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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator - dnr:	Page, Michael J.
Source:	Loren Marsh Page
Title:	Loren M. Page journal
ID:	Collection 466
Date [inclusive]:	1847-1851
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet 1 box
Physical Description:	Fair (consistent with age)
Abstract:	Loren Marsh Page (1811-1886) arrived in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1836 (at the time it was the Village of Kent). Upon his arrival, Page met Jane Soper and they were married in 1837. Together they had nine children and Page ran a successful paper-hanging business for fifty years. This collection consists primarily of the journal Page kept from October of 1847 to March 1851.

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Biographical / Historical

Born in Concord, Essex, Vermont on March 29, 1811 to Enos Page and Asenath West, Loren Marsh Page was brought up on a farm until 1827 when he immigrated to Canada and served as an apprentice, learning the trade of painter and glazier. After a short return to Vermont where he alternated between teaching and practicing his new trade, he arrived in the Village of Kent, Michigan, soon to be Grand Rapids, on September 7, 1836.

Page resided at a boarding house on the southwest corner of Pearl and Justice St. (now Ottawa), and there he met Miss Jane Soper, who was employed at the boarding house. The following year Jane and Loren were married and they purchased the lease of the boarding house and ran it themselves. Together they had nine children.

After two years in Grass Lake, Michigan, helping his father-in-law, Page returned to Grand Rapids and built the first frame house, south of Bridge Street, on the west side of the river. In addition to a small chair making business, Page also ran a house painting, glazing and paper-hanging business, by all accounts successfully, for fifty years.

Page became Assessor for the Fifth Ward in 1850, when Grand Rapids became a city, serving again in 1852. Page also served as Alderman for several years and as a member of the Board of Education.

In 1869 Page was one of the sixteen charter members of Second Congregational Church United Church of Christ, where he also taught Sunday school. Prior to this he was, most likely, a member of First (Park) Congregational Church.

Page died on May 16, 1886 in Grand Rapids and was buried in Fulton Street Cemetery three days later.

In June of 2011 descendants of Loren and Jane Page erected and dedicated a monument they had erected in Fulton Street Cemetery.

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Content Description

Journal from Loren M. Page, 1847-1851. Michael Page also donated pedigree charts, genealogical information and articles about the Page family.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains Loren Page's journal, biographical and genealogical information compiled by the donor, as well as a copy of an article from Michiganana magazine about Page's sons' involvement in the Civil War.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The journal was formally donated by Michael J. Page and his wife Lucia on behalf of the children of John L. Page and Leona D. Wagner: Kathleen, John, Susan, Gary, Ronald, Patricia, Barbara, Michael, Mary Beth, Joann. Accession number 2017.049

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Controlled Access Headings

- Loren Marsh Page

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Loren Marsh Page journal, 1847-10-1851-03 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1847-10-1851-03	Box 1	Folder 1
Genealogical Research, (bulk) <u>Date [bulk]:</u> bulk	Box 1	Folder 2