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## President's Message

I opened my latest issue of Family Tree Magazine and saw an article entitled 'Feasting on Family History'. I thought, "Wow, I've done that". Then a bit of inspiration hit me. Perhaps some of you might be interested in preserving some of your family's recipes. Since people seem to be losing the art of cooking, I thought what a great time to record these favorite recipes.

I bought a computer program called 'MasterCook' which makes recording recipes very easy. It even gives the nutritional values of the recipes. It puts your recipes in different categories and will print your book out in practically any format you desire. There is also a place to record any notes you might have. That is where I recorded notes on the who, what, where, and when. For instance, my grandmother's sugar pie. I remember baking with her as a little girl and taking the little bit of dough she had left over from making her pies went into a very small pie tin, and we made my sugar pie. Of course, there was no measuring, but I recorded the recipe using the handful and pinch method. My cousins and brother loved reading the memories and added their own memories about different dishes that Grandma made. Cousin Marilyn told me that reading about that recipe took her right back to the sights and smells of Grandma's kitchen.

My recipe for elephant ears contains the story of my son begging to make these and then getting sick because he ate so many, and to this day, he won't touch one.

Then there is my father's favorite vegetable beef soup. Asking him his secret for making it the best soup ever, he replied, "A little thyme, just a little thyme".

I compiled recipes from my husband's family and mine, along with stories about them and put them into loose-leaf binders and gave one to each of my sons. Now, they and their wives can add their own favorites to that collection and make it even more special. My son Matt called up not to long ago, informing me that I did not have Grandma Groat's waffle recipe in the book. Well, he does now. It is there for his children and his children's children.

*Judy Groat, President*

## Calhoun County's One-Room School Houses featured topic of November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004 meeting.

One room school houses of Calhoun County are the passion of Ann Chase of Marshall. She is researching one room school houses in every town and township of Calhoun County and has plans to write a book. In 1843 the townships began to build schools, hire teachers, and local residents became trustees on their local one-room school house board. Each township had as many as six schools. Ann is looking for information and pictures on any and all of these one room schools. If you have information to share, please bring it with you to the November meeting.

## Family History Hints and Anecdotes

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2005 is the annual Hints and Anecdotes meeting of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item to show, a new hint, or a story to share of their great finds of this past year.

## Civil War G.A.R. Records aid Family Research

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005, we will have James T. Lyons, PDC, Senior Vice Commander and G.A.R. Records Officer for the Department of Michigan will speak to the Calhoun County Genealogical Society about the use of the G.A.R. records in genealogical research. The Grand Army of the Republic was the largest of the Civil War veteran's organizations. We will learn what can be found as well as what can not be found in these records. We will also find out how to secure copies of service and pension records of veterans.

## News from the Fort Wayne Public Library, Indiana

(copied from Ingham County GS Newsletter Vol 7 # 4) For many decades, individuals who have not had a desire to officially publish their genealogical work have sent an unbound "master copy" to the Historical Genealogy Department. In exchange for the privilege of allowing us to make one photocopy for our collection, we provide the compiler of the work with one complementary, bound photocopy for his or her collection in addition to returning the original master. If interested in this service, mail your unbound "master copy" to Steve Myers, Assistant Manager, Historical Genealogy Department, P. O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270. Include a note that reads, "Photocopy Exchange Program".

**WEBSITES;** (These Web sites were published in the Livingston County Genealogical Society Newsletter)

**Census Online :** [www.census-online.com](http://www.census-online.com)

**Civil War soldiers and sailors :**

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

**Cemeteries :** <http://findagrave.com>

**Bible records :** <http://www.biblerecords.com/>

**Immigrant ships :** <http://www.immigrantships.net/>

If you have a favorite site and it may be a help to others, please let your newsletter Editor know. We also print queries and we are always looking for interesting stories. E-mail me at [davewallacesr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davewallacesr@sbcglobal.net).

## Ontario Genealogical Society Cross Border Heritage Seminar 2005 May 27-29, 2005 Windsor, Canada

For more information, contact Ontario Genealogical Society by email: [info@ogsseminar.org](mailto: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.

**National Institute on Genealogical Research**  
**July 10-16, 2005 Washington, D.C.** For information or to obtain an application brochure, see the institute's Web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/> or e-mail [NatIns-Gen@juno.com](mailto:NatIns-Gen@juno.com) or write to NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham, MD 20703-0724.

## Midwestern Roots 2005 Family History & Genealogy Conference, August 19 & 20, 2005 Indianapolis, IN

To request a brochure call (317)232-1882 or (800)447-1830 or email [welome@indianahistory.org](mailto:welome@indianahistory.org).

## Humor only genealogists can appreciate:

A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.  
A family tree can wither if nobody tends it's roots.  
A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.  
After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.  
Am I the only person up my tree. . .sure seems like it.  
Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.  
Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?  
FLOOR: the place for storing your priceless genealogy records.  
Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it.  
Genealogists are time unravelers.

## RESEARCH PROTOCOL

1. Use a pencil instead of a pen when researching in a library or research facility. Accidents do happen and books and original documents can be easily defaced.
2. Take only a few charts, books, or source records at a time. This helps prevent damage to materials in research facilities.
3. Take some time to browse the genealogical section first when in a new facility. Give yourself a general layout of what's available in their card catalog, computer and vertical files.
4. Work on one family or a single generation or individual at a time. Jot down basics on other names you come across for future research trips.
5. Find out the times a research facility is open before you go. Get any guides to the genealogical facilities that are available so you can further plan your trip in advance.
6. There are rules for photocopying. Older books and original documents may be too fragile or valuable to copy; there may be a limit to the number of pages that can be copied or a time limit on the use of the copy machine.

## Records Preservation and Access

The mission of the Records Preservation and Access Committee, a joint committee of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies is to advise the Genealogical community on ensuring proper access to historical records of genealogical value in whatever media they are recorded, on means to effect legislation, and on supporting strong records preservation policies and practices.

The Committee's most immediate task is to develop a cohesive and coherent long-term strategy to deal with records preservation and access issues at all levels, from local to national. Most of the effort currently expended on such issues is in reaction to specific threats to records access (people do not get as excited about preservation!) The strategy being developed is intended to get us "out ahead of the curve," so that potential problems may be identified and resolved before they become issues

Presentation and access to historical records is one of the most urgent concerns within the genealogical community. Every indicator confirms that this concern is justified and that the challenges are growing. The challenges are both local and national, and even local challenges often have national implications. The Records Preservation and Access Committee is committed to addressing these challenges in an intentional, informed, coordinated and rational manner and solicits the cooperation and support of all genealogists in doing so. For more information on how you can help, go to the FGS website at <http://fgs.org> and click on Records Preservation and Access.



### News from the Fort Wayne Library

No. 8, October 31, 2004

A couple of news items:

+The department Surname File on the "Friends of Allen County" website <[www.FriendsOfAllenCounty](http://www.FriendsOfAllenCounty)> has been updated recently.

+Two mortality list databases have been added, one for the Indiana Farm Colony for the Feeble-Minded and one for the Fort Wayne State School.

+The number of Allen County, Indiana church burial databases has doubled from five to ten.

+On October 1st, the library introduced a brand new email reference service called "Ask a Librarian." A part of this new service is an "Ask a Genealogy Librarian" feature. While the service is not designed for conducting individual research, it is a way for you to gain knowledge about what

we have in our collection and get some suggestions on a genealogical research problem that might have you stumped. Simple send an email to [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info).

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### CITY DIRECTORIES & PHONEFICHE

Elaine M. Kuhn

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Looking for an ancestor in between censuses? Some very useful tools when searching for friends and relatives are city directories and telephone books. City directory listings include the head of each household along with the spouse's name, the person's address, their place of employment (if any), and often some mention of whether the person owns, boards, or rents at that address.

The Historical Genealogy Department holds a vast collection of city directories in various formats. City directories from some 240 American cities covering the years 1785 to 1860 are available on microfiche while directories from over 100 American cities covering the years 1861 to 1935 are available on microfilm. As the department is a repository for R.L. Polk directories, we also have over 45,000 print directories for U.S. cities ranging from 1964 to the present. The department also holds directories from various Canadian localities, primarily from the mid to late twentieth century.

To determine which areas the department holds print directories for, use the library's online catalog at [www.acpl.lib.in.us](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us) and search by the name of the city or county you are interested in. Currently the department's microfilm and microfiche holdings are not part of the online catalog, but they are searchable in the Microtext section's card catalog.

A little-known source that might help researchers tracking relatives in the late twentieth century is Phonefiche. Phonefiche is a collection of microfiche copies of telephone books for hundreds of U.S. cities. Phonefiche is an excellent resource to employ for cities that no longer publish annual directories or to fill in the gaps for years where city directories are not available. ACPL's collection covers the years 1978-1990, and is arranged alphabetically by city. There is a Community Cross-Reference Guide (ACPL call no. 973 P5665) shelved in the Microtext section of the department for determining which smaller towns are included in larger city telephone books.



Miss Alice Cunningham is reported much improved today.

Dr. J. W. Gould of Battle Creek was at the Royal Hotel today.

The Michigan State Telephone Company installed a telephone in the residence of Charles Tesch, No. 280-W.

The doors will be open at 7:45 this evening for the dancing party to be given by Harold Miller at the K of P. Hall.

Jay Cronin and William Richards have returned from Detroit where they have been spending several days purchasing goods.

The senior class rings and pins have arrived and are on exhibition in the window of the C. H. Ostrander jewelry store.

C. C. Jacoby was in Albion this morning, called by the illness of his grandmother, Mrs. George Young, who is not expected to survive long.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Townsend, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Robinson will attend the funeral of Mrs. Verletta Barhite, a sister of O. L. Townsend, at Vicksburg, Sunday. Mrs. Barhite died at Hayes Springs, Neb., yesterday morning.

Edward Frauenreider picked violets near Ceresco yesterday while boating down the river.

Mrs. Frank Hawkins of Convis, who has been having a hard struggle since the recent operation for appendicitis, is now believed to be on the high way to recovery.

Jasper B. Canright of Battle Creek township and Miss Rofine Turner of Battle Creek were married by Justice W. S. Smith in the office of the county clerk yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Clark of Eckford passed away at the family residence in Eckford this morning at six o'clock after but a brief serious illness. Jessie Stanton was born in 1881 in the West and came to Athens while yet a child. Here 15 years ago she married Edward Clark, by whom she is survived. She leaves also one daughter, Donna, a sister, Mrs. Robert Sacket of Marengo. The funeral service will be held from the residence, Sunday at 10 o'clock. Interment will be made in Oakridge.

Glenn D. Hills and Dr. L. W. Houston returned last night from Ann Arbor where the X-ray was used in the effort to locate the pencil which the former's son, Forrest Hill, swallowed at school a week ago. The experiment was

unsuccessful, no evidence of any foreign substance being found. The young man was feeling much better than usual, and while it is believed that there is nothing further to be feared from the original source of the trouble, it was deemed prudent to leave him under the surveillance of the hospital physicians for a few days, and await any further possible developments.

Judge Porte held a session of court all through the dinner hour yesterday and disposed of the case of Mildred and Roadilla Bates, two alleged dependent children from Battle Creek. The mother was in the county home at the time of the complaint and the father was regarded as a lazy, shiftless fellow, but recently the home has been reestablished, and the father is supporting his family. The parents were represented by C. J. Goodrich and he told of ordinary comforts and conditions of health and cleanliness existing there.

Tonight the great comedy drama, "It's No Laughing Matter" will be shown at the Garden with the celebrated actor, Maclyn Arbuckle in the leading part. The play is said to incorporate 75 laughs in 75 minutes.

Funeral services for Miss Hannah Atkinson will be held tomorrow afternoon from the home of Oscar Lower on west Green street, at two o'clock. Rev. R. W. Merrill will officiate. Interment will be given in Oakridge.

Marriage licenses were issued today to Wm. J. Cooley, 28; and Mrs. Birnie Weaver, 30, of Marshall; Grove G. Smock, 29 and Edna May Snyder, 28, of Albion township and Arthur E. Ives, Kalamazoo, and Neta Bernice Porter of Battle Creek, both formerly of Marshall.

The divorce case of Pearl vs. Robert McDonald of Tekonsha which has been the subject of much gossip in that neighborhood for several weeks was taken up in circuit court at Battle Creek today. The wife alleges non-support and cruelty, and the husband takes her to task for too great interest in a gentleman boarder.

Ransom W. Rosencrantz of Lee has begun suit on a capias against Emerson E. Thomas of Battle Creek, for causing the death of a team of horses already described, last Saturday night. The process provides for the arrest of the defendant and keeping him custody until a settlement is effected but so far Mr. Thomas has not been found according to advice from the sheriff's office late this afternoon.

The directors of the Needlework Guild met at the Commercial Savings bank this afternoon and received the contributions of money and garments for the benefit of the worthy poor of the community. The collection is one vastly to the credit of the charitable ladies and others who have assisted in this noteworthy enterprise. The directors are Mesdames W. F. Church, A. F. Redfield, J. R. Bentley, E. G. Brewer, C. A. Prior and P. S. Joy and Misses Marjorie Russell and Irma Hubbard.