

# GENERATIONS



**The Newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society**  
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*The next meeting of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society:*

- **Heritage Quest Road Show**
- **Leland Meitzler, Heritage Quest Magazine Executive Editor**
- **Tuesday, September 15, 1998 - (the 3rd Tuesday of the month!)**
- **6:00 pm**
- **Burnham Brook Center**  
**200 West Michigan Ave, Battle Creek**

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*The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is sponsoring the "Heritage Quest Road Show" at the Burnham Brook Center from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.*

*The evening promised to be full of fun and information for those researching their family history. Two lectures will be provided by Mr. Meitzler, a speaker who has the ability to add humor while teaching you ways to uncover your lost ancestors.*

*A unique display of genealogical books, supplies, forms and computer programs will be available for purchase from Heritage Quest. The Calhoun County Genealogical Society will have publications on Calhoun County research available for purchase along with genealogy-inspired ink pad stamps for decorating letters of correspondence or scrap books.*

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| 6:00 pm         | Welcome - time for browsing the sales tables              |
| 6:30 - 7:45 pm  | "Armchair Genealogy"                                      |
| 7:45 - 8:30 pm  | Break - time for browsing the sales tables                |
| 8:30 - 9:45 pm  | "Your Ancestor Was Not Destroyed in the Courthouse Fire!" |
| 9:45 - 10:00 pm | Final sales   |

*The evening is free and open to the public. Bring a friend and join in the genealogy fun!*

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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**

The 1877 History of Calhoun County, MI  
(reprinted) (over 350 pages, printed on acid-free, archival paper and is hard-cover, library-quality bound, includes every name index.) \$55

Cemeteries of Eckford Twp., Calhoun County, MI (110 pages) \$10.00

Clarence Township Cemeteries in Calhoun Co., MI (Clarence Center, Dyer, 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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### **MY FAVORITE THINGS**

(Sung to the tune "My Favorite Things")

Tombstones with dates on,  
Wills who name children;  
Answers from queries  
Arrive by the million.  
Old lineage papers sure give me a zing;  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Good pension records,  
With wife's name included;  
Libraries, census,  
And family reunions;  
Deeds that give lineage to my family tree.  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the mail comes;  
And I get none;  
And I'm feeling sad,  
I simply remember the mail I got last week,  
And then I don't feel so bad!

### **REMINDER** **NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** **REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The NGS Regional Conference will be held in Troy, Michigan 16-17 October 1998. Guest speakers will be Elizabeth Shown Mills, Curt B. Witcher and John Vincent Wylie. A few of the topics include: *Historical Research Methodology*; *Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar, Thief: How to Find Them on the Internet*; *Mining the Motherlode*; *Using Periodical Literature in Genealogical Research*.

The conference will be held at the Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI on Friday and Saturday, 16-17 October 1998. A banquet will be held 7:00 pm Friday evening featuring Elizabeth Shown Mills who will be presenting *Dear Editor: Letters from the Genealogical Mailbag*.

Guest rooms may be reserved at a Conference rate of \$85 per night by calling the Somerset Inn, 248-643-7800. To register for the Conference write to: NGS Regional Conference, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22307-2399. Their fax number is 703-525-0052. The Conference fee for NGS members is \$60, non-member is \$75. The Friday evening banquet is an additional \$25.

### **Other Area Happenings**

The next meeting of the Ionia County Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, September 12, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Odessa Historical Society Depot Museum. The depot is located on Emerson Street, west of Jordan Lake Road, in Lake Odessa, MI. Meetings are free of charge and open to the public.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be John Curry. His topic will be Michigan Photographers and how to identify the date of a photo by the photographer.



### **A Nice Note of Thanks!**

Dear Genealogists,

I wanted to write a note to let you know how pleased I was to receive my first newsletter and the book I ordered and so promptly! I am looking forward to receiving future newsletters. Last week, I was pleasantly surprised to find past newsletters at our library. I have written to your chapter before and have always been pleased with the promptness and the help that you have offered and wanted your members to know.

I have researched at the Calhoun County Recorder's [Clerk's] office and the library and Riverside Cemetery in Albion. I was happy to locate information on my DUTTON and BOTHWELL families who settled in that area in the 1830's. Currently I am president of the Paulding County (OH) Genealogical Society. My mother's family is from Paulding County. In order to find work, many of the families (mine included) went into Michigan in the early 1900's. They settled around the Coldwater area. I would not be surprised if some went across the border into Calhoun County.

Sincerely,  
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*If you can't get rid of the Family Skeleton  
you may as well make it Dance.*

*- George Bernard Shaw*

## History of Fredonia Township

*Below is an synopsis of the Fredonia Township History as found in the 1877 History of Calhoun County. Originally published in 1877, the Calhoun County Genealogical Society had the History republished earlier this year. See page 2 of this newsletter for information on how to order a copy.*

Fredonia was organized in 1838, and includes congressional township 3 south, range 6 west. On the east the region known as "Palmer's plain" extends for some distance into the township, and the farms and improvements on this beautiful and fertile prairie are not excelled in the county, nor, haply, in the State. Water is afforded in abundance by Squaw and Nottawa-seepe creeks, and numerous small lakes.

The first settler in the present limits of Fredonia township was Thomas BURLAND. He was born at the village of Riccall, Yorkshire, England, and in 1831 came from there, accompanied by several families who were bound for White Pigeon prairie, in southern Michigan. On arriving at Detroit, Mrs. BURLAND was unable to go farther for some time, and the other families went on and left them. Just after Christmas they started again and came in a sleigh to Marshall, making a quiet trip. Charles K. PALMER and Silas COMSTOCK lived just east of Mr. BURLAND in Eckford, having settled there in 1832.

John HOUSTON, Sr., the second settler in Fredonia, was born in Hanover, New Hampshire, and, when a young man, removed to Rochester, Monroe county, New York. October 1, 1833, he and his wife, with his three children, left home and started for Michigan. In the month of November they arrived on the farm where Mrs. HOUSTON now lives. From Rochester they came to Lewiston, crossed over into Canada, and came all the way through to Fredonia in a covered wagon. Mr. HOUSTON built the first frame house in the township, a small structure which is now a part of the residence of his widow. The lumber he procured at a saw-mill, which had but recently been started in Marshall by George KETCHUM. Mr. HOUSTON's daughter, Sarah E.A. HOUSTON, now the wife of Abraham VAN VOORHEES, was the first white female child born in the township, her birth occurring September 28, 1834.

Ezekiel BLUE came from Yates county, New York, with his wife, three sons, and one daughter, and on the 14th day of May, 1836, they arrived at their new home. On a quarter-section he had purchased on section 24, of Robert WILLIAMSON, the latter had partially built a log house, which Mr. BLUE finished up, dug a well, and made other improvements. When the BLUE family came from New York they traversed the route by team as far as Buffalo, thence by boat to Detroit, and the remainder of the distance by team, the trip from Detroit to Fredonia consuming four days of time, which was a quick passage, the secret being good roads. The route taken by most of the early settlers was much the same as that taken by Mr. BLUE and his family. Some came as far as Buffalo, by canal; some only to Toledo, on the boat; others came all the way through by team, either via northern Canada or Ohio; while occasionally some persevering person, with more pluck than pocket-money, *walked* the greater share of the distance.

Increase A. PENDLETON came from the State of New York, and located on section 24 in 1834. His son William, born the same season, was the first white male child born in the township. The PENDLETONS left after a few years and went to Marshall, and finally to Kalamazoo. Steven MAYNARD came to the township in 1836, and settled where he now lives on section 12, south of Brace lakes, near the Eckford township line. Caleb TILTON came from Conway, Franklin county, Massachusetts. His half-brother, John TILTON, came to the same place in 1835. John TILTON and wife came from Berkshire county, Massachusetts. Mr. TILTON died in 1849, leaving his wife and three children. His widow afterwards married Caleb TILTON, and they are now living on the old homestead.

William ROWLEY came from Saratoga Springs, New York, with his young wife, on their wedding tour, to Michigan, arriving in Fredonia the 26th day of June, 1837. John B. FREDENBURG came from Barry township, Orleans county, New York, in October, 1834, and located 133 acres on the east side of section 23. The farm where John FREDENBURG lives was settled in 1835, by E. M. HUMPHREY, whose uncle had located it for him in 1834. He was from Onondaga county, New York.

The following membership list comes from one of two journals that were found at an estate sale this summer in Battle Creek. The journal contains the business affairs and membership lists of the Battle Creek Italian Club, or, the "Ricordi della Societa Fratellanza Italiana." The journals, written entirely in Italian, cover the years 1927-1939.

**Elenco degli ufficiali e membri di questa societa**

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bonifer, Filippo       | 447 S.W. Capitol Ave.               |
| Bombassei, Simone      | 396 E. Avenue N.                    |
| Buschini, Francesco    | 145 Shelter St.                     |
| Buschini, Costanzo     | 554 Lafayette St.                   |
| Bausana, Battista      | 96 Roosevelt St.                    |
| Cenna, Giorgio         | 344 Hunter St.                      |
| Conto, Domenico        | 642 Upton Ave.                      |
| Caloury, Ettore        | 194 West St.                        |
| Cerva, Giovanni        | 121 15th St.                        |
| Cerva, Giuseppe        | 121 15th St.                        |
| Canciani, Emilio       | 4611 W. Van Buren St.               |
| Cerva, Giovanni Jr.    | 130 14th St.                        |
| De Maso, Arturo        | 413 22nd St.                        |
| Del Longo, Giovanni    | 417 22nd St.                        |
| De Lorenzo, Giovanni   | 622 Upton Ave.                      |
| De Maso, Amideo        | 622 Upton Ave.                      |
| De Maso, Giovanni      | 622 Upton Ave.                      |
| De Maso, Eliseo        | 386 22nd St.                        |
| Guzzardo, Tynozio      | 1310 Territorial Rd.                |
| Forlino, Luigi         | Route 3, Box 2                      |
| Grabriel, Angelo       | 46 Review Ave.                      |
| Learese, Augusto       | 458 20th St.                        |
| Leonesio, Battista     | 428 Champion St.                    |
| Meacci, Silvano        | 82 Angell St.                       |
| Maddalena, Ottorino    | 17 Groveland St.                    |
| Michela, Domenico      | 124 Libery St.                      |
| Maddalena, Gino        | 461 W. Van Buren St.                |
| Molin, Antonio         | 417 22nd St.                        |
| Manarin, Carlo         | 17 Groveland St.                    |
| Pennet, Antonio Nicola | 67 26th St.                         |
| Pellin, Antonio        | 160 Lafayette St.                   |
| Ratti, Giorgio         | 115 W. Michigan Ave.                |
| Ratti, Alessandro      | 115 W. Michigan Ave.                |
| Ret, Luigi             | 500 W. Van Buren Ave.               |
| Rolando, Ettore        | 76 Walter St.                       |
| Torgio, Angelo         | 156 Lafayette St.,<br>84 Angell St. |
| Tabiadon, Luigi        | Route 3, Box 2                      |
| Trafiani, Giuseppe     | 56 Aldrich St.                      |
| Tonelli, Giuseppe      | 458 20th St.                        |
| Ughetti, Carlo         | 101 S. Kendall St.                  |
| Ughetti, Giovanni      | 101 S. Kendall St.                  |
| Valmassoi, Pietro      | 500 W. Van Buren St.                |
| Vaira, Domenico        | R.F.D. 6, Box 414                   |
| Zande, Ottilio         | 500 W. Van Buren St.                |
| Zande, Domenico        | 417 22nd St.                        |

**Elenco degli uficioi e loci**

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| Battista, Bausao   | 4150 Cadillac St., Detroit |
| Binda, Guido       | 202 North Ave.             |
| Bombassei, Simone  | 396 E. Ave. North          |
| Bonarder, Mario    | 705 Washington Ave.        |
| Bragagnin, Idelio  | 500 W. Van Buren           |
| Brancato, Antonio  | 15 Grand Ave.              |
| Baggio, Francesco  | 174 S. McCamly St.         |
| etolani, Giuseppe  | 43 Bond Ave.               |
| Canciani, Emilio   | 21 N. Wood St.             |
| Castellin, Benian? | 500 W. Van Buren           |
| Calivory, Ettore   | 845 N.E. Capital           |
| Cerva, Giovanni    | 121 15th St.               |

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| Cerva, Giovanni Jr.  | 121 15th St.          |
| Cerva, Giuseppe      | 121 15th St.          |
| Catteror, Pietro     | 234 Riverside St.     |
| De Maso, Achille     | 622 Upton Ave.        |
| De Maso, Arturo      | 413 22nd St.          |
| De Maso, Giovanni    | 449 22nd St.          |
| De Maso, Eliseo      | 386 22nd St.          |
| De Maso, Guglielmo   | 453 19th St.          |
| Del Longo, Giovanni  | 417 22nd St.          |
| De Lorenzo, Giovanni | 421 20th St.          |
| Frank, Davis         | 94 Woodlawn           |
| Freed, Nelson        | 138 Eaton St.         |
| Faustini, Angelo     | 426 Champion          |
| Faustini, Arturo     | 426 Champion          |
| Faustini, Areste     | 426 Champion          |
| Forlino, Luigi       | R. 3, Box 2           |
| Gabriele, Angelo     | 46 Review St.         |
| Larese, Augusto      | 458 N. 20th St.       |
| Leonardo, Battista   | 426 Champion St.      |
| Macor, Pietro        | 500 W. Van Buren      |
| Maddalena, Gino      | 388 W. Van Buren      |
| Maddalena, Ottorino  | 17 Groveland St.      |
| Manarin, Carlo       | 17 Groveland St.      |
| Meacci, Silvano      | 84 Angell St.         |
| Milleci, Giuseppe    | 935 Gules Ave Road #2 |
| Millici, Antonio     | 77 Graves Ave.        |
| Mion, Carlo          | 417 22nd St.          |
| Mion, Giuseppe       | 500 W. Van Buren St.  |
| Molin, Antonio       | (no address given)    |
| Monti, Ezio          | 972 Raymond Rd.       |
| Michela Dominico     | 124 Liberty St.       |
| Michela, Domenio Jr. | 124 Liberty St.       |
| Michela, Giovanni    | 124 Liberty St.       |
| Maddalena, Luigi     | 388 W. Van Buren      |
| Paganini, Roberto    | 164 Parish St.        |
| Pellin, Antonio      | 160 Lafayette St.     |
| Pezzetti, Giuseppe   | 554 Hamblin Ave.      |
| Ratti, Giorgio       | 115 W. Michigan Ave.  |
| Rolando, Ettore      | 400 W. Michigan Ave.  |
| Ret, Luigi           | 17 Groveland St.      |
| Savio, Luigi         | 1138 Frisbie Blvd.    |
| Spadafora, Filippo   | Deceduto              |
| Soppia, Antonio      | 11 Hubbard St.        |
| Soppia, L.?          | 678 W. Michigan Ave.  |
| Tabiadon, Giuseppe   | R. 3, Box 12          |
| Tabiadon, Luigi      | R. 3, Box 12          |
| Tabiadon, Mario      | R. 3, Bx 12           |
| Trapani, Giuseppe    | 56 Al??ich St.        |
| Tonelli, Giuseppe    | 458 N. 20th St.       |
| Ughetti, Carlo       | 426 Champion St.      |
| Ughetti, Dario       | 101 S. Kendall St.    |
| Ughetti, Giovanni    | 101 S. Kendall St.    |
| Ughetti, Renaldo     | 101 S. Kendall St.    |
| Vaira, John          | R.F.D. 6              |
| Vaira, Domenico      | R.F.D. 6, Box 414     |
| Valmassoi, Pietro    | 500 W. Van Buren      |
| Zande, Ivo           | 500 W. Van Buren      |
| Zande, Domenico      | 417 22nd St.          |
| Zande, Ottelio       | 101 S. Kendall St.    |
| Zoth, Donato         | 33 N. Division St.    |

In May 1998 Elma Wisnieski Carpenter, her sister, Virgene Wisnieski Franks, and her cousin, Nancy Zarmstorf Bard, of Michigan, made a trip to the Czech Republic.

Prague, Czech Republic  
Thursday, May 14, 1998

We met our driver and interpreter, Marie Zahnova, in the lobby of our hotel at 7:30 a.m. for our trip to Grandpa Bures' (John Vaclav Bures') village. John came to Nebraska in 1906. He worked and sent for a younger brother, Joseph Buresh. In 1909 they sent for their parents, Josef Bures and Anna Franek Bures, and six brothers and sisters. At that time the family lived in Clarkson, NE.

We made one stop for gas on the way. This is beautiful countryside with rolling hills. We could see many fields of brilliant yellow safflower in bloom. Marie said this part is known as the Moravian highlands. After 2 1/2 hours we arrived at Libecina.

Marie asked the postman who was delivering mail where we could find house No. 1. This is the house where Katerina Poslusny, who married Vaclav Franek, lived. Vaclav and Katerina were the parents of Anna Franek who married Josef Bures who came to Nebraska in 1909 with their six children. Thus, house No. 1 would have been the childhood home of our great-great grandmother, Katerina Poslusny. Katerina Poslusny would be the maternal grandmother of John Vaclav Bures, and great-grandmother of Adella Mandel of Dodge, Nebraska, Elma Ratzow of Union City, Wilma Zarmstorf of Union City and Armilla Crothers of Mt. Clemens, MI.

The postman had no idea where house No. 1 was located, and a lady who had been talking with the postman said it had been torn down. About that time an elderly gentleman joined the group and said that house No. 1 was down the hill and to the right. He said it is being renovated as a weekend home. After the property was privatized and returned to family members after the Velvet Revolution of 1989, many descendants of the original owners did not know how to farm the land because they had been uprooted and sent to work in factories when the Communists nationalized the farms. Or they chose to remain in the cities where they were currently working. Some of the homes have gone into disrepair. They are now being purchased and renovated as weekend homes.

We also asked the location of house No. 37. This is the house where Vaclav Franek lived. That too was located down the hill. We walked down to house No. 37. It is very well kept. We took several pictures.

We continued down the hill and to the right to house No. 1. According to the numbering system used in the Czech villages, this would have been the first house built in Libecina. The houses are made of stone with stucco over. They all had red tile roofs. Again more pictures.

The elderly gentleman said he used to correspond with someone in America and received newspapers from America. He wanted us to wait while he went into his house to find a copy of the paper. He then came back out and asked us to come have coffee. We all sat at a small square table in the "courtyard" with two dogs, several cats and some chickens. We were

served Turkish coffee which was very strong. The coffee grounds were put in a glass and boiling water poured over them. The old gentleman's wife brought out pretzels and cookies, all of which were very stale. They could not locate the newspapers from America. He told us his family property had been returned to him. He rents it to the cooperative which was established under Communism, but is now run by the land owners. He said his income from the cooperative is very small because so much of the money has to go to repairing and updating the machinery. Also gas is very expensive to run the farm equipment. He lives on a small government pension.

We also mentioned to the this gentleman in Libecina that we were going to Podhorany to find the Bures home. He explained to Marie where house #12 was located in Podhorany. We took pictures of the Soldiers' Memorial monument in Libecina before leaving. It is a monument in memory of soldiers who died in World War I. The names listed were: Frantisek Jirsak, Frantisek Vodehnal, Frantisek Sedina, Josef Bures, Josef Poslusny, Josef Flidor, Josef Sousek, Vaclav Mlejnek, Vaclav Rouha and Vaclav Pravec.

We proceeded to go to Podhorany. The road was very winding. We drove through a beautiful woods. We thought we recognized a house as the one in the picture taken in 1934 when Joseph Buresh, our great-uncle, was there. Marie drove past and stopped in a driveway where someone was working with a wheelbarrow. When she got out of the car, another elderly lady approached us from next door. Marie explained that we were looking for house No. 12. She pointed it out to us. It was the house we had passed. The front of the house has been renovated and new windows installed. The lady said as far as she knew from information from her mother the house was always owned by a Mr. Flidor and his son. The Flidor name appears on the back of the picture taken of the house in 1934. The lady said she was born in 1920 and was 78 years old. She walked with a walking stick and had several front bottom teeth missing. She said her father was Frantisek Bures, but no relation to our Bures family. We walked to the house to take pictures, and the old man from Libecina pulled up in his little red car. He had found his Czech newspaper from America. It was published in West, Texas, in 1977. He used to receive it from a Mr. Truhlor. We thanked him and told him we had no family in Texas.

A man was walking along the road in Podhorany carrying an aluminum lunch pail. He lived next to the "Bures" house. He said two people from Vysoke Myto were there about a year ago with the exact same photograph as the one we had and were asking about the Bures family. He said he was making inquiry for someone in America. (In September 1997 I wrote to a Jan Bures in Vysoke Myto inquiring about the Bures family. I had sent him a picture of the house. Perhaps this is who was there last year making inquiry.) He said the Frantisek Saukik family also used to live in the house, but they went to America. The house is now owned by the Mlejnek family. About thirty people still live in the village. The rest are weekend homes. We also took pictures of the small chapel and the Soldiers' monument. The inscription on the monument reads, "Peace and light to all of you." This is where Joseph Buresh, brother of John and our great-uncle, had his picture taken when he was in Czechoslovakia in 1934.

*To be continued*

## QUERIES

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### POTTER, BAUDER, GLEASON

Uriah POTTER was born in Montgomery Co., NY in 1816 probably as Ulrich BAUDER. In 1850 he appears in the census with wife Louisa (age 23) and son George (age 1) in Genesee County NY. In the 1860 census, he is living in Newton Twp. Calhoun Co., MI with son George (11) but no wife Louisa (deceased?). Also in his household are several persons with the surname GLEASON: Moses S. (55), Louisa (55), Andrew (27), Hannah M. (20) and Mary (1). Can anyone shed any light on any of these individuals?

Ed Harrison

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### HUTCHISON

Can anyone make a connection with this family from Calhoun County? David L. HUTCHISON and wife (my gg-grandparents) came from New York state prior to 1840.

**David HUTCHISON**, b. abt 1807, NY, m.

**Huldah**, b. abt 1818, NY. Their children (in bold):

**Joseph HUTCHISON**, b. Feb 1839, NY, m. Evangelia FOX, b. May 1850, NY; their children: David L. HUTCHISON, b. 4 Nov 1871, Calhoun County, MI, d. 31 Jul 1940, Grand Rapids, MI, m. Christene E. HEHL, b. Nov 1875, Grand Rapids, MI, d. 1904, Grand Rapids, MI; Sarah HUTCHISON, b. abt 1875, Calhoun County, MI; Emery HUTCHISON, b. abt 1876, Calhoun County, MI;

**Olive HUTCHISON** b. abt 1843, MI;

**Henry HUTCHISON** b. abt 1846, MI, m. Mary W. b. abt 1844, NY; their son William P.

HUTCHISON b. abt 1878, Allegan County, MI;

**Daniel J. HUTCHISON**, b. Nov 1853, MI m.

Emana H HUTCHISON, b. Mar 1856, NY;

**Laura HUTCHISON**, b. abt 1856

Russ Gordon

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### DOLAN

Looking for any information on the DOLAN family that lived in Marshall, MI in and around 1860-1880. The father's name was Owen DOLAN, who was married to Ellen (MALONEY) DOLAN. They had 5 children. They were Mary E. DOLAN, James Nicholas DOLAN, John J. DOLAN, Andrew E. DOLAN, and Elizabeth DOLAN. Ellen DOLAN (the mother) died in 1869 in Marshall. The family later moved to Illinois. Elizabeth DOLAN died in 1889 and is buried in Marshall, and Owen died in Chicago in 1880, but is buried in Marshall. Some of the children were born in Oakland County, Michigan.

Any information on any member of this family, and any relative they may have had would be gratefully appreciated. Many thanks,  
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### BUCKINGHAM, WELLER

I am looking for information on my 2nd great uncle William B. BUCKINGHAM born in Litchfield County, CN 6 Aug 1821. Came to Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI and married Ann E. WELLER, 6 Nov 1848 in Marshall. They had six children that I know of: Florence May, b. Dec 1853, William B. B. 13 Nov 1855, John, b. 27 Oct 1857, Thomas b. 5 Sept 1859, Alice b. 14 June 1861 and Edna, b. 27 Jan 1863. I don't know if they stayed in Calhoun County, or they may have moved to Ingham County, as William's brother Orrin G. (my 2nd great grandfather) came to Marshall then moved to Ingham County. Any information would be appreciated.

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### STUART, ALEXANDER, GUTHRIE

Seeking information on John STUART and wife Janett (?). Both born in Scotland, moved to New York, and came to Bloomfield, Oakland Co., MI in early 1820's. John apparently died prior to 1830 census. Janett lived with daughter Christiana and her husband Robert ALEXANDER in St. Joseph Co. In 1850, age 73, gone by 1860 census. Believe John and Janett STUART to be parents of Matilda E. STUART who married Francis E. GUTHRIE in 1837 in Oakland Co.

Stephen Guthrie

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## QUERIES, Cont.

### WHALING, CARR

I have a David WHALING serving in the Civil War and that is the last information I have on him. What happened to him and his wife? His wife was Mary Elizabeth CARR and they had one child in 1858. No other information on the individuals. I don't have any idea when he or she died, or even when they were married. I would appreciate if anyone has any information or lead me in the correct direction.

James C. Burrow

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### CLIZBE

I am researching the James CLIZBE family and looking for any books that the Society may have for sale. Are there any family genealogies available?

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### SANDERS, PRYOR, STOCKTON, BURGESS, SHAFER, SNYDER

I was born in Battle Creek but now live in Florida. I am researching the following surnames in Calhoun Co.: SANDERS-located in Albion from early 1830's into the 1900's; PRYOR-located in Albion from early 1830's into the 1900's; STOCKTON-early 1850's into the 1900's (this family moved a lot); BURGESS-early 1900's-present; SHAFER-early 1900's-present; SNYDER-early 1900's-present.

Diane Snyder Smith

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### SNYDER

Following is a response to the previous query on our Rootsweb page. Ed.

My SNYDER family as in the 1870 census of Homer: Betsy, 43; NY; (rest all b. MI) Ezra, 20; Frank, 18; John, 15; Myron, 11; Jennie, 8; Hattie, 4. Betsy SNYDER's first husband Philip SNYDER died in 1866 and she married Martin ENSLOW in 1874. Her maiden name was Betsy SNIDER.

Larry Snyder

(Sorry, no e-mail available. Ed.)

### SMILEY

I am a descendant of Dr. James F. SMILEY and have been looking for information about his son, Howard Dwight, and his wives. He evidently did not have any children from his three marriages. He was a local poet and had at least one book published, "Ol' Stampin' Grounds." Would there be any newspaper write ups on him in the local library? Also would like to find an obituary for him. Any help/suggestions deeply appreciated. James Francis SMILEY, b 2 Jun 1835, Elba, Genesee, NY, d 29 Sep 1899, Marshall, Calhoun, MI m. Kate DUVALL. Their daughter Ellen Florette, b 2 Apr 1858, Elba, Genesee, NY, d 14 Feb 1940, Bronson, Branch, MI. 2nd wife of James Francis SMILEY, Lovina Scott OLMSTED, b 26 Sep 1839 Tecumseh?, Lenawee, MI, d 25 Dec 1898 Marshall, MI. Their children: Mary Frances, b 2 May 1863 Lansing, Ingham, MI d 26 Dec 1911, Crawfordville, Montgomery, IN; Robinson James, b. 12 Sept 1867 Okemos, Ingham, MI, d 8 Sep 1877 Marshall, MI; Kate Laura, b 6 June 1872 Okemos, MI, d abt 1872, Okemos, MI; Howard Dwight, b 1 Sep 1877 Marshall, MI, d. 1940, m 1st Clover ROE, m 2nd Jessie SMITH DAVISON, m 3rd Loraine POWERS.

Pat Miller

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#### "Off-the-Wall" Genealogical Terms!

From "The Second Boat" Vol 15, No 1, 1994  
ANTIPEDOBAPTISTS - Forbade parishioners to ride bicycles to church.  
BREECHES BIBLE - Bible kept in the seat of your pants.  
FREEMAN - Status before marriage.  
OATHS - #(\$\*%@%)!  
PROBATE - What the most successful fisherman used.  
QUAKERS - Early residents of San Francisco.  
RELICT - What you did to an envelope or stamp when it wouldn't stick the first time.  
RHEUMATIC - What you needed on the third floor after the birth of your tenth child.  
TANNER - Your father behind the woodshed, after you misbehaved!  
TESTATOR - Quality control expert who checked the potato crop.

22 June 1998

Dear Members of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society,

Please accept my deepest gratitude for the honor of receiving your Certificate of Appreciation for serving as Cemetery Project Chair since the summer of 1992. This would have been sufficient without the added pleasure of receiving a copy of The 1877 History of Calhoun County, Michigan.

I can only accept this honor on behalf of my faithful helpers: Betty Baker, Barbara and John Bentley, Sally Bentley, Carolyn Bush, Brenda Cornish, Mary Lou Crandall, Kathy Dye, Pat Geyer, Virginia Hart, Ken Kaiser, Julia Miller, Jackie Morris, Joan Pehrson, Verla Potts, Valerie Radee, Barb Rogers, Cora Rosenau, Dave and Cheri Ruble, Bob Secrist, Ramona Short, Ken Stone, Lois Snow, Bill and Nancy Waugaman, and Bob and Linda Wilbur.

Anyone who has researched cemeteries will understand that the "work" is really rewarding and fascinating; however, it also takes many hours. We can take a good hour on one row or ten minutes on one marker. And the rechecking takes much more time. One of the great assets has been to add the vital records which has been done by Val Radee. She has been able to use her own reader to get the records on microfilm for Calhoun County furnished by the CCGS.

To date we have published the records in the following townships: Clarence, Convis and Eckford. The following townships are in various stages of progress: Clarendon, Fredonia, Lee, Marengo, Pennfield and Tekonsha.

Thanks for your encouragement and support,

Ruth Kaiser

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I'M GUILTY!! Yes, I am. I have only now discovered that I am. "Guilty of what?" you say.

Well, it's like this: I recently received a letter thanking me for some volunteer research I did. (Yes, inquirers DO appreciate the help.) The writer included additional information she had located and gave me the source: "Information received from CD #164."

Good, I thought, I can look up CD #164 and see for myself. Being new to CD usage I was confident I could do this. No problem... right? Then I wondered WHOSE CD #164? Heritage Quest's? Family Tree's? Some other company? *Then it struck me that I do this myself!* I simply ignore the preparer's name when citing sources of microfilms, etc. It never occurred to me because most of the films I copy are Census films, and I make sure that I include the roll number and sometimes the copy number and always the location of the microfilm. BUT, what about the newspapers on film? What about the county vital records films? What about all the miscellaneous records on film?

I AM GUILTY of assuming microfilms are LDS films or that others will know that Clark Historical Library or Ann Arbor University Films or the Federal Government or whoever will have prepared these records for posterity and fortunately for our research viewing.

Now that I know I'M GUILTY I will have to change my ways of citing sources.

Verla Potts, CCGS Volunteer Researcher.

## **It's Renewal Time!!**

### **CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Annual Dues \$12.00

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Marshall, MI 49068

**WHAT'S MY LINE (who are you researching)** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a 4 or 5 generation ancestor chart, too.

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### **1997/1998 Election of Officers**

Please vote for the following officers or write in your candidate of choice. **Bring your ballot with you to the September 15th meeting at Burnham Brook Center.**

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| President:           | Sandy Redmond     | _____ | Write In: | _____ |
| Vice President:      | Nancy Hibiske     | _____ | Write In: | _____ |
| Recording Sec'y:     | Timira Volstromer | _____ | Write In: | _____ |
| Corresponding Sec'y: | Terri Plotas      | _____ | Write In: | _____ |
| Treasurer:           | Mickey Rastoskey  | _____ | Write In: | _____ |

#### **Standing committees:**

Cemetery Chair, Ruth Kaiser

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Pioneer Certificate Chair, Verla Potts

### Future Functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

- October 27, 1998      *To be announced. Watch local media.*
- November 24, 1998      *To be announced. Watch local media.*
- December, 1998      *No December Meeting - Happy Holidays!*
- January 19, 1999      **Expert In Residence *Lorraine Johnson Coleman* in conjunction with Willard Library.** Details to be announced.
- February 23, 1999      **Genealogy Hints and Anecdotes.** Bring your favorite story to share - your favorite research location, your most unusual find, etc. This is always a fun evening.

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