



Greensburg Cemetery Tour

Green Historical Society



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Noteworthy Persons of Greensburg Cemetery

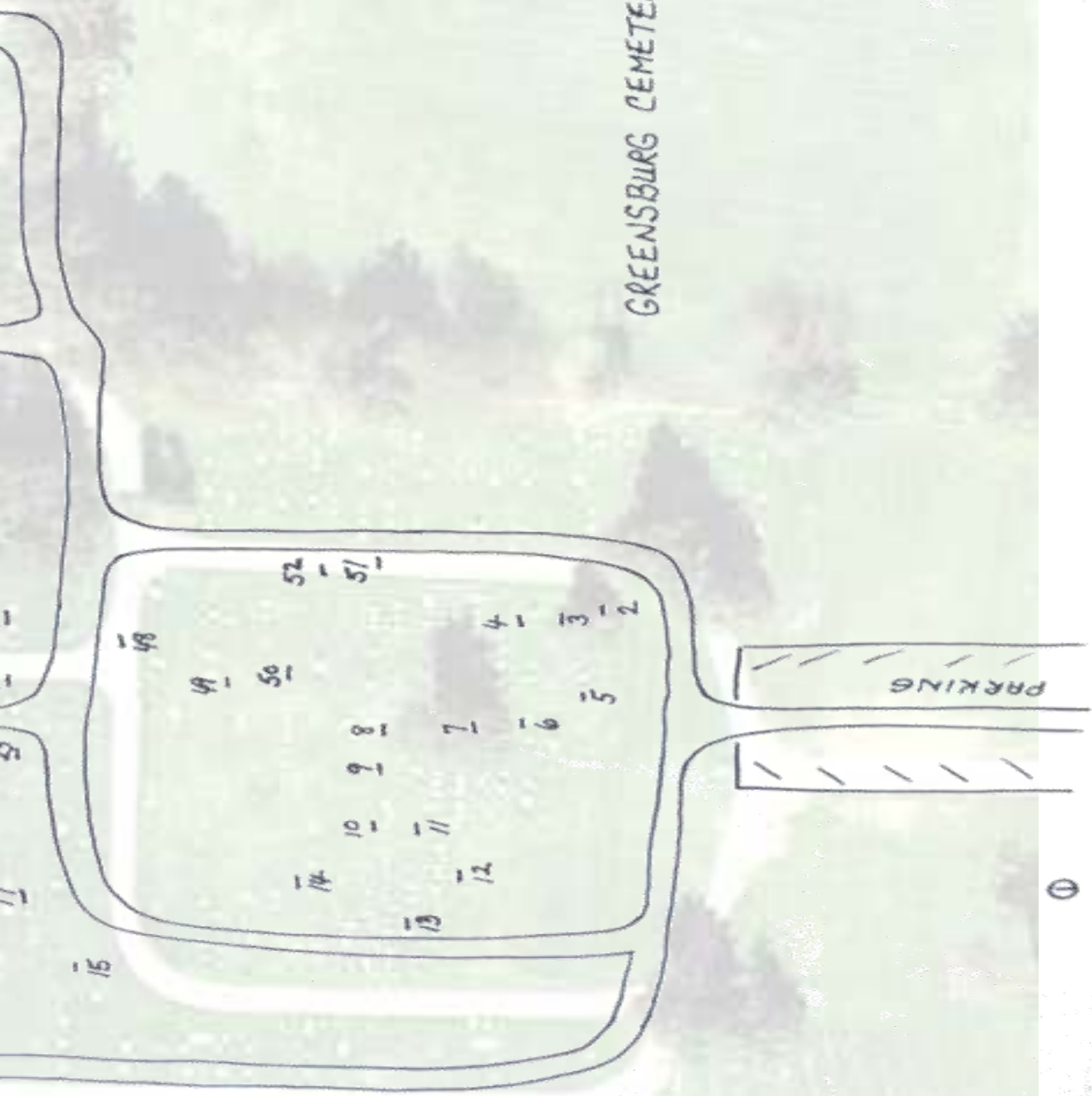
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GREENSBURG CEMETERY TOUR



1. Monument on Site of First Evangelical Church in Ohio

The Emanuel Evangelical Church was built in 1838. This plain 28' x 40' meetinghouse had no tower nor bell. The meetinghouse had a double door in front for men, a side door on south for women, and 3 windows on each side. The sexes were separated by a solid board partition along the middle aisle. Each side had its own "amen corner" and stove, and a semi-circular rostrum raised one step in front with a communion rail with the pulpit raised higher.



2. George and Adeline Fasnacht

George and Adeline Fasnacht lived in a log house in front of present Deaf Outreach Church (former Baptist Church, Emanuel Evangelical). The Fasnacht's adopted Mary Key when she was 2 weeks old. She was the last resident of log house. Mary Key was known as Tennis Mary.



3. J.H.C. and Martha J. Weaver

Joseph Weaver was Civil War veteran who served from Pennsylvania. His discharge paper was found in the log house in front of the Deaf Outreach Church. He and wife went to Akron to get what was unavailable in Greensburg (liquor) and upon returning home, she could not go into the house. He pushed the wagon with her in it into the shed and she was found dead the next morning.

4. Gephard and Anna Singer

Gephard and Anna Singer lived on Koons Road in a log house owned by the Beres Family (circa 1990). Singer Lake was named for their family. Both were born in Germany and he was listed as well digger in 1850 census.

5. Corporal Harvey C. Shaffer

Corporal Harvey C. Shaffer was a soldier during Spanish-American War. He was in charge of company rations at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania. He contracted typhoid fever and died in Reading. Both his father, Samuel, and his wife visited him 2 weeks before he died. He left a 3 year old daughter.

6. Joseph H. Smith

Joseph H. Smith died March 10, 1886 of diphtheria, aged 17 years, 5 months. This was **before children routinely received 'dpt' immunizations.**

7. Anna Maria Semler

Anna Maria Semler has the only stone in the cemetery with a German inscription.

8. Henry Swartz

Henry Swartz served as private in the War of 1812.

9. Proctor Anderson

Proctor Anderson has a now illegible stone between Leah Houser and Winifred Grable. He was scalded, and died November 1871, aged 1 year, 7 months, 21 days.

10. Christian Spitler

Christian Spitler was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He lived in a brick house (now gone) East of Deaf Outreach Church Sunday School annex south of Greensburg Square. One winter the ground was too hard to bury the dead and they were stored in a shed northwest **of Christian's house until the ground thawed.**

11. Henry Koons

Henry Koons was a farmer and weaver. He was born in Pennsylvania and was an ancestor of various Koons/Koontz families in Green.

12. Adam Beltz, Sr. & Jr.

Adam Sr. was a farmer, died of typhoid fever, Adam Jr. died less than a year later of lung fever.

13. Peter Thornton

The First Evangelical Church and the original acre of this cemetery were built on land owned by Peter Thornton. He sold the land for the cemetery after the death of his 12 year **old son, George, in 1846. Peter's brother owned land where Turkeyfoot Lake Golf Course is today and is still in the Thornton family.** See photo at right.



14. Daniel Bender

Daniel Bender was said to have served during Mexican War. He came with his father, Jacob, from Conestoga Creek, Pennsylvania, in 1821. Jacob had built a conestoga-type wagon to move his family. Jacob was not a farmer, although he owned land. He was a millwright and knew John Brown, the Abolitionist. As he grew older, Brown told him to raise sheep. Daniel was a harness maker.

15. Steven Hicks

Steven Hicks was the first victim of Jeffrey Dahlmer.

16. Bill Hutchison

Bill Hutchison was raised in the Summit County Children's Home. He was a World War II veteran. He worked for Lawson's and was associated with McDonald's restaurants for 27 years. He was active in community activities, especially those helping children.

17. Alvin Rininger

Alvin Rininger worked on his father-in-law's **farm in the Mudbrook area of Jackson Township**. He argued with his father-in-law, Adam Albright, about work and shot him twice. Albright died 8 days later. Rininger was put into Stark County Jail where he beat his head against the wall and asked other inmates to kill him, offering them \$100. He finally hanged himself in 1839. In 1938 remains of Alvin and another Rininger were found near the intersection of Koons and Thursby Roads. He had hung himself and in 1939 the Evangelical Church would not allow him to be buried in its cemetery. The remains were buried in the cemetery in 1938.

18. John and Corella Foltz

Corella Foltz's father, Samuel Gougler, had the house Toroks now live in built for them when they set up housekeeping.

19. Fred C. Sweeten

Fred C. Sweeten was a member of the Disciple Church. He operated an elevator at **H. B. Camp Company's tile works. The elevator fell 4 floors and he was killed instantly.**

20. William D. and Lucetta Sweeten

William D. Sweeten was a Civil War veteran. William and Lucetta Sweeten were the parents of Fred.

21. Milo Sweeten

Milo Sweeten was Fred's young son that died of membranous croup and could only be viewed through the window, due to the nature of his illness.

22. Abram and Nancy Hunsberger

Abram Hunsberger was an early teacher in Green. He owned 160 acres at southwest corner of Massillon and Boettler Roads. Abram and Nancy Hunsberger were parents of Lucretia Sweeten.

23. Lilly Olivia Shanower

Lilly Olivia Shanower died on February 7, 1877 of diphtheria, aged 3 years, 10 months, 23 days.

24. Jacob and Elizabeth King, Samantha King Buchman

Jacob King built the brick house on Greensburg Road just south of King Rd. where Wellers live. Samantha was a spinster schoolteacher before marrying Buchman.

25. Maud Leeser Hubbs

Maud Leeser Hubbs homesteaded out west. She was a stenographer at Mount Pleasant hospital in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Maud is the daughter of Levi and Emma Leeser.

26. Levi and Emma Leeser

Levi and Emma Leeser lived in the brick house on Nimisila Road that sits back in the field off the road. The home is still standing today (2012). Emma wrote poetry and some of her work is in the Bev Kepler-Coss Collection. Emma was the daughter of Christian and Anna (Heiss) Long and Emma was born on the farm on Nimisila. Emma's mother Anna was the daughter of Rev. Henry Heiss, who lived on Steese Road.

27. Aaron Swartz

Aaron Swartz was a Civil War veteran. He lived in old farmhouse of Rev. Henry Heiss on Steese Road until he built the brick house south of Greensburg on Massillon Road, the current home of Walnut Woods Preschool. Aaron Swartz married Sophia Heiss, daughter of Rev. Henry Heiss.

28. Frederick Pippus

Frederick Pippus was a Civil War veteran and the first postmaster in Comet.

29. William, Maria, and Alice Koons

William Koons was the son of Henry. He lived in a brick house torn down to build the present Greensburg United Methodist Church.



30. Jacob Brown

Jacob Brown was born in Germany. He was a tailor in Greensburg.

31. Henry Deutsch

Henry Deutsch married Jacob Brown's daughter. He ran a brickyard in Greensburg, which made brick for Comet school.

32. Jeremiah and Kirk Garman

Jeremiah was a Civil War veteran. He was appointed postmaster in Greensburg by President McKinley in 1897. His son, Kirk, was appointed postmaster on his death.

33. Isaac France

Isaac France was a harness maker. He lived in a brick house painted white on Massillon Road north of former Ron-Dot Bookseller. He was the father of Gertie Garman (Mrs. Kirk).

**Three Generations Serve
As Greensburg Postmaster**

George W. Garman Succeeds Father, Grandfather To Position

GREENSBURG, Jan. 13. — The Greensburg post office has the unique record of being managed by three consecutive generations, of one family grandfather, son and grandson.

Since early in the '90's Greensburg residents have received their mail from a member of the Garman family.

It was back in the early 90's that J. J. Garman, veteran of the Civil war, received his commission from the post office department at Washington. Mr. Garman held the office until his death when his son, Kirk R. Garman was given the appointment.

Business At Peak

Upon his death in 1929 his son, George W. Garman, passed the civil service examination for fourth class post office and was given the appointment and has been serving since that time.

George Garman reports that the volume of business at the Greensburg office has increased steadily during his term of office, the peak being reached during the last Christmas holiday season.

The office is located on the Greensburg public square at the intersection of the Massillon and Arlington rds. Mr. Graham also conducts a barber shop in connection with his duties as postmaster.



GEORGE W. GARMAN

34. Hiram Miller

Hiram Miller was a blacksmith in Greensburg. He had a shop where 'Muscle Mahoney' used to be. His father, Isaac, was also a blacksmith and a Civil War veteran.

35. Hiram Haring

Hiram Haring was a civil War veteran. He lived in the last house north of Greensburg on west side of Massillon Road. He used to play his bugle in the morning and awaken his neighbors.

36. Amos and Lucy Arabelle Myers

Amos and Lucy Arabelle Myers moved from Akron to Green and lived in log house on Koons Road. Amos had worked at Woolworth's in Akron. He was a barber and had a chair in his home on Koons Road. Belle Myers had a sense of humor and once played a joke on her daughter, Ruth (see #37). At butchering time, she told her she'd have a nice surprise. All the rest of the family was amused because they could see the pig's tail pinned to Ruth's coat. Once she discovered it, Ruth didn't think it was nice.

37. Clyde and Ruth Woodford

Clyde Woodford was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, and moved to Akron with his family where he met Ruth. They lived in the Portage Lakes and Greensburg areas while there family was growing up. Clyde worked at Goodyear. After Amos Myers died, Belle married John Leeser. Her daughter, Ruth, gave them an old-fashioned 'belling.' She set an alarm clock to go off during the night and hid it in the slop jar.

38. John and Lillie Sweeten

John and Lillie Sweeten married at the parsonage in Pleasant Valley. Lillie wasn't sure she would always obey John, but she promised she'd always be good to him. He promised he'd try to make her happy. John was a painter, paper hanger, and interior decorator.

39. Albert T. and Alice Koontz Durant

Albert Durant was born in England and came to Akron when 7 years old. He was a photographer with Battles photographers, then had his own studio and later was in the insurance business. In 1896 when he was first getting into business, all Akron's big businessmen wore full chin whiskers, a tall silk hat and tight trousers. Albert grew the whiskers to help business.

40. Paul Weaver Sr. and Jr.

Paul Weaver Sr. served in a medical group in WWI. Paul Weaver Jr. was killed in WWII.

41. Vachel Goddard

Vachel Goddard was the father of TV weatherman, Dick Goddard.

42. Jesse and Nora Dickerhoof

Jesse and Nora Dickerhoof lived in several houses in Greensburg, including the one just south of the Church of God, the old hotel where the old firehouse/library (now drivethru) was located, and a brick building where the softener business used to be. In the last building Jesse ran a pool hall and confectionery. The pool hall was subject of a local **preacher's sermon one Sunday.**

43. George Garman

George Garman was the third generation Greensburg postmaster. He had barbershop in same building as the postoffice.

44. Orem Vern Older

Orem Vern Older was a six year old boy died of rabies nearly a month after being bitten by **a rabid dog. He'd had 12 Pasteur treatments and the bite had healed when the symptoms** of the disease occurred.

45. Daniel and Nettie Stake

Daniel and Nettie Stake are the parents of Mildred Baab. They lived where she now lives, just East of the library. He worked for one of the coal mines in Green for awhile and did carpentry jobs.

46. Rev. Elias and Mary Staver

Rev. Elias Staver was a circuit rider in the Evangelical Church until his health failed and **he had to 'locate.'** **He and Mary made a 500 mile horseback honeymoon trip to Lebanon,** Pennsylvania, to visit his home after they married.

47. Daniel Cramer

Daniel Cramer is an ancestor of Dale Rohrer. He lived on farm on Massillon Road south of Koons Road, previously owned by Bob Boettler.

48. George Gougler

George Gougler built a brick house in curve of Greensburg Road where Rev. Bloom lived. He was one of 3 Gougler's who built brick homes on Greensburg and Arlington Roads. The others were Jacob King and Samuel Gougler whose house is on east side of Arlington Road

north of Caston Road. George died of Pneumonia in 1894. Two of his daughters had died in 1893, one of typhoid.

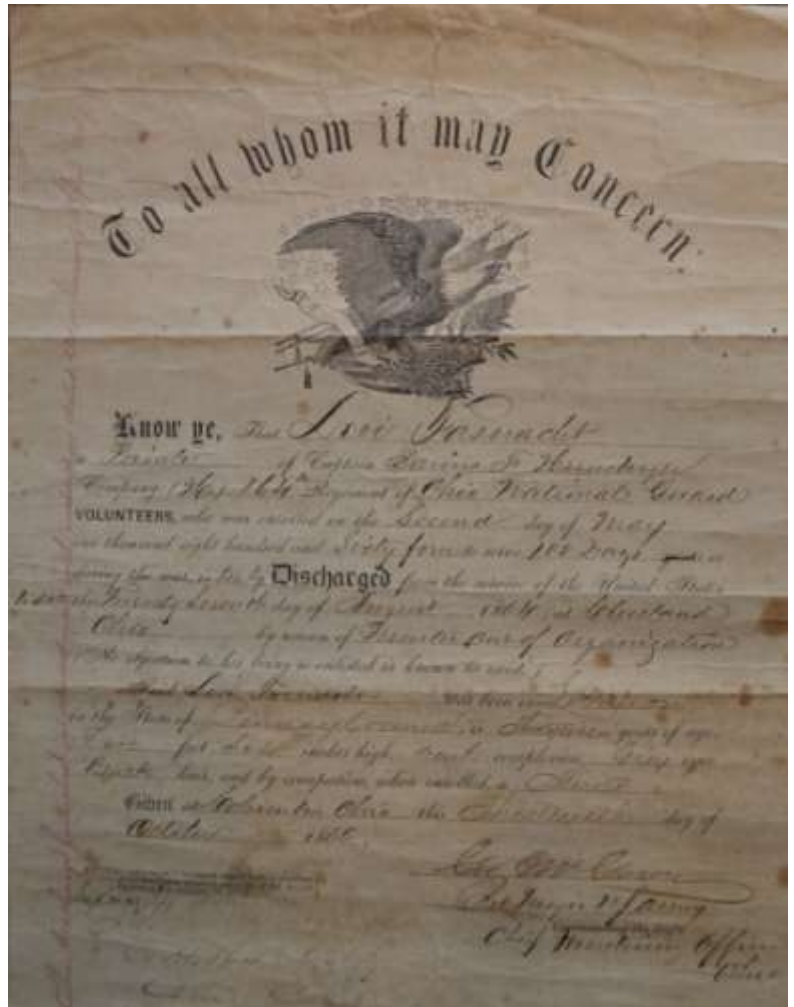
49. Levi Fasnacht

Levi Fasnacht was a Civil War veteran. He left his family in destitute straits when he died and township trustees made his burial arrangements and went to Akron to procure a coffin. It was late when they returned, so they left it at the home of one of the men. Meanwhile, the rumor started in town that the trustees were just nailing together a rough box. A group took up a subscription and went to New Berlin for a 'decent' coffin. The next morning there were two equally nice coffins for one corpse. The subscription group put the corpse in their coffin and triumphantly carried it to the cemetery for burial.

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50. Sarah Fry and Baby

Sarah Fry died of childbirth complications one day after her newborn baby died.



51. Isaac Rohrer

Issac Rohrer was the grandfather of Dale Rohrer. His farmland off Nimisila Road was taken when the reservoir was built.

Rohrer Family farm (under Nimisila Reservoir today). Photo courtesy of Dale Davidson.





Rohrer Family picnic at farm. Photo courtesy of Dale Davidson.

52. Martin Rohrer

Martin Rohrer's last illness was diagnosed as typho-malaria.

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