

## 2024 Township Legacies

1. **Lucinda Merrill**-Age 38 was the first adult death in Concord on March 14, 1820. Her burial site eventually became the site of the Concord Township Cemetery. **Sect. 1932 Row 1 Lot 3**
2. **Zenus Wilson**-One of two local farmers who donated land for Lucinda Merrill to be buried as long as his sheep could be pastured there. He was also the first postmaster of Concord and died at the age of 77 on Jan. 17, 1847. **Sect. 1932, Row 6, Lot 14**
3. **Anna Messenger**- Married to a Revolutionary War soldier, Anna is the oldest person buried in the cemetery. On August 31, 1850, she died at age 101. **Sect 1932, Row 1 Lot 1**
4. **Oliver Brown**-At age 17, he enlisted in the Revolutionary War serving two enlistments. One night he halted Gen. Washington returning to camp without proper countersign, and marched him to the guardhouse, for which he was praised by the General. On June 5, 1845 he died at the age of 85. **Sect. 1932 Row 5 Lot 15**
5. **Eli Tarbell** – Visiting his daughter from out of town, Eli died at the age of 55 on October 4, 1845, from typhoid fever. His body was buried in the Concord Cemetery and soon after, his body was snatched from the grave. A group of local men, some whom were military, went to the Willoughby University of Lake Erie Medical College and looked for the body of Eli. Unable to locate his body, they demanded he be returned, or they would tear down the building by the end of the next day. Eli's body was returned to the cemetery during the night. **Sect 1932, Row 5 Lot 7**
6. **F.H. (Frederic Hewitt) Murray** – The Murray family had been residing in Concord since 1815 and F.H. Murray transformed the store and tavern at “Wilson’s Corner” into a grand house and farm. He was also the president of the Painesville National Bank, a Concord Trustee and Treasurer of Lake County Agricultural. He died at the age of 72 on March 2, 1925. **Sect 1932, Row 4 Lot 13**
7. **Wade Adams** – Died at the young age of 21. While serving in the Spanish American War in Company M, 105<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Infantry, he fell seriously ill. His dad Eugene went to Florida to take care of him and bring him home. He died on September 8, 1898, in the hospital at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. One hundred and fifty (150) teams of horses (about 700 people) attended his funeral. **Sect 1932 Row 6 Lot 5**
8. **Karl Ekstrom** – Born in Sweden on November 15, 1923, Karl served in the U.S. Army during World War 2. He is a founding member of Hope Ridge United Methodist Church in Concord Township. On January 7, 2022, Karl died at age 78. Both him and his wife Ruth are one of two couples that both husband and wife served in the armed forces during World War 2. **Sect. 1979 Row BA Lots 5 & 6**
9. **Ruth Ekstrom** – One of five female veterans buried in the cemetery, Ruth served in the Army Nurse Corps in Iceland and England during World War 2. Ruth was a charter member of Hope Ridge United Methodist Church in Concord Township. Both Ruth and her husband Karl are one of two couples that both husband and wife served in the armed forces during World War 2. On January 27, 1982, Ruth died at the age of 61. **Sect. 1979 Row BA Lots 5 & 6**

- 10. Raymond Densmore** – Drafted into the Army on March 13, 1941, his entire unit was shipped overseas before the outbreak of World War 2. He served on Bataan and Corregidor in 1941-1942 and had been a Prisoner of War of the Japanese from 1942 until his liberation on September 6, 1945. He received many decorations including the Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, and many Bronze Star Medals. When he returned from the war, he was appointed to the county Memorial Day Committee. He served as Chair of Concord Township Zoning Commission and helped write the first zoning plan. He and his wife Ruth were leading figures in the effort to create Lakeland Community College. Both him and his wife Ruth are one of two couples that both husband and wife served in the armed forces during World War 2. On October 3, 1983 he died at age 65.  
**Sec. 1965 Row AG Lot 143**
- 11. Ruth Densmore** – One of five female veterans buried in the cemetery, Ruth served as a Lieutenant in the WAVES during World War 2 and was stationed in Washington DC. Ruth was a lifelong member and served as the President of the Painesville branch of League of Women Voters, a board member of the Ohio League of Women Voters, and along with her husband were leading figures in the effort to create Lakeland Community College. Ruth taught at Kent State University, Cuyahoga Community College, and Lakeland Community College when it opened in the fall of 1967. On January 12, 2015, Ruth died at age 94. **Sec. 1965 Row AG Lot 143**
- 12. Genevieve (Gean) Short** – One of five female veterans buried in the cemetery, Gean served during World War 2 as a Seaman-1<sup>st</sup> Class in the Coast Guard. For 30 years she worked as an executive secretary at Chase Brass and Copper Inc. On February 17, 1978 at age 69 Gean passed away. **Sec. 1965 Row AD Lot 55**
- 13. Marilyn Talbert** – One of five female veterans in the cemetery, Marilyn served in the Korea Conflict in the U.S. Air Force. Marilyn served from 1954-1957. Lake County Veterans Affairs found additional paperwork that she re-enlisted a short time later. On July 30, 2010 Marilyn died at the age of 80. **Sect. 1979 Row BI Lot 13**
- 14. J.P Oviatt** – Served in the War of 1812 as an Army Private. In the “forties”, he built and operated along with his sons, a small power works for manufacture of hay and manure forks. A larger facility was erected with the increase of demand at “Big Falls” some thirty rods farther up stream. One of the largest and best equipped works of its time, a thirty foot in diameter water wheel drove saws and lathes while several rapid hammers filled the glen with echoes of industry. The industry before the Civil War was practically abandoned for the more promising life on the prairies. On October 31, 1851. JP died at the age of 59. **Sec. 1932 Row 8 Lot 17 & 19**
- 15. Coni S. Riel** – One of five female veterans buried in the cemetery, Coni served in the Navy from 1987-1991. Her father Perry Riel and Uncles William and Louis Riel also served their country and is buried in the cemetery as well. On November 29, 2022, Coni died at the age of 59. **Sec. 1965 Row AK Lot 378**