

Scenes From Princeton's Past

In the northwestern section of the Princeton Cemetery is a very ornate above ground mausoleum with the name of F.J. Yahr inscribed above its entrance.

Frank Joseph (known as F. J.) Yahr's father was Ernst Yahr born in 1801 in Germany, and mother was Henrietta Caroline Diesel born in 1821 in Prussia, Germany. They married when Ernst was 48 years old. Shortly after their marriage Ernst and Henrietta came to the United States and settled in Wisconsin. Their first child Emma "Amelia" was born in Wisconsin in 1851, and a few years later a son followed, Frank Joseph Yahr who was born in Watertown Wisconsin on September 26, 1856.

Frank Joseph married Emma Amanda *Fierke* Yahr on 7/11/1880 when Frank was 23 years old. Emma was born 9/6/1857 and was from Newton, which was located in Marquette County. She passed away in 4/14/1904 at the young age of 46. Following Emma's passing, Frank married Martha Wendlandt who was born in 1865 in Illinois. Frank and Martha wed in St. Paul Minnesota in May 1911 when he was 54 years old. She lived to the age of 72, passing away in 1937, and is buried next to her first husband Gustave Wendlandt. Frank Joseph Yahr passed away in Princeton on February 10, 1935 and was buried in the mausoleum.

Frank and Emma had four children, George Frank Yahr, born in 1881 and died in 1954; Victor Frank (Franz) Yahr, born in 1884 and died in 1933 in Kiel, WI; Edmund A. Yahr, born in 1886 and died in 1932; and Irene E. Yahr, born in 1888 and died in 1986. Buried in the above ground mausoleum along with Frank Joseph is his wife Emma, along with two of their children, son Edmund Yahr and daughter Irene *Yahr* Siegmund. Also in the mausoleum is Irene's husband, Dr. Fredrick Siegmund and their daughter Marion *Siegmund* Allen and an infant daughter Josephine Marian Siegmund.

An inscription on the door of Emma *Fierke* Yahr's burial vault is "Hier ruht in Frieden Die Gattin Des F.J." This is translated to read, "Here rest in peace the wife of F. J. Yahr".



Brothers George and Victor are also buried in the City Cemetery, however are not on the mausoleum site.



A follow-up story on the Yahr family will be continued in the next edition of the Princeton Times as the Yahr name was a very common name in community for many years.

The information for this article came from findagrave.com, and Ancestry.com. If anyone has any information or photos of the Yahr Family or anyone else buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery, please

contact City Hall at 920-295-6612 or mail to PO Box 53 or bring to City Hall at 531 S Fulton Street or email mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com or cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com.

Also, a relative of Michael, Albert, and Rosina Krueger is looking for information about the family. If anyone has information please contact City Hall.

The City of Princeton Cemetery Walk is August 25, 2018, at 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM. The Band Mother's Cook Book is still available and can be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or at the Berlin Journal Newspapers Office. The City of Princeton is in the Milk Moola Program from Kwik Trip, and is saving the caps from milk products. If anyone has any caps that they are not saving for another organization, the milks caps can be dropped off at City Hall. The money from the milk caps is going toward buying the cleaning solution to clean the gravestones in the cemetery.

The re-published Princeton, WI, Quas Qui Centennial Books, which is the history of Princeton from 1848 to 1973, are available and were recently reprinted by the Berlin Journal Newspapers. The Quas Qui Centennial Books can be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or contact Mark Judas or Patty Wianecki at US Bank. The Quas Qui Centennial Book will be the companion Book to the 2023 Quarto Sept Centennial Book that is being compiled and will be printed and available with the History of Princeton from 1973 to 2023. The Quarto Sept Centennial Book will be available later in the year 2022.