

Alexander Macomb Historical Award
Individual



Award Given: 2012

Awarded to: Robert and Cheryl Allen – Washington Township, Macomb, MI

Nominated by: Macomb County Historical Commissioners

Presented Where: 2013 Macomb County Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting / Lorenzo Cultural Center

Presented By: Macomb County Heritage Alliance

Bob and Cherie Allen are natives of Macomb County. They have been researching Civil War soldiers buried in Macomb County cemeteries for over fifteen years. To date, they have documented almost 800 Civil War soldiers buried in Macomb County cemeteries. As a result of this research, they have published two books on local Civil War soldiers.

They both have extensive experience in research at the State Archives of Michigan and Library of Michigan in Lansing, the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor, and visit Civil War Battlefields such as Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, and Chickamauga/Chattanooga.

When not working on their Civil War research, they have worked on such projects as transcribing the early minutes from the Washington Union Church (1879-1937) and the Washington Township Early Records (1887-1909). They published an in-depth study of the Washington South Cemetery and also published books on the Andrus Family and the Cannon Family, both of Washington Township and early pioneer families in Macomb County.

In addition to being members of the Israel B. Richardson Civil War Roundtable and the Civil War Trust, they are members of the Greater Washington Area Historical Society and board members of the Friends of the Octagon House. In 2001, Bob and Cherie were awarded a Medal and Citation by the Scottish-American Military Society, Ltd., for outstanding service to the community; in 2007, they were also recognized by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners as Outstanding Volunteers for their contribution to preserving history in Macomb County; in 2010, they received a Certificate of Award from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for Excellence in Community Service; and were very appropriately selected as the recipients of the Alexander Macomb Historical Award for 2012 from the Macomb County Heritage Alliance.

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