# Record Group 15 Washtenaw County Cemetery Records

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#### Abstract

Many of the cemeteries in Washtenaw County, MI date from the early 1800s to the early 1900s. The cemeteries feature burial sites of prominent county residents, war veterans and other residents.

# **Scope and Content**

The Washtenaw Country Cemetery record group is composed of records for cemeteries surrounding the Plymouth area. The cemetery records include cemetery maps, names and dates of the deceased, and some photos and veteran information. The collection also contains some contact information of the various cemeteries included as a part of the collection.

### **Entries**

**Entry 1:** Guides

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# **Important Subjects**

Cemeteries – Washtenaw Country Cemetery Maps –  $20^{th}$  century

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Entry 1: Guides

Folder 1

Cemeteries in Washtenaw County, gives name, location and phone information as of 9/2003

Directory of Cemeteries of Washtenaw County Michigan, Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan (1978) Includes maps and descriptions

Washtenaw County Map which shows the location of Cherry Hill, Downer, Kenyon, Sheldons and Chubb Cemeteries.

### Folder 2

History of United Memorial Gardens 1929 – 1954, Superior Township – Washtenaw County, Michigan. (Known previously as Booker T. Washington memorial Park 1029 – 1930 and Mount Vernon Memorial Park 1930 – 1953) Karl Williams (2003). Includes records, letters, newspaper articles, biographies, interviews, monument inscriptions etc.

# Entry 2: Cemetery Records

# Folder 1

Bridgewater Cemetery; Clinton Road, Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Stone readings from 1825 – 1940.

# Folder 2

Canfield Cemetery; Werkner Road, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. It is a small plot on the east side of the highway.

### Folder 3

Childs Cemetery; 11200 Tuttle Hill Road, Willis, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

#### Folder 4

Clements Cemetery; Washtenaw County, Michigan. The farm was taken up from the government by Samuel Clements, the first white man to settle in Lima about 1834/1835.

### Folder 5

Collins Cemetery; Lyndon Township, Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

# Folder 6

Cooper Cemetery; Dexter – Chelsea Road, Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

# Folder 7

Cross Cemetery; Clark Road, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan. It is located across the road from the Catholic cemetery.

# Folder 8

Dixboro Cemetery; Plymouth – Ann Arbor Road, Superior Township, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

### Folder 9

Fairview Cemetery; 1401 Wright Street, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, names not in alphabetical order.

### Folder 10

Four Mile Lake Cemetery; Four Mile Road, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

# Folder 11

Free Church Cemetery; Ford Road, Superior Township, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

### Folder 12

Freedom Township Cemetery; Waters Road, Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan. This is a small cemetery on the south side of Waters Road.

# Folder 13

Geddes – Botsford Cemetery; Earhart Road, Ann Arbor Twp, Washtenaw County, Michigan. This cemetery is on land donated by Elnathan Botsford, one of the early settlers in the county in 1825.

### Folder 14

Hudson Cemetery, Dexter – Pinckney Road, Washtenaw County, Michigan. This is an abandoned cemetery located four miles from Dexter. Many of the headstones were broken and two were only partially legible.

# Folder 15

Lapham Cemetery; Brookville Road, Salem Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

### Folder 16

Laraway Cemetery, Godfordson Road east of Joy Road, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Only Laraway burials cited.

### Folder 17

Leland Cemetery; Earhart Road (bordered by N. Territorial Road), Northfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Read 1984, indexed, plat map.

# Folder 18

Luick Farm Cemetery; on U12, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Contributed by Mrs George O. Ross. This is a private cemetery.

# Folder 19

Matthews Family Cemetery, Joy Road, Northfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Located in sec. 36 on the farm where Rufus Mathews settled in 1831. A monument marks the spot.

# Folder 20

Mt Hope (Saint John's) Cemetery; Elsworth west of Schmidtz Road, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

### Folder 21

Oakgrove Cemetery; Plymouth Ann Arbor and Dixboro Roads, Dixboro, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Read 2003. Cemetery is in good condition, well taken care of and still active as some of the readings show burials in 2002.

#### Folder 22

Phelps Burying Ground Cemetery; Baker Road, Scio Township, Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan

# Folder 23

Popkins Cemetery; Pratt Road, Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan. This cemetery was on the farm of a disinterested German farmer, who argued that the living kin had removed the bodies of their relatives to Forest Lawn, Dexter. Those who had not were too poor or disinterested.

# Folder 24

Pray Cemetery, Plymouth – Ann Arbor Road, Superior Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

#### Folder 25

St Francis Catholic Cemetery, Bethel Church Road, Freedom Township, Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

# Folder 26

Salem/Walker Cemetery; Tower Road, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The land for this cemetery was given by Ida Ham, one of the early settlers.

# Folder 27

Spencer Cemetery; Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan. There are transcribed records but the cemetery no longer exists; however, there is a memorial stone.

# Folder 28

Union District Cemetery; Washtenaw County, Michigan

### Folder 29

Waters Road Cemetery; Waters Road, Lodi Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. There are two cemeteries representing Waters Road Cemetery, both on Waters Road. The first cemetery is located about 1 ¾ miles west of Saline Road on the North side of Waters Road. The second cemetery is located about 4 miles west of Saline Road on the North side of Waters Road just past Zeeb Road at a place known as the Ed Aprill farm.

# Folder 30

Whitmore Lakeview Cemetery; Corner of Nine Mile and East Shore Drive, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Transcribed by Mrs. George O. Ross. A number of World War I soldiers are buried here.

# Folder 31

Worden Cemetery; Five Mile Road, Salem, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Also records for Worden Cemetery copied by the George Rosses, Ann Arbor, Michigan.