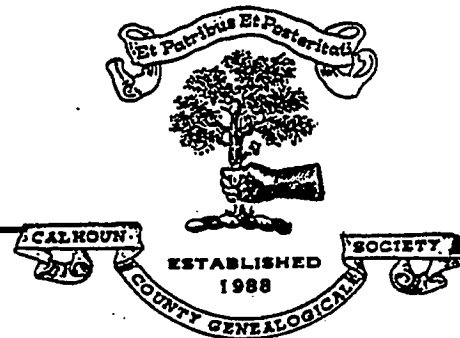


# Generations

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## Depression-era WPA records make valuable sources

### Learn how at June 26 meeting

**T**hanks to a Depression-era program, valuable records are available to help genealogists with our North American research. Carole Callard, genealogy specialist at the Library of Michigan, will speak June 26 about the records made by the Works Progress Administration and how the results are a valuable asset to genealogists.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the B.E. Henry Community Building in Marshall.

During the 1930s, the WPA provided employment for out-of-work individuals. They began by conducting surveys to see what records existed and then filled in the blanks where records did not exist.

They transcribed vital records, did cemetery readings and transcribed church records.

Carole will share information about the back-

ground of the WPA, the Michigan records, where you can find these records, problems to watch for and useful web sites. She promises a fun program!

### Future meetings

No CCGS meetings are held in July or August, but join us for a good line-up of fall programs. State Archivist David Johnson will speak Sept. 25. On Oct. 23, surveyor Michael Groat will help us learn more about maps of Calhoun County.

### Speaker system debuted

Don't let your hearing keep you away from CCGS meetings! Thanks to the efforts of Carlene DeMaso, the society now has our own public-address system to help those who have difficulty hearing. The PA system was debuted last month. ■

## SHORT shots

Thank you to

- Judy Groat, for taking over the job of corresponding secretary for the society.
- Gloria Huff, for taking over the task of hospitality chair.
- Marilyn Case for volunteering to finish the every-name indexing for Pioneer Certificates.

Our society relies on volunteers like Judy, Gloria and Marilyn. You are important and appreciated!

■ ■ ■

John Baker reports that about five members still have proofing sets for the Every-Name Index to *Generations* that is in production. If you have a proof-reading set not yet turned in, please see John at the June meeting or contact him to let him know the status of your work. If you've missed out on the fun, John will have more proofreading jobs to distribute to willing members. This is a valuable resource for genealogists and an important service we provide. Many hands make light work.

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A return bus trip to the Allen County Public Library is being considered for October. Feel free to contact a board member with any suggestions.

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Interesting in attending the Federation of Genealogical Societies Quad Cities Conference, Sept. 12-15? President Joy Carter has attended these fantastic conferences and is interested in sharing transportation and hotel rooms. Contact Joy or see her at the June meeting. For more, visit the FGS web site at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). ■

## Cemeteries are focus of this issue



*Ruth and Amy Kaiser decipher and record the words on a headstone at Johnson Cemetery in Marengo Township. This issue's theme is cemetery research.*

## Member Florence G. VanSickle passes

Florence G. VanSickle, 91, of Marengo Township died May 28 in Verona Road Adult Foster Care. She was an early member of the society and received a Pioneer Certificate for one of her ancestors.

She was born in Sheridan Township to Henry and Dora (Moist) Bunday. Her husband Lorain passed away in 1979.

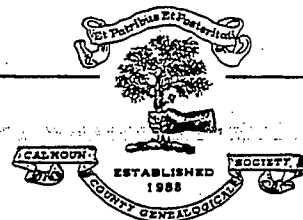
She graduated from Albion High School and Western Michigan University. She taught school

in rural Calhoun County at the Warner, Hewitt and Ceresco districts. After 24 years as a homemaker, she taught 16 years at Mar Lee school, retiring in 1976.

In addition to her involvement in the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, Florence served as registrar for the Mary Marshall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for many years. She was Marengo Township treasurer

and treasurer of the Hewitt School Board. She was also active in Marshall United Methodist Church, the County Extension Council, B.E. Henry Building Board and the Rice Creek Ladies Aid. She was past president of the Alpha Beta Epsilon, WMU Alumni Association. Florence enjoyed gardening, traveling, sewing and working on family genealogy.

Burial was May 31 in Oakridge Cemetery. ■



## Calhoun County Genealogical Society

The purposes of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS) are:

- to gather and preserve information of genealogical value.
- to encourage the deposit of such information in suitable depositories.
- to aid genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge.
- to publish and promote Calhoun County and other genealogical materials.

The CCGS is a nonprofit, federally tax-exempt, state-chartered organization. Individuals, libraries or societies may apply for membership. Annual dues for the year beginning Sept. 1 are \$12. Memberships are accepted year-round; dues received after May 1 will pay membership for the following year. Members receive the newsletter *Generations* six times per year.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the B.E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall St. in Marshall, *unless otherwise specified*. No meetings are held in July, August or December. Programs are free and open to the public.

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CCGS e-mail list: Send a message to [calhouncountygsgs@onelist.com](mailto:calhouncountygsgs@onelist.com) with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

*The 1877 History of Calhoun County, MI* (reprinted). More than 350 pages, printed on acid-free, archival paper, and is hard-cover, library-quality bound, includes every-name index, \$55. Some slightly damaged copies are available for \$40 (damage includes a scuffed cover, pages stuck together, soiled edge, etc.).

*Cemeteries of Eckford Twp. Calhoun County, MI*. 110 pages, more than 2,100 names, \$10.

*Clarence Township Cemeteries in Calhoun Co., MI*. Clarence Center, Dyer, Hunt, Krenerick and Nichols, 66 pages, more than 2,100 names, \$8.

*Transcriptions of Cemeteries of Convis Twp., Calhoun Co., MI*. Austin and Porter. 35 pages, more than 1,000 names, \$6.

*Every-Name Index for Generations, the newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society*. August 1988–June 1995, 48 pages, more than 2,800 names, \$5.

*Marriage Records of Calhoun County, MI, 1836–1890*. 248 pages, indexed, \$18.50.

*Clarendon Twp. Cemeteries, Calhoun Co., MI*. Bentley Corners (East Clarendon), West Clarendon, St. Joseph and Cooks Prairie, 188 pages, \$15. Purchase the Bentley records only for \$3.

*Lee Township Cemeteries, Calhoun Co., MI*. Lee Center, Partello and Rice Creek, 75 pages, \$8.

*Tekonsha Township Cemeteries, Calhoun Co., MI*. Riverside, Windfall and MacFadden, more than 3,600 names, 221 pages, \$18.50.

To order, please send a check (U.S. funds) payable to Calhoun County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068. All prices include shipping. Michigan residents please add 6 percent sales tax. ■

## My cemetery sickness

### or My name is Sue, and I hang out in cemeteries

**M**y teenage niece thinks it's weird enough that I collect names of dead people and arrange them onto charts. But recently she caught me heading to a cemetery for no particular reason — and I had a camera.

Now she thinks Aunt Sue is a sicko.

I suppose one could argue that genealogy is a disease and I am its victim. I suffer eyestrain every time I try to read handwritten cemetery records, a sore back after each graveyard visit, headaches trying to decipher inconsistent information, insomnia putting it all together and carpal tunnel syndrome from hours at the keyboard.

If you share this sickness, this issue is for you. The next few pages of this newsletter are dedicated to genealogical research in cemeteries.

As for me, genealogy will probably get me in the end. Just bury me in an easy-to-find cemetery where the records are detailed, well-kept and printed neatly. Tell the groundskeeper to keep the lawnmower clear of the headstones. Oh, and make sure to carve the letters deeply into my stone. Use my full name and get the dates right. And don't get me one of those tall skinny grave markers. They fall over. ■

— Sue Stuever Battel

## Latest Willard Library acquisitions

**T**hrough a generous bequest from Anthony and Bonnie Hoxey Blasis, Willard Library now has the complete Soundex index for the 1910 Michigan Census.

The following CD-ROMs are now installed on the Willard Library Local and Family History Room genealogy computer:

- Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s–1900s, 3.28 million names.
- 1870 Federal Census by every African-American head of household, 1.6 million names; by every head of household living in Chicago, 105,967 names; and by every head of household living in Indiana, 477,213 names.
- Freedman's Bank Records, 70,000-plus names.

New books:

*The story of a French homestead in the Old Northwest* by Francis Howe.

*The French regime in Wisconsin and the Northwest* by Francis Howe.

*Coldwater as it used to be* by Ezbon Fuller.

*Cherokee connections: An introduction to genealogical sources pertaining to Cherokee ancestors* by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

*Finding your African American ancestors: A beginner's guide* by David T. Thackery.

*Finding your German ancestors: A beginner's guide* by Kevan Hansen.

*Thunders speak: Biographies of nine special original people* by James Dowd.

*Beginnings of Quakerism* by William Braithwaite.

*Our Southern Highlanders: A narrative of adventure in the Appalachians* by Horace Kephart.

*Southeastern Michigan pioneer families: Especially Calhoun County and New York origins* by Helen Lewis.

*Spanning the years: A history of Blissfield, Michigan* by Charles Lindquist. ■

# Research in cemeteries

**S**ummertime is when many genealogists take to the fields — literally — to locate the final resting places of their ancestors. Genealogists should try two kinds of cemetery records:

1. Gravestone and monument inscriptions
2. Records kept by cemetery management or sextons

There are five kinds of cemeteries in America:

- **Churchyard:** Members of a church buried on church grounds
- **Church-owned cemeteries:** Not connected with nor adjacent to the church building
- **Government-owned cemeteries:** Collectively owned by the people and supported and maintained by tax monies
- **Privately owned, non-church cemeteries:** Usually owned by a corporation and operated as a business enterprise
- **Family cemeteries:** Often a small area on a family farm set aside for burials

One of the most difficult problems of genealogical research is to determine the place of burial. Usually an obituary or a death certificate contains this

information, but when these records are not available, the search for their burial places can be an involved quest.

While many cemetery records have been inventoried and published by Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), the Works Projects Administration (WPA) and local genealogical societies, and microfilmed by the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library, it is best to visit a cemetery to view, as a whole, all graves in the same lot. People buried in the same lot are usually related in some way.

Many old cemeteries are overgrown with weeds and brambles, and often infested with snakes and insects.

Wear old, casual clothes when you go searching in cemeteries. Take along tools to help cut through the underbrush and dig out gravestones that have become buried. A good, stiff-bristled (not wire) brush is handy to clean dirt from stones. Many genealogists rub chalk or soapstone over inscriptions to aid in reading them. Do not use anything that would mar or deface a gravestone. Even if you plan to photograph stones, record the information.

Record tombstone information exactly as you find it, even apparent errors.

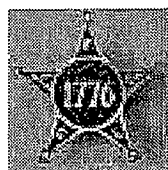
Sexton records are valuable, but they vary in content and nature. Even if you are familiar with a cemetery, be sure to check the sexton's records. Not all family members are buried in the same location and not all have tombstones.

Large cemeteries are usually listed in telephone directories, but to find smaller ones, you may need to ask at the Chamber of Commerce, city hall or local library, or obtain a detailed county map. Local funeral directors are good sources. Not only are they familiar with cemeteries in their area, but often they have additional records.

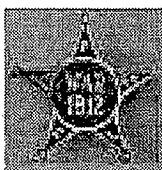
If your ancestor died in a place where they did not reside, a funeral director at the place of death may have handled arrangements for embalming and transport of the body home. If you have been unable to find a local funeral home that handled a burial, check with funeral homes where your ancestor died. Since many funeral directors' records go back more than 100 years, they are invaluable. ■

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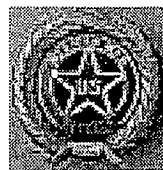
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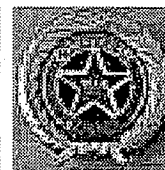
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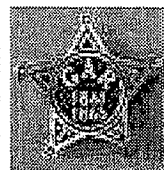
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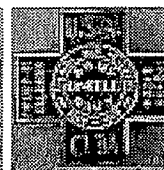
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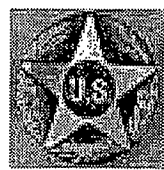
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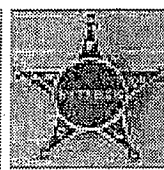
Vietnam



Persian Gulf



Peacetime



Veteran



Universal

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# Tombstone abbreviations

## and the organizations they represent

**AF&AM** (Masonic)

**ALOH** American Legion of Honor

**AOF** Ancient Order of Foresters

**AOH** Ancient Order of Hibernians

**AOKMC** Ancient Order of Knights of Mystic Chain

**AOUW** Ancient Order of United Workmen

**AUM** Ancient Order of Mysteries—Masonic Order

**BPOE** Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

**BPOEW** Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World

**CBKA** Commander Benevolent Knights Association

**CCTAS** Crusaders—Catholic Total Abstinence Society

**CK of A** Catholic Knights of America

**COOF** Catholic Order of Foresters

**CSA** Confederate States Army

**CTAS** Catholic Total Abstinence Society

**DAR** Daughters of American Revolution

**EBA** Emerald Beneficial Association

**F&AM** Free and Accepted Masons

**FAA** Free and Accepted Americans

**FOE** Fraternal Order of Eagles

**GALSTPTR** German American Legion of St. Peter

**GAR** Grand Army of the Republic

**GLAUM** Grand Lodge Ancient Order of Mysteries—Masonic Order

**GUOOF** Grand United Order of Odd Fellows

**IHSV** Red Cross of Constantine

**IOI** Independent Order of Immaculates

**IOKP** Independent Order of Knights of Pythias

**IOOF** Independent Order of Odd Fellows

**IORM** Improved Order of Redmen

**ISH** Independent Sons of Honor

**IWW** Industrial Workers of the World

**JAOUW** Junior Order—Ancient Order of United Workmen

**JOUAM** Junior Order—Order of United American Mechanics

**KC** Knights of Columbus

**KG** Knights of St. George

**KGL** Knight Grand Legion

**K of C** Knights of Columbus

**K of FM** Knights of Father Matthew

**KFM** Knights of Father Matthew

**K of H** Knights of Honor

**K of L** Knights of Loyola

**KM** Knights Militant

**K M** Knights of Malta (Masonic)

**KMC** Knights of the Mystic Chain

**KP** Knights of Pythias

**KPC** Knights of Peter Claver

**K of P** Knights of Pythias

**KSC** Knights of St. Columbkille

**KSL** Knights of St. Lawrence

**KSTG** Knights of St. George

**KSTI** Knights of St. Ignatius

**K of SJ** Knights of St. John

**KSTJ** Knights of St. Joseph

**KSTM** Knights of St. Martin

**K of STP** Knights of St. Patrick

**KSTP** Knights of St. Paul

**KSTP** Knights of St. Peter

**KSTT** Knights of St. Thomas

**K of STW** Knights of St. Wenceslas

**KT** Knights of Tabor

**K of T** Knights of Tabor

**KGE** Knights of Golden Eagle

**KHC** Knights of Holy Cross

**KKK** Knights of Ku-Klux Klan

**KOTM**

Knights of Macabees

**KSF** Knights of Sherwood Forest

**KT** Knights Templars (Masonic)

**KWM** Knights of Wise Men

**LAOH** Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

**LK of A** Loyal Knights of America

**LOM** Loyal Order of the M.O.O.S.E.

**MOLLUS** Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

**MRA** Royal Arcanum

**MWA** Modern Woodsmen of America

**NOK** New Order Knights (see KKK)

**OES** Order of the Eastern Star

**OUAM** Order of United American Mechanics

**PM** Patriarchs Militant (Independent Order of Odd Fellows)

**POSA** Patriotic Order of the Sons of America

**RAM** Royal Arch Masons

**RK** Roman Knights

**RMOKHSJ** The Religious and Military Order of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

**RSTV** Rite of St. Vaclara

**RSTV** Rite of St. Vita

**RO-AUM** Rosicrucian Order (Masonic)

**SAR** Sons of the American Revolution

**SBCL** St. Bonifazius Catholic Union

**SBL** Society B. Lafayette

**SCV** Sons of the Confederate Veterans

**SNA-AUM** Shrine of North America (Masonic)

**SR** Scottish Rite (Masonic Order)

**SV** Sons of Veterans

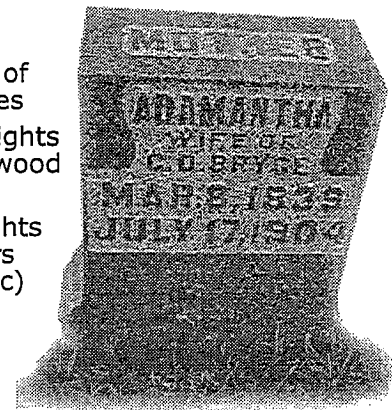
**TH** Temple of Honor—Independent Order of Odd Fellows

**UCV** United Confederate Veterans

**UDC** United Daughters of the Confederacy

**VFW** Veterans of Foreign Wars

**WOW** Woodsmen of the World ■



## Helpful sites for cemetery research

*Association of Gravestone Studies* [www.gravestonestudies.org](http://www.gravestonestudies.org)

*Political Graveyard* <http://politicalgraveyard.com/>

*How to Transcribe Cemeteries* [www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/howto.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/howto.html)

*Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid* [www.islandnet.com/ocfa/](http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa/)

*Graveyards of Chicago* [www.graveyards.com/](http://www.graveyards.com/)

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# Cemeteries of Calhoun County

Since 1989, an army of volunteers has labored in the society's efforts to transcribe Calhoun County cemeteries. The project furthers an important mission of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society — to gather and preserve information of genealogical value. Project Chair Ruth Kaiser and her volunteers are to be commended for their work. The results include several cemetery books for sale as a source of non-dues revenue for the society. Following is a list of known Calhoun County cemeteries, location of their records and sources of information.

Unless otherwise indicated, the "records location" column lists the names of libraries that hold the records (e.g., Library of Michigan in Lansing, Willard Library in Battle Creek).

<u>NAME OF CEMETERY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RECORDS LOCATION</u>	<u>PREPARERS</u>
<b>Albion Township</b>			
Albion Memory Gardens	26905 B Dr. S.	Albion	check at cemetery
Babcock	D Dr. north of 25-1/2 Mile Rd., behind house	Generations	
Bryant (inactive)	25-1/2 Mile Rd. between D & F Dr. S.	all area libraries	
Czopek (by airport)			
Grimes (inactive, 4 graves)	J Dr. S. west of 27 Mile Rd. (Ed Coxon farm)	newspaper clipping	
Riverside (city)	M-99 south edge of Albion	Albion History web site	City of Albion ongoing
South Albion/Benham	J Dr. S. just east of 29 Mile Rd.	Albion	
<b>Athens Township</b>		Michigan	
Burr Oak	.5 mile west of blinker in Athens on V Dr. S.	Willard	DAR 1942
Indian	1-1/2 Mile Rd. between R & T Dr. S.		
North Athens (Baptist)	1 mi. s. of Pine Creek (M Dr. S., e. of 2 Mi. Rd.?)	Willard	sexton records, DAR 1942
Old Burg/Old Athens	V Dr. S., east of M-66, south of Athens	Willard	DAR 1941
Stimpson (inactive)	2 Mile Rd. and O Dr. S., old Stimpson farm	Willard	DAR 1942
Walker (inactive)	M-66 south of O Dr. S.	Willard	DAR 1942
<b>Battle Creek Township</b>		Michigan	Darnell index, DAR
Beckley	Dubois and Airport Rds.	Battle Creek	Darnell index, DAR 1938, misc. notes 1980
			Glenn and Jean Davis 1989
Haskell Home	Limit St.	Willard	misc. notes 1980
Memorial Park	2435 W. Territorial (Columbia at Helmer)	Willard	misc. notes 1980
Mount Olivet (city)	South Ave. opposite Oak Hill Cemetery	Michigan, Willard	F-L-N 1986, misc. notes 1980
Oak Hill	255 South Ave.	Willard	
Quaker/Fremont Park			
Reese	W. Dickman and Helmer Rds.	Willard	misc. notes 1980
Sunset Garden/Stone Ivy			
Youngs	near W.K. Kellogg Airport on W. Territorial	Willard	misc. notes 1980, city records
<b>Bedford Township</b>		Michigan	
Bedford/Hutchinson	M-37 and U Dr. N.	Willard	DAR 1942, misc. notes 1980
Harmon/Holiday	O Dr. east of M-37	to publish, CCGS	
Harmonia	1 Mile Rd. between M-89 and M-96	Willard	DAR 1969; misc. notes 1980
<b>Burlington Township</b>		Union City Genealogical Society	
Abscota (Wet Prairie)	CCGS book published 1992, \$15	Burlington, Michigan, Willard	
Barrington	7 Mile Rd. and N Dr. S.	Burlington, Michigan, Willard	
Burlington (new)	N Dr. S. at 9-1/2 Mile Rd.	Burlington, Michigan, Willard	
Old Burlington	M-60 near west city limits	Burlington, Michigan, Willard	
Riverside	west edge of Burlington	Burlington, Michigan, Willard	
<b>Clarence Township</b>			
Clarence Center	M-60 north of Union City	co. libraries, Fort Wayne, Mich.	K. Stone added county records
Dyer/Clarence on the Hill	CCGS book published 1996, \$8	county libraries, Michigan	CCGS 1996
Hunt (North Clarence)	27-1/2 Mile Rd. between P & R Dr. N.	county libraries, Michigan	CCGS 1996
Krenerick	M Dr. N. east of 28 Mile Rd. (Jim Faulkner farm)	county libraries, Michigan	CCGS 1996
Nichols	V Dr. N., .25 mile west of 26 Mile Rd., north side	county libraries, Michigan	CCGS 1996
<b>Clarendon Township</b>		area libraries	
Bentley Corner/East Clarendon	L Dr. N. between 26 & 28 Mile Rds.	Albion, Michigan, Willard	CCGS 1993, redid 1997
Cook's Prairie	R Dr. N. west of 26 Mile Rd.	Generations fall 1993	CCGS 1997
St. Joseph	CCGS book published 1997, \$15	Generations June 1993	CCGS 1993, redid 1997
West Clarendon	T Dr. S. and 22-1/2 Mile Rd.	Generations 1994?	CCGS 1997
	23 Mile Rd., .5 mile north of M-60		
	Calhoun/Hillsdale County Line Rd. west of M-99		
	M-60 north side in Section 18		

**NAME OF CEMETERY****Convis Township**

Austin

Porter

**Eckford Township**

East Eckford

West Eckford

**Emmett Township**

Ceresco

Dubois

Floral Lawn Memorial

Newbre

Sandstone/Sackrider (inactive)

**Fredonia Township**

Houston

Lutheran (Salem German)

Lyon Lake

**Homer Township**

Fairview

Fisher

Old Homer

**Lee Township**

Clark

Lee Center

Partello

Rice Creek

**Leroy Township**

East Leroy (Mather)

Morgan/Robinson/Leroy

South Leroy (Congregational)

West Leroy

**Marengo Township**

Calhoun County Poor Farm

Johnson

Marengo Village

North Marengo, Layers

Pioneer/Memorial, Alavengo

Raesley/Townsend

Samson (Sampson)

**Marshall Township**

Hotchkiss (inactive)

Oakridge (city)

St. Mary's Catholic

**Newton Township**

Newton (newer)

Newton (older)

**Pennfield Township**

Hicks, East

Hicks, West

Mulvaney Family

**Sheridan Township**

Davis

Reed Family

**Tekonsha Township**

McFadden Farm

Riverside

Windfall

**LOCATION**

CCGS book published 1996, \$6

15 Mile Rd. between P &amp; Q Dr. N.

north side of N Dr. N. west of US-27

CCGS book published 1997, \$10

23 Mile Rd., .5 mile south of D Dr. S.

20 Mile Rd. at E Dr. S.

12 Mile Rd. south of Michigan Ave.

E. Beckley Rd. west of Capital Ave. SW

Michigan Ave. east at 10 Mile Rd.

B Dr. N. at 9 Mile Rd.

11 Mile Rd. south of Michigan Ave.

twp. clerk records

D Dr. S. between 15-1/2 &amp; 13-1/2 Mile Rds.

13 Mile Rd. north of L Dr. S.

Old US-27 S. and G Dr. S.

clerk's office, 201 S. Webster

M Dr. S. between 24-1/2 &amp; 25 Mile Rds.

R Dr. S. between 29 Mile &amp; Van Wert Rds.

stones moved to Fairview

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V Dr. N. [unable to locate]

V Dr. N. between 21 &amp; 23 Mile Rds.

23 Mile Rd. between T &amp; V Dr. N.

L Dr. N. and 24 Mile Rd.

5 Mile Rd. between H and K Dr. S. (east of M-66)

5 Mile Rd. north of B Dr. S.

Joppa Rd., 2.5 miles west of M-66

C Dr. S. east of 1/2 Mile Rd.

18-1/2 Mile Rd. north of I-94

G Dr. N. between 19 &amp; 20 Mile Rds.

23 Mile Rd. between Michigan Ave. and B Dr. N.

Michigan Ave. at 21 Mile Rd.

19 Mile Rd. between I &amp; G Dr. N.

23 Mile Rd. between H &amp; J Dr. N.

J Dr. N. about .25 mile west of 16-1/2 Mile Rd.

Homer Rd., southeast edge of Marshall

Centennial Rd. north of Michigan Ave.

east of 8 Mile Rd. on F Dr. S., south side

east of 8 Mile Rd. on F Dr. S., north side

Capital Ave. NE on M-66, north of Huntington Rd.

1961 Capital Ave. NE

12 Mile Rd. north of V Dr. N.

27 Mi. Rd. s. of H Dr. N., w. of Tomac Golf #7

east of 29 Mile Rd., north of H Dr. N.

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17 Mile Rd. and P Dr. S.

south of St. Joseph River on SE side of Tekonsha

Jackson Dr. south of M-60 intersection

**RECORDS LOCATION**

area libraries

Albion, Marshall, Michigan

Albion, Marshall, Michigan

area libraries

Albion

Albion

Michigan

Willard

Willard

Willard

Marshall, Willard

Albion, Willard

CCGS

Albion, Marshall, Michigan, Willard DAR, Alexander 1988

Albion, Marshall, Michigan, Willard DAR, Alexander 1988

Albion, Marshall, Michigan, Willard DAR, Alexander 1988

web site

Albion, Homer, Michigan, Willard

Albion, Homer, Michigan, Willard

Albion, Homer, Michigan, Willard

Jas Kohl improving

Albion

Albion, Marshall

Albion, Marshall

Albion, Marshall, Michigan, Willard

Michigan

Willard

Willard

Willard

area libraries

Albion, Marshall, Michigan, Willard Detroit Soc. for Genealogy 1988

Albion, Marshall, Michigan

Albion, Michigan

Albion, Marshall, Michigan

Albion, Marshall, Michigan

Marshall

Albion, Michigan, Willard

Marshall, Michigan

Albion, Marshall, Michigan

township

Michigan, Willard

Barbara Smith, assn. clerk

one grave marker found

Generations

Generations

clerk's office

Tekonsha

Tekonsha

Tekonsha

**PREPARERS**

CCGS 1996

DAR &lt;1943, CCGS 1996

DAR, CCGS 1996

CCGS 1997

Sebolt 1980, twp. death records

Sebolt 1980, twp. death records

DAR 1942, Chichester 1989

DAR 1939, Darnell index, city

records

misc. notes 1980

DAR 1942, McCrary-

Chinchester 1991, misc. notes 1980

DAR 1942, Battle Creek

Historical Soc. surname index

1963, misc. notes 1980

DAR, Alexander 1988

DAR, Alexander 1988

DAR, Alexander 1988

indexed, Cortright &lt;1881

Mary Althaver, twp. clerk

Mary Althaver, twp. clerk

Mary Althaver, twp. clerk

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CCGS 1997

CCGS 1997, Sebolt 1980

CCGS 1992, redid 1997

DAR 1941

DAR

DAR 1941, misc. notes 1980

DAR 1941 (Congregational)

DAR 1941, misc. notes 1980

Detroit Soc. for Genealogy 1988

DAR, Bill Hileman, assn. records

DAR 1980

DAR

DAR

McCrary

DAR, Chichester 1989

&lt;1943

DAR

DAR 1942

Darnell index, DAR 1938,

misc. notes 1980 at Willard

CCGS, Gerald Davis

Sandy Redmond

CCGS 2000

Elsie L. Shedd 1979

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DEATH WITHOUT OFFICIAL MICHIGAN RECORD  
A Michigan Genealogical Council Project

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

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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**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 Records      Found in village, city, and township halls or county health departments. Information varies from death date to personal comments.
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.

## Genealogy *gems*

# www.albionmich.com

by Frank Passic, *Albion Historian*

**P**eople across the country have discovered [www.albionmich.com](http://www.albionmich.com), an Internet site for attract people interested in the Albion area.

The site is one of several designed and operated by Maggie LaNoue, president of Albion Design. If you scroll to the bottom, you'll see links for the communities of Homer, Battle Creek, Marshall, Springfield and Jackson. You can click on a city name and obtain information similar to that found on the Albion site. Maggie funds these sites from interested advertisers and donors. She is always happy to correspond with someone who has new ideas or possible material to contribute.

What are the benefits of this site to genealogists? At the main page, you'll notice several options. One is the "Visit Albion, Michigan's Guestbook" option. This "catch-all" message board attracts all sorts of visitors who leave messages for anyone to read. Some leave information their ancestors from the Albion area and ask about what is available to research their family history. This can be an excellent site for Calhoun County Genealogical Society members to find people and share resources. Click on the writer's e-mail address at the top of the message for easy contact.

I have researched Albion history and have written articles about it for more than 25 years. Many of these have been published in area newspapers, and I still write a weekly column for the *Morning Star* shopper. Many of the articles are on this Internet site, and give people a glimpse of the community in which their ancestors lived. Click on the "Albion History Directory" on the main page, then "Albion Historical Notebook" on the next page. You will then reach my home page. The direct address is [www.albionmich.com/history/histor\\_notebook/index.html](http://www.albionmich.com/history/histor_notebook/index.html).

Scrolling down my page, you'll see several options — a Gallery of Photographs, my Albion History Books and Calhoun County Resource Materials. I've written numerous books about Albion area history, and republished some key Calhoun County plat maps (1835–40, 1858 and 1906) which are available to the researcher. The site gives a description of each book and how to obtain it.

Next comes the Table of Contents which categorizes my articles. By clicking on any category, you'll get a list of article titles and the date published.

As Albion historian, I have accumulated an Albion History Archives over the past decade with much genealogical material, including surname files and photographs. I have corresponded with many people across the country about their ancestors who once lived in the Albion area. I encourage you to visit our [www.albionmich.com](http://www.albionmich.com) site and spread the word to others about this resource for Calhoun County genealogists. My e-mail address is [albionfp@hotmail.com](mailto:albionfp@hotmail.com). ■

## Member Query

*This member is looking for family ties. If you can help, please respond directly.*

### Our big family mystery

Who was "Colonel SWEET," married to "Mate HUGGETT"? They are in HUGGETT reunion photos around the turn of the century, and moved to Long Beach, Calif., in the 1920s with Fred L. and Margaret (SHARPSTEEN) HUGGETT, Medvin GITCHELL, Hattie HUGGETT and her son Fred and Elsie (CROTHERS) CUMMINGS. I found a Clark Rogers SWEET of Battle Creek married to Fred HUGGETT's sister Mary Ann HUGGETT (m. 1872 in Marshall), but nothing that would point to him as a colonel in the Civil War or elsewhere.

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## Top tips from our members

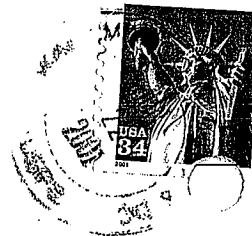
### How to date a tombstone

**This issue's tip, from Ruth Kaiser:**

Pioneer era 1796–1830	Wooden markers Slate or common fieldstone
1830–1849	Flat-topped hard marble
1845–1868	Round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions
1850–present	Masonic four-sided stones
1860–1900	Pylons, columns and all exotic-type monuments
1870–1900 ca. 1900	Zinc monuments Granite, now common, came into use about 1900 ■

# Generations

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## *Calhoun County Genealogical Society* **CALENDAR**

*CCGS monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month but July, August and December and are free and open to the public. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the B.E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall St. in Marshall, unless otherwise specified.*

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| June 26     | <b>CCGS monthly meeting:</b> WPA presentation by Carole Callard of the Library of Michigan   |
| Aug. 21     | CCGS board meeting   |
| Aug. 25     | Library of Michigan workshop: Ontario records, Michigan Library and Historical Center, 9:15 a.m., (517) 373-1300                     |
| Sept. 12-15 | Federation of Genealogical Societies Quad Cities Conference, (888) FGS-1500 or <a href="http://www.fgs.org">www.fgs.org</a>          |
| Sept. 18    | CCGS board meeting   |
| Sept. 25    | <b>CCGS monthly meeting:</b> featuring state archivist David Johnson   |
| Oct. 18-20  | Michigan Genealogical Council seminar: Inkwell to the Internet, Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy  |
| Oct. 23     | <b>CCGS monthly meeting:</b> County maps session led by surveyor Michael Groat   |
| Oct. 27     | Library of Michigan workshop: African-American research resources, Michigan Library and Historical Center, 9:15 a.m., (517) 373-1300 |
| Dec. 1      | Library of Michigan workshop: Military records, Michigan Library and Historical Center, 9:15 a.m., (517) 373-1300                    |