

Lauren Merrick, Spanish War Veteran, Dies

Lauren E. Merrick, 83, of 237 Lewis Ave., a Spanish-American War veteran who had lived in Billings since 1920, died at a local hospital Monday at 11:25 p.m. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was born in Adrian, Mich., on Oct. 26, 1872, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus P. Merrick.

Mr. Merrick entered military

service with the 31st regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, as clerk of Company D on May 19, 1898. The company arrived in Cienfuegos, Cuba, aboard the U.S. Transport Chester on Feb. 1, 1899. The company was detailed for provost duty at the City of Sagua la Granda. He was discharged on May 17, 1899.

Mr. Merrick married Miss Maude Lou Pierce in Charlotte, Mich., on June 22, 1902. They came to Joliet in 1915 from Detroit, Mich. His wife died in Billings in 1950.

Survivors include two daughters, Miss Leonie L. Merrick of 237 Lewis Ave., and Miss Nellie L. Merrick of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Dean of East Lansing, Mich., and Mrs. Marie Reigler of East Gary, Indiana.

Mrs. James Crandall

LAKE ODESSA — Mrs. Edith Crandall, 65, of Bismark Highway in Sunfield Township, died Friday at the home of a daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, following a long illness. She lived on the

Sunfield Township farm for the past nine years coming here from Cleveland. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. Surviving is the husband James, and one son, James, Jr., of Cleveland; two daughters, Mrs. Geneva Groh and Mrs. Georgia Thoma and seven grandchildren, all of Cleveland.

Peary's Widow Succumbs at 92

Portland, Maine — (AP) — Mrs. Josephine Diebitsch Peary, 92, widow of the American naval officer who discovered the North pole in 1909, and an Arctic explorer in her own right, died late Monday.

Mrs. Peary had been confined to her apartment since she suffered a broken hip in January, 1954.

Adm. Robert W. Peary gave her much credit for the success of his Arctic expeditions. She accompanied her husband on several trips, traveling farther north over the ice fields than any other white woman.

Her daughter Marie—called the "Snow Baby"—was born less than 13 degrees from the North pole in 1893, farther north than any other white person.

Burial will be in Arlington National cemetery.

7,876 5,363

Totals.

6,251
6,790

13,041

THIRD JUDICIAL

In Memory of
Ralph W. Walsh
Born

July 21st, 1881

Sunfield Twp., Eaton County, Mich.

Entered into Rest

November 21st, 1955

Sunfield Twp., Eaton County, Mich.

Memorial Services

November 25, 1955 - 2:00 P.M.

From

Mapes Funeral Home

Clergymen Officiating

Rev. Marcus Taber

Rev. N. T. Keiser

Organist

Miss Carol Huizenga

Interment

Freemire Cemetery

Bearers

Claude VanBlarcom

Carrol Benedict

Vernon MacDonald

Lloyd Steward

Theron Slade

Charles Barnum