

## President's Message

I'm not a big proponent of television, seeing as how most days between work, family, household and hobby I really don't have a lot of free time anyhow. When I do get to watch, my taste tends to run towards Red Wings hockey and the Discovery Channel. But from what I understand (i.e.-what my wife tells me), many of the most popular TV shows in America recently have been adaptations of popular shows in England.

From "Whose Line is it Anyway?" to "Dancing with the Stars," television shows that started off as UK programming have crossed the Atlantic to become staples of our prime-time line-ups. Indeed, the English appear to have created the entire reality-TV genre, which Americans have since "perfected." However, as entertaining as these shows may be, there is one smash UK program

that I really hope to see adapted to American TV.

The name of this show is "Who Do You Think You Are?" and it is a documentary series that has been running since 2004 on the BBC network. In each episode, a popular actor or public figure travels back (figuratively and historically) to the ancestral homelands to trace his or her family tree. Aided by historians and genealogists, the tale of a specific ancestral family is told, often with as much "dirt" and scandal as can be ascertained given the facts at hand.

Amazingly, "Who Do You Think You Are?" is one of the most popular television shows in England and has been commissioned through its sixth season. In addition, the show has started spawning localized versions in Canada and Australia beginning in

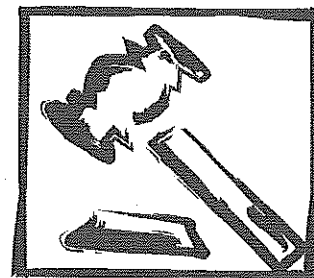
2007. The show has done much to promote genealogy, especially during its first season by providing beginner's tips in the last few minutes of each show.

If you are interested, there are snippets of the show available online through a variety of sources, including the BBC and YouTube websites. So check it out and keep your fingers crossed that we someday soon can tune into our own American version of "Who Do You Think You Are?"

In the meanwhile, I wish you luck on your own personal researches into the topic. Since January 22nd is our annual sharing meeting, I encourage you to bring your own stories in to share with your colleagues in the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.

Best Regards,

**Chris Rau,**  
President CCGS



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## Introducing Treasurer—Art Adams

Our new treasurer is a life-long resident of Calhoun County. Born at Marshall's "old" Oaklawn Hospital, Arthur Adams lives in Lee Township. Art, a retired millwright for Kellogg Company, was widowed only a year ago. His five stepchildren, all of whom live in the area, have given him an abundance of grandchildren and great

grandchildren to enjoy.

Art has been interested in family history since learning about his mother's family genealogy, dating to about 1630. William Henry Harrison Stowell wrote the genealogy, linking the family to a Norman knight, Adam De Stawell who arrived in England with William the Conqueror. His mother's family was from

England, but, like many of us, Art has a mixed genealogy, including Native American, Scottish and Irish. "I haven't had as much luck with my father's family—the Adams side," Art says. We hope the connections Art makes and the educational programs of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society will help Art break down his brick walls.

## SCHOOL DAZE AROUND MARSHALL—Capital Hill School about 1918



### Do You Know Them?

Quiz time! Forth from the right in the seated row of girls with the big bow in her dark hair is my grandmother Betty Jane Stout. She was born in 1909 in Marshall and died this past April just before her 98th birthday. She had graciously passed onto me all her family photos and documents and there were/are a LOT. Included was this picture of her Capital Hill School classmates which she had labeled with the initials you see above. BUT by the time I came around to view this with her, her memory of their names was gone.

So, if you have in your collection something that may help us identify these Marshall area children, please **please** pass it on! Below left is a picture of West End Park School taken by Dr Durand. Betty Stout is in the foreground. I'm guessing about 1914. Below right is a picture of Marshall High School. I'm not sure of the year.



## Battle Creek—Manchester Street



Many of the doctors from the Battle Creek Sanitarium resided on or around Manchester Street in Battle Creek. From days gone by, these are pictures of the home of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg. The top picture was taken about 1914 and the bottom is dated 1902. According to family members the house had a gymnasium on the top floor. The property had a deer park and at some point a train that circled the grounds.

Dr. Kellogg and wife Ella fostered multiple children and adopted some say 14 of them including my great grandmother and one of her sisters. My grandfather, her son, is one of the two boys pictured at left. The house was filled with people.

The house no longer exists. It was torn down due to termites in late 1940s early 1950s. The property still shows some raised areas where the train circled the property.







**Picture to left:**  
I'm guessing  
this is a retake  
of a damaged  
picture of the  
Kellogg  
foster/adopted  
children just  
outside of  
their bedroom  
about 1902.  
Girl far right  
looks like  
Helena  
Sargent and  
girl standing  
behind her  
could be her  
sister Harriet.

**Picture to right:** Dr. Kellogg  
standing. I'm not sure of  
women. Wife Ella died in 1920  
and Dr. Kellogg died in 1943.  
I'm guessing this picture was  
taken after 1920.



## NEXT NEWSLETTER FOCUS—CCGS 20th Year!

Our January/February issue will be information about our membership. For our March/April I'm looking for information on Historic Marshall. Please tell me what you know so I can share with our members!

Send me stories, facts, ideas—I'll take them all. I'm also looking for an An-

cestor Tree with Marshall connections. Please include your contact information so I can follow-up with any questions.

Marshall has a tradition of celebrating the Holiday Season in style. Do you have any photos or stories about the winter celebrations in Marshall? Maybe your Aunt or Uncle may

know a good one. Query them and send on a copy to me and I'll SHARE with all. If you have anything else special about Marshall, please pass it on.

Help me keep you informed, enlightened and entertained about things Calhoun County and Genealogy based.

*Ann Heister, Generations Editor*



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Information about People, Places and Things from Historic Marshall.