PERE CHENEY CEMETERY

Pere Cheney Cemetery is located in Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan. The 20 or so family community of Pere Cheney originated in the early 1800’s, built on a main railway. Cholera was the cause of the towns demise. Approximately 50 years later in 1877, the town was built again, on a much smaller scale. Again, cholera swept through the town and it had to be razed again.

The following is from two books that the township has in its possession, the Sexton’s Receipt Journal and the Cemetery Deed Book, and in some case the information conflicts.

BLOCK A

DATE LOT: OWNER: D.O.D. BURIED: ADD’L INFO:  
SOLD:

Lot 29 Lowell Fox 9/9/1921 Mrs. Lowell Fox age 73, Epithalamia  
 12/18/1907 William Francis Fox age 2 months

5/25/1892 Lot 30 Timothy Webster 5/25/1892 Mrs. Timothy Webster   
 Ethel May Webster  
 Lot 31 William Damoth 10/22/1911 Theodore Roosevelt Damoth age 9 Diphtheria  
10/30/1911 Lot 43 Charles D. Vincent 8/1892 Mrs. Charles D. Vincent

BLOCK B

11/12/1922 Lot 19 William Golnick 11/12/1922 Baby Golnick, not named  
 Lot 23 8/3/1924 Anney Mary Rogers Age 55  
11/28/1920 Lot 30 Katherine Riff 4/30/1945 Mrs. Lewis Riff’s body taken up and moved to Chicago  
 11/6/1921 Lewis Riff

2/12/1916 Lot 31 Richard F. James  
4/7/1917 Lot 32 George Frank Taylor   
12/5/1909 Lot 35 Charles Golnick & Wife

5/27/1910 Martha Golnick Age 23, 2mon, 7 days  
 12/5/1908 Charles Golnick Age 80   
3/30/1912 Lot 36 William C. Johnson 7/30/1916 Emily Jane Philips Age 77  
 1/31/1913 Salley A. Johnson Age 69, old age/ lungs  
 Lot 37 Richard James 2/1916 Richard Francis James Age 1 month, 16 days  
 Lot 38 Frank Taylor 4/6/1911? Ernest Taylor Age 1 ½ days  
4/4/1916 Lot 38 Lynn Kile 5/23/1925 Clara Bell Kile Age 62, pneumonia  
7/8/1919 Lot 39 Christ Peterson  
10/16/1919 Lot 40 Charles Cook 10/1919 Silas J. Cook Age 78/killed by train  
 Lot 40 Mrs. Peterson   
 Lot 49 Lynn Kile 10/12/1915 Cecial Wilson Kile Age 17 days  
 5/23/1925 Clara Bell Kile pneumonia  
 Lot 50 William Nichols 1/1913 William Earl Nichols Age 2 hrs, weak heart  
 4/3/1918 William Elmer Nichols Age 32 yrs, 7 mo, 7 days  
8/11/1906 Lot 51 James H. Burton 3/30/1912 Mr. William Johnson Age 73, congestion of bowels  
 8/10/1906 Mercy Burton Age 72  
 12/20/1906 James Burton Age 85, Yellow Jantes

BLOCK C

Lot 10 Seymour Sewell Blanch Sewell  
 Lot 17 Francis Johnson Joseph Francis  
4/4/1925 Lot 23 Chancey L. Rogers   
 Lot 35 Child’s grave, parent’s unknown

BLOCK D

11/13/1889 Lot 1 William Woodburn Mrs. William Woodburn & son  
7/14/1920 Lot 3 Isley D. Sewell 7/10/1920 Isley J. Sewell Age 18, drowned  
 Lot 5 3/27/1893 Hattie Johnson diphtheria  
 3/27/1893 Choloe Johnson diphtheria  
 2/7/1894 Louisa Johnson diphtheria  
2/6/1892 Lot 6 Ira J. Sewell Eliza Sewell  
 7/6/1925 Mrs. Ira Sewell Age 75  
 5/20/1912 Ira Joseph Sewell Age 70, paralysis  
 Lot 7 Child’s grave, parent’s unknown   
 Lot 8 G.M. Davis Son of G.M. Davis  
11/13/1889 Lot 9 C.W. West Mrs. William Putman  
6/5/1916 Lot 9 L.B. Merrill Child of L.B. Merrill in lot vacated by C.W. West  
5/21/1912 Lot 11 Leman Sewell  
4/5/1890 Lot 12 John A. West Clara West  
 Lot 15 12/16/1901 Son of E.R. & M. Schrader  
11/7/1898 Lot 16 Henry & Jesse Ashenfelter Hy Ashenfelter & wife  
11/9/1909 Lot 17 Frank & Alice Kile 1/5/1908 George Arthur Kile Age 1 yr, 11 months  
 5/25/1918 Alice Roberta Misenar Age 5 weeks  
 Lot 21 3/2/1919 Frank Doumphie Age 79  
 2/2/1921 Kathy N. Doumphie Age 79  
11/7/1898 Lot 24 Ed Connelly & wife

BLOCK H

3/30/1897 Lot 4 Charles D  
10/30/1904 Lot 9 James F. Odell

POTTERS FIELD

Lot 43 Unknown  
 Lot 44 Unknown  
 Lot 49 2 babies, parent’s unknown  
 Lot 50 Child’s grave

Extra Names:

Love  
Barry  
Hildreth  
O’Brian  
Oakes  
Ranger  
Sholts  
Stroubach  
Wisner

BLOCK E

10/2/1895 Lot 1 William & Ida Vallad 4/18/1895 Margaret Matilda Vallad Spinal Fever  
6/6/1916 Lot 2 Frank Barber 12/16/1893 Adelia Barber Diphtheria  
 12/26/1893 Ray Barber Diphtheria  
 12/30/1893 Roy Barber Diphtheria  
4/11/1892 Lot 3 Charles Richardson 3/15/1892 Fay R. Richardson Age 15 days  
 3/4/1916 Nina Richardson Age 55, heart  
 12/31/1939 Charles Ira Richardson Age 71, heart  
 Lot 8 Elmer Ostrander Lona Ostrander  
 Lot 9 Frank Deckro Child of Frank Deckro  
10/2/1895 Lot 9 Rufus W. Wilcox 9/2/1895 Child of R.W. Wilcox  
6/5/1916 Lot 10 John & Bertha Skingley 6/5/1916 William Alex Shingley Age 31, TB kidneys  
 1930 John R. Skingley Stroke  
 8/14/1936 Bertha Skingley Age 74, Diabetes  
 Lot 32 William Wilcox 1893 Child of W. Wilcox, Baby Maudy  
 1942 Mrs. G. Watkins Age 49 years

BLOCK F

Lot 4 Donald Odell  
 Lot 4 1/16/1896 William Wilson Born 12/28/1825  
 Lot 9 8/25/1904 James B. Odell Age 78, 2 months old age  
 Lot 16 A.M. Odell   
 10/11/1914 Theodore Odell Age 47, gunshot wound  
 Lot 25 Child of D.L. Jacobs  
 Lot 49 Grave of man frozen to death  
 Lot 65 Father of wife of George Bonnell