

Purser Cemetery

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OLD VERMONTVILLE CEMETERY, EATON CO., MICHIGAN
Contributed by Mrs. Chalmers A. Monteith of Martin, Michigan.

Note: This old cemetery is one mile west of Vermontville on the south side of the Hastings road. It is in a deplorable condition, with graves so sunken that it is dangerous to walk around as myrtle and briars hide many pits. Lilac thickets completely surround some graves. Many of the stones are broken and often on thier faces. Some of these I was unable to raise. It may be that some were missed due to debris and to the fact that I had no prodding rod with me. There is a steep bank on the side next the road from which some of the stones can be clearly seen. That of earliest date is at the west end near the road and reads "Alex Clark died July 3, 1840." The latest is "Moses Cross died Dec. 23, 1891." A letter to the Supervisor of the township asking for any facts known by him regarding the history of this burying ground has not been answered. Those grouped together below seemed to be on the same plot. One * indicates that the stone has fallen, two **, that it is also broken. The inscriptions were copied in June, 1940. RRM

HALL, *Lorenzo d. Nov. 11, 1882 ae 70y 4m 8d
REED,) **Mary L. wife of W. L. & dau L. & P. Hall d. Aug. 18, 1870 ae 25y 2m 25d
HALL,) **Polly d. Aug. 13, 1879 ae 78y 4m
PRICE, G. A. Co. F 1st Mich. E & M.
CHILDS, Almeda A. wife of E. V. d. Sept. 11, 1869 ae 30y
ller, Chas. U. S. Navy
McDONALD, Clement d. Apr. 16, 1855 ae 32y
LENT, *Peter b. June 7, 1810 d. Nov. 30, 1872
CROSS, Matilda wife of Moses d. June 14, 1872 ae 62y Mother
Moses d. Dec. 23, 1891 ae 85y Father
PURCHIS,) *Catherine wife of Thomas d. May 10, 1874 ae 43y 21d
) *Olivia M. dau P. L. & C. d. Nov. 3, 1878 ae 12y 11d
HOOKER,) R. Birch's Det. U. S. Lt. Dragoons War of 1812
SQUIER, son of M. W. & C. A. d. June 14, 1873 ae 11y 4m 6d
Clayton d. June 4, 1873 ae 1y 11m 10d "It is a mystery"
HAIGHT, *Rebecca wife of H. d. Jan. 16, 1871 ae 52y 3m 29d
HAWKINS, *Ulissus C. d. July 1, 1869 ae 1m 10d } children of
*Daniel W. d. Oct. 26, 1869 ae 3y 4m 3d } Duane & S. E.
IRVING, *Euphemia dau H. & E. d. Feb. 7, 1871 ae 21y 4m 21d
DOLE, Mary wife of Samuel b. in Muhonnoy Co., Ohio Nov. 24, 1824
d. in Mich. Oct. 16, 1866
WOOD, *Hozekiah d. May 11, 1867 ae 69y 9m 19d
FULLER, Julia wife of J. d. Aug. 13, 1849 ae 35y 2m 13d