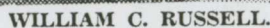


Martin—Services for William C. Russell, 98, known for the many "firsts" he brought Martin, who



died Saturday in Allegan hospital,* will be held at 2:30 Tuesday at Martin Methodist church. Burial will be in South Martin cemetery. The body is at the Marshall funeral home, Plainwell.

Mr. Russell, a bachelor who drilled water wells while in his 90s, retired only about six years ago. Born here March 22, 1858, he had lived in the same house all his life until he fell ill more than two years ago and was taken to Allegan hospital.

Installed First Bath.

hWen he was 24 he had played trombone with the first band organized in Martin.

At the age of 25 Mr. Russell installed a tank in an attic to give Martin its first bathroom. This was in the home of Mrs. Emma Pratt.

From this he was launched in plumbing and allied work. Two years later, in 1885, he operated the first steam-driven threshing machine to be used in this vicinity. He also became the owner of Martin's first sawmill then.

SEXTON, MRS. GERTRUDE BELLE

724 W. Genesee St.

Mrs. Gertrude Belle Sexton, age 79 years, wife of J. W. Sexton, former superintendent of schools, died Saturday morning at the residence. Mrs. Sexton had lived in Lansing for the past 25 years, coming here from Fenton where she had lived nine years previously. She was a member of Central Methodist church and the Women's Society of Christian Service, the Woman's Historical club, the Lansing Matinee Musical, the Friendly Home club and a past president of the General school P. T. A. Besides the husband, she is survived by two sons, Lawrence G. of St. Johns and Donald J. of Lansing; two grandchildren. Mrs. Sexton was born in Shiawassee county June 11, 1876, and attended the schools of that locality, graduating from the Lainsburg high school. Funeral services will be held at the Estes-Leadley Christian chapel at 2:30 Tuesday. Rev. Paul Morrison officiating. Interment will be at Reed cemetery, Clinton county.

In Memory of

Hettie M. Bailey

Born

August 16, 1875

Battle Creek, Michigan

Entered into Rest

April 13, 1956

Services

A. M. Monday, April 16, 1956

Burkhead Chapel

Charlotte, Michigan

Clergyman

Rev. H. B. Loomis

First Congregational Church

Pallbearers

Kenneth Bailey Forest Burslev

Keith Bailey Rex Fineaut

Charles Bailey Carl Dravenstatt

Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery

Battle Creek, Michigan

**RS. LILLIAN POPE SHELDON
IES MARCH 18 IN CALIFORNIA**

Mrs. Lillian Pope Sheldon, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pope, long time residents of Kalama township, passed away Sunday March 18th at Ojai, after a long illness.

Mrs. Sheldon graduated from Vermontville High school in 1890 of a class of fourteen, only two of that class are still living. She is survived by her youngest sister Miss Antoinette Pope, and her son Kenneth Sheldon.