

GENERATIONS



The Newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

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The next meeting of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society:

The History of the Stagecoach in Southern Michigan

- ▣ **Featuring Harold Frey,**
- ▣ **Author of Tacking Down the Planks**
- ▣ **Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ▣ **B.E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall Street, Marshall, MI**

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is thrilled to have Harold Frey as our guest speaker. Author and historian, Mr. Frey will talk to us about the history of the stagecoach era - an important link to the outside world before the railroads.

Stagecoaches in the first half of the 19th century carried passengers and mail throughout southern Michigan. They helped to establish towns and create routes that eventually became roads such as today's M-37 and US-131. Mr. Frey discovered places like Hanchett's Mill, Leepersville and Slater's Mission which served as coach stops.

Mr. Frey also enjoys genealogy and discovered his ancestors include Annie Oakley who was married to his grandmother's first cousin!

Using the Records of the LDS Church

- **Guest Speaker: Mickey Baldwin,**
- **Joy Carter and Carlene DeMaso**
- **Tuesday, April 25, 2000 7:00p.m.**
- **B.E. Henry Building**
- **615 S. Marshall Street, Marshall**

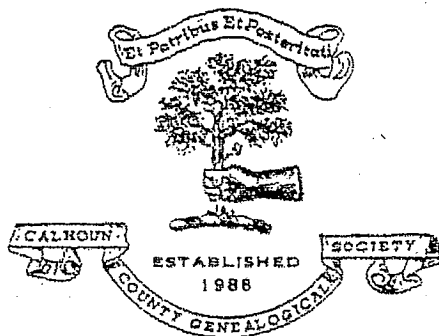


As always, all CCGS meetings are free and open to the public.

Mickey Baldwin, Director, Joy Carter and Carlene DeMaso, of the Church of Latter Day Saints Family History Center in Battle Creek will be our special guests. They will give us direction on best utilizing the records available through the LDS Church. Great information if you want to make full use of the resources they have to offer!

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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 quarterly newsletter Generations.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the B. E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall, 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) \$8.00

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

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

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

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Available Soon!
Tekonsha Township Cemeteries, Calhoun Co., MI, Riverside, Windfall and MacFadden (221 pages) Price TBD

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 49068

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Michigan's unseasonably warm winter is nearly at an end, and my genealogy is not "done!" So much for the good intentions of using the quieter winter months to bury myself in the pages of county histories and family chronicles! In truth, I've had a most prosperous Internet experience. Patience is a virtue (pre-requisite, actually) when undertaking this hobby (obsession?) we call genealogy. However, slap a few postings around the web and miracles can happen! I received a response to a posting I had made on a GenForum board (www.genforum.com) from a person who was sure we shared a common great-grandfather. After straightening out relationships we discovered we were indeed cousins. A terrifically nice guy, he mentioned to his parents, who happen to still live on the old homestead, that he was digging for roots. They casually remarked that they had located a trunk of old family things, including old letters and postcards! Not being completely addicted yet, they didn't understand the significance of that which they were speaking!

To make a long story short, my newly discovered cousin has been gracious enough to share with me copies of letters *written by my great-grandmother* in the 1880's. They are an incredible, intimate look at her life that I otherwise would never have been privy to had I not made the Internet Connection. The letters contain charming, chatty family news about her new dress and hat, which was a gift from her husband, a sister-in-law's jealousy over said new dress and hat, the success of the season's harvest and a baby just beginning to walk. To say it was a thrill to see her handwriting relating these beautifully simple things of everyday life is an understatement. I'm hoping to make it to Northeast Alabama yet this spring to meet my new cousins, tour cemeteries, and head for the local libraries and courthouses. To think we can use 21st century technology to link us to 19th century (and beyond) ancestors!

Now, on to Society news! I am extremely pleased to announce that John Baker, a long time CCGS member, is our new Treasurer. John comes to us with a wealth of experience in managing funds for various organizations. His talents and experience will be a great benefit to the group. Welcome, John!

We are still without a Vice President. My tenure as your President ends September 2000, and we need to get in place the future officers of this organization. **Additionally, we are in need of someone to take over the newsletter immediately.** Ed Williams has written many wonderful articles for *Generations* over the past few months. However, due to a career change he is no longer able to continue working on the newsletter. So, we need someone to take over both positions immediately. No experience necessary (just ask Nancy or me!) and we will gladly provide guidance.

We are returning *Generations* to a quarterly publication as it was when Nancy and I became editors back in 1995. The new editors may choose to return to a bimonthly publication.

Please email me at sredmond@aol.com or call me at 616-729-5258 to let me know where you want to make a difference! Remember – this is *your* society! Its success depends on all of us!



Is It Really So? Evaluating Evidence

by Sandy Redmond

On the following page is a copy of an affidavit sent to me by my cousin, Peggy Goggans Smith, that she located among the records of the Hopkins Co., TX courthouse. The document was filed 18 May 1946, to apparently legally document the family of John Marion Stout, our great grandfather. The intent of this article is to encourage researchers to carefully evaluate even that "evidence" that seems so conclusive.

Collectively, I, my cousin Peggy, and another cousin Delories Shirley Brown, have established the following facts about this family:

- John Marion Stout b. 12 Jan 1862, was married first to Genona Mae Absher Hawerton. She was born 20 Jan 1870, and died 27 Feb 1892.
- John Marion Stout was married second to Ada Idell Woods, between 1892 and 1897.
- John Marion Stout was killed in a dynamite explosion in Missouri, 28 Aug 1920.
- Ada Idell Woods Stout married second, Alf Worley, circa 1921.

The annotation at the bottom of the document indicates that the "mother's maiden name" is Ada Idell Woods, leading one to believe she was the mother of *all* of John Stout's children. In fact, his first wife, Genona Mae Absher Hawerton, was the mother of Ida Belle and George Rufus Stout. In addition to first hand knowledge of this fact, the six and one-half year gap between the births of George and Otto should cause a careful researcher to scrutinize the record closely. Notice the other children are born two to three years apart, again with the exception of the last child, Georgia [sic] Virgil. After the death of John Marion Stout in 1920, Ada Idell Woods married Alf Worley, and had *their* son *George Virgil Worley* in 1923. The hand-correction of his name and date on the document was done at an unknown point in time.

Is an affidavit primary evidence? In this case, no. The third paragraph states: "...witnessed a document, aged and frayed, and which looks to be at least fifty five or sixty years old, said document being a record of the births of the John Stout Family. I do hereby affirm that the following is a true and correct record of all the names and ages *inscribed in the birth record* of the John Stout family." Yes, the *affidavit* is a true and correct record of the names and ages as inscribed in the birth record, however, *the birth record is not correct*.

The 1946 date of the affidavit, minus George Worley's birth date of 1923, could only create a document of 23 years of age, not "fifty-five to sixty". Finally, did W. P. McCullough have first hand knowledge of these births (was he present, was he a minister who baptized the children, was he a close relative?). To date, I cannot find this person in any of my research. He was not the husband of any of John Marion Stout's daughters.

Now, the good news! Based on research of *other* primary evidence, the dates and names of these children are correct. The birthplace of John Marion Stout has not been confirmed as Wycliff, KY (a distinct possibility) and it is not at all certain that his second wife Ada Idell Woods was born there.

Some suggestions:

- Evaluate the logic of the document as demonstrated above. Critique the dates, the statements, the people involved.
- Most importantly, don't rely on only one piece of evidence to connect a family, document a date or place, etc. Evaluate *all* evidence. In this case, simple census, birth, death and marriage records exist to substantiate the facts about this family.

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HOPKINS : ss

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for Hopkins County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared W. P. McCullough known to me, and known by me to be the person whose name is signed to this affidavit, and who, by me being duly affirmed, on his affirmation deposed and said:

My name is W. P. McCullough. I live at Sulphur Springs, County of Hopkins, State of Texas, and my post office address is the same.

I have on this, the 18th day of May, 1946, witnessed a document, aged and frayed, and which looks to be at least fifty five or sixty years old, said document being a record of the births of the John Stout family. I do hereby affirm that the following is a true and correct record of all the names and ages inscribed in the birth record of the John Stout family:

Ida Belle Stout was borned 3rd of August 1889
George Ruffus Stout was borned 27th of March 1891
Otto Katiska Stout borned Sept 9, 1897
Vernon Stout borned July 23, 1899
Rollan R. Stout borned May 13, 1901
Emerial N. Stout borned Dec 28, 1904
Isolene Stout borned Jan 1, 1907
Jewell Stout borned Oct 15, 1909
Junnie Marriion Stout June 9, 1912
Lonnie Woodrow Stout borned Nov 15, ¹⁹¹⁵~~1914~~
Delbert Spencer Stout borned Dec 17, 1916
Arnold H. M. Stout borned Dec 27, 1919
(Georgia Virgil) was Born 30 May, 1923
George Virgil Worley

W. P. McCullough
Affiant's Signature

May, 18, 1946

Sworn and subscribed to before me
on this 18th day of May, 1946.

Sidney B. Brice
Sidney B. Brice, Notary Pub
Hopkins County, Texas

FATHER : JOHN MARION STOUT
FATHER'S BIRTH PLACE: WYCLIFF, KENTUCKY
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: ADA IDELL WOODS
PLACE OF BIRTH: WYCLIFF, KENTUCKY

My History is America's History

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has created a national family history project called "My History is America's History" to help celebrate the millennium. Focusing on how researching the family is the way to discover the history of our land, the theme is: "Follow your family's story and discover America's history." NEH believes that family stories are national treasures and should be preserved as family heirlooms.

"My History" is the name of the guidebook NEH is offering to help families interview relatives, preserve family photographs, letters and videotapes and includes family history classroom projects for students. It shows how to keep a journal, interview relatives, do genealogical research and organize family activities such as quilt making. You can create a family history museum, compile a family cookbook, make a family photo album, collect oral histories of relatives on tape and much more.

The "My History" guidebook can be ordered on the project's website is www.myhistory.org or by calling 1-877-NEH-HISTORY.

Genealogy Class in Battle Creek, MI

The Institute for Learning in Retirement in Battle Creek, MI is offering a genealogy class for people ages 50 and over. Classes are each Wednesday from April 19 – May 3, 2000 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at Kellogg Community College, Davidson Building Room 107. This is a beginning genealogy class that will teach you how to find information through research libraries, county and state office records, cemeteries, the Internet and much more. The instructor is Phylis Russell. The class fee is \$10.00 with ILR membership. Call 616-965-3931, extension 2642 to register.

Calvin Loomis Carpenter, His Ancestors and Descendants

Elma Wiesnieski Carpenter, CCGS member, and Donna Harris Hellewell have written the family history of Calvin Loomis Carpenter that covers five centuries. Calvin Loomis Carpenter, His Ancestors and Descendants has been donated to Willard Library in Battle Creek, MI. In it you will find the births, marriages and deaths of the Carpenter family stretching back to John Carpenter in the year 1303 in England. Included is the U.S. Revolutionary War soldier, Robert Carpenter, who died at the Battle of Bemis Heights near Stillwater, New York in 1777.

The book contains over 500 pages with more than 50 photographs and references to over 3,000 names. Some of the surnames include: Adolph, Auten, Bauer, Bishop, Brownell, Burt, Carpenter, Chichester, Clemens, Doubleday, Fox, Hicks, Loew, Lux, Martin, Mitchell, Parlin, Seedorff, Simmons, Smith, Snyder, Swartz, Tiffany, Voyce, Wilson and many more. There is a full-name index and the book is printed on acid-free paper and is bound in a spiral binder.

To order a copy of Calvin Loomis Carpenter, His Ancestors and Descendants, send \$35 plus \$4 shipping to: Elma Carpenter, 194 Bradley St., Battle Creek, MI 49017 or call 616-968-5166.

Genealogy Sites on the Web

For books on genealogy only:

<http://www.genealogybookshop.com/genealogybookshop/index.html>

To search many databases:

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Site by the Public Broadcasting System for its ancestors series.

<http://www.pbs.org/kbyu/ancestors>

Comprehensive list of more than 50,000 genealogy links - a great place to start

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Site by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with huge database and links. Users are urged to verify all information found by checking original sources.

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

Data bases, forums, tutorials and links to commercial services:

<http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/index.html>

Search by surname, a good general site.

<http://www.gengateway.com>

Good place to start.

<http://www.genhomepage.com/>

Searchable database and large chat area.

<http://www.genealogy.org/>

Search for sites and surnames, vital records and software.

<http://www.genealogyportal.com/>

Journal of Online Genealogy

<http://www.onlinegenealogy.com/>

National Genealogical Society

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Database with more than half a million surnames - one of the largest sites.

<http://www.rootsweb.com>

Genealogical data exchange and surname registry. Exchange data with others. Large, non-commercial genealogy project.

<http://www.genexchange.com/>

One-on-one Internet Training

Reserve a 30-minute session with a librarian at Willard Public Library for hands-on instruction in using Internet. Topics: Introduction to Internet, Advanced Internet, Library Electronic Catalog, Magazine and Journal Searching. To schedule an appointment, call 968-8166, Ext. 512. The library is located at 7 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Microfiche Reader for Sale

Please contact Ramona Short at 1-517-629-2384 if you are interested in purchasing a gently used microfiche reader.

**Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles ...
It's the threads I need!**

BOUNDARY CHANGES

Something to think about

I have a friend whose ancestor lived in two states and six counties and never moved! This is because of boundary changes between lower Alabama and upper Florida. I also have a CW ancestor who was denied a pension by the state of Florida because he had not lived in Florida long enough to satisfy the residency requirements for a pension. Strangely, he had lived in Geneva County, Alabama and Holmes County, Florida; and had the same neighbors!!!

I have learned to always look right above and below state lines for ancestors -- if they lived near boundaries between states. Also, I have to remember that just because an ancestor lived in a certain county, they may have conducted business at another county courthouse because the county courthouse might have been nearer to them. It's all so interesting. *From Reminder@snowhill.com*

HAPPENINGS

National Genealogical Society 2000 Conference in the States - New England

Local Host - New England Regional Genealogical Conference

When: 31 May - 3 June 2000

Where: Providence, Rhode Island

For more: NGS 2000 Conference Brochure, 4527 17th Street North

Arlington, VA 22207-2399

Phone (703) 525-0050, Toll Free: 800- 473-0060

E-mail: conference@ngsgenealogy.org

Web site: www.ngsgenealogy.org

Ingham County Genealogical Society - Seminar 2000

Local Host - Ingham County Genealogical Society

When: Saturday, October 28, 2000

Where: Holiday Inn Express and Conference Center

I-96 (Exit 110) & Okemos Road, Okemos, MI

For more: ICGS@YAHOO.COM

Sam Pardee 517-374-8178 & sampardee1@aol.com

Jean Crawford 517-623-6130 (evenings) & crawfordj@plante-moran.com

Vendors contact - Margie Griffin margiem@voyager.net

Society of Genealogists (of England) Programme of Lectures, Courses and Visits 2000

Local Host: Society of Genealogists

When: every month in 2000

Where: Mostly in the United Kingdom

For more: Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA

Thanks for the above information provided by Patricia Geyer, 601 Manor Drive, Albion MI 49224

Elderhostel Program for Irish and English Researchers

Local Host: Saint Francis University and the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne Indiana

When: 19-23 June 2000

Where: Fort Wayne, Indiana

More on what: Discussion of both basic and advanced resources, the Internet, doing long-distance research from North America, dealing with institutions in Britain and Ireland, and tips on unusual aspects of English and Irish genealogy. For more: and a catalog for Elderhostel programs, 1-877-426-89056 or their website at www.elderhostel.org. *The above courtesy of Shirley.Hodges@ssc.msu.edu (Hodges, Shirley))*

What Does It Mean - Genealogical Abbreviations

a.a.s.	Died in the year of (his/her) age, i.e., a.a.s. 64 (anno aetatis suae)
d.s.p.	Died without issue (decessit sine prole legitima)
d.s.p.l.	Died without legitimate issue (Decessit sine prole mascula)
d.s.p.m.	Died without surviving male issue (decessit sine prole mascula superstia)
d.s.p.s.	Died without surviving issue (decessit sine prole supersita)
d.unm	Died unmarried
d.v.p.	Died in the lifetime of his father (decessit vita patris)
d.v.m.	Died in the lifetime of his mother (Decessit vita matris)
inst	Present month or time (instans)
et al	And other (et alia)
liber	Book or volume
nepos	Grandson
nune	Noncupative will, an oral will written by a witness
ob	He or she died (obit)
relect	Widower or widow (relecta or relictus)
sic	So or thus, exact copy as written
testes	Witnesses
ult	Lat (ultimo), i.e., John Smith ult/the last. (most recent) John Smith
us or vs	Wife
viz	Namely (videlicet)

From the Whitter, CA, Genealogical Society, Nov. 1998 as quoted in the Temecula Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter, October 1999, Page 7.



Correction - Copies of Union City Register-Weekly.

Elma Carpenter wrote to clarify that there are indeed copies of the Union City Register-Weekly on film -- at the Branch District library in Coldwater, MI. Some editions are missing, but a lot of them are there.



Clipped Obituaries no longer a problem?

What can be more frustrating than an obituary that fits this scenario: "Your Ancestor died This Friday in His Town, His State. He will be mourned by many friends and family." Thanks to David W. Dole of Bloomington, MN, future genealogists will hopefully not experience that frustration. Mr. Dole, an octogenarian, has developed the PGCS - Publishers Genealogical Coding Service. A fifteen-character code, which appears at the bottom of an obituary, gives the name of the newspaper (first seven characters) and date of publication (last eight characters). The name of the newspaper can be determined by going to www.obituarycoding.com. Knowing the newspaper and date of publication of the obituary turns a "useless" obituary into more meaningful genealogical data.



Good news for researchers in the Niles area. The *Four Flags Tracer*, of July 1999 reports that the community of Niles has a new library. "We have a wonderful new library with a fantastic genealogy room." Good for them!

The following is the first 10 of William Dollarhide's (rather tongue-in-cheek but really quite true!) rules for genealogy. The final 11 will be in next issue of Generations.

DOLLARHIDE'S RULES FOR GENEALOGY

1. Treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestors as equals ... even if some of them were in jail.
2. Death certificates are rarely filled in by the person who died.
3. When visiting a funeral home, wear old clothes, no make-up, and look like you have about a week to live. The funeral director will give you anything you ask if he thinks you may be a customer soon.
4. The cemetery where your ancestor was buried does not have perpetual care, has no office, is accessible only by a muddy road, has snakes, tall grass, and lots of bugs ... and many of the old gravestones are in broken pieces, stacked in a corner under a pile of dirt.
5. A Social Security form SS-5 is better than a birth certificate because few people had anything to do with the information on their own birth certificate.
6. The application for a death certificate you want insists that you provide the maiden name of the deceased's mother ... which is exactly what you don't know and is the reason you are trying to get the death certificate in the first place.
7. If you call Society Security and ask where to write for a birth certificate, tell them it is for yourself. They won't help you if you say you want one for your great-great-great-great-great-grandfather who died in 1642.
8. When you contact the state vital statistics office in your home state and ask if they are "on-line" and they respond "on-what?" you may have a problem.
9. A census record showing all twelve children in a family proves only that your ancestors did not believe in birth control.
10. Work from the known to the unknown. In other words, just because your name is Washington doesn't mean you are related to George.

**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETIES/UTAH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CONFERENCE PRESENTS:**

A WORLD OF RECORDS

This conference will be held 6-9 September 2000 at the Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT. Over 130 presentations with a focus on discovering old sources with new millennial techniques. Over 60 national and international speakers who are top genealogical professionals in research and education. And more!

For additional information contact FGS toll free at 888-FGS-1500 or email at fgs-office@fgs.org. Their web sites are www.fgs.org or www.infouga.org.



Researching the WESTFALL or AUKEN/AKIN families? Member Dudley Ham has done quite a bit of research on these families, and has generously offered to share what he's discovered. You may write to him at 200 E. Spruce Street, Marshall, MI 49068, or call at 616-781-1132.



***Parsons Technology offering special price on
"Family Origins" genealogy software***

Parsons Technology of Cedar Rapids, IA, is offering a special price of \$29.99 to genealogical society members for Family Origins 8.0 Deluxe. The President of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society is an unabashed, huge fan of this software! It is extremely user friendly, yet amazingly powerful. Family Origins has all the fancy bells and whistles too – attach your family photos, create books, reports and charts to your heart's content. Need to look up a census record for great-uncle Harry, and a will for Grandpa Bob? Make a note in your "to-do list," then print your "to-do" list before you embark on your next research trip. Most important, to the serious student of good genealogical methodology, is its expert management of source documentation. Contact Parsons at 1-800-277-0152.



**OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE WAR OF THE
REBELLION (CIVIL WAR)**

Any serious student of the Civil War has, at one point or another in their research, dug into the multi-volume set of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, and found them priceless. These have been digitized and made available on-line by Cornell University. The address is <http://moa.cit.cornell.edu/MOA/MOA-JOURNALS2/WARO.html>.



UPDATE ON THE BATTLE CREEK LDS FHC

Mickey Baldwin shared the following update on the new Latter Day Saints Family History Center:

"We have qualified and have ordered the microfilm/microfiche reader/printer. Also, we now have three computers, two of which have complete sets of the Family Search CD's. The third computer is available right now for PAF 3.0. We only have a printer on the PAF computer and one of the research PC's, but two additional printers are on order.

We also have a complete set of Pedigree Resource File CD's and they are installed on the new Dell computer for patron's use.

We have completed a scale drawing of our space and hopefully we will be remodeled this summer. We still need more volunteers. Our current hours are Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m."



A local genealogist, Mrs. Enid Longwith, has several resources regarding Czech settlers in Kansas and Nebraska. If this is your area of interest please call Mrs. Longwith at 616-965-1920. Some of her materials include: Saunders County, Butler County, Czech Community, Linwood, NE, and Cedar Bluffs, NE. Also, "Nebraska and Kansas Czech Settlers, 1891-1895," "Nova Dobra," and "Roots and Leaves" and "Nase Radina" genealogical society newsletters (St. Paul, MN) from 1995 through 1999.

**I trace my family history so I
will know who to blame.**

Future Functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

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- May 23, 2000 **Preservation Month with Chris Czopek.** The CCGS will partner with the Battle Creek Historical Society in honor of Preservation Month. Chris is an engaging speaker, a Civil War history buff and a skilled photographer. More details next issue on the specific topic of this evening. *Meeting to be held at the **Burnham Brook Center**, 200 W. Michigan, Battle Creek, MI*

NOTE: The Computer Interest Group will meet at 6:00 on March 28 and April 25 in the Conference Room (upper level) of the B. E. Henry Building. No CIG meeting on May 23.

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