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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MY ANCESTOR, WILHELM DAMMANN

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Genealogy is an adventure that takes you to many places. It is basically a story about your family, in reverse; it's a story without an ending. When you do genealogy it is never really completed. There are always more questions and sometimes the answers never come. And sometimes the answers come years later and in strange ways.

This is one of my many adventures in genealogy.

I traveled to Midland County on a research trip to visit the former town of Hubbard, Larkin Township. The town doesn't exist now; actually, it's listed in the book "Official Michigan Ghost Towns", by R.L. Dodge. I knew that my great-grandparents, Wilhelm DAMMANN and Caroline KRÜGER DAMMANN, moved from Zilwaukee, Michigan to Hubbard in 1892. The town was about 5 miles northeast of Midland, less than a mile from the Bay County line.

The Larkin Township Clerk had been assisting me in many ways. She provided me with the names and phone numbers of three people with knowledge of Hubbard that may offer additional information. One of the names was familiar to me, as it was the same name as one of the Godparents listed in my great-grandparents family bible. Of course he was the man I decided to visit.

I called Fred BEHLING when we reached Midland. He replied with, "Of course you may come to visit." He was born and still lived in what was Hubbard. My uncle and I were greeted by Fred BEHLING and his wife, Ruby. We introduced ourselves and he asked what family I was interested in. "The DAMMANN family," I said. Mr BEHLING smiled and said, "Oh, yes. That would be Wilhelm DAMMANN and his wife Caroline. How's their son Henry?"

Needless to say, I was stunned. My great-grandfather had died 72 years ago and this man remembered him! As tears filled my eyes I replied, "I'm Wilhelm and Caroline's great-granddaughter and Henry is my grandfather, he died in 1968. My uncle is Henry's son. I can't believe that you remember them!" Mr. BEHLING said, "My memory is good. Wilhelm and my father, Fred BEHLING Sr. were the best of friends. They were even Godparents for each other's children."

He proceeded to tell me where Wilhelm's farm was. I then asked if he knew about when he died. Without hesitation he said, "He died on a hot August day a few days after his fiftieth birthday." Then he continued, "Wilhelm was traveling by horse and wagon with his wife, Caroline, and their friend, Mr. THIEDE, coming back from the city of Midland.

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CORRECTION

The November 2016 issue of the Downriver Seeker was incorrectly labelled as VOLUME 35. It should be VOLUME 36.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & TRIPS



Feb. 15, 2017 Marc D. Manson and Company: "Jewish War Veterans of Michigan"

Mar. 15, 2017 Phil Weitlauf: "Police Dogs Working with the Military"

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IN MEMORIUM

We extend our condolences to the family and friends. of long time member Nancy Wesser, member #626. Nan died Dec. 2, 2016.

We also extend our condolences to the family of Sam Richards, member # 1105, who died recently.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Downriver Genealogical Society membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. Basic dues of \$15 includes an electronic copy of this newsletter. If you prefer to receive a printed newsletter, please add \$5 for total dues of \$20. You may pay at a meeting or mail a check payable to DRGS to PO box 476 Lincoln Park, MI 48146. Please consider adding a \$1 donation to NARA with your dues,

DRGS MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Copland Center 2306 Fourth Street Wyandotte, MI 48192 at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month excluding July, August and December). Doors open at 6:30.

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Thank You

IN APPRECIATION

Carol Dobos, Member # 1211

The Scanning Committee would like to thank the following volunteers for their scanning hours in the Newspaper Scanning Project last year. Mary Sharrow, Kathy Campbell, Nancy Miller, Diane Batch, and Carol Dobos, together, with pages previously scanned by Sarah Lange, Dave Warren and Jim Barringer, we now have a total of 33,416 pages done for Phase I. We have started Phase II and have an additional 9,769 pages done. Our total pages scanned is now at 43,185! Thank you all for your volunteer hours! We look forward to a successful 2017!

NEWSPAPER DIGITIZING PROJECT UPDATE

Sherry Damman Huntington, Member # 10

Our committee members and volunteers have been hard at work scanning the newspapers from the News-Herald. The smaller newspaper books are currently being scanned. To date, 45,000 pages have been digitized.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this project. Please call one of the society officers if you would like to help with this. very important project.

All donations to the Newspaper Digitizing Project are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to the Downriver Genealogical Society (DRGS), PO Box 476, Lincoln Park, MI 48146. Also add a memo stating it is for the NDP Project.

ROAD TRIP!

Members of the Downriver Genealogical Society recently took a <u>Step on Bus Tour</u> with Rose Szwed, The tour was the 'Corktown Chronicles' which featured a private tour of historic homes, St Anne's Church, the Trumbull & Porter Hotel, interesting businesses in the area, and the historic Tiger Stadium construction site. Members also toured and learned of the history and mystery of Woodmere Cemetery.



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They had purchased some liquor and carbolic acid. A small amount of carbolic acid was used for washing clothes and washing dishes. Wilhelm was driving the wagon and reached for a drink of the liquor, but grabbed the wrong bottle. He turned black quite quickly, as the acid ate away his esophagus. He died shortly afterwards. Mr BEHLING recalls that he was playing baseball with my grandfather, Henry DAMMANN, in the circle park in the center of the village of Hubbard. He said that he could never forget the sight of Wilhelm's body, as black as could be, being brought through the center of town in a wagon, on the way to the DAMMANN farm. He was buried in the old pioneer cemetery out in section 12."

I have a copy of Wilhelm's baptism from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cammin, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. The document gave his birthdate as August 25, 1858.

I went to the Midland County Courthouse and asked for a death certificate based on the information from Mr BEHLING; and said that Wilhelm DAMMANN had died the end of August. The clerk handed me the death certificate and I was amazed. He died four days after his 50th birthday, August 25, 1858. Seventy-two years later, Fred BEHLING still remembered.

My brother Larry DAMMAN and I returned to Midland County two months later. This time Paul RINAS took us on a long trek through the mosquito infested woods out to the old abandoned cemetery. "Here it is. This is the old cemetery," he said. I looked around. But there were no grave markers, no fence, no gate, and no sign indicating that this was a cemetery. And no sign that anyone cared. I desperately wanted someone to care about those buried there.

I was standing in a depression, there were little hills and valleys, I asked, "How do you know where the graves are?" RINAS replied, "The depressions are the graves, you're standing on one. The small mounds are the areas between the graves." I quickly moved. We left after a short time. I actually felt sad after seeing the cemetery. I said to my brother, "I can't leave him here like this." And I cried

The cemetery was also staked out for a trailer park. I was appalled at the possibility! Needless to say I wrote a letter to the governor and the Michigan Cemetery Commission complaining about the possible destruction of the cemetery. Never underestimate the power of an angry woman, especially a genealogist, as the trailer park was never built. Ruth ROBEOL, the township clerk, called me a few days later and said, "What have you done? We've tried to stop the trailer park from being built for a few years with no success. But you write two letters and everything stops! The trailer park is not being built. You're amazing."

Six months later the owner of the property where the cemetery was located, called me and asked if I would "look the other way" if he disinterred all of the graves and reburied them in another cemetery. Then he said, "I'll pay you \$300 for each grave." I replied indignantly, "Absolutely not!!! I cannot be bought."

Years passed. In October 2005 a message was left on my answering machine. The voice went on to say, "This call is for Sherry HUNTINGTON. My name is Sarah SERVINSKI, I live in Midland. We own the property on which one of your ancestors is buried in an old cemetery. I wanted you to know that we've located some graves. Several people are working on this. They want to restore the cemetery. Please call me." Tears filled my eyes as told my husband Ed about the message.

When I returned the phone call Sarah said her husband was the Township Supervisor and he had old maps in his office. Two couples, Gordie and Gail FASSETT and Jerry and Karen SCHULTZ had been working together and used the maps and G.P.S. to locate the cemetery. They had also been told about an old lilac bush, a grove of pine trees, and a pond near the cemetery. Metal detectors were used to locate the graves as the coffins were nailed shut.

Gordie and Gail FASSETT began digging to locate the graves on September 3, 2005 until November 20, 2005. They dug down until they reached the tops of the caskets, then marked the four corners with stakes and strung yellow caution tape around the stakes. This was painstaking work.

I was invited to "come and see what they've done". On November 11, 2005 I drove to rural Midland County with my friend and fellow genealogist Sharon RICKERSON. It was a dreary, dismal, cold day when Len and Sarah SERVINSKI led us through the woods. We walked about half a mile and there it was. Gordie and Gail FASSETT were there to meet me. Even though there were no stones, it began to look like a cemetery. There were six graves outlined with stakes, yellow tape and artificial flowers. And I cried.

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We stood and talked for an hour and a half. I was very impressed with their dedication, especially since these volunteers did NOT have any relatives buried in the cemetery. I was kept informed of their progress by e-mail. Another person involved with the project, Karen SCHULTZ, had been out of town. She emailed me a few days later. Karen said that she was the one doing the historical research on the former town of Hubbard. She was searching census records, church records and interviewing anyone with knowledge of the area, while her husband, Jerry, was assisting the FASSETTS.

In May of 2006 I was told that the work on the lower cemetery was nearly completed. The SERVIN-SKI's had donated a cyclone fence to enclose the cemetery and were having a large stone engraved with the name of the cemetery and the dates people were buried there. There would be a rededication of the cemetery

when this was completed.



The Christ Lutheran Cemetery was rededicated on July 11, 2006, twenty-six years after I had first been there. It was a beautiful day. Instead of walking through the woods there were two men with fourwheelers to drive us. I climbed in, but I wasn't alone. I had five generations with me, as I had brought photos of my grandfather, my father, my three children and seven grandchildren with me and also one of Wilhelm's wife, my great-grandmother, Caroline.

As we reached the cemetery I could see the new fence surrounding it. Each grave was outlined with four white posts connected by white chain, adorned with beautiful artificial flowers and embossed stainless steel crosses that said either Adult or Child. With a beautiful large piece

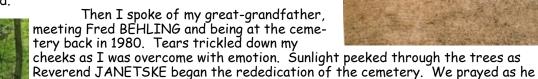
of granite engraved with Christ Lutheran Cemetery and the dates.

When I walked up there were Gordie and Gail, Karen SCHULTZ, Reverend JANETSKE from St. John's Lutheran Church in Midland, members of the Midland Historical Society, a reporter and photographer from The Midland Daily News. Beside myself there were also two other people with family members buried there, James BEHLING and, Julia WESTPHAL RETZLOFF. Karen SCHULTZ welcomed everyone and spoke of the research she had done. Gordie and Gail FASSETT talked about their endless hours of work on the cemetery and the "labor of love".

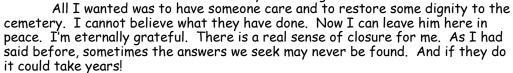
Julia WESTPHAL RETZLOFF's aunt was buried there. Her father bought my great-grandfather's house after he died, and had it moved two

miles away.

We sat and reminisced about the pioneering people that had once lived in this town and the hardships they endured. A man stood up and said, "My grand-father's best friend, Wilhelm DAMMANN, is buried here; and also my grandmother. Wilhelm accidentally drank carbolic acid and died." Gail FAS-SETT spoke up, pointing to me and said, "Wilhelm's great-grand-daughter, Sherry, is here." The man speaking was the son of Fred BEHLING that told me how Wilhelm had died.



blessed the land. Tears trickled down my cheeks again.



Through my research I learned that Wilhelm was a master carpenter. My grandfather and my father were also carpenters. Fred BEHLING Sr. said that Wilhelm built the German Lutheran Church in Hubbard; and also the church school and the parsonage. The church and school are gone, but the parsonage has been a private home for many years. The woman that lives in the former parsonage, Julie SCHNEIDER, was also at the rededication of the cemetery. After everything was concluded, Julie invited me to her home. I shot many photos. After all of these years I was truly amazed to be standing in the home that my greatgrandfather, Wilhelm, had built. I felt his presence and I cried.

(Above photo shows Sherry Damman Huntington with Jim Behling and Julia Westfall Retzloff).



Wedding Photos A Cute Little Story About Our Wedding

Carol Dobos Member #1211



My husband and I were supposed to have a double wedding in June of 1974 with his sister Donna Dobos. It was December 1973 when Gabe was working at Ford for just about a year. He went to his boss and told him he wanted to put in for a week vacation to get married in June of 1974. His boss informed him that the only vacation time he would get would be when they shut down the plant in August for 2 weeks. It was Dec 18, 1973 when he came home from work and gave me the news that we couldn't have a double wedding. He suggested we get married over Christmas so his mom would not have 2 weddings 2 months apart.

I was so excited! I wanted to be married and I didn't need a big wedding! I had my wedding gown in lay-away; I asked my sister to be maid of honor and I had a red velvet long dress she could wear. I started

looking for a church that could marry us in the next week or so.

The Catholic Church would not marry us because we didn't give enough time for the preparation that the Catholic Church needed. That didn't stop us. We wanted to be married in a church in the eyes of the Lord so I started calling churches. As it turned out, I found a church right in my neighborhood of Allen Park called "The Church of Jesus Christ".

The minister talked to me on the phone and took some information from me like our ages, how long we had dated, etc. He wanted to talk to us further in person so we set up an appointment with him for 2 days later. When that Thursday came, we went to the church, knocked at the door and when the minister opened the door... to our surprise.... it was my Drivers Ed Teacher and my husband's School Counselor! He was as shocked as we were! He said "Carol and Gabe are you my 6 o'clock appointment"? We told him "yes"! After further discussion, seeing how determined we were, he agreed to marry us.

So we went forward with our planning and called all the relatives, got married in a cute church by an awesome minister, Mr. Frank Morley, whom we knew well from school. Our reception was at Symacks Restaurant with approximately 45 friends and family. Everything was perfect. Later, Mr. Frank Morley confided in me that the night we came to talk with him, he had it in his heart to try to talk the couple into waiting till they were a little older. But he knew from school that we had planned on getting married. We got married 2 days before my 19th birthday and Gabe was 20. Now every year we celebrate Christmas, our Anniversary, New Years and my Birthday all in one week! We just celebrated our 43rd anniversary December 29, 2016 and we both have never looked back wishing we had a big wedding!



Carol WAUN DOBOS and Gabe DOBOS

Carol and Gabe with her parents Leo and Margaret WAUN



World War II Draft Card Trick

James Barringer Member # 1222

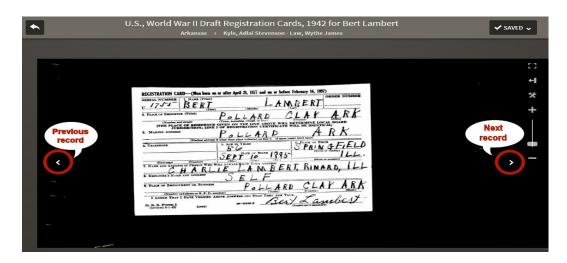
Many researchers don't realize when they explore the WWII draft card records that the back side of the original draft card is one click away. This is only obvious to those who have explored the next page of records on that reel of microfilm or online database.

Once you have completed the WWII draft card citation, look at the image file connected with the person in question. You should notice with an online database two black arrows are on opposite sides of the image. This allows one to see the previous or next card in sequence as they were scanned.

By pressing the right arrow, the card displayed in rotated 90 degrees from the original scan and is the back side of that card. This can contain a full description of the person in question, such as eye, hair color or skin tone and any scars or identifying marks. I once found on a card for a family member that showed a missing index finger.

To help clarify, check out the images below, your view may differ slightly from these.

Ancestry.com record below



FamilySearch.ORG record below



AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS (A through M)

P O BOX 476, LINCOLN PARK, MI 48146 PUBLICATIONS LIST - February 2017 Sharon Rickerson, Member #558

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1930 WAYNE COUNTY, MI CENSUS MAPS AND ENUMERATION DISTRICT LIST - \$14.00/\$15.00 - Contains maps of all Wayne County areas with the boundaries of the enumeration districts noted. Also contains a list of the enumeration districts with their boundaries. 82 pages.

1930 DETROIT LAND VALUATION MAPS - \$22/\$24 - Contains maps from the City of Detroit used for land valuation. Book is oversized 11×17 . - 90 pages.

<u>ANCESTOR CHARTS BOOK I - \$15/\$17 - Contains over 100 five generation charts for a total of 137 pages, with approximately 1,000 surnames</u>

<u>ANCESTOR CHARTS BOOK II -\$15/\$16</u> - Contains over 200 five generation charts for a total of 277 pages and 1800 surnames.

<u>ANCESTOR CHARTS BOOK III - \$15/\$16</u> - Two hundred eleven 5-generation charts with an every name index. Index includes approximately 3.400 names.

<u>ANCESTOR CHARTS BOOK IV - \$20/\$22</u> - One hundred sixty 5-generation charts with an every name index. Index includes approximately 3,400 names.

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<u>BALLHEIM FUNERAL HOME BOOK 1 - \$20/\$22</u> - Contains 175 pages, 1400 records for period of 1932 - 1967. Data includes information about deceased, spouse, parents, cemetery, occupation, etc. Alphabetical order.

<u>BALLHEIM FUNERAL HOME BOOK 2 - \$20/\$22</u> - Contains 147 pages, 1169 records for period of Jun 1967 - May 1978. Data includes information about deceased, spouse, parents, cemetery, occupation, etc. Alphabetical order.

BALLHEIM FUNERAL HOME BOOK 3 - \$18/\$20 - Contains 150 pages, 1161 records for period of May 1978 - May 1991. Data includes information about deceased, spouse, parents, cemetery, occupation, etc. Alphabetical order.

BALLHEIM FUNERAL HOME BOOK 4 - \$7.00/\$9.00 - Contains 56 pages of data for the period of June 1991 to May 2007. Data includes information about deceased, spouse, parents, cemetery, residence. Alphabetical order. Published February 2008.

<u>UP-DATED VERSION BLOOMDALE CEMETERY</u>, <u>TRENTON</u>, <u>MI</u> - <u>\$8/\$10</u> - Earliest date of burial is 1850. Over 2,000 burials with new burials from last book in 1988. Listed in order of burial, includes last name, first name, relationship, birth & death dates, grave inscription & remarks.

<u>DOWNRIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CENSUS HOLDINGS 2000 - \$7/\$8</u> - This book lists the census films owned by DRGS. It lists various counties in Michigan depending on the year of census from 1820-1920. Also Essex & Kent Co. Ontario, Canada 1851-1901. Lists all townships, cities and wards with the film number of these counties. Includes county maps by year. Does not include actual census data. 71 pages.

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<u>UP-DATED ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY, AKA ECORSE CEMETERY -\$6/\$8</u> - Earliest date of burial is 1848. Approximately 2,500 burials, with only 600 stones remaining in 1979. AlpHa sorted. 31 pages data. <u>UNMARKED GRAVES IN ST, FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY, AKA ECORSE CEMETERY - \$8/\$10</u>- Approximately 1,500 burials not reported in first book. 66 pages of data.

COMBO PACKAGE, BOTH ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY BOOKS FOR 1 PRICE. - \$12/\$14

- <u>ECORSE CEMETERY. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ECORSE. MI \$7/\$8</u> Earliest date of burial is 1848. Approximately 2,500 burials, but in 1979 only 600 stones remained. These were transcribed. 35 pages with index.
- <u>GUIDE TO DETROIT CHURCHES</u>, 1850-1900 \$11/\$12 Includes addresses, names, with any name changes of the Church. Also a list of Clergy and the years they served at various churches. An alphabetical list of Clergy in back. 98 pages, with index.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION B \$9/\$11 -</u> The eleventh book in a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates, if available, relationship and comments. Eighty four pages of data. In alpha order
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION C \$21/\$23</u> The third book of a series of burials . Information includes name, birth and death dates if available, relationship and comments. Two hundred eighteen pages of data representing aprox 3,140 burials with index.
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- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION G \$22/\$24 -</u> The tenth book of a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates if available, relationship and comments. Two hundred seven pages of data representing aprox 3569 burials, with index.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION H \$22/\$24 -</u> The twelfth book of a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates if available, relationship and comments. Two hundred seventy pages of data with index representing aprox 7200 burials. Published June, 2007.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION J \$20/\$22</u> The fourth book of a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates if available, relationship and comments. Two hundred pages of data representing aprox 3,000 burials with index.
- HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, DETROIT, MI SECTION K -\$12/\$14 The seventeenth book in a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death date, if available, funeral home & church when available with comments. One hundred twenty pages representing approximately 5576 burials. Published November, 2009.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, DETROIT, MI SECTION L \$23/\$25</u> The sixteenth book in a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death date, if available, funeral home & church when available with comments. One hundred seventy two pages representing approximately 7600 burials. Published November, 2009.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, DETROIT, MI SECTION M- \$21/\$23 -</u> The seventh book in a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates if available, relationship and comments. Two hundred and eighteen pages representing about 2,831 burials with index.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION N- \$17/</u>\$19This is the fifteenth book in a series of burials. Information includes name, birth & death, if available, funeral home & church when available & comments for approx 6017 burials. Published March, 2009.

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- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION P- \$19/\$21</u> The fourteenth book of a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates, if available, funeral home & church when available and comments. One hundred eighty pages representing approximately 8900 burials. Published September, 2008.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION R \$8/\$9</u> The second book of a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates if available, relationship and comments. Two hundred pages of data representing about 3,000 burials with index.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION S \$13/\$15</u> The fifteenth book of a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates, if available, funeral home & church when available and comments. One hundred and eight pages of data representing approximately 4490 burials. Published May, 2009.
- <u>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</u>, <u>DETROIT</u>, <u>MI SECTION T \$16/\$17</u> The ninth book of a series of burials. Information includes name, birth and death dates, if available, relationship and comments. One hundred twenty six pages of data.
- HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, DETROIT, MI SECTION U, WITH CREMATION NICHE, AND UNKNOWN SECTION BURIALS \$9/\$11 The eighteenth and last sections of this project. Includes name name, birth and death date if available, funeral home & church when available with comments. Seventy pages representing approximately 3373 burials & cremations. Published November, 2009.
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