

St Clement Cemetery 2200

St. Clement Cemetery 25320 Van Dyke, Center Line, Michigan, USA

**Research on this cemetery is currently being done by Wesley Arnold
Mike Grobbel also has a Center Line website with much information.**

Here is what I have done so far.

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History of St Clement Cemetery 2205

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Burial Records by Year 1850-1942 St Clement Cemetery 2189-2199, 2300-2899

Old Maps of St Clement Cemetery see maps

New Maps not finished yet

Easy stone finder and location system and map 2500

Older Grave Stones of St Clement Cemetery 2400-2499

Introduction

It would seem an easy matter to cover this aspect of our history. It was a pioneer cemetery run by a Catholic church. The Priest kept the records. There were standard ways of doing things. How complicated could that be. Well There were at first non resident priests. Their handwriting varied. Often with the type of script used probably Spencerian the first letter of names was difficult or impossible to read. Then there sometimes was what appears to be a series of lower case eeeeeeees rather than legible writing. Then the question of was it a burial or a burial mass or a memorial mass. Then we have to get past the Latin language and Latinizing of names. They keep the records in Latin and that is fine for those who understand it. But that combined with the scribbling instead of clear writing creates a big problem of understanding.

Then there is the omission of records. It has been discovered that some records were omitted. The persons who discovered these discrepancies often had no place to record the corrections and that information is lost.

One or more of the caretakers smoked and on at least on one occasion a cigar ember caught the record book on fire and the pages were just ripped out. No effort was made to reconstruct the lost records.

There are many years with missing records. We don't know why.

We know that the cemetery was often neglected and got overgrown. Families were supposed to maintain their family graves. This was so often neglected that at least one priest told the congregation that no one else would be buried here and he wanted coffins removed and placed in other well maintained cemeteries.

Some years there were more removals than new burials.

Sometimes the removals were not recorded. Sometimes the bones were removed and the coffin left there.

There were grave robbers back then we don't know if and who was removed.

And of course there is a general lack of recording of history and family records.

As of 2014 this cemetery has about 2220 -3000 burials. Check with the cemetery office for latest update. The exact number is unknown as some were not recorded. Some were removed and not recorded. Many are forgotten.

Civil War Veterans in St Clement Cemetery

The St Clement Cemetery is located on Engleman West of Van Dyke. It is the biggest of our area's pioneer cemeteries the first known recorded burial was March 27, 1854. It is possible that there were a few before that date. Over 800 burials date from the nineteenth century and over 1,500 burials prior to 1943. There are over 200 veterans buried in St Clement Cemetery. See historian Wesley Arnold's free CD of Warren-Center Line Records which has pictures and indexes of all of the old grave stones in both Warren's Union Cemetery and St Clement's Cemetery. These two cemeteries hold most of the remains of the pioneers of Warren. There were also local farm burials prior to 1850 but records of these are lost. One house on what was the old River Road has a stone marker. Visit my Historical web site at macombhistory.us where there are lots of pictures.

Civil War Vets buried in St Clement Cemetery Center Line Michigan

Conrad Louis B Sep 29, 1837 (Ger) Enlisted as a Private inn Battery K,

first Michigan Light Artillery Sept 11, 1863 at Detroit for 3 years, age 25, Mustered Sept 28, 1863. Joined battery at camp Barry D. c. Oct 1, 1863. Mustered out at Detroit July 22, 1865. Widow Magdalena filed 3/2/1901. In 1900 census as Lewis Conrad. D Feb 12, 1901

Dunn John B 1839 (NY) Troy MI Enlisted in Co D, 22 Mi Infantry, Aug 11, 1862 at Pontiac, for 3 years, age 22. Mustered Aug 14, 1862. Discharged for disability at Louisville KY Nov 3, 1863. Pension Request 6/25/1879. This veteran was buried as an Indigent soldier in St Clement Cemetery. According to special veteran census of 1890, this veteran suffered from a rupture for past 27 years. D May 15, 1915

Engleman Hieronyneus (Roney) B Nov 1844(Ger) Enlisted in company I (reorganized) 3rd MI Infantry, Apr 4, 1865, at Pontiac, for 1 year, age 20. Mustered April 4, 1865. Discharged at expiration of term of service at San Antonio, Texas, Mar 25, 1866. Pension request 7/5/1890. Widow Margaret filed request 3/22/1918. Enlisted as Roney Engleman in the "record of Service of Mi Volunteers in Civil War." According to special veteran census of 1890, this veteran suffered from rheumatism as result of service in Civil War. D Mar 6, 1918 (75y)

Gies Henry B about 1819 (Ger) Detroit MI enlisted in company H, 5th Mi Cavalry, Aug 11, 1862, at Detroit, for 3 years, age 35. Mustered Aug 30, 1862. Honorably discharged at Detroit July 3, 1865. Pension request filed by vet 7/2/1885. This veteran was buried as an indigent soldier in St Clement Cemetery D Dec 5, 1895

Kaltz Frank B about 1843 (MI) Enlisted in Company I (reorganized) 3rd MI Infantry, April 4, 1865, at Pontiac, for 1 year, age 21, Mustered April 4, 1865. Discharged at expiration of term of service at Galveston, Texas, April 4, 1866. Pension request filed by vet 12/26/1891. Widow (Mary T) filed request 12/16/1895. Minor Gdn frank J filed request 1/13/1896. This veteran's surname is listed as Haltz in record. Probably typo. According to special census 1890 this veteran suffered from rheumatism as result of war. No headstone was found but is listed on cemetery records. D Nov 3, 1895 (52y)

Kaltz Mathias B about 1816 Ger. Enlisted in Detroit Company H, 7th MI Infantry, Dec 13, 1861 for 3 years, age 44. Mustered Dec 13, 1861. Discharged for disability at Providence, R I Dec 5, 1862. Widow Anna M filed request 4/7/1896. According to veteran census 1890 the veteran suffered from rheumatism and double hernia. This census lists him at the Michigan Soldier's Home. There is a conflict relative to the death date. The official Macomb County death record indicated Dec 11, 1896. The headstone in the St Clement Cemetery indicated March. The cemetery records indicates death date of March 11, 1896. We believe actual death date was March 11, 1896.

MaGuire John Born about 1813 (Ire). Enlisted in Company G 14th MI Infantry, Nov 11, 1861 at Utica, for 3 years at age 44. Mustered Feb 13, 1862. Discharged at expiration of term of service at Fayetteville, NC March 14, 1865. Widow Mary filed request 6/25/1888. This veteran is listed as John McGuire in the record. D May 30, 1888. Honor Roll of Macomb County Men Who Lost Their Lives In Service During WWI

Blondeel, Kamiel Son of Charles and Elodie Blondeel, of Warren, was born in Belgium, April 21 1898. He entered the service at Camp Custer November 2, 1917. Killed in action in France, October 17, 1918, while serving with Company H, Seventh U.S. Infantry. Buried in Plot G, Row 25,

Grave 18, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne, France.

Gietzen, William Ferdinand Son of Nicholas Gietzen of Warren, was born February 23, 1896. Served with the 128th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division. Died August 29, 1918. Buried in Plot D, Row 40, Grave 18, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France.

Meyer, John A. Of Warren, born June 22, 1890. Killed in action in France on July 15, 1918. Buried in St. Clement's Cemetery.

Jannus, Roger W. Was born December 25, 1886, and enlisted in the service April 1917. He was transferred to the air service, and was killed at Issoudun, France, September 4, 1918. We don't know if there is a marker for him here.