

**Finding aid for the Francis Hall  
collection of rosters of Grand Rapids and  
Michigan veterans and grave locations  
Collection 181**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Creator - Collector</b>	Hall, Francis E, 1886-1939
<b>Title</b>	Francis Hall collection of rosters of Grand Rapids and Michigan veterans and grave locations
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1754-1939, n.d.
<b>Extent</b>	1.3 Linear feet Three boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Francis Hall collection contains lists of graves of veterans of United States wars in various Michigan cemeteries, 1754-1939. These lists are arranged alphabetically by county, then chronologically beginning with the Revolutionary War through World War I. Also in the collection are rosters of military units formed in Grand Rapids for service in the Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I. The rosters are arranged chronologically. Of special interest are the rosters of the four Michigan regiments, by company, that served in the Spanish American War. Also included are unit rosters for medical unit Q, the 339th Ambulance Co., and Polar Bears, 85th Infantry, for World War I.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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Francis E. Hall (1886-1939), a life-long resident of Grand Rapids, resided in the family home built in 1857 by his grandfather. Hall, a member of the National Committee for Soldiers grave sites in Michigan, spent several years traveling the state, gathering information. Shortly after his death in 1939, his sister, Mrs. Benjamin Van Raalte, donated the entire collection to the Grand Rapids Public Library.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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The bulk of the collection contains rosters of Michigan veterans from the Revolutionary War to World War I. Also included are rosters of Military units formed in Grand Rapids for service in the Mexican War through World War I. Of special interest are the rosters of the four Michigan regiments, by company, that served in the Spanish American War. Also included are unit rosters for medical unit Q, 339th Ambulance Co., and the Polar Bears, of the 85th Infantry for World War I.

For further information on the Polar Bears see collections #23 and #33, and/or 339th Ambulance Co. see collection #108. Hall's list of Kent County men in the Civil War was given to the State Library of Michigan, which returned it in 1979. This list was processed as a manuscript collection #144 Kent County Civil War Men. The Hall collection of obituaries typed and transcribed from various state newspapers has been used as a reference work by the Local Historical Collections staff.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Mrs. Benjamin VanRaalte, 1939, accession number 00.000

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Michigan -- Genealogy

### Subject(s)

- Mexican War, 1846-1848 -- Registers -- Michigan
- Spanish American War, 1898 -- Registers -- Michigan
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Registers -- Michigan
- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Registers -- Michigan
- Veterans -- Michigan
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Registers -- Michigan

## General

## Collection Inventory

<b>General</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Chronological list of engagements between North and South (1861-1865), n.d.	1	1
Number of Michigan men in the Civil War by unit, n.d.	1	2
List of Michigan Civil War regiment muster dates and rendezvous sites, n.d.	1	3
Quotas and list of regimental manpower totals, Michigan, Civil War, n.d.	1	4
<b>Rosters</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1st Michigan Volunteer Inf., Civil War, n.d.	1	5
3rd Michigan Volunteer Inf., Civil War, n.d.	1	6
3rd Michigan Volunteer Inf. (reorg.), Civil War, n.d.	1	7
21st Michigan Volunteer Inf., Civil War, n.d.	1	8

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25th Michigan Volunteer Inf., Civil War, n.d.	1	9
1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, Civil War, n.d.	1	10
10th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, Civil War, n.d.	1	11
1st Michigan Colored Infantry, (102nd United States Colored Infantry), Civil War, n.d.	1	12
Soldiers in United States Colored units, Civil War, n.d.	1	13
2nd Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, n.d.	1	14
66th Illinois Infantry Co. D., n.d.	1	15
John A. Logan GAR Post #1, n.d.	1	16
John A. Logan GAR post #1 Quarterly report, June 1915.	1	17
Allegan County Civil War men, n.d.	1	18
Allegan County Spanish American war men, n.d.	1	19
Barry County Civil War men, n.d.	1	20
Branch County Civil War men, n.d.	1	21

## Rosters

Branch County Spanish American War men, n.d.	1	22
Cass County GAR post rosters, n.d.	1	23
Cass County Civil War men, n.d.	1	24
Genessee County Civil War men, n.d.	1	25
History of Ionia County Military Enlistments Mexican War to World War I.	2	1
Ionia County Civil War men, n.d.	2	2
Isabella County Civil War men, n.d.	2	3
Kalamazoo County Mexican War men, n.d.	2	4
Kalamazoo County Civil War men, n.d.	2	5
Montcalm County Civil War men, n.d.	2	6
Oakland County Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War and Civil War men, n.d.	2	7
St. Joseph County Mexican War men, n.d.	2	8
St. Joseph County Civil War men, n.d.	2	9



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St. Joseph County World War I men, n.d.	2	10
Summaries of the 31st-35th Michigan Infantry, Spanish-American War, n.d.	2	11
31st Michigan Inf., Spanish-American War, n.d.	2	12
32nd Michigan Inf., Spanish-American War, n.d.	2	13
33rd Michigan Inf., Spanish-American War, n.d.	2	14
34th Michigan Inf., Spanish-American War, n.d.	2	15
35th Michigan Inf., Spanish-American War, n.d.	2	16
Michigan Naval Militia, 1898 S.S. Yosemite, n.d.	2	17
Guy V. Henry Camp, United Spanish War veterans, 1929, n.d.	2	18
Kent County men in World War I, n.d.	2	19-20
Kent County men who died in World War I, n.d.	2	21
Unit Q American Red Cross, n.d.	2	22
United States Army 126th Infantry, n.d.	2	23

**Grand Rapids Men in:**

World War I roster of 126th Infantry, n.d.	2	24
126th Inf. men killed in action, World War I, n.d.	2	25
<b>Grand Rapids Men in:</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
16th Engineers Co. C, n.d.	2	26
119th Field Artillery, n.d.	2	27
339th Ambulance co. n.d.	2	28
85th Inf., Polar Bears, n.d.	2	29
Grand Rapids, World War I Gold Star Mothers, n.d.	2	30
Veterans Park memorial pillars, World War I, n.d.	2	31
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
National Cemeteries in 1887, n.d.	3	1
Veterans burials by war/county, n.d.	3	2
Soldier plots in various cemeteries about the country, n.d.	3	3
Counties of Michigan/Townships of Michigan, n.d.	3	4

**County Cemeteries and veterans burial lists n.d.:**

<b>County Cemeteries and veterans burial lists n.d.:</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Allegan Co.	3	5
Berrien and North Branch Co's.	3	6
Calhoun Co.	3	7
Cass Co.	3	8
Clinton Co.	3	9
Eaton Co.	3	10
Emmett Co.	3	11
Ingham Co.	3	12
Ionia Co.	3	13
Kalamazoo Co.	3	14
Lapeer Co.	3	15
Macomb co.	3	16

**Veterans in Kent County cemeteries, n.d.**

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Mason Co.	3	17
Monroe Co.	3	18
Muskegon Co.	3	19
Newaygo Co.	3	20
Oceana Co.	3	21
Ottawa Co.	3	22
Saginaw Co.	3	23
St. Joseph Co.	3	24
Wayne Co.	3	25
<b>Veterans in Kent County cemeteries, n.d.</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Locations of Kent County cemeteries, n.d.	3	26
Ada Twp.	3	27
Algoma Twp.	3	28

**Veterans in Kent County cemeteries, n.d.**

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Alpine Twp.	3	29
Bowne Twp.	3	30
Byron Twp.	3	31
Caledonia Twp.	3	32
Cannon Twp.	3	33
Cascade Twp.	3	34
Courtland Twp.	3	35
Gaines Twp.	3	36
Grand Rapids Twp.	3	37
Grattan Twp.	3	38
Lowell Twp.	3	39
Nelson Twp.	3	40
Oakland Twp.	3	41
Paris Twp.	3	42

**Grand Rapids Cemeteries, n.d.**

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Plainfield Twp.	3	43
Solon Twp.	3	44
Sparta Twp.	3	45
Spencer Twp.	3	46
Tyrone Twp.	3	47
Vergennes Twp.	3	48
Walker Twp.	3	49
Wyoming Twp.	3	50
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Article, Grand Rapids Herald May 23,1905, Lost Cemetery of Grand Rapids, n.d.	3	51
<b>Grand Rapids Cemeteries, n.d.</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Fairplains.	3	52
Fulton Street.	3	53

**Grand Rapids Cemeteries, n.d.**

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Garfield Park.	3	54
Greenwood.	3	55
Mount Cavalry.	3	56
North Oakhill.	3	57
Oak Grove.	3	58
Valley City (South Oakhill).	3	59
St. Andrews.	3	60
Woodland (Catholic).	3	61
Woodland (Protestant).	3	62