

Finding aid for the Michigan soldiers reported in Collection 244

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Michigan soldiers reported in Civil War era newspapers: Bajema collection
Date [inclusive]	1858-1913
Extent	2.3 Linear feet Five boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Michigan Soldiers Reported in Civil War Era Newspapers : the Bajema Collection contains photocopies of newspaper clippings, reporting activities of Michigan soldiers during the Civil War. While the clippings are historical in content, the collection of the clippings has been gathered beginning in the 1990's and continues today. Review and collection is done by the donor, Carl Bajema, historian & former faculty member at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Mi. The eclectic collection is composed primarily of West Michigan newspapers. However, Detroit newspapers and sometimes even a few out of state newspapers may be included. The Civil War era clippings deal with recruitment, reports of battles and deaths of local soldiers, and of attitudes of soldiers. Also included are post Civil War clippings reporting memoirs of GAR veterans, activities that took place during GAR reunions, and finally obituaries of many veterans.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Dr. Carl Bajema is a Professor of Biology at Grand Valley State University, where he has been on the faculty since 1964. For the past 18 years he has studied the environmental history of Michigan, concentrating on the natural and cultural history of the Grand River Valley. As part of his research activities Professor Bajema has reviewed old newspapers on microfilm, for those published before 1930, for articles related to deforestation and reforestation, terrestrial and aquatic animal populations, transportation, recreation, pollution, floods and flood control. The contents of these articles provide information on the environmental impact of such activities during the first one hundred years of white settlements of the Grand River Valley.

During his newspaper research, Bajema began to notice important articles on other topics and was encouraged to print these out for placement in the Grand Rapids Public Library newspaper clipping files. This endeavor grew until Bajema derived clipping files developed in the following broad subject areas:

African Americans Baseball Education Women

This collection, Michigan Soldiers Reported in the Civil War Era Newspapers, is a result of Bajema's discovery of newspaper articles on this major U.S. historical event, primarily in the local Grand Rapids newspapers of the era, but also in newspapers of other nearby cities. The addition of some information from other cities was prompted by the absence of these local papers for several important months. It is believed that they were printed, but disappeared before the microfilming was done, some time in the mid-20th century.

Carl Bajema has been a functioning local historian in the broader sense for a number of years, having been a member of the Grand Rapids Historical Commission and an active member of the Grand Rapids Historical Society, winning the Baxter Award from that organization in 2006.

Scope and Contents note

An index for this collection is available on the Grand Rapids Public Library website (Civil War Index).

Each newspaper title clipping folder has its own span date, although the bulk of the total collection is made up of clippings from 1861-1864.

Newspapers included in this collection and their personal span dates are as follows:

Alcona Country Review: 28 February 1879-27 January 1882

Allegan Journal: 27 January 1862-15 Feb 1869.

Alpena Argus: 16 July 1879-18 September 1895.

Coopersville Observer: 03 January 1919.

Detroit Advertiser & Tribune: 17 April 1861-29 December 1863.

Detroit Free Press: 14 July 1864-22 June 1882

Detroit Post: 13 August 1866-20 October 1881

Grand Haven Evening/Daily Tribune: 11 January 1893-17 November 1926.

Grand Haven News: 07 December 1859-03 February 1864.

Grand Rapids Daily Democrat: 13 December 1865-01 June 1893

Grand Rapids Daily Eagle: 03 May 1858-08 January 1894

Grand Rapids Daily/Evening Leader: 30 May 1879- 15 December 1892.

Grand Rapids Enquirer & Herald: 05 Jan 1856-02 July 1862.

Grand Rapids Evening Press: 12 January 1893-26 May 1925.

Grand Rapids Herald: 09 October 1886-06 September 1935.

Grand Rapids News: 20 August 1912-04 October 1915.

Grand Rapids Times: 02 October 1874-13 December 1879.

Ionia Standard: 09 September 1875- 19 August 1880.

Lansing Republican: 26 August 1863-13 October 1883.

Manistee Daily News: 26 May 1897.

Marquette Mining Journal: 28 January 1882-23 November 1889.

Muskegon Daily Chronicle: 19 June 1891-07 November 1914.

Muskegon News & Reporter: 14 May 1884- 20 December 1884.

Petoskey Record: 07 April 1881- 09 March 1910.

Reed City Clarion: 24 October 1884-04 August 1897.

Roscommon News: 08 June 1888.

Sault Saint Marie News: 17 December 1892

There is also one folder of miscellaneous and dated newspaper clippings and one folder of miscellaneous and unidentified clippings.

Arrangement note

This version of the collection has been arranged first alphabetically by the name of the newspaper, then chronologically within the folder. Another copy is housed on the public access shelves, and is in order strictly by date.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Carl Bajema, accession number 1999.035

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Alcona Co. Review (Harrisville, Mi.)

Collection Inventory

Alcona Co. Review (Harrisville, Mi.)		
	Box	Folder
28 February 1879-27 January 1882	1	1
Allegan Journal		
	Box	Folder
27 January 1862-15 February 1869	1	2
Alpena Argus		
	Box	Folder
16 July 1879-18 September 1895	1	3
Detroit Advertiser & Tribune		
	Box	Folder
17 April 1861-13 June 1862	1	4
07 August 1862-11 May 1863	1	5
10 June 1863-31 July 1863	1	6

Detroit Free Press

01 August 1863-31 October 1863	1	7
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03 November 1863-29 December 1863	1	8
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Detroit Free Press

	Box	Folder
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14 July 1864-22 June 1882	1	9
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Detroit Post

	Box	Folder
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13 August 1866-20 October 1881	1	10
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Grand Haven Evening/Daily Tribune

	Box	Folder
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11 January 1893-07 May 1909	1	11
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10 March 1910-17 November 1926	1	12
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Grand Haven News

	Box	Folder
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07 December 1859-03 February 1864	1	13
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Grand Rapids Daily Democrat

Grand Rapids Daily Democrat		
	Box	Folder
13 December 1865- 29 December 1891	2	1
02 January 1892-30 July 1892	2	2
03 August 1892-01 June 1893	2	3
Grand Rapids Daily Eagle		
	Box	Folder
03 May 1858-31 July 1863	2	4
05 August 1863-31 December 1863	2	5
06 January 1864-28 October 1864	3	1
03 November 1864-29 April 1865	3	2
03 May 1865-15 August 1866	3	3
06 September 1866-13 December 1879	3	4
11 February 1880-08 January 1894	3	5

Grand Rapids Daily Enquirer & Herald

Grand Rapids Daily Enquirer & Herald		
	Box	Folder
05 January 1856-02 July 1862	3	6
Grand Rapids Daily/Evening Leader		
	Box	Folder
30 May 1879-26 March 1887	3	7
01 April 1887-15 December 1892	4	1
Grand Rapids Evening Press (Grand Rapids Press)		
	Box	Folder
12 January 1893-09 December 1907	4	2
24 June 1908-31 August 1925	4	3
01 September 1925-11 November 1998	4	4
Grand Rapids News		
	Box	Folder
07 January 1909-04 October 1915	4	5

Grand Rapids Herald

Grand Rapids Herald		
	Box	Folder
09 October 1886-27 December 1908	5	1
11 January 1909-05 December 1914	5	2
02 January 1915-24 December 1922	5	3
21 January 1923-06 September 1935	5	4

Grand Rapids Post		
	Box	Folder
2 May 1902-1 April 1905	5	5

Grand Rapids Saturday Evening Post		
	Box	Folder
12 December 1874-01 April 1882	6	1

Grand Rapids Times		
	Box	Folder
02 October 1874-13 December 1879	6	2

Ionia Standard

Ionia Standard		
	Box	Folder
09 September 1875-19 August 1880	6	3
Lansing Republican		
	Box	Folder
26 August 1863-13 October 1883	6	4
Manistee Daily News		
	Box	Folder
27 January 1897	6	5
Marquette Mining Journal		
	Box	Folder
28 January 1882-23 November 1889	6	6
Michigan Investor		
	Box	Folder
4 July 1903-2 July 1927	6	7

Michigan Tradesman

Michigan Tradesman		
	Box	Folder
6 July 1904-12 December 1928	6	8
Muskegon Daily Chronicle		
	Box	Folder
28 September 1882-28 December 1887	6	9
04 January 1888-20 December 1888	6	10
02 January 1889-07 November 1914	6	11
Muskegon News & Reporter		
	Box	Folder
14 May 1884-28 January 1892	7	1
Petoskey Record		
	Box	Folder
07 April 1881-09 March 1910	7	2
Petoskey Evening News & Daily Resorter		
	Box	Folder

Reed City Clarion

28 April 1913-23 October 1913	7	3
Reed City Clarion		
	Box	Folder
24 October 1884-04 August 1897	7	4
Roscommon News		
	Box	Folder
08 June 1888	7	5
Sault St. Marie News		
	Box	Folder
17 December 1892	7	6
Miscellaneous Identified Articles		
	Box	Folder
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Northwestern Lumberman, 29 October 1892	7	7
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