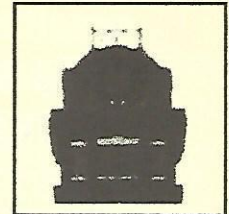


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William Vail

Civil War Veteran

On May 19, the G.W. Anderson Camp No. 58, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, conducted a headstone dedication ceremony at the grave of William Vail in the Gunnisonville Cemetery. He is the ancestor of SUVCW member **Claude Vail** and the brother of **Daniel Vail**, another Civil War veteran who served in the same regiment and is buried in Victor Twp.

William Vail was born in Chester Co., NY, 4 Mar 1822. He resided in DeWitt with his wife and was a farmer. He enlisted in Co. B 3rd Mich Cav on 20 Feb 1864 in Corunna, aged 41. He contracted typhoid fever and died 12 Jul 1864 at DuValls Bluff, AR. His family moved his remains to the Gunnisonville Cemetery near Bath.

(Contributed by Douglas Armstrong, Commander G.W. Anderson Camp No. 58, SUVCW.)

CIVIL WAR CO G 5th MICH CAVALRY BATTLES & SKIRMISHES

Littlestown - 30 June 1863
Gettysburg, PA - 03 July 1863
Monterey, MD - 04 July 1863
Williamsport, MD - 06 & 15 July 1863
Boonsboro, MD - 08 July 1863
Hagerstown, MD - 12 July 1863
Snicker's Gap - 21 July 1863
Ashby's Gap - 21 July 1863
Newby's Cross Roads, VA - 24 July
1863
Culpepper, VA - 13 Sept 1863
Raccoon Ford, VA - 16 Sept 1863
Robertson River, VA - 23 Sept 1863
James City, VA - 10 Oct 1863
Brandy Station, VA - 11 Oct 1863
Buckland Mills, VA - 19 Oct 1863
Morton's Ford, VA - 27 & 28 Nov
1863
Raid to Falmouth - Feb 1863 (sic)
Kilpatrick's Raid to Richmond - 28
Feb 1864
See [http://users.aol.com/dlharvey/
5thcav.htm](http://users.aol.com/dlharvey/5thcav.htm) for extensive information
on this Civil War Unit.

YOURS IN LOVE, THE BIRMINGHAM CIVIL WAR LETTERS

by Zoe von Ende Lappin, 1989,
1996, 2001. Published by the author,
Denver. indexed, illustrated,
softcover, 204 pages.

The **Birminghams** in the title refer to the family of **Robert and Susan (Mitchell) Birmingham** of Rochester Colony, Clinton County, Mich., and particularly to their three sons -- **Theodore, Orlo and James** -- who served in Michigan regiments in the Civil War.

Susan and other family members saved about 90 letters of the era and later, and they in turn

were saved by Susan's stepgrandson, the late **John Hall** of Elsie, MI. When the author wrote to Mr. Hall in 1987 in search of family information for her husband's genealogy, Mr. Hall gave her the letters -- pleased at last to have a found a Birmingham direct descendant to own them. The author's husband, **Jack Lappin**, is a great-grandson of Orlo Birmingham and his wife, **Julia Budlong**.

The letters start in 1862 with a sad tale told by **Mandana Birmingham**, the wife of **Zelo Birmingham** of Wisconsin, Robert's brother. They then follow the three Michigan men and their families through the war, and later to Nebraska, California, Washington and Colorado. Many are from Rochester Colony friends, especially the **Beebe sisters, Minerva, Maggie and Katie**, daughters of **Oliver and Ellen Beebe**. The author attempted, and mostly succeeded, to identify each person mentioned in each letter. Family group sheets fill out the genealogies.

Other surnames include **Sloat, Aldrich, Covert, Butler, Paine, Budlong, Mitchell** and **Avery**.

Out of print for about a year, the book now may be purchased, for \$25 postpaid, from the author: Zoe Lappin, 1246 Glencoe St., Denver CO, 80220-2559. E-mail: ZLappi@hotmail.com (Submitted by Zoe Lappin)

Clinton County, MI, Burial Records for Indigent Civil War Soldiers & Sailors

by Betty Driscoll, 2001. Published by the author, indexed, 40 pages.

Civil War soldiers and their dependents who died indigent and were buried at county expense are the subject of this book. It includes the following:

1. Where and when the soldier or his dependent died, where they died, where and when they were buried, soldier's rank and branch of service.
2. The records sometimes give the name of the person in whose home the subject died, health of the decedent, residence and names of older children, date of entry and discharge from service.
3. It includes burials in the following counties: Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ionia, Ingham, Isabella, Newaygo, Oakland, Saginaw, Shiawassee, and possibly Mackinaw.
4. It covers soldiers and their dependents who were residents of the following counties: Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Isabella, Kent, and Monroe.
5. The supplemental headstone readings, sexton record reviews, and plot ownership records were used to prove the above record. All available information about the decedent, as well as anyone else buried on the same plot, is given. If a headstone was not found, all similar names in that cemetery are listed.

Cost is \$15 plus \$1.75 for postage. Order from the author: Betty Driscoll, 9394 W. Silver Lake Road., Mears, MI, 49436. E-mail bdriscoll@voyager.net (Submitted by Betty Driscoll)

RESTORATION CONTINUES

If you care to keep up to date on the cemetery restoration project you can get information at www.rootsweb.com/~miclointo/cemres.htm

Publications of the Clinton Co. Historical Society

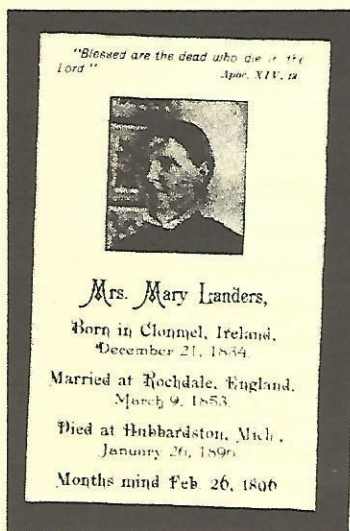
On another page in this issue is a list of the currently available publications of the CCHS and the Genealogists of the CCHS. New entries are:

- ♦ *Mt. Rest Cemetery Index*, updated through 2000. Arlene Smith and Kim Sperry abstracted the new data and merged it with the original information to create this revised index.
- ♦ *Oak Ridge Cemetery Index*. Betty Driscoll compiled all the records gathered during the 1999-2000 restoration of Oak Ridge Cemetery for this index.

Democrat Star; Pascagoula, MS; June 7, 1907.

ATTRACTIVE HOME WEDDING

The marriage of Miss **Oneida Aurelia Friar**, of Pascagoula and Mr. **Charles Denison**, of Ovid, Michigan, was celebrated Wednesday evening at 8:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Claud Watson** on the beach. The wedding was an especially attractive and lovely event. Rev. **B. H. Ellis** officiated. There were a number of friends and relatives at the ceremony. The bride's costume was an extremely lovely gown of white mull trimmed with lace. The wore a long veil of illusion and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses, looking very attractive and beautiful in her becoming bridal robe. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Denison will leave on Saturday for their future home in Ludivine, LaFriday, June 14, 1907 Mr. Charles A. Denison and bride left Saturday for their future home in Luvine, La. They were accompanied by their sister, Mrs. **C. D. Bohannon** enroute to Lampasas, Texas. Submitted by **Margaret (Hollister) Wolfe**



Months Mind

The term, "months mind," mentioned in this funeral card refers to a method of grieving once practiced by some Catholic congregations.

The bereft would drop out of all social functions for one month after a death. At the end of the month the name of the deceased would be read in the Mass as a reminder that although the loved one was out of

sight he/she was not out of mind. In Europe the bereaved meet a month after the funeral. This "months mind" Mass is an opportunity for family and friends to come together and reflect.

(Research by Judy Thelen)

Court House Cannon

Hurrah! Bif! Bang!

Benica Arsenal. Benica, Cal., October 23, 1899. Mr. J.L. Ring, Commander C.E.Grisson Post *G.A.R., St. Johns, Michigan. Sir: I am instructed by the Chief of Ordnance, U.S.A. to issue to you one 30-Pdr. Parrott Rifle. As this is to be without expense to the United States, please advise me by what route shipment shall be made, and at what point the charges for transportation will be paid. Respectfully, A. Mordecai, Col. Ord. Dept. USA. Commanning.

The above announcement was in response to efforts of two years upon the part of Chas. E. Grisson Post G.A.R. through a committee composed of **O.E. Wilson, E.B. Smith, H.H. Harris, and Commander J.L. Ring.** This was first taken up when congress decided to assign obsolete cannon to the cities of the US.

Commander Ring says, "We may expect the gun soon. It weights 4,200 pounds and the transportation charge will be \$147. We will have to buy or have constructed a caisson which will cost in the neighborhood of \$200 more. The history of the gun will be made known in due time and in the meantime all who wish to participate in the glory of placing this object lesson in the Court House grounds near the flag pole can do so by calling on **Chas. Fowler**, who will receive your subscription and inscribe your names on the roll of honor."

At a recent session of the supervisors, permission was obtained to place the gun on the court house lawn.

*Grand Army of the Republic

(The above was edited from *The Clinton Republican*, 2 Nov 1899)

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- ◆ Veteran Burials, Middlebury Cem., Shiawassee Co., compiled by Betty Driscoll.
- ◆ *Yours in Love, The Birmingham Civil War Letters*, by Zoe Lappin.
- ◆ Simmons School photos; 1922,1910,1911.
- ◆ Brown School photo; ca 1895.
- ◆ DeWitt HS photo, 1928.
- ◆ Boak-Wakefield 1st reunion photo, 1932.
- ◆ Maple Rapids HS photo, 1934 students grades 9-12.
- ◆ Record of 1st MI Eng & Mech, Civil War 1861-5, Vol. #43
- ◆ **William Vail**, Civil War **Veteran's** records.
- ◆ **Harte** family genealogy papers compiled by **Betty Hincer.**
- ◆ *Clinton County, Mi, Burial Records for Indigent Civil War Soldiers & Sailors*, by **Betty Driscoll.**

Minutes
Charles E. Grisson Post
No. 136 G.A.R. - Oct.
24, 1913

Regular meeting called to order 7:30 p.m. Commander **H[arvey] D. Curtis** presided. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Quartermaster absent; no report. Committee to examine book at Ladies Library reported that they be left where they are. On motion the report was accepted.

Funeral of Comrade **W[illiam] E. Hamilton** held at his residence Oct. 28, 1913 (died 25th). Moved and supported to attend in body (carried) Meet in this hall 1:30 p.m. Oct. 28th. Following comrades acted as pall bearers: **Leland, Minard, Drake, Sowles, Wilson, Grubaugh**. Services at residence 2:00 p.m. conducted by Rev. **Bishop**. Thence to cemetery where ritual services of Post was carried out.

Comrade Bradner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption (carried): Resolved, it's [the] sense of this post to present to County of Clinton cannon owned by this post now on the courthouse ground. Moved and supported that the resolution be accepted and adopted. A rising vote taken and motion lost.

Report of WRC [Women's Relief Corps] read and placed on file. Moved and supported Comrade Bradner act as janitor until his successor is elected. (carried).

Comrade Bradner offered following resolution: C.E. Grisson Post extend vote of

thanks to supervisors of this county for money placing cannon on pedestal. Signed by Commander and Adjutant; moved and supported that resolution be accepted. (carried)

Collection 13 cents. No further business. March in regular order.

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The archives holds the book of minutes in which the preceding account of the G.A.R.'s Oct. 24, 1913, meeting was recorded. It spans the years 1913-1923. These minutes reveal many interesting details of the unit's activities. Members' deaths and funerals are dealt with throughout. Following is a list of the persons named in the book, some of whom are not actually members. The asterisk means that the death or funeral of that member is mentioned in the minutes.

Adams, Eli S.
Annis, Andrew*
Armstrong, Edward (Dr.)
Baker, W.M.*
Bailey, James*
Baron, A.L.*
Bishop, C.E. (Rev.)
Bixby, Dick
Blackman, Emerson
Bradner, John W.*
Brink, Ruben*
Brown, (Hiram?)*
Brown, Ruben*
Brown, W.M.*
Buck (Mrs.)
Burns
Cartright, Charles*
Case, Marion
Chapman, Joe Ames*
Chase (Mrs.)
Collins, James H.*
Connell, John F.*

Corbert, Skyer
Corell, D.M.
Cornell, Ezra*
Cruson, Able
Cunningham, John*
Curtis*
Curtis, Harvey D.*
Curtis, H.H.
Curtis, W.D.
Curtis, William H.
Dalzell, (Rev.)
Davy, Thomas
DeWitt (Mr.)
Diller, Joseph*
Drake, Moris B.
Eagle, Abe
Eagle, David*
Eagle, David (Mrs.)
English, Joseph/J.M.*
Estes, H.M.*
Evens, C.C.
Everts, Jesse*
Fields, Eli*
Fish*
Fitzgerald, John W.
Flynn, John*
Foster, W.M.
Frank, Daniel
French, D.S,
French, Wilson
Gardiner, Washington
Glenn, D.
Grisson, Chas.
Grubaugh, Jake
Grubaugh, John
Hamilton, William E.*
Handshey, Elias*
Harris, Henery
Haycock, Charles (Rev.)
Heathy (Mrs.)
Hendershot (Mrs.)
Hosmer, G.A. (Rev.)
Hovey, Langdn*
Howard, David S.
Huggt, W.M.*
Hulse, Harry
Huss, G.
Ingersoll, W.M.
Jones, Riley

Kimble, Geo. D.
Kedzie (Rev.)
Kelly, John*
Kelly, D.W. (Mrs.)
King, S.
Kinney, Sam
Knickerbocker, Jas.
Kniffin, M.A.*
Kniffin, M.A. (Mrs.)
Krepps, John
Krepps, Jno.
Krull, Horace*
Kruse, J.C. (Rev.)
Lee, W.O.
Leland, W.M.*
Lilian (Mrs.)
Le Roy, James
Linch (Father)
Loomis, L.J.
Love, A.A.
Love, Oliver E.
McCabe (widow)
McCabe, H.D.*
McClintock, Geo.*
McDonald, Murdo
McPerson, Samuel B.
Mentor, John
Miller, David
Minard, J.
Mull (Mrs.)
Mull, A.J.
Mullen, R.W.
Murphy, Hugh
Northrup (Elder)
Norton, W.M.
Osgood, J.S.
Parmalee, Noble S.
Parr, John
Patterson, John E.*
Perry, Geo. R.
Pingree
Rankin, H.C.
Ring, John L.
Rouse, S.J.*
Shulters, Geo.*
Sitts, Ed.
Smith, C.E.
Smith, Samuel W.
Sowle, George (Mrs.)

Sowle, Geo. H.*
Spaulding, Henry
Spaulding, O.L.
Stansell, H.P.*
Stephenson, Geo.
Stevens, M.
Stimson, Geo.
Stocker, W.N.
Stowell, D.M.*
Sutton, W.A.*
Trask, L.L.
Tucker, Horace*
Tyler, Chas. L.
Tyler, Chas. W.*
Vail, Daniel
Valentine, Chas.
Walbridge, Henry
Walters, Chas.
Wardell
Watkins (Rev.)
Walch*
Wells, Geo.*
Wills, Chas.
Wills, Jessie
Wills, N.N.
Wilson, (Gen.)
Wilson, O.E.
Woodbury

FAMILY HISTORIES

Featured here are family histories which were submitted ca 1993 for a proposed supplement to the 1980 Clinton County History book. (See *Clinton Co. Trails*, Vol. 12, #1.)

Donald Glenn Davis

Family

by Donald Davis.

Donald Glenn Davis was born Sept. 11, 1924, at Alma, MI; lived east of Shepard, MI, for 7-1/2 years, then moved to 2141 W. Centerline Rd., St. Johns, MI. This is a Centennial Farm which has been in the family over 150 years.

Donald is the son of **Glenn and Lucy (Ballinger) Davis**. He married **Alma Joan Bower** at DeWitt Community Church on April 30, 1949. Alma was born west of DeWitt on Howe Road, the daughter of **Harold and Hazel (Campbell) Bower**.

Donald attended County Farm School (rural) and in 1943 graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns. He attended MI State College for agricultural short course. He has farmed approximately 500 acres with his dad and brother Duane (early with four horses and one tractor); later with his sons. He has worked various at other jobs --fertilizer salesman, Oldsmobile, real estate-- and retired as a gas truck driver from Farmers' Petroleum in 1987 to farm full-time again.

Alma graduated from DeWitt High School in 1942, received a state limited teaching degree from MSU, and taught rural school 3 years. After family of 5 children were born, she worked for 25 years as a special education aide in St. Johns schools.

Donald and Alma have been early members of 4-H, Jr. Farm Bureau, and active in township government. They were former E.U.B. Church

members, now Pilgrim United Methodist, and served as Sunday School teachers and in other various positions as well as doing mission work in Haiti.

Donald and Alma had four sons and one daughter: **Dale, Roger, James, Janet, and Robert**.

Surnames

- **John H. Fildew** - 1105 Harvard Rd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. Fildew@mich.com. **Fildew, Charles of Thomas Lyon, Royal Lyon/William/Roxbury, Parsons Devon/Dorsey England.**
- **Kay & George Gallup** - 423 White Pine Blvd., Lansing, MI 48917. **Gallup, Cogswell, Bailey & Beckwith.**
- **Patricia W. Geyer** - 601 Manor Drive, Albion, MI 49224. **Wight, Welch, Gibbs, McWethy & Wilkinson.** Pwight23@hotmail.com.
- **Susan Hartl** - 140 S. 15th St., San Jose, CA. **Eddy, Myres (Myers, Micrs, Mires), Arnold & Garber.**
- **Joyce Holbrook** - 123 Thompson St. Springfield, MA 01109-39214. **Grubaugh, Keiser, Barrus, Wideman & Fritz.**
- **Douglas Huggett** - 721 Roberta Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186. Huggygexecpc.com. **Irving MacIntosh Eaton.**
- **Bonnie Horman Kennett** - 4209 Arbor Drive, Midland, 48640-2604; kennettww@aol.com. **Ira & Mary Ann Thornton, Clark & Lucy H. (Andrews) Hazard, William P. Plowman, Edward/John Bissell & Ruth Ellis.**

NEW HELP

Mary Lou Courtland has offered to work with the crew at the archives on Tuesdays. She started May 15, 2001, and is breaking in by abstracting the vital statistics from the 1948 issues of the *Clinton Co. Republican-News*

This is a list of the currently available publications of the CCHS and the Genealogists of the CCHS.

- ★ **Past & Present of Clinton County, Michigan;** by Judge S.B. Daboll; 1906; reprint 1987; 572 pp.; index. \$40 + \$5 postage = \$45
- ★ **Historical Date Book of Clinton County,** biographical sketches of prominent & representative citizens; 47 pp.; stapled binding. \$5 + \$1 postage = \$6
- ★ **The Way We Were;** 18 reproduced postcards, vintage views of St. Johns buildings. \$5 + \$1 postage = \$6

Send check to:

Clinton Co. Historical Society, P.O. Box 174,
St. Johns, MI 48879

- ❖ **Cemeteries in Clinton County, Michigan;** directory of names & locations of cemeteries; Rev. 2000; 5 pp. \$1 + \$.50 postage = \$1.50
- ❖ **Records of the Rev. Guilford S. Northrup;** baptisms, weddings, and funerals in central Michigan ca 1880-1920; 1981; 55 pp.; stapled binding; indexed. \$5 + \$1 postage = \$6
- ❖ **United States Civil War Soldiers Living in Michigan in 1894;** 1988; 288 pp. \$25 + \$5 postage = \$30
- ❖ **1840 Federal Census, Clinton County, Michigan;** 1988; stapled binding; 7 pp. \$5 + \$1 postage = \$6
- ❖ **Mt. Rest Cemetery Records, St. Johns, Michigan, 1855-2000;** Pub. 1996, Rev. 2001, 227 pp; 11,000+ records. \$30 + \$5 postage = \$35
- ❖ **1940 Rural Directory of Clinton County, Michigan;** reprint 2000; 44 pp.; stapled binding. \$7.50 + \$2 postage = \$9.50
- ❖ **1864 Plat Map of Clinton County, Michigan;** indexed; apx. 50 pp.; unbound. \$5 + \$2 postage = \$7.00
- ❖ **Oak Ridge Cemetery,** Bengal Twp., Clinton Co., MI; 2001;

headstone readings, ownership records, & stone repairs; apx. 50 pp; comb binding. \$15 + \$2 postage = \$17

- ❖ **Clinton County Trails;** quarterly newsletter; subscription included with annual dues. \$10 single, \$15 family.

Send check to:

Genealogists of the CCHS, P.O.
Box 23, St. Johns, MI 48879

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**QUERY**

- Submitted by **Janice L. Nicewander,** 621 S. Main St., Ithaca, MI 48847-1738: Looking for information on **Richard Raycraft, Martha Gay Evans Raycraft** and their son **Thomas,** b Ireland. Richard may be buried in Clinton Co.
- Submitted by **Jan Stoerck,** P.O. Box 1512, Florence, OR [jstoerck@presys.com](mailto:jstoerck@presys.com). Interested in descendants & stories of the **William & Gertie (Slayton) Crowell** family who celebrated their 50th anniversary 24 Dec 1944. William's parents were **Freeman & Mary (Lance) Crowell.** Gertie's parents were **Myron & Rebecca Slayton.**

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Michigan Genealogical Council News

You can refer to the new web site of the Michigan Genealogical Council for data on genealogical societies in Michigan, their publications, conferences, meeting dates, and other pertinent information.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mimgc>

The Michigan Genealogical Council has just undertaken a project called

Death Without Official Michigan Record

Its purpose is to register persons who died in or before 1900 and left no Michigan official record. See the required form (which may be photocopied) and the list of acceptable sources on the following pages.

DEATH WITHOUT OFFICIAL MICHIGAN RECORD
A Michigan Genealogical Council Project

DWR – MGC
P.O. BOX 80953
LANSING, MI 48908-0953

Primary Sources are defined as contemporary and/or government records made at the time of the event by the parties involved. These records are acceptable sources in proving relationship from one generation to another:

1. Census Records Federal Census Mortality schedules. Taken 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880. Prints from the film should accompany the registration form. Transcripts from films are not acceptable as proof.
2. Probate Records Wills/estates (testate-with will; intestate-without will); guardianship lists of heirs and relationship; name changes; and sometimes transfer of real estate. Records begin at the formation of the county and are found in the Probate Court where the event occurred.
3. Land Records and Plats Purchase and sale of property often shows residency and marital relationship. Available from the county where the land was owned, records may be maintained by the Register of Deeds. Some proofs of death may occur here.
4. Tax Records Taxes were paid on property owned on a yearly basis. Records are available from the time of the county's formation. Records may be located in the Register of Deeds and/or Treasurer's office in county where land was located or in township record repositories. Changes in ownership may determine time of death.
5. Military Records Records include muster-in and muster-out, pay vouchers, pension papers, and military bounty land warrants (before 1856) for: WWI (1914-1918), Spanish-American War (1898-1899); Civil War (1861-1865); Indian and other wars (1816-1898); Mexican War (1845-1849); War of 1812 (1812-1815); Revolutionary War (1775-1783). Records are available from the National Archives and Records Service, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC, 20408; or Michigan History Division, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI, 48918. Indexes of Michigan Civil War soldiers are available. Pension applications, granted or refused, are acceptable as proofs.
6. Church Records Church records often contain birth, death, marriage, and funeral information on their membership.
7. Cemetery Records Actual records of church, city or township sextons. The Library of Michigan published the *Michigan Cemetery Atlas* and the *Michigan Cemetery Source Book*.
8. Mortuary Records Actual records of funeral home may include death date, burial date, location of interment, obituaries and miscellany.
9. Burial and Transport Found in village, city, and township halls or county health departments. Information varies from death date to personal comments.
Records
10. Court Records Civil, criminal, divorce, and naturalization records begin from formation of the county and may be located in circuit court or superior court where the event occurred. Some proofs of death may be found in this group.

See acceptable secondary sources on reverse side.

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Secondary Sources are any sources in print that do not come from a contemporary or government. One of these records alone might not be acceptable as proof of a death without official Michigan record.

1. Bible Records Dated and/or undated. Include photocopies of the pages showing the publisher, date of publication, names, date, and events. Identify current owners of the Bible when known. This must be accompanied by a residence location.
2. Obituaries Dated with name of newspaper and location. Most libraries contain copies of local newspapers. The Library of Michigan has extensive holdings of microfilmed Michigan newspapers available through interlibrary loan to Michigan libraries. Photocopies of original articles are requested. Prints from unidentified films or photocopies of unidentified obituaries do not serve as proof, but are accepted as supplemental material.
3. Newspaper Clippings Dated with name of newspaper and location. Clippings may include anniversaries, biographical sketches, awards, marriage notices, reminiscences, etc. Prints from films or photocopies of actual clippings are requested.
4. Family Histories/
Genealogies, Published When submitting this type of material include a copy of the title page, pages showing direct ancestral descent and state location of the book. The Library of Michigan has a large statewide collection. Local libraries may have some local genealogies.
5. County Histories/Portrait
and Biographical
Histories, Published Almost every county in Michigan has at least one county history with biographical sketches. The Library of Michigan published the **Guide to the Michigan Genealogical & Historical Collections** at the Library of Michigan and the State Archives of Michigan (published 1996 by the Michigan Genealogical Council, PO Box, 80953, Lansing, 48908-0953) listing Michigan census, county histories and vital records, transcribed and original materials.
6. City/County Directories The Library of Michigan has an extensive statewide collection of Michigan city directories with out-of-state directories prior to 1860 on microfiche and from 1861 forward on microfilm.
7. Personal Papers/
Manuscripts Unpublished written data include letters, diaries, journals, reunion records, and manuscripts. For example, the Library of Michigan has 450 boxes of manuscripts.
8. Tombstone Inscriptions Photographs or transcriptions of the stones. Locations of Michigan cemeteries are shown in the **Michigan Cemetery Atlas** and companion volume, the **Michigan Cemetery Source Book**, published by the Library of Michigan.
9. Atlas/Landowners The Library of Michigan has an extensive statewide collection of landowner plat books. Look also at local libraries.

See acceptable primary sources on reverse side.

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REGISTRATION FORM

This Michigan Genealogical Council Project is accepting registrations for persons who died in or before 1900, and left no Michigan official record. Persons may be registered who lived in Michigan, had lived in Michigan and died elsewhere, died in Michigan and were not usual Michigan residents, or were children of lifetime Michigan residents.

AFFIDAVIT: To the best of my knowledge there is no official State or County of Michigan death record for the person I am registering. I release all rights to these materials to the Michigan Genealogical Council for archiving, creation of a database, and sale of copies (this in no way affects my personal use of said material.) I understand that depositing any number of "Proof of Death" records entitles me to receive an equal number of other "Proof of Death" records from the database free.

SIGNATURE: _____

IF THERE IS AN OFFICIAL DEATH RECORD ELSEWHERE (outside of Michigan), SHOW THE PLACE IT IS REGISTERED AND IF POSSIBLE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RECORD (*Please print or type*)

NO RECORD: _____ RECORD AND LOCATION: _____

All events must have occurred on or before 1900. Use the format "9 September 1880" for all dates.

1. DECEDENT'S NAME, WITH MAIDEN NAME FOR MARRIED WOMEN.

NAME: _____ MAIDEN NAME: _____

2. BIRTH AND MARRIAGE DATES AND PLACES FOR DECEDENT IF AVAILABLE.

Birth date: _____ Place: _____

Marriage date: _____ Place: _____

3. DECEDENT'S DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH. Give location, city or township, county, state, country, or any appropriate geographical description.

Death date: _____ Place: _____

4. PLACE OF DECEDENT'S BURIAL. Give location, city or township, county, state, country, or any appropriate geographical description.

Burial date: _____ Place: _____

5. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (for above.) Refer to primary and secondary sources list. Copies of sources must be attached to this registration form.

6. PARENTAL FAMILY OF DECEDENT WITH SOURCES. A family group sheet may be attached if wished.

7. DECEDENT'S FAMILY WITH SPOUSE AND CHILDREN WITH SOURCES. A family group sheet may be attached if wished.

ALL PROOFS MUST BE PHOTOCOPIES OF ORIGINAL RECORDS: NO TRANSCRIPTIONS OF RECORDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PHOTOGRAPHS OF TOMBSTONES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

SEND TWO COPIES OF THIS COMPLETED FORM AND ALL PROOFS. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL RECORDS!

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Phone _____ New _____ Renewal _____

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