

Boyce Maternity Home (Buchanan, Michigan) Records, 1932-1950

- repository:* Local History Room, Buchanan District Library, Buchanan, MI (<http://www.buchananlibrary.org/local-history-room>).
- finding aid:* Composed by Peter Lysy, July 2016.
- extent:* 3" (1 box).
- history:* Ada J. Williams was born on 2 October 1875 in Mishawaka, Indiana, and married George Boyce Jr. in 1892. They lived northwest of Buchanan on a farm in Glendora and had at least six children. After George died in 1925, Ada and several of her younger children moved to Buchanan. For a time she rented and operated a boarding house on Main Street, but in 1932 she obtained a state license and opened a maternity home at 105 South Portage Street (now Red Bud Trail). The home was a place where local doctors could deliver babies in a clean and properly outfitted room with the assistance of a practical nurse. New mothers and their babies typically spent between three and ten days under Mrs. Boyce's care before returning to their own home. Between 1932 and 1949, 481 children were born in the Boyce Maternity Home. Illness caused Mrs. Boyce to discontinue her work in January 1950, and she died four years later, on 29 April 1954.
- scope and content:* The bulk of these records consists of registers in which are recorded details about the 481 births at the Home between March 1932 and December 1949. These registers include the names, occupations, birthplaces, and residences of the parents, the name of the attending physician, and questions about the births and tests done to the newborns. They are arranged chronologically by date of birth. Information from these registers was reported to the State of Michigan for purposes of issuing birth certificates. The records also contain a small amount of correspondence about license renewals, a copy of Mrs. Boyce's 1949 license, biographical material about Mrs. Boyce, some blank forms, information about the BBA's Visiting Nurses Program, and a few miscellaneous documents, including a sketch floor plan of the Home.
- restrictions on use:* **Access to personal information found in the six Registers of Births is restricted for one hundred years from date of creation. Information will only be released according to rules similar to those for accessing State of Michigan birth certificates. During the lifetime of an individual whose birth is on record, information about the individual and birth will only be released to the individual or to that individual's parents or legal representative. If the individual is deceased, information can be released to an heir upon presentation of proof of (1) death and (2) relationship. Anyone can request verification of an individual's date or place of birth. The researcher must provide the information to be verified and the Library will respond by stating whether the information does or does not match what is recorded in the register.**
- folder:* 1/1 Ada J. Boyce Biographical Materials and Miscellany, 1932, 1941, 1954, no date
- folder:* 1/2 License and Correspondence with the State of Michigan, 1934, 1941, 1942, 1949, 1950
- folder:* 1/3 Blank Forms, 1930s-1940s
- folder:* 1/4 Women's Benefit Association - Visiting Nurse Service, 1929, 1940
- folder:* 1/5 RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO REGISTERS OF BIRTH
- folder:* 1/6 Register of Births #1-101 (Sep 1932 - Dec 1940)
- folder:* 1/7 Register of Births #101-149 (Dec 1940 - May 1942)
- folder:* 1/8 Register of Births #150-201 (May 1942 - Jun 1943)
- folder:* 1/9 Register of Births #202-302 (Jun 1943 - Jan 1946)
- folder:* 1/10 Register of Births #303-402 (Jan 1946 - Sep 1947)
- folder:* 1/11 Register of Births #403-481 (Oct 1947 - Dec 1949)

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Ailsworth, George Charles
Alford, Martha Lou
Alford, William Fred, Jr.
Antles, Dennis Dale
Arthur, James William (Jr.)
Ashton, Marjorie Joyce
Avery, William James
Babcock, Jerita Jo
Babcock, Jill Ann
Babcock, Myrna Dee
Babcock, Winona Kay
Bachman, Elsie May
Baker, Carol Diane
Banke, David Lee
Barber, Paul Charles L.
Barbour, H.
Barbur, Mary Elizabeth
Barbur, Richard Gordon LeFevre
Barbur, Thomas Allen
Bauchman, Rose Mary
Baughman, Raymond Evarett
Bauke, Frederick John
Bauke, Jeffrey Brian
Beadle, Randall Duane
Beadle, Vickie Lynn
Beck, Pamela Sue
Behnke, Margaret Ann
Benett, Kenneth Wayne [Bennett, Kenneth Wayne]
Benitt, Michael David
Bennett, Bayne Clifford
Bennett, Dixie Carol
Bennett, Pamela Kay
Bennett, Rockford Duane
Bennett, Ronald Edward
Bennett, Zylfihia Anne
Bennitt, Bonnie Rae
Berry, _____ (male)
Berry, Joan Marie

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Besinger, Elizabeth Ann
Besinger, Mary Josephine
Besinger, Robert Brodrick
Best, Bonnie June
Best, Jerrold A.
Best, John Edward
Bilotti, Eugenia Katherine
Bilotti, Filbert Richard
Bilotti, Rochelle Marie
Binzer, Renee
Black, Carrol Ann
Black, James Dale
Black, Ralph David
Blaney, Patricia Ann
Blaney, William Kirk
Bohn, Kenneth Allen
Bohn, Richard Dale
Borst, Brenda Kay
Borst, Jeanne Louise
Bowers, James Campbel
Bowers, Janet Mary
Bowers, Robert
Boyce, Deanna Lee
Boyce, George Denny
Boyce, Jane Patricia
Boyce, Leland K.
Boyce, Lowell Joseph
Boyce, Mary Michele
Boyce, Philip William
Brado, Rolland Michael
Briney, Howard Lee [Briney, Howard Leec]
Briney, Neva Elaine
Briney, Sharon Fae
Britton, Marylin Joe
Britton, Robert William
Brooks, Donald Leslie
Brothers, Terry Allen
Brothers, Walter

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Brown, Judith Ann
Bruce, Lowell Guy
Bruno, Shirley Ann
Burrus, Paulette Joan
Bush, Max L.
Bussard, Mary Anne
Calbetzor, Dee Ann
Camp, Rosalind Bonitta
Carter, Beverly Ann
Carter, Richard Allen
Casto, Beverly Ann
Casto, Larry Franklin
Castoguy, Margot Ann
Castonguay, David Paul
Chadderdon, Dale Lee
Chain, James David
Chain, Leroy Frank
Chain, Penny
Churchill, Philip Michael
Clark, John Hays
Clark, John William
Clark, Martha Ann
Clark, Rae B.
Clark, Virginia May
Clauer, John Herbert
Clem, Gloria Jean
Clem, Jo Elaine
Clements, Robert
Collings, Raymond Earl
Collings, Ruth Elaine
Collins, Herbert David
Comers, Dixie Lee
Comers, Jack Vincent
Comers, Theodore Eugene
Converse, James McIntyre
Crawford, Cheri Dean
Crocker, Constance Bliss
Cronin, _____ (male)

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Cronin, _____
Crumley, Avis Jean
Crumley, Patrick Dee
Curtis, Charles Maxwell
Curtis, Sally Ann
Darnell, Linda May
Darnell, Thomas Lee
Daus, Dian Kay
Daus, Robert Michael
Davis, Janet Lee
Davis, Vicki Lynn
Dehring, Danny Lee
Denman, Melody
Denman, Priscilla D.
Denno, Edward Lee
Denno, Sandra Kay
DePue, James William
Depue, Robert Ward
Depyl, Denise Diane [DePyl, Denise Diane]
Derflinger, Betty Ann
Dewitt, James Allen
Dietz, Beverly June
Dietz, Gerald Lee
Dinolfo, Matteo
Dohse, Delores Mae
Dokey, Larry Kenneth
Dreitzler, Diana Marian
Dreitzler, Donald Wayne
Dreitzler, James Allen
Dreitzler, Thomas L.
Dumbolton, Judith Lloyd
Eagley, Ralph Edward
Eagly, Marilyn Ruth
Eckelbarger, Dale Hugh
Eckelbarger, James Erwin
Eckelbarger, Patricia Ann
Eckelberger, Joyce L. [Eckelbarger, Joyce L.]
Ellsworth, Lee Ellen

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Elrod, Jo Elaine
Fenn, Philip Allen
Ferris, _____ (male)
Finchum, _____ (male)
Flanigan, Geraldine Janice [Flanagan, Geraldine Janice]
Flenar, Sandra Sue
Forthman, Sharon Lee
Forthman, William Edward III
Franklin, Paul Michael
Frucchi, John B., Jr
Frucchi, Lon Michael
Fuller, Gwendolyn Lee
Furner, Elizabeth Jean
Furner, James Allen
Furner, James Richard
Furner, Michael John
Furner, Patrick Allen
Gamble, Carol Anne
Gamble, Don Edward
Gamble, Jon Calvin
Gamble, Lowell Leon
Gamble, Rose Lynn
Gamble, William Kenneth
Gancer, Carson Lee
Gancer, Patricia Ann
Gardiner, Dixie Darlene
Gardiner, Howard Dean
Gardiner, Larry Dean
Gardiner, Lois Violet
Gardiner, Roy Earl
Gardiner, Terry Arthur
Gardner, David Lee
Gardner, Linda Joan
Gearhart, Catherine Irene
Gearhart, John David
Gearhart, Kenneth Edward
Gearhart, Paul Armour
Genda, Shirley, E.

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Gess, Ellen Frances
Gess, Judith Ann
Gess, Larry Robert
Giver, Chaleen Kay
Griffith, Carole Lucile
Grimett, _____ (male) [Grimmitt, _____ (male)]
Gross, Joan Eileen
Hamilton, Dennis Ordell
Hanlin, April Mary
Hanlin, Sandra Ann
Harbough, Mathew Eugene [Harbaugh, Mathew Eugene]
Harbough, Max Edward [Harbaugh, Max Edward]
Harrington, Donald Lee
Hartmen, Sue Carrol
Hassen, Allen Lee
Hawks, Bonnie Jeanlee
Heiermann, Karen Ann
Heiney, Michael Edwin
Heiney, Patricia Ann
Heinlen, Laura Lee
Heiremann, Margo Ann
Heirman, Sue Lynn [Heiermann, Sue Lynn]
Heirmann, Joe William
Heirmann, Judith Ann [Heiermann, Judith Ann]
Helms, Lucile Kay
Helms, Sandra Rae
Heminger, James Michael
Hemminger, Victoria Jean
Hergenrader, David Monroe
Herman, _____ (male)
Herzog, Eloise Ann
Herzog, Richard Lee
Hess, Cheryl Ann
Hess, Gene Leroy
Hess, Jacquelyn J.
Hess, Sandra Marie
Heyn, Nancy Sharen [Heyn, Nancy Sharon]
Hickok, Freddy Raymond [Hickock, Fred Raymond]

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Hickok, Richard F.
Hittle, Jack Amos
Hocker, Marilyn Sue
Hollenbaugh, _____ (female)
Holmes, Patricia Ann
Homer, Ruth Ann
Howard, Ira Lee
Howard, Loretta Claudette
Howard, Nanalee Sue [Howard, Nana Lee Sue]
Huff, Nancy Jane
Huff, Peggy Ann
Ingleright, Joan Alene
Jackson, Carla Jean
Jackson, James Robert
Jane, Carol Eilene
Jane, Richard Dale
Jasper, Robert Edwin
Jeffers, Judith Ann
Jeffries, Lawrence George
Jensen, Robert George
Jerue, Thomas Lee
Kelly, Gene Lowise
Keltner, Patsy Ann
Kent, Arnold Slatford
Kenton, Thomas Joseph
Klute, Elizabeth Anne
Klute, James Anthony
Kohlhoff, Freda Eilene
Kohlhoff, Joyce Ann
Kring, Joseph Martin
Kuhl, Jerry Paul
Kuhl, Patsy Jean
Kuntz, _____ (male)
Ladonski, Jack Lee
Lear, Barbra Elaine
Lear, James Franklin
Lear, Richard Allen
Lee, David Anthony

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Lee, Joe Terry
Lee, Linda Lou
Lee, Richard Daniel
Leiter, Betty Jane
Leiter, Douglas Eugene
Leiter, Kay Francis [Leiter, Kay Frances]
Leiter, Linda Diane
Lentz, Richard Allen
Lentz, Robert Dale
Lind, Donnie Louise [Lind, Donna Louise]
Linsenmire, Carrol Ann
Liska, Michael James
Lohraff, Phyllis Elaine
Ludwig, Violet Ann
Luther, Larry Lee
Machalleck, Dale Ray
Mann, Janet Marie
Mannon, Louis Arthur
Marble, Dean Allen
Marble, John Arthur
Marble, Peggy Elaine
Marble, Vernon Earl
March, Sharon Elaine
Marrs, Michael Dwight
Matlock, _____
Matlock, Irene Fay
Matthews, James Michael
Matthews, Stephen Phillip
May, Delores Jean,
Meek, Elizabeth Josephine
Meidlinger, Linda Lou
Mendenhall, Ellen Jane
Metzger, Linda Sue
Metzger, Terry Kent
Metzger, Thomas Allen
Miller, Gregg John
Miller, Thomas William
Millie, Donald Richard

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Mills, George Albert
Mills, Jack Eugene
Mills, Judy Marie
Mills, Virginia Lee
Mills, William E.
Mitchell, Bonny Kay
Mitchell, Carole Ann
Mitchell, Gail Edward
Mitchell, Jerry Lyle
Mullen, Lauraine Mae
Murdock, Joseph William
Murphey, Michael Joseph
Murphy, _____ (female)
Myers, Evelyn Jane [Meyers, Evelyn Jane]
Neidlinger, Dennis Allen
Neidlinger, Kenneth Earl
Nekvasil, Shirley Ann
Nelson, Doris Eleanor
Nelson, Janet Eileen
Nelson, Linda Elizabeth
Nemeth, Carol Lee
Obendorfer, (stillborn boy)
Obendorfer, Georgia Louise
Olmstead, Kevin Elliott
Omland, Kenneth Warren
Oxender, Darlene Meryle
Oxender, Charles Anson
PattinGale, Philip Charles [Pattengale, Philip Charles]
Paul, Donna Joan
Paul, Judith Ann
Pearison, Geraldine
Pease, "Junior"
Pendly, _____
Penwell, Danny Lee
Penwell, Janet Eileen
Perry, Donald Lee
Peterson, Christian Lynn
Peterson, Melba Dean

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Phelps, Sharren Marie
Phillips, Patricia Ann
Pierce, Jackie Donald [Pierce, Jack Donald]
Pinkston, Elwanda Jane
Pinkston, Ronald Douglas
Place, Carrol Ann
Place, Diane Rita
Place, Everett Edward
Place, Judith Louise
Polly, Dawn Rae
Polly, Michael Scott
Pruett, Jame Randell
Pruitt, James Eugene
Przybylinski, Joan Elizabeth
Przybylinski, Linda Kay
Przybylinski, Norma Gene
Przybylinski, Paul Edward
Puffer, DeRonda Jane
Quick, Howard Eugene
Quick, Marilyn Carrol [Quick, Marilyn Carol]
Quick, Roger Lee
Quinn, Eileen Francis
Quinn, John Riley
Quinn, Mary Margaret
Racine, Domea Marie
Rakowski, Henry Thomas
Raven, Sheryle Dianne
Reed, Britt Delos
Reeves, Victor Vern
Reinholt, Oliver
Remmington, Betty Jean [Remington, Betty Jean]
Remmington, Richard Carlton [Remington, Richard Carlton]
Rider, Carl Lee
Rifenberg, Jane Ann
Rifenberg, Terry Lee
Ritter, Georgiana Lee
Ritter, Jeremiah Lawrence
Ritter, Soma Kay

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Rizor, Joan
Roberts, Sue Ann
Rose, Gerrald Lee
Rose, Rex Robert
Ross, John Robert
Roundy, James Russell
Roundy, Janet Marie
Roundy, Joan Kay
Rudlaff, Donald G.
Ruth, Judy Marie
Ruth, Larry Leon
Ruth, William Leroy
Samson, Barbra Sue
Samson, David Lee
Samson, Nancy Gean
Samson, Robert Earl
Samson, Sally, June
Schaber, Charles David
Schaber, Kenneth Ralph
Schaber, Wanda Diane
Schan, Linda May
Schar?, Robert Dean
Schlutt, Thomas
Schlutt, William Charles
Schlutt, Christine
Schneider, John Erwin
Schneider, Vickie Sue
Schultz, _____ (female)
Scott, Lynetta Jean
Sebast, Robert Walter
Sharmak, Gerry Ladd
Sheeley, Carol Sue
Sheely, Connie Jo
Sheely, Linda Sharen
Shoemake, David Dee
Shoemake, _____
Slute, Mary Lou
Smeadley, Janine Adele

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Smeadley, Mary Ellen [Smedley, Mary Ellen]
Smeadly, Monna Lee [Smedley, Mona Lee]
Smedley, John Franklin
Smedley, Kenneth William
Smith, Glenda Dale
Smith, Jack Goldwyn
Smith, Jame Goldwyn
Smith, Jerry Gee
Smith, Judith Darlene
Smith, Roger Kay
Snodgrass, Cheryl Lynn
Stewart, Charlene Francis
Stineback, Dewayne [Stineback, Duane]
Sutton, Kathleen Kay
Sutton, Phillip Alan
Swartz, Gearaldine Lou
Swartz, Kathryn Kay
Swem, Richard Lowell
Swetish, Kristine
Swetish, Randall George
Taylar, Barbra Kay
Taylor, Alvin Wayne
Teske, Carrol Evelyn
Teske, Ruth Elaine
Thomas, ____ (male)
Thomas, James Lee
Thompson, Aleta Irma
Thompson, Delma Lloyd [Thompson, Delmar Lloyd]
Thompson, Lawrence (Larry)
Toll, Dennis Allen
Topash, Anna Grace
Topash, William Allen
Trueschel, Joyce Elaine
Trueschell, Richard Ellwood [Trueschel, Richard Ellwood]
Turney, Janette
Vanderslice, Gordon S. Meede
Vanlen, Randall Lee

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VanLeu, Carol Anne
VanLeu, Flora Mae
VanLeu, Lyle Gene
VanLu, Irving William
VanLu, Mell Darlene
Vanlu, Robert Dean
Vanlu, Viola C.
Vautone, Gordon Arthur
Vigansky, Victor Charles
Vincent, Beth Ann
Vincent, Ray Edgar
Wagner, Mary Beth
Wallquist, Donald Lee
Whitehead, Kay Diane
Whitesel, Jane Elizabeth
Whitfield, _____ (male)
Willis, Joe Mary
Willis, Ronald Herschel
Wood, _____ (male)
Woolett, Bonnie Lou
Wright, Ruby Joan
Wright, William Steven
Young, Albert Leo