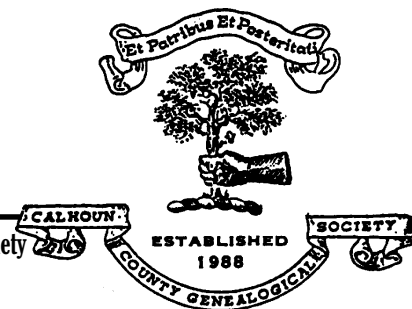


# Generations

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## Show-and-tell meeting set

**C**CGS will hold its annual show-and-tell meeting 28 January.

Genealogists are invited to bring a favorite item or story to share about their year of family tree research. In the past, among the items attendees have shown are a well-organized family history album and an old photograph of Calhoun County schoolchildren. Others have told how they organized their family reunion and how they created a family photo presentation.

Also at the meeting, CCGS members will decide whether to adopt a change to the organization's bylaws. For more information, see the article below. ■

## Officers elected, chairs appointed

**T**he society's officer elections were held during the 24 September meeting. Re-elected for 2002–2003, one-year terms were:

- President: Anita Stuever
- Treasurer: Dave Ruble
- Recording Secretary: Marcie Telfer
- Corresponding Secretary: Judy Groat

The vice president position remains open.

President Anita Stuever has appointed the following committee chairs with the support of the board:

- Publications Committee Chair and Webster: Sandy Redmond
- Membership Committee Chair:

Ilene Woodman

- Cemetery Transcription Committee Chair: Ruth Kaiser
- Pioneer Certificate Chair: Verla Potts
- Hospitality Chair: Arlene Berry and Barbara Williams
- Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate: Marlene Steele
- Newsletter Editor: Sue Stuever Battel
- Microfilming Project Chair: Cindy Kulig

Three more committee chairs will be appointed if proposal to amend the bylaws is adopted.

Many thanks to the officers and committee chairs for serving the members of the society. ■

## Bylaw changes proposed by CCGS board

**A**t the 12 November meeting of the board of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, it was moved, supported and passed that the following amendments to the bylaws of the society be presented to the membership for approval. The changes will be decided at the 28 January meeting.

For the complete, current bylaws, turn to page 15.

Article VII - Committees, Amend by substitution

*Proposed new language in bold, words in (parentheses) are for explanation and not to be included in the bylaws:*

**The Standing Committees of the Society shall be:**

- **Programs and Publicity** (chaired by the Vice President)
- **Membership Promotion** (recruiting and retention)
- **Records Preservation** (this committee absorbs the position of Archivist, also includes microfilming, etc.)
- **Publications** (including web site)
- **Cemetery Transcription**
- **Newsletter** (editor and distribution)
- **Making Connections** (research and aid to genealogists)
- **Promotion of Genealogy** (including Pioneer

Certificate program)

**The Special Committees of the Society shall be:**

- **Hospitality** (refreshments, nametags, signage)
- **Seeking Leadership** (nominating committee)

**Standing committee chairpersons and Special committee chairpersons shall be appointed in September and shall assume their responsibilities in October. Additional Special Committees shall be appointed as necessary.**

The following affect Article VI and align the officer responsibilities with those of the proposed new committee structure:

Second paragraph, change: ... shall chair the **Programs and Publicity Committee** ...

Fourth paragraph, delete: **The Corresponding Secretary shall be a member of the Membership Committee.**

Fifth paragraph, delete **The Treasurer shall be responsible for dues notification.** ■

*Bentley Corners Cemetery, Clarendon Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.* No date: 14 pp., 459 entries, \$3. [This information is included in *Clarendon Township Cemeteries* below].

*Cemeteries of Convis Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.* Austin and Porter cemeteries, transcribed 1995-1996. No date: 35 pp., 1,050 entries. \$6.

*Cemeteries of Eckford Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.* East Eckford and West Eckford cemeteries, transcribed 1996-1997. First ed. no date: 110 pp., 1,588 entries. Second ed. in preparation.

*Cemeteries of Tekonsha Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.* MacFadden, Riverside and Windfall cemeteries, transcribed 1997.

2000: 221 pp., 3,669 entries. \$19.

*Clarence Township Cemeteries, Calhoun County, Michigan.* Clarence Center, Dyer, Hunt, Krenerick and Nichols cemeteries, transcribed 1996. 1996: 68 pp., 2,106 entries. \$8.

*Clarendon Township Cemeteries, Calhoun County, Michigan.* Bentley Corners (East Clarendon), Cooks Prairie, St. Joseph and West Clarendon cemeteries, transcribed 1993-1997. No date: 188 pp., 3,232 entries. \$15. (*Bentley Corners Cemetery* available separately above).

*Generations, the newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, Every-Name Index: August 1988-June 1995.* 1996: 48 pp., more

than 2,800 entries. \$5, available free at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou/generations.htm>>.

*Lee Township Cemeteries, Calhoun County, Michigan.* Lee Center, Partello and Rice Creek cemeteries, transcribed 1989. No date: 75 pp., 1,414 entries. \$8.

*Marriage Records of Calhoun County, Michigan, 1836-1890.* Abstracted records with index. 1983: 248 pp., approx. 12,000 marriages. \$18.50.

To order, please send a check (U.S. funds) payable to Calhoun County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068. All prices include shipping. Michigan residents, please add 6 percent sales tax. ■

## Calhoun County Genealogical Society

The purposes of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS) are:

- to gather and preserve information of genealogical value.
- to encourage the deposit of such information in suitable depositories.
- to aid genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge.
- to publish and promote Calhoun County and other genealogical materials.

CCGS is incorporated under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act. Individuals, libraries or societies may join. Annual dues for the year beginning Sept. 1 are \$12. Memberships are accepted year-round; dues received after May 1 will pay membership for the following year. Members receive the newsletter **Generations** six times per year. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the B.E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall St. in Marshall, *unless otherwise specified*. No meetings are held in July, August or December. Programs are free and open to the public.

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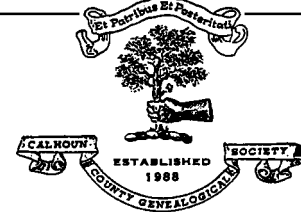
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**Bylaws of the  
Calhoun County Genealogical Society  
Calhoun County, Michigan**

**Article I — Name**

The name of the Society shall be the **Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS)**.

**Article II — Purpose**

The Society shall be a non-profit organization. The purpose of this Society shall be:

- A) To gather and preserve information of genealogical value.
- B) To encourage the deposit of such information in suitable depositories.
- C) To aid genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge.
- D) To publish and promote Calhoun County and other genealogical materials.

**Article III — Membership**

The membership of the Society shall consist of any person or organization interested in genealogy or family history.

The membership year shall be September 1 through August 31.

**Article IV — Dues**

The annual dues shall be \$12.00 effective beginning the 1997/1998 membership year payable by September 30.

Dues of new members received after May 30 will be considered a paid membership for the following year.

Any member delinquent after November 30 shall be dropped from the membership.

Only paid members shall be eligible to vote or to hold office.

**Article V — Officers**

The officers of the Society shall be the **President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer**.

Officers, the chairpersons of standing committees and the immediate past president shall constitute the **Executive Board**.

Officers shall serve for one year and are expected to attend the majority of meetings October through September. Officers may serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office and no more than six consecutive years as an elected officer.

Candidates for all offices shall be nominated by a **Nominating Committee**. Ballots will be distributed by mail to all paid members no later than August 15 and must be returned no later than September 15. The installation of new officers shall take place at the fall annual meeting.

Should the office of the **President** become vacant, the **Vice President** shall become **President** for the balance of the term. Other vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the **President** with the approval of a majority of the **Executive Board**.

## **Article VI — Duties of the Officers**

The **President** shall preside over all meetings, appoint standing committee chairs and, when required, shall appoint special committee chairs. All chairpersons shall be appointed with the approval of Executive Board. The President shall be empowered to disburse funds in the absence of the Treasurer. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees without the right to vote. The President shall represent the Society at Michigan Genealogical Council meetings and seminars.

The **Vice President** shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President and shall be a member of the Program Committee. The Vice President shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

The **Recording Secretary** shall keep records of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board.

The **Corresponding Secretary** shall be responsible for all correspondence with members, other groups and individuals. The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain a current list of genealogists who are willing to do research for others. The Corresponding Secretary shall be a member of the Membership Committee.

The **Treasurer** shall collect all dues and monies, attend to all disbursements and have charge of all funds of the Society. The Treasurer shall be responsible for dues notification. The Treasurer shall have the authority to disburse the funds of the Society.

The **Executive Board** or a subcommittee thereof shall audit the financial books of the Society. The financial books of the Society shall be presented to the audit committee in August and the results presented at the fall annual meeting. All Executive Board members shall attend the majority of meetings of the Society called by the President.

All officers shall deliver to their successors at the fall meeting all monies, accounts, records, books, papers or other property belonging to the Society.

## **Article VII — Committees**

The standing committees of the Society shall be Membership, Program, Publicity, Publications, Cemeteries and Archivist.

Standing committee chairpersons shall be appointed in September and shall assume their responsibilities in October. The Program Committee shall plan programs for each meeting beginning in September following their appointment. The Program Chair shall be responsible for presenting the programs planned by his or her committee.

Special committees shall be appointed as necessary.

## **Article VIII — Meetings**

The meetings of this Society shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month unless the Executive Board votes to make an exception.

The Annual meeting shall be held in the fall as programs dictate. Meetings may be held around the county.

Special meetings may be called by the President.

## **Article IX — Gifts**

Any item given to the Society shall become the property of the Society and shall be used as the Executive Board deems to be in the best interests of the Society unless alternate arrangements are made prior to the receipt of the gift.

## **Article X — Publications**

All publications compiled or written under the auspices of the Society shall become the property of the Society. All proceeds from the sale of such publications shall accrue to the Society.

## **Article XI — Michigan Genealogical Council**

The Society shall maintain a membership in the Michigan Genealogical Council.

The President and another delegate shall represent the Society at Council meetings and seminars. The Executive Board shall name two alternates who will represent the Society in the event the delegates are unable to attend.

Expenses for representing the Society shall be reimbursed as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

## **Article XII — Amendments**

Amendments to the bylaws shall be considered at the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting called by the President for that purpose and shall take effect upon the assent of two thirds of the members present and voting.

Notice of amendments to be acted upon shall be mailed to the members no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting or the special meeting called for that purpose.

## **Article XIII — Rules of Order**

Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall be parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not otherwise covered in the bylaws.

## **Article XIV — Dissolution**

In the event that the Society should decide by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership to disband such items as are in its possession or custody shall be directed to suitable public repositories by the Executive Board.

*Revised September 1996 ■*

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# **CCGS donates microfilm to Willard Library through unique partnership with Probate Court**

**E**arlier this year, CCGS and the Calhoun County Probate Court began a microfilming project to help the county and genealogists alike. CCGS volunteers spent the summer recording old probate records on microfilm. For each roll the volunteers helped create, the court agreed to donate one roll to the society. At the 24 September meeting, CCGS presented the first roll of microfilm to Willard Library where researchers can gain free access. The society plans to donate additional rolls to Willard as they are created.

Maureen Vire, then vice president of the society, made the presentation with George Livingston, Willard Library local and family history librarian, and Cindy Rude, probate court registrar. ■



*Cindy Rude, probate court registrar, Maureen Vire, former CCGS vice president, and George Livingston, Willard librarian*

# Dear Ancestor      New resources at Battle Creek's Willard Library

*Your tombstone stands among the rest;*

*Neglected and alone.*

*The name and date are chiseled out*

*On polished, marbled stone.*

*It reaches out to all who care*

*It is too late to mourn.*

*You did not know that I exist*

*You died and I was born.*

*Yet each of us are cells of you*

*In flesh, in blood, in bone.*

*Our blood contracts and beats a  
pulse*

*Entirely not our own.*

*Dear Ancestor, the place you filled*

*One hundred years ago*

*Spreads out among the ones you left*

*Who would have loved you so.*

*I wonder if you lived and loved,*

*I wonder if you knew*

*That someday I would find this  
spot,*

*And come to visit you.*

— unknown ■

Bruce, Isabel Campbell. *The Michigan Poor Law: Its development and administration with special reference to state provision for medical care of the indigent.*

Byrd, William. *In full force and virtue: North Carolina emancipation records, 1713–1860.*

Byron Center Historical & Genealogy Society. *The indexed plat maps of Byron Township, Kent Co. Michigan: 1855, 1863, 1874, 1896, 1907, 1919, 1935.*

Dobson, David. *Scots in New England, 1623–1873.*

Duncan, Mary L. *Mt. Elliott Cemetery burial records, 1845–1861. Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan.*

Eberhart, Elsie. *1850 Census, Champaign Co., Illinois.*

*Elmwood Cemetery register, 1862–1874, Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan.*

Gagel, Diane VanSkiver. *Windows on the past: Identifying, dating and preserving photographs.*

Haltiner, Robert E. *The town that went to war: A photographic history of Alpena, Michigan, during the time surrounding World War II.*

Heinegg, Paul. *Free African Americans of Maryland and Delaware: From the colonial period to 1810.*

Hogan, Roseann Reinemuth. *Kentucky Ancestry: A guide to genealogical and historical research.*

Ibbotson, Patricia. *Record of the juvenile inmates of the home for the friendless. Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, commencing October 1862 and continued to 1868.*

Lenawee County Family Researchers. *Extractions of births, marriages, deaths and miscellaneous news items including news concerning the Civil War from the Tecumseh Herald: scattered dates from 1852–1864.*

Same as above, 1880–1895.

Lundberg, Gertrude W. *Cook County, Illinois: 1850 federal census, not including the City of Chicago.*

Mitchell, Brian. *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland.* 2nd ed.

Mitchell, Madeleine. *Jamaican Ancestry: How to find out more.*

Moskovitz, Denise Pagel. *Chicago Ancestor File, 1974–1984.*

*Reports of city physicians, 1860–1869, Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan.*

Rich, Kevin. *Irish Immigrants of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank.*

Richard, Bernice. *Nova Scotia: Some assessment, tax grantees, tenants and other lists, 1765–1789, supplemental to the Nova Scotia 1770 census.*

Rubincam, Milton. *Pitfalls in genealogical research.*

Santroch, Gail. *Transcription of Wunders Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.*

Schutt, Hiram R. *Overland to California, 1850, the Gold Rush journals of Hiram R. Schutt of Cassopolis.*

Slater-Putt, Dawne. *Pre-1882 Indiana births from secondary sources.* 2 vols.

Stevens, Carol. *Index to Naturalizations of Lenawee County, Michigan.*

Triplett, Dawn. *Big Trout, Black Gold: a history of Kalkaska County.* ■

## Benefits of *belonging*

### "German Life" Magazine

**A** discounted subscription to *German Life* magazine is available to members of whose organizations belong to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, CCGS included. *German Life* is a full-color magazine written in English that covers travel, history, culture and genealogical topics about Germany, Austria, Switzerland and German America. It is a bimonthly publication (six issues per year).

The regular published subscription price is \$22.95/year, but a special rate of \$14.95/year is being offered to FGS members. This rate represents a 35 percent savings off the regular subscription price.

To receive the special rate reserved for FGS member societies and their members, you must call the toll-free number (866) 867-0251 and give the subscription code C2FD13. VISA and MasterCard are accepted.

To learn more about *German Life* magazine, visit its web site at <<http://www.germanlife.com/>>. ■

## Genealogy *gems*

### Index to Albion book is online

**A**n index to the new, 128-page, pictorial book "Albion in the 20th Century" is available free on the Internet.

The 10-page index to the book can be found at <<http://www.albionmich.com>>. Click on "Frank Passic Selected Writings" and you'll see the paragraph to choose the information.

The recently published "Albion in the 20th Century" contains 225 photographs dating from 1900 to 2002. Information about the book is also on the web site. ■

## Fort Wayne library genealogy closed for moving, will reopen at interim location

**T**he Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library closed for relocation 14 December and will remain closed through January 2003. This is to allow time to move all materials to the interim location. The current building will be going through renovation and expansion.

### Will materials be available?

All research materials will be unavailable until the library opens at its interim location.

### Why will it be closed?

Closing the department will allow the library to move the whole collection at once. This will ensure that materials will be available when patrons arrive, offering the full collection for our researchers.

### Where is the interim location?

The interim location of the Allen County Public Library will be at 200 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, Ind. Locally, it is called

Renaissance Square. It is five blocks east of the current library. Limited free parking is available; a pay parking garage is across the street and more than 150 metered spaces are nearby.

### What will the interim location be like?

One of the most exciting things about the interim location is that the genealogy collection will be a browsing collection. All the materials will be out and available for researchers. Materials will not have to be paged; the shelves will be open.

### How long will it be in the interim location?

The projected time frame is two to three years.

### How can I find out more information?

Visiting the library web site <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us> or phoning the department at (260) 421-1225 is the best way to get current relocation information. ■

## Short shots

All members are invited to submit a five-generation pedigree chart. Membership chair Ilene Woodman collects the charts for publication in future issues of *Generations*. Find the mailing address at the bottom of page 14.

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For those with Illini roots, CCGS member Carlene DeMaso passed on the address of this helpful web site: the Illinois

Statewide Marriage Index, 1763–1900. Visit the index at <<http://www.sos.state.il.us/depts/archives/marriage.html>>

■ ■ ■

CCGS is planning yet another bus trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind. Previous trips have been popular and genealogists have enjoyed the opportunity to visit the country's second-largest genealogical library for a day without having to drive. Watch for more information about the spring trip. ■

# CCGS member Wini Hartung passes

**W**inifred D. Hartung, 83, formerly of Albion and Marshall, died Wednesday, 16 October 2002, at Summit Park Assisted Living in Jackson.

She was born 23 June 1919, in Albion, to Arthur and Grace Edna (Fellows) Ellerby. She attended Albion Public Schools, graduating with honors in 1937 and worked at McClellan's "Dime Store" and at the Albion Theatre for Helen Sharp. She attended Albion College and KCC. She married Arman Ray Hartung, 14 December 1940; he preceded her in death in 1992. She and her husband moved to Saginaw in March 1941, where Wini was employed to countersink rivet holes for "Rosie the Riveter's" rivets.

In 1952 they moved onto the "Church Farm" west of Albion. Wini was employed at the Credit Bureau of Albion in the '50s and from 1961 to 1972 as secretary to the five professors in the Visual

Arts Department at Albion College, where the Bobbitt Building was built from. She was an officer of Albion's BPW, Entre Nou, Mary Marshall Chapter of DAR, Mayflower Society, clerk at Albion Senior Luncheons and spent many mornings swimming at the Y Center in either Battle Creek or Jackson.

Survivors are son, Arman Ray Jr. (Marlene Rausch) of Marshall; daughters, Doretta (Jim) Wilson of Homer, Helen (Richard) Lindsey of Marshall, and Rose Hartung of Climax; brother, Richard (Barbara) Ellerby of Marshall, sister, Laura (Vernon) Fox of Tallahassee, Fla.; five grandsons; three granddaughters; and 15 great grandchildren.

Her parents, husband and two sisters, Helen Ellerby of Wisconsin and Edith Chapman of Florida, preceded her in death.

A memorial service was held 26 October 2002, at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, Albion, with

Pastor James Waddell officiating.

The family suggested memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. ■

## **Many thanks to those who contributed to CCGS in memory of Winifred D. Hartung**

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Albion*

*Dale Hoffman & Sons,  
Marshall*

*Rosie Cherry, Albion*

*George & Mary Carmickle,  
Tekonsha*

*Tye & Geri Bonter*

*Ken & Ruth Kaiser, Albion*

*Blaine & Sharon Van  
Sickle, Marshall* ■

## Federation of Genealogical Societies conference to be held in Orlando

**T**he Florida State Genealogical Society will host the FGS/ FSGS 2003 Conference at the Renaissance Orlando Resort adjacent to SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla., 3–6 September 2003. The conference theme is Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures.

More than 185 different sessions will be presented by more than 80 speakers from across the globe.

There will be nine session tracks:

- Society Management
- British Isles and Europe

- United States and Canada
- Focus on Florida
- Ethnic and Religious Research
- Skills and Strategies
- Records Research
- Technology and the Internet

FGS reports that the conference Program Committee anguished over making selections from nearly 800 lecture proposals submitted by 170 speakers. More than 100 vendors are expected to participate in the exhibits area.

To learn more about the FGS/ FSGS 2003 Conference, visit the FGS Web site at <<http://www.fgs.org>> and click on the

button for Conferences. Subscribe to the conference e-mail "e-zine" to receive the updates to map your plans to the treasures to be found in Orlando in 2003. To subscribe to the e-zine, send an e-mail message (no text or subject is necessary) to <[fgs2003-announcement@lists.csc.cc.il.us](mailto:fgs2003-announcement@lists.csc.cc.il.us)>. You will receive a confirmation message to which you must reply within 24 hours. ■



## McDOTS, McUNDERLINES and McSPACES

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For years I have been searching various databases for the elusive ancestors of my great great grandfather, John McKINZIE, born 1810 in Maryland, under a variety of spellings — McKINZIE, MacKENZIE, McKENZIE, McKENSEY and more.

One day I accidentally stumbled onto a group of McKINZIEs in a database who were listed as MC KINZIE — with a space between the C and K. I did a new search with the space and came up with lots of new names that had been entered with the space in the name. By sheer coincidence, within a few days I had found yet other unusual ways the name (in all forms) had been listed in various databases. Some names had been entered with an underscore between the C and K (MC\_KINZIE) and there were even entries for MC.KINZIE — McDots!

With so many of my ancestors' names starting with MC it occurred to me that searching with a space or dot or underscore between the C and the next letter in any of them might yield more results, so I searched on all variations and hit pay dirt. There were my McGEEs — listed as MC.GEE, MC GEE, and MC\_GEE. ■

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# Index to grantor deeds

January 1875 through April 1876

The Calhoun County Index to Grantor Deeds indicates persons who sold real property. The actual records are held by the Calhoun County Clerk and Register of Deeds, 315 W. Green St., Marshall, MI 49068, web site <<http://co.calhoun.mi.us/docs/documents.html>>. This information was transcribed by a CCGS member and is made available as part of the society's mission. A portion of the list is being printed in each issue of **Generations**. The complete index contains 1,312 names from Isaac C. ABBOTT to Charlotte A. ZIMMERMAN and spans April 1865 to January 1901.

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| 7     | 1875 Apr 17 | George W.            | CRANDALL      | L84   | 433  |
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| 7     | 1875 May 5  | Statham              | WILLIAMS      | L84   | 499  |
| 7     | 1875 May 6  | Franklin             | GAUTEAU       | L84   | 509  |
| 7     | 1875 May 7  | Chas B.              | JOHNSON       | L84   | 512  |
| 7     | 1875 May 8  | Samantha             | HILL          | L84   | 525  |
| 7     | 1875 Jun 4  | Lois E.              | PALMER        | L84   | 601  |
| 7     | 1875 Jun 4  | Peter                | PUTNAM        | L84   | 605  |
| 7     | 1875 Jun 10 | Norman               | CORTRIGHT     | L84   | 614  |
| 7     | 1875 Jun 16 | John H.              | CLARK         | L84   | 629  |
| 7     | 1875 Jun 17 | Mary A.              | PALMER        | L84   | 632  |
| 7     | 1875 Jun 24 | Erastinus            | TODD          | L85   | 14   |
| 7     | 1875 Jul 15 | Hector               | ADAMS         | L84   | 53   |
| 7     | 1875 Aug 5  | Asa                  | PHELPS        | L85   | 104  |
| 7     | 1875 Aug 7  | Lewis                | HEMSTEAD      | L85   | 114  |
| 7     | 1875 Aug 10 | Betsey               | BARNES        | L85   | 125  |
| 7     | 1875 Aug 14 | Fresliney            | BINGLEY       | L85   | 136  |
| 7     | 1875 Aug 18 | Hester               | TOMPKINS      | L85   | 143  |
| 7     | 1875 Aug 25 | Harriet              | TITCOMB       | L85   | 151  |
| 7     | 1875 Aug 26 | Edwin                | ROCKWELL      | L85   | 153  |
| 7     | 1875 Sep 2  | Miner                | PORTER        | L85   | 161  |
| 7     | 1875 Sep 20 | Samuel               | SEAMAN        | L85   | 192  |
| 7     | 1875 Sep 20 | Silas                | KNICKERBOCKER | L85   | 194  |
| 7     | 1875 Sep 27 | Maria                | POOL          | L85   | 203  |
| 7     | 1875 Oct 2  | Andrew               | REES          | L85   | 216  |
| 7     | 1875 Oct 13 | Denton               | WATT          | L85   | 239  |
| 7     | 1875 Oct 16 | Asor                 | ROWLEY        | L85   | 252  |
| 7     | 1875 Oct 29 | Fredrick             | SEBASTIAN     | L85   | 277  |
| 7     | 1875 Oct 29 | William P.           | GREEN         | L85   | 280  |
| 7     | 1875 Nov 20 | Lewis                | MILLER        | L85   | 330  |
| 7     | 1875 Nov 30 | John                 | UDELL         | L85   | 357  |
| 7     | 1876 Feb 5  | Eliza                | RICE          | L85   | 499  |
| 7     | 1876 Feb 5  | Riley                | BENNET        | L85   | 502  |
| 7     | 1876 Mar 18 | Michael              | WEAVER        | L85   | 599  |
| 7     | 1876 Apr 20 | Polly                | HENRY         | L88   | 36   |
| 7     | 1876 Apr 20 | Marvin               | HANNAHS       | L88   | 38   |
| 7     | 1876 Apr 27 | William              | HALL          | L88   | 58   |
| 7     | 1876 Apr 29 | Thos                 | STARKE        | L88   | 60 ■ |

# Solving the family mystery of Andrew and Henry Frey

by Jeannette Maxey

**H**enry FREY, born 10 September 1837, migrated from Germany and lived in Michigan until his death in 1885. Yet the family had correspondence from Maria HAAS, roughly translated by Henry's daughter, which contained several mysteries. These letters were signed "your mother Maria HAAS" and written in the 1870s from St. Louis, Mo., saying that she had lost touch with him for 16 years. How had this happened? What circumstances had separated a mother and son, both in the same country for so long? Why was Maria, named HAAS, living in St. Louis, Mo., while Andrew and Henry FREY, called father and son by the family, were in Michigan?

Bernice FREY MAXEY, granddaughter of Henry FREY, had written a high school assignment about her ancestors in 1915, as did her brothers. From these biographies, family stories and the letters from Maria HAAS dated 1872–1882, we received the following clues:

Henry and Andrew emigrated from Freiburg, Germany, in the 1850s when Henry was either 10 or 18 years old.

The Duke of Baden had to give written permission for them to emigrate. Andrew had served in a Franco-Prussian War.

Henry FREY's tombstone in the Bedford Cemetery in Calhoun County, contained the following information: Henry Frey died 9 Feb 1885 at age 48 years and 5 months (which gave us a birth date of 10 September 1837.)

Maria HAAS, in her letters to Henry (Heinrich), refers to Andrew FREY as "your father" while her husband Johann Georg HAAS is referred to as "father."

I first checked the 1860 census and found Henry and Andrew living in Comstock Township, Kalamazoo County, and then

moving to adjoining farms with Henry FREY in Barry County and Andrew FREY in Calhoun County right across the border. It was on the Barry County farm that granddaughter Bernice FREY was born.

Next, I wrote to the German archives *Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe* for information about Henry and Andrew, giving their birth dates. The archives sent back information about those names but with different birth dates. So I finally asked for help, via the Internet, from the Baden-Wuerttemberg mailing list. I found a German researcher, Dieter Joos, in the Baden area. We started a long correspondence to unravel the family's history. With e-mail we could quickly answer questions, so notes flew back and forth over several years.

We needed to first discover the exact town the Frey/Haas ancestors came from and locate information about Andrew's military record. Initially, Dieter wrote letters seeking this information. We learned that there were no wars between France and Prussia between 1815 and 1870. What was found was a record of an Andrew Frey's service with the Revolutionary Army in the 1848 rebellion. He was listed as a prisoner in 1849.

In her letters from St. Louis, Maria talked about several friends from their homeland who immigrated to Missouri. She tells a story from her pre-migration days about Johannes BINNINGER and "your father" (Andreas FREY) stealing a golden statue and silver chalice from a church nearby in the town of Breisach. She also mentions an Andreas JAUCH. This gave us two new names to pursue. Using the names FREY, HAAS, JAUCH and BINNINGER, a name search was done to see where the names appear together. Eventually, the town Vorstetten, in the state of Baden, was found to be the probable origin.

A record of Andrew FREY's

emigration now adds to the confusion as he requests permission to emigrate with his wife Katharina (BERGMANN) in 1851. In their application they say they have no children. [By 1852 the army had agreed to release an Andreas FREY from service to allow him to emigrate. He says he still has a mother and leaves between 29 June and 13 July 1852.] This brings us to three Andreas FREYs — one with the military record (who is too young at age 25) when our Andreas should be 40 years old. So we don't know the date "our" Andrew left, although we do have an emigration application dated 1851.

Needing to find birth records, we looked for a birth of Henry FREY between 1830 and 1844. We found a Henry FREY born in 1838 — six months off the birth date calculated from the age inscribed on Henry's tombstone. This Henry was the illegitimate son of Christiana FREY, who later married Mr. STAHL. She had a second child, Rosina Magdalena, born 30 October 1842. Then Christiana died 20 April 1843, apparently leaving our Henry and his little sister motherless. Because one witness to the death was Martin MEFORT (also godfather to Maria MEFORT HAAS), we thought perhaps Maria became a foster mother to Henry. We found this a false lead when the researcher, Dieter Joos, talked to the Vorstetten village historian, who knew that Henry FREY STAHL had stayed in Vorstetten all his life. Now it seemed we would be better off following Maria MEFORT HAAS and learning more about her in the quest to find her son.

St. Louis census records listed Maria twice, as Anna and as Maria. This helped us find her in Vorstetten, Anna Maria MEFORT, the illegitimate daughter of Anna Maria MEFORT born 13 February 1813, confirming the birthdate we had.

She had an illegitimate son, Henry MEFORT, born 10 September 1836 within a day of our Henry's birthday. Later, she became pregnant with a second child and married Johann Georg HAAS, citizen of Vorstetten, 30 December 1838. Georg claims both children as his own. (Henry MEFORT now becomes Henry HAAS.) Birth records were found for four daughters. The birth record of Andrew's brother Georg FREY was also found. Maria had mentioned him in her letters to Henry as "your father's brother Georg FREY in Albany."

According to Dieter Joos, illegitimate births were common at the time. About one-third of the children listed in the Vorstetten register were illegitimate. In most cases the father couldn't afford to marry the mother at the time of the birth, delaying marriage for some years after the child's birth. Sometimes the father acknowledged fatherhood at the time of birth. Other times it was acknowledged at the marriage, as it was with Johann Georg HAAS. Sometimes nothing was officially recorded until years later when the child married, and the church record showed the child as the son or daughter of ... (the father's name).

Adding to our challenge of figuring out the family story was the frequent use of the same names. In the Vorstetten church book a few surnames dominate the register — three of them are FREY, HAAS and BINNINGER. Only a few given names were used as well — Maria, Magdalena, Christina, Catharina — and Johann, Jacob, Georg and Andreas. Heinrich was uncommon. At the same time there were two, three or four persons in the village with the same name. That's what we found with our four Andreas FREYs, three of whom we know immigrated to USA.

All was quiet with the HAAS family until 1854. On 11 November 1854, Johann Georg HAAS applied

for emigration for a family of six. Henry was then 18 years old.

A notice published in the paper indicated that the community of Vorstetten was willing to pay the fees for the family to emigrate. This probably meant the family was so poor that it was cheaper for the village to fund their emigration than to keep supporting them.

We discovered a surprise about Henry. On 1 December 1854, Heinrich HAAS, age 18, returned to the emigration office seeking permission to emigrate separately from his family. He declared that he was 18 years old, had been a farm laborer and had received 100 guilders from a relative in North America. (The transportation rate to America was about 70 guilders.) His "father" Johann Georg HAAS, declared and signed the statement "I give my permission to the plan of my son." Heinrich received his passport and departed the same day, 1 December 1854. Johann Georg HAAS and the rest of his family left 9 February 1855 for New Orleans and ended up in St. Louis, Mo.

It appears that Andrew FREY, who emigrated 1851 or 1852, learned of the HAAS family's plans to emigrate and offered to have Henry join him in New York, sending him the necessary money. Andrew and Katharina still have no children and must have looked forward to having the help of additional hands in their homesteading.

Once our researcher located the village the family came from, he found Vorstetten's faithful recorder, Manfred Gross, age 72. He had not only pedigree charts of our ancestors but also the minister's record book. In about 1860 the minister listed in his Family Book Record all emigrants from Vorstetten, noting that Heinrich HAAS, born Heinrich MEFORT, was now named Heinrich FREY! That confirmed we were on the right track.

Our final piece of information

was found in the notes of the village council regarding the purchase of "land owned jointly by Andrew (the soldier) and his brother, Joseph FREY, in 1829 and shortly afterward its sale." So we now have evidence that Andrew was a soldier. Since nothing in the archival lists of people involved in the 1848 Revolution refer to Andrew, he probably wasn't a revolutionary soldier. He may have served instead in the Duke of Baden's army, for which no records have been found.

Dieter noted that in her letters Maria had made several references to false tales that Henry may have been told. She was afraid the tales were the reason he had not kept in touch. Maria also said she had been told not to keep trying to find him. She stopped trying for years and then wrote again shortly after the "tale bearer" Johannes BINNINGER died. This time she was successful in finding her son Henry. The letters, dated from 1872 to 1882, show that Henry sent money to Maria and her daughter to come to Michigan. They visited during the summer of 1872. Henry returned to St. Louis with his mother at the end of the summer because, she said, her poor command of the English language made her uncomfortable traveling alone.

Henry was a poor correspondent and Maria often begged for news. In Maria's initial letter she said "father died" (Johann George HAAS, 9 December 1868.) Henry died in 13 February 1885 during a typhoid epidemic after nursing his neighbors. Andrew FREY died in the Alms House, Marshall, Mich., in January 1893. Father and son are buried in the Bedford Cemetery. Maria died 26 February 1901 after a hard life in St. Louis filled with family illness. ■

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| December    | No CCGS meeting — enjoy the holidays   |
| 28 January  | <b>CCGS monthly meeting:</b> “Show and Tell”   |
| 4 February  | Willard Library: “Family History 101 — First Steps in Family History,” Battle Creek, free for Battle Creek residents, 12–1:30 p.m., (269) 968-8166       |
| 25 February | <b>CCGS monthly meeting</b>  |
| 19 February | Willard Library: “African American Roots: A Guide to Finding Your Ancestors,” Battle Creek, free for Battle Creek residents, 7–8:30 p.m., (269) 968-8166 |

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**New 269 area code:** All former 616 area codes in Calhoun County are changing to 269. Either area code will work now, but 616 will be disabled in February. Calhoun County phone numbers with a 517 area code will not change.

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