

## Sources

### **Burton Abstract and Title Company (BATC) Northville Cemetery Records**

This manuscript was determined to be a transcription of headstones at Oakwood Cemetery and a copy of the burial records for Rural Hill Cemetery (1886-1908) conducted by the Burton Abstract and Title Company in 1908. Included at the back of this work are village maps and notes describing land titles in the Village of Northville. This manuscript is held at the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library where it is only identified as “Northville Cemetery: Records copied from Northville Cemetery, 1852-1904” (call number MS/Northville, Michigan R2 1852-1904).

The manuscript is a simple green notebook titled “Northville Cemetery Record,” with the newest death date recorded in it being March 12, 1908. There is no accompanying explanation for who created it or why it was created. A snippet from the April 10, 1908 issue of the *Northville Record* provides evidence for its authorship: “Miss Grace Teagan of Detroit is spending a week in town in the interest of the Burton Abstract people of that city completing records of Northville property and its people.”

This manuscript was transcribed by the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR) in their magazine (Volume 62, pages 37-40, 79-82, 135-138 and 176-179) and was entitled “Northville Cemetery, Northville, Wayne County, Michigan.” The cemetery was described in the DSGR magazine as: “an inactive cemetery located in the City of Northville on W. Cady St. It was named Oakwood Cemetery in 1889. It is sometimes referred to as the Cady St. cemetery.” This is an inaccurate description because the manuscript actually contains records for both Oakwood and Rural Hill Cemeteries.

The BATC manuscript is invaluable because it is the only place that records both marked and unmarked burials from the early days at Rural Hill.

Given its nature, this manuscript is not a primary or even secondary source. Misspellings have been identified and corrected when possible. Some of the information could not be verified anywhere else and is only to be used as a starting point for further research.

### **Northville City Records**

**Rural Hill Master Burial Spreadsheet:** A spreadsheet of burials maintained by the City of Northville composed of headstone readings and interments mainly dating from the time the Village of Northville assumed ownership of the cemetery to present day.

**Rural Hill Cemetery Association’s Register of Deeds and Record of Lots Book:** A record covering the time from the cemetery’s opening in 1886 into the 1920s that specifies name of deed holder, section/lot number, date of purchase and amount paid.

**Record of Interments Book:** A listing of interments from June 1949 to November 1950, interspersed with prior burial information supplied by lot owners in the community.

**Section Map Book:** A collection of hand-drawn scaled survey maps of the following: Sections 1 to 18, 26 to 37, and the mausoleum. Created in 1949.

**Lot Map Book:** An assorted collection of hand-drawn lot maps identifying interment locations. Created in 1949.

**Various Maps:** Copy of master cemetery map from 1885 with 1923 addition included; section maps for 4R, 8R, 10A, 10B, 11A, 16A, 17A, 17R, 19A, 25R, 29A, 34B, 34S, 37A, 38, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 40E, 41A, 41B, 42, 43 and Veterans Memorial Plot.

### **Local Historical Newspapers Online**

Northville Record Indexes: <http://history.northville.lib.mi.us/>

The Northville Record Newspaper Archives:

<http://www.northvillehistory.org/keyword.html>

Plymouth Mail and Plymouth Observer Newspaper Archives:

<http://news-archive.plymouthlibrary.org/>

Farmington Historical Newspapers: <http://www.farmlib.org/farmington-newspapers/>

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Detroit Free Press: available through Northville District Library

Subscription Newspaper Databases: GenealogyBank and Newspapers.com

### **Northville Certificates of Death**

The Northville District Library maintains the Northville Master Indexes database at <http://history.northville.lib.mi.us/masterindex/>. Included in this database are the names and death dates for people who died in the Village or City of Northville from late 1907 to late 1978. This information was extracted from a collection of death certificates that the library no longer possesses.

### **Wayne County Death Records at the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit**

Non-Detroit death certificates from Wayne Co., Michigan covering 1934 to 1953.

### **Previous Rural Hill Cemetery Transcriptions**

*Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan*, transcribed by R. Robert Geake and Jack W. Hoffman (1977)

*Rural Hill Cemetery: South of Seven Mile Road, West of Sheldon Road, East of Rogers, Northville, Michigan*, transcribed by Gloria J. Collins and the Northville Genealogical Society (1990)

*Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville, Michigan: burials August 15, 1835 to November 22, 2003*, updated by Richard and Patricia Allen of the Northville Genealogical Society, with the assistance of Jim Allen (2003)

### **Various Databases at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org**

#### **FindAGrave.com**

Due to its collaborative nature, FindAGrave was not used as a source unless it could be verified by additional information (i.e., an obituary or death certificate).