

Como Methodist Churchyard

The churchyard of the old Methodist Protestant Church is composed of the following local families.

Bennett
Bowker
Brand
Brown
Davis
Gifford
Housel
Johnson
Ludlow
McCarter

Newman
Runyon
Senn
Shibla
Smith
Sweet
Truex
White
Worthington

Como Church.

The Como Methodist Church in Spring Lake Heights and adjoining burial ground is located on the east side of Church Street, formerly the easterly end of Allaire Road, between Route No. 71 and the railroad. Prior to the erection of the original one room church in 1870, services were held in private dwellings. One of the oldest of these meeting houses was the old Newman residence on 18th Avenue, opposite "L" Street in West Belmar, built in 1825. Regular services were held here for 60 years. It was at this house that plans were organized for the erection of a new church.

In 1870, Captain Samuel Ludlow, a local resident and large property owner, cleared a strip of land he owned and donated it, with the stipulation that a portion of the land be set aside for the burial of shipwrecked seaman and paupers. He also gave a substantial sum of money for the erection of the church.

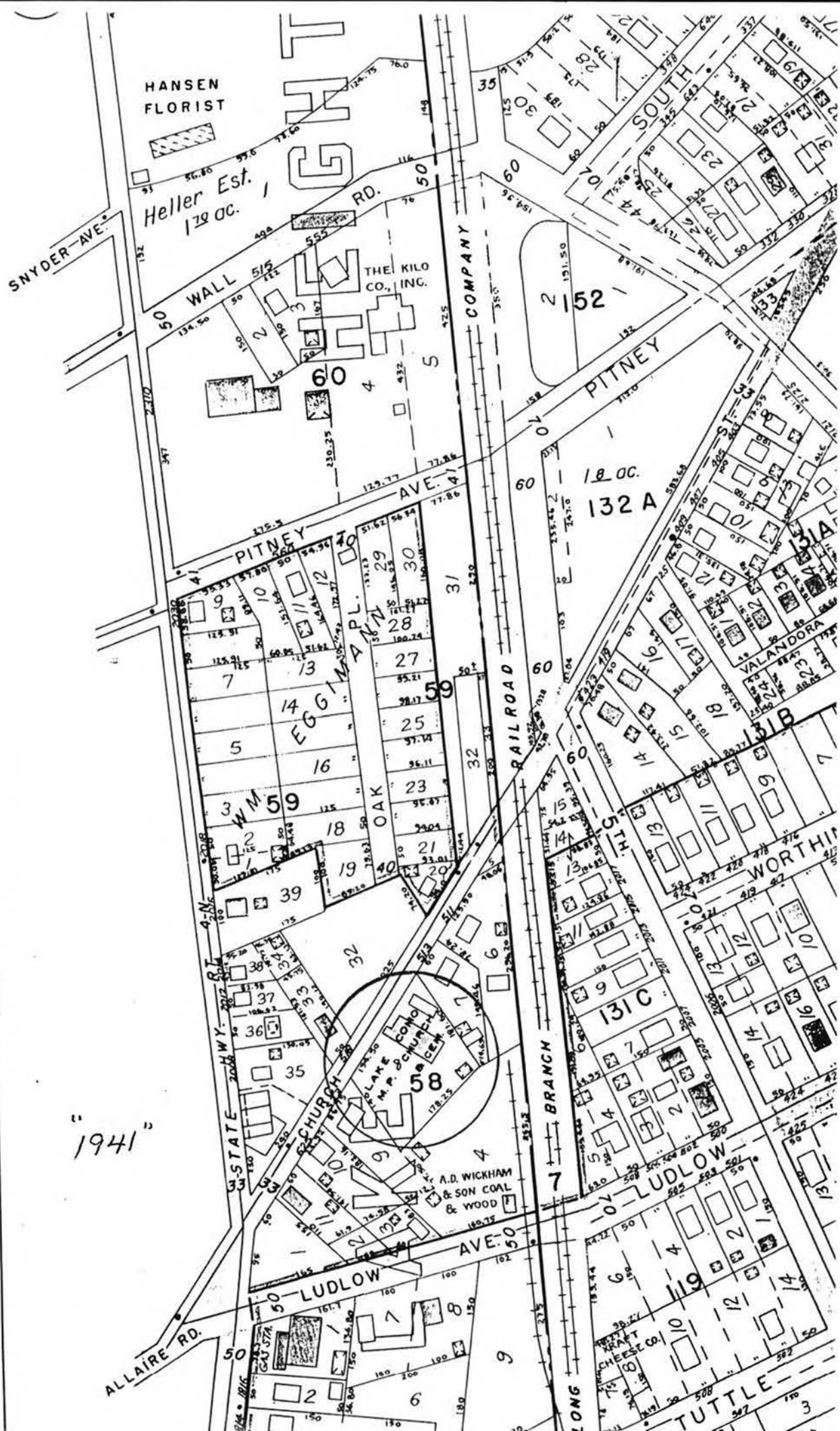
It is not known how many seaman or paupers may have been buried here. Like in the neighboring Presbyterian Church property on Allaire Road near Route 35, graves of the unknown seaman were all unmarked. Such is the case here.

Prior to the erection of the Como Church, a small burial ground was set aside for the Ludlow family at this spot. One of their children, Abraham Lincoln Ludlow died at the age of one day on March 5, 1861. His wife, Sarah Smith Ludlow, died five days later on March 10, 1861. Her funeral services were held in the Wall Methodist Church on Old Mill Road, and was buried on the family farm.

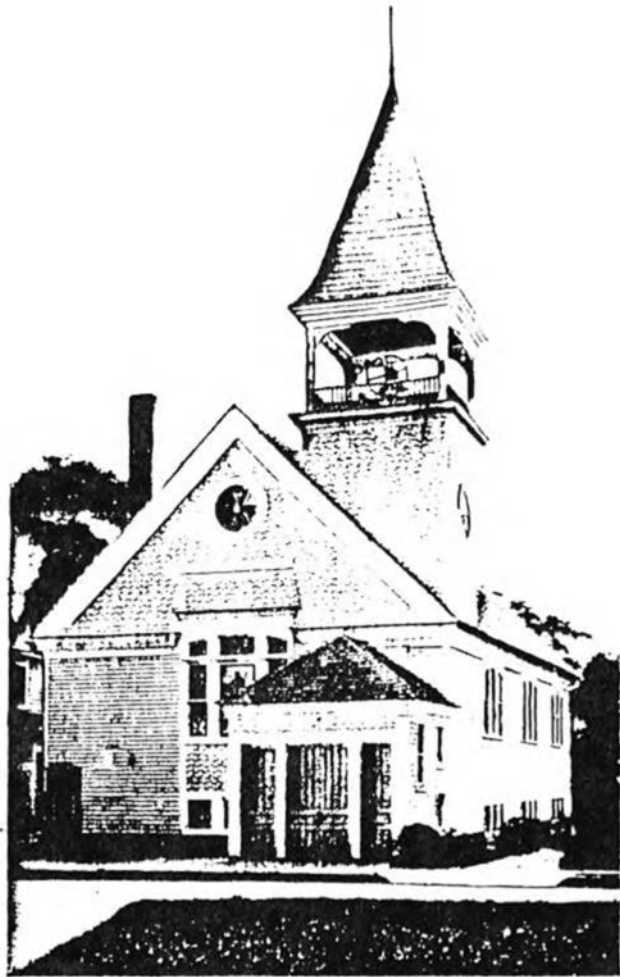
In 1889, the present structure was built, and remained in use until June 5th 1960 when the congregation merged with the St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Spring Lake.

The old Como Church is still standing and the cemetery well maintained, but the stones are well worn and many are not legible. The church building has been taken over by the Manasquan Brotherhood of the Masons for use as a Masonic Temple.

The History of the Church and its combined burying ground has been compiled by Robert L. White, Wall Township, N.J. March 15, 1999.



Como METHODIST CHURCH & CEMETERY.



1870 - 1964

NOW COMO MASONIC TEMPLE.

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Bennett, Edward W., See Mary E. Bennett
Bennett, Isabel S. See Robert Mahlon Worthington
Bennett, Mary E., nee McCarter, wife of Edward W. Bennett
 born June 28, 1862 died March 11, 1890 stone very worn.
Bennett, Stephen, born November 19, 1823 died May 2, 1899.
Bennett, Elizabeth Newman, wife of Stephen Bennett,
 died March 14, 1907 aged 78 years.

Bowker, Genevieve, dau. of Charles and Mary Bowker
 born May 3, 1897 died September 26, 1901.

Brand, Alice M., dau. of William and Sarah
 born September 29, 1860 died November 19, 1889.
Brand James, died March 28, 1889 aged 65-11-15. "A Dear Husband and Father."
Brand Sarah, wife of James, On same stone as James, no dates indicated.
Brand, Louis R., 1889 - 1915. Masonic emblem engraved on stone.
Brand, "Little Nellie," dau. of Forman & Mary.
 died August 9, 1889 aged 1-11-3.
Brand, "Little Rulong," son of Forman and Mary.
 born June 29, 1894 died September 15, 1896.

Brown, Peter, born August 16, 1832 died January 18, 1916 no stone.
 son of William and Jamima or Gemima Brown. See attached obit.
Hannah E. Truex, wife of Peter Brown. no stone.
 born March 19, 1833 died October 25, 1902.
 (presumed to be buried with her husband)

Davis, Alice M., born September 29, 1866 died November 27, 1885
 stone almost illegible.

Gifford, Asel Freeman, born October 6, 1842, died October 31, 1903 aged 62 years.
Gifford, Catherine Newman, wife of Asel Freeman Gifford.
 born December 1848, N.J., died January 4, 1902 aged 53 years,
 See attached obits.

Glover, Albert H., dates not cut.
Glover, Martha A., wife of Albert H. 1848-1924 Single stone.

Housel, Anna, 1892-1894 aged 2 years.
Housel, Harriet A., 1896-1902 aged 6 years.

Johnson, Pheobe, See Phoebe Newman.

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Ludlow, Samuel F., D.D.S. 1875-1974. latest burial in cemetery.
Ludlow, Eva H., wife of Frederick R, died July 10, 1886 aged 28 yrs.
Ludlow, James L., born May 22, 1873 died August 9, 1886.
Ludlow, Nancy J., dates illegible, probably 2nd. wife of Capt. Samuel Ludlow.
Ludlow, Abraham Lincoln, son of Nancy and Samuel
died March 5, 1861 aged 1 day.
Ludlow, Minnie, dau. of Nancy and Samuel
died July 19, 1868 aged 0-1-24.
Ludlow, Ulysses C., on large Ludlow stone, son of Nancy and Samuel
born October 25, 1864 died September 17, 1864.
small foot marker ingraved U.G.L. (rather than U.C.L.)
Ludlow, Captain Samuel,
born July 16, 1822 died November 22, 1901. See attached obit.
Ludlow, Sarah, wife of Capt. Samuel
born June 18, 1826 died March 10, 1861.
Another stone, Sarah Smith, dau. of Jacob I. Smith & wife of Capt. Samuel Ludlow
"Our Dear Mother's Tomb" died March 10, 1861, aged 34-8-25.

McCarter, Mary E., see Bennett, Mary E.

Newman, Catherine, see Gifford, Asel Freeman.

Newman, Elizabeth, see Stephen Bennett.

Newman, Pheobe, nee Johnson, wife of Emanuel Newman. 1832-1906.

Runyon, Joseph, no stone, information from obit Oct. 9, 1885, see attachment.

Senn, Frederick, Co. A. 29th Reg. N.J. Volunteers
died April 30, 1904 aged 76 yrs. Civil War Soldier.

Shibla, Charles L., born March 14, 1822 died April 28, 1906.
Shibla, Amanda, born May 28, 1832 died Sept. 12, 1900.
(Charles and Amanda both inscribed on same stone.)

Smith, William I., born July 10, 1820 (death date not inscribed)
Smith, Sarah, wife of William I., born November 22, 1824 died September 7, 1895.

Smith, Sarah, wife of Capt. Samuel Ludlow, died March 10, 1861, aged 34-8-25.
See Ludlow, Sarah, wife of Capt. Samuel Ludlow.

Sweet, Mark, 1848-1891.
Sweet, Charles, 1871-1894.

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Sweet, Mary E., no dates.
Sweet, Baby, no date or inscriptions.

Truex, Hannah E., wife of Peter Brown. See Peter Brown.
 born March 19, 1833 died October 25, 1902. No stone or marker.

White, Richard, 1830-1912.
White, Ann E., 1833-1905.

Worthington, Robert Mahlon, "Father" 1859-1927.
Worthington, Isabel S. Bennett, "Mother" wife of Robert M., 1862-1937.
Worthington, George William, 1885-1888.
Worthington, Robert Mahlon, 1888-1888.
Worthington, Eliza Adeline (Addie" on footstone) 1889-1903.
Worthington, Robinson Morris, "Bobbie" 1894-1918.
 Co. K. 309th Inf. 78th Div. Killed in action October 3rd. Thiaucourt, France.
 "Faithful Until Death" on stone.
Worthington, Robert M., Co. M 9th Cav. Ill. Volunteers.
 died December 11, 1897, aged 68 yrs. Civil War Soldier.

Compiled By Robert L. White March 15, 1999.

Attached Obits.

Sea Side Newspaper, Manasquan, N.J. October 6, 1878.

The dead body of a girl, about nine or ten years, was found lying on the beach, about half a mile south of the Neptune House, (now 17th Ave. & Ocean, Belmar) on Tuesday afternoon, by Freeman Gifford, a fisherman. It was clothed in a light buff calico dress, with dark spots; blue sack trimmed with chinchilla; gray striped stockings; laced gaiters, very little worn. The face was disfigured beyond all recognition. In the absence of a Coroner, Esquire John E. Tilton was notified. He examined the body but found no violence thereon. An inquest was decided unnecessary. The body was placed in a coffin and buried in the burying ground in Sea Plain, (now Spring Lake heights.) *COMO CEM.*

Sea Side, December 4, 1885.

"Announcement of the death of Miss Alice Davis, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Davis, on Friday last. Interment in the Sea Plain Yard." *COMO CEM.*
(See Davis, Alice M.)

Capt. Ludlow Dead.

Oldest Resident of North Spring Lake
Passes Away After Four Week's
Illness. Aged 79.

Captain Samuel Ludlow the oldest resident of North Spring Lake died about 7 o'clock this morning of senility after an illness of four weeks. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Captain Ludlow was born July 16, 1822, and for many years conducted a fishery at Hoboken. He was first president of the board of commissioners of North Spring Lake borough. He leaves a widow, 11 children, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Copied from an Asbury Park Newspaper, Friday, November 22, 1901.

Peter Brown, of West Belmar.

Peter Brown, age ⁸⁴~~80~~ years, of West Belmar, died Tuesday night after an illness of about a month. Funeral services were held this afternoon at his late residence and burial was made in the Como cemetery. Funeral Director T.E. Hardy was in charge.

Unknown newspaper article.

Death of Peter F. Brown

The funeral of Peter F. Brown of West Belmar, who died Tuesday afternoon at the age of 84, will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Brown residence, H street, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Charles Everett officiating. Interment will be made by Undertaker Hardy of Manasquan in Como.

In the death of Mr. Brown, Belmar loses perhaps her oldest continuous resident. Mr. Brown always lived where he died on H street, West Belmar. He was the son of

*Born 1832
Died 1916*

William Brown and was the last surviving member of a family of nine children. Mr. Brown was a farmer by occupation and always followed that with a few months in the year fishing until his retirement about eight years ago. He leaves four children: Mrs. Frank Morton of Long Branch, George, Harry C., and Edwin of Belmar. There are 35 grand children, and 27 great grand children.

Obit of Peter F. Brown of West Belmar, Wall Twp. N.J. appeared in the January 20, 1916 Asbury Park Press on Thurs. Peter Brown, was the son of Jemima or Gemima (Newbury) & William Brown.

The house that Mr. Brown lived in is now known as 1717 "H" street, or Route No. 71 in West Belmar.

Reference To Como Cemetery.

Information taken from the Manasquan Sea Side Newspaper, Oct. 9, 1885.

"Mr. Joseph Runyon of Ocean Beach (now Belmar) who was killed near Easton Pa., by falling off the rear platform of an excursion train returning from Mauch Chunk, was brought home on Saturday and buried at Sea Plain." (Como Cemetery) formerly Wall Township, presently Spring Lake Heights.

The 1885 Census of Wall Township lists a Joseph Runyon, aged 19 years.

William Runyon was listed as aged 50

Lydia Runyon as aged 56. These three names were listed together. It is not known if they were related, but this was the only Joseph Runyon listed in the town in 1885.

An Aged Lady

"The death of Mrs. Jamima Brown occurred on Saturday last at the residence of her son Mr. Peter Brown, at West Ocean Beach. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon last at the Hopeville M.P. Church. Mr. James H. Sexton, of Asbury Park, was the undertaker, and every apointment of the funeral was arranged in Mr. Sexton's usual good taste and conducted with that care much appriciated at such times. The attendance was large as Mrs. Brown was so well and favorably known that a host of friends and relatives desired to show their respect by following her to her last resting place. A very impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. Faront of Ocean Beach.

Mrs. Brown was well advanced in years being in her 86th year. She was the mother of 9 children all of which excepting two survive her, the grandmother of 103 grand-children, seventy-three of whom still live, the great-grandmother of 105 great-grandchildren 80 of whom are now living. Her oldest child now living is 65 years; the oldest grandchild 49 years; the oldest great-grandchild 17 years."

The following was copied from the Manasquan Sea Side Newspaper, Friday, February 16, 1883.

The house that Mrs. Brown lived in is now known as 1717 "H" Street, or Route No. 71 in West Belmar.

There are no visible stones or markers to mark the grave where she was buried in the Hopeville M.P. Church, now known as the Glendola Methodist Churchyard. It is presumed that she would be buried with her husband William Brown, no dates.

Jamima, or Gemima, as she is also known by, was born March 24, 1797.

Mrs. Freeman Gifford.

Mrs. Freeman Gifford died at her home in West Belmar early Saturday morning, and funeral services over the remains were held at the house yesterday. Interment was at Como. Mrs. Gifford was taken suddenly ill on Friday afternoon while on her way home from Asbury Park. From Avon she walked until she reached the home of a friend in Belmar. Dr. C.R. Treat was summoned, and the woman's condition becoming worse, her son was sent for. About 10 o'clock Mrs. Gifford was removed to her home and at 1 o'clock she passed away.

Full Maiden name, Catherine Newman.

Born December 1848, N.J.

Died of a Cerebral Hemorrhage, January 4, 1902, aged 53 yrs.

Father's name, Joseph Newman. Mother's Maiden name, Rebecca, unknown.

Asel Freeman Gifford.

Asa Freeman Gifford of West Belmar died on Friday last of gangrene of the intestines. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the Como M.P. Church. The Knights of Pitheous and Jr. O.U.A. of Belmar attended the funeral in a body. Interment was made in Como Cemetery. Undertaker Thos. E. Hardy in Charge.

Father's name, Richard Longstreet Gifford.

Mother's Maiden name, Hannah Brown.

Freeman Gifford, as he was known, and his family lived in West Belmar, on what is now "H" Street, or Route No. 71 opposite Karl and Erma Newman's Gasoline Station, at Fifth Avenue and "H" Street. In later years the Henville Family lived there, and eventually it was purchased by the Wall Auto Wreckers and the house was torn down.

Mr. Gifford was born on October 6, 1842 and died October 31, 1903 aged 62.

There are no stones or markers at the Como Cemetery marking the Gifford graves.



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Husband's Full Name Asel Freeman Gifford Chart No.

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	6	Oct	1842	Howell		NJ	62 years old
Ch'nd							
Marr		Dec	1867	Monmouth County		NJ	0215
Death	31	Oct	1903	WALL		NJ	Gangrene of intestines
Burial				Como Cemetery			

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other Husbands: 1 and 2 only (11/12) are taken together (omit for each man)

His Father Richard Longstreet Gifford

Mother's Maiden Name HANNAH BROWN

Wife's Full Maiden Name Catherine Newman

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth		Dec	1848			NJ	53 years old
Ch'nd							
Death	4	JAN	1902	West Belmar		NJ	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Burial							

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Her Father JOSEPH Newman

Mother's Maiden Name Rebecca

Sex	Children's Names in Full (arranged in order of birth)	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
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1 George W Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

2 LeRoy Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

3 SARAH L Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

4 Estella Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

5 Asel Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

6 SOPHIE Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

7 Joseph M Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

8 Edward Gifford

Full Name of Spouse

Compiler

Address

City, State, Zip

Date

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Husband's Full Name

Additional Children and Sources:

band's name

Wife's name

Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on Children
9 <u>Fredde Gifford</u> Name of Spouse	Birth						
	Marr.						
	Death						
	Burial						
10 <u>GRACIE B Gifford</u> Name of Spouse	Birth						
	Marr.						
	Death						
	Burial						
11 <u>BENJAMIN Gifford</u> Name of Spouse	Birth						
	Marr.						
	Death						
	Burial						
12 <u>Walter William Gifford</u> Name of Spouse	Birth						
	Marr.						
	Death						
	Burial						
13 <u>Helen Mary Gifford</u> Name of Spouse	Birth						
	Marr.						
	Death						
	Burial						
14 <u>ALBERT Gifford</u> Name of Spouse	Birth						
	Marr.						
	Death						
	Burial						
5 Name of Spouse	Birth						
	Marr.						
	Death						
	Burial						

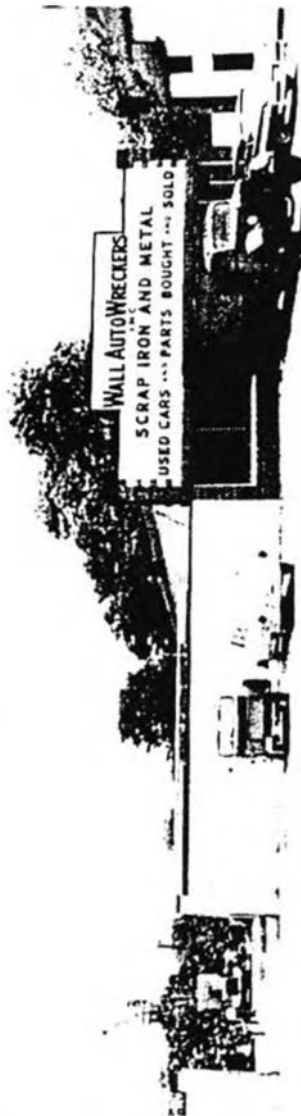
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Wall Auto Wreckers, Inc. 7



Baling Scrap and Non-Ferrous Metals
Old Autos-Iron & Steel Scrap
1822-28 H Street; West Belmar
MUTUAL 1-4200

The Asel Freeman Gifford House.

The Gifford house can just be seen next to the large building of Wall Auto Wreckers on H Street in West Belmar, between 4th and 5th avenues. After the building was torn down, it became a parking lot for Wall Auto Wreckers trucks.