

# GENERATIONS



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## **Calhoun County Genealogical Society**

**10 Year Anniversary 1988 - 1998**

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation Expert In Residence program are pleased to welcome Curt B. Witcher, Department Manager for the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, to Battle Creek for three days of genealogy presentations. As the Host of this Expert in Residence program, CCGS is pleased to have Curt Witcher as our guest at our October meeting:

### **"Historical Research Methodology:**

### **Engaging the Process to Find all the Answers"**



Many genealogists miss opportunities to find consequential documents for advancing their research because they do not follow a standard research methodology, namely the "historical research methodology." Special care is given in this lecture to emphasize the importance of some rather fundamental basics which, when used together, make for a powerful data-gathering methodology. This program is free of charge and the public is invited.

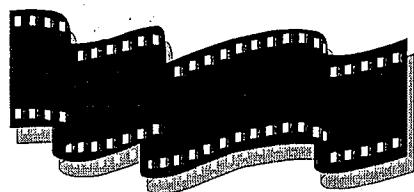
**with Expert in Residence**

**Curt B. Witcher**

**Tuesday, October 28, 1997 at 7:00 pm**

**at the UAC Discovery Theatre downtown Battle Creek**

Mr. Witcher is the immediate past-president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, acted as their 1991 and 1994 conference chairs, serves as the national volunteer coordinator for the *Civil War Soldiers System Names Index Project* and is twice a recipient of the society's distinguished service award. He was the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Passenger & Immigration Index Project for Gale Research, Inc. and is a research consultant for the PBS Series, *Ancestors*. He is also on the Advisory Board for Ancestry, Inc. of Salt Lake City, Utah.



### **"Civil War Photography"**

**with guest speaker Chris Czopek**

**Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at 7:00 pm**

**VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI**

Historian/Photographer Chris Czopek is coming back to speak to genealogists on "Civil War Photography". Mr. Czopek, a descendant of a Civil War veteran, is active in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and spends much of his time researching information on Michigan Civil War veterans. This program is free of charge and the public is welcome.

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Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the VFW Hall located at 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI. unless otherwise specified. The public is cordially invited.

**Research Materials Available from the Calhoun  
County Genealogical Society**

Clarence Township Cemeteries in Calhoun Co., MI  
(Clarence Center, Dryer, Hunt, Krenerick and  
Nichols) (66 pages, over 2,100 names) \$7.00

Transcriptions of Cemeteries of Convis Twp.,  
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\$6.00

Every Name Index for Generations, the Newsletter  
of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society,  
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names) \$5.00

Beginner's Guide to Family History Research by  
Desmond Walls Allen and Carolyn Earle Billingsley  
(46 pages) \$9.00

Bentley Corners Cemetery Clarendon Twp.,  
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Marriage Records of Calhoun Co., MI 1836-1890  
(248 pages) \$10.00

St. Joseph Cemetery Clarendon Twp., Calhoun  
Co., MI (25 pages) \$6.00

Transcriptions of the Gravestones in the Rice  
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pages) \$6.00

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P.O. Box 777  
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"Neither a borrower nor a lender be..."

*Shakespeare*

But you can be a volunteer! Ruth Kaiser always  
needs volunteers to help with transcribing cemeteries  
and proofreading in preparation for more of our  
popular cemetery books. Don't watch what is  
happening...get out there and make things happen!

*Hibiske*

## CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

### CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

As your Society works on the Expert in Residence Program, book sales and membership, we are finding more and more people getting excited about their genealogy. It is invigorating to see how many people want to start researching their ancestors! I am proud of CCGS bringing Curt B. Witcher to Calhoun County to help everyone start and continue their personal research.

### OUTGOING OFFICERS

As the Calhoun County Genealogical Society grows so do the demands placed on the Officers and Executive Board members. I want to thank the outgoing officers, **Carol Slattery, Dave Ruble, Cheri Ruble and Kathy McManus** (moved to Georgia) along with die-hard **Sandy Redmond**, ever-present **Verla Potts** and unstoppable **Ruth Kaiser**. These Officers and Executive Board members assisted in starting the struggling process of building the Society to the level of efficiency and effectiveness that we have achieved.

### INCOMING OFFICERS

This leaves a challenge for the incoming Officers who, I have no doubt, will rise to the challenge! Please welcome **Sandy Redmond** (die-hard!), **Timira Volstromer, Terri Plotas and Michelle (Micki) Rastoskey** to the Executive Board. The names and phone numbers of the Officers and Executive Board members are on page 14 of this newsletter so give us a call and let us know your ideas and comments. At our last meeting in September some of the new Officers were firing new ideas at me already. I love it!

### EXPERT IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

We may be adding one more presentation to our Expert in Residence program. Willard Library is looking into presenting Curt Witcher speaking at the library on "**Surfing the Internet – A Beginners Guide for Genealogists**" on Monday morning, October 27, 1997. We should know by the week of October 6, 1997. We will keep you posted via local newspapers and shopper guides. What a great line-up we will have!

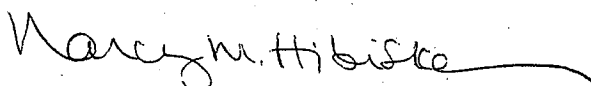
The Expert In Residence program is really looking good. Please check out the presentation schedule in this newsletter. These programs are free and open to the public so come early for the best seating. Parking is easily available at all the locations too.

### CCGS BANNER

We have purchased two banners for the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. They will be used at our meetings and when we participate in book sales. Wait until you see them and they were incredibly cheap! I think they will give a professional look to our meetings and activities. We should have the banners in time for our October 28 "Historical Research Methodology" presentation with Curt Witcher at the UAC Discovery Theatre in Battle Creek.

### DONATION TO LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

The CCGS has donated two copies of our Clarence Township Cemeteries, Calhoun County, MI book to the Library of Michigan, 717 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI (517) 373-5400. A book plate identifying our organization will accompany the books in the Historical Center.



Nancy M. Hibiske  
CCGS President

	full name	BORN/AGE	Died	Memo
19	DAVIS, Simeon [I]			wife: Mary Jane; children: Gardner, Reuben, [Lemuel?] others unknown; resided in Palmer-Hampshire-MA
20	DAVIS, Simeon E	1822	1849 Sep	son/ Reuben Davis & Martha Green Holbrook; wed Margaret; children: George, 1845; Reuben, 1847; unknown, 1849, died/ from accidental gun shot wound
21	DAVIS, William	1830 Mar 20	1918 Sep 29	son/ Reuben Davis & Martha Holbrook, b/Franklin Co-NY, 1836 Sheridan-Calhoun-MI; wed Savira Elliott 1856 Jan 1; children: Edith Lamont, Kirkland, Elsie Wines, Clarence, Carrie Reed, Estie Pierce, Reuben N, William E; buried Riverside
22	DAVIS, William E	1877 Jun 20	1948	son/ Wm Davis & Savira Elliott; wife #1 Susie L Stokoe, #2 Martha L Gruesbeck, children: Kenneth I Davis, Thelma E Spencer; buried Riverside
23	Shipman, Jane nee Davis (Mrs J.D)	1826	1850	dau/ Reuben Davis & Martha Green Holbrook; wed 1846 Feb 3 Joseph Dodge Shipman; children: Elmira 1848-1851 Nov 18; Martha Francis 1847 Mar 3 - 1930 Apr 25; buried Riverside
24	ELLIOTT, Cynthia nee Barnett (Mrs Norman)			wed Norman Elliott; children: Savira Davis, Frank Elliott + 4 more
25	ELLIOTT, Norman	NY	1884	b/NY; resided in OH; 1850 Sheridan-Calhoun-MI, wed Cynthia Barnett
26	FOWLER, Nettie M	1y8m	1865 Oct 02	dau/ Wm & H.M Fowler; family lived east of the Davis Farm on 27 Mile Road; buried Riverside
27	LAMONT, Edith May nee Davis (Mrs Orin)	1858 Nov 27	1911	dau/ Wm Davis & Savira Elliott; wed Orin Lamont, no children; buried Riverside
28	PIERCE, Estie E nee Davis (Mrs Herbert F)	1869 Jul 19	1941	Resided/ Sheridan-Calhoun-MI; Children: Lawrence Pierce, Lillian Pierce, Myrtle I (Pierce) Phillips-Randall; buried Riverside
29	REED, Carrie Leona nee Davis (Mrs Lewis)	1867 May 04	1946	resided/ Sheridan-Calhoun-MI; Children: Alice L Reed, Gladys L Reed, Alton Reed, Asa W Reed; buried Riverside
30	Shipman, Joseph Dodge	1824	1901	husband/ Jane Davis; children: see list with wife Jane; buried Riverside
31	WINES, Elsie M nee Davis	1862 Sep 26	1906>	dau/ Wm Davis & Savira Elliott; wed Sidney J Wines, resided/ Coronado Beach-CA; son: Floyd D Wines & ?; buried Mt Hope Calif
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37				NOTE: Riverside burials @ Albion, MI; Davis burials on west side of the third tee at Tomac Golf Course, 26 1/2 Mile, Sheridan Twp, Calhoun Co. MI

7/25/97 DAVIS FAMILY CEMETERY, SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP, CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

	full name	BORN/AGE	Died	Memo
1	DAVIS, Adaline	1833 Jan 28	1888 Sep 12	dau/ Reuben Davis & Martha Holbrook; b/ Franklin Co, NY; buried Riverside
2	DAVIS, Clarence Defoe	1864 Dec 16	1940	son/ William Davis & Savira Elliott, wed Nora Rogers; children Fay, 1892; Roger, 1895; Donald, 1896; Leland 1898; & infant boy, 1900; buried Riverside
3	DAVIS, Eliza nee Peabody (Mrs Gardner)	ca 1826		wed Gardner Davis 1851, children: William, 1851; Mary, 1852; Lemuel, 1854; Gardner, 1857; buried Mt Hope, Calif
4	DAVIS, Gardner	1805	1860	1836 to Michigan; son/ Simeon & Martha; wife #1 Mary Reed, #2 Eliza Peabody (children listed under spouse); buried @ Davis?
5	Davis-Shipman, Jane (Mrs Joseph)	1826	1850 Sep 18	dau/ Reuben Davis & Martha Green Holbrook; wed 1846 Feb 3 Joseph Dodge Shipman; children: Elmira 1848-1851 Nov 18; Martha Francis House Hall: 1847 Mar 3 - 1930 Apr 25; buried Riverside
6	DAVIS, Jesse S	20y	1849 Feb 08	son/ Reuben Davis & Martha Holbrook, b/1832 in NY; buried Davis
7	DAVIS, John H	1825	1864	1850 census, brick maker; died in Civil War, son/ Reuben Davis & Martha Holbrook; wed 1847 July 14 Liza Ann Farley; children: Charlotte, Clancy
8	DAVIS, Kurtland D	1860 Nov 14	1925	son/ Wm Davis & Savira Elliott, wed Jessie Eycleshymer, resided/Vandalia, son: Leon Ward Davis wed Katharyn Ludlow; buried Riverside
9	DAVIS, Lemuel	1y 1m 13d	1855 Oct 04	son/ G. & E Davis [Gardner Davis & Eliza Peabody?] buried @ Davis Cem
10	DAVIS, Liza Ann nee Farley	1826		wed 1847 July 14 John H Davis; children: Charlotte, Clancy
11	DAVIS, Loyal	17y 7m	1850 Nov 09	son/ Reuben Davis & Martha Green Holbrook; buried Davis
12	DAVIS, Margaret nee (Mrs Simeon E)	ca 1824		wife/ Simeon E Davis; children: George, b/ca 1844; Reuben, b/ca 1846, and one other b/1849
13	DAVIS, Martha Green nee Holbrook (Mrs Reuben)	1794 Jul 20	1850 Sep 18	56y 2m, born Green Mts, VT, wed Reuben 1820 Aug 10; 1836 from N. Bangor-NY area to Calhoun Co-MI; see Reuben for list of children; @ Davis
14	DAVIS, Mary nee Peabody (Mrs Gardner)	42y	1851 Feb 16	1st wife/Gardner, son/ Simeon & Mary Jane Davis; 1836 family came to Sheridan-Calhoun-MI; children: Delia, 1838; Deborah, 1841; Charles, 1846 [& William? 1851]; buried Davis
15	DAVIS, Mary Jane (Mrs Simeon)	1824		wife/ Simeon; children: see Simeon for list of children; resided in Palmer-MA <1794>
16	DAVIS, Reuben	1794 Aug 28	1854 Apr 10	59y 8m; b/Palmer-Hampshire-Ma; 1812 War; wed Martha 1820 Aug 10, 1836 from N. Bangor-NY area to MI; children: Simeon, 1822, John H, 1825; Jane Shipman, 1826; William, 1830; Jesse, 1832; Adaline, 1833; Loyal, 1836
17	DAVIS, Reuben Norman	1875 May 11	1954 Sep 18	son/ William Davis and Savira Elliott; wed Mary Etta Allison, children: Everett Allison Davis, 1903-4; Olin Lavern Davis, 1904-1979; Gerald Harlow Davis, 1908-; buried Riverside
18	DAVIS, Savira nee Elliott (Mrs Wm)	1836 Sep 13	1913	dau/ Norman Elliott & Cynthia Barnett, b/OH, wed William Davis 1856 Jan 1; Children: Edith Lamont, Kirkland, Elsie Wines, Clarence, Carrie Reed, Estie Pierce, Reuben, William; buried Riverside

7/25/97 DAVIS FAMILY CEMETERY, SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP, CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

CIVIL WAR SOLDIER RECORDS - STATE OF MICHIGAN ARCHIVES

The State Archives of Michigan, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918, (517) 373-1408, has a collection of Civil War manuscripts. The State Archives has many military records that were generated by government agencies. In addition, the Archives has received from private sources a variety of personal papers by or relating to soldiers and veterans. These manuscripts include certificates, diaries, discharges, journals, letters, and miscellaneous documents. This article identifies materials in the possession of the State Archives regarding soldiers from Michigan units.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>SOLDIER'S NAME</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
1st A, Bat. F	91-482	Byron S. Paddock	Diary
1st A, Bat. I	69-39	Jonathon Miller	Letters
1st C, Co. D	76-134	Morris Dilts	Diary
1st C, Co. D	70-101	James W. Howd	Diary
1st C, Co. H	58-24	John B. Wolf	Disch.
2nd C, Co. D	67-111	John Vogel	Diary
3rd C, Co. B	69-110	William H. H. Cook	Letters
3rd C, Co. B	69-110	Phineas R. Freeman	Letters
3rd C, Co. B	69-39	Elias Fulmer	Letters
3rd C, Co. B	70-90	Charles A. Gunn	Diary
3rd C, Co. F	71-174	Stephens S. Delano	Diary
3rd C, Co. F	71-174	Charles H. Goodrich	Letters
3rd C, Co. F	70-57	James W. Hoffman	Diary
3rd C, Co. F	71-174	Theodore Reese	Letters
4th C, Co. B-E-H	89-535	Henry Albert Potter	Diary
4th C, Co. B-E-H	91-480	Henry Albert Potter	Letters
5th C, Co. C	69-39	Daniel Dillabough	Letters
5th C, Co. K	69-105	Darwin H. Babbitt	Diary
1st E, Co. I	88-86	John L. Rolison	Diary
1st E, F & S	63-53	James D. Elderkin	Cert.
1st E, Co. C	69-121	John Emory Crane	Letters
2nd E, Co. C	70-100	Cornelius Byington	Diary
2nd E, Co. E	70-102	Charles F. Smith	Diary
2nd E, Co. G	54-3	Andrew J. Weston	Ledger
2nd E, Co. K	69-121	Alphonso Crane	Letters
3rd E, Co. A	60-7	Charles D. Lyon	Papers
3rd E, Co. B	55-16	George Veddar	Cert.
3rd E, Co. G	9	Samuel Matthews	Letters
3rd E, Co. I	69-39	Frederick C. Miller	Cert.
3rd E, Co. K	60-7	Alfred Henry Slocum	Docs.
4th E, Co. C	56-22	Abram R. Wood	Ledger
5th E, F & S	62-27	Robert A. Everitt	Docs.
5th E, Co. C	7	Thomas Larabell	Letters
5th E, Co. D	88-51	Jeffery W. Perry	Diary
5th E, Co. K	69-117	Darwin H. Babbitt	Letters
6th E, F & S	70-114	Frederick A. Cutler	Letters
6th E, Co. E	88-87	William Hogue	Docs.
6th E, Co. F	69-124	Giles B. Allen	Letters
6th E, Co. H	56-6	Daniel Hulbert	Letters

CIVIL WAR MANUSCRIPTS, CONT.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>SOLDIER'S NAME</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
6th E, Co. I	71-142	Amos D. Avery	Disch.
7th E, Surgeon	22	Cyrus Bacon	Diary
8th E, Co. A	67-126	Edson Conrad	Letters
8th E, Co. B	69-39	Daniel Dillabaugh	Letters
8th E, Co. B	69-110	Daniel Dillabaugh	Letters
8th E, Co. B	58-24	Elbridge Franklin	Passes
8th E, Co. C	55-24	Solomon Kroll	Letters
8th E, Co. I	69-106	Hiram Spear	Disch.
9th E, Co. C	60-25	Delos H. Ennis	Disch.
9th E, Co. D	61-9	Jacob M. Houseman	Letters
10th E, Co. B	58-26	Benjamin B. Redfield	Papers
10th E, Co. C	58-26	Eslie R. Redfield	Papers
10th E, Co. H	68-22	Edwin F. Holmes	Diary
13th E, Co. B	68-60	DeWitt C. Kenyon	Docs.
13th E, Co. B	82-5	Lemuel Osborn	Letters
14th E, Co. D	85-54	Sylvanus Bachelder	Letters
14th E, Co. D	55-24	Francis Fuller	Letters
14th E, Co. F	63-54	Jacob Strickle	Cert.
14th E, Co. F	87-159	Nelson Ainslee	Letters
14th E, Co. I	58-3	Frank Button	Letters
14th E, Co. I	71-101	Walter Carr	Disch.
14th E, Co. K	60-25	Peter F. Garrison	Disch.
15th E, Co. G	68-144	Daniel S. Ingersoll	Disch.
16th E, F & S	62-27	Robert A. Everett	Docs.
16th E, Co. C	56-16	George Dallas Sidman	Cert.
16th E, Co. C	60-24	George Dallas Sidman	Papers
17th E, Co. B	69-39	George B Chamberlain	Pension
19th E, F & S	70-17	Henry C. Gilbert	Docs.
19th E, Co. F	69-39	F. E. Marsh	Parole
20th E, F & S	70-61	Clement A Lounsberry	Docs.
20th E, Co. A	55-7	William A. Barnard	Letters
20th E, Co. A	70-98	William A. Dewey	Diary
20th E, Co. A	55-24	Jerome Kroll	Letters
20th E, Co. D	61-25	George Bexton Arnold	Diaries
21st E, Co. A	61-9	George W. Houseman	Letters
21st E, Co. G	61-9	Arza Batholomew	Letters
22nd E, Co. F	11	William W. Collins	Disch.
23rd E, Co. G	58-20	Alonzo D. Hunt	Papers
24th E, Co. D	68-85	William J. Speed	Docs.
24th E, Co. I	61-21	George C. Gordon	Letters
25th E, Co. B	68-60	Charles W. Slayton	Docs.
26th E, Co. B	58-25	Lucius H. Ives	Comm.
26th E, Co. E	69-97	William H. Horton	Diary
27th E, Co. I	78-18	Abner B. Wood	Docs.
1st L, Co. C	69-39	Leonard H. Hunt	Disch.

### **HISTORY OF CLARENCE TOWNSHIP**

The name first given to the township was "Pinkney," and under that designation the first town-meeting was called in 1840. It is known that at the first town-meeting, held in 1836, in Sheridan, there were present four votes from this township, and, as they exercised their right of suffrage, this territory must then have formed a part of Sheridan.

A survey of the township results in the discovery of a region well supplied with water, and noted for its lakes, marshes, and healthful living springs. Of the lakes, Duck lake is the largest, and presents the observer with a view at once inviting and picturesque. This locality was a favorite resort of the Potawattomie tribe of Indians - a number of whom lingered here for years after the advent of the white settlers. An Indian village was situated near the southwest margin of the lake, upon land now owned by Jacob NICHOLS. Here they were encamped in 1845, when Mr. NICHOLS entered the land, and here they remained till removed by order of the government. The love even of a forest home was cherished by these disinherited people and stragglers, eluding the soldiers, returned to their old haunts, and remained in the lake vicinity during life.

In the spring of 1836, Benjamin P. GILLETT settled with his family on sections 23 and 24, in the southeast part of the township. During the same season C. W. CLAPP, Andrew BELL, and Archibald GREEN located in the vicinity of GILLETT. Cook TYLER, William B. NOBLE, John AUSTIN, and the DUERS, Frank and John, settled in the central and eastern portions during the year following; and in 1838 Y. M. HATCH located on section 30, in the southwest; John B. SNYDER, section 15, near the center; and D. Y. CARRIER on section 7, in the northwest. During the same season Samuel SELLERS, a blacksmith, moved in, as did also Judge HAMILTON, Norris BARNS, and Abram HADDEN. Theron HAMILTON is supposed to have settled in 1838. Of the pioneers, the only survivors are Mr. HATCH and Mr. CARRIER. In 1845, Jacob NICHOLS entered three forty-acre lots on section 20, where he still resides. A house built of hewn logs, sealed within Whitewood, is in good state of preservation at present. Mr. NICHOLS was the first settler at the head of Duck Lake, and for a year or two had none other than Indian neighbors along that lake margin.

The early settlers located as follows: Cook TYLER on section 22, upon land now owned by J. R. PALMER; Wright CLAPP on what is known as the BRADNER farm; and T. HAMILTON on section 15, on the present farm of J. M. GIFFORD. Section 14 was entered by Deacon Andrew BELL, who, having a large family, thought to give each child a farm.

On July 4, 1839, the citizens of Clarence held a grand picnic and celebration on the grounds at the head of Duck lake. The total assembly numbered fourteen persons. T. HAMILTON was orator of the day, and C. W. CLAPP read the Declaration of Independence. These men, descendants from Revolutionary sires, had commemorated this anniversary from boyhood, and on this occasion passed the day by the cool lake-side in pleasurable social intercourse. Few in numbers and far from the old homes, they revived in these new lands the customs of their forefathers with undiminished patriotism.



## EXPERT IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMS

### W.K. Kellogg Foundation Expert in Residence Program

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation Expert in Residence program is committed to meeting the special needs of local nonprofit agencies while building cooperation and promoting an exchange of ideas within the community. To participate in this program, the Calhoun County Genealogical Society is required to collaborate with other diverse organizations and groups within the community in planning and implementation. As the host organization, CCGS is required to design the program, maintain the lead in planning committee meetings and delegate responsibilities to each collaborating agency representative. Collaborating agencies include United Arts Council, Sojourner Truth 200th Anniversary Committee, Battle Creek area Chamber of Commerce, Willard Library and Burnham Brook Center.

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**"Researching Your Civil War Ancestor"** Sponsored by Willard Library.

7:00 pm, **Monday, October 27, 1997** at the Miller Stone Building (across from Willard Library in Battle Creek).

Learn the basics of military research and the general records available from the Civil War. Sample documents will be evaluated to help develop strategies to obtain the maximum genealogical data out of the records.

**"Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries"** Sponsored by Burnham Brook Center.

10:00 am, **Tuesday, October 28, 1997** at the Burnham Brook Center, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Battle Creek.

Become an effective researcher by understanding the types of libraries and their missions, organize your data effectively and efficiently, develop techniques for scouting out a library before you actually arrive and how to function well in a variety of research facilities.

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### QUERIES

Send your query to:

CCGS

P.O. Box 777

Marshall, MI 49068

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou>

All queries are published free of charge.

### SWEET - SADOW - LADOW

I am looking for the birth certificate of James L. SWEET who was born 28 September 1829 and the marriage certificate of James L. SWEET and Samantha LADOW (SADOW?) about 1860 or March 1861.

Jack Brooks  
3345 Evergreen Dr.  
Rosholt, WI 54473  
day (715) 341-5050  
after 5:00 pm (715) 677-3540

### PIERCE - WILSON

I am tracing William PIERCE to Vermont (born 31 March 1795 and died in Burlington MI 21 June 1851) back to Vermont. He married Harriet WILSON (born 31 August 1802 and died in Burlington 12 April 1866). Their children were Fanny, David Charlotte, Alton and Octavius. Also researching Luther WILSON of New York.

Alton Pierce Floyd  
2759 Sand Hollow Court  
Clearwater, FL 33761

### DOWNS - SPERBECK

Seeking info on Lloyd David DOWNS, b. April 1899 in Battle Creek, MI. Son of David Griffin and Carrie (SPERBECK) DOWNS. Siblings include Eda, Edna, Claude, Edith and Gladys. Lived in IA, MN, IL and MO early 1900's until about 1935 then in Battle Creek, MI area. Paperhanger by trade. Cousin of Clarence DOWNS of Battle Creek.

Barbara (Downs) Hanley  
2714 Belmont Canyon Road  
Belmont, CA 94002  
(415) 591-0419



### Third House of the Michigan State Legislature 1901

Calhoun County Genealogical Society member Susan King has a photo of the members of the Third House of the Michigan State Legislature from 1901. She wants to find a good home for this special piece of history and give it to someone who can prove ancestry to one of the members in the photo. The names of individuals in the photo are identified:

John F. Gilbert, President  
C. Busby, President Pro-Tem  
R. Jenkins, Secretary  
John Torris, Serg't At Arms

H. Steinhauer, Asst. Serg't At Arms  
C. Macklin, Bill Clerk  
R. Pearson, Journal Clerk

B. Brown  
J. Blumberg  
D. DeMay  
S. Cannon  
P. King  
J. Kirsten  
R. Oakes  
C. Norman  
D.B. Hinckley

H. Rutledge  
J. Rudnick  
E. Shishler  
W.L. Salte  
J. Sigel  
A. Town  
L. Wertheimer  
C. Wines  
L. Partlow

C. Byrnes  
H.L. Herschburg  
E. Cockrane  
H. Barter  
A. Kerr  
J. Lynn  
J. Newmark  
R. Murdoch

G. Rouse  
W. Reed  
H. Steele  
E. Stockdale  
E. Schremser  
A. Tietsart  
M. Yost  
J. Whitney

If you can prove ancestry to any of the above and are interested in giving this photo a good home please contact Susan King, Box 134, Concord, MI 49237.

## THE CENTRAL ARCHIVES OF POLONIA

The Orchard Lake Schools

3535 Indian Trail

Orchard Lake, MI 48324

(810) 683-0409

The Central Archives of Polonia at Orchard Lake Schools is an educational institution whose purpose is to safeguard written documents and other memorabilia which pertain to Polish culture. Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake, MI was founded in the late 19th Century and was originally known as the "Polish Seminary" because of the rising need for priests to care for Polish immigrants.

The Reverend Roman Nir, Ph.D., a native of Poland, is the Director of the Archives. He has written several books on the history of Polonica and is the editor of the *Jana Pawla II Biuletyn* which is published five times per year.

The Archives contains genealogical literature, heraldry books and geographical dictionaries of places throughout Poland. The collection contain memorabilia from Church organizations, Polish societies and schools and Polish literature printed outside of Poland. Although the Archives do not contain genealogical information on specific individual families, donations of completed research is encouraged.

Due to a lack of funds and staff, it is impossible for the personnel at the Archives to do any individual research. All information must be obtained at the Archives site. There are no fees for research, however the majority of materials are in the Polish language. It is suggested that you bring a Polish translator with you if you are not conversant in Polish. Please call ahead for an appointment before coming.

### " Immigrant Dreams: The Settlement of America"

The 1998 Federation Conference will be on 19 - 22 August 1998 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The program " Immigrant Dreams: The Settlement of America" is sponsored and cohosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Ohio Genealogical Society.

### How to Spot a Michigan Native

from the Huron Co. Genealogical Society "Thumbprints", Vol. 10, No. 10, Oct. 1996

You might be from Michigan ...

- if you think Alkaline batteries were named for a Tiger outfielder.
- if you know Mackinac rhymes with Mackinaw
- if your year has two seasons – winter and construction
- if you point at the palm of your right hand when explaining to people where you grew up
- if the Big Mac is something you drive across
- if you can identify an Ohio accent
- if you bake with "soda" and drink "pop"
- if you've ever experienced frostbite and sunburn in the same week

### Future Functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

The public is always welcome. For more info. call Sandy Redmond at 616-729-5258

October 27, 28, 29, 1997

Expert in Residence Curt Witcher (see front page for details of the meeting topics, locations, and times)

November 25, 1997

We are pleased to announce the return of Chris Czopek as our guest speaker on the topic "**Civil War Photography**". Mr. Czopek, a photographer and historian, is an active member of the Sons of Union Veterans.

December, 1997

No meeting - Happy Holidays!

January 27, 1998

"**If These Walls Could Talk**". Ever thought about what genealogical clues may be waiting behind your own front door? Nancy Hibiske and Sandy Redmond will discuss exploring the history of the family homestead as well as family artifacts to enrich your genealogy research.

All meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month, start at **7:00 p.m.** and will be held at the **VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI** unless otherwise specified.



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