

3. A little knoll near Cedar Lake, originally claimed by S. Russell, has been consecrated by occasional burials since the spring of 1837. The little daughter of S. Russell drowned in an unfinished well was one of the first -- a young Norwegian, passing through this region, taken sick, died at the Cox place, buried there in December 1837, was the second burial. (see story p.142), --- John Meyer, of Hanover, is the present legal owner of this land. Recommends that Meyer deed the few rods in this little wooded knoll to the commissioners of Lake County and be "dedicated as a public burying place forever." (1872)

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VAN GORDEN WILLIAM LAKE

b. 10-17-1758. New Windsor, Orange Co. N.Y. Pens. Appl. 3-8-1833
se. 75 Tioga Co. N.Y., but a resident of Athens, Bradford Co. Pa.
During Was lived Walpeck, Sussex Co., N.J. and after till 1799 to
Tioga Co. N.Y. and "in its neighborhood just over the Penna line"
has liv. ever since.

Affid: 4-10-1833, Tioga Co., N.Y. of John Swartwood, se 79,
Cayuta N.Y. that he know sold. in War; some of Samuel westbrook who
was the Major.

Service-enl. May, 1799, Walpeck, Sussex Co. N.J. Capt. Emanuel
Hoover.

I. A. R. says Sergeant;

1835 Pens. List says Pvt. in N.Y. Mil.

On 5-27-1837- Lake Co. Ind. asks for pens. tr. to be with his
relations in Lake Co. where he has been since Nov., 1836; pens tr
from Albany, N.Y. App., 6-28-1837.

R.E.F. Pen. S. 17743 N.J.

1835 Pens List. V.2. P. 434 Tioga Co. N.Y.

OLD Abstract correct spelling. WILLIAM VAN GORDER
(GORDER)

Information from Julia Watkins Brass, Crown Point Chapter of D. A. R.
by Mrs. Joseph (Avis) Brown

United States of America,
By John Tyler, President,
By R. Tyler, Sec'y., (Seal),

2. To

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Solomon Russell, his heirs and assigns forever.

Certified copy of Patent Deed in consideration of Full Payment, dated April 10th, 1843; certified January 26th, 1922, by John O'Connell, Acting Recorder of General Land Office, Washington D. C., and recorded January 28th, 1922, in Deed Record 294, page 375.

DESCRIPTION: Lot Number Three of Section Twenty-two, in Township Thirty-four North of Range Nine West in the District of Lands subject to sale at Laporte, Indiana, containing Fifty-four acres and sixty hundredths of an acre according to the official plat of survey of the said lands returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General.

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

3. The following Release of Mortgage appears of the margin of page 252 of Mortgage Record 3:

Pursuant to an act approved Feb. 16, 1917, in the Acts of 1917, Chapter 8, Page 38. the within mortgage is fully paid and satisfied by Lapse of Time, and such real estate is released from the lien thereof this 30 day of Jan. 1922.

By request of Otto A. Meyer by Herbert T. Johnson, his attorney.

William C. Rose, Recorder

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

Otto A. Meyer,

4. vs Lake Circuit Court, Cause No. 14219.

John Church, _____ Church, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Charles Church, _____ Church, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Austin Church, _____ Church, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Charles Church, mortgagee in the mortgage dated September 6th, 1841, and recorded in Deed Record "B", Page 218 of the Records of Lake County, Indiana, Austin Church, _____ Church, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, John Barmann, _____ Barmann, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, John Church, mortgagee in the mortgage dated February 20th, 1852, and recorded in Mortgage Record "F", Page 108 of the Records of Lake County, Indiana, Michael Barmann, Martha Barmann, his wife; Charles R. Ball, _____ Ball, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Hervey Ball, _____ Ball, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, H. P. Holbrook, whose christian name is unknown, _____ Holbrook, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, H. P. Holbrook, whose christian name is unknown, _____ Holbrook, her husband,

whose christian name is unknown, Hiram P. Holbrook, Holbrook, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Hiram H. Horton, Horton, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Elizabeth Geilfelder, Geilfelder, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Harvey Ball, Ball, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Jane Ayrault Horton Ball, Ball, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Jane Ayrault Horton Ball, Ball, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Elizabeth Horton, Horton, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, John Meyers, Meyers, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, James H. Ball, Ball, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Jane A. H. Ball, Ball, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Timothy H. Ball, Ball, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Martha C. C. Ball, Ball, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Richard J. Woodard, Woodard, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Elizabeth H. Woodard, Woodard, her husband, Mary Jane Ball, Ball, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Ayrault Jane Horton Ball, Ball, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, August Nitsche, Nitsche, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, John Schutz, Schutz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Samuel Weisher, Weisher, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Gerhard Austgen, Katharine Austgen, his wife, John Gray, Gray, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Joseph C. Batten, Batten, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Solomon Nordyke, Nordyke, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Benjamin McCarty, McCarty, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, John Foley, Foley, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Johann Jacob Schulze, Schulze, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, William W. Kinnison, Kinnison, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Gustavus A. Everts, Everts, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Enoch S. McCarty, McCarty, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Rufus Hill, Hill, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, George Willey, Willey, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, John Jacob Schultzie, Schultzie, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, William Allton, Allton, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Conrad Zeilfelder, Elizabeth Zeilfelder, Zeilfelder, his wife, Elizabeth Zeilfelder, Zeilfelder, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Margaret Fed, Fed, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Margaret Rinkenberger, Rinkenberger, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Margaret Zeilfelder, Zeilfelder, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, John H. Meyer, Meyer, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Margareth Meyer, Meyer, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, John H. Meyer, Margaretha Meyer, his wife, Thomas J. Wood, Wood, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Margaret Rinkenburger, Rinkenburger, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, John Jacob Schulze, Schulze, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Solomon Russel, Russel, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, William Van Gorder, Van Gorder, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Rosina Russel, Solomon Russel, her husband, William Vangorder, Vangorder, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Joseph F. Greene, Greene, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Jabez R. Wells, Wells, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Alonson W. Enos, Enos,

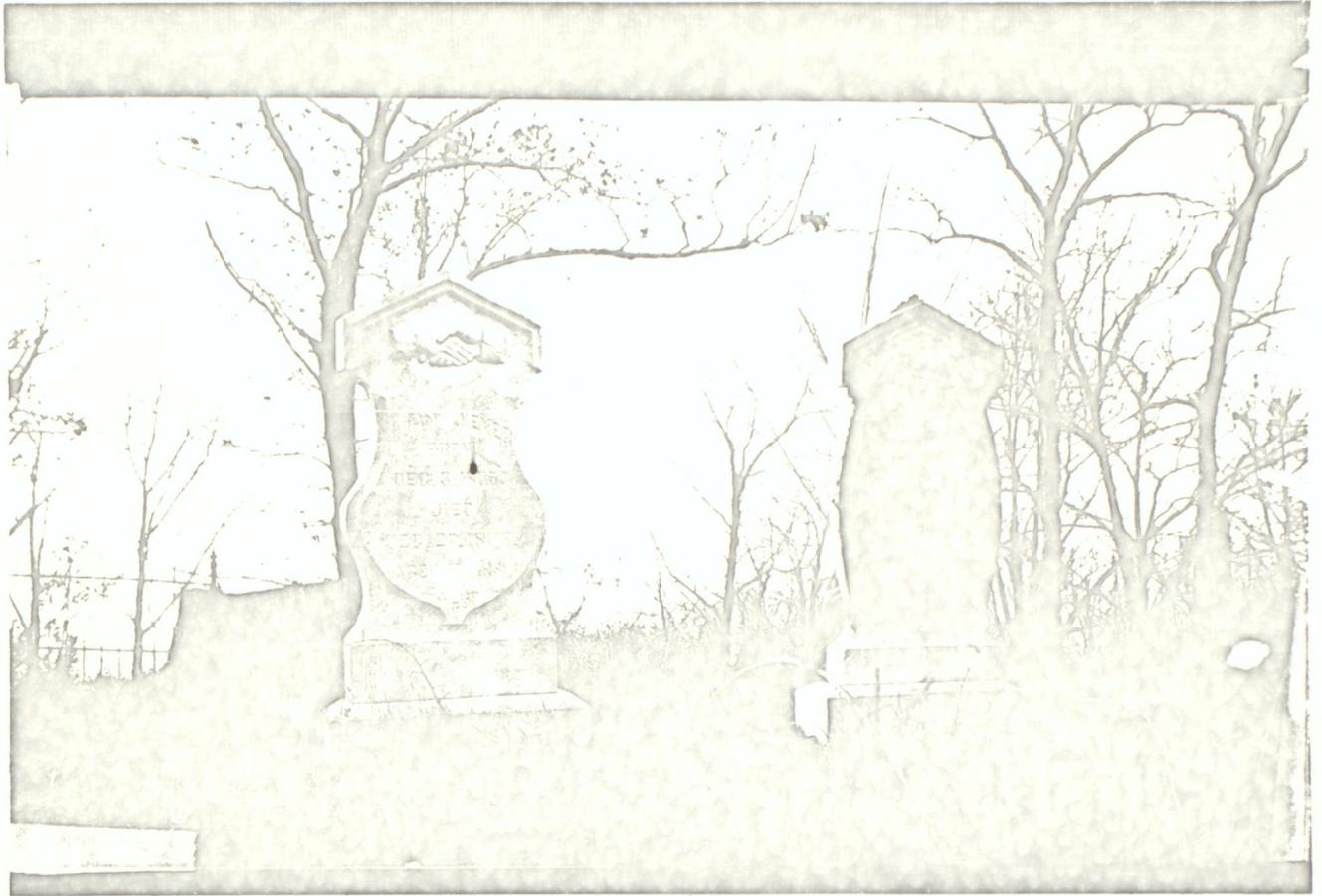
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whose christian name is unknown, _____ Wells, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, John J. Schultz, _____ Schultz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, J. H. Wells, whose christian name is unknown, _____ Wells, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Capitola Whaley, Frank H. Whaley, her husband, George Campbell, _____ Campbell, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Oscar Julius Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Louis Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Lewis E. Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Louis E. Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Louis William Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Mary E. Wood, widow of Thomas J. Wood, Willis P. Wood, Pearl Bates Wood, his wife, Florence W. Stough, Eli K. Stough, her husband, Georgie Martin, _____ Martin, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, all of the heirs, representatives, devisees, legatees, executors, husbands, wives, widows, widowers, successors, grantees, or assigns, of any of the above named defendants, other than those whose names are given, all of whose names are unknown, all persons claiming under any of the foregoing defendants whether named or not named, all of whose names are unknown, Peter J. Dress, _____ Dress, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Michael Barmen, Martha Barmen, his wife, Peter J. Howkinson, _____ Howkinson, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Nicholas Mager, _____ Mager, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Louis W. Herlitz, Anna Herlitz, his wife, Anna Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Mary Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Laura Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, her husband, whose christian name is unknown, Anna Howkinson, J. Harry Howkinson, her husband, Julius Herlitz, _____ Herlitz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Gasche Howkinson, Martin P. Howkinson, her husband, Louis F. Herlitz, Junior, _____ Herlitz, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Howard Meyer, _____ Meyer, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Mathias M. Laueremann, _____ Laueremann, his wife, whose christian name is unknown, Jonette Bergslien, Ralph Bergslien, Leif Bergslien, Erling Bergslien, Herbert Ball, Oscar J. Herlitz.

May 3rd, 1922: Complaint filed alleges that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described real estate situated in Lake County, Indiana, to wit:

The East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 28, Township 34 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd P. M., containing 80 acres more or less, also Part of the West half of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd P. M., more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an Iron Pipe on the East Line of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter (being also the east line of Government Lot 1) 305.25 feet south of the Northeast corner thereof, thence easterly parallel with the east and west center line of said Section 495.00 feet to an Iron Pipe, thence southerly parallel to the east line of Government Lot 1 heretofore mentioned 750.75 feet to an Iron Pipe, thence westerly parallel to the east and west center line of said Section 495.00 feet to a monument, on the east line of Government Lot 1, thence southerly on said east line 576.90 feet to an Iron Pipe on the Northerly line of the 40 foot public highway (known as Lake-side Drive),



two Graves of Meyer Manor cemetery.—

In 1876 when all of this area was known as "Beckman's" — Anna Beckman Meyer Passed away.

By 1893 John H. Meyer was buried by her side.

this old family snapshot was taken when the stones were upright and the plot nicely cared for.

Time took a toll causing the stones to break and the Beckman Iron Fence to rust.

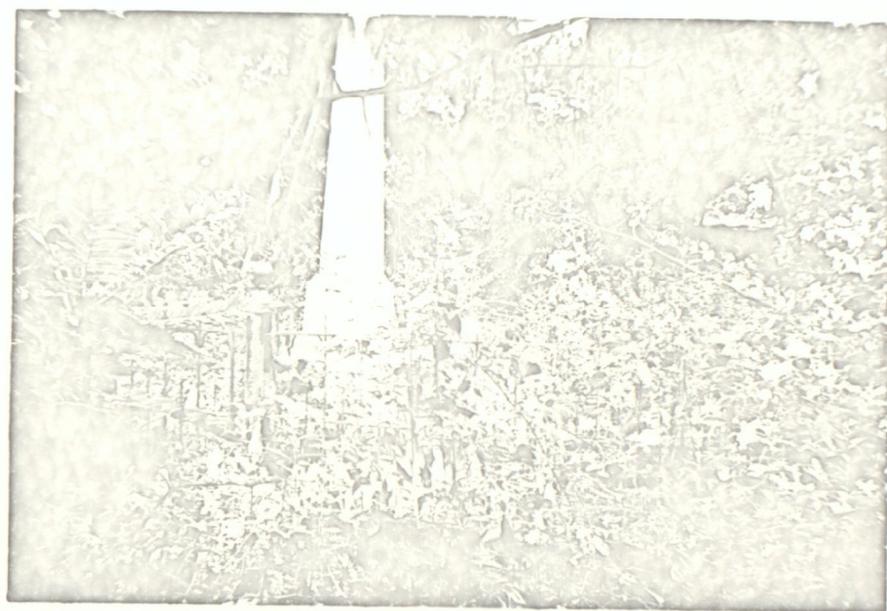
Between the years of 1910 and 1940 — OTTO Meyer took excellent care of this family cemetery.

The Von Borstel family is not related to anyone else in the cemetery. Adolph von Borstel, sr. owned a hotel in ARMOUR Town in 1890.

by Beatrice Horner



Left- Peter Horner
Searches the
old Meyer burial
ground in 1968,
Looking for
Pioneer names
'and dates.



↑
von Borstel grave
→
Beckman graves

The Mounded Cemetery, located two blocks off 133 rd Ave. in Meyer Manor subdivision is but a short distance from the shoreline of Cedar Lake. It was once known to be Northeast of the old Village of Armour, Indiana, a town now ghosted in 1972.

The sloping hillside Promises a climb of about thirty feet, before reaching the leveling top that is made scenic with young hickory and oak trees.

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A narrow road encircles the mounded cemetery at its base.

The narrow passage way on the eastern slope was once the entrance to the burial ground. It was wide enough to allow the entering of a horse drawn hearse, as was the custom in the years before the turn of the century. (1900)

The earliest evidence of a burial is to be seen clearly yet today (1970) on the grave stone of ANNA Sasse - who died and was buried in 1840.

Research points to the very great possibility of the baby daughter of Solomon Russell being laid to rest here, and we feel that members of the Van Gorder family were buried here, also, in those early years.

An underground hunt has revealed two very old foundation stones on the west side, beyond the Beckman Family Plot. Old timers living today tell us that they remember seeing lettered stones standing on these foundations years ago.

Are these Van Gorder graves? We may never know.

Another old foundation stone located north of the Sasse stone presents another mystery to be unravelled.

Many known children are in unmarked graves.

While resetting the Sasse stone we unearthed several hand made square coffin nails. At that time the six ft. deep dug grave was usually boarded up to prevent the walls from caving in. It is likely that wood poles were used then, in 1840, because no refined lumber was being milled or shipped in at that time.

By 1865 local brick was being fired by Enoch McCarty of West Point, and in 1880 the Barman Kiln was making brick.

This rose colored hand made brick, still to be found in old cisterns and cellars hereabouts, was used to brick line the walls of the grave of a loved one.

There were no funeral parlors as we know them in this day. When now a sleek and shiny hearse comes, its motor quietly idling, as the undertaker removes the dead, from hospital or home and vanishes from sight - (contd.)

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to be visited ^{LATER} by relatives and friends in a well appointed comfortable and pleasant, homelike Funeral Home.

Before 1935 it was a custom to hold a wake in the Family Parlor. Friends visited the home for three days before the Funeral was held. The body was never left unattended during this time, and good neighbors usually volunteered to sit up, so the Family members could get some rest.

Pall Bearers, six in number, had a difficult load to carry as they climbed the Meyer Cemetery hill. This Plot had to be cleared by hand and someone had to clean a Path way when a Funeral Procession was expected.

The Cemetery Plot was deeded to Louis W. Vilmer and John N. Beckman in 1896. By 1900, _____

When the son of John Meyer became the owner of the Meyer estate, then Otto Meyer kept the burial ground free of overgrowth.

By 1940 signs of neglect began to show throughout Meyer Manor, including the Meyer Burial Ground.

Family members no longer lived nearby, and it seemed there was no local means of the grounds receiving Perpetual care.

So the years moved on and the underbrush grew thicker. Children rode sleds down the hillsides, but were not inclined to enter the Cemetery. Now and then hide and seek games tempted them to Hide behind the Larger stones.

But there was no vandalism. Weather and time has taken it's toll, but the children have respected the graveyard that they knew very little about.

In 1968 Peter and Beatrice Horner were attempting to re-search the People and happenings that Lead to the existence of the Village of ARMOUR, Indiana. (1870-1970)

Continued interest caused them to be concerned about one old Pioneer who was still living. Genevieve Beckman

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had expressed a desire to be cremated, and it was her wish to be placed at an already marked grave within the Beckman Family Plot. Her husband, Herman C. Beckman was buried there in 1931.

We knew that Beckman Family members had talked in 1971 to Hanover Township's Trustee, Louis Wislocki. They were concerned about the future of the Historic Old Burial Site. Geneve Beckman was then 95 years old and was failing in health. Louis Wislocki shared their concern at this time, and began investigation in order to provide Perpetual Care.

The weather was great in September of 1972. A burst of energy and a firm purpose caused the Horner's to take a Cuthbert, shovel and Pitchfork in their campmobile as they headed for that unbelievable wilderness.

After days, and weeks, finally air could filter through the trees and ^{past the} gravestones. For the first time in years the snakes and mosquitoes had to take have n elsewhere.

By the end of the month this lofty beautiful spot had again come into its own.

In 1953 the D.A.R. members had searched this cemetery trying to find visible graves. They found thirteen.

Certainly Mrs. Joseph Brown and Mrs. Waldon McBride had to crawl on their hands and knees to record these findings!

Once cleared, it was possible, in September (of 1972) to probe for the (possible) existence of hidden gravestones. We found stones marking nine (9) more graves. (We will continue our search).

Were we racing with time?

Geneve Beckman passed away on Sep. 7⁽¹⁹⁷²⁾ and her ashes were placed in a newly cleared little old cemetery in Meyer Manor on September 29, 1972.

In October ⁽¹⁹⁷²⁾ Peter Horner was paid for his work and MR. Louis Wislocki hired MR. Horner as the caretaker. This cemetery will now receive Perpetual Care.

Beckman

Geneve B. Beckman, age 96, of 7145 Wicker Ave., Hammond, passed away Thursday, Sept. 7, 1972 at her home. Survivors: one son, J. Baum Beckman with whom she made her home; three daughters, Mrs. Ada Hermie Murnane of Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Mary Gordon of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Margaret Garner of London, England; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren. Funeral services Monday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. from St. Paul Episcopal Church, Hammond, with Rev. Eugene O. Douglass officiating. Friends are invited to call at the Virgil Huber Funeral Home, 7051 Kennedy, Hessville Sunday, 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m. Mrs. Beckman had been a resident of Hammond for the past four years and was a resident of Cedar Lake for 40 years. She was a charter member of the Berwyn, Ill. Women's Club; an honorary member and past president of the P.E.O.; she was also a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church. Contributions in Mrs. Beckman's memory may be given to St. Paul Episcopal Church and St. Francis Boys Homes.

Geneve B. Beckman was cremated and her ashes were placed in the Meyer Manor Burial Grounds on Sept. 16, 1972.

Baum Beckman, son of Herman and Geneve Beckman, visited this community of his boyhood at this time.

He was accompanied by his wife and sister.

Margaret Beckman, now Mrs. Saville Garner of England, who visited with the Horner family by telephone after not finding them home on Oct. 7, 1972.

The following Tuesday Herbert Meyer payed a return visit to the graveside of his great-grandparents - Anna Beckman Meyer and John H. Meyer.

(3) ~~Three~~ Meyer deceased ^{children} are also buried in the Meyer Manor Burial Grounds.

In 1971 Meyer Manor's Mounded Cemetery was newly surveyed under the surveillance of Cedar Lake's town government.

At this time Crown Point Surveyors told us that they believed this to be an Indian Mounded burial ground, although no digging has been done to verify this. (1972)

It is a historical fact that this area was once inhabited by Pottawatomí Indians.

Oct 3 1972

LADY Margaret Leaves a note
on Oct. 7, 1972

Proper Lady Passes Purdue for London

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — "I am the illiterate member of our family . . . the only one who didn't attend Purdue," says Lady Margaret Garner, once a commoner from Cedar Lake, Ind., who is married to a former British diplomat and cabinet member.

"My sister had gone on a teaching sabbatical to England and met her husband there and made the country sound very interesting to me," she said.

"I went there to attend the London School of Economics. I met my husband the first day I landed in London. He says he remembers me as a long, tired face sitting in a corner. I thought he was very nice and was charmed by his accent."

That's how Margaret Beckman, the American from Lake County, Ind., met Saville Garner. They married in 1933 and have two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Lord Garner was a permanent undersecretary of state and head of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service before his retirement in 1968. He was made a life peer in 1969.

Lord Garner will deliver the fifth Sir Norman Angell Memorial Lecture tonight in the student center at Ball State University here, then he and his wife will travel north to Cedar Lake for a family reunion.

"She came to London to meet me but I came to Cedar Lake to marry her," Lord Garner said. "It was to be a garden wedding and there were thunderstorms up until almost the time for the wedding. Then it turned into a glorious sunny day."

The Garners have a flat at London and a country home at Horam in Sussex where he loves to garden and she hikes.

Dear Pete (+ Beatrice)
We tried to see you
to thank you for the
marvelous job you've
done on clearing the
Cemetery - I would
also have so much
enjoyed seeing you
again.
It all looked so
neat & tidy & above all
peaceful. Thank you -
Margaret Beckman Garner

Peter HORNER cleared and began restoration of the Meyer Manor
Burial ground in September of 1972.

HOURS WORKED	GROSS PAY	FEDERAL W/TAX	SOCIAL SEC.	STATE W/TAX	INSURANCE	NET PAY	PERIOD ENDING	EMPLOYEE DETACH AND RETAIN

PRESCRIBED BY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

TWP. FORM NO. 6 (REV. 1967)

LOUIS WISLOCKI, TRUSTEE, HANOVER TOWNSHIP
Lake County, Cedar Lake, Indiana

No. 212 71-200
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Approp. No. 3 \$ 255.77

Cemetery Fund Oct. 8, 1972, 19

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Pay to the Order of Pete Horner, Caretaker \$255.77

PAYABLE AT
NORTHWEST
BANK OF
IND., N. A.,
Whiting, Ind.

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE & 77/100 * * * * * Dollars

For Carol Beckman Cemetery, Meyer Manor, to 12/31/72

Louis Wislocki
TRUSTEE OF ABOVE-NAMED TOWNSHIP

A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY

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The above recorded check speaks of the beginning of
perpetual care for the historic old Meyer Manor Mounded Cemetery
burial ground.



927 N. Chauncey Ave
W. Lafayette, Indiana
47906

Oct. 5th. 1972

Mrs. Beatrice Horner;

Thank you so much for the article about the Ice Industry at Cedar Lake which you sent me about three weeks ago. It was very interesting, to me, and to mother, as we both recalled many of the incidents, and how that industry kept a lot of folks busy in the winter season. It was great, and its wonderful that you have written it, as a permanent record for someones future use.

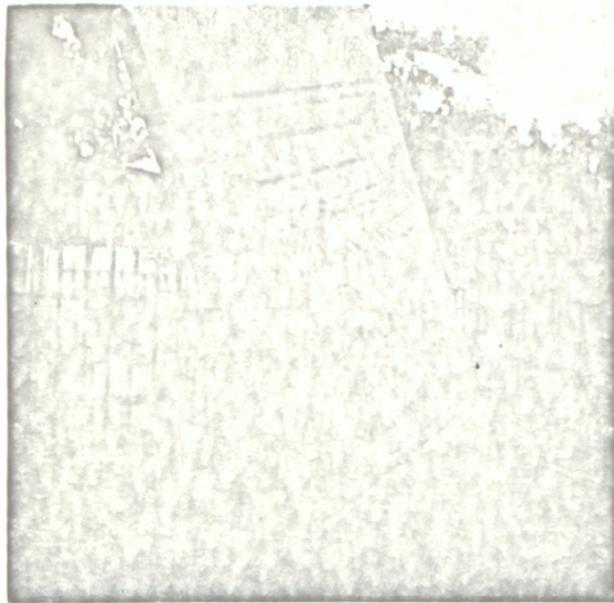
I had a letter from Baum Beckman a few days ago, telling me of his mothers death, and burial at the little cemetery in Meyer Manor, as well as the fact that now that the Cemetery has been turned over to the Trustee of Hanover Twp. to look after, that improvements are being made, in the way of an Iron Fence, and that you and Pete had already done some work in helping clean it up. Thats wonderful for you folks to be doing that too. You know my Great-Grandparents are buried there, and so I have a personal interest in that Cemetery, which has been so badly neglected since my father isn't here anymore to look after. I certainly believe that it should be cleaned up, and again be made an historical place, which we as individuals can do much about, but with Township Funds and help, it should get back into the place that it belongs.

Mildred and I will be driving to Chicago Area next Tuesday (Oct. 10th) and since we haven't been able to ever get to meet and talk with you on previous stops, I wonder if we might do so.. a little after 1.P.M. that day, if you'll be home. If that isn't suitable to you, please advise us on the enclosed card, so we'll not route our trip thru Armour. (normally we go up on I-65) . I hope we can meet, and have a little chat, as you've been doing so many fine things historically around Armour and Cedar Lake.

Sincerely,

P.S. If I don't hear from you to the contrary, we'll plan to see you Tuesday the 10th.

John Meyer



ANNA, wife of

Henry Sasse died June 1
aged 33 yrs. 1840

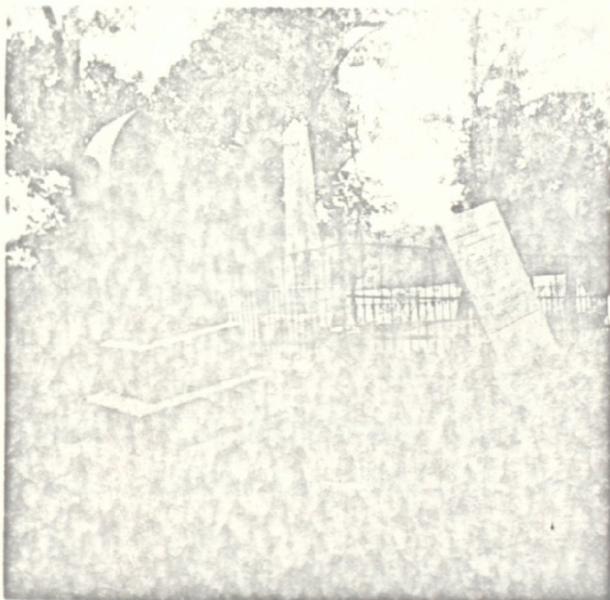


this is the oldest visibly
MARKED stone.

Hand cut COFFIN nails were found
about 2ft. beneath the slab that
has no foundation.

Anna Beckman MEYER
John Beckman MEYER
J. + E. MEIER Children (2)
Johanne Meier - child

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Probing beneath the surface
Produced several Lost stone
Markers.

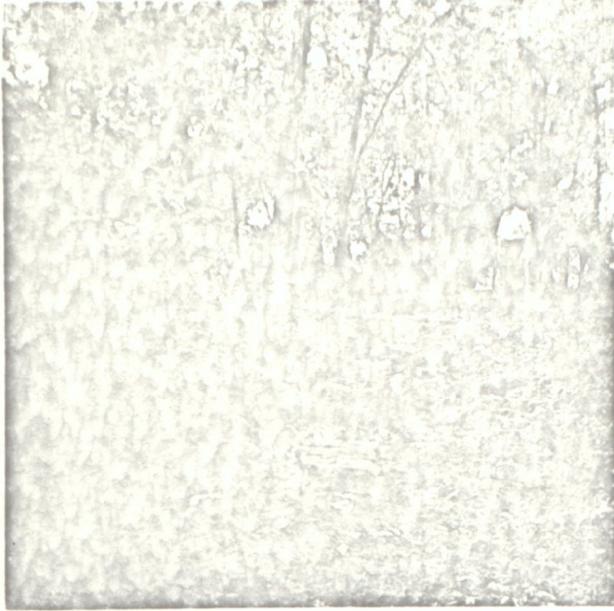


Peter Horner
History - Custodian

Shown:

- L. to R. • MARIA vonBORstel
• Herman G. Beckman Sr. } fenced
 (wife and daughter)
• Sasse Stone -

←
These stones need little repair.
Roof top in background shows how high
the Mound is. This Mound covers near
one acre and is circled by a road that
indicates being a ceremonial path
around an Indian Mound.



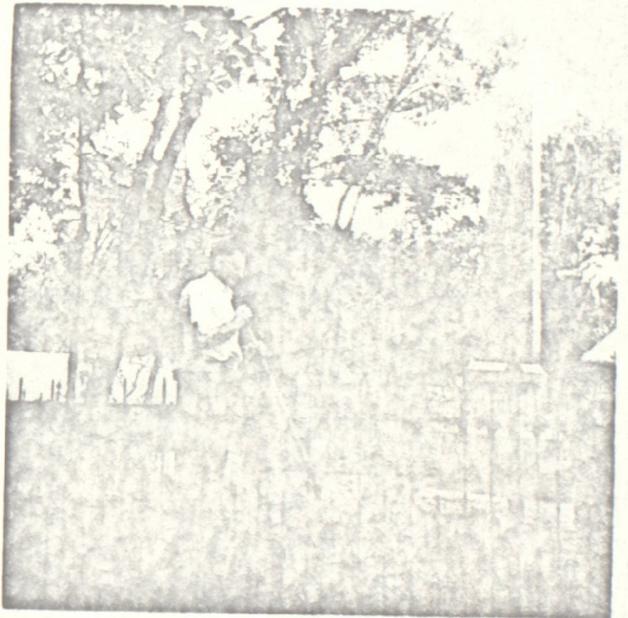
A 10' wide entrance way,
Made accessible by a stoned
steps, Leads From the East
into the mound at its
wooded height of 30 feet.



→
on a beautiful day in September
Cedar Lake's History Custodian
Peter Horner continues the cleanup.



←
tossing debris by the Forkful.
Peter Prepares For a big Bonfire.



A cleaned up Beckman Plot
is now ready to receive the
ashes of
Geneve Beckman (1976-1972)

CROWN POINT CEMETERY.

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE OF LOT.

This Certifies That *Juno Lockwood*, has paid the sum of *Eight* DOLLARS, for the purchase of Lot No. *58* in Block *A*, in the CROWN POINT CEMETERY, for the purposes of burial therein, which entitles him and his heirs or assigns to the use of said Lot for said purpose forever.

Witness our hands this *3* day of *Jan* 19*12*

Trustees of Crown Point.

W. O. Parry

Clerk.

CLARK BROTHERS

SPECIALTY MONUMENT and MAUSOLEUM MEN

EXCLUSIVE SALE OF HIGH-GRADE GRANITES

Factories:

URBANA, ILL.
MONTICELLO, ILL.

Factory and Office

LOWELL, INDIANA

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Office Over State Bank
CLINTON, ILL.

Lowell Ind

Jan 12 1925

Lockwood Bros & Co

To Clark Bros

*To Marker + title
Received Payment in full.*

\$39.00

*Clark Bros
L.L.C.*

Some earlier PRICES —

OFFICE PHONE 9

STATEMENT

RESIDENCE PHONE 632

HAMMOND, IND.

July 17th

1933

Mrs. Lena Lorscheider

131 Ridge Rd

TO NICHOLAS EMMERLING DR.

Undertaker and Embalmer

678 SOUTH HOHMAN STREET

AUTO AMBULANCE
MOTOR LIVERY



LADY ASSISTANT

1933.

Mar. 29 Burial of
John Lorscheider # 222.00

Casket	150.00
Outside box.	10.00
Embalming	25.00
Candles.	5.00
Gloves.	2.00
Hearse.	18.00
Personal charges	10.00
Death notice	1.20
Door Badge.	5.00
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	219.00

Paid in full.
Mrs. N. Emmeling

In 1884, a county "Alms House", a frame home for the poor, was built two miles east of Crown Point. The present County Home of brick buildings was provided in 1912 at a cost of \$200,000 which, together with 310 acres of land, can provide a home for 350 inmates.

A 1933 Funeral Bill-

Lena (Lange) Lorscheider Lives in ARMOUR
Town. They once owned the Mellwood Hotel.

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Unidentified stones include these:

1. Headstones with initials A.M.M. on rounded top setting due east of the John Meyer stone
2. Headstone with no inscription just west of Maria F. Von Borstel stone

Other physicians in Crown Point of the same period as that of:

*Dr. W.E. Vilmer are:

W. F. Farrington, 1840-56

H. Pettibone, 1847

A. J. Pratt, 1854

J. Higgins, 1859

A. Groman, 1861-63

Andrew Stone, 1846

Cunningham, ?

Finney, 1855-58

S.R. Pratt, 1860-63

C. Poppo, 1870

Several of the above are buried in the Maplewood Cemetery

*Note: Margaret Woods Clark, granddaughter of Dr. Vilmer says plan is to move body to Maplewood where wife is buried. (not done to date) 1972

Miss Ida Meyers says that on the farm in West Creek are buried a Jergens, soldier and a Thompson family.

(see H. Sutton)

**Lady Garner, former Margaret Beckman; daughter of Geneve and Herman C. Beckman, Jr. Lady Beckman is married to Lord Saville Garner (former British diplomat and cabinet member). They reside in London.

Filed: November 4, 1971

Louis J. Wislocki, Trustee
Hanover Township

Lake, County - Indiana

Renovation and Maintenance: October 1972

Cemetery Custodian:

Mr. Peter Horner
Hanover Township

Cedar Lake, Indiana

Coasting on the Mound in 1928.

The three houses tucked into the foot of the Meyer Burial Ground hill were built after Samuel Bartlett subdivided Meyer Manor in 1923.

The house on the Northwest was built by MR and MRS. LIPP. The other two by MR. Courtney and MR. Kennedy.

Mr. LIPPS neighbors were impressed, in those depression years of the Late 1920's, when they saw his beautiful, sleek LA Salle automobile drive into Meyer Manor's brick Pillared entrance.

Mr Lipp was a kindly man who loved the neighborhood children and spent much of his time with them.

In the cold of winter, after a heavy snowfall Mr. LIPP allowed the Walker, Bangl. and Watt and Conelly boys to build a high ridge of snow on his property.

This glistening white slide began atop the Cemetery Hill, over riding Mrs. LIPPS well groomed hedge-row and jutted westward over the road. From there, sleds flew on into an icy marsh, ending in ice stiffened spadderdock and brambles.

These ARMOUR boys were wrapped against the cold by wearing heavy woolen clothes. These were a hodge-podge of colors and thicknesses, held together with patches, buttons and safety pins. Underneath were the necessary trap-doored long-johns and atop the head a hand knitted stocking cap.

Sleds, in those years, were the usual Christmas Gift, when it was almost certain there would be plenty of snow all winter long.

It must have been great fun!

The boys climbed and re-climbed this incline, starting atop this snowy slope, but they tell us they never entered the cemetery.

The kindness of MR. LIPP and the wholesome sport was not forgotten. Our conversation with Gordon Watt and Harold Walker in 1972 reminded us of those days of their youth.

Gordon and Harold are grown men now with families of their own. Their homes are within a few blocks of the old Meyer Manor Burial Ground.

Adolph Von Borstel, Jr (age 77) and Charles Watt Sr (age 81) are two 1972 old Armorer Residents of Cedar Lake. Both tell of an account pertaining to a gravestone in the Meyer Manor Wounded Cemetery.

It seems that in the years of 1890 a candy salesman and his son were travelling from New York westward. They stopped at the Northwest shores of Cedar Lake to enjoy some fishing before travelling on.

This man, whose name is unknown, lost his son in a drowning tragedy at that time.

It would be quite a problem to ship the sons body back to New York.

After an appeal to the Meyer (Cemetery) burial ground owners, John and Elizabeth Meyer, the salesman was allowed to bury his son in the family plot that is yet today known as the Meyer burial ground.

To date, we have located three foundations, not marked with a lettered stone. Stones once did set on these bases, but they have either been carried away or are under ground.

We are convinced, after talking to Baum Beckman and Herbert Meyer, that the unmarked graves do not belong to Beckman or Meyer families.

* Chas Fink, buried here, age 27, was born in New York and could be this son.

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son and several daughters. He died in December, 1886, having lived in the county forty-four years, leaving six children, thirty-seven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

But whether these pioneer German settlers, who so long lived in Hanover Township, left many or few descendants, a strong and good influence remained after they had passed away; and that, after all, is the true test of a worthy life.

H. KLASS AND KLASSTVILLE

Another German pioneer, who, in 1850, settled in the extreme southwestern part of the township was H. Klass. There, on the eastern edge of the Grand Prairie of Illinois which stretches across that state to the Mississippi River this solitary German planted himself and his family. After a few years other families joined him and his, school and church life commenced and the locality became Klassville, now recognized as a pretty, industrious rural community. It is about half a mile from the state line and some twelve miles southwest of Crown Point, and, like all the other neighborhoods west of the two eastern tiers of sections in the township, is quite bereft of railroad transportation. It is such little villages as these which most appreciate all movements, whether private, township or county, which tend to improve the roads.

JOHN H. MEYER, FATHER AND SON

The Meyers and the Beckmans came a little later than Mr. Klass. John H. Meyer was a native of Hanover, Germany, where he was married and where all his children were born. In 1851 he and his family sailed from Bremen and forty-two days later arrived in New York. The parents and one of their children went to Savannah, Georgia, for the winter, but the other three remained in New York. In the spring of 1852 the parents started for the West with the intention of locating at Fort Wayne, Indiana, but on the death of a brother, who had taken up land near Cedar Lake, they came to Lake County and purchased 200 acres of land near the western extremity of that body of water. The father and nineteen-year-old son built a log cabin on a bank of the lake, high and dry, and commenced the hard, healthful life of the pioneer. The family was absorbed by the growing community of German Lutherans, and in time both father and son (also John H. Meyer) became prosperous and prominent. The younger man, who married Miss Christena Doescher, became the father of twelve children, most of whom, as men and women, moved out of Hanover Township. His wife was also

✓
 JOHN H. Meyer and
 his wife are buried in
 Meyer Manor cemetery.

Cedar Lake's Funeral Home.

The ELLER-BRADY Funeral Home was established at Cedar Lake in 1953.

As business Partners, these men purchased what was originally the Farm Home of OTTO MEYER.

When OTTO MEYER passed away, the Lion's Club of Cedar Lake took over the building, using it as a Community Center. [in early 1940's] After finding it too great a responsibility the Lions sold the property to be used in the future as a Funeral Home.

The original home on this site was one of hand hewn Logs. When JOHN H. MEYER, an early Pioneer of German descent, came to Cedar Lake in 1853, he rented the log home until he could afford to buy it.

By 1880 he had successfully farmed the land and it was at this time that he built the more modern structure of refined lumber, hauled by boat across the Lake. JOHN H. MEYER paid \$600.00 for this material to build his new two story farmhouse.

The new firm, ELLER and Brady, in setting up a Funeral Home, proceeded to add wings and alter partitions until the result was a very dignified, appealing sizable structure.

These men had entered the territory once covered by the Geisen Funeral home of Crown Point. The Geisens were of an old Hanover Center early Pioneer family. "Eller and Brady" met this challenge with good service, a friendliness and generosity in all Community projects, until they had soon a fast growing business and the good will of the area citizenry.

DOYLE BRADY and Mabel Brady are now the sole owners of this Funeral home.

ALL Land surrounding this business place has been sold. Land to the west now is the Property of the City of Cedar Lake in 1972.

An earlier search for gravestones - 1965
Later research has revealed the existence of many more gravestones.

Through the courtesy of Julia Watkins Brass Chapter,
Daughters of the American Revolution, Crown Point, Ind.
Compiled by Mrs. Joseph (Avis) Brown & Mrs. Waldon
(Frances) McBride.

MEYER BURYING GROUND
HANOVER TOWNSHIP

This family burial area is in what is now called Meyer Manor.
It is located on a hilltop south and a bit east of a winding road
from the Cedar Lake shore drive.

BECKMAN, Elizabeth N.; wife of H.C. Beckman; died July 10, 1879
age 44 yrs.
Herman C.; 1873-1931
Geneve B.; wife of Herman C. Beckman, Jr. 1875-Sept. 11 1972*
Herman C.; Sr.; born June 3, 1822 in Langwedd, Germany;
died July 5, 1894
Hermine E.; dau. of H.C. and E. Beckman; born Feb. 8, 1868;
died Feb. 14, 1943
Margaret; dau. of H.C. and E. Beckman; died Jan. 31, 1861;
aged 2yrs. 7mos. 22da.

FINCK, Charles; died Mar. 8, 1862; aged 27 yrs. 8mos; born in
New York.

MEYER, John; May 6, 1808; Nov. 30, 1876
John H.; born Dec. 3, 1805; died Dec. 27, 1893; aged 88 yrs.
24 days

SASSE, Anna; wife of Henry Sasse; died June 10, 1840; aged 33 yrs.
3mos. 14da.

*VILMER, Edward, M.D.; died Apr. 1861; aged 42 yrs. 10 mos. 28 da.
(From T.H. Ball's Lake County 1834-
1872 William E. Vilmer, 1853-1861, was
a regular physican in Crown Point,
Margaret Woods Clark (Mrs. C. A.)
a granddaughter verified this to be one
and the same. See below)

VON BORSTEL, Adolph; born Mar. 23, 1844; died Feb. 16, 1921;
Amalie; born Dec. 24, 1862; died Oct. 4, 1926;
Maria Franizta; born Feb. 28, 1842; died July 9, 1890