Introduction

This index is the culmination of a Make A Difference (MAD) effort that was begun in the fall of 2013 by Jean Morrison. It was undertaken to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the sacrifices that our veterans made during this four year war.

The goal of the project was two fold. The main focus was to document the more than 12,000 Civil War veterans who are buried in Hamilton County, Ohio, create memorials for them on Find-A-Grave (if they were not already documented), and to then explore the various cemeteries within Hamilton County and photograph the grave stones of these soldiers if they still had a marker. Secondly, the project presented an opportunity to recruit new volunteers to an HCGS project, whether members or not. Thanks to Jane Fitzpatrick, Amy Hartman, Pam Minning, and Jean Morrison for serving on the initial committee that developed and refined the overall approach, and began the project.

This UPDATED Civil War veteran list (November 2017) draws data from many sources. However, the initial source was the Works Progress Administration (WPA) 3" x 5" grave registration index cards that were created back in the 1930s for each veteran (from all wars, not just the Civil War) and who were buried in Hamilton County, Ohio. These cards are currently located in the Genealogy and Local History Department at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and are arranged by cemetery, and then by war, and then alphabetically by veteran. These cards serve as the basis for the information found in the list of names. The information varies by veteran, but most include: vital information (birth and death dates), regiment and company of service, grave location, and any other comments found on the card. As much information as possible was extracted from the cards, but they may also contain information on surviving relatives, last place of residence, and the type of marker (or none) that the soldier had in the 1930s. An example of a typical grave registration card is shown below for reference.

The next resource used was the WPA cemetery plat maps. These are detailed plat maps of each cemetery in Hamilton County, and have numbered lots and graves identified for each section in a given cemetery. The grave of each veteran is identified by a black rectangle in the appropriate family lot or single grave. These valuable maps were slated to be discarded in the 1980s and were rescued from the dumpster by Mary Remler and kept by her and Jim Dempsey for many years until recently, when the Recorder's Office at the Hamilton County Courthouse requested them back. They have now all been digitized and are on the Recorder's Office website for viewing. The link to these digitized maps is below.

http://recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org/helpful_information/cemetery_locations.html

Over the past several years, a number of volunteers have visited all identified Hamilton County cemeteries and have photographed existing Civil War veteran gravestones. If a "Y" is located in the column labelled "Photo on FG" then there is an existing photo of the gravestone that has been taken and uploaded to Find-A-Grave. Much of the same information that is located in the list has also been entered into Find-A-Grave. The link to the site is located below.

http://www.findagrave.com/

One immediate benefit to Hamilton County researchers is that many of these veterans will have pension application records at the National Archives, which in turn, could provide many more details on the veteran and his family. Applications to request these files are located on the National Archives website. Many other clues can be found if the veteran was buried in a family plot. There may be other family members buried alongside him, and more information on their grave stones or with the cemetery office records. In particular, Spring Grove Cemetery contains more than 5,000 of these Hamilton County Civil War veteran burials, and their records have been digitized and loaded on their website for retrieval by name and by burial plot. The link below will take the researcher directly to their website.

http://www.springgrove.org/geneology-search.aspx

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A list of the Hamilton County cemeteries found on the WPA maps and referenced as part of this project can be found on our webpage. In addition to listing the name back in the 1930s during the WPA, the current name is listed, as well as the current street address.