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President's Message

ARE WE IN FEAR OF LOOSING OUR SOCIETY?

I am already looking toward next September when we will be electing new officers. Some officers will be vacating their posts and **we need replacements**. The office of President will be open. I will remain on the board in the capacity of Past President.

The board is drawing up an outline of duties for the different offices. These will be guidelines, showing you that the job is not difficult nor too time consuming.

This is a wonderful organization with many talented people. I would hate to see it fold up for lack of leadership. Please consider taking a position on the board as one of the officers. Don't be shy, we will be there to help you in any way we can.

I know how difficult it is to find time in our busy schedules to volunteer, but you are needed and it is so rewarding. Genealogy, as a hobby is growing, so let us help by taking our turn in a position of leadership. We also need fresh ideas in keeping Calhoun County Genealogical Society alive and growing.

If you or someone you know is willing to help, just give me a call, or e-mail or one of the board members.

Judy Groat, President

Civil War G.A.R. Records Aid Family Research

March 22nd 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.

New titles at Willard Library (Helen Warner Branch)

Carpenter, Elma. Robert O. Carpenter 1812-1871. Middlesex, Yates Co. NY to Barry Co., MI and Kansas. His Ancestors and Descendants.

Chapman Brothers. Portrait and Biographical Album of Gratiot County, Mich. 1884

Lybolt, Harriet. Index of the History of Gratiot County, Michigan by Chapman Brothers. 1884.

King, Gregg et al. Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide. 2004.

Schneider, Dr. Arle. A Tale of One Village, Vicksburg, Michigan, 1831-2000. 2004.

Kent, Timothy J. Tahquamenon Tales: Experiences of an Early French Trader and His Native Family. 1998.

Redmonds, George. Christian Names in Local and Family History. 2004.

Dobson, David. Scots in the West Indies, 1707-1857.

Dobson, David. Transatlantic Voyages, 1600-1699.

Mass, Robert O. Midland County Michigan Obituary Index 1951-1982. 2 vols.

Widder, Keith R. Battle for the Soul: Metis Children Encounter Evangelical Protestants at Mackinaw Mission, 1823-1837.

Johnson, Daniel F. Irish Emigration to New England Through the Port of Saint John New Brunswick, Canada 1841 to 1849.

Miller, Alan N. Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children: Apprentices from 1784 to 1902.

Edmunds, R. David. Kinsmen Through Time: An Annotated Bibliography of Potawatomi History.

Jacobson, Judy. A Genealogist's Refresher Course. 2nd edition

Calloway, Colin G. ed. The World Turned Upside Down: Indian Voices from Early America.

Bruins, Elton J. et al. Albertus and Christina: the Van Raalte Family, Home and Roots.

Overmyer III, Leonard G. Forest Haven Soldiers: The Civil War Veterans of Glen Lake and Surrounding Leelanau.

Annual Report of the Historiographer of the City of Detroit, 1883.

McFarlane, Heather. Arichonan: A Highland Clearance Recorded.

Olds, Leonard. The Olds Brothers and Their Carson Valley, Nevada, Story: Luther Olds and his brothers John and David Olds from Battle Creek, Michigan 1849-1882.

The James Cummings 1866 Diary.

RESEARCH BUS TRIP TO ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNED FOR April 2, 2005

The Allen County Public Library Historical Genealogy Department is one of the major genealogy research libraries in the nation. All are welcome to join the Calhoun County Genealogical Society for a research trip to the country's second largest genealogical library: Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

You may want to prepare for the trip by checking out the Allen County Public Library's web site at: www.acpl.lib.in.us. You can search the online catalog and prepare your list of books and other materials to research before arrival. You need not be a member to take the trip, all are welcome. The cost of the trip is \$20.00 for members and \$22.00 for non-members. All are also welcome to join the CCGS for dues of \$12.00 a year.

3 Pickup points: 1. Battle Creek, the old Kmart parking lot on Beckley Rd. at 8:00AM; 2. Marshall, the southwest corner of the K Mart parking lot on Michigan Ave. 8:20AM;

3. Coldwater, the park and ride lot on Chicago St. at I-69, 8:40AM.

The coach will leave promptly at these times so be early.

Lunch is on your own. You may also want to pack snacks for eating on the bus on the way back. We will depart the library at 6:00 PM. with drop off points, again in Coldwater, Marshall then Battle Creek.

For more information you may check out the MIGenWeb site: www.rootsweb.com/~micallhou/bus_trip.htm, e-mail jgroat2800@aol.com or call Judy at (269)781-4568.

Registration deadline: March 19th. **Late reservations will be accepted if space is available.**

National Institute on Genealogical Research Ontario Genealogical Society Cross Border

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

Heritage Seminar 2005 May 27-29, 2005 Windsor, Canada For more information, 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.

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

WWII Draft Cards

by Connie Lenzen, CGRS

At 9:00 a.m., on Sunday, April 26, 1942, 54-year-old Frank Miller woke up in his North Portland bungalow. It was a cold sunny morning, so he turned on the oil stove in the dining room and started the wood stove in the kitchen. He and his wife had a breakfast of cinnamon biscuits, waffles, and maple syrup. The maple syrup came from his sister in Michigan.

After breakfast, Frank bicycled two miles to the Kenton Fire Station to register for the draft.

He filled out a card where he printed his full name, place of residence, telephone, age, place of birth, date of birth, name and address of a person who would always know his address. That was his wife, so her name, Tzilla Miller, is forever immortalized on this card. He was temporarily out of work, so he wrote "unemployed" in the place for his employer's name and address. Next, he filled out his descriptive information, his height, weight, eye and hair color. He had an injury to his left hand, so he included that in the "other obvious physical characteristics" section.

While he was doing this, Tzilla was making a rhubarb pie to go with their roast pork dinner. At the end of the day, they played cards, had popcorn, and Tzilla recorded the day's events in her diary. It was a typical quiet Sunday, unremarkable in many ways.

This was World War II, and a draft registration may seem like a normal occurrence. However, the Selective Service Administration's Fourth Draft Registration was for men who were born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897. They were the "old men," and many had already served in the armed forces. Due to age and prior service, few would be liable for military service. This draft was organized to create a body of information about the men's skills for possible use in the future.

The original registration cards are now at the various National Archives (NARA) regional facilities. They are alphabetized by name, so the search for a particular card is an easy one. The reward is terrific. You can hold an original document in your hands; a paper that your ancestor filled out in his own hand. For a complete list of NARA facilities, go to <http://www.archives.gov/facilities>.

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DeafBiographies.com

is a new website, created and compiled by Amy Johnson Crow, CG, which is devoted to biographical facts about deaf Americans through the early 20th century. The facts might be a birth, death, marriage, or school admission -- anything pertaining to the person's life. Currently, there are more than 6,500 records in its database. Each record has a source citation, making it easy for researchers to see where the information came from. A unique aspect to DeafBiographies is that users can register (for free) and enter facts. The site also features histories and pictures of U.S. schools for the deaf. Many records pertaining to deaf individuals contain tremendous amounts of genealogical information. Even if you do not have a deaf ancestor, if you have a collateral who was deaf, there might be great information here to help you with your genealogical research. <http://www.deafbiographies.com/>
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The Making of Modern Michigan, a statewide digitization project headquartered here at the MSU Libraries, is now available for searching at <http://mmm.lib.msu.edu/search>. Local history materials from more than 35 libraries are currently available on the site, with another 15 collections soon to be available. The MMM collections include extensive photograph and postcard collections, personal papers such as diaries and scrapbooks, oral history interviews, sound and video files, and documentation on local organizations. The subjects covered are even more diverse: the Dutch and Polish immigrant communities, the mining and lumbering industries, rural and small-town life, and much more. The Making of Modern Michigan project is administered by the MSU Libraries in partnership with the Michigan Library Consortium, Library of Michigan, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University, University of Detroit-Mercy, Traverse Area District Library, and Superiorland Library Cooperative. MMM is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Search and browse the MMM website at <http://mmm.lib.msu.edu/search/>.
The MMM collections are also available through the Michigan eLibrary: <<http://elibrary.mel.org>>.

Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society

Spring Conference with Curt Witcher will be held Saturday, April 30, at Holiday Inn West, Kalamazoo. Curt will present four topics. Registration information is posted on our website <http://www...com/~mikvgs/news.htm>

We'll welcome people from the Calhoun County Genealogical Society on April 30!! From: Judith H. Halseth, Ed.D President, Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society Curt Witcher is manager of the Genealogy Dept. of Allen Co. library in Fort Wayne. He was/or is President of the NGS. He has spoken at Willard library sponsored by Willard and CCGS a few years ago.

The Marshall News Nov. 17, 1899

OVER SOME TURKEYS.

Mrs. Ellen Stewart and Dan Hickey, of Convis, Had Words-
Expensive for Mr. Hickey.

Ellen Stewart lives near the Junction school house in Convis. She is a widow and runs her own farm. Tuesday she had trouble with Dan Hickey. Dan's turkeys fattened on her wheat field.

She locked the barn door on them. He went after them.

Conversations ensued. She swore before Justice Merrill that the language used by Dan was not fit for the ears of a lady.

Dan was up before the judge Wednesday. Merrill thought that \$8.75 would properly purify the language. Mr. Hickey paid the purification fees.

A Scrap in Perrinville Saturday Night Bring Seven People Before Merrill

Saturday James Graham's boy was unruly and Jim tied him to a tree as a slight correction.

Ben Crosswhite and Troy Dent saw the boy and went over to release him. This brought on a row and heads were thumped. Graham swore out a warrant for the arrest of the other two. The case heard in Justice Merrill's office was adjourned to Saturday morning. Geo. Southworth is defending Dent and Crosswhite

The Homer Index July 8, 1908

CITY IN BRIEF

George Bacon is clerking at the Uneeda restaurant.

Mrs. Flora B. Face of Eckford has an excellent cow for sale.

George Garlinghouse has returned to Homer and will make his residence here, engaging in business with his father.

Miss Clara A. Worthington is having very encouraging success with her class in Rafia work.

The Ladies Guild of Christ church will meet with Mrs. John Bayes Thursday afternoon July 16, every member is requested to be present.

George H. Marsh and William Bacon and their families expect to leave Friday for Blue Lake where they expect to spend the summer.

The first wheat harvested in Clarendon, according to D. B. Kirby who daily traverses that portion of the country, was cut Thursday by B. E. Bartlett on the Tekonsha road.

This week E. V. Barker is using for the first time his remodeled oven, upon which he has had masons at work for some time. It is now one of the best equipped and most convenient bakery ovens in the county.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Jessie E. Waterman and Mr. Willis Williams to occur this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Waterman, East Main street, this city.

Pioneer Category

284	Pamela Wandell Fleming	Henry B. Wandell
285	Glenn Albert Wandell	Henry B. Wandell
291	Glenn Randall Case	Zenas Newton Case
292	Clifton Franklin Case	Zenas Newton Case
293	Laurence Allen Case	Zenas Newton Case
294	Thomas Edward Case	Zenas Newton Case
295	Thomas H. Reed	Sylvanus Reed
296	Timothy A. Reed	Sylvanus Reed
297	Janine A. Reed	Sylvanus Reed
298	Valerie F. Reed	Sylvanus Reed
299	Mary K. Reed	Sylvanus Reed
300	Neda Ann Cooper	Daniel Clark
301	Brian Lee Baker	Daniel Clark
302	Donald Eugene Baker	Daniel Clark
303	Allen Robert Wilbur	Daniel Clark
304	Susan Elizabeth Wilbur	Daniel Clark
307	Helen May Coman Evans	William Betterly
308	Thelma Verburg	Francis Magennis
309	Lawrence R. Shedd	Ranodyne Shedd
310	Ray E. Shedd	Ranodyne Shedd
311	Ryan L. Shedd	Ranodyne Shedd
312	Verla J. Davis Potts	Johann Gottlieb Walz
313	Dolores E. Davis Morgan	Johann Gottlieb Walz
314	Shirley M. Davis Stepp	Johann Gottlieb Walz
315	Bruce William Eddy	John Harper
316	Bruce William Eddy	David Hough
317	Bruce William Eddy	William P. Eddy
318	Bruce William Eddy	Hiram Howell
319	Mary Zednick	John Howard Bodine
320	Colette Blair Treadwell	Hugh Gregg Henry
321	William Scott Treadwell	Hugh Gregg Henry
322	Blair Erin Treadwell	Hugh Gregg Henry
323	William Atchison Blair	Hugh Gregg Henry
324	Michelle Lynne Watson	Hugh Gregg Henry
325	Tamara Shayne Uphold	Hugh Gregg Henry
326	Joshua Joseph Uphold	Hugh Gregg Henry
334	Judy May Ruddock Veenstra	Ebenezer Naramore
335	Terri Lynn Veenstra Chapman	Ebenezer Naramore
336	Sharon Rozan Maedell Pratt	David T. Robinson
337	Ernesto Todd Mireles	David T. Robinson
338	Laura Leilani Mireles	David T. Robinson
339	Charles James Patton	David T. Robinson
340	Sharon Jeanine Patton	David T. Robinson
341	Cheyenne Lavon Mireles-Sojka	David T. Robinson
342	Jaylin James Bowers	David T. Robinson
343	Ann Heisler	Selah Stout
344	Betty (Stout) Case	Selah Stout
345	Roland Frank Cook, Jr.	Polsus Cook

Pioneer List for

Calhoun County Genealogical Society

Attached is a list of the most recent (past year or so) Pioneer Certificate Recipients.



Settler Category

286	Carlene I. Burlingame DeMaso	Henry H. Burlingame
287	Paula L. DeMaso Bule	Henry H. Burlingame
288	Gregg T. DeMaso	Henry H. Burlingame
289	Brad A. DeMaso	Henry H. Burlingame
290	Carla L. DeMaso-Johnson	Henry H. Burlingame
305	Marian Frances Uldriks	Chester Chilson
306	Eleanor Mae Boston	Chester Chilson
327	Colette Blair Treadwell	John Henry Kerr
328	William Scott Treadwell	John Henry Kerr
329	Blair Erin Treadwell	John Henry Kerr
330	William Atchison Blair	John Henry Kerr
331	Michelle Lynne Watson	John Henry Kerr
332	Tamara Shayne Uphold	John Henry Kerr
333	Joshua Joseph Uphold	John Henry Kerr

The **Pioneer** came to and lived in the county before 1861. Many of the pioneer category moved on westward looking for better land or better opportunities.

The **Settler** lived here between 1861-1890. These were usually the farmers who stayed.

A third category is **Builder**. That is a person who lived here between 1891-1920. They were the people who stayed around and built up the communities. Their work was often in the factories, but still plenty of farmers.