The following are actual digital copies of St Clement records I made when I went there to look up a record. The secretary opened up the old book and a page broke off and floated down to the floor. I used a piece of paper to carefully pick it up. I asked her was this how they looked things up. The answer was yes. I talked to Father Bondy and asked him to allow me to digitize their old records as the old book was crumbling and if continued to be used would crumble into unreadable pieces. Permission was granted. I did not remove the books but copied them in a room near his office and returned the books to him. I stopped at 1942. I put these records on compact disk and gave the church several copies along with a program that allowed them to view records and print them. Following are the pictures I took of the records many years ago. Below is the picture of the oldest book.



Oldest records of St Clement Cemetery

To the right is the oldest record of burials in St Clement. There are more of the old records printed on the following pages. If you wish to examine your family record you may click on the link to see and magnify the actual image itself. These images are also on Wesley Arnold's historical CD which is free. These are the actual records from St Clement church which were thrown on the floor with other trash when I discovered this book and gave it to the church office for safekeeping 40 years ago. Years later I took these pictures with permission of the church pastor and gave CD's of them to the church to use to search, examine and print records because the old book pages were crumbling. I left the book in their possession. With each new priest it appears old staff are fired but often in this process there is a lack of care given to protect the historical records. I am proud and happy to have been instrumental in the saving of at least images of their records.

