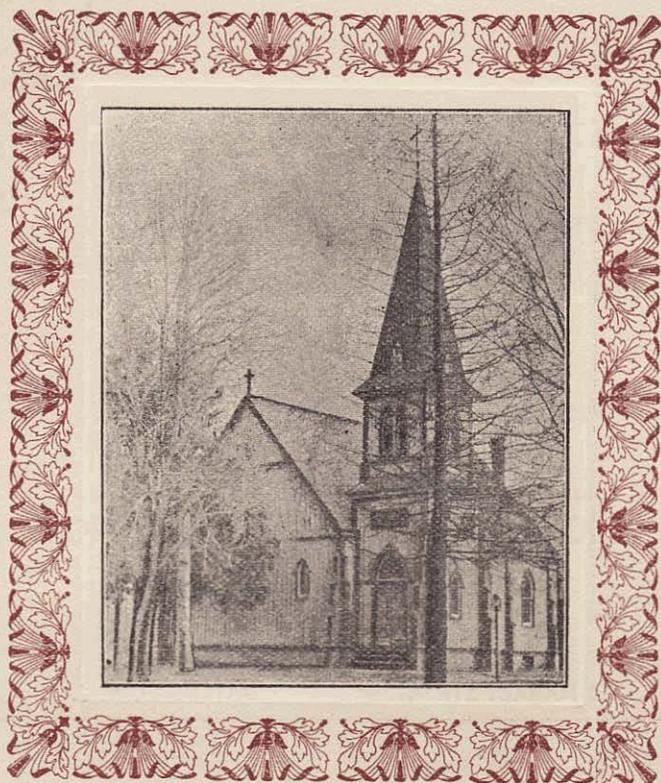


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## Foreword.

There are times of anniversary in every life, and this includes men and nations. There is not a nation on the "footstool" to-day but can celebrate some great event in its history. There is not an individual but who has passed some period in life which always, at that given time, looms up as a memorable occasion.

Birthdays are particular events to be thought of and celebrated: whether it is your own or another's; whether it is a nation, a society, a law or an institution, such as the church of God. And after all, isn't the birth of a church greater than the birth of anything else, next to the birth of an individual? When a child is born, hell clamors for its soul, but then the church, born of God, stands like a pugilist to defend the child. The birth of a church in any town is not only the means of saving a human being, but the saving of every human being that makes up the town. We can afford to lose every other institution in the town, but God help us to hold fast to the church.

It makes no difference what church it is, or its kind of architecture,—it may be a cathedral or a little clapboarded chapel,—its shadow is a protection from the hot rays of the sun of affliction—and how hot they are at times! The tone of its bell, if it has any, is music to the weary traveler as he passes; the melody of its song appeals to the passing sinner and assembling saint; the sermon from its desk combines with all the other things in making a basis for the soul of man to celebrate an anniversary in the future days that finally become ages. Oh, yes, we believe in anniversaries for men and nations and churches, and to that end we come to this day in the "fullness of time."

As the history of this church, written by another, shows, Methodism did something in Hillsdale that in 1911 could be celebrated in an anniversary way. It was in 1876—the same year our nation celebrated the centennial anniversary of its independence, which it had enjoyed one hundred years—that they built the first structure, therefore we unite at this time in celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary. Most of those of that day have gone hence.

Anniversaries are not only right and nice to celebrate, but they ought to mean stepping-stones to higher and better things. That is what this means to us, therefore while we are celebrating we are dedicating an enlarged church to the Master's use. The addition of the new chapel and remodeled auditorium, in all with its ten rooms, stands for better work for God, town and Methodism. So, with Mrs. F. K. Stratton, we would say:

"These courts renewed and made more meet  
For thine abode, low at thy feet  
With prayer to thee we bring:  
Hear and forgive; thy love distill;  
This temple with thy glory fill,  
Our Father and our King."

We put this souvenir in your hands, containing all that it does, praying that it may help you to get a front seat in our hearts and our church, which always means co-operation. To that end we want you to help us celebrate; help us dedicate; help us to be glad; help us as

"Sing we to our God above,  
Praise eternal as his love;  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host,—  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

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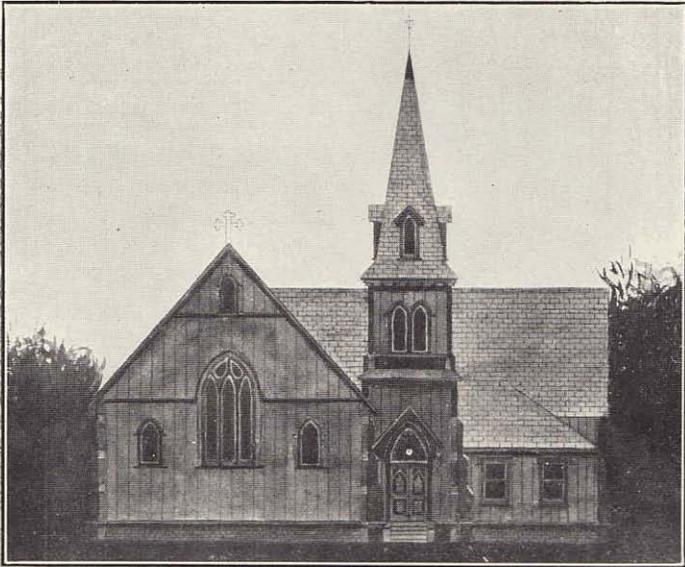
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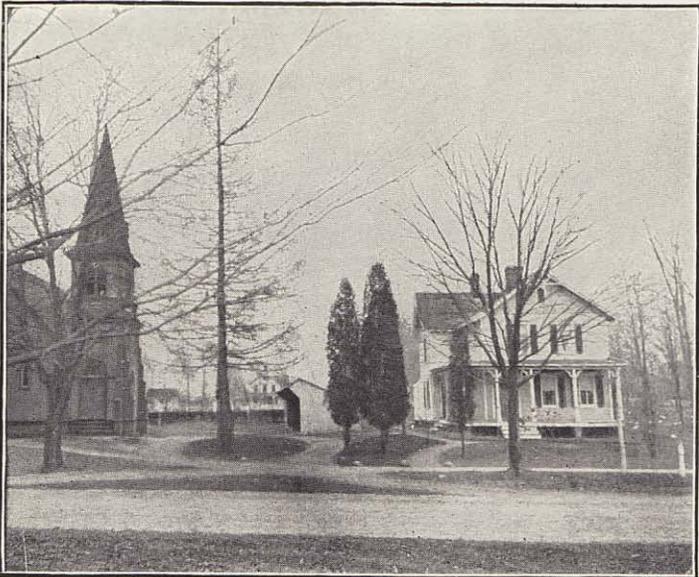
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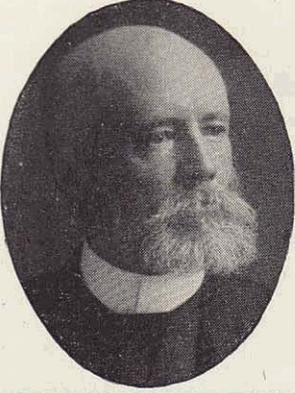
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HILLSDALE M. E. PARSONAGE—(THE OLD CHURCH ON LEFT)



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## Historical Sketch.

By WALTER W. HERBERT.

Compiled from the recorded facts as they appear on the Church Records and on the printed pages of the Conference Minutes.



METHODIST preaching was first introduced in this section about 1856, in the schoolhouse in Eastwood, by preachers from Piermont and Palisades, and a small class was formed by James Titus, Isaac I. Cole and ex-Sheriff Garret Hering. Through removal of some of those most interested in this project and lack of interest on the part of others, Eastwood ceased to be a preaching appointment.

At about this same time some Methodist families who had located at Middletown, near what is now known as Pearl River, were successful in securing Methodist preaching in that locality, and at length purchased a church building from the Baptists. Methodists from the surrounding country worshipped here, and it became a prosperous society.

When the projected New Jersey and New York Railroad became a fact and the trains were put in operation, families began locating at Hillsdale, and the village began to grow. Among those who settled here were Isaac I. Cole and David Patterson. Mr. Patterson was at that time a prominent official of the railroad. Through the efforts of I. I. Cole, Abraham A. Post, Simon Mead, Robert Boyd, James Monfort and their wives, and a few others, meetings were held at any available place in the community, but what might be considered the first Methodist service was held in what was known as the drill-room, a building which was later used by the Catholic Church, in Westwood. At these services the Rev. Mr. Knapp and others preached. Later the services were held in the supply shop, where a young student preached occasionally. The cars and the woods near the depot also served as places of worship.

The Hillsdale Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on May 3rd, 1874, by Rev. J. Switzer, and it was on this same date that the Sunday-school was organized. Shortly after the organization steps were taken to erect a house of worship, and in the spring of 1875 the Conference sent the Rev. E. M. Garton as the first regular pastor, and the Conference Minutes record the charge as Hillsdale and Park Ridge. During 1876, the second year of Rev. Mr. Garton's ministry, through the untiring efforts of pastor and people, the church, which has been the house of worship for the past thirty-five years, was erected. The Conference Minutes for the year 1876 report thirty members and eleven probationers, with two Sunday-schools—Hillsdale and Park Ridge—having a combined total membership of 25 teachers and 153 scholars.

The lots upon which the church was erected was the gift of David Patterson, and much of the work of preparing the foundation and the

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preparation of the grounds was donated. The cost of the erection of the church, aside from all donations, was \$3,000. The Official Board at this time consisted of I. I. Cole, Abraham A. Post, Simon Mead, J. S. Ruckman, James J. Monfort, Robert Boyd, A. A. Hopper and Charles Marsh. Rev. E. M. Garton was returned to the charge for the third year, and according to the Conference Minutes the charge was then called Hillsdale and Middletown—now known as Pearl River—with 68 members and 14 probationers. Two Sunday-schools are also reported, with a combined membership of 21 teachers and 106 scholars. The Middletown (or Pearl River) connection was an afternoon appointment.

In the spring of 1878 Rev. J. H. Timbrell was appointed as pastor, and after two years of service was succeeded by Rev. S. Sargent, who served one year, and was followed by Rev. H. M. Simpson, one year, and Rev. Lewis F. Burgess, one year. The next appointee was Rev. J. A. Craig, who was the pastor from 1883 to 1885. Up to this time no parsonage had been built, and it was during the administration of Rev. Mr. Craig (in 1884) that the present parsonage was built at a cost of \$1,500, which was erected on lots purchased of Mrs. David Patterson. Incomplete records prevent the statement of the exact debt which had been carried on the church property up to this time, but when the parsonage was built all obligations were consolidated, and a mortgage of \$1,100, at 5%, dated April 16th, 1885, was placed on the parsonage property.

Rev. Mr. Craig was succeeded, in the spring of 1885, by Rev. George F. Dickenson, during whose pastorate of three years a new extension was added to the parsonage. Rev. Joseph F. Andrew, who was the next pastor, remained from 1888 to 1892, and sundry improvements were made in the church and parsonage during his four years of service, such as the purchase of the church bell, carpeting the church and the installation of the opera chairs, besides the renovation of the parsonage. It was during the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Andrew, on October 1st, 1890, that the organization of our Epworth League, Chapter No. 7088, took place, and minutes of that first meeting contains the following names, listed as charter members: Rev. J. F. Andrew and Mrs. Andrew, J. W. Banta and Mrs. Banta, Reuben Jepson and Mrs. Jepson, W. W. Herbert and Mrs. Herbert, Miss Martha Sloat, Fred W. Sloat, Miss Addie Post and C. L. Monfort. In the spring of 1892 the Conference sent Rev. T. S. Haggerty as pastor. Mr. Haggerty was, at times, a great sufferer, yet he was a faithful shepherd of his flock, and through his efforts the new church at Pearl River was built. He served the charge for four years, and was followed, in the spring of 1896, by Rev. Isaac Thomas, who remained three years, and to whom we are indebted for the major part of the historical data from which this sketch is compiled. At the close of the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Thomas, Hillsdale ceased to be a double charge, as

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Pearl River became a separate appointment. In 1899 the Rev. Lewis T. Janes became the pastor, and remained in charge for three years.

In 1902 Rev. Gardner Howland was appointed, and served for seven years. At the beginning of his pastorate the Board of Stewards and the Board of Trustees were organized into a joint Official Board, and the business and financial interests of the church modernized. In 1903-4-5 numerous improvements were made, such as the equipment of the church with electric lights, the purchase of a communion table, funds for both of which were raised by the Epworth League; the rebuilding of the church sheds, besides the painting of the parsonage and putting a new roof on same, the cost of which was borne by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Up to this period the mortgage which had been on the parsonage property since 1885 had been reduced from \$1,100 to \$500, and by the renewed efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society, coupled with the gift of \$100 by Simon Mead, at his death, and the work of C. C. Davies, who succeeded in collecting the last \$200, the mortgage was cancelled in April of 1905. Also during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Howland the church oil-stoves were replaced by the installation of a furnace in the church cellar; a new piano was purchased by the Epworth League; a new roof put on the east side of the church and church recarpeted.

Rev. Davis W. C. Ramsey was appointed as pastor in 1909, and served two years, during which time several improvements were made in the parsonage, such as the fitting up of a room as a study on the ground floor and the putting in of a heater, water and gas.

In the spring of 1911 the Rev. William Burd became the pastor, which brings us up to the present historical event, the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Church. Our pastor came to us full of enthusiasm and zeal, and was fully convinced that the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Church was an opportune time for the remodeling of the church, which has been the dream and hope of the members of the Ladies' Aid Society for years, and to help defray the expense of which they had established a sinking fund as soon as the parsonage mortgage was cleared off, and which now amounted to about \$1,000. Our pastor and the Official Board began at once to plan for the accomplishment of the task of building the new addition and remodeling the old structure.

The corner-stone was laid with appropriate exercises on Sunday, July 23d, 1911. During the day subscriptions amounting to \$2,500 were received, and it was an occasion long to be remembered by all who attended, because of the results achieved, both spiritually and materially.

We know of no better words with which to close this sketch than the words of a former pastor in closing up the record of his pastorate:

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## PROGRAM.

Sunday Morning, November 12th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9.30 O'CLOCK.

### Morning Service, 10.45.

Voluntary, "Standard Organ March," - - - *Frank R. Weber*  
Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 560, "And are we yet Alive?"

Apostles' Creed.

Prayer, - - - - - Rev. H. M. Simpson

Anthem, "Crown Him," - - - - - Choir

Psalter, Thirty-second Sunday (Morning), - - Congregation

The Gloria Patri.

Offering for Building Fund.

Offertory, "Andante Invvazione," - - - - *Henry Maxwell*  
Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 233, "The King of Heaven His Table Spreads."

Sermon, - - - - - Rev. Geo. F. Dickenson

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Doxology and Benediction.

Postlude, "Silvery Thistles," - - - - *F. Viviers*  
Master Fred Sethman.

## PROGRAM.

Sunday Evening, November 12th.

EPWORTH LEAGUE VESPER SERVICE AT 7 O'CLOCK.

Theme: "The Injunction with the Invitation."

Leader, Mrs. A. Gertenbach.

### Evening Service, 7.45.

- Voluntary, "Pilgrims' Chorus," - - - - - *Wagner*  
 Master Fred Sethman.
- Hymn, No. 1, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."
- Prayer, - - - - - Rev. Geo. F. Dickenson
- Anthem, "Some Blessed Day," - - - - - Choir
- Psalter, Thirty-second Sunday (Evening). - - - Congregation
- Hymn, No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King."
- Sermon, - - - - - Rev. H. M. Simpson
- Offering for Building Fund.
- Offertory, "Song of Summer," - - - - - *E. L. Ashford*  
 Master Fred Sethman.
- Hymn, No. 39, "Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing."
- Doxology and Benediction.
- Postlude, - - - - - *Stern*  
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**PROGRAM.**

Monday Evening, November 13th.

**MOTHER GOOSE PARTY**

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Tuesday Evening, November 14th.

**Service at 8 o'clock.**

Voluntary, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," with variations, *R. Salfield*  
Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 336, "My Gracious Lord, I Own Thy Right."

Prayer, - - - - - Rev. Wm. Burd

Solo and Chorus, "Homeward," - - - - - Choir

Scripture Reading.

Hymn, No. 346, "Lord, I Hear of Showers of Blessing."

Announcements.

Address, - - - - - Rev. J. H. Timbrell

Offering for Building Fund.

Offertory, - - - - - *J. Herzog*  
Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 38, "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name."

Doxology and Benediction.

Postlude, "Processional March," - - - - - *E. Gerard*  
Master Fred Sethman.

PROGRAM.

Wednesday and Thursday Evenings,  
November 15th and 16th.

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PROGRAM.

Friday Evening, November 17th.

Service at 8 o'clock.

Voluntary, "Serenade," - - - - - *F. Schubert*  
 Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 210, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken."

Prayer, - - - - - Rev. Wm. Burd

Anthem, "Oh, it is Beautiful," - - - - - Choir

Scripture Lesson, - - - - - Rev. Wm. Burd

Announcements.

Hymn, No. 392, "Workmen of God! O, Lose Not Heart."

Address, - - - - - Rev. Gardner Howland

Offering for Building Fund.

Offertory, "Morning Song," - - - - - *Gustave Merkle*  
 Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 339, "How Shall I Follow Him I Serve?"

Doxology and Benediction.

Postlude, "American Soldiers," - - - - - *Arthur Joscelyn*  
 Master Fred Sethman.

## PROGRAM.

Sunday Morning, November 19th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9.30 O'CLOCK.

### Morning Service, 10.45.

- Voluntary, "Transcription from Overture from Poet to Peasant,"  
 Master Fred Sethman. *J. R. N. Suppe*
- Hymn, No. 71, "Sweet is the Work, my God, my King."
- The Apostles' Creed, - - - - - Congregation
- Prayer.
- Anthem, "It Shall be Light at Evening Time," - - - - - Choir
- Psalter, Thirty-third Sunday (Morning), - - - - - Congregation
- Gloria Patri.
- Scripture Lesson.
- Hymn, No. 208, "Hark, the Glad Sound."
- Sermon, "What Makes the Church Precious," Rev. Wm. Burd
- Offering for Building Fund.
- Offertory, - - - - - *Whitney*  
 Master Fred Sethman.
- Hymn, No. 214, "O Where are Kings and Empires Now?"
- Doxology and Benediction.
- Postlude, "Spray of Flowers," - - - - - *J. Franklin*  
 Master Fred Sethman.

## PROGRAM.

Sunday Afternoon, November 19th.

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### Afternoon Service, 2.30.

Voluntary, "Priests' March, from Athalia," - *Mendelssohn*  
Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 25, "O Thou God of my Salvation."

Prayer, - - - - - Rev. Wm. Burd

Anthem, "When I Shall See Him Face to Face," - - - - - Choir

Scripture Lesson.

Hymn, No. 393, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

Address, - - - - - Rev. George H. Ketterer

Duet, "They Shall be Comforted,"  
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Address, - - - - - Rev. D. O. Cowles

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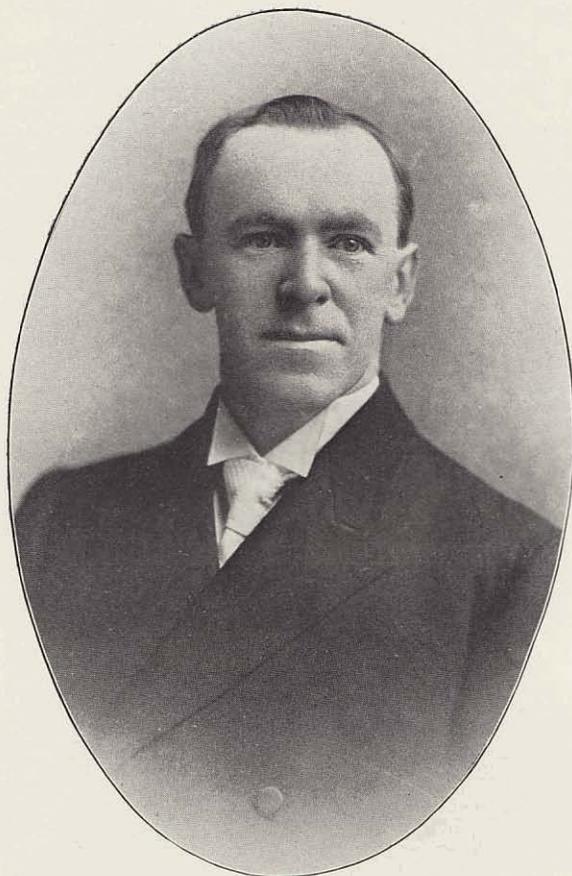
Offertory, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," - - - *Jas. Freeman*  
Master Fred Sethman.

Hymn, No. 40, "May the Grace of Christ our Saviour."

Doxology and Benediction.

Postlude, "March," - - - - - *J. S. Duss*  
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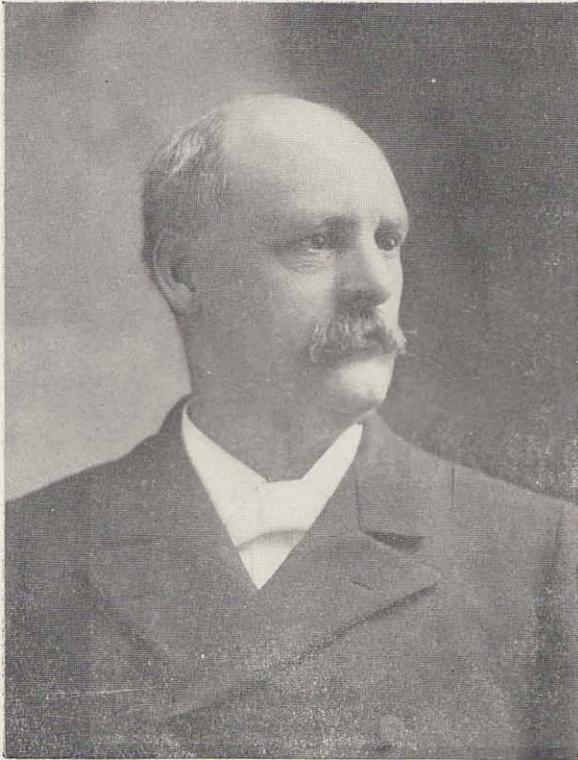
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Campbell, David.....Feb. 15, 1897	Monfort, Emma.....Sept. 28, 1898
Dusenbury, Mary.....April 29, 1883	Peterson, Abram.....April —, 1878
Herbert, Walter Roy...Sept. 23, 1910	Post, Abram A.....Nov. 16, 1891
Herring, Garret.....Oct. 16, 1898	Post, Mary.....Jan. 8, 1899
Herring, Catherine A...April 23, 1906	Suhl, Peter.....Oct. 26, 1901
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