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FOERCHS' PRESENT SIGN TO PRAIRIE CEMETERY

Time has a way of forgetting the past and cemetery stones have a way of getting worn, moved, broken or lost. But the names of pioneers of Prairie Cemetery have been preserved along with their descendants who are buried there. Gail Foerch presented the cemetery with a beautiful bronze sign containing the names of everyone buried there. The cemetery is located in Essex Township, on Colony Road just west of Airport Road. Gail and his wife, Lorene, will be the last couple buried there.

The sign was dedicated in November with a small crowd of the pioneers' descendants, friends and members of the Clinton County Genealogists present. Hugh Banninga presided over the ceremony with Gail Foerch recalling the families, which included his grandparents who settled the south east section of Essex Township. Foerch's great grandfather Eldridge walked from Pontiac, carrying 647 silver dollars in a bag. This money was used to buy six 80 acre farms at \$1.00 an acre.

Other families buried there are, Avery, Bancroft, Bond, Boyston, Bush, Carruss, Chase, Clark, Dean, Eldridge, Ferguson, Foerch, Frink, Gillespie, Greenwood, Hildreth, Jenison, Jury, Livingston, Luck, Martin, Matter, Maxwell, Morse, Moss, Ocoboc, Pete, Powell, Price, Rolfe, Sewell, Siefert, Stiles, Taylor, Wager, Wilcox, Wolcott, and Younds.

Al Smith, friend of Foerch's, designed the sign and provided the speaker system. Unable to attend the dedication ceremony, Art Wainwright, traveling reporter for channel 10 TV, interviewed Gail at the site the following Saturday. ■

PIERSON SCHOOL

District No. 4, Victor Township

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**Pupils in 1890,
Sept. & Oct.**

Bessie Gunnison,
Teacher

Arthur, Lloyd
Babcock, Noah
Babcock, Sam
Bromley, Roy
Buehler, Dolphy
Buehler, Jennie
Ives, Enza
Pierson, Alice
Pierson, Howard
Pierson, Nellie
Pierson, Luther
Pope, Jay
Pope, Jessie

Reed, Nina
Scott, Anna
Scott, Edna
Scott, Linzia
Sexton, Jay
Sexton, Zepha

**Pupils in 1900,
Sept. & Oct.**

Amelia L. Lee,
Teacher

Alderton, Hurley
Austin, Clyde
--- Benjamin ---
Brendahl, Minnie
Brendahl, Rosa
Burt, Alba

Corwin, Leona
Ford, Emma
Haley, Andy
Hurst, Alex
Hurst, Frank
Morton, Celia
Morton, Mary

**Pupils in
1905-06**

Effie M. Boyer,
Teacher

Buehler, Blanche
Maahs, Otto W.
Maahs, Walter
Milne, Isabel
Sumner,

Sherman
Witchell, Roscoe

**Pupils in
1911-12**

Daniel E.
Ellwanger,
Teacher

Bush, Louie
Johnson, Hazel
Proctor, Belle
Sexton, Gracia
Sexton, Marjorie
Sexton, Wendal
Underhill,
Harold
Underhill, Leo ■

BIRTHS IN 1884 CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Name	Date	Name	Date
Ables, Nellie	02 Jan	Baumgardner, Ellen	23 Oct
Alberts, Earl	24 Jun	Becker	-- Apr
Aldrich, Cyrus H.	29 Sep	Beckwith, Raymond	11 Apr
Aldrich, Stephen L.	07 Apr	Beers, Joseph H.	22 Aug
Allen, Harrold	15 Apr	Beetram, Anthony	30 Jun
Allen, Nettie A.	27 Mar	Belen, Albert W.	04 Sep
Annis, William J.	09 May	Bell, Sarah	31 Mar
Antes, Alteo G.	04 Apr	Benjamin, Fred	22 Jul
Anthony, Carra	10 Nov	Bensinger, William O.	07 Jun
Arms, Anna M.	26 Jul	Berry	05 Dec
Arnold, Bertha May	09 May	Bertram, Anthony L.	12 Jun
Arthur, Gracie P.	14 Apr	Besley, Mary E.	29 Jan
Austin, Delia	13 Jun	Bigalow	21 Jun
Averill, Lulu B.	18 Feb	Bigford, Willis	17 Sep
Averill, Olive	28 May	Bissell, Charley P.	25 Aug
Avery, John W.	12 Dec	Bixby, Herbert R.	15 Jun
Babcock	23 Feb	Bixby, Libby G.	23 Apr
Bacon, Frank	11 Jul	Black, Minnie B.	11 Nov
Bain, Floyd G.	01 Jul	Blackmer, C.H.	11 Aug
Baker, Addie	24 Jun	Blaney, Stirling	26 Nov
Baker, George A.	22 Mar	Bliss	26 Jul
Baker, Rubis C.	16 Mar	Boak, Mary	02 Jul
Baldwin, Luella	24 May	Bohr, Julius	10 Sep
Barcley, Matie M.	23 May	Boichot, Julius	26 Sep
Bare, Walter	03 Jun	Bottom, Robert J.	15 May
Barnes, Fred A.	28 Nov	Boughton, Ada	23 Jan
Barnes, James A.	02 Apr	Boughton, Stanly W.	08 Sep
Barnes, Sarah	29 Dec	Boyshot, Victor	07 Nov
Barnes, Thomas	07 Aug	Briggs	16 Nov
Bartlett, Bertie	05 Apr	Briggs, Bertha	22 Feb
Bateman, Bessey	17 Apr	Brisben, F.C.	24 Nov
Bates, Bion	04 Oct	Broadbent, Harry S.	25 Sep
Baughn, Albert E.	24 Feb	Brooks, Gertrude	09 Feb
Baughn, Edith M.	11 Jan	Brown, Avilia	23 Dec
Baumgardner, Ellen	23 Oct	Brown, Mabel	21 Jun
Becker	-- Apr	Brown, W.H.C.	27 Jun

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Buck	24 Nov	Corbin, Bernie	30 Mar
Buck, Claud	28 Apr	Corkins, William	28 Feb
Buck, Earl May	16 Sep	Cornwell, Nellie	05 Jun
Bullis, Helen	26 Sep	Cottar, James	09 Jun
Burch, Helen E.	28 Mar	Cowle, Fannie	13 Aug
Burdick, Maud	21 Mar	Coy	14 Feb
Burke, Minnie	13 Oct	Cramer, Lo--	23 Jul
Bushery, George	10 Feb	Crichton, George W.	09 Jun
Butes, Clara	19 Feb	Crohs, Ida	30 Jun
Butler, Benjamin	18 Mar	Crossman, Charles	25 Jun
Butler, Mattie F.	27 Jul	Crull, Elsie May	15 Mar
Cardinal	22 Sep	Cupit, Vera L.	10 Jun
Cardinal	01 Aug	Curtis, Floyd	18 Jun
Carr, Earnest J.	15 Aug	Curtis, Franklin D.	29 Apr
Carroll, Albert	10 Nov	Cushman, Florence	29 Dec
Castel, Sessie	25 Aug	Cushman, Joseph	12 May
Caster, William	09 Oct	Dalton, Ernest	08 Sep
Castner, Lewis W.	22 May	Damm, Clara	28 Apr
Chadwick, Merritt E.	15 Jun	Danforth, Charlotte	07 Jul
Chalker, Leon H.	22 Feb	Daniells, Eva May	30 Jun
Church	11 Apr	Davis, George	01 Dec
Clark, Elmer	20 Oct	Davis, Lewis N.	25 Feb
Clark, Frank H.	30 Apr	Davison, William J.	10 Jul
Clark, Gertrude	21 Oct	DeCamp, Fred E.	22 Jul
Cleland, George	-- Dec	Ditchrich, Jennie	21 Sep
Coffman, Belva Maud	05 Sep	Dixon, Pearl	21 Jul
Coleman, Bessie	10 Sep	Dogen, Ettie M.	02 Nov
Concher, Minney	05 Nov	Douglas, Nellie M.	03 May
Concher, Tilley	05 Nov	Doyle, Boyd W.	02 Dec
Congdon, Jennie M.	05 May	Doyle, John	15 Oct
Conklin, William	18 Apr	Drake, Leo Viola	17 Mar
Connell, Emmet	14 Apr	Draper	27 Jun
Cook, Bessie	12 Nov	Droste, Margreth F.	23 Jun
Cook, Mary	15 Dec	Dryer, Newell	06 Aug
Cook, Regina	-- Oct	Duneback, Arthur	04 Jun

