

## President's Message

Even though the Calhoun County Genealogical Society has now reached that point in the year where we don't hold regular meetings, it still is important that you—as members—keep in consideration some of our upcoming important events.

During our next society event, to be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual membership meeting. At this meeting, among other things, we will elect a new slate of Society officers for the upcoming year. You will find in this newsletter officer duties. A ballot will be sent at a later date.

Among your current board members, Treasurer Dave Ruble will be stepping down. Dave

has served the society very well but he has hit the limit of consecutive terms that he can serve as an officer.

That leaves us with an opening for Treasurer that I am expecting to be filled from our membership. We have been successful in filling the various positions that have opened up during 2006, and I am confident that a volunteer will present him- or herself to fill the needs of our organization. As always, the CCGS welcomes any member who would like to serve on any of our myriad committees as well.

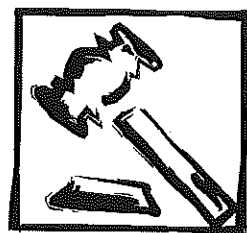
Another major issue that will require a membership vote involves revisions to our Society By-laws. The board will be

updating these bylaws to modernize and prepare for the 501(c)(3) project we have undertaken. We are also considering changes to the dues structure of the organization, necessitated by increasing printing and postage costs.

Finally, after we conduct the society's business during the September meeting, Cindy Wilson and I will present a short demonstration of the software program "GenSmarts 2," which is a next-generation product that helps you to organize and focus your research.

I hope that your summer is pleasant and productive, from a genealogical standpoint. See you in September.

**Chris Rau,**  
President CCGS



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## Highlighted Location—Battle Creek during WWI

### Did you know?

- Battle Creek Ambulance Corp was KEY in developing the American Red Cross Medical Relief during WWI.
- Several of the BC Sanitarium doctors enlisted to serve in WWI with the blessing of JH Kellogg including a couple of his son-in-laws.
- Our BC Ambulance Corp trained in Pennsylvania and most slept in a fairground grandstand.
- Gas Masks were a big thing beginning with WWI.

The medical community of Battle Creek helped make the Battle Creek area an influence during WWI. Personnel from the Battle Creek Sanitarium and other area medical organizations were a part of the Red Cross Ambulance Corp. and other areas of the medical care and rescue of the injured during the war. AND Battle Creek was proud and hon-

ored for the sacrifice and dedication of it's own. This included those in the medical arena of the war and ALL others involved.

This newsletter is dedicated to information about some of their contributions. It contains only a small portion of the contributions of the area.

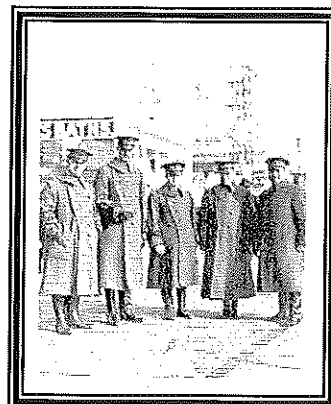


**Picture to left:**  
Taken during  
WWI between  
July 1917 to  
December 1918  
probably in  
France.

**American  
Medical Corp.**

**Picture top  
right: Drs  
Case\_George\_J  
aches\_Bowman  
& Blaine**

**Picture right:  
Dr. Case and P.  
Brown in gas  
masks**



## American Red Cross Ambulance Company No. 11

Do you recognize any of the above? My great grandfather is the 2nd in front left. I'm guessing that here he was Captain, Medical Reserve Corps. See Page 5 for a list of the initial soldiers of this company.

New to war beginning with WWI was the Red Cross Ambulance Corp. Dr. James T. Case (my great grandfather), a doctor at the Battle Creek Sanitarium initiated efforts and setup the Battle Creek Ambulance Company in 1916. The unit trained in Allentown, Pennsylvania. To the right are pictures of the ambulances used. Can you imagine traipsing across

Europe in these? At this time the Red Cross symbol was little known so they were fair game for enemy fire.

At Allentown they were dealt some surprises. Because this group was made up of several Battle Creek Sanitarium employees, the Army powers-to-be mistakenly tagged them as a surgical unit instead of an ambulatory unit. Dr. Case first had to straighten this out. Then the next challenge for Dr. Case came shortly after.

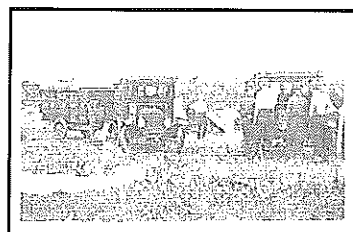
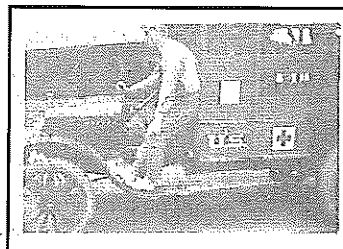
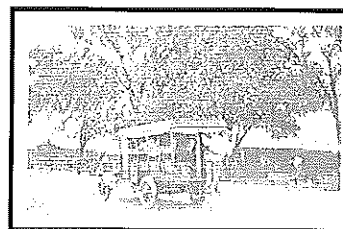
The company was sent to France July 1917 and assigned to the Chief Surgeon's Office. Dr. Case, however,

was to be reassigned. He was put in charge of the X-ray work of the American Army in France including inspecting the work in various British and French hospitals.

In a letter he wrote home to Dr. Kellogg, he was apprehensive about the change in plans. He had invested so much into the Ambulance Corp. and wanted to see it through. But he knew it was a great honor for him AND felt confident that he left the Corp with solid leadership to carry on their mission.

From his letters home, he continued to monitor their progress throughout the war.

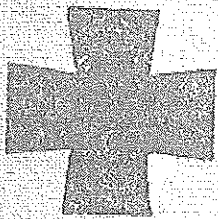
**BELOW: Ambulances as  
presented in Allentown,  
PA prior to unit being  
sent overseas**



## Newsletter Article Sources

- Miscellaneous articles, *Battle Creek Enquirer*, Battle Creek, Michigan (Estimated 1916—1919)
- Photos and letters supplied from family collections of Ann Heisler
- Collier Collection (Volume 62, pages 227 & 228)
- Detroit Public Library Web Site [http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/burton/burton\\_index.htm](http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/burton/burton_index.htm)

# Battle Creek Ambulance Company Waiting for Call From Uncle Sam



"Battle Creek's ambulance company, No. 41, organized by Dr. James Case of the Sanitarium, has been mustered into federal service, and the boys are now waiting a call to Allentown, Pa., for a short course of training before going to France.

In all a total of 442 young men have been accepted for service in this company, but it is expected that when the company starts it will take a total of 420, as a number of late recruits are expected.

Captain Borden, who has been here to muster the men into service, has left Battle Creek, and Dr. Case is in Chicago. The company is ready to leave on a few hours' notice, and this is expected early this week. A complete roster of the company is as follows:

T. H. Aagaard,  
Wm. C. Adams,  
Frank A. Allwardt,  
Lawrence H. Allwardt,  
Clarence L. Andee,  
Edwin O. Ashley,  
Carl M. Austin,  
Jas. B. Baker,  
R. C. Baker,  
Harold B. Bauer,  
Max W. Becker,  
L. Bervyn Benson,  
August F. Bloese,  
Jos. M. Boos,  
Chas. F. Boyer,  
J. Phillip Brower,  
Bex J. Brown,  
George L. Butler,  
Nils O. Byland,  
Harry J. Byrne,  
F. Phillip Case,  
Loren J. Clay,  
Lyle L. Clemmer,  
John H. Collier,  
Harold K. Conrad,  
Harold G. Corvin,  
Theodore R. Cox,  
Arthur M. Cull,

Roswell E. Cunningham,  
G. Raymond Derby,  
Ralph E. Dobberteen,  
Russell Doney,  
Wm. B. Dunlap,  
Carleton Ellsworth,  
Russell F. Estill,  
Famen E. Foster,  
Ashley C. French,  
Carleton G. Genebach,  
James H. Gleason,  
Paul D. K. Halser,  
Eugene J. Hart,  
Schuyler Hellner,  
Ray G. Heinrich,  
Ralph H. Heller,  
George D. Hickman,  
John H. Hickman,  
Jean E. Hodson,  
John D. Hockette,  
Donald B. Hoeltzel,  
Wm. Dale Hoeltzel,  
Drville H. Hubbard,  
Leon D. Jones,  
Roger B. Kellogg,  
John E. Kellogg,  
Otis A. Ketcham,  
Viggo G. Kilpatrick,

Floyd L. Larkin,  
Arday C. McConas,  
Arthur C. McLain,  
Harry D. McCreery,  
Harnee M. Meehem,  
Harley G. Melvin,  
Geo. D. Miller,  
Wm. M. Miller,  
Francis F. Mithen,  
Edw. A. Moore,  
Wm. J. Morrison,  
Henry B. Mulder,  
Hugh P. Myler,  
Ehner M. Noyes,  
Frank J. O'Donnell,  
Clarence R. Olson,  
David E. Paquette,  
Alton L. Phillips,  
Earl E. Phillips,  
Chas. N. Ponton,  
J. Clarence Ponton,  
U. Chester Rasmussen,  
Ladd E. Rattenberg,  
J. Arthur Redner,  
Taylor F. Reynolds,  
Hilroy A. Rice,  
Jos. J. Robinsone,

Carey L. Roberts,  
Mark M. Ross,  
Daniel L. Sargent,  
Keith M. Schroder,  
Albert B. Schultz,  
H. Bernard Seager,  
Milton L. Secklas,  
Sidney R. Sheriff,  
Willard H. Shouldice,  
Martin S. Sorenson,  
Leroy F. Sparks,  
Geo. M. Spactalia,  
J. Frank Stapleton,  
Fred L. Strong,  
Harry J. Sullivan,  
Clarence T. Thorne,  
Morris H. Tichenor,  
Franz J. Toeller,  
Geo. W. Toeller,  
Lawrence D. Tucker,  
Chester F. Tuttle,  
Stanley H. Walker,  
La Verno A. Welchman,  
James R. Wells,  
Clyde A. Werner,  
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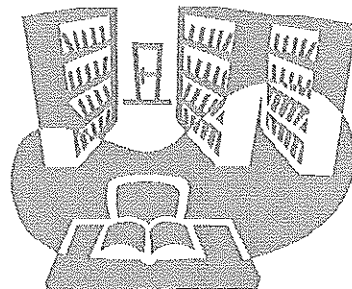
## Exploring the Burton Historical Collection

The Burton Historical Collection is both a repository of records of the past and a workshop of historical activity in the present. Its emphasis is on the history of Detroit and Michigan from the time of settlement in the 17th century to the present. One will find local and county histo-

ries for both the United States and Canada. Noted for its source material, the Collection contains books, pamphlets, bound newspapers, atlases, maps, pictures, photographs, personal papers, archives, business records, and ephemeral items such as newspaper clippings,

broadside, and scrapbooks.

CCGS is considering a trip to the Detroit Public Library which includes this collection. It's a resource that very few of us have utilized and we are excited for the opportunity. More information to follow.



**Discover your roots. Link to the past.**

*Join Us*

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to attach a five-generation ancestor chart and/or a query to be published in *Generations*

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(please enclose SASE)

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## 2007-08 Election of 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 four consecutive terms in the same office and no more than six consecutive years as an elected officer.

**President**—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.

**Vice President**—The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President and shall chair the Programs and Publicity Committee. The Vice President shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

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

**Corresponding Secretary**—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.

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

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.