

## North Manitou Island Cemetery Report - 2005

North Manitou Island was part of Manitou County, Michigan, County Seat, St. James, Beaver Island, Michigan, until April 4 1895, when it was annexed to Leelanau County, Michigan. Manitou County was eliminated. Charlevoix, Michigan, was the County Seat. Vital records for North Manitou Island prior to April 4, 1895, remain in the Charlevoix County Court House.

The Charlevoix Historical Society may be a source of further information.

The original North Manitou Island Cemetery was located north of the present day barn (2005) in Section 34 of Island Map, site of the former airfield. Some graves were moved to the present day cemetery, established in 1895 in Section 22 of the Island Map.

### **1. 2005 listing of Known Burials - North Manitou Island Cemetery<sup>i</sup>**

Name	Born	Died	Parents
Daniel Allart		8-21-1878	Charles and Margaret Allart
Emmily Allart		8-30-1883	Charles and Ida Allart
Anna Paetshow	3-30-1860	6-30-1885	
Andrew Paetshow		11-15-1896	
John Paetshow		12-22-1922	
Walter Anderson		12-18- 1922	
John Lester Anderson		5-26-1907	
Luella Prause		6-30-1913	
Clara Swenson		5-18-1905 <sup>ii</sup>	John Swenson
Mae Fisher		5-24-1905 <sup>iii</sup>	Amanda and Edward Fisher
Nellie Fisher		5-28-1905 <sup>iv</sup>	Amanda and Edward Fisher
Nehilda Carlson	1885	5-19-1905 <sup>v</sup>	Sophia and Nels Carlson
Anna Webb	1883	11-16-1916	
John O. Anderson		1895	
Margaret Anderson	1911	1927	Daughter-John O. Anderson
Carmein "Infant"		1914	No information
Donald Kelenski		7-2-1914	
Nicholas Feilen		4-30-1938	
John Feilen		4-29-1939	
Josephine Alford Hollister	1914	1994	Dr. John M. Alford & Shirley Foote Alford
Karl Anderson		4-8-1930	
Johenna Swenson		3-26-1911	Swen Swenson

### **2. North Manitou Island Residents Memorial Stones**

Name	Born	Died	Parents
Kenneth L. Rusco	5-2-1914	7-28-1988	Minnie and George Rusco
Katherine Fiske Litwak	1-15-1933	3-29-2004	Clark & Katherine Fiske
Elizabeth R.		2-4-1906	Unknown <sup>vi</sup>

### **3. The following information is based upon Island Stories<sup>vii</sup>**

- 1906 – 1915<sup>viii</sup> Melvin and Ellen Cunningham lived on North Manitou Island from about 1906 until 1915. They were the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy. It is unknown if these deaths occurred during the time of 1906-1915, or the location of the graves. Cunningham was employed as a Blacksmith during the Stormers Logging period.
- 1794 - 1867 Nazaros Dona, born in Canada in 1794, lived near the Ottawa Village, near Leland in 1844. Nazaros Dona later moved to North Manitou Island. His occupation is listed as Fisherman on the 1870 census. Nazaros died in the island home of Nicholas Pickerd. It is also my understanding he was buried on North Manitou Island on Dona's Point.

### **4. Information was found in Vital Records - Charveloix Court House<sup>ix</sup>**

#### Date

- 1891 Nels Alstrom, Drowned 10-16-1891. Single man, fisherman, age 36 years.
- 1891 Christian Anderson, Drowned 12-10-1891. Fisherman, age 35 years.
- 1891 Gus Anderson, Drowned 12-10-1891. Fisherman, age 40 years
- 1874 Seney Buss (No further information)
- 1874 John Doany, Widower, Age 72 years
- 1891 Mary Fredrickson, Age 73 years, Cause unknown
- 1874 Francis Kidrow, Age 11 years, Cause - a fever
- 1881 Lam Olson, Carpenter, Age 69 years, Heart failure.
- 1874 John Chickey, Son of Jacob Chickey, Age 9 years. Name of mother not indicated.
- 1889 Arndt (male) Age 48 years, Married, Cause of death - Liver complaint. Arndt was native of Germany.
- Unknown Rudolph Chickey, Age 35 years, Native of Poland, Occupation - Laborer. Listed on 1870 census.
- Unknown John Chickey<sup>x</sup>, Age 32 years, Native of Poland, Occupation - Laborer. Listed on 1870 census.
- 1884 Gustaf Olson Swan, Age approximately 58 years, Died August 15,
- Circa 1890 Mads Nerland Native of Norway, immigrated to North Manitou Island circa 1888. He built the homestead house known as the John O. Anderson. Mads Nerland was a fisherman. He lost his life lifting nets. Mads Nerland's body was not recovered. His skiff later drifted ashore.

**5. Graves known to have been buried in original island cemetery and not removed.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Edwin Dalton <sup>xi</sup>		Age 19 - 1880	John and Manda Dalton
Adam Maleski		Age 3 - no date	Adam and Mary Maleski

**6. Homestead Grave Sites**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Anna Maleski		5-5-1893	Adam and Mary Maleski
Peter Maleski		11-10-1897	Adam and Mary Maleski

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<sup>i</sup> Some graves are unmarked

<sup>ii</sup> These four 1905 deaths were attributed to an epidemic of diphtheria.

<sup>iii</sup> Ibid.

<sup>iv</sup> Ibid.

<sup>v</sup> Ibid.

<sup>vi</sup> At the bottom of the stone the year "1930" is Engraved in a different typeface.

<sup>vii</sup> I could not obtain verification.

<sup>viii</sup> Date uncertain

<sup>ix</sup> These were all known as North Manitou Island residents. Place of burial not listed. All dates of death before 1895 would have been buried in the original island cemetery. Burial sites unknown.

<sup>x</sup> "The Chickey Brothers were also fishermen and lost on Lake Michigan lifting nets." They were North Manitou Island residents. Place of burial is unknown.

<sup>xi</sup> This grave was enclosed with a split rail fence - no longer visible.