



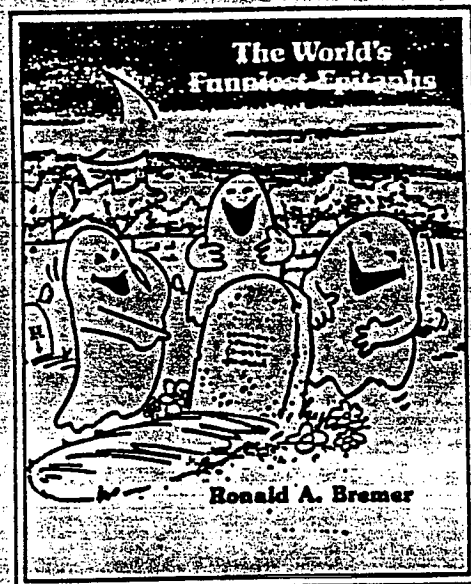
GENERATIONS

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About the June 19th Field Trip

The field trip to the State of Michigan Library in Lansing on June 19th was very successful with about twenty-two members and friends taking part. We took the guided tour through the facility and then settled in to learn to use the new computers and to see how the genealogy library is laid out. They still have the old card catalogue for those of us terrified by computers, fortunately. The library is easy for us to get to, and many of us have made several return trips. That's great!



IT WAS A BIG CROWD !

Eighty seven people came to the seminar given by Ron Bremer (from Salt Lake City) titled "What Is Genealogy?". It took place at Kellogg Community College on August 3rd. Ron gave us a very informative and interesting evening. Wouldn't it be great to be able to recite, without notes, all the resources for finding family information like Mr. Bremer did for us. He spent an hour answering questions from the audience and then the next hour was spent explaining where to find information.

HERE LIES THE BONES
OF MY FORMER HONEY
HE THOUGHT THE MUSHROOMS
TASTED FUNNY

PARDON ME
FOR NOT GETTING UP

HERE LIES
AN ATHEIST --
ALL DRESSED UP
WITH NO PLACE TO GO

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Those of you who missed the August 3 presentation by Ron Bremer missed an exceptional program. His "What is Genealogy?" session was a smashing success. Ron's memory for detail is phenomenal, and everyone there benefited from his presence. His willingness to present a free program speaks highly of his dedication to genealogical education. See the review elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

The fall annual program will soon be upon us. The program committee has lined up an impressive array of speakers. This will be a "don't miss" a day!

Two major business items will be transacted at the fall meeting. First, a revision of the society by-laws is being presented for a vote. A copy of the proposal is included in the newsletter for your review.

The second major agenda item is the election of officers. A nominating committee comprised of the executive board offers the following slate of officers: President, Peggy Sindt; Vice President, Tom Struble; Recording Secretary, vacant; Corresponding Secretary, Val Radee; Treasurer, Joan Von Holten. Nominations will be accepted (and even encouraged!) during the annual meeting.

Peggy Sindt

P.S. Note my new address and phone number: 7100 Condit Road, Homer, MI 49245; 517/568-4638.

About the September Meeting

Date: Sept. 19, 1989

Place: the Community Room and local history room of the Albion Public Library.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. help session.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. TELL AND SHARE

Members are to bring some of their work which has been done to share. Bring notebooks, generational charts, manuscripts, fan charts, family sheets, photos etc. If you have a special collection of resources books bring them so we can learn from each other.

If your family genealogy is printed and published bring it along. Bring examples of forms for cataloging data you like to use. Put your name on everything you bring. All of us have interesting materials to show, even if we are just starting.



FAMILY HISTORIANS, AUTHORS and GENEALOGISTS

If you have written a paper, manuscript, pamphlet or a book about your family or about Calhoun County history we would like to have copies to sell at our AUTHORS TABLE October 7 at the fall seminar-annual meeting. Please contact Pat Geyer at 515/629-4506 or write Pat at 601 Manor Drive, Albion, MI 49224 so that we can make arrangements to show your work. Sister Georgia Brown of Battle Creek and Ann Bowerman of Coldwater take note. There will be others. Don't be bashful.



CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Society shall be the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. (CCGS)

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The Society shall be a non-profit organization. The purpose of this Society shall be:

- A. To gather and preserve information of genealogical value.
- B. To encourage the deposit of such information in suitable depositories.
- C. To aid genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge.
- D. To publish and promote Calhoun County and other genealogical materials.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of this Society shall consist of any person or organization interested in genealogy or family history.
- B. The membership year shall be September 1 through August 31.

ARTICLE IV DUES

- A. The annual dues shall be \$10.00, payable by September 30.
- B. New members will be assessed dues of \$1.00 per month for the remaining months of the membership year, total not to exceed \$10.00.
- C. Any member delinquent after November 30 shall be dropped from the membership.
- D. Only paid members shall be eligible to vote or to hold office.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the Society shall be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Officers, the chairpersons of standing committees, and the immediate past president shall constitute the Executive Board.

- C. Officers shall serve for one year, from October through September. Officers may serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office and no more than six consecutive years as an elected officer.
- D. Candidates for all offices shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee. Ballots will be distributed by mail to all fully paid members no later than August 1, and must be returned or postmarked no later than September 1. The installation of new officers shall take place at the end of the fall annual meeting.
- E. Should the office of the President become vacant, the Vice President shall become President for the balance of the term. Other vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the President, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- A. 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 the 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.
- B. The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President and shall be a member of the Program Committee. The Vice President shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- C. The Recording Secretary shall keep records of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board. The Recording Secretary shall maintain an annual list of members and a record of all rules and regulations affecting the Society.
- D. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence with members, other groups, and individuals. The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain a current list of members and a list of genealogists who are willing to do research for others. The Corresponding Secretary shall be a member of the Membership Committee.
- E. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and monies, attend to all disbursements, and have charge of all funds of the Society. The Treasurer shall be responsible for dues notification. The Treasurer shall have the authority to disburse the funds of the Society.

- F. The Executive Board, or a subcommittee thereof, shall audit the financial records of the Society. The financial books of the Society shall be presented to the audit committee at the August meeting and the results presented at the fall annual meeting.
- G. All officers shall deliver to their successors at the fall meeting all monies, accounts, records, books, papers, or other property belonging to the Society.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

- A. The standing committees of the Society shall be Membership, Program, Publicity, and Publications.
- B. Standing committee chairpersons shall be appointed in December and shall assume their responsibilities in January. The Program committee shall plan programs for the twelve months beginning in September following their appointment. The Program chair shall be responsible for presenting the programs planned by his or her committee.
- C. Special committees shall be appointed as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

- A. The meetings of this Society shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, unless the Executive Board votes to make an exception.
- B. The annual meeting shall be held in the fall. As programs dictate, meetings may be held in locations around the county.
- C. Special meetings may be called by the President.

ARTICLE IX GIFTS

Any item given to the Society shall become the property of the Society and shall be used as the Executive Board deems to be in the best interests of the Society, unless alternate arrangements are made prior to the receipt of the gift.

ARTICLE X PUBLICATIONS

All publications compiled or written under the auspices of the Society shall become the property of the Society. All proceeds from the sale of such publications shall accrue to the Society.

ARTICLE XI MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

- A. The Society shall maintain a membership in the Michigan Genealogical Council.
- B. The President and another delegate shall represent the Society at Council meetings and seminars. The Executive Board shall name two alternates, who will represent the Society in the event the delegates are unable to attend.
- C. Expenses for representing the Society shall be reimbursed as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to the by-laws shall be considered at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called by the President for that purpose, and shall take effect upon the assent of two thirds of the members present and voting.
- B. Notice of amendments to be acted upon shall be mailed to the members no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting or the special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIII RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall be parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not otherwise covered in the by-laws.

ARTICLE XIV DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Society should decide by a two thirds vote of the entire membership to disband, such items as are in its possession or custody shall be directed to suitable public repositories by the Executive Board.

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A TRIBUTE TO WILMA MILLER

FROM

NEWTON TOWNSHIP

Wilma (Smith) Miller, being a native of Newton township, devoted much time, after her retirement, to genealogical and historical interests in her township.

In 1973, she took chairmanship of the Consecration Service, at the Newton United Methodist Church. This involved much planning by her committee. The church was filled for the final program and service. She gave, unselfishly, many items found within the church and brought the church history records to date. She served as Church Historian for a few years.

Wilma was interested in the Newton township cemetery records and felt they should be in a more complete, organized condition. She asked for a committee to assist. The sexton's and supervisor's books were viewed and made to coincide. She set up a cross reference card system. This is kept in duplicate, that the records will not be lost, in case of a fire. She insisted these records be kept current.

In 1985 a name sign for the Newton Township Cemetery was erected, which contains a rock from each Centennial farm. Wilma was the promoter for this project and worked on the committee.

In 1976, she insisted, our township take part in our United States Bicentennial celebration. She formed her committee and took leadership. Many gave information for her to compile a township book, named "Our Heritage"-1838-1976. The book was dedicated to her. There were photos taken, trees planted at the Newton Community Building, also a display of antiques by residents, topped with a program at the Home Grange on C Drive So. and 9½ Mi. Road. The program involved music, a square dance, speeches and distribution of the book, "Our Heritage". All these events were well attended.

In 1977, at the time the Newton Community Building addition was built, Wilma felt a vault should be included in the plans, to house and protect our historical records. One of which was, a record of every town meeting since it's organization in 1838. Today, many precious historical and genealogical records and all township records are protected in the vault.

She was the recipient of the "Community Citizen Award" from Home Grange 129, for her outstanding work in Newton township.

In 1987, when our State of Michigan celebrated it's Susquicentennial, Wilma was nominated from Newton township as Susquicentennial Woman. This involved a woman who possessed "Pioneer Spirit".

As time approached, in 1988 when Newton township was to celebrate it's 150th year, Wilma had some plans in mind, and how our township would participate. Her illness prevented her from completing her goal. She stated, "I am unable to carry out my plans". It was a sad day for her.

It might be said, these are only a few of the events she participated in. Her interest in people, led to her outstanding work in genealogies and preserving history records of her Newton township. We, of the township, have lost a devoted citizen, we will miss her.

Mrs. Meda Francisco (Mrs. Sylvester Francisco)
Newton township resident-assistant to Wilma.

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Note of the family historians, Michigan history buffs

The tenth Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper show will be Sunday Septembers 24, 1989 at the Lansing Civic Center, 505 W. Allegan from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Admission is \$2.00. Offerings will include Michigan history, maps, Americana etc. This will be of some interest to some of our genealogists and family historians.

A Cooperative Effort

Research sources of the Revolutionary War Ancestors' will be the topic of the joint effort sponsored by Willard Library, 7 W. Van Buren, Battle Creek and the Battle Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It will be held at the library on Saturday October 14, 1989 for 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

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is being organized by Marilyn Hennon. If you have articles or queries you wish included in a newsletter sent this information to 27996 L Drive North, Albion, MI 49224. The deadline for inclusion in the January issue is December 1.



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