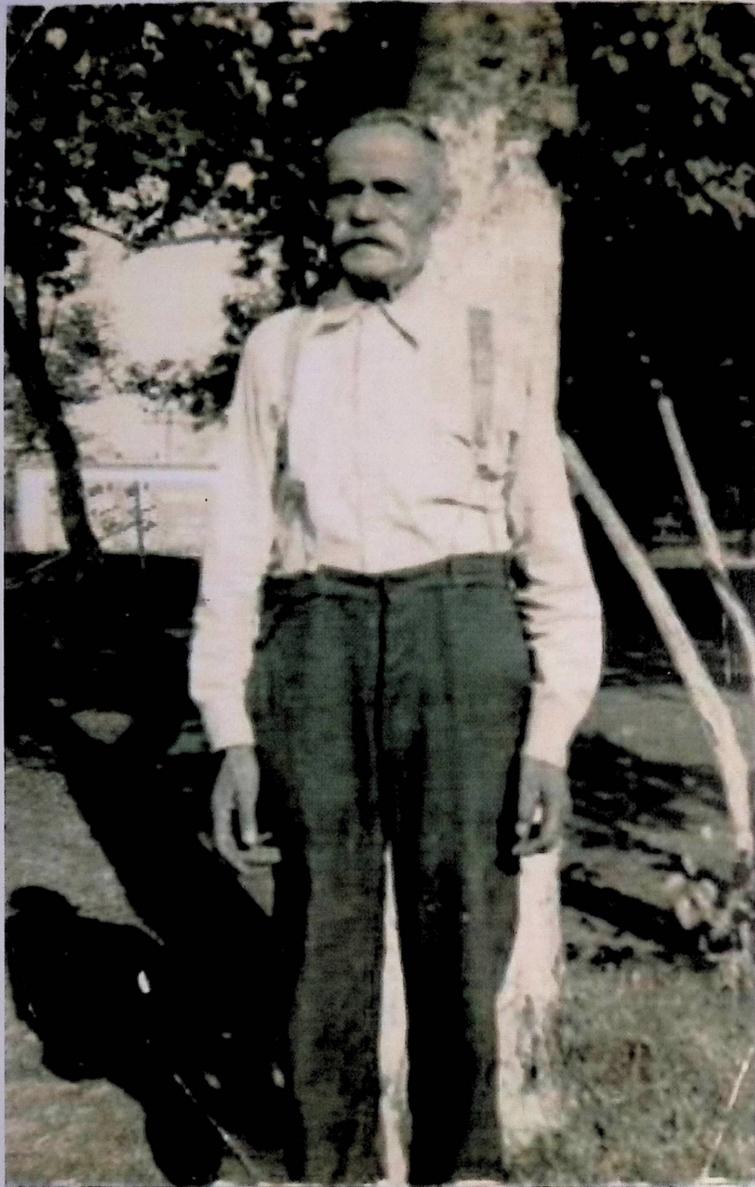




BALON

Bernard Balon and
Beatrice Bailey Balon
Family History



Above: Michael Balon
Above Right: His sons, Mike and Ed

Michael Balon



Mike Balon and his brother Ed Balon, foremen of section gangs 17 and 18 at Backus, Pa.

Son of Roh Balon and Ursula Sniek.

Born September 29, 1866

Died February 19, 1944

Emigrated from Poland around 1891

It is unclear how he ended up in Pennsylvania where he worked on the railroad. During this period, coal and mine companies were heavily recruiting Polish immigrants. Working on the railroad was considered a better job.

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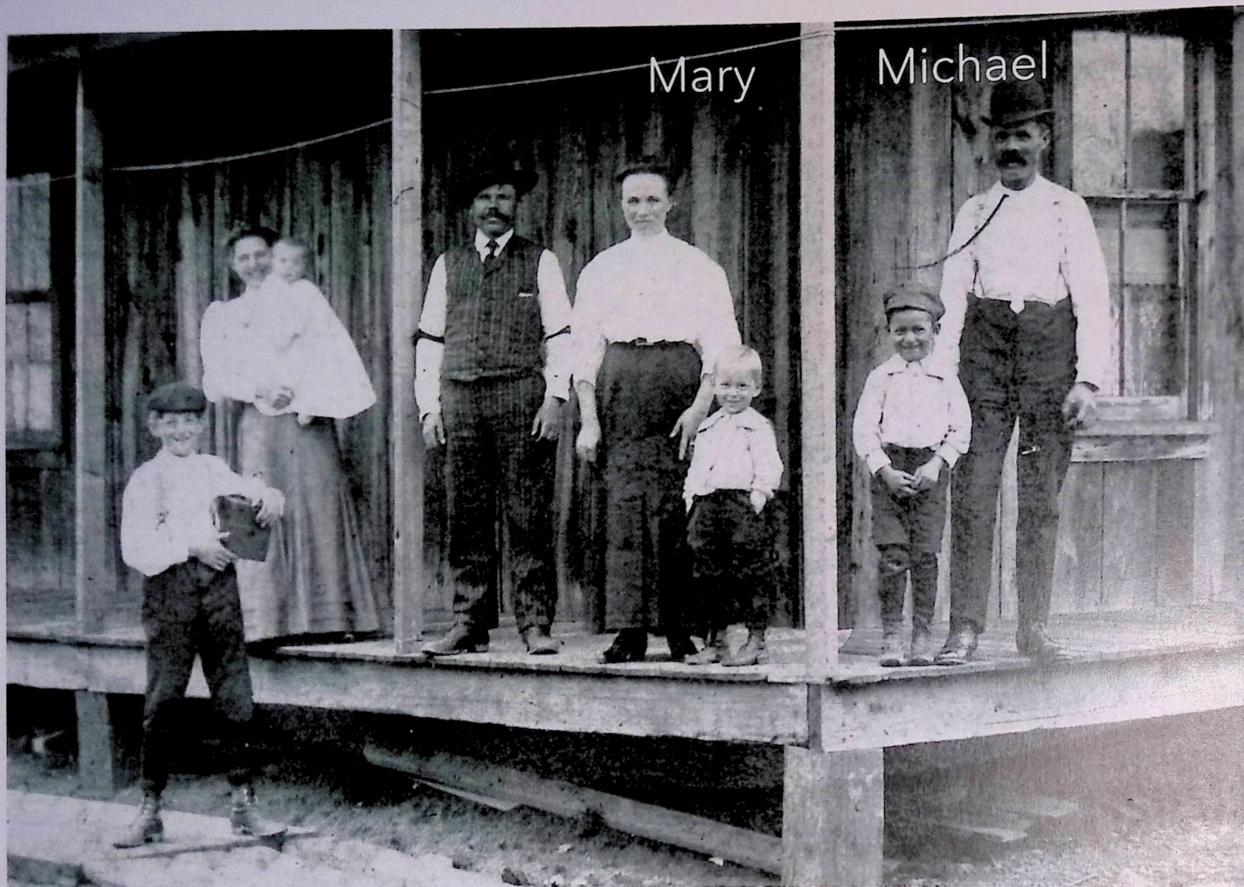


Backus, Pa.



St. Nicholas the Bishop in Rowne, Poland. It is likely that baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths were held in this church.

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Mary Kathrine (Kasprzyk) Balon

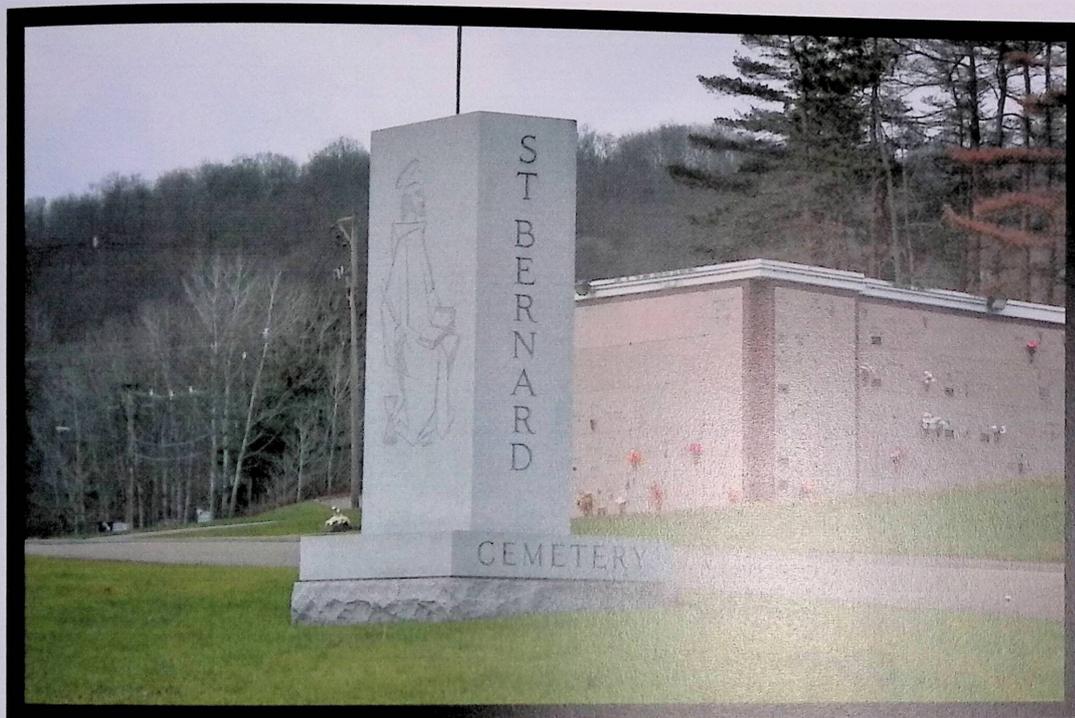
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Honoratha(Honora) Woycik
Born September 8, 1873
Died March 5, 1928
Emigrated around 1891

It is unclear if Michael and Mary Kathrine were married in Poland and then came to the United States. A lack of marriage certificate suggests this to be the case. Various documents suggest they were both from Rowne, Poland. During this time, Poland did not exist as a country. It is believed they resided in the Austrian section of what was Poland. Census records and maps from that time support this. The arrival date of Michael and Mary varies between 1891 and 1893 in various records. The names in parentheses are names as written down by the family. The listed names above are as written on the baptismal certificate of Joannes, who is believed to be Mary's brother. Polish records are largely not available online and must be obtained directly through the holders of the records in Poland.

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Bradford Evening Star and The Bradford Daily Record Bradford,
Pennsylvania 21 Feb 1944- Michael Balon



ford hospital today.
Mrs. Mary Balon of Bingham was
admitted to the local hospital today
as a medical patient.

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Page 2 Mary Balon

Michael Balon Rites To Be Wednesday

Funeral services for Michael Balon, 79, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Shillinger of Bingham, at 1 o'clock Saturday morning, February 19, will be held Wednesday, February 23, at 9:15 o'clock from the late home in Bingham and at 10 a. m. from St. Joseph's church in Mt. Alton. Burial will be in the St. Bernard cemetery here.

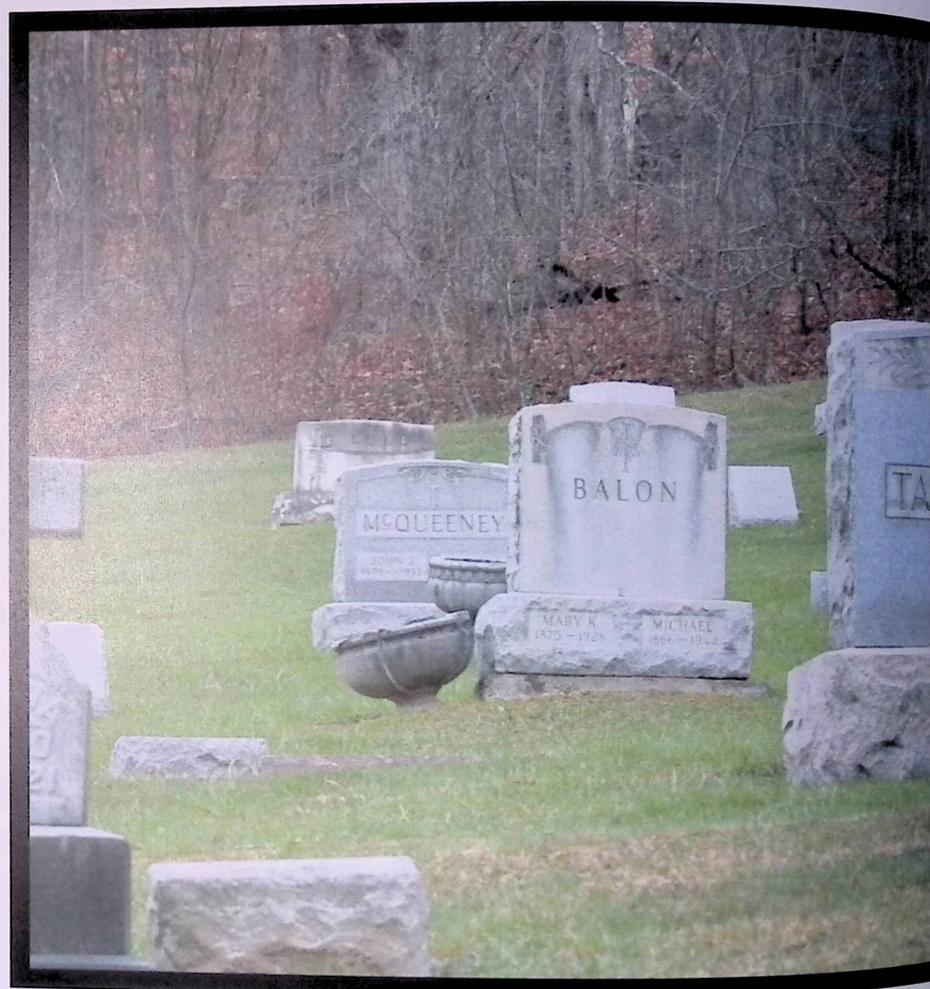
Mr. Balon, a prominent resident of McKean County for the past 47 years, had been in ill health for a number of years. His death was attributed to complications.

Mr. Balon was an employe of the B. R. and P. railway for a number of years, retiring in 1932.

He was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic church at Mt. Alton.

Survivors include six sons, Paul Balon of Sweeny, Texas, Anthony Balon of Cyclone, Edward Balon of Bingham, John Balon of Mt. Jewett, Bernard Balon of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and Michael Balon, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., and two daughters, Mrs. Shillinger, with whom the deceased resided, and Miss Rose Balon, both of Bingham. Thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Healy Funeral



The Balon Family Homestead

Left to right: Ed, family friend, Thomas Schillinger, Michael Balon



Left to right: Mike with Bernard on his lap, Paul, Johnny, Joseph, AJ



Bingham, the town where Michael and Mary lived. Top left and bottom left are the Balon Family Homestead today. Bottom right is the former Ed Balon home on property Michael sold him. Top right is one entrance in to Bingham.

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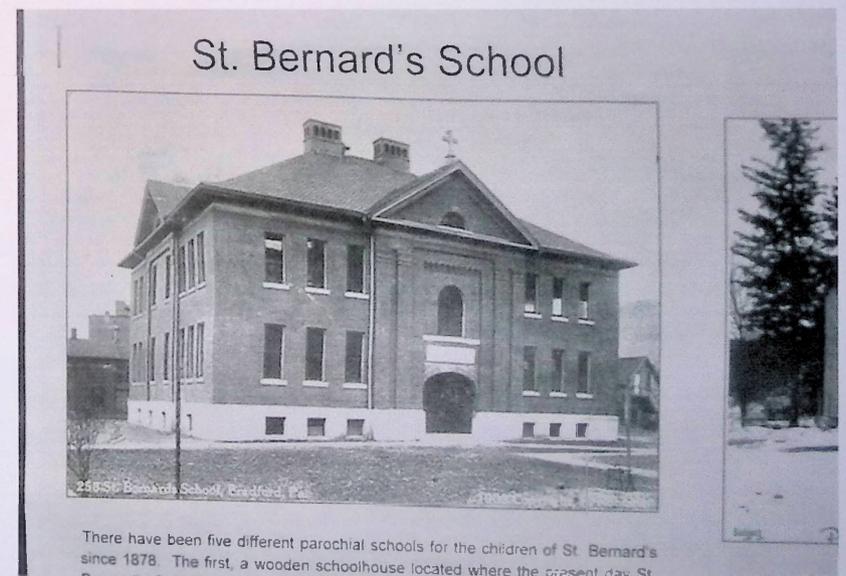
Right: St. Bernard Church in Bradford where some family went to services and some family events were help.



Left: Downtown Bradford. Some Balons and Baileys lived in Bradford. It was a much larger city than surrounding towns.



Right: St. Bernard school where Balons went when they aged out of the local schoolhouse. This is likely the building where the Balon kids went to school.



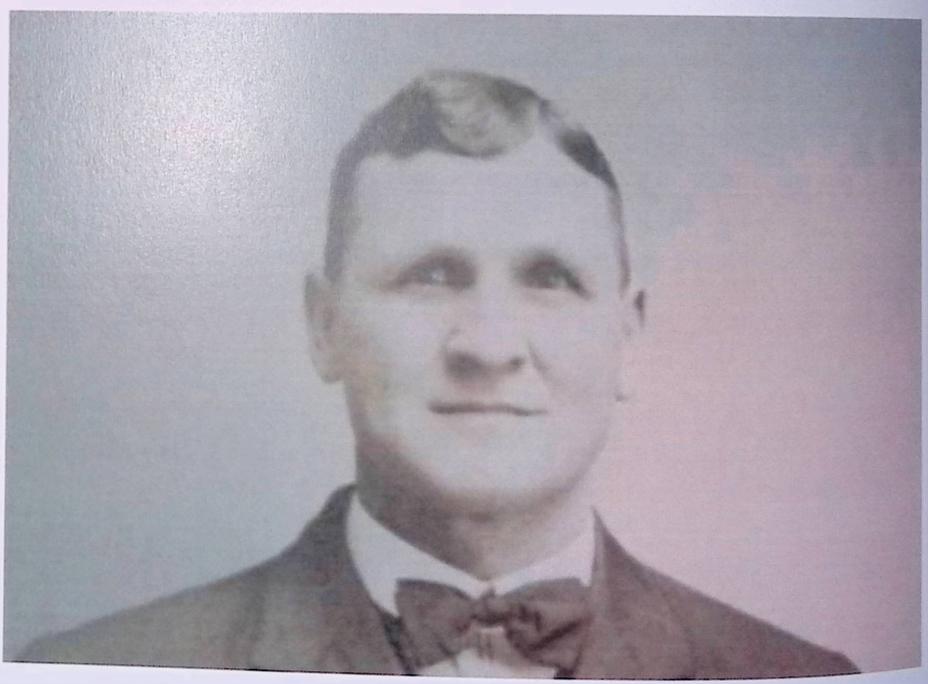


Top and Bottom left: Bingham schoolhouse where the kids went to school
Top and Bottom right: St. Joseph Church in Mt. Alton. This is primarily where the family worshipped
had weddings, held funerals, etc. The church has since been moved from its original location.

Michael's and Mary's children Rose, Mike and Anthony are buried at McKean County Memorial Park.



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The Bailey Family

**Services Monday
For Mrs. Bailey**

Mrs. Margaret A. Bailey, 70, of 450 Douglas st., widow of Benjamin I. Bailey, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Plyler, 455 Douglas st.

She leaves two sons, Ralph S. Bailey, of Bradford, Pa., and J. D. Lynn Bailey, of Fitchburg, Mass.; four daughters, Mrs. Mamie E. Barnett, of Brookville, Pa., and Mrs. Plyler, Mrs. Pauline Gwynne and Mrs. Gladys Barth, all of Akron; 25 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 3 p. m. at Mrs. Plyler's home with Rev. C. F. Jones of the Woodland M. E. church, officiating.

Margaret Amelia Barr Bailey

Born May 6, 1886 in Pennsylvania

Died June 12, 1936 in Akron, Ohio

Daughter of James Barr and Elizabeth Schaffer

Benjamin Ira Bailey

Born January 16, 1860 in Pennsylvania

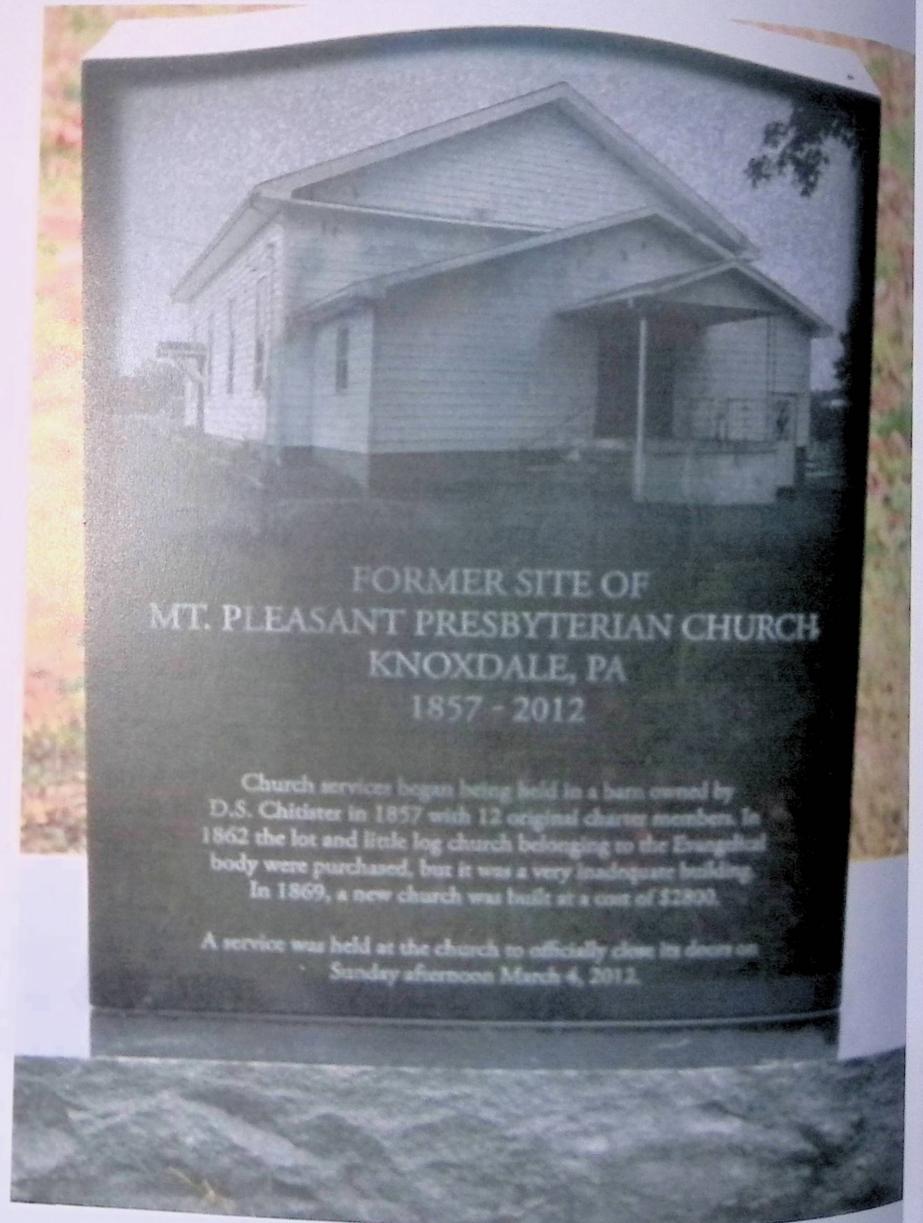
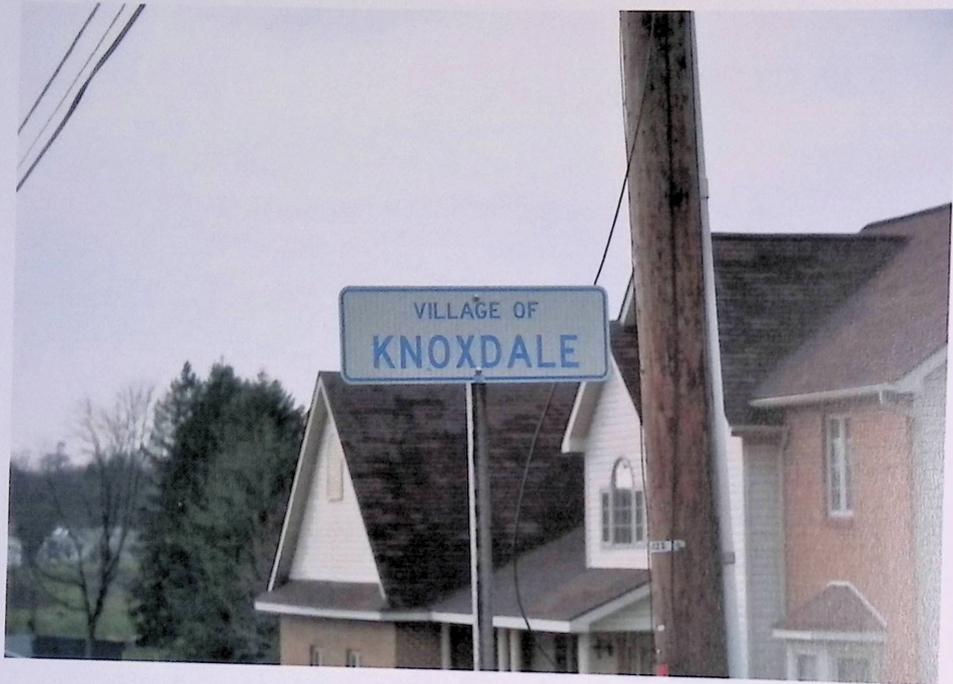
Died April 5, 1935 in Akron, Ohio

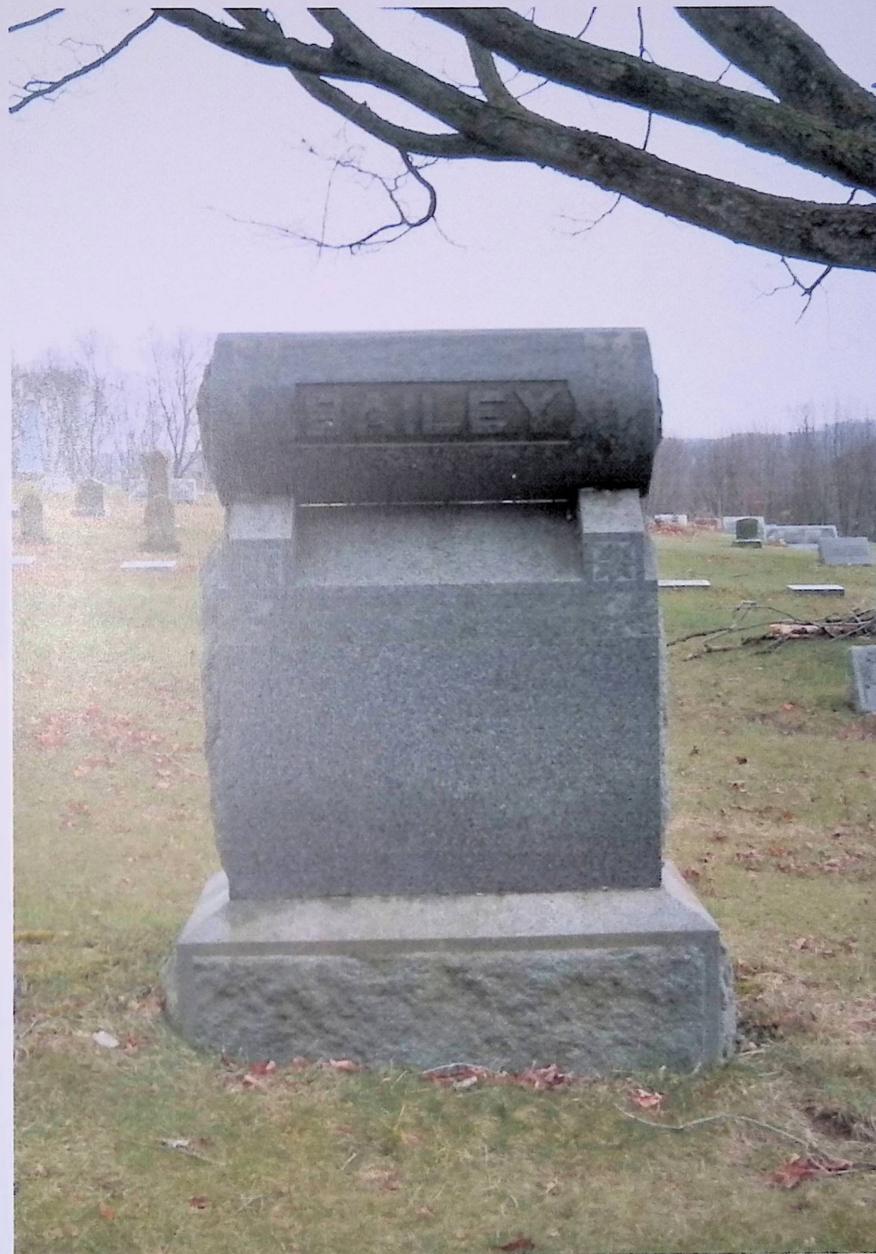
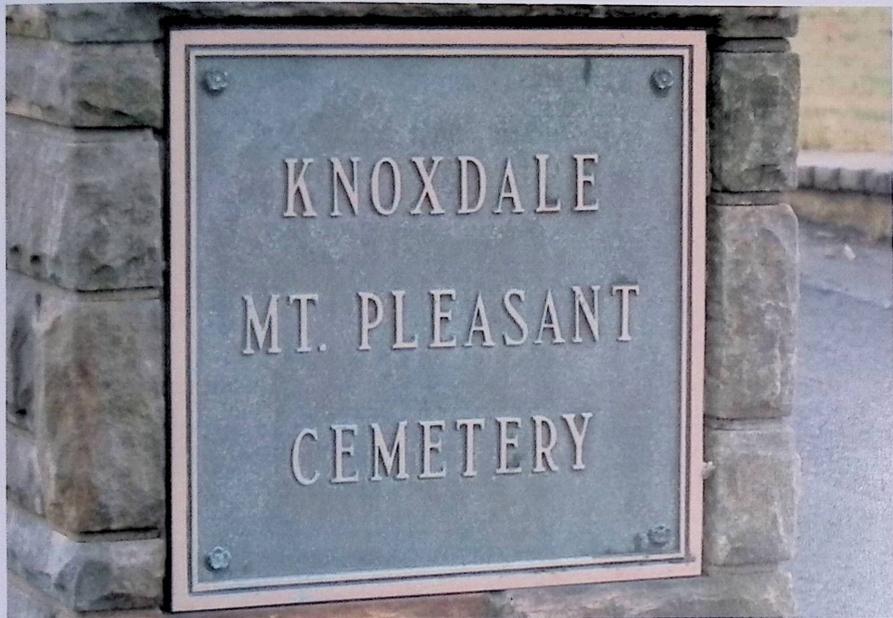
Son of Daniel Bailey and Catherine Rhoads

(Daniel's parents are Peter and Mary)

It appears the Baileys were prominent citizens in Knoxdale based on the family plot in the local cemetery. It appears their children moved to different towns after marriages, and Benjamin and Margaret moved to Ohio with the 3 youngest daughters.

BAILEY—Benjamin I., 75, 450 Douglas, died April 5. Survived by wife, Margaret A.; two sons, Ralph and Lynn; four daughters, Mrs. Mamie Barnett, Mrs. Elizabeth Plyler, Mrs. Pauline Gwynne, Mrs. Gladys Vaith; 19 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and sister, Mrs. Lavina Gould. Services 3 p. m. Tuesday, at residence, Rev. C. F. Jones officiating. Interment Rose Hill.







Ralph Shields Bailey

Son of Benjamin and Margaret
 Born December 2, 1886
 Died March 1972.

Grew up in Knoxdale and appears to have met Myrtha locally. (I am still researching all of the Baileys in the cemetery.) I cannot find an obituary or gravesite for Ralph nor his 2nd wife.

Myrtha Elizabeth Myers

Daughter of John Myers and Mary Reitz
 (More on Reitz family later)
 Born December 17, 1887
 Died April 25, 1939

It appears her family's farm was in close proximity to Knoxdale. There are a lot of Myers in the general area.

PLACE OF BIRTH		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
County of <i>Jefferson</i>		Bureau of Vital Statistics	
Township of <i>Knox</i>		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
City of _____		Registration District No. <i>565</i>	File No. <i>35597</i>
No. _____ St. _____		Primary Registration District No. <i>2778</i>	Registered No. <i>16</i>
Ward _____			
FULL NAME OF CHILD <i>Ira Albert Bailey</i>			
Sex of Child <i>Male</i>	Twin, Triplet, or other?	and Number in order of birth	Legitimate? <i>Yes</i>
FULL NAME <i>Ralph Shields</i>		Date of birth <i>April 7, 1907</i>	
RESIDENCE <i>Knoxdale</i>		MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <i>Myrtha Myers</i>	
COLOR <i>White</i>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>20</i>	COLOR <i>White</i>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>17</i>
BIRTHPLACE <i>Pa. Myers</i>		BIRTHPLACE <i>Jeff Co Housekeeper</i>	
OCCUPATION _____		OCCUPATION _____	
Number of child of this mother <i>1</i>		Number of children, of this mother, now living _____	
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE			
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on <i>April 7, 1907</i> , at <i>1012</i> St. _____			
*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, mother, householder, etc., should make this return.			(Signature) <i>Walter Steiner M.D.</i>
Given name added from a supplemental report _____			(Physician or Midwife) <i>Walter Steiner</i>
Address <i>Knoxdale Pa.</i>			

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. R. BAILEY

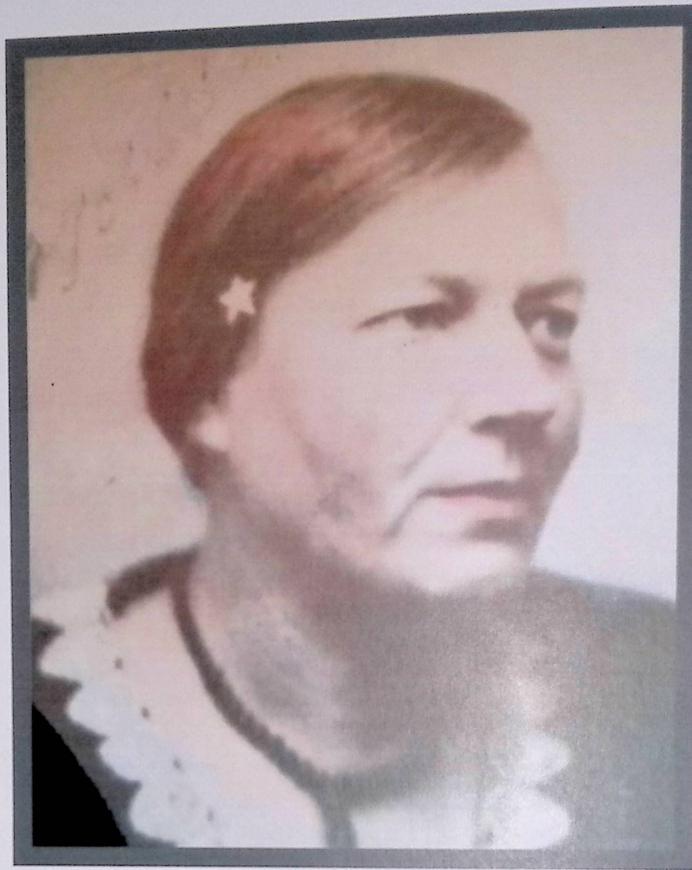
Mrs. Mirtha Elizabeth Bailey, 51, wife of Ralph Bailey of 80 North Kendall avenue, a resident of this city for the past 11 years, died last evening at 8:25 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Fuller, 34 Pearl street.

In ill health for the past 13 weeks, Mrs. Bailey's death was caused by a complication of ailments.

Mrs. Bailey was born in Jefferson county December 17, 1887, and moved to this city 11 years ago. She was a member of the Bradford Gospel church.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one son, Ira Bailey of Reynoldsville; five daughters, Mrs. Fuller and the Misses Zaro and Aldean Bailey of this city, Mrs. Clara Wolfgang of Olean and Mrs. Beatrice Balon of Mottoon, Ill.; two brothers, Irvine Myers of Ridgway and John Myers of Wellsville; four sisters, Mrs. Scott Kaylor and Miss Emma Myers, Worthville, Pa., Mrs. Harry Shevestull of Knoxdale and Mrs. Scott Moore of Reynoldsville. Nine grandchildren also survive.

The body was taken in charge by Funeral Director Frank J. McAllister and was returned to the North Kendall avenue residence this afternoon.



Myrtha died young at the age of 51. She had at least 7 children, one of which died at age 17 (son Lynn above). Family stories tell of a hard life with a less than loving husband. Ralph Bailey was not regarded well, and his grandchildren share stories of him being mean and abusive to his children and wife. Both Lynn and Myrtha were buried back in Knoxdale, a hard trip two counties away. They were buried in the Bailey cemetery family plot at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. It is hard to know if this burial choice was a return to the home community or the lack of care by Ralph. It is likely cost was not a factor as there must have been expense to take the bodies to a different county. The journey by car today is over an hour away.



John Myers

Born July 18, 1852

Died May 1, 1922

It appears John lived his entire life in Knox Township, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

Ramsaytown is an unincorporated community outside of Knoxdale.

He was a farmer.



NECROLOGY

JOHN A. MYERS

John A. Myers died on May 1 at his home in Ramsaytown of heart disease, aggravated by dropsy. He was born in Knox township July 18, 1852, and had spent his entire life in that community, following farming as a means of livelihood.

Mr. Myers is survived by his widow and all of their eight children: Emma and Isaac, at home; Melvin and Thomas, of Ridgway; Mrs. Harry Shovestull and Mrs. Ralph Baily, of Knoxdale; Mrs. Scott Kaylor, of Worthville, and Mrs. Scott Moore, of Reynoldsville. Surviving sisters are Mrs. Harry Hoffman, of Sulger; Mrs. Albert Keil, of Pansy; Mrs. Nate Weaney, Reynoldsville, and Mrs. Isaac Heckman, Conifer.

Mr. Myers was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Funeral services were conducted May 3 by his pastor, Rev. W. H. Brown, assisted by Rev. J. J. Gruber, pastor of the Summerville Presbyterian Church. Interment was made in St. Matthew's Cemetery.

TWO DISTRICT MEETINGS

Per a local whose family has lived in Knoxdale a long time, there are a number of Myers in Jefferson County and specifically in the Know Township and surrounding areas. We were unable to find John's parents on ancestry but took pictures of any Myers tombstones we found.

MRS MARY R. MYERS

Mrs. Mary (Reitz) Myers, widow of the late John A. Myers, died at Ramsaytown at 1:30 o'clock Friday morning of last week aged 76 years, 3 months and 25 days. Death was due to heart trouble from which the deceased had been a sufferer for several years.

Mrs. Myers was born at Hazen on April 4, 1860, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Reitz. She was united in marriage to Mr. Myers on September 17, 1877, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. S. Allshouse. Mr. and Mrs. Myers resided in Shannondale for a number of years, later moving to Knox township where the deceased spent the last forty years of her life.

Surviving Mrs. Myers are the following children: Irvin, Thomas and John, of Ridgway; Mrs. Harry Shofstahl and Mrs. Ralph Bailey, of Knoxdale; Mrs. Scott Kaylor, of Worthville; Mrs. Scott Moore, of Pittsburgh, and Emma, at home. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Thomas Reitz, of Allens Mills; S. Reitz, Falls Creek; Mrs. William Burkuse, Hornstown, and Mrs. George Hollenbaugh, of Florida.

Mrs. Myers was a member of the Lutheran Church, and funeral services were held at her church in Knox township on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. L. J. Kaufman. Burial was made in the Lutheran Cemetery. The pallbearers were grandsons of Mrs. Myers.

Mary Magdaline Reitz

Born April 4, 1860

Died July 29, 1927

Daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Boakman

(More about her parents later.)

Was born in Hazen Township about 30 minutes by car. It is unclear how Mary and John met given the distance would be considered great. The Reitz name is considerable in Brookville, the county seat of Jefferson County, and in surrounding areas.

The name is very common in the area so it is hard to sort the relationships.

BOOK. SHE WAS 10 YEARS OLD.

—Mr. Michael Reitz, of Allens Mills, died at his home on Monday of this week from a paraletic stroke, and was buried on Wednesday at Hazen. Deceased was almost 87 years old.

Michael Reitz

Born February 13, 1824

Died April 18, 1910

Son of John Reitz and

Magdalena Smith

Michael was a farmer in the community. I found his baptismal record recorded in Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church listings. Michael was baptized on March 28, 1824.

S. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. The "Special Information" for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

Form V. S. No. 5.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

PLACE OF DEATH

County of Jefferson Registration District No. 569 File No. 50507

Township of Washington or Borough of _____ Primary Registration District No. 2790 Registered No. 520

City of _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____) [(If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information.")]

FULL NAME Michael Reitz [(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX <u>Male</u>	COLOR <u>White</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>April 18 1910</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Feb 13 1824</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	AGE <u>86</u> <u>2</u> months, <u>5</u> days	I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 190_ to _____ 190_	
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Widowed</u>	BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Northumberland Co Pa</u>	that I last saw h _____ alive on _____ 190_	
NAME OF FATHER <u>John Reitz</u>	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Pennsylvania</u>	and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>12:10 P.M.</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>471</u>	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Smith</u>	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>Death occurred suddenly on above date from what was thought to be heart failure.</u> (Duration) _____ Days	
OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>	THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF	Contributory <u>Died before medical attendance could be secured.</u> (Duration) _____ Days	
(Informant) <u>Thomas J Reitz</u>	(Address) <u>Brookwayville R.F.D. 1</u>	(Signed) <u>Alway McNeil</u> M. D. <u>April 18 1910</u> (Address) <u>Hazlet Pa</u>	
Filed <u>7/6 1910</u>	Registrar <u>J. McNeil</u>	SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents. Farmer or Usual Residence _____ How long at Place of Death? _____ Days	
		Where was disease contracted? _____	
		PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Stables</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>April 20 1910</u>	
		UNDERTAKER <u>P.M. Thompson</u> ADDRESS <u>Allens Mills</u>	



Elizabeth Boakman (Baughman)

Born 1826

Died May 18, 1875

Parents unknown

The name in parentheses is the name as recorded on her husband's death certificate. The name listed is the one on the tombstone. Given the photic spelling used at the time, it is unknown which is correct although the pronunciation is likely the same. Michael and Elizabeth are buried in Temple Cemetery outside of Hazen.



