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President's Message

Our summer research trip was enjoyable but we did not find all we set out to find.

My husband and I took a little trip into Indiana and Kentucky to search for some of his ancestors. Gus is descended from the Harrods. Brother's James and William, were comrades of Daniel Boone, so that makes for fun stories. They helped to settle parts of Kentucky. We did make it to Harrodsburg and visited Old Fort Harrod. We found out that his ancestor also founded what is now today, Louisburg. We then searched for a small family cemetery in Indiana, called the Kiger Cemetery. My mother-in-law remembers spending summers at the Kiger farm, there, but couldn't tell us just where it was. We followed some directions from a person in the town nearby, but did not find it. It is probably in some wooded lot off the main road. So, that was disappointing. After we returned home, I put a message on the Genweb Message Boards, asking about this cemetery. Now, I have directions to exactly where it is. It amazes me what you can find by just posting a query to the message boards.

I hope you all have a nice summer and see you in September.

Judy Groat, President

September 27th meeting. Our speaker will be **Shirley Hodges. The Orphan Train movement**, centered in New York City, began in 1854 and continued until 1930. Orphans ... Foundlings ... Waifs ... Half-Orphans ... Street Arabs ... Street Urchins ... were all terms used to describe the children who rode the Orphan Trains. Thousands of children were transferred from the overcrowded orphanages and homes in the large cities in the northeastern United States, to live with families on farms throughout the middle West. The first Orphan Train arrived in Dowagiac, Michigan on October 1, 1854. By 1929, when the Children's Aid Society (CAS) sent its last true orphan train to Texas, roughly 250,000 city children had found foster homes through these programs.

Question:

Your Calhoun County Genealogical Society board needs your help. This year the board planned for 2 research trips. The first trip to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne was on April 2nd. We had many who went but we also had a few empty seats.

Our "**Question**" is this: how many want to go on the second research trip, this time to the state library in Lansing?

- ♦ For those of you who have never been to this facility,
- ♦ for those who prefer to travel with someone instead of going solo, or
- ♦ those who just don't want the hassle of driving and parking,

this would be your opportunity to visit one of the top 5 genealogical resources in the nation, #1 if you have ancestors from Michigan.

The tentative plan is to take this trip on Saturday, November 5th, 2005. We need to have an idea of how many may be going before our next meeting in September. If you think you "**might**" be going, could you contact either any board member or email the editor of **Generations** newsletter, davewallacesr@sbcglobal.net? Your contact would not be a firm "I'm definitely going" but at least a "maybe, I'm interested" commitment. This will give the planning committee some notice if there is enough interest in a research trip.

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society was formed to assist those interested in learning more about their roots. A visit to repositories such as the Michigan State Library in Lansing is a great way to spend a day with friends and to search for another of those missing links we all have in our trees.

Please let us know if you are interested.

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.

Found on a tombstone in Riverview Cemetery (IOOF) in Monticello, Indiana:

"I've been in many a deal, but I went in the hole on this one"

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The Library of Michigan has shortened its hours and now does not open until 1 PM on Mondays and Thursdays. Other days will continue with their current hours.

Surnames

Neda Cooper-Cancaro, email: nedaann362@aol.com, or 3193 Royal Oaks Dr. Ca., 91362. **Jagger, Ward, Brookes, Middleboro, Cook, Radford, and Collins;** resided in Eaton Rapids, Marshall, and Charlotte.

If anyone else has information on these surnames or would like to know if there is a link with your surnames, please contact the people on this list.

editor's note: this is a new feature I will include in each publication. Let me know :

1. who you are;
2. how you can be reached, i.e., mailing address or e-mail [or both];
3. what ancestor's surnames you are looking for.

What surnames I have by the end of every month I will try to put them into the next publication. Send your surnames to DaveWallacesr@sbcglobal.net

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 1 September are \$12.00. Memberships are accepted year-round; dues received after 1 May will pay membership for the following year. Members receive the newsletter **Generations** six times per year. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Gifford Schultz Educational Service Center --- Cisd building, 17111 G Drive North, 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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DID YOU KNOW? In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs were "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."
From: SGS Newsletter - May 2005.

Too Many Kissing Cousins By Frances Willess
If you think sorting out your family tree is a problem, just try mine! I always knew my mother's parents (who first met when they were 19 years old) were first cousins, which made me my own 3rd cousin. In climbing new branches of my family tree I learned my dad's grandparents were also first cousins, which makes me my own 5th cousin, also. The relationships with children and grandchildren are truly terrible. My children, as well as being my children, are also my 3rd and 5th cousins once removed, according to my genealogy program. My grandchildren are my 3rd and 5th cousins twice removed, and I won't even go into what kin they are to each other. The looks on their faces when I showed them the charts said it all -- somewhere between sighting a worm and a rattlesnake. My daughter's reaction was "Nasty!" -- the granddaughters' said, "Gross!" Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 4 May 2005, Vol. 8, #. 18.

Old Disease Names By Sylvain Cazalet
is a glossary of terms used to describe diseases in times gone by. Visit this site the next time you see a death certificate or obituary with a bizarre-sounding cause of death. This site gives you the equivalent in modern medicine.
<www.homeoint.org/cazalet/oldnames.htm>

DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? This database is of 19th-century Indiana physicians and midwives identified by self-declaration in census or to an organized medical society. Information was gathered from U.S. Indiana censuses of 1850, 1860, and 1870 and some from 1880 state records. Other sources were Indiana State Board of Public Health, county and local histories, obituaries in medical journals and well as other miscellaneous sources. The cutoff date for inclusion is licensure by 1900.
<http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/hom/19thphysicians/> Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 1 June 2005, Vol. 8, No. 22.

Recruiting a Substitute (*Sandusky Daily Commercial Register*, Sandusky, Ohio, 30 July 1864)

500 DOLLARS—For a representative to go and fight for me—Having too poor teeth to bite a cartridge, and thinking soaking in coffee will not improve them, I want a man with good teeth, sound constitution, and a moral character about like my own, to go and fight three years or until old Greeley makes peace. For such a man, who will call his name Keech, I will pay \$500 in Greenbacks. [Signed] C. C. Keech. Sandusky, Ohio, July 23, 1864. From: National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 93, No. 1, March 2005—Contributed by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

MICHIGAN TRIVIA thanks to Gloria Saluk

From 1910 to 1920, Hamtramck Michigan grew from 3,589 to 46,615 residents, leading the nation in growth for that period.

The world's first painted highway center lines were featured in Trenton, MI in 1911. they were used in other towns and that was how Centerline, MI got its name.

Michigan ranks number 1 nationally in the production of dog sleds.

In 1936, Escanaba, MI harvested and processed 100,000 sq. ft. of bird's eye maple to be used in the English Luxury Liner, the Queen Mary.

Hog's Hollow was the original name of Utica, MI.

In 1870, Detroit became the nation's first telephone customers to have phone numbers assigned to them.

Michigan's first police woman began walking the beat in Detroit in 1893.

In 1942, the Davison Freeway in Detroit was completed and became the world's first urban freeway.

The first soft drink, Vernor's Ginger Ale, was introduced by a Detroit pharmacist, James A. Vernor, in 1866. There were several "elixirs" on the market at that time including what would later be called Coca Cola. These contained alcohol, whereas Vernor's didn't, thus the name "soft" drink.

From *The Downriver Seeker* May 2005 Vol. 24 No. 2.

UK TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS (or 5,000 ways to earn a living). A list of trades and occupations compiled from parish records and census lists in England.

<http://www.hevanet.com/gladhaus/tradeslist.html>

THEATRE PERFORMERS IN NORTH AMERICA. Historical vaudeville theatre listings is a website for those searching for ancestors they think may have been working on stage as performers in North America. Information obtained from the Manitoba Free Press. Winnipeg was part of the main vaudeville circuit of North America.

<http://members.shaw.ca/winnipegvaudeville/> Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 1 June 2005, Vol. 8, No. 22.

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SURNAMES

"Every surname is a story in itself. It may tell you where your forebears originated, what their work was, or their social status. It may even tell you the color of their hair or complexion, if they were bald, or had bandy legs, or were thin or tall, short or fat . . ." What's in a Name?" <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson2.htm>

Where do these surnames come from? **ORIGINS:** The Chinese were the first using family names 4,700 years ago. (One source says all Chinese surnames were decreed chosen from a sacred poem.) Hereditary surnames came to Europe just 1,000 years ago in Venice, followed by the Irish, French, English, and then other Europeans. Surnames were widespread by 1500, but only common in some Middle Eastern and African areas as late as the 1900s. A few groups do not use surnames including Tibetans, Javanese, and many royal families.

TYPES: A surname is a name shared to identify members of a family; appears in varied order with other names depending on the culture, most often passes down from the father and falls into four categories:

- --Kinship surnames come from the father, mother, or clan name with or without an affix.
- --Place names were fashionable, giving us Hill, Brooks, Eastwood, Thorpe and Blair (village and field), Neuville (new town), Berliner, Parris, Schoenberg (beautiful hill), plus Lahn and Zhang (rivers in Germany and China).
- --Occupation surnames were often chosen in Medieval times.

--Descriptive names set apart the many village Johns or Juans until now we have Armstrong, Longfellow, Goodman, Fairchild, Devout, Lloyd (gray), Blanchett (white or blonde), Bialy and Wielgu (pale one and big one), also Patnaik (literature authority). Other common surnames were chosen from precious metals, jewels, plants, flowers, seasons and weather. Gold and Kim (Korean for gold), DeSilva, Pearl, Bush, Reed, Spring, and Frost are instances.

MYTHS and CHANGES: Surnames have their mysteries, pitfalls, and mistaken beliefs.

It is untrue that surnames were often changed at Ellis Island, but some immigrants changed their surname years later during the legal naturalization process. Many more people changed their names to smooth assimilation, for perceived business and social ease, to simplify spelling or pronunciation, and to distinguish themselves from neighbors or relatives with the same or similar name. People take new names in homage or as creative expression (in the U.S. every letter of the alphabet has been chosen as somebody's one-letter surname).

It is untrue that most of the four million African Americans who adopted surnames after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 chose their former slaveowners' surnames. On one plantation, owned by a man named Jones, only one freed slave chose that name. The others, whatever their individual reasons, took the names of Brown, Jackson, Quinton, Nellicliff, Thompson, Wallace, Marshall, Howard, Verdier, Golphine, Ash, Yeomans, Baker, Goodwin, and Pinckney. In choosing their surnames they tended to be conservative and adopted family names held by many whites.

It is untrue that spelling counts. Even a hundred years ago, one branch of the family might write Kelly and another Kelley, while an offspring signs Keeley. Lanes, Lahns, and Longs may be all descended from one man.

Lastly, Smith is not the most common surname on earth. Almost 30 Chinese named Chang (also spelled Zhang) walk about for every single Smith.

From: Butcher, Baker, and Fenstermacher: Names on Family Trees by Rose Richards rosiandrick@yahoo.com Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 27 April 2005, Vol. 8, No. 17.

HINT #1: when copying something from a newspaper, whether photocopying or printing from microfilm, always make a copy of the top line of the front page. This will give you the correct name, date, etc., and is invaluable when noting sources.

Hint #2: when requesting vital records from a town or county clerk, always request a photocopy of the original log entry. Offer to pay extra for this, if necessary, because there is often information on the original which was not transferred to a clerk's form.

From: Jackson County Genealogical Society, May - June 2005.

The Greatest Generation. AWON -- The American World War II Orphans Network is one of the children of Americans who died during that war. The website contains photographs and stories, welcomes those who lost their father or other family members in World War II, and encourages family members to register. There is no fee for registration.

AWON also publishes a newsletter, "The Star" and has a database of family members of American WWII dead, which continues to grow. There is a link to a number of books that will interest family historians.

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

<http://www.awon.org/bookstore/bookstore.html>

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SAVE YOUR EUROS, DOLLARS, and POUNDS.

Another variant of the so-called Nigerian scam e-mail is making the rounds again and fooling some genealogists. The e-mail may appear to be sent by a barrister, (attorney) representing the estate of some long-lost relative you never knew you had (your last name may be inserted into the e-mail message) who perished along with his family in a car or airplane accident recently. The scammer will claim to have gone to a lot of trouble to find you in order to give you a share of the (usually) millions of dollars available if you'll just forward your bank account information to him or send him some money. He may claim to have found you through RootsWeb. Do not respond to such scams. The country involved is not always Nigeria. Ghana, South Africa and other West African states are sometimes mentioned. Occasionally the scam operates from other countries, such as the Netherlands (Amsterdam), the United Kingdom (London), Spain (Madrid), or Canada (Toronto). The United States Federal Trade Commission has issued a consumer alert about this Nigerian scam. Americans who receive an offer via e-mail from someone claiming to need your help getting money out of Nigeria -- or any other country, for that matter -- forward it to the FTC at spam@uce.gov.

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Census Tips - 1790 - Washington, D.C., is with Montgomery and Prince George counties in Maryland. 1820-1830 - Wisconsin is with the Michigan census. 1830 - Iowa Territory census includes Minnesota. 1840 - Montana is with Clayton County, Iowa. 1860 - Colorado is with the Kansas census, Montana is with Nebraska census under "Unorganized Territory". Nevada is with the Utah census. Oklahoma is with Arkansas, which was then "Indian Land." Wyoming is with the Nebraska census. **Virginia** covered many thousands of square miles more than it does now. A reference made to a person having been born in Virginia could mean that he/she was born in part of Illinois (1781-1816); Missouri (1775-1863); North Carolina (1728-1803); Ohio (1728-1803); Pennsylvania (1752-1786); Tennessee (1760-1803); or West Virginia (1796-1863).
From: GSMC Record, Monroe, Michigan Vol. 29, No. 2, page 3.

New DAR Online Index. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has enhanced its online index to the Genealogical Records Committee Reports -- the name for its collection of genealogical information from family Bibles, tombstones, church records and the like. You can search this 18-million name index for your ancestors at:

http://grc.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm?Action=New_Search

Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 29 June 2005, Vol. 8, No. 26.

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society has received a transcription of a diary written by Susan Errington in 1880. Like most diaries, it is a "day in the life of" this young girl living in Muskegon, Michigan. While not exactly Calhoun County, it is none the less an interesting look at what life was like in our area at that time. **GENERATIONS** will print excerpts as space permits. We wish to thank Myra Herron for the time and effort she has given in transcribing this diary and for giving it to us. *Thank you, Myra.*

THE YEAR 1880 FOR SUSIE ERRINGTON MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM A DIARY GIVEN TO SUSIE ERRINGTON, WITH THE INSCRIPTION

"SUSIE ERRINGTON, A CHRISTMAS GIFT, 1879, MUSKEGON"

Thursday, January 1, 1880

New Year's Day. I resolved to begin the new year right and kept it by lying in bed till 7 o'clock in the morning. Did the kitchen work and then mended the rest of the time. Went to prayer meeting in eve first time four months.

Friday, January 2, 1880

Went with Cousin Nelia to have the babies' pictures taken. Helped Cousin Amalie make Fes (sic) pants. Leissa sent me match-safe. Mattie is coming tomorrow P.M. Held Clarence and mended shoes, got supper, did up the work. C. Sq. is reading "Carried by Storm" by Mrs. Flemming.

Saturday, January 3, 1880

Got breakfast, ate it, did up the kitchen work, made cookies, mopped. P.M. did the dishes, my room work, dressed for Mattie. 7 P.M., Mattie, Aunt Melissa, & Addie are come. I'm happy they all remembered me at home. The Aunts sent me a new book.

Sunday, January 4, 1880

Went to church this A.M. Aunt M. went with us. Mr. Barnhart preached: text Luke 23, 43. Quarterly meeting. Partook of the Sacrament, by the grace of God. I am striving to live a true Christian life. Now am going to write Helen. H. G. J. are Christians.

Monday, January 5, 1880

Evening. First day of school. Take up grammar in place Physi (sic). Couldn't go to school this afternoon on account of whooping cough in family. Went to Dr's office. Hattie and Seymour are engaged. I hope they will be happy. Chancy has been a naughty boy.

Tuesday, January 6, 1880

I'm tired and cross to-night and don't want to study but I must. Grace Reade is better. Nellie Kelly is back at school. Could not get my grammar today as there were none at Bakers. Tomorrow will be washing day. I don't like that.

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July	no meeting
August	no meeting
27 September	Shirley Hodges, "The Orphan Train Movement."
25 October	George Livingston, Genealogy 101, an introduction to genealogical research.
22 November	Roger Groves from the Marshall GAR Hall.
December	no meeting
January	

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