

NEGAUNEE CEMETERY WALK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014



PRESENTED BY THE NEGAUNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Organized by Roland Koski

Walk begins at 1:00 and refreshments will be served immediately after at the cemetery

Thank you to the following for their time and talent in making this walk possible.

*To Shelly's Floral Boutique for donating the flowers for the grave sites that we will visit

*To Olivia Sleeman and her Iron Plat Reunion group who honored Philomine Cote at this year's gathering at the Senior Center and who raised money for a marker in Philomine's honor.

*To Robert Sylvester for making and painting crosses for the Coty family burials that were without markers on the lot

*To Nicholas Lakari from Crivitz, WI for his monetary donation

*To all of the Historical Society members and to other volunteers helping me with this presentation and for the refreshments being provided

*To Immanuel Lutheran Church for providing the coffee



CEMETERY FACTS

“Each and every burial remain was handled with such great care that every "bone" was accounted for”

On July 9, 1909, the present cemetery site was selected by our city council and a contract was made with C.O. Senserud of Michigamme to transfer 6,180 bodies beginning January 21, 1910. According to "Iron Herald" excerpts, city volunteers verified all of the transfers that took place and it was said that each and every burial remain was handled with such great care that every "bone" was accounted for. The entire transfer was just about completed on June 23, 1911. St. Paul's Church recorded 2,055 of these burials since 1861. A few owners were still negotiating with the city council preventing the removal of some graves at this time.

- Matthew Chester continued in his position to become the first Sexton at our present cemetery
- 4,901 burials made from 1865-1897 are unaccounted for in cemetery log book
- 1,279 bodies transferred from August 30, 1897 until August 27, 1910 are recorded in a previous cemetery log book
- 3,103 bodies are located in Potter's Field - mostly unidentified persons and others without a marker – several unmarked graves are located on cemetery lots also
- Catharine Brand was the first official burial in the cemetery on August 28, 1910

- 21,090 burials have been recorded as of Jan 1, 2014

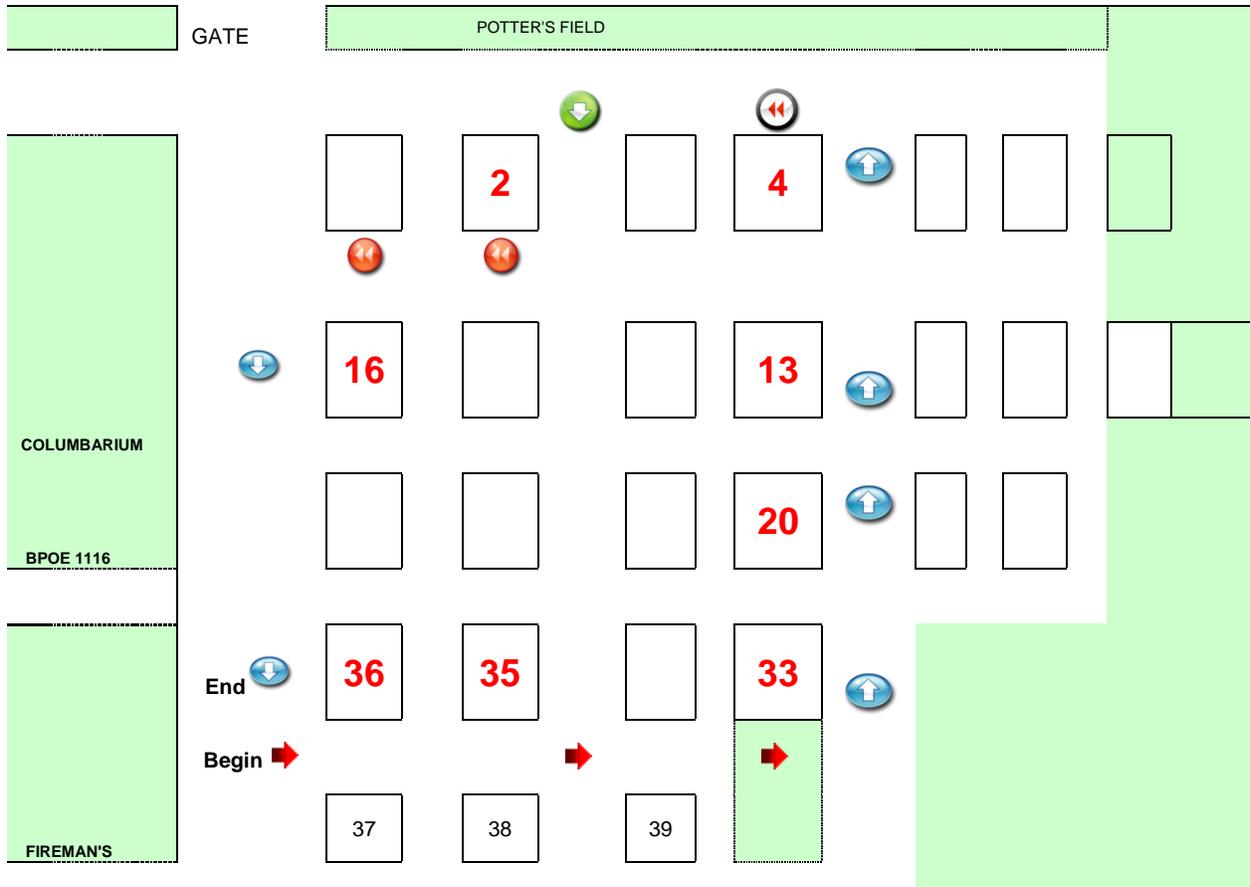
POTTER'S FIELD

A potter's field is a place for the burial of unknown or indigent people. The term comes from the story Matthew 27:7 in the New Testament of the Bible, in which Jewish priests take 30 pieces of silver returned by a repentant Judas. The chief priests picked up the coins and said, 'It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.' So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the "Field of Blood" to this day.

INDIGENT PEOPLE

Indigent (impotent poor) was a classification of poverty used in Britain during the 1600s. It referred to those poor who were unable to support themselves either through age or sickness - not because they did not want to work. This group was considered deserving of poor relief.

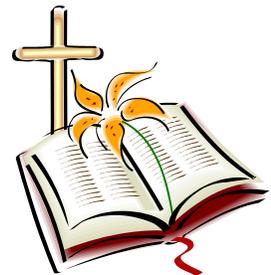




WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S .7 MILE WALK WITH ROUTE SHOWN ABOVE

The main focus on this year's walk will be the visit to the Philomine Cote lot and the stories and history of Philomine and her brothers Peter and Louie. The Iron Plat Reunion Group will honor the Cote family with markers and flowers as well as a personal grave marker for Philomine. Stories will also be shared about a Vietnam casualty and his father's love of sports; a school dentist; two doctors/two hospitals/same residence; a wheelbarrow full of treasures; father (Civil War vet) and son (Postmaster); Negaunee's first school bus owner and driver

- Block 36 – Lot 33 – SGT David DellAngelo and his father Angelo
- Block 35 – Lot 5 – Doctor Roland Sanregret
- Block 33 – Lot 29 – Doctor George Knutson/Doctor Horace Sheldon
- Block 20 – Lot 28 – Louis Ruel Jr
- Block 13 – Lot 19 – Peter Trudell Jr
- Block 4 – Lot 24 – Peter Trudell Sr
- Block 2 – Lot 21 – Philomine Cote
- Block 16 – Lot 6 – Roy Lee Sr





“David was the first of two Negaunee servicemen to have died in action serving our country during the Vietnam War era. Information was taken from the Virtual Wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.”

David Joseph Dellangelo
 Born - January 24, 1946
 Died - October 03, 1968



DellAngelo Rites At 10 Wednesday

NEGAUNEE — Funeral services for Sgt. David J. DellAngelo, 22, who was killed in a mid-air collision of two planes in Vietnam Thursday, Oct. 3, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Rev. Robert Cordy, pastor, will officiate and burial will take place in Negaunee cemetery. Military rites will be conducted at the graveside.

Sgt. DellAngelo was born Jan. 24, 1946, in Ishpeming and was a lifelong resident of Negaunee. He was a member of St. Paul's Church and was a 1965 graduate of Negaunee High School. He also attended Northern Michigan University for a year.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo DellAngelo; a brother, Andrew; a sister, Carolee, both at home; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Angelina DellAngelo of Negaunee; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collick of Ishpeming, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.



David Joseph Dellangelo

Sergeant

B CO, 1ST BN, 8TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAV DIV, USARV

Army of the United States

Negaunee, Michigan

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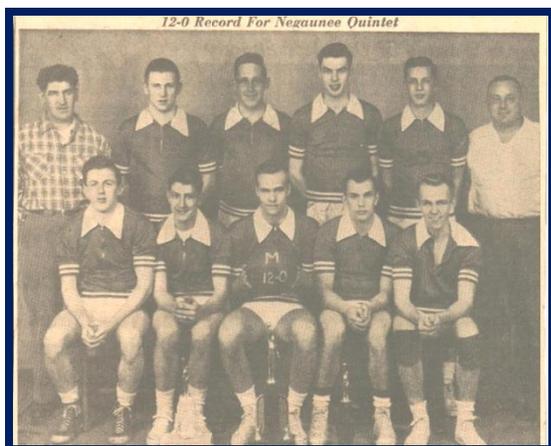




ANGELO "MARUKE" DELANGELO
 Born – July 13, 1913
 Died – July 5, 1982

MARUKE'S BAR CAPTURES THREE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS IN 1954

Angelo Dell'Angelo, who was well known by his nickname "Maruke", was the father of David and was also the proprietor of his business on Iron Street which was appropriately named "Maruke's Bar". Angelo was an avid sportsman and sponsored both basketball and softball teams in Negaunee. His 1954 undefeated basketball team went 13-0 by winning three tournaments in succession. Maruke's won the Republic Invitational in Class "B", The Hermansville Gold Medal tournament in Class "B" and then captured the Iron Mountain Tournament in Class "A". They finished the season by defeating Ishpeming Nault's Bar (winners of 2 other tournaments that year) in an exhibition game before a large crowd in the old high school gymnasium. "Maruke" is pictured at top left.



DR. ROLAND J SANREGRET, DDS
 Born – June 13, 1897
 Died – April 2, 1984

CENTRAL GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE DENTAL CARE FROM DR. SANREGRET

Dr. Sanregret served the Negaunee School District for years by drilling and filling and pulling teeth for school children at the Central Grade School. Back in the 50's, I don't think dentists used any numbing medications and I dreaded to get my teeth cleaned. Many tears rolled down my eyes as Dr. Sanregret drilled and filled.



A notable remarriage took place on January 30, 1954 when Dr. Sanregret took the former Mrs. Francis A. Bell as his wife. They resided at 106 East Main Street and lived across the street from Paul Bell, a brother of Francis A. Bell. History also will show that Paul and Francis were the sons of Judge Frank Bell. The hospital in Ishpeming (prior to being razed) was named the Francis A. Bell Memorial Hospital.





DR. GEORGE KNUTSON

Born – May 25, 1914
Died – March 1, 1967

BOTH WERE DOCTORS, BOTH OPERATED HOSPITALS, BOTH LIVED AT SAME RESIDENCE

Dr. Knutson came to Negaunee in 1938 to be associated with Dr. R. A. Burke at the Twin City Hospital on Cyr Street. Following Dr. Burke’s retirement, Dr. Knutson continued to operate the hospital which he later converted to a nursing home. In 1954, he erected the Twin City Clinic on Croix St and was associated with Dr. Robert Jaedecke. He then established the Palmer Nursing Home in 1957. Dr. Knutson resided at 125 E. Main Street in the same house that originally was owned by Dr. Horace C. Sheldon.

DR. HORACE W SHELDON

Born – July 26, 1854
Died – March 12, 1934 at Berkely, CA

SHELDON GAVE HOSPITAL CARE FOR MINERS

Dr. Sheldon was a graduate of Brown University, M.A. in 1881 and Rush Medical Hospital in 1885 and was the first person interned in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, IL. In 1905, he purchased and operated the Negaunee Hospital on Teal Lake Avenue following the accidental drowning death of Dr. Hudson in 1904. The hospital was primarily for medical treatment and hospital care for area mine employees. Sheldon Street, which is located just north of US-41, was named in recognition of him. He married Alma (Cole) on February 1, 1905.



LOUIS J RUEL JR.

Born – November 1, 1909
Died – February 26, 1990

PUSHING HIS WHEELBARROW WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE

“Louie” as we all called him was well-known in Negaunee for pushing his wheelbarrow throughout the area on a daily basis. It was



old and maybe handmade because it was large and had big wheels and it had real long handles for Louie to hold on to.

Louie lived on Bluff Street next to the old Labor Temple just below the bluff with his brother Philip and sister Genevieve. He was a laborer in his younger days but he was well known for picking up almost anything he could find in the alleys and hauling it to his home and storing it in his yard. He had his can of Copenhagen which he would open and take a “little pinch” at a time with that smile on his face. Louie was very low key with a soft voice but he was aware of what was happening in the community. Could this be Louie at the age of 15 or is this actually his brother Phillip?

Louie and his siblings seemed to have lived a tough life during their time in Negaunee, yet, Louie had his smile. Louie died at 80.





PETER TRUDELL, SR
Born – June 28, 1840
Died – October 4, 1928

**NEGAUNEE’S LAST CIVIL WAR VETERAN -
HAD NEWSPAPER STAND IN POST OFFICE**

Peter Trudell Sr. and his sixty years of residency in Negaunee came to an end in 1928 at the age of 88. The last remaining of Negaunee’s Civil War veterans had a very interesting career while serving this community for three scores. He worked at the water tank for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad as a pump man.



Peter Sr. also operated a confectionary and newspaper stand in the lobby of the post office for 20 years. His stand was a public service to the residents as he would also sell stamps, etc when the window was closed. It has been said that almost everyone knew him by name because he had helped each of them at one time or another throughout the years. He married his wife Lucie on November 17, 1869 in the Catholic Church which was located on the corner lot that our museum now sits. Peter Sr died at the age of 88.



PETER J TRUDELL, JR



Born – July 1, 1873
Died – November 8, 1950

**“GRAND OLD MAN OF CONSERVATION”
NEGAUNEE’S POSTMASTER FOR 29 YEARS**

Peter Trudell Jr. followed in his dad’s footsteps as he became a hard working and tireless citizen and volunteer in our city. An ardent sports enthusiast (which was his first love), he had been often referred to as the “Father of Conservation” in the Upper Peninsula. He was active in forming the Northern Michigan Sportsman’s Association and the Negaunee Rod and Gun Club. His interest in sports also included numerous efforts on behalf of the city semi-pro baseball teams in the early 1900’s and was one of the hottest baseball towns in the U.P.



Peter served as postmaster in Negaunee for 29 years, retiring from that position on July 31, 1943. During his time as postmaster, his office more than doubled in size and volume of business. The post office was moved from the original Elks building on Iron Street to Nylund’s Store (where the Elks building is now located) and then to its present location across from City Hall in 1937. Peter Jr. died at the age of 77.





PHILOMINE COTE

Born – September 3, 1878
Died – April 23, 1961

**IRON PLAT REUNION GROUP
PAYING RESPECTS TO PHILOMINE**

Philomine Cote was a unique individual who lived in the Patch Location with her two brothers, Peter and Louie, after the deaths of her parents. The Iron Plat consisted of the area behind the Fire Hall (Division, Bay de Noc, Peninsula, Copper, Silver and Gold Streets). Just east of this location was the area that was named the Patch Location and the remembrance of Philomine Cote and her brothers. The group of 40 former residents met again this year at the Senior Center during Pioneer Days. It was “Philomine Cote Day” and many interesting facts and stories were shared about this poor lady and most of them not very nice. The group all agreed that Philomine was treated unruly with name calling and teasing. So, it was decided to pay their respects and honor Philomine and ask for forgiveness. The “hat was passed” around the tables and money was graciously placed in it to honor her and have all of the bad thoughts and sayings forgiven. Philomine died at the age of 82 while being a patient in the Newberry State Hospital for over seven years. God Bless, Philomine and the Cote family.



ROY J LEE, SR.

Born – July 25, 1901
Died – January 25, 1993

**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER’S FAREWELL MESSAGE
“I HAD A GOOD LIFE, MISTER”**

While saying all memories of his early days are fond ones, Lee also said he didn’t miss his work. *“No way, I worked all of my life... Negaunee was good to us, though. I had a good life, mister”*. Roy provided Negaunee schools with their first school bus in 1930



and was the first bus driver. His first bus was purchased from a man in Ishpeming for \$5,000. However, it was not equipped with a heater

and that made for some pretty cold winter mornings. Being a strict bus driver, Roy had very few problems with the “kids” as he called the school children. At the end of the school year, the “kids” were treated to ice cream cones to reward them



for good behavior. Lee enjoyed riding horse all his life and had several of his own. He often provided a team of horses and a sleigh for Negaunee Christmas parades.

