



GENERATIONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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This newsletter is published to provide our members with information about the Calhoun County Genealogical Society programs and projects. As the organization grows and develops there may be other publications produced to aid our genealogists in their search for information about their family history.

If you have information you believe is of interest to others please send an article to either John Fox, Albion Public Library, 501 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224; or to Marlene Plassman, 2881 Country Club Way, Albion, MI 49224. The next newsletter is scheduled to be published in early February.



VOLUNTEERISM

Strong interest has been expressed by the membership in establishing a volunteer program in the Clerk-Register's office. Some members have also expressed interest in volunteering in the libraries in the county. We need someone to work with the Executive Board in establishing guidelines for volunteer programs and to get the first programs off the ground. If you are interested, please call Peggy Sindt.



INFORMATION NEEDED!

Family histories! Ancestral Charts! Genealogies! These documents can be used by our Society members. Send yours to Calhoun County Genealogical Society for all of us to use. Sharing this information can help us all through cross-referencing.

Part of the enjoyment of the genealogy search is in the sharing of ancestry and ancestral lines with colleagues and friends. Items of interest: published genealogies and family histories; ancestral charts, and other historical documents relating to families and pioneers of Calhoun County.

Tom Struble, Vice President



RESEARCHERS SOUGHT

Probate Court seeks the names of individuals willing to research court records in answer to mail queries. Interested people should contact Chief Deputy Velma Weston, Probate Court, Calhoun County Building, Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Election 1988 is just about here! An office of particular concern to genealogists doing research in Calhoun County is that of Clerk-Register. The person who holds this office for the next four years will directly affect the research you do in Calhoun County. This year, incumbent Marcus Gray faces a strong challenge from County Commissioner Ann Norlander. I talked with both candidates recently about the concerns of genealogists and the role we can play as volunteers in the Clerk-Register's office.

MARCUS GRAY is very interested in having volunteers work in the office. One project suggested by a staff member is to proofread the birth index which they are now using. They have found that it contains many inaccuracies and are anxious to improve its usefulness. Marcus has extended the hours records are available to the public, and said that those hours could be further stretched for individuals if excessive demands were not placed on his staff. Appointments, while desirable, are no longer required.

ANN NORLANDER has expressed great interest in making records accessible to the public. She plans to turn a currently vacant office into a research room where genealogists and the general public could have desk space for their work. She, too, would like to see a volunteer program and would set aside a desk for volunteer workers. Ann is extremely concerned that the public be treated in a courteous, friendly manner, and that staff be as helpful as possible.

So - vote on November 8 for the candidate of your choice. You can have an effect!

Peggy Sindt



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

As of All Hallow's Eve, 73 Charter Members had been enrolled in the Society. Non-members have until 30 November, 1988, to acquire membership status for a fee of \$10. "The membership year shall be September 1 through August 31." After 30 November "new members will be assessed dues of \$1.00 per month for the remaining months of the membership year, total not to exceed \$10.00."

Membership cards should soon be back from the printer and will be distributed as soon as possible. A list of our members will appear in the February Newsletter.

Ancestral charts have been received from only 12 members thus far. They range from 16 names on one chart to over 250 names each on two separate charts. We are anxious to obtain your charts so that they can be indexed and put on file.

We have received a number of encouraging notes and letters from members, prospective members and other Societies. Feedback on our first Newsletter has generally been laudatory!

Do what you can to encourage others to join the Society. There is strength in numbers! Cajole, coerce, entice, entreat, wheedle, whine, flatter, fawn, coax, compel them, or, give a gift membership as several others have done.

If you have any ideas or suggestions as to ways in which I can better serve you and the Society as Chair of the Membership Committee, please let me hear from you. What do other Societies and organizations do that you like or appreciate? Let me know.

John Fox



ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

The first program held by the Calhoun County Genealogical Society at the Albion Public Library was a great success. Barbara Madison's presentation was informative for both the experienced and beginning family historian. We all learned new ways of searching out ancestors.

October's program, held at the Probate Court in Marshall, was well attended and was another helpful meeting.

The next program will be held at the library at Albion College, whose director is Larry Oberg. The collection will be reviewed by Michael Van Houton, Archivist, and the Methodist Church Archives will be reviewed by John Huber as well.

This meeting is to be held November 29 at 7 o'clock p.m. The back of the library is on Cass St. and the entrance faces the center of the campus. There is parking on Cass Street and there is a parking lot across the street.

There is no program scheduled for December. Give your family the family stories you are writing for them for Christmas - a Christmas idea!

The January program, "Meet Me at the Willard," is scheduled for January 24, 1989, in Battle Creek at #7 W. Van Buren Street. Marlene Steele, who is the local history librarian, will explain the materials held there. They have a large collection of Calhoun County as well as Battle Creek area materials. Their Friends of the Library group will have coffee for us beginning about 6:45 p.m. This will give us a chance to get acquainted and to thaw out.

An alternate 'storm date' has been set for the 31st of January in case there is a blizzard on the 24th. I have found however nothing much stops a genealogist in search of family!

Phyllis Aldrich, 616/979-2113, is the contact person in the Athens, Burlington, Newton Twp. area. Linda Wolford is the Battle Creek contact, 616/962-9106. Brenda Boyce, is the contact person in Marshall area. Where there are questions we will try to keep these people informed about programs. Tom Struble of Ceresco, who is vice-president, will have information about programs as well. His phone is 616/979-4929.

Pat Geyer, Program Chair



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We are still seeking people to serve as Recording Secretary and a Publicity Chair. If you are interested, please call one of the officers or a contact person (listed elsewhere in the newsletter).




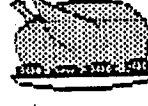
IMPORTANT DATES to put on your
calendar.

November 22, 1988 7:00 pm
Board Meeting, Albion Public
Library

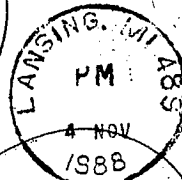
November 29, 1988 7:00 pm
Albion College Library Program

January 10, 1988 7:00 pm
Board Meeting, Albion Public
Library

January 24, 1989 6:45 pm
Willard Library Program, Battle
Creek

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