

Finding Allegan Co. Deaths & Obits in Newspapers

We do not have a single genealogy or history newspaper archive for rural Allegan County, and many newspapers were published in small communities. The Allegan newspapers were often the primary source for news, but obituaries are found in local papers. If you are unfamiliar with Michigan counties, visit Digital-Topo-Maps.com <http://www.digital-topo-maps.com/county-map/michigan.shtml> . If you are unfamiliar with Allegan Co. geography, visit the county page to learn names/locations of townships at <http://www.allegancounty.org/taxmaps/index.html> A feature is the ability to click on maps for detailed locations within each township or town. Use this map to locate places where your person lived and what are nearby places to search. Many villages and towns had their own local newspapers, and there are many places to look.



Deaths began to be recorded by the state of Michigan in 1867, taken by tax assessors who recorded numbers of horses & cows owned, and asked about any deaths in the household during the previous year. The accuracy of early deaths is often dependent upon the memory of the person giving the information. If a person died outside of Allegan County, in a hospital in Grand Rapids, Kent County or in Kalamazoo, there would not be a death record in the Allegan County Clerk's office; the death record would be at the courthouse of the county where they died and at the Michigan Department of Community Health. Records are usually less expensive at courthouses than from the state. In Allegan County, courthouse official copies of death records are \$10.00; the state charges \$26.00, and even more for expedited requests. Death records are important; they give dates of death that enable searching for obituaries, and may include medical, burial, or genealogy information.

- **Allegan County Clerk's Office**, first floor courthouse; 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010; 269-673-0450; FAX 269-673-0298; deaths 1867--; marriages 1836---; limited births if not 100 yrs old or proof deceased; MTWT 8:30-4:30. **Allegan Co. Probate Clerk** 269-673-0250 in basement; genealogy MTuW mornings; probate records may list heirs, death dates, locations of relatives, and minor children by name and age.
- **Michigan death records 1867-1897** are indexed (often not accurately) at GENDIS, Genealogical Death Indexing System <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/gendisx/index.htm> Many of these are also found free in FamilySearch.org and (free in our library, subscription) in Ancestry Library Edition (ALE).
- **Photocopy images of Michigan death records 1897-1920** are found at www.seekingmichigan.org.
- **Michigan death indexes.** Has many links at <http://www.deathindexes.com/michigan/index.html>
- **Family Search and other free Internet resources**, such as www.FindAGrave.com or www.Interment.net , etc. may give death dates from tombstones or other clues to help with searches for obits.

Newspapers and sources for obituaries in Allegan County, MI:

The Allegan District library has records and indexes that may help locate obituaries (not yet online):

- ADL has notebooks with indexes of early county deaths, births, & marriages, recent necrologies, etc.
- ***Allegan County Pioneer Society Records*** – showing for Pioneer Society members - date of birth & death, from where & when each emigrated to Allegan Co., where settled, residence, & where buried.
- ***Deaths Allegan Co., Michigan Liber I, 1867-1880.*** Ruth Robbins Monteith, 1959. Indexed. Death record extracts from county death records, not full death records.
- ***Deaths and Obits Allegan Co., Michigan in Allegan City newspapers, 1856 – 1890+.*** [In progress]; Index transcribed by library volunteer Marilyn Moored during 2002-present; in three-ring notebook.
- ***Index to 1930 Marriages/ Births/ Deaths, Allegan County News.*** Indexed by library volunteers.
- ***Index to Obituaries in the Allegan County News, 1978-2001;*** indexed and typed by library volunteer Pat Cantwell; formatted and edited by former librarian Linda Koch.
- ***Necrologies for Allegan County (1995-2010)*** but missing part of 2008 & 2010, as published in the *Allegan County News & Gazette*; processed by library volunteers and former librarian Linda Koch.
- ***Obituaries taken from the Allegan Gazette, Jan 1, 1916 to April 1, 1922. Taken from the collection of Mrs. Ruth Robbins Monteith.*** 1968. Indexed and typed by Emma A. Ervin. Photocopied at the Library of Michigan March 31, 2007.
- ***Cemetery Records*** – 10 volumes of older (pre-1910 unless on a lot with older stones or a veteran) tombstone transcriptions by (Mrs. C.A.) Ruth Robbins Monteith of most of Allegan County's 84+ cemeteries. ADL has some newer transcriptions of Lee Township Cemetery by Kimmie Ramer, Hopkins Township cemeteries through 2011 by Lee Dale "Pete" Arnsman, Mountain. Home records to 2000 by Winkle Funeral Home, and Taylor-Plummerville cemeteries, up to 1990, from township records.

Newspapers/ Places with Obits of Allegan County Residents:

Allegan District Library (ADL) – (Allegan city newspapers, most with county coverage):

- On microfilm at ADL, www.alleganlibrary.org but not online and only partially indexed for obits: 1856-1890, 1978-2002; a likely place to look for obits for all of Allegan County, but local, community newspapers may be the only places hometown obits were published. Allegan papers usually had large sections of county news from Hopkins and other locales sent in by reporter correspondents.
- ***Allegan Journal*** - May 14, 1856 - Mar 16, 1883; May 02, 1890 - Jul 16, 1897; Aug 03, 1888 - Apr 25, 1890; Missing: Apr 09, 1866 - Oct 12, 1868; ; Nov 8, 1869 - Aug 17, 1872
- ***Allegan Journal- Tribune*** - Mar 23, 1883 - Jul 27, 1888; Missing: Jan 26 & Feb 23, 1972
- ***Allegan Co. Photo Journal*** - Dec 08, 1971 (v. I, #16) - July 5, 1973 (final edition); Missing: Jan 26 & Feb 23, 1972
- ***Allegan Gazette*** - May 06, 1882 - Apr 28, 1898; May 14, 1898; May 05, 1883 - Apr 28, 1900; May 5, 1900 - Jun 15, 1901; Jun 22, 1901 - Mar 24, 1955; Missing: Apr 25, 1885 - May 03, 1886; March, 1931; May 12-1933-Sep 20, 1933
- ***Allegan News*** - Apr 5, 1901 - Feb 10, 1955; Jan 04, 1901- Oct12, 1923; June 24, 1921 - Oct 12, 1923; Missing: Mar 13, 1908; Jul 13, 1908; May 5, 1911 - Mar 07, 1913; Dec 19, 1913 - Mar 13, 1914
- ***Allegan News-Gazette*** - (merged News & Gazette) Jan 06, 1955 – 1966
- ***Allegan Co. News & Gazette***: 1966 – present. The library has no newspaper copies for years 1867, 1870, and 1871.

- Microfilm papers are 1856- 1999, many with dark, difficult-to-read images. The ScanPro 2000 helps improve images, but many pages are not legible. The library plans to digitize and microfilm paper copies 1999 -2011. We ask for a \$5 donation for each obituary and need a definite death date.

Charles A. Ransom Library Newspapers – Otsego Union Enterprise, Plainwell Enterprise

- Microfilmed & paper copies of The Plainwell **Enterprise (1886-1974)** and Plainwell & The Otsego **Union Enterprise (1974-present)** are at the Charles A. Ransom District Library, 180 Sherwood, Plainwell, MI 49080, 269-685-8024, FAX 269-685-2266 <http://www.ransomlibrary.org/ransom/>
- A volunteer genealogist usually is there Wednesday mornings; she charges \$25/hr (donated to the library) to research requests. Many years of their older issues of the **Enterprise** (1886-1994) are indexed by names and category, and the newspapers were recently digitized. Allegan District Library has copies of **Enterprise** indexes 1886-1892, & 1893-1900, but no microfilm of the newspapers.

Commercial Record published 100+ years, covers lakeshore areas, July 9, 1868 to present & S-D resources

- The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society (SDHS) has digital **Commercial Record** years **1868 to 1959** online at <http://commercialrecord.org/>. Searching by year involves reading page images, much as one would read paper copies. Searching by content is difficult; little has been indexed. **Mozilla Firefox** must be used as a search engine (Windows will loop back to the first page retrieved; it will not work). As of Oct, 2012, there was a link to download Firefox on the S-D **Commercial Record** page. Obits are few and mostly from Saugatuck-Douglas, but some deaths and fatalities are from nearby townships and included in local news. You may magnify and print images as screenshots. You may help index by including what you find in the newspaper.
- The SDHS <http://sdhistoricalsociety.org/> has newspaper copies in their archives, plus several thousand **Commercial Record** obits, S-D hospital death certificate images online, and many online resources.

Fennville Herald – 1892 – 1965:

- The newspaper covers Fennville & nearby townships of Manlius, Clyde, Ganges, Lee, Casco, & some news of Saugatuck, Valley, & Heath and lakeshore. Begun in 1892, it ceased on October, 1995.
- Copies are in the **Fennville District Library**, 400 West Main St., P. O. Box 1130, Fennville MI 49408; 616-561-5050; FAX 269-561-5251; <http://Fennville.ilcoop.org>.
- Microfilm & bound editions are for July 1892 – July 1894; Feb 23, 1885 - Dec 1906; Jan 1911 –Dec 1926; Jan 1931 – Dec 1933; Jan 1939 – Oct 1995; also for Dec 23, 1995 **Fennville Area News**. Missing: Aug – Dec 1864; Jan – Feb 6 1895; and all issues for 1907–1910, 1927–1930 & 1934–1938.

The Grand Rapids Press and the **Grand Rapids Herald**

- Indexes for obituaries and death notices available **1910 – present, online** at the **Western Michigan Genealogical Society (WMGS)** in <http://data.wmgs.org/> in the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3268; copies of many records are available for \$5 each.
- In April 2011, WMGS added **Holland Sentinel** entries to their online database.
- WMGS obits often include many NE & E Allegan Co. townships & prominent people: Other indexes include Kent Co. Deaths (in progress), partial lists of orders of the Black Monument Company of G. R., MI, and registers of the Latzek Funeral home in G. R., 1903-1962. Other WMGS online searchable indexes are the 1903-1925 Kent Co. School Census, names in 1954-2008 *Michigana* magazine, residents of The Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, the Kent Co. WWI Veteran's Census., Kent Co. Marriages, compiled W MI, the federal census indexes from Kent, Ottawa, Barry, Newaygo & Mecosta counties for 1860, 1870 & 1884 & 1894 MI censuses, and many other resources.

The Holland Sentinel, Holland, MI sometimes has Allegan Co. obits, especially for NW Allegan Co.

- Newest obits are at the newspaper home page www.hollandsentinel.com/ -click on announcements tab on main page for newest Ottawa Co. & Allegan Co. obits
- **Holland Sentinel** obits are indexed at <http://www.usgwarchives.net/mi/ottawa/7001index.htm>; see the site for available years for Ottawa Co., along with vital records & other indexes at **USGenWeb archives**. This is a good place for Holland area obit indexes for years 1910 – 1997.
- **Holland Sentinel** obituary indexes for years (1910-1979, 1980's, 1991-1997) are available at the www.migenweb.net/ottawa/obits/obitindex.html, along with Ottawa County obits in the links to **Grand Rapids Herald** & **Grand Rapids Press** 1920-1999 obits through the WMGS at www.wmgs.org. Starting

April 2011 *Holland Sentinel* entries were added by <http://data.wmgs.org/>; WMGS, in the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3268

- For indexes for births, weddings, anniversaries and obituaries, years 2004-2008, see microfilmed newspapers at **Herrick District Library**; go to www.herrickdl.org, and search for local history. Herrick District Library has a paper index of older issues (1880-1980) in their genealogy room.
- **The Holland Sentinel** searchable indexes for older issues and early Holland newspapers (including ones in Dutch) are in the **Joint Archives of Holland** using the **Van Reken Newspaper Index** at <http://www.jointarchives.org/collections/newspapers.html>

Kalamazoo Public Library (KPL) has some of *The Kalamazoo Gazette (KG)* obits and deaths online.

- The KPL **online** searchable local history local newspaper index is at <http://www.catalog.kpl.gov/uhtbin/cgiirsi/x/x/CENTRAL/1/1181/X>., The main library has a local history room and is downtown, 315 S Rose St, Kalamazoo MI 49007; 269-342-9837; Fax 269-553-7999; open Mon – Th 9 – 9, Th (summer) 9-6, F 9-6, Sa 9-5, Su 1-5 (Closed Su summers)
- Sometimes *KG* obits also are indexed at the online Southwest Michigan Obituary Index of the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society. This index is much easier to use and specifically for obits. It is found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mivanbur/SWMIObitIndex/SWMIObit.htm> .
- The *KG* frequently carried Allegan obits, especially for S & E townships near Plainwell and Otsego. There is a \$2.00 charge for each obituary or article. For citations that contain more than three pages, additional pages will be charged at fifty cents (\$.50) per page. The fee includes postage. All requests for obituaries or articles require pre-payment. Obits may be ordered online and sent as email attachments; see <http://www.kpl.gov/genealogy/obituary-requests/> for full information.
- Obits are available for *KG* 2005 & newer at Obituary Archives: http://oa.newsbank.com/oa-search/we/Archives/?p_action=keyword&s_search_type=keyword&p_product=OBAR&p_theme=obar&d_sources=location&d_place=Michigan&&kbid=9064&m=19. There is a \$2.95 fee for each article.

Library of Michigan (LOM) Newspapers & Archives

- The LOM has a list of its microfilmed Michigan newspaper holdings (no indexes) from all 83 counties at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-54504_50206_18643---,00.html. The site has a link to a list of the microfilm copies available for interlibrary loan. The LOM does not have all newspapers or all years that may be available at local libraries. The LOM may have newspapers for some areas that are not in local libraries. Their collection may not have recent newspapers. The list is of newspapers that may be loaned is not the complete collection of the LOM; check their catalog to see if there is something in their collection that is worth a visit or to see if the materials have been shifted to the archives. Check the hours the library is open and the hours the archives is open; they are not the same.
- Michigan libraries (according to information posted on the site in November, 2012) may request loan of reels of the microfilm for in-house use. This policy may change due to restructuring and dismantling of the LOM under the Jennifer Granholm Administration.
- Many genealogy and local history materials have been relocated to the Michigan Archives; for details check with the Archives of Michigan, Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48913; (517) 373-1408; E-mail: archives@michigan.gov **Be sure to bring a driver's license, state I.D. or other valid form of identification that includes a personal photograph! You will not be able to access original archival materials without it.**

Otsego District Library Newspapers– *Allegan County Record, Otsego Union, Plainwell Enterprise*

- Otsego **Union** ran from (1875-1976, with some gaps) , and the Plainwell & Otsego **Union Enterprise** (1976-2012) was a merging of the old Plainwell **Enterprise** and **Union** papers into one paper.
- **The Allegan County Record** (1869-1871) on microfilm may have gaps
- These newspapers are on microfilm at Otsego District Library, 401 Dix St., Otsego, MI 49078, 269-694-9690, FAX 269-694-9129, www.otsego.library.org. The library has recently digitized their newspapers.
- The *Union* and *Enterprise* newspapers served Otsego & Plainwell, with some Watson & Martin Township news and news and obits of residents in Alamo Township in Kalamazoo Co. and residents of Northeastern Van Buren County.

South Haven Tribune & South Haven, MI, newspapers

- South Haven is on Lake Michigan in the NW corner of Van Buren County and extends north into Casco Township, in the SW corner of Allegan County, MI. By proximity, the paper includes obits for Casco Township, nearby SW Allegan County, the lakeshore, and Van Buren County.
- Newspapers are at South Haven Memorial Library, 314 Broadway St., South Haven, MI 49090; 269-637-2403; <http://www.shmlibrary.org/>. Staff will retrieve obits, but newspapers aren't indexed: All newspapers through 1913 are digitized. Contact Sharon Forbes 269-637-2403 for information on local history requests.
 - **South Haven Tribune** (5/12/1899-5/26/99)
 - **South Haven Daily Tribune** (5/8/1899 - 12/1999, missing 1978 Sept - Dec)
 - **South Haven Tribune** (now weekly, 2000 - 2011)
 - **South Haven Daily News** (8/11/1926 -2/4/1927)
 - **South Haven Sentinel** (6/29/1867 - 6/11/1870; 8/5/1871 – 12/26/1874; 1/12/1875 – 6/3/191904)
 - **South Haven Morning Sentinel** (7/22/1901 – 10/8/1903)
 - **South Haven Weekly Tribune** (6/2/1999 – 12/26/1902),
 - **Covert Weekly Review** (7/5/1901 to 11/08/1901).

Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library

- **Middleville Sun**, and **Hastings News** newspapers are archived at Thornapple Kellogg School & Community Library, in Barry County, 3885 Bender, Middleville, MI 49333, phone 269-795-5434, school year hours MTuTh 8AM-2:30 PM, 4-7:30 PM, WF 8 AM-2:30 PM, Sa 9:30-12:30 PM. The Library is closed when the school district is closed due to inclement weather. Holiday & special hours will be posted at www.tkschools.org/community/library/ Caledonia, MI.
- Microfilmed papers available in library archives date from 1890 to 1914.
- Images of the *Middleville Sun* were placed online through *Making of Michigan* for years 1896-Dec 1897. Page images are online at http://mmm.lib.msu.edu/browse_library.php?library_id=115. You will need Adobe to view the pages.
- Middleville newspapers often had a column covering some neighborhood news of Wayland, and some articles about Leighton & Allegan Co., MI events

The Wayland Globe (1884-1893), **Saturday Globe** (1893-1906), **Wayland Globe** (1906- 1987)

- On microfilm & some obits are indexed at the **Then and Now Genealogical Library (T&N)**, 1807 142nd Ave, Dorr, MI; open Wed 1-5 & Sat 10-3; the obit file has obits from many different area papers.
- T&N's phone/fax is 616-681-0333, or call Linda Stoecker at 616-896-9744 for an appointment.
- T&N has an extensive obit card file, but not all obits are dated or identifies as to newspaper source. See their website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mitanhgs/> for more information on their other holdings. Look at T&N for N & NE Allegan township obits. As of July 2012, T&N charged: on-site photocopies \$.20 each, scans/e-mail \$5.00, obituary copy \$5.00, research \$15.00 per hour.
- The current Wayland newspaper is the **Penasee Globe**. (1987-now). Henika Library in Wayland does not keep genealogical materials, and T&N is the repository for materials once housed at Henika D.L.

Webster Memorial Library & VBRGS,

- The Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society-(**VBRGS**), <http://vbrgs.org/>, collection is interfiled with the local history library collection in Webster Memorial Library, 200 N. Phelps St., Decatur, MI. The library is a satellite Family Search center.
- Check the VBRGS home page for links to online features, such as the Local History Index, which includes biographies and the Soldiers' obituaries link. For more information about the Local History Dept and visit the library home page at <http://www1.youseemore.com/vanburen/default.asp> and click on "Genealogy and Local History," or call 269-423-4471 or email lochist@vbdl.org.
- The Local History Collection is open to researchers Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Newspapers on microfilm: **Bloomingdale Leader**, **Covert Times**, **Marcellus News**, **South Haven Daily Tribune**, **Berrien County Record** (Buchanan, MI)
- **Southwest Michigan Obituary Index** - nearly 100,000 obituaries indexed by date/ newspaper; \$3 fee for copies; search first! <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mivanbur/SWMIObitIndex/SWMIObit.htm>

The VBRGS index is a quick way to check many different newspapers to see if the obituary you seek is listed. It is easier to search than many of the other local indexes. The list is not all inclusive, and only obituaries collected by society members are listed. If, for instance, there really is an obituary in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, but no listing for a *Kalamazoo Gazette* obituary in the VBRGS index, you would need to check the newspaper index at Kalamazoo Public Library to find the listing of that obituary.

History of Michigan Newspaper Families

- This database lists all known Michigan newspapers and years of publication. Many of the older papers have no existing copies. The site, hosted by the Michigan Dept. of Education, has papers arranged by city, and charts illustrate name changes, and dates newspapers began, merged or ceased publication.
- Check with the LOM and with historical societies and libraries in the area where you are seeking an obituary to see if they have copies in their collection. In a few instances, there are only a few scattered issues. Most collections are missing issues, but the histories are available and listed by city/town online at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-54504_50206_18643-53691--,00.html
- **Also: Try to Google the name you seek, look for a Social Security Death Index to find a death date, and look on FindAGrave and free genealogy sites.** Someone already may have posted the information!

IF YOU KNOW THE LOCATION OF A DEATH -- OR (more likely)-- WHERE THE DECEASED PERSON LIVED?

Here are some suggestions of where to search in Allegan County ---

- **Contact a library** to see if they have the newspaper issue you need before going. Few libraries have complete collections, and a library might suggest another place to search. Most libraries and societies charge a fee to search for an obituary and may also charge additional fees for copies.
- **The Southwest Michigan Obituary Index** should be checked for obits and for listings of obituaries of family members that may give clues where to search. It is a quick search to locate places, newspapers.
- **Did the person die elsewhere?** Remember that Allegan County residents sometimes were ill and died in hospitals in Grand Rapids or Kalamazoo, or died in the state mental hospital in Kalamazoo. A person may have been visiting, working, or going to school elsewhere when they died. Those counties of death, *not* Allegan County, would have the death record of the deceased, and death records do give death dates.
- **Death by misadventure:** People dying in traffic accidents, farm accidents, fires, etc. and by homicide had a news item or story, often on the front page, but they sometimes had no accompanying obituary.
- **Cards of Thanks** sometimes contain the only mention of relatives; these appear in newspapers after the burial. If there is no obit, look for a card of thanks that is usually published by and listing relatives.
- **Death records** sometimes list places of burial by city or village, not by cemetery, and sometimes there are the **same names** for cemeteries (Riverside Cemetery in Saugatuck Township and Riverside Cemetery in Hamilton), and a cemetery may have multiple names (Ingerson Cemetery in Hopkins, aka Round Andrews, Round Hopkinsburg, and Pioneer Cemetery). If a burial site is "Overisel," the cemetery could be Overisel, Old Overisel, New Overisel, or Old Oakland, also known as Overisel. See the ADL handout on the 84+ cemeteries of Allegan County. Most Michigan cemeteries are listed and searchable by name, county, or township at LOM's "Michigan Cemetery Sources" <http://libraryofmichigan.state.mi.us/MichiganCemeteries/>. Remember that in times of war, soldiers were often buried overseas or in military cemeteries.
- **Cemetery records** usually have dates of death, but these are only as accurate as the information given to the stonemason. A sexton or other person in charge may have a date of burial, which is usually soon after a death. Knowing the year of death or burial date, taken from a tombstone, may help you refine and pinpoint dates for obituary searches, especially helpful when searching newspapers that are not indexed.
- **County vs. village names:** Remember that sometimes only a county name, "Allegan," is listed as place of burial. This does NOT mean that the person is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in the CITY of Allegan. If the person died in Allegan, he/she may have died at the Allegan Health Center or Allegan Hospital, but the person may have lived in Otsego and their obituary is in the Otsego newspaper, rather than in the Allegan newspapers.

If The Person Lived There, Search Here:

- **Allegan/Allegan Twp.** – *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D. L., *Kalamazoo Gazette*, KPL & online database
- **Casco Twp.** – *South Haven Tribune* (& S. H. papers), South Haven Memorial L.; *Fennville Herald* (Jul 1882-1995), Fennville D.L.; some in Allegan Co. News, Allegan D.L.
- **Cheshire Twp.** – *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D.L.; *Union, Union-Enterprise*, Otsego D.L.; *Kalamazoo Gazette*, Kalamazoo P.L. & online index
- **Clyde Twp.** - *Fennville Herald*, Fennville D.L.; *Commercial Record*, S-D Historical Society
- **Dorr/ Dorr Twp.** – *Wayland Globe/ Penasee Globe*, Then & Now Genealogical Library; *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D. L.; *Grand Rapids Press*, G.R. main L or see WMGS online databases 1910-present..
- **Douglas** (Saugatuck Twp.) – *Commercial Record*, SD Hist. Soc., *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick DL & indexes
- **Fennville** (Clyde & Manlius Twps.) - *Fennville Herald* (Jul 1882-1995), *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D.L.
- **Fillmore Twp.** – *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & online indexes
- **Ganges/ Ganges Twp.** – *Commercial Record*, S-D Historical Society; *Fennville Herald* (Jul 1882-1995), Fennville D.L.; *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D. L. & *Holland Sentinel* online indexes
- **Graafschap** (Laketown Twp.) - *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & online indexes
- **Gunplain Twp.** - *Enterprise* (1886-1974), Charles A. Ransom L.; and the Plainwell & Otsego *Union Enterprise* (1974----), Charles A. Ransom L. & Otsego D. L.; *Kalamazoo Gazette*, KPL & online index
- **Hamilton** (Heath Twp.) - *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & *Holland Sentinel* online indexes; *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D.L.; *Fennville Herald* (1882-1995), Fennville D.L.
- **Heath Twp.** – *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & online indexes; *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan DL; *Fennville Herald* (1882-1995), Fennville DL.
- **Holland** (part in Allegan Co., part Ottawa Co.) – *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & *Holland Sentinel* online indexes; some coverage in *Commercial Record*, Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society
- **Hopkins/ Hopkins Twp.** – *Wayland Globe/ Penasee Globe*, Then & Now Genealogical Library; *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D. L.; *Grand Rapids Press*, G.R. main L. & WMGS online databases
- **Laketown Twp** – *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & *Holland Sentinel* online indexes
- **Lee Twp.** – *Fennville Herald*, Fennville L. (up to 1995), *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D. L., *South Haven Tribune* & associated papers at South Haven D.L.
- **Leighton Twp.** – *Wayland Globe/ Penasee Globe*, Then & Now Genealogical Library.; *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D. L.; *Grand Rapids Press*, G.R. main L. & WMGS online newspaper index
- **Manlius Twp.** - *Fennville Herald*, Fennville L. (up to 1995), *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D. L.; *Holland Sentinel*,. Herrick D. L. & *Holland Sentinel* online indexes
- **Martin/ Martin Twp.** – *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D.L.; *Wayland Globe/ Penasee Globe*, Then & Now Genealogical Library; *Kalamazoo Gazette*, KPL
- **Moline** (Leighton Twp.) - *Wayland Globe/ Penasee Globe*, Then & Now Genealogical Library; *Allegan Co. News*, Allegan D. L.; *Grand Rapids Press*, G.R. main L. & WMGS online newspaper index
- **Monterey/ Monterey Twp.** – Allegan Co. News, Allegan D.L.
- **New Richmond** (Manlius Twp.) – *Fennville Herald*, Fennville L. (up to 1995), *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & *Holland Sentinel* online indexes
- **Newark** - old name for Saugatuck/ Saugatuck Twp.; earlier encompassed twps. of Casco, Lee, Ganges, Clyde, Saugatuck, Manlius, Laketown & Fillmore; see Saugatuck Douglas Hist. Society *Commercial Record*
- **Otsego/ Otsego Twp.** - *Otsego Union* (1875-1976, with gaps), Otsego D. L.; Plainwell & Otsego *Union Enterprise* (1974----), Otsego D.L. & Charles A. Ransom L.; *Kalamazoo Gazette*, KPL & online index
- **Overisel Twp.** – *Holland Sentinel*, Herrick D.L. & online indexes
- **Pine Plains Twp.** – old name for Valley Twp.- Allegan Co. News, Allegan D. L.; *Fennville Herald* (July 1882-1965), Fennville D.L.
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