

# GENERATIONS



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

## **The Heritage Quest Road Show**

- ≡ Leland Meitzler, Heritage Quest Magazine Executive Editor
- ≡ Tuesday, October 26, 1999
- ≡ 6:00 p.m.
- ≡ Burnham Brook Center, 200 West Michigan Ave, Battle Creek



Leland Meitzler was our special guest last year and we have asked him back due to popular demand. Mr. Meitzler has the ability to teach and entertain at the same time. Laugh while you learn!

A unique display of genealogical books, supplies, forms and computer programs will be available for purchase from Heritage Quest throughout the evening.

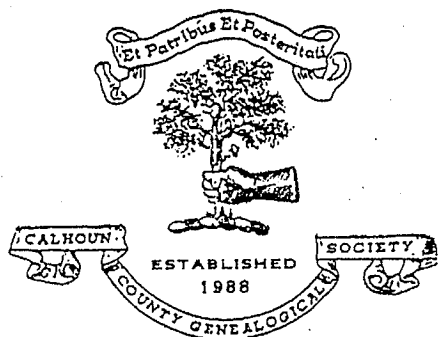
**Mr Meitzler will discuss “*Little Used Sources of Genealogical Information.*”**

6:00 p.m.	Welcome - time for browsing the sales tables
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Lecture - “Little Used Sources of Genealogical Information”
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Break - time for browsing the sales tables
8:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Completion of lecture
8:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Final Sales

***The evening is free and open to the public. Bring a friend and join in the genealogy fun. Burnham Brook is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of parking.***

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The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is a non-profit, federally tax-exempt, State-Chartered organization. Individuals, libraries or societies may apply for membership. Annual dues for the 1999 /2000 year beginning September 1, are \$12.00. Memberships are accepted year round. All members receive the bi-monthly newsletter Generations.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the VFW Hall located at 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI *unless otherwise specified*. Programs are free and the public is 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. \$55.00

Cemeteries of Eckford Twp. Calhoun County, MI  
(110 pages, over 2,100 names) \$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

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

**N - E - W!!!**  
**Clarendon Twp. Cemeteries, Calhoun Co., MI, Bentley Corners (East Clarendon), West Clarendon, St. Joseph and Cooks Prairie (188 pages) \$15.00**

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

MI residents must add 6% sales tax. All prices include shipping. To order the above publications please send a check payable to:

Calhoun County Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 879  
Marshall, MI 4906

## president's ponderings

Here we are at the start of a new year for the Calhoun County Genealogical Society! September kicks off the 12<sup>th</sup> year for the Society. Founded by a group of dedicated genealogists back in 1988 for the purpose of collecting and sharing genealogical information, the group has grown to nearly 225 members. Opportunities abound for participating more fully in the society – "many hands make light work!"

### 1) Board Members Needed – it can't all be done by just one or two people!

Vice President – This position acts as program chair, support for the President, and most likely will accede to the President's spot next year.

Recording Secretary – Keeps notes of the board meetings and monthly meetings of the Society and makes copies for distribution among members.

Treasurer – Records and manages the expenditures and income of the Society.

Historian – Compiles materials regarding the activities of the Society.

- 2) Cemetery transcription project. Township by township, the cemetery committee is recording the burials within the county. Is there a cemetery in your area you would like to work on? Please contact Ruth Kaiser about getting you started, so the same method is used in all the cemeteries.
- 3) Newsletter Editors. Thanks to Ed Williams for volunteering to assist with the newsletter. Now, we need someone else to join him. *ANYONE* can contribute materials to the newsletter! Plus, I need one less job on *my* plate, so I can concentrate on the duties of President. Please contact myself or Ed (963-4829) to help.
- 4) Computer Interest Group. How about getting a group restarted? Using computers for genealogical research is an ever-expanding field. Anyone interested please contact me, and let's get this going.
- 5) Year 2000 Seminar. Nancy Hibiske has volunteered to chair a committee for the purpose of organizing a seminar, most likely to happen in the fall of 2000. Please contact Nancy to help.
- 6) Microfilming Projects. Our Pioneer Certificate project has been going for about three years now, and we have gathered fantastic data about early Calhoun County Pioneers. We need someone to coordinate getting these materials microfilmed. Please contact me.

Remember – this is *your* society! Its success depends on all of us!

### THEY DID IT AGAIN!

Congratulations are in order to Ruth Kaiser and the Cemetery Committee. ANOTHER new cemetery book has been published. The cemeteries of **Clarendon Township**, Bentley Corners (East Clarendon), Cook's Prairie, St. Joseph and West Clarendon Township are now available. The book contains 3,232 names of people buried in Clarendon Township. It is 188 pages, and sells for \$15.00. In addition to tombstone transcriptions, the book contains data gathered from vital records, the 1877 Calhoun County History, Homer Index newspaper, Phair Funeral Home, Kelser Funeral Home and the Albion Public Library Local History Room. Well done!



## **MEDICAL HERITAGE**

*Contributed by Ed Williams*

A family medical history can be lifesaving. It gives you the ability to provide any health-care provider with essential information that is often necessary when diagnosing and treating family members. With the complex environment of health care, keeping track of family medical records can be a challenge.

Family history and genealogy are natural links to creating a medical pedigree. Examples of records that family historians use to build medical pedigrees include:

**DEATH CERTIFICATES:** A death certificate is created at the time of someone's death. This record usually includes the primary and secondary causes of death, date of onset of the illness, and surgeries that were performed as part of treatment. An attending physician usually completes it. What your family remembers as the cause of death and what is on the death certificate can be very different. Death certificates are kept in the state where the deceased passed away, not where they were buried.

**MORTALITY SCHEDULES.** The federal government between the years of 1850 and 1885 kept mortality schedules. They list deaths of the twelve months prior to the census. For example, the schedule of 1860 records deaths from June 1, 1959 through May 31, 1860.

These schedules give a state-by-state register of deaths. They predate the registration of vital statistics at the turn of the century. The deaths that are recorded represent only about 13 percent of all deaths, but is still an important source in lieu of vital statistics. The schedules include the name, age, sex, color, and marital status, free or slave status, place of birth, occupation, disease or cause of death, and number of days of illness. These schedules can be found in state archives, the DAR Library, the National Archives, and the Family History Library in Salt Lake and its Family History Centers.

**INSURANCE RECORDS.** Life insurance, in particular, can be a great source of information. As early as 1865, medical information was included on life insurance applications. Information about the general health, lifestyle, and condition of your ancestor could be found there. Each insurance company is different. Deal with corporate headquarters and tell them you are interested in information to complete a medical file on your family. "The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy" has a list of insurance companies from the 1800s forward.

**CEMETERY AND FUNERAL RECORDS.** Cemetery records often contain information about the cause of death. Check with the sexton's office in the cemetery where your ancestor was buried. Some tombstones identify the cause of death or illness. Churches often keep funeral records, and mortuary records can also be valuable.

**OBITUARIES.** Older newspaper accounts usually identify the disease or illness that contributed to the cause of death. An important clue in modern obituaries is often the charity that the family requests donations for.

Blood relationship determines the shared gene percentage between family members. The closer the blood relationship, the greater percentage of common genes.

Understanding how genetic traits are shared by blood relationship underscores the importance of gathering information on horizontal (brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins) as well as vertical (mother and father, grandparents, and great-grandparents) ancestors. Four generations of medical information is usually enough to be helpful for your medical diagnostic purposes.

## MEDICAL HERITAGE, Cont.

A medical pedigree chart is the final graphic product of a medical genetic history. This format shows family relationships, the easiest place to start. Share your information with family members and have them fill in the information they know. Try to get a copy of each death certificate to verify the information. It is also important to also document miscarriages and stillbirths.

After establishing family relationships, identify the health status of as many individuals as possible. Document as many events as possible: death, birth dates, dates of hospitalization, or beginning of a medical condition.

The following genetic diseases are more prevalent among different ethnic groups: Tay-Sachs disease (European Jewish), Malignant hypothermia (French-Canadian, European, Italian, Norwegian, and Welsh), Thalassemia (Mediterranean, Southeast Asian, Middle Eastern, or African), sickle cell anemia (African-Americans), and cystic fibrosis (European and some African-American families), congenital nephrosis (Scandinavian).

A professional review of the research you complete will help identify what additional information may be needed and may indicate what, if any, medical treatment you should seek. Genetic counselors can help you understand your family medical history.

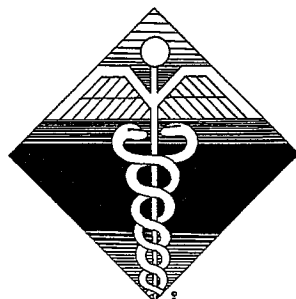
Be sensitive to family members who are unwilling to be involved or discuss medical history. Help them recognize the information they provide can be lifesaving to you or to future generations of your family. It is important to be concerned with the issue of privacy. The information you compile should be shared only with your health-care provider and blood relatives. Reach agreement with your extended family that your research will remain confidential and be treated with discretion. Discrimination can occur in the workplace and with health and life insurance if information about genetic conditions is treated casually.

### SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What was the date of death?
2. Cause of death, age of onset of the cause of death. Seek documentation.
3. Other known illnesses or surgeries during your ancestor's lifetime?
4. Did he or she smoke? How much and for how many years?
5. Drink or use drugs?
6. Miscarriages or stillbirths?

Referrals to local genetic counselors can be obtained from the National Society of Genetic Counselors, 233 Canterbury Drive, Wallingford, PA 19086-6617

*Synopsized from "Ancestors — a Beginner's Guide to Family History and Genealogy" by Jim and Terry Willard, with Jane Wilson. Published by Houghton Mifflin Co. Boston, NY, 1997. Chapter 8: Your Medical Heritage.*



## HOW YOU SPEND YOUR "DASH"

Author: Unknown

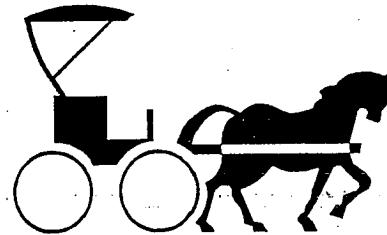


I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From the beginning...to the end.  
He noted that first came her date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.  
(1934 - 1996)

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars...the house...the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard...  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.  
And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile...  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.  
So, when your eulogy's being read  
With your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?

## FEATURED WEB SITE:

Check out the Library of Congress site at <http://www.loc.gov/> The section "American Memory: America's Story in Words, Sounds and Pictures" is particularly wonderful. Historic images, maps, video clips and more, all categorized, on life in America. The database is also fully searchable.



## MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAMS

Willard Library is pleased to present two multi-media programs on Michigan nature and history on Wednesday, October 20, 1999 with Ann and John Mahan, noted Michigan authors. These programs will be held in the Miller-Stone Building, across the street from the library. John and Ann Mahan specialize in photography and writing that focuses on the beauty and uniqueness of our own Great Lakes region. Subjects they have researched and share in their presentations include lighthouses, islands, shipwrecks, freighters, wildlife and ecology.

At noon on Wednesday, October 20th, the program will be "Great Lakes' Lighthouses." It features photographs of numerous lighthouses and other Great Lakes subjects. With music, narration, and sound effects, Ann and John Mahan share their experiences in finding the lighthouses, give an overview of each lake's characteristics, show many islands, and discuss the significance and symbolism of the lighthouses.

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20th, the program "Wild Lake Michigan" will be presented. This is a portrait of an inland sea still alive with wildness! Inseparable from this watery wilderness are its dunes, Northwoods, wetlands, and islands -- and its geologic, human and maritime history. With photographs, sound effects, narration, and music, this show explores Lake Michigan's wild and natural areas.

The following pages, numbers seven through ten, contain the index for the scrapbook of Mrs. Susan Gerow Allen. The Allen family lived in the Albion area for many years, then some moved to the state of Washington. The actual scrapbook is located in the Albion Public Library Local History Room.

# SCRAPBOOK OF SUSAN M. GEROW ALLEN

ALLEN	Adele C.	birth	22 Sept 1848	parents King P. and Susan Allen, teacher Dayton (obit, Carolyn)
ALLEN	Anna L. (Brown)	death		b. Chesterton, Ind. (obit)
ALLEN	Anna L. (Brown)			survived by hus Ethan I. Allen, 1 dau, 2 grch, 2 sisters & 3 brothers (obit)
ALLEN	Byron W.			Captain; parents Oliver A. & -- Allen (obit Oliver A. Allen)
ALLEN	Caroline Elizabeth	birth	28 July 1876	parents King P. and Susan Allen, born Homer, MI b. 1876or1877
ALLEN	Dora V.			parents King P. and Susan Allen (obit K.P. Allen)
ALLEN	E. P.	birth	21 Feb 1854	parents Stephen and Mary; lives Traverse City, MI (obit Stephen)
ALLEN	Ethan Ira	death	27 Feb 1917	born Homer, MI, 2 ch, 2 grsons, bro. King P. Allen (obit)
ALLEN	Ethan Ira	marriage	23 May 1878	died Kalamazoo, MI at daughters home (obit)
ALLEN	Faye	Valedictorian		wife Anna Laura Brown (obit)
ALLEN	Harold			1st Graduating Class, Pullman WA; 11 members
ALLEN	Ina Eloise	death	31 Dec 1897	ring bearer at wedding of Adele Allen & H.L. Oliver prob. nephew
ALLEN	Ira	Asst. Postmaster		dau. of Mr. & Mrs. S.R. Allen (In Memoriam article)
ALLEN	Ira	death	8 Feb 1878	parents King P. & Susan Allen (obit Carolyn) lives Spokane (obit K.P.A.)
ALLEN	Ira	marriage	12 June 1828	(obit Rebecca)
ALLEN	Ira	death	8 Feb 1878	wife Rebecca Calkins, prob. VT (obit Rebecca)
ALLEN	Ira	birth	7 July 1809	blacksmith, 10 children, d. of heart disease (obit)
ALLEN	Jennie Ruth	birth		b. Danby, Rutland Co., VT, mar. 1828 VT, moved OH, then Homer, MI (obit)
ALLEN	Jennie Ruth	marriage		parents Ethan I. & Anna L. (Brown) Allen (obit. Ethan Allen)
ALLEN	K.P. & Susan	anniversary	October 1914	husband R. B. DeBOW, Kalamazoo (obit. Ethan and Anna Allen)
ALLEN	Karl	marriage		50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration: guests listed in soc. news.
ALLEN	Karl P.	city ed. Pullman Herald		wife Frankie Stevens of Colfax, WA (society news)
ALLEN	King Prince	birth	9 Nov 1841	parents King P. and Susan Allen (obit, Carolyn)
ALLEN	King Prince	death	13 May 1917	b. Ohio; parents VT families (obit)
ALLEN	King Prince	marriage	20 Oct 1864	d. Colfax, Wash.; Civil War 21 Apr 1861 to July 1864; blacksmith; postmaster
ALLEN	Lulu Faye			wife Susan M. Gerow, mar at Marengo, MI; eight children (obit)
ALLEN	Mrs. K.P.			parents King P. and Susan Allen, teacher Pomeroy (obit, Carolyn)
ALLEN	Mrs. Wilford			parents Stephen N. & Dianna (Townsend) Gerow (obit SNGerow)
ALLEN	Oliver A.	birth		musician at wedding of Adele Allen & H.L. Oliver (society news)
ALLEN	Oliver A.	death		b. Ohio; wagon & blacksmith business; Masonic frat.; obit.
ALLEN	Rebecca Calkins	d. Chardon, OH	2 June 1893	San Bernardino, CA, age 61; obit.
ALLEN	S. R.			b. Vermont 5 April 1810, wife of Ira Allen, 10 children (obit)
ALLEN	Stephen Rouland	birth	25 Dec 1846	parents Ira & Rebecca Allen (obit Rebecca)
ALLEN	Stephen Rouland	death	22 July	parents Ira and Rebecca Allen, born Fowler's Mills, OH, obituary
ALLEN	Stephen Rouland	marriage	23 Dec 1868	obituary, bro. of King P. Allen, Pullman WA & Ethan I. of Kalamazoo
ALLEN	Stephen Rouland (II)			wife Mary E. Potter, four children, four grandsons obit.
ALLEN	Susan M. Gerow	death	17 Sept 1916	parents E. P. and -- Allen, Traverse City, (obit grandfather Stephen)
ALLEN	Wilford			d. Colfax WA; bur. South Side Cem., Pullman WA; eight children (obit)
				parents King P. & Susan Allen (obit, Carolyn) I. Oregon (obit KPAllen)

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ALLEN	William Brown	b/d infancy	parents Ethan I. and Anna L.(Brown) Allen, Homer, MI
BAINATON	Herbert	Reverend	conducted services at Christian Church for King P. Allen (obit)
BIRMINGHAM	Mr.&Mrs. J.M.	guests	50th Wedding Anniv. Celebration guests at Aberdeen, WA
BLANCHARD	Bernadine	birth	ring bearer at wedding of Adele Allen & H. L. Oliver
BLANCHARD	Bernadine Elizabeth	death	parents Henry F. and Carolyn Elizabeth (Allen) Blanchard
BLANCHARD	Caroline E. Allen	marriage	Two obituaries, typhoid fever, one daughter
BLANCHARD	Henry F.		wife Caroline Elizabeth Allen (obit: Caroline)
BROWN	A. C.		brother of Anna L.B.Allen; lives Elkhart, Ind (obit Anna Allen)
BROWN	A. W.		brother of Anna L.B.Allen; lives Elkhart, Ind (obit Anna Allen)
BROWN	Anna Laura	marriage	husband Ethan Ira Allen (obits for each)
BROWN	Anna Laura	birth	parents Hiram & Jane Brown; b.Chesterton, IN (obit)
BROWN	Anna Laura	marriage	husband Ethan I. Allen (obit)
BROWN	Hiram		brother of Anna L.B.Allen'; lives Elkhart, Ind. (obit Anna Allen)
BURCHFIELD		Reverend	Assisted with service for Ethan Ira Allen 2 March 1917 (obit)
CALKINS	Rebecca	marriage	mar. Vermont, hus. Ira Allen, moved Ohio, Homer MI in 1854 (obit)
CAMPBELL	B. F.		16 May 1917 active pallbearer for King P. Allen (obit)
CANFIELD	Mrs. S. E.		2 June 1893 parents Ira & Rebecca Allen (obit: Rebecca Allen)
CHARLESWORTH	Mrs. T. J.		sister of Anna L. Brown Allen; lives Cleveland OH (obit Anna Allen)
COOKE		Reverend	2 March 1917 Conducted service for Ethan I. Allen with Burchfield (obit)
CRANE	J.B.	Reverend	8 Feb 1878 Lines read at father's funeral, Homer, Mich. " Handwritten, 2 sheets
CRANE	Mr.	Reverend	of Hillsdale, conducted service for SNGerow (obit SNGerow)
DeBOW	Ledlie	marriage	son of Jennie & R.B.DeBow (obit gm Anna Allen)
DeBOW	R. B.		wife Jennie Ruth Allen, dau Ethan I. & Anna L. Allen (obit: Ethan)
DeBOW	Ruth		parents R.B. & Jennie R. (Allen) DeBow, Kalamazoo (obit: gf Ethan)
EWING	G. W.		16 May 1917 active pallbearer for King P. Allen (obit)
FEIGHNER	Allen		parents Geo. W.--(Allen) Feighner, Homer;(obit of gf Stephen Allen)
FEIGHNER	Ellery		parents Geo. W. & --(Allen)Feighner, Homer, (obit. of gf Stephen)
FEIGHNER	George E.		parents Geo. W.&--(Allen)Feighner,Homer (obit of gf StephenAllen)
FEIGHNER	Mrs. George		parents Stephen and Mary Allen, lives Homer (obit Stephen Allen)
FLOOD	Byrl		bridesmaid for L. Faye Allen and Reed M. VanDorn (society news)
FLOOD	Marion		musician at wedding of L.Faye Allen & Reed M. VanDorn (society news)
GEROW	Arthur E.		lived Detroit 1908 (obit Jeremiah G.)
GEROW	Eugene L.		son of Jeremiah Gerow (obit of Jeremiah)
GEROW	Ida M.		dau Jeremiah & Lucinda (Monfort) Gerow (obit Jeremiah G.)
GEROW	Jeremiah	birth	b. Perry, NY; parents Stephen and Dianna Gerow (obit)
GEROW	Jeremiah	marriage	1 Sept 1834 1st wife Sarah Gildersteeve, m. at Marengo MI; 3 ch. (obit)
GEROW	Jeremiah	marriage 2	1854
GEROW	Jeremiah	death	1861 2nd wife Lucinda Monfort of Honeoye Falls NY; 2 ch (obit)
GEROW	Jeremiah		13 July 1908 d Albion, MI; 2 brothers, 2 sisters; interred Riverside (corr.Marengo)obit
GEROW	Jerry		parents Stephen N. & Dianna (Townsend) Gerow (obit SNGerow)



SCRAPBOOK OF SUSAN M. GEROW ALLEN

GEROW	Lucinda Monfort	death	June 1905	(obit, Jeremiah Gerow)
GEROW	Sarah Gildersleeve	death	1859	(obit Jeremiah Gerow)
GEROW	Seth			son of Stephen & Dianna Gerow (obit Jeremiah Gerow)
GEROW	Seth S.	death	14 Nov	d. Marengo, MI, wife survives, ch. prev. d. (obit)
GEROW	Stephen N.	death	6th -- 76yrs old (obit. no date or place.)	Date 6 Feb 1878 from index given
GEROW	Stephen N.	birth	17 Feb 1801	b. Ulster Co., NY (obit)
GEROW	Stephen N.	marriage	9 May 1830	wife Dianna Townsend of Ulster Co. (obit.)
GEROW	Susan M.	birth	10 May 1841	b. Honeoye Falls, NY (obit) dau of Stephen & Dianna (obit Jeremiah G.)
GEROW	Victorine			dau of Stephen & Dianna Gerow (obit Jeremiah G.)
GEROW	Ward T.			son of Stephen & Dianna Gerow (obit Jeremiah Gerow)
GEROW	Ward T.	marriage	1854	parents Stephen N. & Dianna (Townsend) Gerow (obit SNGerow)
GILDERSLEEVE	Sarah			husband Jeremiah Gerow; m. at Marengo; 3 ch. (his obit)
GRAHAM	Mrs. Adaline			purchased farm of Stephen and Dianna Gerow in Marengo two (obit J.G)
HARRISON	C. H.	Reverend	16 May 1917	conducted services for King P. Allen (obit)
HARRISON	Mr.	Reverend		performed ceremony for L.Faye Allen & Reed M. VanDorn (society news)
HUFFER	C. E.	Reverend	15 July 1908	officiated at funeral of Jeremiah Gerow (his obit)
HUPP	J. M.	Reverend	16 May 1917	performed wedding ceremony of Karl Allen & Frankie Stevens at Moscow
KELSER	Virgil			music for services of King p. Allen (obit)
MARVIN	M. H.	Reverend		performed wedding ceremony of Adele Allen & H.L.Oliver
MASON	Coral			bridesmaid at wedding of Dora "Daisy" Allen & John C. Taylor(society)
MASON	H. C.	Reverend		conducted services for Roscoe Neill at Pullman WA (obit)
McPHERSON	George P.	death	19 March	dau S.G. Pattison, wife of Robert McPherson (obit)
MONFORT	Lucinda	marriage	1861	husband of Jeremiah Gerow; of Honeoye Falls NY; 2 ch (obit J.Gerow)
MUMFORD	A.W.	Reverend		Performed service for Stephen R. Allen, July 25th, M.E.Church (obit)
NEILL	Marjorie			flowergirl at wedding of Adele Allen & H.L.Oliver niece
NEILL	Roscoe	death	7 May 1901	son of Thomas & Ada (Allen) Neill; lived Colfax, WA, (obit)
NEILL	Roscoe	birth	22 Feb 1893	b. Pullman WA; parents Thomas & Ada (Allen) Neill
NEILL	Roy A.			decorations for wedding of L.Faye Allen & Reed M. VanDorn(soc.news)
NEILL	Thomas	marriage		wife Ada M. Allen; lived Colfax, WA (obit K.P.Allen & Carolyn Blanchard
NYE	Mr.&Mrs.Fred	guests	20 Oct 1914	50th Wedding Anniv. Celebration guests at Aberdeen, WA
OLIVER	Allen		16 May 1917	son of H.L.& Adele C. (Allen) Oliver (Family Gathering)
OLIVER	Harvey LeRoy	marriage		wife Adele C. Allen (obit. K.P.Allen)(society news)
OLIVER	Karl		16 May 1917	son of H.L.& Adele C. (Allen) Oliver (Family Gathering)
OLIVER	Katherine		16 May 1917	dau of H.L.& Adele C. (Allen) Oliver (Family Gathering)
PAGE	Reuben			neighbor of Jeremiah Gerow who was with him at death (obit Jeremiah)
PORTER	Mrs. William		16 May 1917	music for services of King P. Allen (obit)
POTTER	E.J.		2 March 1917	services for Ethan I. Allen conducted from his home (obit E.I.Allen)
POTTER	Mary E.	marriage	23 Dec 1868	husband Stephen Rouland Allen (his obit)
ROBERTS	Mr.&Mrs. C.P.L.	guests	20 Oct 1914	50th Wedding Anniv. Celebration guests at Aberdeen, WA

ROCKWOOD	Mrs. S. H.	death	1 Aug	parents Oliver A. & -- Allen; Fresno, CA (obit Oliver A. Allen)
RYAN	Jane			Pioneer, about 53 yrs of age; 3 sons, 2 dau, husband Patrick survive (obit)
RYAN	Patrick			survives wife Jane (obit)
SANBORN	J. B.	Reverend	16 May 1917	active pallbearer for King P. Allen (obit)
SARGENT	R. C.			Performed service for Carolyn E. Allen Blanchard with F.W. Wyatt
SHAW	A. E.	undertakers	16 May 1917	active pallbearer for King P. Allen (obit)
SHAW & DEAN				funeral service for Oliver A. Allen held here
SHIRLEY	N. T.		16 May 1917	active pallbearer for King P. Allen (obit)
STYLES	Mrs. H. M.		16 May 1917	music for services of King P. Allen (obit)
TAYLOR	Adelbert		16 May 1917	youngest son of J.C. and Dora V. (Allen) Taylor (obit King P. Allen)
TAYLOR	John C.	marriage		wife Dora V. Allen (obit. K.P. Allen)(society news)
THORPE	E. W.			groomsman for L. Faye Allen and Reed M. VanDorn (society news)
TOMPKINS	Henry	marriage		wife Victorine Gerow, live Litchfield, MI (obit Jeremiah Gerow)
TOMPKINS	Mrs. Henry			parents Stephen N. & Dianna (Townsend) Gerow (obit. SNGerow)
TOWNSEND	Dianna	marriage	9 May 1830	hus. Stephen N. Gerow (his obit.) 7 children
TOWNSEND	Zebulow	death	24 Nov 1866	d. Marengo aged 90 yrs, father of Dianna Gerow (obit)
VAN DORN	Reed			Best man at wedding of Adele Allen & H.L. Oliver
VAN DORN	Reed M.	marriage		wife Lulu Faye Allen (obit K.P. Allen) (society news)
WALLER	Mrs. Jane			sister of Anna L. Brown Allen; lives Bay City (obit Anna Allen)
WALTON	Charles		16 May 1917	music for services of King P. Allen (obit)
WINDUS	Alfred		16 May 1917	active pallbearer for King P. Allen (obit)
WOODRUFF	Mr. & Mrs. George	guests	20 Oct 1914	50th Wedding Anniv. Celebration guests at Aberdeen, WA
WORBOYS	Dr. C. H.	marriage		wife Ida M. Gerow; lived Albion (obit Jeremiah G.)
WYATT	F.W.	Reverend		Performed service for Carolyn E. Allen Blanchard with R.C. Sargent

## **NEW LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER OPENS IN BATTLE CREEK**

Genealogists in the Battle Creek area will now have local access to the records of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Family History Centers.

A new LDS Family History Center (FHC) has opened at the church located at 1312 Capital Avenue S.W. in Battle Creek. The Director is Lila "Mickey" Baldwin, who is also a member of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. Equipped with two computers, two microfiche readers, and two microfilm readers, the Center is open for patrons. The Battle Creek Center has the standard materials such as the Ancestral File, International Genealogical Index (IGI), and the Family History Library Catalog – both on CD and microfiche. Like all FHC's, a patron may order from the extensive collection of records housed at the main library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and have them available to research at the Battle Creek Center. Tentative hours are Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to work at the Center. You do not need to be a member of the LDS Church to work at the Center. Volunteers are especially needed between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please contact Mickey at 616-965-6653, or call the Center at 964-0878.



### **German Translator, Please!**

Verla Potts is in need of someone to translate some genealogical records from Old German. If you can help please contact Verla at [Vpotts1548@aol.com](mailto:Vpotts1548@aol.com) or call her at 616-781-8594.

### **Road Construction Alert**

Going north on I-69 to research at the Library of Michigan? Be prepared for traffic delays due to extensive road work. Going south on I-69 to research at the Allen Co. Library in Ft. Wayne? Be prepared for traffic delays due to extensive road work!

## ***Pat Geyer shared some thoughts with us about publishing your family history...***

As a suggestion from this author, don't leave boxes and drawers of papers for the kids to figure out! They will appreciate something in a book form, which can be shelved and read.

If we are fortunate we can get a daughter or son or grandchild involved in our work and if one has safe storage space, to agree to house everything and carry on with the family stories. They may be more interested if we have already compiled a book, and have shown them that more books on other family lines can be written from these files!

We need to think who will get our files – when we join those ancestors we've been tracking down! Local History Rooms at our local library may be interested. Usually they collect local or county history. County Libraries and the State Library may be interested.

Here are some resources to help you get started.

**PCN Publishers Manual.** Contact the Library of Congress for guidelines on the preassigned Card Number Program Library of Congress. The nation's libraries recognize this number. Guidelines for Preassigned Card Number Program, Library of Congress, Cataloging in Publication Division, 101 Independence Ave., S. E., Washington, DC 20540-4320. Ask for the manual. Also PCN Homepage: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pcn>

**Getting copyright information.** Write or call to Publications Section, LM-455, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20559-6000.

Heritage Books, Inc. has free "Author Information" pamphlet. Write to Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716-1859. Email [heritagebooks@pipeline.com](mailto:heritagebooks@pipeline.com)

Genealogy Helper Magazine lists several publishers and printers who will do both – print and publish. So does Heritage Quest magazine.

There are local printers also, and they will help an author with placement of pictures, type of cover to select, archival papers, costs of the whole thing, numbers to print, checking for accuracy, etc. There are lots of decisions to make, or it can be quite a simple project depending on what the author wants.

**Future Functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society**

Programs are always free and the public is welcome.  
For more information call Nancy Hibiske at 616-962-3498

***All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.***

- October 26th      Heritage Quest Genealogy Road Show featuring Mr. Leland Meitzler. **Mr. Meitzler** will speak on **"Little Used Sources of Genealogical Information."** Meeting to be held at the Burnham Brook Center, 200 W. Michigan, Battle Creek, MI, and starts **at 6:00 p.m.**
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>      Dawn Mackety will speak on **"Native American Research."** More details will follow in the next newsletter. Meeting to be held at the B. E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall St., Marshall, MI, 7:00 p.m.
- December          No Meeting – Happy Holidays!

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