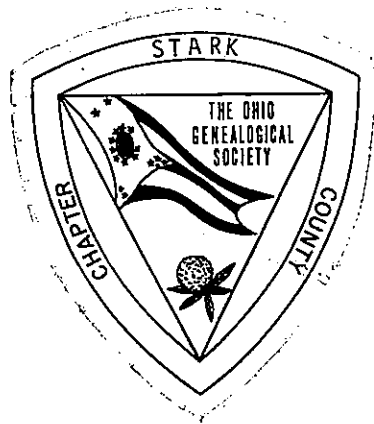


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STARK COUNTY, OHIO  
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CANTON, OHIO

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The contents of each volume of Cemetery Inscriptions, Stark County, Ohio are:

- Volume I: Townships of Lexington, Washington, Paris and Marlboro.  
Volume II: Townships of Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Sandy, Pike, Bethlehem and Sugar Creek.  
Volume III: Townships of Tuscarawas, Lawrence and Jackson.  
Volume IV: Lake Township and the cemeteries of Dead Man's Point and Forest Hill in Plain Township.  
Volume V: Plain Township, except for the two cemeteries in Volume IV; and Canton Township, except for West Lawn Cemetery; Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried In Stark County, Ohio; Additions and Corrections to Previous Volumes.  
Volume VI: Perry Township, Additions and Corrections to Previous Volumes.  
Volume VII: West Lawn Cemetery, Canton, Ohio; Soldiers of the War of 1812 Buried in Stark County, Ohio; Additions and Corrections to Previous Volumes.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Volume VII is dedicated to the memory of:

EMMA VEDNA SNYDER SEFERT  
3 AUG 1904 - 26 JAN 1984

Emma Sefert was born at Paris, Ohio and married on 14 Jun 1925 Harry Wendell Sefert (died 6 Mar 1976). She was a homemaker and the mother of five children: Kathryn Sefert Slifkin, Lowell J Sefert, Marilyn Sefert Oyster, Harry J Sefert (deceased) and Linda Sefert Rogers (deceased).

She was a member of the Stark County Chapter, OGS and roamed through many cemeteries gathering inscriptions from tombstones, long before this series of Cemetery Inscription books was contemplated. Many of her transcriptions were used in the early volumes of this series. She also loved going to reunions and taking notes on the latest births/deaths/marriages. She was an avid genealogist who contributed greatly to this series of books.

It is always impossible to include the names of all of the people who have helped with the preparation of these books. Those who read the tombstones in each cemetery are listed at the end of the cemetery. Special recognition is given to the typists of this book: Dorothy Wig and Hazel Murphy. The Stark County Historical Society provided the materials for the covers and the map.

The coordinator of the entire project has been Hazel Murphy. She has persevered through seven years to complete the project. She has spent an enormous amount of time and has directed the efforts of others. Much credit is given to her for recruiting volunteers to read the tombstones, creating order out of chaos to permit the pages to be typed, and overseeing the preparation of the cards used to prepare the index. This seventh volume would not be completed four years after the first volume without Hazel's diligent efforts to keep the entire project moving.

We are indebted to Jerome Laubacher for the article on the McKinley Monument, Richard E Warstler for the article on the McKinley Museum of History, Science and Industry and Marie Gum who compiled the list of Soldiers of the War of 1812 Buried in Ohio.

Jan McMurry spent much time copying the burials from the first record book for West Lawn Cemetery. It is regrettable that the entire cemetery could not have been done from these types of records but additional books were not made available to us.

The Title Page, Forward, In Memoriam, Acknowledgements, Preface and Table of Contents for each of the seven volumes was prepared by Clifford T Wig who also handled the contacts with the printer and the sale of each volume.

Although many persons helped record the inscriptions in West Lawn Cemetery, the greatest effort was expended by Jim and Evelyn Strong. Jim spent many hours copying tombstones and completed over half the cemetery by himself.

The printer was John Kelley of the Kelley Print Shop, 3828 Randolph Road, Box 103, Randolph, Ohio 44265.

Stark County, Ohio was formed in 1809 from Columbiana County. It subsequently lost Brown, Harrison and Rose Townships to Carroll County in 1833 and Green and Franklin Townships to Summit County in 1840. It contains seventeen townships today. Its cemeteries date from 1805 when the first settlers came. There are 201 cemeteries today. This volume includes West Lawn Cemetery in Canton, Ohio. It is a huge cemetery as the entire volume will attest.

Much use has been made of the previous cemetery book entitled Cemetery Records, Stark County, Ohio. It was researched by E. T. Heald, H. T. O. Blue and H. D. Paxton. It was compiled, edited, and indexed with a foreword by Dorothy Sommer, Head, Reference Division, Canton Public Library Association. The project was sponsored by the Stark County Historical Society. It consisted of four volumes, one of which was the index, and was typed in 1955. It covered 158 cemeteries from the earliest time until about 1900. Most of the inscriptions were copied in the 1940's. Much credit must be given to the researchers because many of the tombstones which they copied are illegible or nonexistent today. In this volume the cemetery number assigned by Heald has continued to be used.

The description of the locations of the cemeteries in Stark County was submitted by Marilyn Oyster and Evelyn Jessup to The Ohio Genealogical Society for inclusion in their 1978 book entitled Ohio Cemeteries, which lists the location of every cemetery in the State of Ohio. The same description is used in this volume.

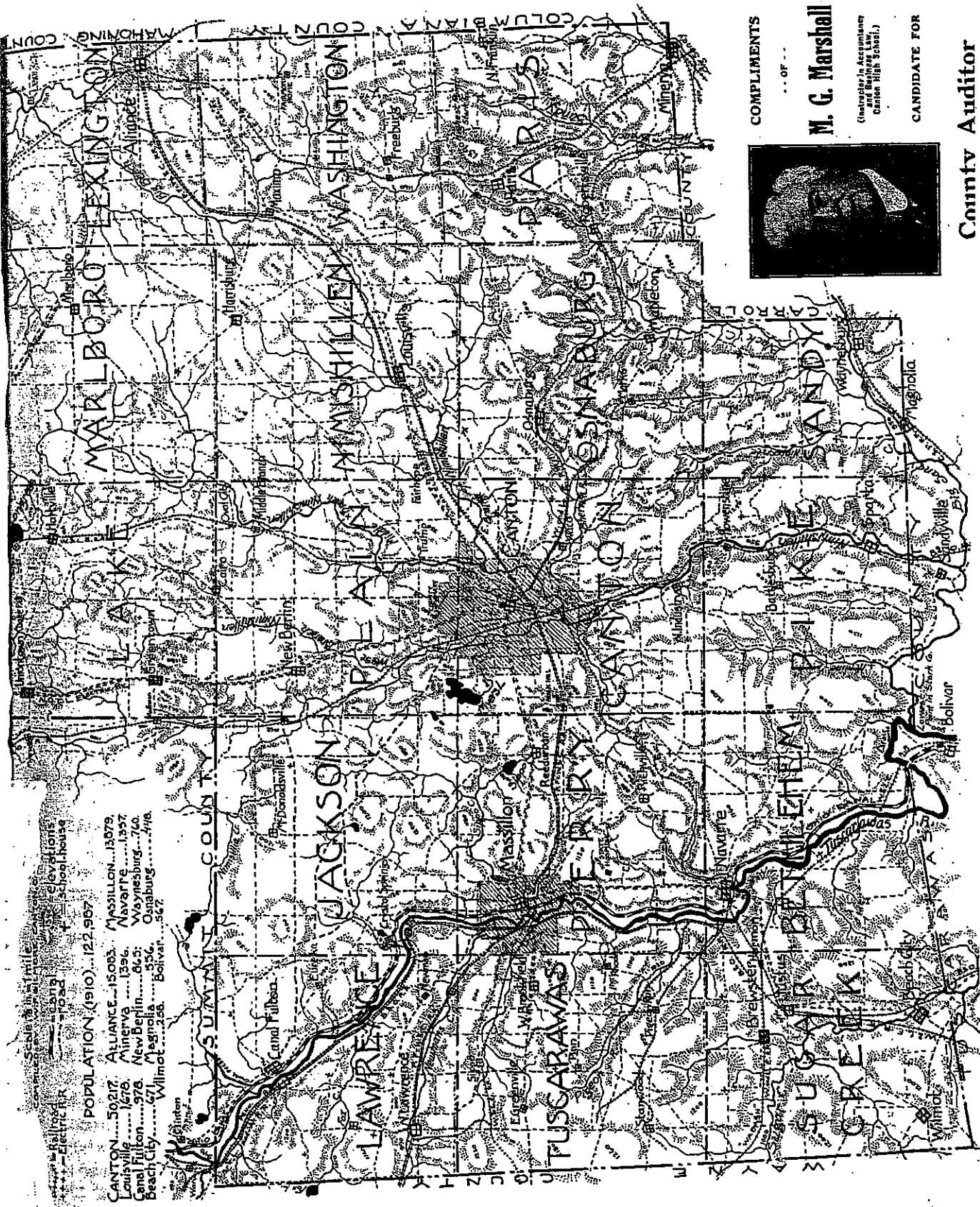
An attempt has been made to read the tombstones in rows so that a person can locate a particular stone from the description. This has not always been possible because of the haphazard manner in which some sections of this cemetery are laid out. All stones have been included to the present day. Stones illegible or missing, but listed in Cemetery Records, Stark County, Ohio, referenced above, have been included and are so indicated. We have also included the first West Lawn Cemetery Record Book.

The project has now been concluded.

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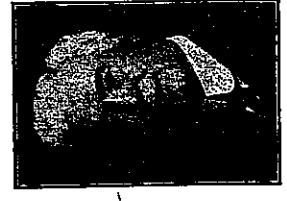
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POPULATION (1910) 122,987  
 CANTON.....50217. ALLIANCE.....15083. MASSILLON.....13079.  
 Louisville.....1278. Minerva.....1397.  
 Canal Filton.....978. New Berlin.....665. Waynesburg.....760.  
 Beach City.....671. Magnolia.....556. Onaburg.....478.  
 Wilmet.....228. Bolivar.....567.

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County Auditor

McKINLEY MONUMENT

(Picture on the Cover)

PRESIDENT WILLIAM McKINLEY was the Twenty Fifth President of the United States.

On September 5 1901, President McKinley gave a speech at the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y.

The next day, Pres. McKinley was in a receiving line at the Temple of Music on the Exposition Grounds. One of the persons approaching the President was Leon F Czolgosz. As the President stretched to greet him, Mr Czolgosz stretched to greet him, Mr Czolgosz fired two shots at point blank range. Both shots hit the President.

After the shooting, the President was moved to the residence of Mr John Milburn, President of the Exposition.

On the 10th of September it seemed as if the President's health was improving. However, over the next few days his health began to fail & on September 14 1901 President William McKinley died.

There were several services for the slain President. A service was held in the Milburn residence. The body was then taken to Washington D C for a state funeral.

From Washington D C a funeral train left for Canton, Ohio. The train arrived in Canton a few minutes before noon on September 18. The President's body was taken to the Court House Rotunda, where it laid in state. Many of the local population passed the President's body to pay their last respects.

Local funeral services were held at the First M. E. Church on Sept. 19. From there, the body was taken to West Lawn Cemetery & placed in the Wertz Receiving Vault.

Shortly after the death of President McKinley, a Committee was formed to construct a suitable Memorial to the slain President.

Ground was broken of June 6 1905 for the McKinley Memorial.

The Memorial is now the property & responsibility of the Stark County Historical Society, Canton, Ohio.

This Memorial is Ohio's Twenty-

Fifth National Historic Landmark.

The Memorial is a two walled double domed structure that is a part of a larger design symbolizing a cross-hilted sword with the Mausoleum at the junction of the blade, guard, & hilt - The Cross of the Martyr, the Sword of the President in time of war. (As described by the Architect) In reality, the Mausoleum is near the top of the sword's Handle.

The Northerly arm of the cross is formed by a broad, straight drive that connects with the road system in the adjacent cemetery; The Southern arm is formed by the approach roads, the lawn area between these roads and the main flight of steps; The Eastern & Western arms by the minor flights.

Harold Van Buren Magonijle designed the Memorial to have 2 noticeable features: (1) A long vista between wall of foliage leading up to (2) A green terraced hill crowned by the Mausoleum.

To the original landscape was added more than 35,000 cubic yards of earth to create four terraces coinciding in height & pitch with the four runs of steps in the main staircase. Materials to construct the Memorial came from 9 states of the Union: Ohio, Massachusetts, Tennessee, New York, Vermont, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Illinois, & Rhode Island.

As visitors approach the Monument by motor vehicle, they turn on to Linden Ave., which gradually widens until they reach the foot of the basin or lawn area at the south end of the Memorial. At this point, the road divides into two and passes up the sides of the lawn area & then enters an oblong plaza at the base of the hill. The plaza lies transversely to the axis of the approaches.

On the North side of the plaza are two granite houses (not guard houses) for the storage of tools. These granite houses are centered upon the roads bordering the lawn area & act as part of a triangular arrangement with the Statue & pedestal at its apex.

From the plaza's north side; rises steps that are 50 feet wide. These steps are arranged in four flights of

24 steps. These steps place the visitor on the circular plaza which contains the Mausoleum. Another flight of 12 steps will place the visitor in the doorway of the Memorial.

On the central landing of the steps is a pedestal of the Statue which is 13ft,6in high. The southern face is inscribed with these words: WILLIAM McKINLEY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES A STATESMAN SINGULARLY GIFTED TO UNITE THE DISCORDANT FORCES OF GOVERNMENT AND MOULD THE DIVERSE PURPOSES OF MEN TOWARD PROGRESSIVE AND SALUTARY ACTION - A MAGISTRATE WHOSE POISE OF JUDGMENT WAS TESTED AND VINDICATED IN A SUCCESSION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCIES - GOOD CITIZEN - BRAVE SOLDIER - WISE EXECUTIVE - HELPER AND LEADER OF MEN - EXEMPLAR TO HIS PEOPLE OF THE VIRTUES THAT BUILD AND CONSERVE THE STATE, SOCIETY, AND THE HOME.

The northern face is inscribed: THIS MEMORIAL WAS ERECTED BY THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES AND MANY OTHERS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

Setting on the pedestal is a 9½ ft statue of a standing President McKinley holding a manuscript. Behind McKinley is a chair (symbolizing the chair of state) with the American Flag thrown over it. The statue was designed by an Ohio native, Charles Henry Niehaus.

The platform on which the Mausoleum sets is 178 feet in diameter. The Mausoleum itself has an exterior diameter of 75 feet & is 97 feet high, with a flat pavilion projecting slightly on the entrance or (southern) side.

The entrance pavilion is inscribed in square-sunk letters with:  
1843 IN MEMORIAM 1901

WILLIAM McKINLEY  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The entrance doors to the Monument are made of bronze 12 feet by 24 feet and 6 inches thick. Each door is paneled with 27 small coffers having ornamented moulding with rosettes of alternating design set in them.

The interior of the Mausoleum is 50 feet in diameter & 75 feet from the floor to the eye of the dome. Inside is a double sarcophagus containing the bodies of PRESIDENT McKINLEY & MRS McKINLEY.

The sarcophagus sits in the middle of the Mausoleum & is raised above the floor. To view the sarcophagus a visitor must lift his eyes. On the ends of the sarcophagi facing the entrance doors, is inscribed the names: WILLIAM McKINLEY

IDA McKINLEY

The two children of William & Ida McKinley are in niches in the north wall of the Monument. They are: KATHERINE "KATIE" McKINLEY

25 December 1871 - 25 June 1875  
IDA McKINLEY

1 April 1873 - 22 August 1873

On the floor in colored marble is a Greek Cross whose arms extend into a "bay" on the four cardinal axes. Each "bay" has an arch with a key-stone on which an eagle with half outspread wings sits. The keystones themselves bear the 13 stripes of the flag, symbolic of the national character of this Memorial.

In the friez (ornamental) band over the columns of the "bays" are these words: LET US EVER REMEMBER THAT OUR INTEREST IS IN CONCORD, NOT CONFLICT, AND THAT OUR REAL EMINENCE RESTS IN THE VICTORIES OF PEACE, NOT THOSE OF WAR. This inscription taken from the President's last speech at Buffalo, begins at the center opposite the entrance door.

Inverted torches, emblematic of death, are used in this Memorial. They can be observed in the panels on the ceiling of the dome & in the entrance door's design.

The skylight at the top of the dome has 45 stars in it's design. These stars represent the States of the United States at the time of PRESIDENT McKINLEY's death.

Dedication of the Memorial was:  
September 30 1907.

(McKINLEY MONUMENT

Submitted by: Jerome Laubacher  
July 15 1985)





LOCATION: S5. Lawn Ave., S.W. (1919 7th St. N.W.) Canton, Ohio

WEST LAWN CEMETERY #106

(For location of Sections, see the map on Page 3. Sections are not listed in alphabetical or numerical sequence. Sections are listed left to right per map or as copying was completed. In some Sections, the stones face several directions. The division line of Sections and Rows are uncertain and some family plots are separated into Rows.)

SECTION SB-A (Single Burial A)

NAUMAN, Elsa	1886-1890
LERCH, Harvey C	1886-1891
BRIGHTBILL, J F	1857-1890
YINGLING, ___ s/o SS & MC	Sept 6 1890
SCHNEIDER, Carl	1905-1906
MAURER, John	1856-1890
CASSER, F	1824-1890
AHLRICH, H	1844-1890
SLOUGH, Jesse Jr	1862-
McLEOD, Frederich R	1865-1889
HELD, John	b. May 11 1806 d. Sep 21 1889
NISWONGER, Elmer C	1889-1889
Ray W	1891-1891
MOWEN, Anna E (Mother)	1853-1889
HUET, Cloyd May	1887-1889
MELLOTT, Rebecca J	1844-1916
LIEB, Christian	d. Nov 15 1891 a. 29yr, 5m, 10d
BRONK, Anna	b. Mar 29 1849 d. Nov 28 1894
(illegible stone)	
BOWERS, Awilda	Apr 22 1888
Ruth	Mar 29 1903
BOWERS, Donald	Jan 29 1929
CHAN, You <u>or?</u> YOU, Chan	1861-1928
MARION, E	Aug 16 1882
DICKERHOOF, Mary Robin	1867-1886
(w/o Harvey	
SMITH, Daisy	d. Feb 2 1886
(d/o J F & A R)	a. 4yr, 5mo, 10d
MACAULEY, Lottie	no dates
(d/o J K & A)	a. 12yr

(SECTION SB-A copied by:  
James Strong Sr-Sep 14 1984)

SECTION AROW 1 (South to North)

HEINGARTNER, Henry	1863-1912
HEINGARTNER, Catherine	1827-1916
HEINGARTNER, Jacob	1826-1885
GRETHER, Otto	1884-1916
Moritz	d. Apr 2 1890 a. 4lyr, 6m, 15d
Louise	1857-1938
Louise	1878-1964
Emma	1885-1933
MUNSHOWER, Louis	b. Mar ___ 1872 d. Dec 9 1899
MUNSHOWER, Henry N	b. Apr 12 1840 d. Jul 13 1903
BARNARD, Frank	1832-1893
(Co F 24th N Y Inf)	
Helen	1836-1894
Dora	1875-1932
May	1873-1893
S Harbaugh	1866-1892
BACHTEL, Minnie E	187?-1937
EFFINGER, Gracia A	1881-1962
Gus A	1879-1948
MAILLARD, Libbie Bachtel	1861-1922
MYERS, Frank A	1852-1911
MYERS, R Guy	1889-1907
MYERS, Maggie F	1873-1889
MYERS, A Blanche	1875-1883
MELCHER, W J (GAR)	1841-1921
Minnie M	1869-1877
Conrad	1810-1898
Mary E (inf)	1895
Homer J	d. no date a. 10 month d. no date a. 19 day
baby boy	
KINNEY, Sarah	d. Dec 1 1863
(w/o William)	a. 42y, 10m, 12d
KINNEY, William	d. Sep 23 1875 a. 56y, 9mo, 9da
YANT, Elizabeth	d. Nov 25 1869 a. 22yr, 2mo
(w/o Henry Yant & daughter of W & S Kinney)	
Charity	d. Nov 23 1860
(d/o H & E M)	a. 5mo, 17da
KINNEY, D W	b. Jan 29 1855 d. Apr 18 1894
Oseeann	d. May 24 1845
(ch/o W & S)	a. 1yr, 5da
infant ch/o W & S	Jun 21 1857

(Cont.)