

GENERATIONS

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"If These Walls Could Talk..."

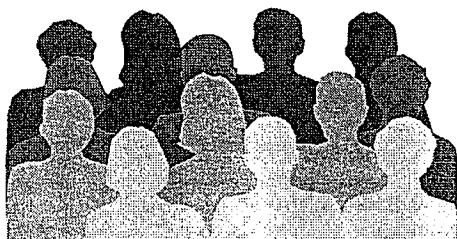
Tuesday, January 27, 1998

7:00 p.m.

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



Ever thought about what genealogical clues are waiting behind your own front door? Ever wonder what the materials used in your house signify or the historical importance of that plate your mother uses to serve pineapple upside-down cake? Sandy Redmond and Nancy Hibiske will reveal some places to look for family history in your home. By exploring the history of the family homestead as well as family artifacts, you can enrich your genealogical research. This program is free and the public is welcome.



"Genealogical Hints and Anecdotes" **Featuring Members and Guests of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society**

Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Come share your favorite genealogical idea or tell us the story of the "big one that got away". This is the meeting to network with other genealogists and history enthusiasts to share experiences and learn from others. Be prepared to participate in the discussion or sit back and listen to the rest of the group. There is something for everyone at this meeting. This program is free and open to the public.

1997 - 1998
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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

NEW!

Cemeteries of Eckford Twp., Calhoun County, MI \$8.00 (Available after January 15)

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., Calhoun Co., MI (35 pages, over 1,000 names) \$6.00

Every Name Index for Generations, the Newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, August 1988 - June 1995 (48 pages over 2,800 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., Calhoun Co., MI (14 pages) \$6.00

Marriage Records of Calhoun Co., MI 1836-1890 (248 pages) \$18.50

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

Transcriptions of the Gravestones in the Rice Creek Cemetery Lee Twp., Calhoun Co., MI (49 pages) \$6.00

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Calhoun County Genealogical Society
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Marshall, MI 49068

New Cemeteries of Eckford Township,
Calhoun County, MI Book!

Be sure to take a look at our new cemetery book Cemeteries of Eckford Twp., Calhoun County, MI at our January 27 meeting. Way to go Cemetery Committee!!

CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Special Big Issue of "Generations"

There was so much information to pass on to our members that your editors decided to publish an extra special December 1997/January 1998 edition of "Generations". This 24 page "Generations" is an unexpected bonus filled with facts, happenings and ideas for genealogists. We hope you enjoy this holiday special. This is the issue where we list the surnames being researched and who is researching that name thanks to Sandy Redmond.

Kellogg Expert In Residence Program

The Expert in Residence Program featuring Mr. Curt Witcher orchestrated by the Calhoun County Genealogical Society and sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation was a huge success! A big thanks to everyone who pitched in to help or just came to listen and learn. We had an average of 100 people to every public program. What is fun is the Kellogg Foundation had warned us about possible low attendance and they had to confess "what a sleeper!" when they saw the participation we had. Mr. Witcher was an excellent speaker, genealogists, historian and presenter. We would love to have him back again.

Cemetery Transcriptions

Once again our Cemetery Committee has come through for us. They are presenting the CCGS with Cemeteries of Eckford Township, Calhoun County, MI. This book will not be available for purchase until after January 15.

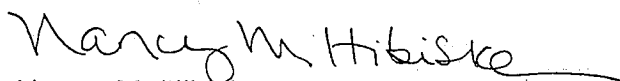
The 1877 History of Calhoun County

Once again Sandy Redmond is on the move. She has organized the reprinting of the 1877 History of Calhoun County Michigan for the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. This hard to find piece of history is a treasury of genealogical information. The reprint can now be purchased from the CCGS at a very reasonable and affordable price. Please read about it in this newsletter (check out the lilac colored page!) and respond quickly with your order. You will not want to miss out on the special Pre-Publication price of \$42.50.

Fort Custer Cemetery

A new member, Steve Healy, is interested in transcribing and compiling the names of people buried in the Fort Custer Cemetery. Steve is interested in this cemetery because of the military connection. Understanding that Fort Custer is in Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties, he has approached the sexton's office and is in the process of researching the availability of the records.

If you have a genealogical project in mind bring it to the attention of one of the CCGS officers. We would love to support projects that keep with our four specific goal statements. This is the year to get involved. If you don't, who will? Have a happy new year!


Nancy M. Hibiske
President, CCGS

History of Clarendon Township

The following is a continuation of excerpts from the History of Calhoun County, published by L. H. Everts, 1877. Traditionally these have been one page summaries, but the rich information and number of early pioneers mentioned warrants a two page summary for this township.

Clarendon Township was originally organized as a part of the township of Homer. In 1838 it was organized as a separate township. The name was probably given to it owing to the fact that many of its settlers were from the town of Clarendon, Orleans County, New York. The township contains a large body of heavy timber, and was originally covered with a thick forest, except on the plain in the northeast part known as COOK'S prairie, and few other localities.

The first settler who located in the township was Anthony DOOLITTLE, who came in May, 1832, in company with Deacon Henry COOK. The latter located in what is now Eckford township. Mr. DOOLITTLE located on section 1 on "Cook's Prairie," as it was afterwards called, a name it has ever since retained. He came with Mr. COOK from Washtenaw County, where they had stopped the previous winter. Mr. COOK was from Cayuga County, New York, and Mr. DOOLITTLE was also from that state.

The farm now owned by Hon. William COOK was originally located by John KENNEDY, an unmarried man, who came about the same time COOK and DOOLITTLE arrived. Mr. COOK has lived upon it since 1840. He came to the county with his father, Henry COOK, in 1832. The next person who ventured to locate on the then frontier, and build for himself a home in the wilderness, was David L. HUTCHISON, who came from the town of Sullivan, Madison County, New York, in the month of October, 1832. In April 1838, Mr. Hutchinson was married to Huldah Maria BENNETT, this being one of the first marriages in the township. Miss Bennett's parents lived in Kalamazoo County, whither they had emigrated from Wayne County, New York.

Anthony ROGERS came from Washington County, New York, and in the fall of 1832 purchased two eighty-acre lots on section 2, on one of which his son Alonzo H. ROGERS, is now living. Alonzo H. ROGERS, originally from Washington County, came out in 1833, the year after his father located. They arrived on the 6th day of May, 1833. AHR's second child, Albert N. ROGERS, was born on November 9, 1838, and a daughter, Mary Louisa ROGERS, January 4, 1843.

Loren KEEP and Erastus B. ENOS came out in 1832, arriving in Clarendon July 15, 1832. Mr. KEEP was from Homer, Cortland County, New York, and Mr. ENOS from Spafford, Onondaga County. Mr. KEEP located on section 18 and section 7, and Mr. Enos on sections 18 and 17. After locating their land they went home, and on the 8th of June, 1833, came back to their claims, and erected small shanties. In 1843 Mr. KEEP built the frame house in which he is now living. Mr. KEEP's wife and children are buried in the cemetery just east of his residence.

Early in the spring of 1833, Oliver LYNCH located on Cook's prairie and built a shanty, and either this year or the next, John KEITH also settled in the township, somewhere near the site of the old sawmill now standing on the farm of Aaron B. BARTLETT.

John BLAKE was born in the State of Maine, and from there went to New York. In the fall of the year 1833, he came from Clarkson, Monroe County, New York, where he was then living, and located four miles east of the then village of Marshall, Marengo township. He stayed in Marengo one year, and then came to the farm on which he now resides, in Clarendon, on section 10. His brother-in-law, William R. HOWE, came with him. Mr. BLAKE is the oldest now living in the township, being eighty-five years of age. He was out with the militia about two weeks during the war of 1812, and participated in the battle of Black Rock. He is the father of eleven children.

Timothy HAMLIN came in late in 1832 or early in 1833, and located on Cook's prairie. He married Eliza, a daughter of Anthony DOOLITTLE, theirs being the first marriage in the township. [Footnote: One authority states that this marriage was in 1834, and another that it occurred in 1837. The latter date is probably correct.] In the spring of 1833, Calvin ROGERS came from Orleans County, New York, with his wife and five children, and his father Anthony ROGERS.

In the spring of 1834, Cyrus HEATH came from Madison County, New York. Locating his land he went back to New York for his family, and on the last day of September, 1835, arrived on the place the second time. The family then consisted of himself and wife and one son, Cyrus V. HEATH, then only a year and a half old. During that fall he built a log house on the place, his family stopping in the house of David L. HUTCHINSON until he could get his own cabin

Clarendon Township History, cont.

ready for occupancy. They moved into it in January, 1836, and lived in it until the next October, when Mr. HEATH sold his place to Elijah ANDRUS and Cornelius PUTNAM, and removed to the farm upon which he now lives, on section 2.

About 1834, Aseryl FLINT came from Somerset, Windham County, Vermont, with his wife and two children Jane and Samuel A., and located on a farm on Cook's prairie, in Eckford Township. In 1854, Samuel A. FLINT purchased the farm upon which he now resides, on section 8. In November of the same year he married Miss Laura D. COOPER, whose father, William COOPER, settled the place in 1836.

John BALLENTINE, now living on the old "Territorial Road" on section 11, came from Onondaga County, New York, and on the 25th day of January arrived at the village of Homer, then very diminutive in size. Mr. BALLENTINE was married April 24, 1838, to Axy Ann BURNS, at Homer, by Rev. Benjamin SABIN, a Methodist minister, then living in the village. Mr. BALLENTINE lived in Homer about twenty years, and then removed to the fine farm in Clarendon upon which he now resides.

Samuel BLAIR came in the fall of 1835, from Orleans County, New York with his daughter and his wife, and her three children - two sons and one daughter. In 1835, J. W. VANDEBURG came from Clyde, Wayne County, New York, and bought 160 acres on section 8. In the fall of 1838 he came back, and between that time and the next spring made numerous improvements and then went back after his family. In the fall of the same year (1839) he returned with his wife and one child, a daughter. A son was born some time afterwards, and is now living near Rochester, Minnesota. The daughter was married to Simon SWARTWOUT, of Eckford township, and is since deceased.

Ozro J. GORDON came from Murray, Orleans County, New York, in September, 1835. His father, John J. GORDON, had come west in April of the same year, and located in Franklin, Lenawee County, where he lived ten or twelve years, and removed to Clarendon, Calhoun County. In 1836, Elijah ANDRUS came from Clarendon, Orleans County, New York, with his wife and two sons, and settled on the farm where he now resides, on section 2. He was the first settler on the place. His son, Albert, was born on the place in 1839.

Jonathan, Samuel and Gilbert BUDD came to the township about 1836. Jonathan died in 1839. David CUMMING came from Delaware County, New York, in 1836, and settled in Clarendon, where he has resided most of the time since. He brought his family with him, then consisting of his wife and seven children - three sons and four daughters. John S. KNAPP settled early on section 10, probably 1835-36, and is still living on the place. He was a carpenter by trade, and worked most of his time in Marshall. He had a log house on his claim, and made other early improvements. Samuel KNAPP came from the town of Parma, Monroe County, New York, in 1837, and brought his son Jonas with him, on a land-hunting tour. Mr. KNAPP came back with his family - eight children, five sons, and three daughters and a girl who was living with them - in June 1837. His wife died before he left New York, and he never married again.

Newman ENOS came in 1835, and located land on section 20, where he still resides, his farm being one of the finest in the neighborhood. He was married in 1837, and has passed forty years of his life in a state of "double-blessedness." Lewis BENHAM, since removed to Albion, located land in 1835, and settled in the township with his family in 1837. Peter BLASHFIELD came in 1835, and Iddo BLASHFIELD in the fall of 1836. The latter had five sons living in the township. Ira BURLEY came to the township in 1836, but afterwards removed to Tekonsha. Benjamin DOOLITTLE came from Delaware County, New York, in 1837 [footnote: possibly in 1836], with his wife and six children, and settled in September of that year on the farm now owned by his son, Augustus DOOLITTLE. They came by team to Buffalo, thence by boat to Detroit, and thence by team again to their wilderness home.

John MAIN came from Bergen, Genesee County, New York, and located land in Clarendon in 1835, including the northwest quarter of section 29. Mr. MAIN taught school during the winter of 1837-38. William DOOLITTLE, a brother of Benjamin DOOLITTLE, came about a year after his brother had settled. James HUMESTON came from Clyde, Wayne County, New York, and located on section 19 in 1838. His brother Artemus HUMESTON had been to the township and located land in the same section in 1834, and afterwards settled upon it. Eber W. SHEPARD, living at Clarendon Centre, is also numbered among the early settlers of the township, having resided in it nearly forty years. John HARMON, now living in the village of Homer, was among the early comers to Clarendon, though not one of the first. He was born in Ontario County, New York and lived in both Wayne and Seneca counties, most of the time in Wayne, in the town of Lyons. In 1843 he came to Michigan and settled on the farm he now owns, on section 27.

QUERIES

Send your query to:

CCGS

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Marshall, MI 49068

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

All queries are published free of charge

CLARK / MASON

I am searching for the date and place of death of Orange Scott (O.S.) CLARK born 12-1848 in New York. He was a long time Battle Creek resident, attorney and prosecutor for Calhoun County in the 1890's. His name was present in the Battle Creek city directories until 1935. His death was not recorded in Calhoun County between the years 1935 to 1937. The 1900 U.S. Census Soundex lists his second wife Edith E., born 8-1860; Olive MASON, step daughter born 7-1876; Orris MASON, step son born 11-1883; Frank CLARK, son born 2-1884; Leah S. MASON, step son born 11-1886 and Paul CLARK, adopted son born 4-1898. Any information on the whereabouts of these family members around 1935 and after would be appreciated.

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SHAFF / HOLCOMB

I am looking for information on the SHAFF family. I have a Philo M. SHAFF 1828 New York - 02 October 1902 Bedford, Calhoun Co. MI. He first married Lucy who died 26 March 1894 then Thankful HOLCOMB on 05 April 1898. Thankful was born in 1829 in Ohio and died 01 July 1917 in Bedford, Calhoun Co., MI. Philo and Lucy had at least two children: Orlando, born 11 September 1858 and George W., born 26 March 1861. Can anyone help?

David Shaff
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DOLAN / McHUGH

My great grandfather, Owen DOLAN lived in Marshall, MI. He was married to Ellen McHUGH. He and his wife were born in Ireland, but moved to Marshall, MI where they lived the rest of their lives and are buried in a cemetery there. My grandfather was one of their large family and was born there in 1859. His name was James Nicholas DOLAN. He later moved to the Chicago, IL area and died there. My father was James Eugene DOLAN.

I am planning a trip to Ireland in the near future and am trying to find out where in Ireland they came from and any other information. Could someone tell me the name of the Roman Catholic Church that was there at the time and also the address of the rectory. I know they are buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Marshall, MI. Could that be the name of the church? Is there any other place you might suggest to find out any more information on the family. We have the death certificates. I thought there might be baptismal records available at the church or registration forms. What about funeral homes in the area? Also - does anyone have any idea what port the Irish might have come in that resided in Marshall at that time?

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BROOKS / LUCE

I am researching my family surname BROOKS. William Esseltyn BROOKS married Lucinda LUCE and was buried in Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall, MI in 1914. However, I am not able to obtain any information on this cemetery, ie address or phone number. I believe that one of their sons, Nelson A. BROOKS and his wife Maria were buried there as well. One other person whom I have a problem with getting information on is Major Grafton LUCE who was buried in Marshall, MI in 1840. Can anyone shed any light on these family members? I would appreciate any assistance.

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QUERIES

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DELL / McCAMLY / STEWART / HYATT / LISK

Marlene Steele from Willard Library very patiently helped me research the DELL family a year ago. One of the DELL family married Eugene STEWART of the Stewart Laundry. Eugene was the grandson of Sands McCAMLY. There was very little on the STEWART and DELL families except news clips. I found the history of the DELL family back to England in the 1600's. I have found a bunch of pictures a 97-year old DELL descendant had in Longmont. The pictures show the Stewart Laundry, the STEWART house (no longer there) on Garrison. There were pictures of the HYATT and other STEWART/DELL relatives. The pictures cleared up several mysteries such as the Battle Creek directory of about 1902 showed Agnes DELL "removed to Howard City". There was a picture of a LISK after his first wife (Mary Elizabeth DELL) died. I am still researching the DELL family in Colorado and Kansas. Until I get a complete outline I would appreciate any help in research. I would also like to know the name of the person who researched the STEWARTS and was last known to be in Chicago.

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LARKIN / McHUGH

Just started to do family roots again and was starting to look for info on my family names LARKIN and McHUGH from Marshall, MI. I live in Suburban Chicago and hope to make visits in 1998. Any advise you may have to gather info effectively would be appreciated.

Bob
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KIPP / KIP / KYPE / WASHBURN / CASSELMAN

If anyone is researching KIPP, KIP, KYPE or WASHBURN family lines I would be interested in corresponding with them. My ancestor Isaac KIPP is buried at Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall, MI. I have not located his wife Mary (WASHBURN) KIPP's burial site. I am a founding member of the Society of Descendants of Reuben and Anna (CASSELMAN) KIP. Anyone interested in subscribing to our SDRK Newsletter may write me for an application.

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Aurora, CO 80017

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DUBOIS

Calling all Genealogists! A gentleman from Battle Creek, MI area, David McKeen, is working with city officials to clean up and repair the DUBOIS Cemetery located in Battle Creek on Beckley Road (near Capital SW, by the water tower). The Dubois Cemetery is in a state of disrepair. Tombstones are broken, scattered and hidden under overgrown lilac bushes. The Calhoun County Genealogical Society has been asked to help research the DUBOIS family in conjunction with the cemetery renovations. Peter DUBOIS and his wife Sally are buried in the cemetery just inside the entrance. They were farmers who gave the cemetery land to the city of Battle Creek. Peter was a captain in the Revolutionary War. Is anyone else researching this family? CCGS members will be compiling a family history so please contact us with any information you may have.

Dubois Cemetery Project
c/o CCGS
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Marshall, MI 49068
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Homer Historical Society's Blair Farm

We have received a letter from Mary L. Crandall who has been organizing, recording and filing materials at the Homer Historical Society's Blair Farm. She has generously provided us with the following list of names and surnames of people, business, schools, etc. of which they have photos or obituaries. She says there are many old pictures, obituaries and paper goods. The Homer Historical Society is a small society and does not have regular hours of operation. Mary has offered to be available to anyone interested as she lives a short distance from the Blair Farm. The Homer Historical Society is anxious to have genealogists and researchers use this material or they are available to answer questions on Homer area people, businesses, etc. Anyone interested in looking at and/or copying any of these materials please contact Mary Crandall at (517) 568-4613 or 25899 J Drive S, Homer, MI 49245.

PHOTOS (Surnames)

Bailey	Dorris	King	Rowland
Beerman	Eslow	Klingaman	Schaberg
Bennett	Foland	Lawrence	Sharp
Blashfield	French	Lindsey	Squier
Blodgett	Gillespie	Marsh	Taylor
Bond	Glass	Mansfield	Turrell
Brewer	Gleason	Miller	Waite
Butler	Granger	Monks	Warren
Butters	Hackett	McAllister	Warson
Carpenter	Hawkins	Newton	Whitcomb
Champion	Haven	Nowlin	Williams
Chapin	Hepler	Owen	Wilson
Cleveland	Hess	Palmeter	Winn
Cook	Hill	Peters	Woolley
Crawford	Houchen	Potter	Wyant
Dawson	Illman	Redfield	Yost
Dolan	Juckett	Rice	
Dolph	Keifer	Roan	

PHOTOS (Homer Businesses)

Bank	Linn clothing Store (4)
Denning Sale	Main street
Depot	Post Office (4)
Electric Oil Stove Factory	Seymores Shoe Store (4)
Exchange Hoter (Homer) (4)	Seeder and Chair Hammond Factory
Feighner Shoe Store (2)	Water Tower
Fire Engine	Dorris Lumberyard

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Homer Historical Society's Blair Farm (continued)

PHOTOS (Homes)

Milton Barney
Cook
Marsh
Dr. Lane (summer and winter)
French
Budou (?)
Ogdon
Charles Zuck, Sr. farm

PHOTOS (Churches)

Methodist
East Eckford (Homer area)

PHOTOS (Homer area schools)

Bouton
Fisher (?)
Gilbert
Herricksville
Knickerbocker

PHOTOS (Homer School)

Homer Academy
Misc. group class pictures
1967 football players
School fires

PHOTOS (Homer misc.)

Local sawmill (?)
Group picture (picnic)
page from Calhoun County Atlas

PHOTOS (Clarendon)

Clarendon Aid Society
Stupey Farm
Ballentine Bros. Ginseng Farm
Willing Workers (group photo)

PHOTOS (Places)

Homer Dam

OBITUARIES

Allen, Allie
Allen, Ina
Alton, Ora
Anson, Horace
Bacon, Clyde
Bacon, George
Bacon, Mary
Bacon, Ruth
Bacon, Wm.
Ball, Charles
Ball, Fidelia
Barnes, B.B. (Mr.)
Bartley, Ann
Beedon, Charles
Blair, Albert
Blair, Bessie
Blair, Betsey
Blair, Mrs. Edwin
Brainard, Mrs. Orrie
Brown, Mrs. Charles
Brown, Mrs. Wesley
Brundage, Stephen

Cabbage, Leory
Carr, Lydia
Carr, Patrick
Chapman, Julia
Chase, Orena
Clark, Irene
Clark, Maria
Clarke, Edward, Jr.
Collyer, Paul
Cook, Lizzie
Cunningham, Alexander
Cunningham, Mary
Davis, Homer
Dunkley, Kathryn
Dunkley, Frederick
DeBow, James
Degraff, Mrs. John
Degraff, John
Emery, Peter
Eslow, Israel
Eslow, Thomas
Fancher, Bela (Rev.)
Fisher, Frank

Fisher, Millie
Flint, Jennie
Flint, Laura
French Anna
Gary, Albert
Gary, Albert (Mrs.)
Gary, Alice
Gary, Frank
Gary, Justin
Gary, Lulu
Gay, Dallas
Geary, George
Gibbs, Philo
Gibbs, Volney
Gibson, Mrs. Wm.
Goodrich, Benjamin
Gridley, Abram (Mrs.)
Hackett, Leslie
Harmon, W.L. (Mrs.)
Hartung, Wiloughby
Hayden, Wm.
Hayes, Mrs. Arthur
Haynes, George

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Homer Historical Society's Blair Farm (continued)

Obituaries (continued)

Heath, Edward	Lewis, Mary	Scherer, Leslie
Henderson, Edward	Linton, Leo	Scofield, Mary
Henderson, Mrs. Edward	Lyon, Thomas	Shape, Mrs. Carrie
Hess, Frank	Marsh, George	Shear, Syrenus
Hess, May	Marsh, Mrs. George	Smith, Emeline
Hicks, Morris	McAllister, Louisa	Smith, Maude
Hollister, Ida	McCartney, Mrs. G.A.	Smith, Myrtie
Holmes, Dr. H.I.	McClelland, John	Snyder, Mrs. Otis
Houchen, Harold	McKenna, Agnes	Swartout, Allie
Houchen, Helen	Nelson, John	Thayer, Tuna
Janes, Edward	Nichols, Howard	Thomas, Emmett
Janes, Jane	Parmeter, Sarah	Thompson, Dr. Joseph
Janes, Mary	Petterson, Louis	Troop, Elsie
Janney, Ralph	Potter, Allery	Wait, Harlow
Jones, Earl D.D.S.	Powell, Edna	Waite, Sarah
Juckett, Harvey	Redfield, Alice	Walker, Mary
Kell, Nellie	Redfield, Baltimore	Warner, Isaiah
King, Alice	Redfield, Chandler	Waterman, C.J.
King, May	Redfield, Cornelia	Waterman, Jennie
Krick, Solomon	Redfield, Frances	Watts, James
Lacy, Hannah	Rhodes, Sarah	Welch, Parmella
Laker, Albert	Rhymes, Anna	Wetherbee, Benjamin
Laker, Amy	Richardson, Charles	Willard, Frances
Laker, Wm.	Riggs, Florence	Williams, Duane
Laker, Mrs. Wm.	Riggs, Sophronia	Williams, Edwin
Larrabee, Wm.	Ringle, Myrtie	Wilson, Eliza
Lawrence, Charles	Roberts, Edmund	Young, Belle
Leach, Ellbu	Rossmann, Mrs. Don	
LeBlanc, Robert	Rowley, Marvin	

1998 Calendar of Events

- January 19 Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society meeting. "Genealogical Research in New York" featuring Mary Grindol. Portage Senior Center. 7 p.m.
- January 23-24 GENTECH98, Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, IN
- April 4 Indiana Genealogical Society's "Back Home Again in Indiana" annual meeting and workshop. Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN. Info: IGS, P.O. Box 10507, Fort Wayne, IN. 46852
- April 5 Genealogy and History Book Fair, New Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, Hall B. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission
- May 9 Eaton County Genealogical Society 1998 Workshop. Sheraton Hotel, Lansing, MI. Info: ECGS, P.O. Box, Charlotte, MI. (517) 543-8792. \$30.

Christmas Memories

Sandy Redmond

I asked my mother, Catherine Reed Shirley, to gather together if she would, some old family recipes and memories of her childhood Christmases. An only child, Mom was born in Cedar Springs, Michigan in 1923 to a Chicago born and raised German mother, May Alice Schmidt, and a farm boy of primarily English stock from Ashtabula County Ohio, Howard Eugene Reed. Mom kept saying how she really didn't have that much to tell me, they were so very poor, and Christmas in their household was so meager.

Christmas trees in the Reed household were chopped by my Grandfather from whatever variety of evergreen was found growing around the farm. Unlike nowadays when trees frequently go up shortly after Thanksgiving, the tree of my mother's youth was erected on Christmas Eve day. Electricity for Christmas tree lights was of course unheard of in rural Kent County in the early 1920's. The family moved to Lawton when my mother was around 5, and she remembers a house they lived in when she was a young teenager that had the next best thing to electricity - a Delco plant. A contraption consisting of a series of batteries that sat on a ledge in the cellar, it provided the first current of energy to their home. Of course they still couldn't afford the extravagance of electric lights for the tree. Decorations for their tree were modest, and the trees were small because the decorations were few. Strings of paper chains or popcorn were lovingly constructed. "We never made strings of cranberries. We were so poor if something was edible we ate it, it didn't go on a tree!" The popcorn was an exception, however, since it was raised on their farm. One year there was no evergreen tree available, so they put up a dead tree branch and made it as beautiful as if it were a fancy blue spruce.

On Christmas Eve, the family would go to the evening church service at the Porter Methodist Church. My grandfather was a delivery man for Gold Medal Dairy in Lawton, which was owned by the Snyder family. On Christmas Eve, my mother and her parents would pile into the Ford panel dairy truck and head for church. If the snow was too deep, driving the truck on the unplowed roads was impossible. In that event, Grandpa would just hook up the horse to the sleigh and away they would go.

Christmas day was spent quietly at home. My grandfather's parents, Rose Ella Heath, nicknamed Bobby, and Leonard Wells Reed, nicknamed Poppy, would join them for dinner. Grandma Bobby would always bring her mince meat pie, which she made from beef heart. The main course was typically chicken or roast beef, home-raised of course. Mom recalls one year Grandma fussing over preparing a goose. Apparently not the most willing of poultry to give up their feathers, Grandma spent that particular Christmas getting *her* feathers ruffled while the goose was determined to keep his. Vegetables were plentiful on their Christmas table. Grandpa would prepare a "root cellar" every fall. Digging a trench alongside the house, they would lay in root crops such as carrots, potatoes and rutabagas. The vegetables would be covered with a layer of soil, then topped with lots of straw to keep the ground from freezing and allow access to the food throughout the winter. Grandma also did a lot of canning.

The day's entertainment was in the form of my Grandmother's talent on the piano, Poppy playing a violin that he had made, and my mother's sweet little girl's voice singing harmony. Sometimes neighbors were invited over and after the music my Grandmother would entertain "with one of her crazy acts." She was an early Lucille Ball-type, and with her silly facial contortions and one-liners would certainly have given Lucy a run for her money had the two ever met!

Presents were mostly gifts of the heart. Mom's Christmas stocking would find fruit and other small trinkets. Her gift to her parents would be something made in Sunday School. When Mom was about 7, Aunt Ruby (my Grandfather's younger sister) sent her a doll from Chicago. My grandfather jostled the package while helping Mom open it and the doll squeaked out "Mama". Mom still remembers clasping her hands to her chest in amazement that there was such a thing as a doll that could talk! Another year she received paper dolls for Christmas that she kept all to herself lest they get torn.

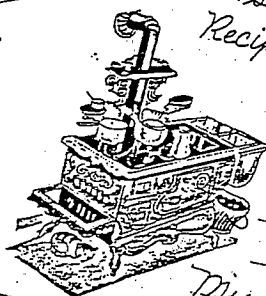
Watching my mother's face as she recalled these things I understood how very wealthy they truly were. Her parents absolutely adored each other, and showered their only child with love. Growing up a child of the Depression, her family was painfully lacking in material goods, but overflowing with the things that are truly important. May your Holiday season be filled with as many riches.

Pumpkin Bread

$2\frac{2}{3}$ c sugar
 4 eggs, beaten
 $\frac{1}{3}$ c short (lard or oil)
 2 c pumpkin
 $\frac{2}{3}$ c water
 $\frac{2}{3}$ c raisins w/ ch. dates
 $3\frac{1}{3}$ c flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tea. baking powder
 2 tea soda
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ tea salt
 1 tea cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tea cloves
 $\frac{2}{3}$ c nutmeats

Cream short. + sugar good. add
 eggs, pump. + water + that good.
 Sift together remaining ingredients
 add to pumpkin mixture. Stir in
 nuts + raisins w/ dates. Bake in 350°
 oven for 1 hr. Makes 2 loaves

White Window Shades
 Try cleaning white window shades
 with finely powdered bath brick. Ap-
 ply with a dry, clean nail brush.
 Brush the soiled spots briskly until
 the stains disappear.



as cooking 'Melasses Cookies' Serves
 Recipe from the Kitchen of Mary Reed

$\frac{3}{4}$ c shortening - melt + cool
 add to batch
 1 c brown sugar
 1 egg
 1 c. melasses

Mix dry ingredients - add to above
 2 c. flour, 2 t. soda, 1 t. cloves, 1 t. ginger,
 1 t. cinnamon, 1 t. salt. Mix well + chill.
 Make into 1 in. balls - roll in sugar. Bake on
 greased tin in oven 375° 8-10 mins.

Sugar Cookies
 2 c. sugar white } mix + 2 eggs
 1 c. shortening
 1 c. buttermilk
 1 t. salt
 1 t. nutmeg
 2 t. soda
 2 t. bk. pd.
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ c flour as enough to handle -
 dough is very soft
 300° 8-10 min. green flour tins

Household Scrapbook

Room Fragrance

Try burning an orange peel on a
 shovel or tin pan, and see how it
 sweetens the atmosphere of the room,
 and the pleasant fragrance it pro-
 duces.

Pastry Dough

Add a few drops of lemon juice to
 the pastry dough and it will make it
 more digestible.

An Emergency Candle

In an emergency a candle can be
 made by heating a cake of paraffin
 until it is pliable, and then wrapping
 it around a piece of heavy cord.

Chamois

A chamois cloth should be washed
 in soapy water and pressed carefully
 on a flat surface to dry after using.
 This will keep the skin soft and
 pliable.

Care of Tea Kettle

The tea kettle is often neglected,
 though it should receive as much
 care as any other utensil. Empty the
 leftover water after each meal. Then
 before refilling it, rinse it with clear,
 cold water. This will take but a
 few moments and will help prevent
 sediment from forming.

Cooking Vegetables

Use as little water as possible to
 prevent burning when cooking vege-
 tables. Do not overcook them, and
 serve as soon as they are done.

Washing Cretonnes

After cretonnes are washed, rinse
 them in water in which rice has been
 boiled, and they will retain their
 original stiffness.

Bristles

If the bristles of the brush are not
 stiff enough, dip in a strong solution
 of alum, saturating thoroughly.

Sanitation

Don't sweep the kitchen floor while
 there is any uncovered food on the
 table.

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HELP!!!

The board of the CCGS has found itself in a unique situation! Growth is great, and all of our new undertakings are wonderful for the society - the word about our organization is out there - new members continue to join us - more cemeteries are transcribed - but, more officers are getting exhausted! **A NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON IS DESPERATELY NEEDED.** I find myself with too many irons in the fire, and need someone to step up to the plate ASAP to take over the duties (which really are not that bad!) of the Membership Chair. Please call Sandy at 616-729-5258 evenings to find out what is involved. THANKS!

New On The Bookshelf!

Some new materials in the Local History at **Willard Library** in Battle Creek:

The Yankee West, Life on the Michigan Frontier, by Susan E. Gray

Empire Builders: How Michigan Entrepreneurs Helped Make America Great, by Burton W. Folsom, Jr.

Ancestors, A Family History, by William Maxwell, Vintage Books, NY, 1995,

Family Pride, The Complete Guide to Tracing African American Genealogy, by Donna Beasley, MacMillan, NY, 1997

And, donated by Sandy Redmond in memory of her Kent County ancestor Andrew J. Heath:

1870 Census Index to the Townships of Kent Co., MI; compiled by Evelyn M. Sawyer

Cemetery Records for Nelson and Spencer Townships, Kent Co., MI; compiled by Evelyn M. Sawyer

Solon Township Cemetery and Death Records, 1900-1952, Kent Co., MI; compiled by Evelyn M. Sawyer

Michael Martich, Battle Creek Historian, would like some information on an organization called "Woodmen of the World." If you know about this group, probably a fraternal organization, please give him a call at 616-964-4904.

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Grave mystery

Tombstone found in yard starts couple's research

By Pat Rombyer

Staff Writer

Who is Lydia M. Deyoe?

Donna Tilford of Springport wants to know. Lydia M. Deyoe, the wife of J.E. Deyoe, she died April 17, 1878, at the age of 32 years, two months and 20 days.

After finding the tombstone, the couple decided to investigate another stone block in the ground a few feet away. That appears to be a family headstone. It has the name Deyoe on it.

Two more stone tablets are wedged under a corner of the house and can't be removed. It is unclear if the house was built on top of them or if they were used to shore up the foundation. Though no names are visible, they appear to be made of the same type of stone.

Since the discovery of the tombstone, Donna Tilford is researching all she can on the Deyoe family. She's waiting the arrival of Lydia Deyoe's death certificate from

has "Thy will be done" etched on the top. According to the tombstone, Lydia Deyoe was the wife of J.E. Deyoe. She died April 17, 1878, at the age of 32 years, two months and 20 days.

Today, she hopes to do some research at the Jackson County Register of Deeds to see if the Tilfords' property was once owned by the Deyoes.

So far, she has only found the name mentioned once in a local history book. It says Seger Inman killed the first bear in Springport Township "near the Deyoe place" in the fall of 1836.

Meanwhile, the Tilfords don't know if they are living on top of a family burial plot or if the tombstones were taken from a cemetery years ago and left there.

Donna Tilford can't help but shudder thinking about the possibility of Lydia Deyoe's body residing outside her back door, but she's keeping her sense of humor.

"Last night I said, 'Come on. It's time for you and me and Lydia to go to bed,'" she said.

Name of Compiler Ruth A. French

FOUR GENERATION ANCESTOR CHART

Address 62171 Hwy. M-40Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.Chart No. 1City, State Jones MI 49061

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8 Joseph Luther FRENCHb. Aug. 1832 (Father of No. 4.
Cont. on chart No. 1)

p.b.

m. 29 May 1852

p.m. Seabrook, Rockingham Co., NH

d. 27 Jun. 1906

p.d. Baltimore Twp., Barry Co., MI

4 Alex FRENCH

b. 12 Dec. 1860/61 (Father of No. 2)

p.b. Seabrook, Rockingham Co., NH

m. 17 Sep. 1880

p.m. Baltimore Twp., Barry Co., MI

d. 20 Jul. 1935

p.d. Richland, Kalamazoo Co., MI

9 Betsy/Betsey BOYDb. 10 Nov. 1837 (Mother of No. 4.
Cont. on chart No. 3)

p.b.

d. 30 Jan. 1920

p.d. Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

2 Bert FRENCH

b. 13 Aug. 1892 (Father of No. 1)

p.b. Baltimore Twp., Barry Co., MI

m. 3 Sep. 1911

p.m. Windsor, Ontario, Canada

d. 9 Jan. 1963

p.d. Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

5 Elizabeth May HOOK

b. 2 Nov. 1864 (Mother of No. 2)

p.b. Bridgewater, Oneida Co., NY

d. 11 Jan. 1938

p.d. Maple Grove, Barry Co., MI

10 Daniel HOOKb. 7 Sep. 1830/32 (Father of No. 5.
Cont. on chart No. 4)

p.b.

m. 5 Jun. 1856

p.m. Paris, Oneida Co., NY

d. 21 Apr. 1909

p.d. Baltimore Twp., Barry Co., MI

11 Mary Elizabeth NEWTONb. 6 Jul. 1839 (Mother of No. 5.
Cont. on chart No. 5)

p.b. Herkimer Co., NY

d. 9 Oct. 1921

p.d. Baltimore Twp., Barry Co., MI

1 Lavern K. FRENCH

b. 19 Jun. 1930

p.b. Richland, Kalamazoo Co., MI

m. 16 Jun. 1956

p.m. Coloma, Berrien Co., MI

d.

p.d.

6 William JARMAN

b. ca. 1861 (Father of No. 3)

p.b. , Ontario, Canada

m. 7 Oct. 1891

p.m. Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

d.

p.d.

12

b. (Father of No. 6.
Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.

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b. (Mother of No. 6.
Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b.

d.

p.d.

3 Marion M. JARMAN

b. 9 Jun. 1892/93 (Mother of No. 1)

p.b.

d. 24 Jun. 1957

p.d. Richland, Kalamazoo Co., MI

14 William B. CHRISTYb. 17 Nov. 1830 (Father of No. 7.
Cont. on chart No. _____)

p.b. Glasgow, Scotland

m. 12 Nov. 1856

p.m. Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

d. 14 Apr. 1914/15

p.d. Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

7 Fatama CHRISTY

b. 6 Jan. 1868 (Mother of No. 3)

p.b. Leroy Twp., Calhoun Co., MI

d. ca. 1895

p.d.

Ruth Ann URBAN

b. 16 Jan. 1937 Spouse of No. 1.

p.b. Benton Harbor MI

d.

p.d.

15 Francis Marion WOODb. 26 Dec. 1837 (Mother of No. 7.
Cont. on chart No. 9)

p.b. Steuben Co., NY

d. 17 Mar. 1910

p.d. Leroy Twp., Calhoun Co., MI

PIONEER CERTIFICATE UPDATE

Congratulations to the following people who have been awarded Pioneer Certificates:

Candace J. (Bivens) Daniels, Eileen S. Spenelli and Dennis A. Spenelli for *Orson SWIFT*.

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Pioneer certificate applications are available upon request from the society, or may be printed out from our internet site:
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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

A big thank you and a hearty congratulations goes out to Cemetery Committee Chairperson Ruth Kaiser and her crew: Dave and Cheri Ruble, Virginia Hart, Verla Potts, Bill and Nancy Waugaman, Julia Miller, Brenda Cornish, Ramona Short, Val Radee, Jackie Morris, and of course Ken Kaiser. They have recently completed the East Eckford and West Eckford cemeteries, and this book will be available for purchase by the middle of January. Also, they have completed transcribing two cemeteries each in Tekonsha and Marengo Townships, and also West Clarendon cemetery. The next step is to very carefully proof read now that the weather does not allow actual work in the cemeteries.

This whole cemetery project is a major undertaking. How many times have you wished that someone would please put together cemetery records in a locale of your ancestor? Think of the wonderful advantage researchers in Calhoun County have over other parts of the country who don't have such dedicated volunteers to meticulously put cemetery records together, and make them available for a very reasonable cost. So, a hearty thank you to Ruth and crew. You are much appreciated.



GETTYSBURG NATIONAL PARK

Of interest to genealogists and historians should be the current discussions surrounding the development of a privately managed Visitor's Center at Gettysburg National Park. The National Park Service began discussions in 1995 to request proposals from nonprofit, for-profit or government entities to build and manage a 90,000 square foot Visitor Center. The NPS recently announced that Kinsley Equities, of York, PA in association with National Geographic, has been chosen to develop the new Visitor Center. The Visitor Center will include an IMAX wide-screen theater, a gift shop, a restaurant and other retail facilities as well as a museum. The new facility and parking would cover 25% of the 45 acre site, and would replace the existing Visitor's Center.

Debate centers around maintaining the historical integrity of the site. The National Park Service states that several months of public comment have been reviewed and considered. They further state that "public meetings and public review periods will continue so that we can gather consensus before negotiations are completed and agreements are signed." According to a November 7th article in USA Today, several prominent preservationists have raised strong objections to the project, fearing that it will "set an absolutely appalling precedent that will be used all over the nation wherever there is a national park with an exploitable stream of tourists" said Franklin Sibley, business consultant and an avid preservationist. Once the \$40 to \$45 million debt from building the facility is paid, estimated to take 20 to 25 years, the entire complex would be deeded over to the National Park Service. Their web site is <http://www.nps.gov/gett/>

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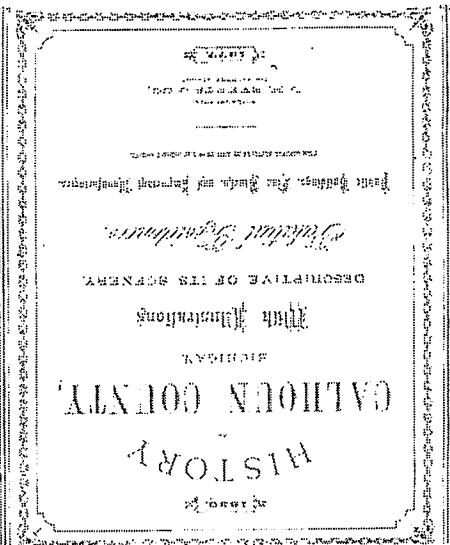
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For more information regarding the society or ordering publications please contact Sandy Redmond at 016-729-5258

The 1877 History of Calhoun County Michigan

Originally published by L. H. Everts, antique copies of this beautiful history have become increasingly difficult to find.

Because of the significant historic value of this work, the Calhoun County Genealogical Society has decided to have the book reprinted, and offer it for public sale. Over 350 pages, the History contains 212 written pages of history and biographical sketches, with an additional 108 pages of illustrations "descriptive of its scenery, palatial residences, and public buildings, fine blocks, and important manufactories" as well as portrait sketches of many early county residents. In addition, this republished volume includes an *every name index*, reprinted here with permission of the compilers, CCGS members Susan Udel and Marcia Udel. The book is being reproduced on acid-free, archival paper, and is hard-cover, library-quality bound.

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**Historic Elmwood Cemetery
in Southeast Michigan**

Michigan History Magazine, the official publication of the Automobile Club of Michigan (October 1997) recently had an article on historic Elmwood Cemetery located in southeast Michigan. This 150 year old cemetery is 87 beautiful acres of Michigan history including the graves of six Michigan governors, 11 U.S. senators, 28 Detroit mayors and 28 Civil War generals. Other graves included are those of business leaders, manufacturers and inventors. A self-guided brochure is available at the gatehouse. Do you have ancestors from this area? Check it out! The Elmwood Cemetery is located at 1200 Elmwood, Detroit. (313) 567-3453.

**Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical
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Bus Trip to GENTECH98**

The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to GENTECH98 in Fort Wayne, IN. Hosted by the Allen County Public Library Foundation, the theme of GENTECH98 is "Developing the Partnership: Genealogy and Technology". The bus will leave from Hardings Marketplace on South Westnedge in Kalamazoo on Thursday, 22 January at 2 p.m. There will be stops in Battle Creek, Marshall and Coldwater if requested. The bus will return to Hardings at Southland at approximately 9:30 - 10 p.m. on Saturday, 24 January. The cost of the bus alone will be \$28 per person providing they can fill the 40-passenger bus. This does not include the price of participation in GENTECH98. Call Bob Walters at (616) 375-3913 or Judy Spencer at (616) 279-7880 for information. Absolute deadline for reservations and payment is 5 January, the same deadline as early registration for the conference. Note: your conference and hotel reservations must be made separately!



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- March 24, 1998 "Battle Creek's Historic Oak Hill Cemetery". Oak Hill Cemetery began in 1844 on ten acres of land on South Avenue. Richard Rowe and Michael Martich present the history of this famous cemetery.

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