pitts and mother of Donna M. Pitts. She died at the Plymouth County Home after an extended illness.

*Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel 3/10/1971*

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15: **Mark A. Miller: 6/23/1964 - 8/7/1972 (18)** : Mark died from injuries he received in a single vehicle car accident near Elk Point, South Dakota. His mother was MarLou Miller of Seny, Iowa.

*Source ~ Sioux City Journal 8/10/1972*

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4. **John Beach Sr.: 9/2/1897 -11/24/1977 (80) :** John moved to the Plymouth County area from Spink, South Dakota in 1947. He worked as a laborer all his life. He died at his residence in Le Mars unexpectedly. Source ~ 11/25/1977, *Le Mars Daily Sentinel*.

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**14. Loren David Clark (ashes): 2013 (58) :** Loren Clark passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. Loren was born on January 8, 1955 in Vermillion, South Dakota, the son of Alvine R. and Mabel W. (Biesbrock) Clark. He attended country school in Union County, South Dakota and transferred to Beresford, South Dakota. He later attended Remsen Union and Le Mars Community Junior High. Loren graduated from Le Mars Community High School in 1973. On June 28, 1975 Loren and Deborah Kellen were united in marriage in Le Mars, Iowa. Loren worked as a machine operator at Wells' Dairy from 1975 until 1986.

*Source ~ Plymouth County Museum Website 8/12/2013, Le Mars Daily Sentinel.*

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**1: Shonna Jean Jenkins: 12/4/1947 -7/18/2006 (57) :** Very little known about Shonna. It appears she lived all over NW Iowa and NE Nebraska. It also appears she was living in Cherokee at the time of her death.

*Source ~ Iowa Records*

**2: Donna Mae Pitts: 12/26/1937 -1/10/2009 (71) :** Donna passed away at the Good Samaritan Village in Le Mars.

*Source ~ Plymouth County Museum Website.*

**3: Doris I. Rakness: 9/17/1944 - 7/30 2003 (58) :** Doris was born Sept. 17, 1944, at Janesville, Wis. She moved to Le Mars in the late 1980s from Fairmont, Minn., where she worked in a local nursing home. In Le Mars, Doris worked at Alco Department Store and Hy-Vee Grocery Store. She had been with the housekeeping staff at The Abbey of Le Mars since 1990. She will be missed by the staff and residents of The Abbey. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother and sister.

*Source ~ 8/1/2003 Le Mars Daily Sentinel*

**4: Hugh Bullock: 8/12/1952 - 2/2/1984 (31) :** Hugh's death was ruled a suicide after drinking toilet bowl cleaner, while in custody at the Sioux County Jail. Hugh had lived in the Le Mars and Merrill area for the past few years. He was a truck driver by trade.

*Source ~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel, 1/12/1984.*

**5: Grace Vivian Carlson: 2/17/1920 - 8/4/1985 (65) :** Grace Carlson, the former Grace Knutson of Radcliffe, Iowa, had lived in the Abbey of Le Mars since November 1973. She passed away after a lengthy illness.

*Source ~ 8/5/1985 Le Mars Daily Sentinel.*

**6: Delores Joann Worster:10/27/1931 -12/8/1986 (55):** Delores died at Floyd Valley Hospital after a brief illness. She worked at Wells Dairy and at Sweet Sixteen Lanes. Her husband Granville was cremated when he died and is buried in the same plot.

*Source ~ 12/9/1986 Le Mars Daily Sentinel.*

**Granville Martin (Shorty) Worster: 8/3/1932 - 6/4/1995 (62) Veteran of Korean War:** An Air Force veteran, Granville worked as a butcher in Sioux City and at the packing plant in Le Mars until after the death of his wife. He then moved back to the east coast where he lived near family until his death. After his death his ashes were returned to Le Mars where he was buried with his wife.

*Source ~ 6/7/1995 , The News Journal of Wilmington, Delaware, and Social Security Records*

**7: Christopher P. Hoppe: 9/14/1981 -3/24/1987 (5) :** Christopher P Hoppe, 5, Le Mars, died Tuesday (March 24, 1987) at Sioux City St. Luke's Regional Medical Center after an extended illness. He was a lifelong Le Mars resident. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at St. John's American Lutheran Church in Le Mars with Rev. Tom Lee and. Rev. Rudy Oudheusen officiating. Burial will be in Le Mars Memorial Cemetery under direction of the Mauer-Johnson Funeral Home in Le Mars. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Thursday. Christopher was born Sept. 14, 1981 in Le Mars to Douglas and Alicia Worster Hoppe. Survivors are his parents of Le Mars; a brother, Joshua, Le Mars; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Hoppe and maternal grandfather, Granville Worster, all of Le Mars.

*Source ~ Ancestry*

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**9: Joseph Nicholas Kraus: 11/19/1906 - 11/24/1987 (81): Veteran of WWII :** A 1940 Census report shows him as a cement worker. Joe died unexpectedly at his home in Le Mars.

*Source ~ Ancestry*

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**11: Gerald Iseminger : 1/20/1932 - 6/14/1991 (59):** Gerald died while at the Floyd Valley Hospital. He was a resident of The Abbey of Le Mars for about 17 years. He was from the Rock Rapids, Iowa Area.

*Source ~ 6/17/1991 Le Mars Daily Sentinel.*

**12: William (Bill) Edgar McNichol: 11/30/1932 - 7/9/2014 (81): Veteran of WWII:** Bill was raised near Yankton,SD. Was married to Marlene Mae Neilson, and had a child LeeAnn (Micky) Maher. His remains were cremated.

*Source ~ Find a Grave*

**13: Faith Miranda Lynn Valdes-Luna: 10/4/2004 - 2/1/2005 (4 mo):** Died at a Sioux City Hospital. Parents are Carolyn and Israel Valdes-Lunna.

*Source ~ 2/3/2005 Sioux City Journal*

**14: Jashua (Joshua) James Clark: 12/27/1977 - 4/5/2005 (27) :** Jashua's personality was admired by all that knew him. Spending time with his nieces and friends was most important to him. He was a wonderful caring person. He loved to spend time outdoors. He played cards, dice and was an excellent dart thrower. He inherited his love for tinkering from his father and grandfather, And, wherever he went, he listened to music. Clark died from a shotgun wound, possibly from a hunting accident.

*Source ~ 4/8/2005 Sioux City Journal.*

**15: Jordan Aahley Strang: 12/3/1980 -9/28/2010 (29):** Jordan Ashley Strang was born on December 3, 1980 in Sheldon, Iowa to Virgil and Charlotte (Fields) Strang. He attended school in Roseburg, Oregon, and Everly and Spencer, Iowa. Jordan later attended Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa. He married Jammie Sowell on March 9, 2001. They were blessed with two children, Veda and Carter. After his education, Jordan worked construction with BBB Construction in Correctionville, Iowa and Ahlrich Concrete and Brown Concrete and Masonry in Le Mars. He also worked as a cook at Uncle Albert's, Lally's Eastside, and the Truck Stop in Le Mars. Jordan enjoyed drawing and skateboarding. Strang died of an apparent suicide according to a Le Mars Police Department as reported in the Le Mars Daily Sentinel.

*Source ~ 10/ 5/2010 Le Mars Daily Sentinel*

**16: Sharon L. Hiles (Bartolozzi): 1/15/1941 -2001 (60) :** Born in South Sioux City, Nebraska to Oscar and Lela Bartolozzi. Not much is known about Sharon.

*Source ~ Ancestry*

**17: Gertrude Van Houten: 2/12/1925 - 10/7/2010 (85):** Gertrude, formerly of Schaller, Iowa passed away Thursday, October 7, 2010 at the Abbey of Le Mars. A Prayer Service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2010 at Carlsen Funeral Home in Le Mars, Iowa. Reverend Jason Larson of the United Methodist Church of Le Mars, Iowa will officiate. Burial will follow in Memorial Cemetery in Le Mars, Iowa.

*Source~ Le Mars Daily Sentinel 11/ 10/2010.*

**18: Jose Acosta Murcia : 7/6/1953 - 10/7/2010 (67):** Jose Acosta Murcia, 67, of Le Mars, Iowa passed away on Friday, December 11, 2020 at MercyOne Siouxland Regional Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. A Celebration of Life Service will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at Mauer – Johnson Funeral Home in Le Mars. Rev. Christian Meier of St. John's Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Memorial Cemetery in Le Mars. Jose was the first recipient of a headstone provided by THE LAST GIFT. *Source~ Find-A-Grave.*

**19: Nancy Geary : 4/14/1945- 11/1/2024 (79):** Nancy A. Geary, 79, of Remsen, Iowa, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024, at Happy Siesta Health Care Center in Remsen, Iowa. Arrangements are pending at this time.

*Source ~ Mauer-Johnson Funeral Home and Plymouth County Museum Website.*