

Finding Aid for the Grand Rapids Township death records Collection 131

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Grand Rapids Township (Mich.) .
Title	Grand Rapids Township death records
Date [inclusive]	1906-1910, 1914-1952
Extent	2.25 Linear feet Six boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Grand Rapids Township death records includes photocopies of death certificates for those listed as residents of Grand Rapids Township, Michigan at the time of death. It is believed that the original books from which the copies were made are located at the State Archives. The copies list deaths from 1906-1910 and from 1914-1952. The records provide information such as name, age, sex, and birth date, along with date of death and cause. Additional information is included in later records.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

When Kent County was platted, Grand Rapids Township was called the Township of Kent. The name was officially changed in February 1842, with the first meeting of Grand Rapids Township held on March 19, 1842, in the home of Joel Guild. The name Grand Rapids comes from the rapids of the Grand River, which the city surrounds.

Scope and Contents note

Included are "State of Michigan, Department of State, Division of Vital Statistics, Transcript of Certificate of Death, Local Register" or the "Register of Deaths, State of Michigan" death records.

The death record copies list deaths from 1906-1910 and from 1914-1952. The records provide name, age, sex, and birth date, along with date of death and cause. After 1919, occupation, marriage status, and the undertaker are also included. Beginning in the 1920s more complete information regarding residence and family is given, with yet additional information on the deceased provided after 1950, including personal history. The reason for the gap between 1910 and 1914, and for the omission of earlier records, is unknown. It is unknown if all residents are documented here, or only a percentage.

An index to individuals and data in these photocopies, "Grand Rapids Township Death Records, Kent County, Michigan, 1906-1919, 1914-1952," was prepared by Kathy Tabb, Jan Hulbert and Evelyn Sawyer of the Western Michigan Genealogical Society in 1991. A copy of that index accompanies this collection. No digital version of the index has been located. However, various online sources of death record information are available from the County, the State, and via the local genealogy websites.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Western Michigan Genealogical Society, accession 1991.000

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See also Coll. 096, the Western Michigan Genealogical Society Church Records Collection

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- government records

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Genealogy
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Kent County (Mich.) -- Genealogy

Subject(s)

- Registers of birth, etc. -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
List of Deaths 1906 - 1910, 1914 - May 1952	1	1
Death Records 1906 - Dec 20, 1910	1	2
Death Records Mar 1, 1914 - Mar 30, 1915	1	3
Death Records Mar 30, 1915 - Mar 24, 1916	1	4
Death Records Mar 21, 1916 - May 1917	1	5
Death Records May 16, 1917 - Aug 2, 1918	1	6
Death Records Aug 3, 1918 - Dec 13, 1918	2	1
Death Records Jan 1, 1919 - Jun 11, 1919	2	2
Death Records Jul 1, 1919 - Dec 29, 1919	2	3
Death Records Jan 19, 1920 - Mar 31, 1920	2	4
Death Records Apr 2, 1920 - Sep 1, 1920	2	5
Death Records Oct 13, 1920 - Mar 22, 1921	2	6

Death Records Apr 4, 1921 - Aug 21, 1921	2	7
Death Records Sep 1, 1921 - Jan 30, 1922	2	8
Death Records Feb 4, 1922 - May 17, 1922	2	9
Death Records Jun 1, 1922 - Dec 14, 1922	2	10
Death Records Jan 6, 1923 - Apr 30, 1923	2	11
Death Records May 4, 1923 - Aug 19, 1923	2	12
Death Records Sep 13, 1923 - Jan 1, 1924	3	1
Death Records Jan 16, 1924 - Apr 29, 1924	3	2
Death Records May 1, 1924 - Aug 27, 1924	3	3
Death Records Sep 7, 1924 - Feb 5, 1925	3	4
Death Records Feb 5, 1925 - Mar 3, 1925	3	5
Death Records Apr 1, 1925 - Jul 31, 1925	3	6
Death Records Aug 1, 1925 - Dec 27, 1925	3	7
Death Records Jan 3, 1926 - Oct 19, 1926	3	8

Death Records Oct 27, 1926 - Nov 25, 1927	3	9
Death Records Nov 26, 1927 - Jul 29, 1928	3	10
Death Records Aug 1, 1928 - Dec 31, 1928	3	11
Death Records Jan 4, 1929 - Nov 30, 1929	3	12
Death Records Dec 2, 1929 - Jul 16, 1930	3	13
Death Records Jul 16, 1930 - Nov 12, 1930	3	14
Death Records Nov 16, 1930 - May 20, 1931	4	1
Death Records Jun 5, 1931 - Dec 31, 1931	4	2
Death Records Jan 4, 1932 - Jul 28, 1932	4	3
Death Records Jul 29, 1932 - Mar 28, 1933	4	4
Death Records Apr 1, 1933 - Sep 26, 1933	4	5
Death Records Oct 1, 1933 - Mar 24, 1934	4	6
Death Records Mar 18, 1934 - Oct 29, 1934	4	7
Death Records Nov 1, 1934 - Jun 19, 1935	4	8

Death Records Jul 1, 1935 - Dec 24, 1935	4	9
Death Records Dec 24, 1935 - Sep 26, 1936	4	10
Death Records Oct 4, 1936 - Jun 27, 1937	4	11
Death Records Jul 1, 1937 - Mar 31, 1938	4	12
Death Records Apr 6, 1938 - Dec 22, 1938	5	1
Death Records Jan 24, 1939 - Nov 3, 1939	5	2
Death Records Nov 4, 1939 - Dec 26, 1940	5	3
Death Records Jan 16, 1941 - Dec 23, 1941	5	4
Death Records Jan 1, 1942 - Dec 26, 1942	5	5
Death Records Dec 30, 1942 - Dec 24, 1943	5	6
Death Records Dec 8, 1943 - Dec 24, 1944	5	7
Death Records Jan 4, 1945 - Dec 30, 1945	5	8
Death Records Jan 2, 1946 - Dec 15, 1946	5	9
Death Records Jan 6, 1947 - Dec 29, 1947	5	10

Death Records Jan 10, 1948 - Dec 20, 1948	6	1
Death Records Jan 3, 1949 - Nov 29, 1949	6	2
Death Records Dec 7, 1949 - Jul 27, 1950	6	3
Death Records Aug 4, 1950 - Mar 22, 1951	6	4
Death Records Apr 4, 1951 - Sep 28, 1951	6	5
Death Records Oct 4, 1951 - May 1, 1952	6	6