

President's Message

Well, we are well into fall now, the trees are turning and we are putting on sweaters. October has been designated FAMILY HISTORY MONTH, by our Governor. Even though October is now past, we, as our family's historians, do not need just one month to be aware of the importance of recording our family history. One way to help with our project is to talk to an older family member. If parents are not around, how about an older brother or sister? Take a cassette recorder along with you and get them talking about events of the past. Once they get going, you might be amazed at what you might learn. Recently, my brother, (who is 5 years older than me) and I took a trip together to Traverse City to be with our mother during some surgery. Gary, lived the first 7 years in Traverse City, and during World War II, with my grandparents, an aunt and some cousins, and his baby sister, me. Of course, I don't remember those times, but he certainly did. I put him behind the wheel one day after our morning visit with Mother at the hospital. He took me places where we had lived, where he played and went to school and shared stories with me that made him smile and warmed my heart. Needless to say, when I went home, I sat down and recorded those stories.

Another way to get people to record their life stories is to give the gift of a book for journaling. There are a couple of good ones the book store. One, is 'Family Memories Journal, by Galison Books. It is a guided journal including a family tree, pages to record relatives' histories and room for photos and mementos. Another one is 'To Our Children's Children' by Bob Greene.

Also, this winter, you might take out that box of old picture, the one with no names on them and label them.

To get the children and grandchildren interested, give them a picture of a tree, better yet, have them draw one. Cut out leaves or apples, have them put names of family members on them, hang them on the tree. They might begin to see their family as we do. So, put these cold months to good use. Preserve our Family Memories.

Judy Groat, President

National Archives Announces Opening of 'Public Vaults'

The following is an announcement from the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration:

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 -- In a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, November 12, 2004, Archivist of the United States John W. Carlin will open the new National Archives permanent exhibition, entitled the "Public Vaults." This exhibition, which is a public-private partnership between the National Archives and the Foundation for the National Archives, is free and open to the public. The National Archives Building is located on Constitution Avenue at 7th Street, NW, facing the National Mall.

VA Burial Records On-line

The Department of Veterans Affairs has put the burial records of 3.2 million veterans in 120 national cemeteries and some state cemeteries online. The records go back to the Civil War. In order to use the search a last name is required. If you have more information, there is an advanced search available. Site is: <http://gravelocator.com.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NG>.

Research Your Family Tree at the Family History Center October 26th

The Family History Center of Battle Creek with all of its resources are the highlight of the October 26th Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting. Diane Kirkham, the director of the Family History Center will share the secrets of researching family history using the wealth of material compiled by the Church of Later Day Saints in Salt Lake City.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Calhoun County Intermediate School District, (Gifford Schultz Education Service Center) at 17111 G Drive North, Marshall.

One-room school houses of Calhoun County will be the November 23rd topic.

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in family history. The society meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in Marshall. Meetings are open to the public.

New at Willard Library's Local & Family Collection

These new titles have been added to the Local & Family History Collection of Willard Library now located at the new Helen Warner Branch at 36 Minges Creek Place, Battle Creek.

Painter, Nell Irvin

Exodusters: Black Migration to Kansas after Reconstruction.

Dana, David T.

A Fashionable Tour Through the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi: the 1852 Journal of Juliette Starr Dana.

Adams, William Forbes.

Ireland and Irish Emigration to the New World from 1815 to the Famine.

Acklen, Jeannette Tillotson.

Tennessee Records: Tombstone Inscriptions and Manuscripts.

Tennessee Records: Bible Records and Marriage Bonds.

Yoder, Don.

Rhineland Emigrants: Lists of German Settlers in Colonial America.

Cohen, Chester G.

Shtet! Finder Gazatteer: Jewish Communities in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries in the Pale of Settlement of Russia and Poland, and in Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia and Bukovina with names of residents.

Gagel, Diane VanSkiver.

Ohio Photographers 1839-1900. An important research tool on the history of photography in Ohio.

Cayleff, Susan E.

Wash and Be Healed. The Water-Cure Movement and Women's Health.

Wright, Raymond et al.

Ancestors in German Archives. 2004.

Potter, Dorothy Williams.

Passports of Southeastern Pioneers 1770-1823.

Thornbrough, Emma Lou.

The Negro in Indiana Before 1900: A Study of a Minority. 1993

Gibbs, Wilma.

Indiana's African American Heritage. 1993

Griffler, Keith.

Front Line of Freedom: African Americans and the Forging of the Underground Railroad in the Ohio Valley. 2004.

Thomas, Newton G.

The Long Winter Ends. 1941. 1998. Novel tells the story of a year in the life of a young Cornish emigrant at work in the copper mines of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Flom, George T.

A History of Norwegian Immigration to the United States: from the earliest beginning down to the year 1848. 1909.

Felldin, Jeanne Robey.

Index to the 1800 Census of Pennsylvania. 1984.

Rodriguez, Michael.

R. E. Olds and Industrial Lansing. 2004 (Images of America series)

"The Michigan Genealogical Council recently presented the 2004 LUCY MARY KELLOGG AWARD to Marie Zingle of the Holland, Mi Genealogical Society. It is an award for "Excellence in Genealogy". It is the only genealogy award presented to a researcher by the Michigan Genealogical Council which is the statewide organization over genealogy societies in Michigan. It is usually presented annually to only one person, but only if the judges determine that there is a worthy candidate among the nominees.

Marie Zingle was especially cited for her genealogical work-ups on the family of Holland who were the first Dutch settlers of Holland, Michigan. Her work was published in the book **Albertus and Christina: The Van Raalte Family, Home and Roots** by William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. in Grand Rapids, Mi last year. (There were three other co-contributors to the book that wrote other parts of it, but not the genealogy.) She also did a study of the Native Americans of Ottawa County's early settlers who had moved onto a more northern location in Michigan and she compiled several other items of materials that were submitted with her nomination."

A Letter from Walter Fuller of Everton Publishing Company

The November/December 2004 issue of "Everton's Genealogical Helper" represents a very important step for the new management and ownership of a company that has long been an icon and leader within the genealogical community. It will give us a chance to demonstrate our resolute commitment to provide genealogists with the absolute finest in quality, accessible educational information, materials and programs, the most comprehensive and technologically advanced research methods, databases and resources, and a wide range of options to memorialize or publish research results.

We are a team of experienced genealogists and publishers, dedicated to revitalizing the Everton tradition and earning a reputation as a company that can be trusted to provide invaluable, decisive assistance with genealogical research efforts. In order to earn this trust and confidence, the inaugural issue of the revitalized "Genealogical Helper" will offer a preview of what the new Everton will offer -- and then we will prove that we will deliver on everything and more, that we promise.

For our valued subscribers, be assured that we will honor each and every issue of the magazine that has been paid for and not received. For our valued advertisers, we will honor and publish each and every ad that has been paid for but has yet to appear.

The "Genealogical Helper" will provide all the educational content, features and sources of the magazine when it was the most popular, widely read publication in the industry. Holly Hansen will return as Editor. There will be regular features on the latest in research technology and resources, the content and public access to the 60,000+ volume Everton Genealogical Library, and in-depth articles from our readers, as well as professional genealogists. We will expand the book review section and continuing education will once again be emphasized. And please, we welcome the suggestions of our readers regarding the content and format of the "Genealogical Helper."

Perhaps the most exciting announcement we can make is that the content of the 60,000+ volumes, pedigree charts, manuscripts, periodicals, etc., contained in the Everton Genealogical Library, will for the first time be available as part of a public library resource. The new owners of Everton are primarily responsible for securing the donation of the Everton Library to the City of Logan Library System. The Library will be open and available to the public within a year, and through Everton Publishing Company the contents of the Library will be available online. Until the necessary scanning takes place, there will be options for remote access to this invaluable collection. We will also hold regular conferences and workshops that will revolve around the Library.

As for other products and services, "The Handybook for Genealogists, 11th Edition" will be published within the next 12 months and will be the most extensively revised edition in years. Stay tuned for more information on updates and new features. We will also offer a wide range of publishing options to both genealogical associations and individuals interested in acquiring reprints of prized publications, or publishing original editions or revisions of family or area genealogical histories.

We encourage the genealogical community and all those with an interest in researching and preserving family history to send Everton Publishing Company their comments, via phone or letter. Call and ask about any of our publications, products and services, or the Library. We want your thoughts and suggestions. We want to hear from as many of you as possible. Again, we are dedicated to providing every family history researcher and the genealogical industry with exactly what they need.

Sincerely,

Walter Fuller

National Institute on Genealogical Research

10-16 July 2005 ---Washington, D.C.

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) in Washington, D.C. will be held at the National Archives in Washington D.C. and in College Park, Maryland. It offers on-site and in-depth examination of the common and less-known federal records there. This intensive weeklong study opportunity is for experienced genealogists and also for archivists, historians and librarians interested in using federal records for genealogical research. It is not an introductory course in genealogy.

The 2005 program will feature sessions on immigration, military, land, cartographic, African American, and Native American records. Additional lectures on less-frequently-used sources along with popular sessions on naturalization, citizenship, mortality schedules and passport records will round out the program. Attendees will spend one day at Archives II in College Park, Maryland, for presentations on resources at that facility and for an opportunity to conduct research there. Evening sessions at the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Library of Congress and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library are optional.

To facilitate direct contact between the students and the lecturers and archivists, enrollment is limited. Brochures with an application form will be mailed in February 2005. The class fills very quickly. Tuition is \$350 for applications postmarked on, or before, 15 May 2005, or \$400 for applications postmarked after that date. For more information about the 2005 program, or to obtain an application brochure, see the institute's Web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/>;

or e-mail NatInsGen@juno.com;

or write to NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham, MD 20703-0724.

Ontario Genealogical Society

Cross Border Heritage

Seminar 2005 May 27-29, 2005

Windsor, Canada

Seminar 2005 will be held downtown at The Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Drive West (a few blocks west of Ouellette Ave—on the riverfront between the Ambassador Bridge & the Detroit/Windsor Tunnel.)

The huge Marketplace will be packed with displays from OGS, its 30 branches, other genealogical and historical societies, and commercial vendors. The latest publications, software, archival supplies and much more will be available. The market place is open to non-registrants. For more information, you may contact Ontario Genealogical Society by email: info@ogsseminar.org, or phone (519) 542-3554, or Fax (519) 542-0905, or write them @ OGS Seminar 2005, Box 443, Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 7J2.

Primary Sources of Proof are defined as contemporary and/or government records created at the time of the event by the parties involved. These records are deemed acceptable sources to prove relationship from one generation to another.

1. Birth Records Michigan official records began in 1867. Available from: a) County clerk of the county where event occurred; b) Michigan Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30035, Lansing, MI 48909
2. Marriage Records
3. Death Records
4. Census Records In addition to Territorial and Federal Censuses, don't forget State censuses taken in 1834, 1845, 1854, 1864, 1874, 1884, 1894 and 1904. *Note: Only fragments of these remain.*
5. Probate Records Wills/estates, guardianships, lists of heirs and relationship, name changes, and sometimes transfer of real estate.
6. Land Records and Plats Purchase and sale of property often shows residency and marital relationship.
7. Tax Records Records are available from the time of the county's formation. Records may be located in the Register of Deed's and/or Treasurer's office in the county where the land is located.
8. Military Records Records include muster-in and muster-out, pay vouchers, pension papers, and military bounty land warrants.
9. Church Records These records often contain birth, death, marriage, and funeral information of their membership.
10. Cemetery Records See *Michigan Cemetery Atlas* and the *Michigan Cemetery Source Book*.
11. Mortuary Records Actual records of funeral homes.
12. Burial & Transport Records Found in village, city, and township halls or county health departments.
13. Court Records Civil, criminal, and divorce records.
14. Naturalization Records Records that indicate when individuals emigrated to Michigan may be located at the National Archives and Records Administration, the State Archives of Michigan, any court of record or from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20536.