

## Carrier Cemetery, Brookfield Twp, Eaton County, Michigan



**Directions:** Carrier Cemetery is located on private land on the west side of Narrow Lake Road and Southwest corner of East Butterfield Hwy. It overlooks Narrow Lake. This cemetery is inactive.

The earliest burial known was in 1809 and the last burial was in 1925.

Thanks to the Brookfield Township Clerk and Eaton County Clerk's office for their help. We used death records and newspaper obituaries to determine some names or dates for the Brookfield Township cemeteries.



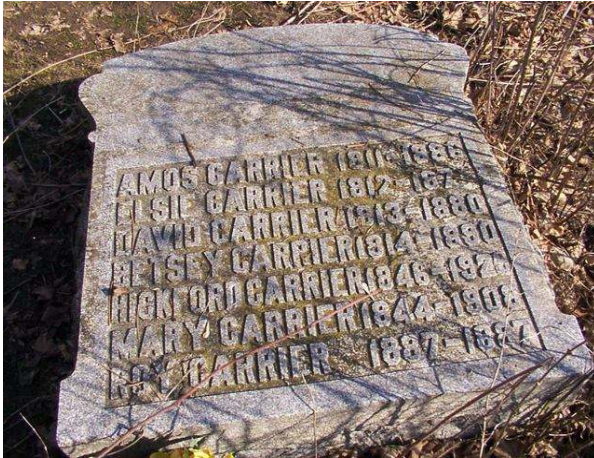
*View of cemetery before the Restoration Project*

Across from the DNR Public Landing at the southwest corner of Narrow Lake Road and Butterfield Highway, was a hill so overgrown with brush that it was extremely difficult to penetrate in the summertime. On that hill is buried Amos D. Carrier, his wife and their son Hickford. There are at least 12 others buried at the top of the hill. All were either members of the Carrier family or believed to be close friends of the family.

In February 2006 concerned citizens decided to clear the brush from the cemetery revealing the tombstones.. After clearing the site they cleaned the stones. With the use of a forklift they raised the broken Carrier

family headstone and replaced it onto the original base. Renovation photos are on the next page. With all the hard work extended by these concerned citizens we are able to have Carrier Cemetery tombstones available for public viewing and genealogical research. Thank you to the concerned citizens for their hard work and those that passed on information.





## Amos D. Carrier

Amos D. Carrier was born in New York state in 1811 and arrived in Michigan between 1837 and 1844 settling in Brookfield Township on the west side of Narrow Lake. He was the first to settle at Narrow Lake and was one of the original pioneers to homestead Brookfield Township. He was about 30 years old when he homesteaded the wilderness of Narrow Lake and erected the first house at Narrow Lake. The area truly was a wilderness noted for its particular abundance of bears, wolves, and deer. Brookfield Township itself was split in the middle from north to south by swamps which were so dense they were a terror to early settlers. The swamps could be traversed only in the winter when they were frozen over.