

The 19th Century Tombstone Database Project Records

1790-1890
(non-inclusive)

Brock University Archives

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Extent: 4.20 m. (11 boxes) textual records

Abstract: Collection of materials related to research focusing on 19th century tombstones; includes data summary forms of persons, tombstone sketches, photographs of tombstones for various cemeteries in Grantham, Louth and Thorold Townships, maps, computer data printouts and handwritten notes.

Materials: Typed and hand-written documents, bound materials, photographs, maps, computer data printouts

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Collection donated by the Department of Classics on behalf of Dr. Rupp.

Administrative History:

The 19th Century Tombstone Database project was funded by the program Federal Summer Youth Employment scheme in the summer of 1982 and led by Dr. David W. Rupp, a Professor at the Classics Department, Brock University. The main goal of the project was to collect information related to various cemeteries in Niagara region and burials that took place from 1790-1890.

Data was collected and presented in the form of data summary forms of persons, tombstone sketches, photographs of tombstones, maps, and computer printouts.

The materials created as a result of a research completed for the 19th Century Tombstone Database project are important as a number of the tombstones have been damaged or gone missing since the research was finished. Before Dr. Rupp retired from Brock University, he donated project materials to the Brock University Special Collections and Archives, and now they can be consulted and are available use for scholarly purposes and publications.

Scope and Content:

Series I: Data summary forms of persons, tombstone sketches, photographs of tombstones for various cemeteries in Grantham, Louth and Thorold Townships. The cemeteries in each township are grouped together according to the numbering systems developed for this project. These groups have been maintained in the same order as the creator and are identified as sections within each box. Sub-series were created for different types of records or organization of records within this series. The inventory is listed by archival box, section, township, cemetery, and then the numerical range of those plots studied.

Series II: Students' projects, general administrative records including coding used in the cemetery records and handwritten notes

Series III: Photographs of selected tombstones within various cemeteries

Organization: There are five series within this fonds:

Series I: Cemetery Records

Sub-series A: Data summary forms of persons, tombstone sketches, photographs of tombstones

Sub-series B: Sketches, descriptions and photographs of selected graves within various Niagara cemeteries

Sub-series C: Orphaned Files

Series II. Administrative Files

Sub-series A: Students' projects

Sub-series B: General administrative records

Series III. Photographs

Series IV. Computer Data Printouts

Series V. Maps

Inventory: Series I. Cemetery Records:

Sub-series A: Data summary forms of persons, tombstone sketches, photographs of tombstones

- 1.1 Grantham Township: Haynes family burial, 001 002 1-5
- 1.2 Grantham Township: Hostetter-Cook burial, 001 003 1-2
- 1.3 Grantham Township: May family burial, 001 005 1-2
- 1.4 Grantham Township: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churchyard, 001 007 1-87
- 1.5 Grantham Township: St. George's Anglican Burial Ground, 001 008 1-80 [non-inclusive]
- 1.6 Grantham Township: St. John's Anglican Burial Ground, 001 009 7-75
- 2.1 Grantham Township: St. John's Anglican Burial Ground, 001 009 76-112
- 2.2 Grantham Township: Turney Family Burial, 001 011 1-6
- 2.3 Grantham Township: Rolph Farm, 001 012 1
- 2.4 Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, Municipal, 001 013 1-90 [non-inclusive]
- 2.5 Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, D Section, 001 014 001-099 [non-inclusive]
- 3.1 Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, D Section (continued), 001 014 100-174 [non-inclusive]
- 3.2 Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, A Section, 001 015 001-166 [non-inclusive]

- 3.3** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, B Section, 001 016 001-039 [non-inclusive]
- 4.1** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, B Section, 001 016 040-097 [non-inclusive]
- 4.2** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, B2 Section, 001 017 001-176 [non-inclusive]
- 4.3** Niagara Township: Homer Episcopal (Tombstone field catalogue forms, the handmade map of the 19th century tombstones, the listing 149/299 stones)
- 4.4** Thorold Township: Allanburg, 1 1-40
- 4.5** Thorold Township: Beaverdams Churchyard (United Methodist), 2 1-38
- 4.6** Thorold Township: Lakeview (Municipal), 5 1-109 [non-inclusive]
- 5.1** Thorold Township: Lakeview (Municipal), 5 1-281[non-inclusive]
- 5.2** Thorold Township: Upper Family Burial Ground, 8 1-25
- 5.3** Thorold Township: Smith – Beaverdams, 10 1-127 [non-inclusive]
- 5.4** Louth Township: Louth United Churchyard, 6 1-53 [non-inclusive]
- 6.1** Louth Township: Rockway Presbyterian Burial Ground, 10 1-178 [non-inclusive]
- 6.2** Louth Township: Schram-Tinlin Family Burial Ground, 11 1-14

Sub-series B: Sketches, descriptions and photographs of selected graves within various Niagara
cemeteries

- 6.3** Thorold Township: Allanburg cemetery II
- 6.4** Old Clinton Township: Beamsville Baptist Churchyard
- 6.5** Old Clinton Township: Beamsville, Mountain view cemetery
- 6.6** Old Clinton Township: Beamsville, Mount Osborne cemetery
- 6.7** Old Thorold Township: Beaverdams Burial Ground I & II
- 6.8** Old Clinton Township: Campden, Mennonite Burial Ground
- 6.9** Old Pelham Township: Fonthill, Fonthill 'Towns' cemetery
- 6.10** Old Louth Township: Jordan, Fry House – Mennonite cemetery
- 6.11** Old Louth Township: Jordan, St. John's Anglican Churchyard
- 6.12** Old Louth Township: Jordan, Snure Family cemetery

- 6.13** Old Louth Township: 9th Street Louth, Collver Family cemetery
- 6.14** Old Louth Township: Gregory Family – workman farm
- 6.15** Niagara Falls: Stamford, catalogue: Drummond Hill cemetery
- 6.16** Niagara-on-the-Lake: Butler’s Burial ground
- 6.17** Niagara-on-the-Lake: The Field, Voormer, Brown cemetery
- 6.18** Niagara-on-the-Lake: Negro Burial Ground
- 6.19** Niagara-on-the-Lake: St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church cemetery
- 6.20** Niagara-on-the-Lake: St. Mark’s cemetery
- 7.1** Niagara-on-the-Lake: St. Vincent de Paul Churchyard
- 7.2** Thorold Township: Port Robinson, Presbyterian cemetery
- 7.3** Old Louth Township: Rockway, Rockway Presbyterian cemetery
- 7.4** Grantham Township: St. Catharines, Victoria Lawn cemetery
- 7.5** Unknown area: Miscellaneous
- 7.6** Old Niagara Township: St. David’s cemetery
- 7.7** Grantham Township: Haynes family burial, 001 002 001-005
- 7.8** Grantham Township: Hostetter-Cook burial, 001 003 001-002
- 7.9** Grantham Township: May family burial, 001 005 001
- 7.10** Grantham Township: St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Churchyard, 001 007 001-087
- 7.11** Grantham Township: St. George’s Anglican Burial Ground, 001 008 001-080
- 7.12** Grantham Township: St. John’s Anglican Burial Ground, 001 009 001-112 [non-inclusive]
- 7.13** Grantham Township: Turney Family Burial, 001 011 001-006
- 7.14** Grantham Township: Rolph Farm, 001 012 001
- 7.15** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, Municipal, 001 013 001-089 [non-inclusive]
- 7.16** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, D Section, 001 014 001-174 [non-inclusive]
- 7.17** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, A Section, 001 015 001-166 [non-inclusive]

- 7.18** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, B Section, 001 016 001-094 [non-inclusive]
- 7.19** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, B & B2 Sections, 017
- 7.20** Grantham Township: Victoria Lawn, L Section, 41-57
- 7.21** Louth Township: Louth United Churchyard, tombstone sketches, 002 006 001-053
- 7.22** Louth Township: Schram-Tinlin Family Burial Ground, tombstone sketches, 002 011 001-014

Sub-series C: Orphaned Files

- 7.23** Photographs and descriptions of selected graves within various Niagara cemeteries
- 7.24** Haynes, Daniel P., Haynes, Sabrina Burnap: tombstone field catalogue forms and tombstone sketches
- 7.25** Haight, Hortense: tombstone field catalogue form
- 7.26** Part of the tombstone catalogue: photographs, tombstone field catalogue forms and tombstone sketches (Victoria Lawn, Grantham Township)
- 7.27** Photographs, tombstone field catalogue forms and tombstone sketches (Victoria Lawn, Grantham Township)
- 7.28** Photographs, tombstone field catalogue forms and tombstone sketches (Victoria Lawn, Grantham Township)
- 7.29** Photographs, tombstone field catalogue forms and tombstone sketches (Victoria Lawn, Grantham Township)
- 7.30** Tombstone Field Catalogue forms of people (Louth Cemetery, Louth Township and Victoria Cemetery) & overheads on acetate
- 7.31** St. George's Anglican Burial Ground: a handmade site plan and handwritten notes
- 7.32** Turney Family Burial Ground: a handmade plan
- 7.33** Victoria Lawn: handmade plans of selected cemetery sections, handwritten notes
- 7.34** Victoria Lawn: tombstone field catalogue forms of people
- 7.35** Victoria Lawn (Niagara North): photographs, tombstone field catalogue forms of people and tombstone sketches; handwritten notes
- 7.36** Tombstone sketches and drawings

- 8.1 *New York Census Index et al.*: handwritten notes, *Families of the Colonial Town of Philipsburgh* by Grenville C. Mackenzie, Westport, Connecticut, 1966 (Part 1), Lists of Voters from the City of St. Catharines and miscellaneous notes about Lent genealogy
- 8.2 Photocopies of materials related to the Lent family, New York; handwritten notes
- 8.3 Grantham Township, Victoria Lawn: tombstone field catalogue forms of people
- 8.4 Grantham Township, Victoria Lawn (Municipal): lists of people (various sections), St. George's Anglican cemetery; handwritten notes, maps of various parts of the Victoria Lawn cemetery (handmade and photocopied)
- 8.5 Lists of people and their occupations
- 8.6 Handwritten notes

Series II. Administrative Files

Sub-series A: Students' projects

- 8.7 The analysis of husband and wife tombstones
- 8.8 Nineteenth Century Gravestone Motifs including photographs, handwritten notes and drawings
- 8.9 The Analysis of Children's Tombstones in the Niagara Region, 1810 – 1890
- 8.10 The Analysis of the shifts in tombstone types in Old Clinton Township, Old Louth Township, Old Grantham Township, Old Pelham Township, Old Thorold Township, and Old Niagara Township for the period c. 1780 – 1880 A.D.
- 8.11 The Study of Local Tombstones, c. A.D. 1790 – 1890
- 8.12 The Study of Comparisons and Differences between Tombstones of Men and Women
Covering the Time Period 1790 – 1890
- 8.13 Field Project B: Tombstone Typology
- 8.14 Devising an Epitaph Typology (Tombstone Project)
- 8.15 The Study of Local Tombstones of Children, c. A.D. 1820 – 1880
- 8.16 The Study of Tombstones of Children under the Age of 12
- 8.17 The Analysis of tombstones of children who died before the age of nine
- 8.18 Field Project on the Study of Local Tombstones 1820 – 1880 A.D.

- 8.19 The Possibilities of Archaeological Field Research: the Study of Local Tombstones, c. A. D. 1790-1890
- 8.20 Research on contrast between the tombstones of men and women in the period of 1790-1890

Sub-series B: General administrative records

- 8.21 Coding used in the cemetery records
- 8.22 Handwritten notes re. computer data printouts
- 8.23 Handwritten notes re. the description of tombstones
- 8.24 Articles and newspaper clippings about cemeteries and gravestones; handwritten notes and the letter from the Ontario Historical Society dated March 9, 1983 inviting Dr. David Rupp to make a presentation at the workshop on cemeteries
- 8.25 The Julian Baker and Theobald Spetz Sites: Two Nineteenth Century Pioneer Homesteads in Southwestern Ontario prepared by Robert G. Mayer. Mayer, Pihl, Poulton and Associates Incorporated. Paper presented at the 15th Annual Symposium of the Ontario Archaeological Society, Inc. , October 22 & 23, 1988, Toronto.
- 8.26 Canada Community Development Projects: Guide to Applicants, 1982-1983
- 8.27 Handwritten notes re. key points (Cyprus, 1966 Pre-Region Municipal Boundaries, Niagara River, Lake Erie)
- 8.28 Cemetery listings; Census of Canada, 1901: Table V. Mortality by cause of death
- 8.29 Student directory 1978 – 1979
- 8.30 Summer Canada: Student Employment Program Guide To Applicants
- 8.31 The Letter to Prof. Rupp re. XADCORR program. Comments on the Brookhaven Data Handling Programs . Introduction to Data Analysis by Ronald L. Bishop, Research Archaeologist (Draft)
- 8.32 Assessment & Collectors Rolls(Grantham, Merritton, St. Andrew, St. Catharines, Port Dalhausie, St. George, St. Patrick, St. Thomas); Birth, Marriages and Deaths (Grantham, Merritton, Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines,), handwritten notes
- 8.33 WIDDICOMBE (craftsman data)
- 8.34 "T" (craftsman data), 1800 –
- 8.35 Riggs, Geo. & C. (craftsman data), 1870's

- 8.36 Lloyd James (craftsman data), 1830's – 40's
- 8.37 Munro (craftsman data)
- 8.38 Baron, William (craftsman data), 1840's – 1880's
- 8.39 Gadsby, Eli (et al.) (craftsman data), 1840's – 1916
- 8.40 Gurney & Cole (craftsman data), 1870's
- 8.41 Lincoln will index - notes by Narhi, Brian
- 8.42 Student's notebook
- 8.43 Collected handwritten cemetery data, Grantham Township, Victoria Lawn, Section A
- 8.44 Collected handwritten Louth memorials data, Louth Township, 1851-1852
- 8.45 Census returns, 1851-1852 by John Moore, Clinton Township (Lincoln County)
- 8.46 Collected handwritten Clinton memorials data and census (1842) data, Clinton Township
- 9.1 Handwritten notes, photocopied maps of various cemeteries located in the Township of Niagara, Township of Louth and Township of Thorold.
- 9.2 Handmade plans of the Allanburg cemetery, Thorold Township
- 9.3 Handmade plans of the Beaverdams Churchyard & Smith –Beaverdams cemetery, Thorold Township
- 9.4 Handmade plan of the St. John's Anglican cemetery, [Louth Township]
- 9.5 Handmade plan of the Snure cemetery, Jordan, Louth Township
- 9.6 Handmade plan of the Oak Lawn cemetery, Jordan, Louth Township
- 9.7 Handmade plans of the Louth United Churchyard & the Smith-Tinlin Burial ground, Louth Township
- 9.8 Handmade plan of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churchyard, Grantham Township
- 9.9 Handmade plan of the St. George's Anglican Burial Ground, Grantham Township
- 9.10 Handmade plans of various sections of Victoria Lawn cemetery, Grantham Township

Series III Photographs

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- 9.12 Grantham Township R1 – Homer Episcopal cemetery
- 9.13 Grantham Township R1 – St. John’s Anglican Burial Ground
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- 9.15 Grantham Township R2 CE – Victoria Lawn cemetery
- 9.16 Grantham Township R3 CE, D - Victoria Lawn cemetery
- 9.17 Grantham Township R4 – St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Churchyard
- 9.18 Grantham Township R5 – D, Victoria Lawn cemetery
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- 9.20 Grantham Township R6 – St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Churchyard, St. George’s Anglican Burial Ground
- 9.21 Grantham Township R7 – St. George’s Anglican Burial Ground, Louth United 8
- 9.22 Louth Township R1 – Louth United Churchyard
- 9.23 Louth Township R2 - Louth United Churchyard, Haynes, Journey, Schram-Tinlin
- 9.24 Louth Township R3 – Scram – Tinlin family burial ground, Rockway
- 9.25 Louth Township R4 – Rockway Presbyterian cemetery
- 9.26 Louth Township R5 - Rockway Presbyterian cemetery
- 9.27 Louth Township R6 - Rockway
- 9.28 Thorold Township R1 – Beaverdams Churchyard
- 9.29 Thorold Township R2 – Beaverdams, Smith- Beaverdams cemetery
- 9.30 Thorold Township R3 – Smith- Beaverdams cemetery
- 9.31 Thorold Township R4 – Smith- Beaverdams cemetery
- 9.32 Thorold Township R5 – Smith- Beaverdams, Allanburg
- 9.33 Thorold Township R6 – Allanburg, Upper Allanburg, cemetery
- 9.34 Thorold Township R7 - Upper Allanburg, Thorold Township R7 Grantham Township – St. John’s Anglican Burial Ground
- 9.35 Photographs of selected gravestones

Series IV. Separate Computer Data Printouts

- 10.1** Database: 19th Century Tombstones of Niagara II, 10.06.1982
- 10.2** Shirley 0995 Shirley, Aug. 10, 1982
- 10.3** Shirley 1123 Shirley, Aug. 10, 1982
- 10.4** Peter 2854 Peter, Sept. 27, 1982
- 10.5** Peter 2864 CWESDIROE LSN: 0010, Nov. 4, 1982
- 10.6** Peter 3471 Index LSN: 0033, Oct. 26, 1982
- 10.7** Peter 3979 Peter, Sept. 28, 1982
- 10.8** Baird 4417 Baird LSN: 0029, Dec. 21, 1982
- 10.9** Peter Index 4707 LSN: 0020, Oct. 25, 1982
- 10.10** Peter 5698 Index LSN: 0021, Nov. 5, 1982
- 10.11** Peter Index 6026 LSN: 0010, Oct. 25, 1982
- 10.12** Peter Index 9111 LSN: 0033, Oct. 26, 1982
- 10.13** Peter 9824 Peter, Oct. 4, 1982
- 11.1** 7 Classics 0975 list / files LSN: 0003, Jun. 1, 1983
- 11.2** Work files End: 0532, May 3, 1983
- 11.3** Baird 1005 Baird LSN: 0031, May 4, 1983
- 11.4** Work files End: 3718, Apr. 22, 1983
- 11.5** Work files End: 4607, Feb. 21, 1983
- 11.6** Peter 4878 Maya LSN: 0081, Apr. 25, 1983
- 11.7** Baird 7829 Baird LSN: 0031, Feb. 21, 1983
- 11.8** Peter 7955 Demo LSN: 0030, Jan 20, 1983
- 11.9** Baird 8042 Baird LSN:0012, Jan. 6, 1983
- 11.10** Work files End: 9589, Jan. 6, 1983
- 11.11** Popdata, mapdata, census (Clinton, Louth), work files, Feb. – May, 1983

11.12 19th century tombstones of Niagara IIIa: Drawings of tombstones in database,
001 001 001 – 001 012 001

11.13 19th century tombstones of Niagara IIIa: Drawings of tombstones in database,
001 014 001 – 001 016 094

Series V. Maps – located in the oversize map shelves, some of these maps are quite badly torn

1. The City of St. Catharines, Victoria Lawn Cemetery (Old Section), July, 1969
 2. Township of Clinton, 1983
 3. The Regional Municipality of Niagara, September, 1972
 4. Township of Louth, County of Lincoln, St. Johns' Church Cemetery (Port Dalhousie, Ontario), June, 1958
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Homer (Ont.) -- Genealogy

Thorold (Ont.) – Genealogy

Beamsville (Ont.) -- Genealogy.

Fonthill (Ont.) -- Genealogy.

Turney Family Burial Ground (St. Catharines, Ont.)

Homer Cemetery (Homer, Ont.)

Lakeview Cemetery (Thorold, Ont.)

Upper Family Burial Ground (Thorold, Ont.)

Beaverdams Cemetery (Thorold, Ont.)

Smith Cemetery (Thorold, Ont.)

Maple Lawn Cemetery (St. Catharines, Ont.)

May Family Burial Ground (St. Catharines, Ont.)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.)

Saint George's Anglican Church Cemetery (St. Catharines, Ont.)

St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery (Jordan, Ont.)

Victoria Lawn Cemetery (St. Catharines, Ont.)

Allanburg Cemetery (Thorold, Ont.)

Beamsville Baptist Church (Ont.)

Mount Osborne Municipal Cemetery (Beamsville, Ont.)

Mountview Cemetery (Lincoln, Ont.)

Snure Cemetery (Lincoln, Ont.).

Gregory Family Burial Place (St. Catharines, Ont.)

Drummond Hill Cemetery (Niagara Falls, Ont.)

Negro Burial Ground (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.)

Saint Mark's Anglican Church Cemetery (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.)

St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery (Niagara-on-the-Lake : Ont.)

Port Robinson Presbyterian Cemetery (Thorold, Ont.)

Rockway Presbyterian Church (Ont.)

Saint David's United Church Cemetery (St. Davids, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.)

Haynes Family Burial Ground (St. Catharines, Ont.).

Hostetter-Cooke Burial Ground (St. Catharines, Ont.)

Schram-Tinlin Burial Ground (St. Catharines, Ont.)