

BOARD PROFILE—RECORDING SECRETARY

Anita Stuever has served CCGS as recording secretary for three years, and was recently elected to her final term. She had previously served as president and newsletter editor.

Anita became interested in genealogy many years ago when she decided to practice calligraphy by filling in the blanks of a poster-size family tree she bought to display at her parents' anniversary party. She has come a long way since she completed that first pedigree with no source documentation. She has developed a specialty in finding places overseas and especially enjoys being able to pinpoint the ancestral hometowns of her ancestors on the antique maps she collects.

During her tenure as president, Anita developed a benefits-oriented membership folder and secured an improved meeting place for society pro-

grams. Working with the publication committee, she developed a book of guidelines for publishing cemetery books. As *Generations* editor, she received several Editor's Choice awards in the Southern California Genealogical Society's writing contest — for articles on the German language, German script, and how to find ancestors on a map. Later, she published a chapter, "Scavenging for Ancestors" in the book, *Honoring Our Ancestors*, and an article about planning family reunions in *Lutheran Woman Today*. She is leading the project to gain 501(c)(3) status for the society so it will be recognized by the federal government as a nonprofit, tax-exempt public organization.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I hope that you were able to attend our 20th Anniversary celebration meeting in September. The society met at the Albion District Library and was hosted by the library's resident historian, Mary Houghton. Our program included some reminiscing by a panel of founding members and a tour of the history and genealogy resources of the library. The society even had a birthday cake! From the

strong turnout and smiles on our attendee's faces, I believe that all had a good time.

One piece of society business that was conducted at the September meeting was our annual officer elections. Our current slate of officers was reelected, so thanks to all who voted and we hope to continue improving the CCGS during 2009.

While our membership

levels seem to be holding steady, our finances have been suffering due to rising costs, mainly those related to printing this newsletter. The CCGS ran a deficit in 2008. It's not hard to see that there are three ways the CCGS can prevent a shortfall--careful budgeting, increasing our revenues and recruitment of new members.

This year we will focus on all three areas. I have

tasked Treasurer Art Adams with creating a budget framework that the board will use to better anticipate and control our costs. We can address revenues by increasing our publishing activities, of which our upcoming Marengo Township Cemeteries book will be the first of a renewed publishing effort. As for recruiting, that is where I need your help! Please invite a

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BOARD PROFILE CONTINUED

Anita appreciates the net-working opportunities gained through being a member of the society. She has always said she has no ancestors in Calhoun County, but learned recently that a collateral ancestor married and moved from Perth, Ontario, to Battle Creek. She believes the programs the society offers are of interest to all genealogists, whatever their origins. Her ancestors, mostly Germanic, settled in St. Clair, Lapeer, Sanilac and Washenaw counties. Many migrated to Canada, then the USA, mak-

ing it more difficult to find places of origin "across the pond."

A former teacher and a current Certified Association Executive, Anita works as a communication consultant to nonprofit and educational organizations. She lives in Battle Creek. Starting December 1, Anita will begin a new position as Executive Director of Leila Arboretum Society in Battle Creek. We wish her well in her new work adventure!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE CONTINUED

guest to one of our meetings and help share genealogy and interest in our county.

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society has many interesting things to share, and we'd like to make sure every family history researcher in our area is aware of us and able to benefit from our activities.



-Chris Rau, President CCGS

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 September 1 are \$15.00 receiving postal newsletters and \$12.00 receiving electronic newsletters. Memberships are accepted year-round; dues received after May 1 will pay membership for the following year. Members receive the newsletter *Generations* six times per year. General 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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MARENGO TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

Time goes by so quickly. Volunteers for CCGS have been transcribing the cemeteries of Marengo Township for over eight years and are just about ready to present the completed transcriptions for publication. The book covers five of Marengo's cemeteries: Johnson, Marengo Memorial, Marengo Village, Townsend and Samson.

These cemeteries were managed by the Marengo Cemetery Association and the former Association's records were consulted to enhance the accuracy of the transcriptions and provide some additional information. The book is meant to be a record of the transcriptions at a

point in time. For those researching Marengo families it should be a valuable resource of the area's residents. Anita Stuever, this newsletter's featured board member and her sister Sue Stuever Battel, created the design and layout to be a model for future transcription publications.

The Marengo Township Cemetery Transcription Publication is expected to be between 100-150 pages and cost about \$20. It is expected to be completed before the end of 2008.

The following table is an excerpt from the Samson Cemetery.



Name	Age at Death	Birth Date	Death Date	Notes	Location
Hiller, Libby	3m 11d		31 Aug 1867	ts / dau/ J C & A Hiller, broken ts	01.01
Fountain, Garrett B		1808	1891		01.02
[Fountain], Eunice A	57y 1m 11d		23 Apr 1864	Broken ts / wife/ C B Fountain	01.03
Fountain, Ward J				ts / Son/ Martin H and Phoebe	01.04
Fountain, Martin H	55y 2m 21d		10 Jun 1886		01.05
Buller, Amy A		1830	1901		01.06
Wilson, Gracie Louise	2y 8m		01 May 1863	ts / Second dau/ Horace T and Emma F	01.07
Wilson, Mary Evlyn	1y 5m 12d		06 May 1863	ts /Youngest dau/ Horace T and Emma F	01.08
Wilson				Small ts	01.09
L(us)k, Corpl. Dennis F				ts / GAR Colgrove Post #166 / corpl.	02.01
Millard, Harriet	53y		18 May 1867	ts / wife/ Wm Millard	02.02
Fulkerson, Philip	77y		26 Jul 1898		02.03
Fulkerson, Caroline				ts wife/ Philip	02.04
Fulkerson, Melissa	16y 10m 4d			ts dau/ P & C	02.05
Ward, William R				ts Co.A 1 Mich E &M Colgrove GAR No 166	02.06
Mother					03.01
Father					03.02

CALHOUN COUNTY POOR HOUSE

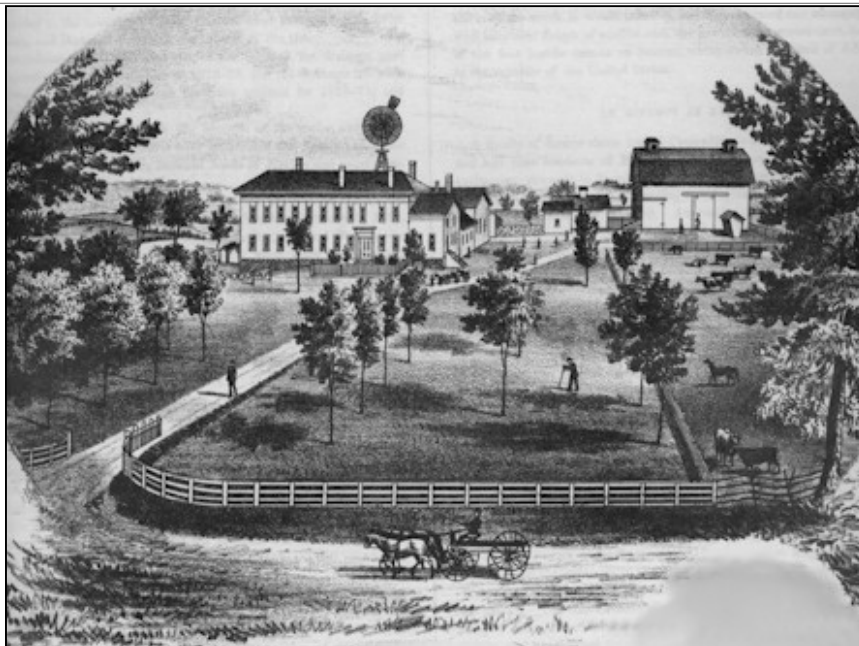


Illustration from "1830 History of Calhoun County, Michigan with illustrations descriptive of its scenery, palatial residences, public buildings, fine blocks, and important manufactories, from original sketches by artists of the highest ability." published by publisher L.H. Everts & Co. 718 Filbert Street, Philadelphia (1877).

In the fall of 1850 the county opened a home for the county's poor. The County Poor House supplied room, board and medical care for the county's poor. Over the years, this home was referred to as The County Almshouse, The County Poor House, The County Farm, The County Infirmary and The County Hospital. The residents included orphans, transients, patients who could not care for themselves such as the blind, cripples and insane.

Prior to 1849 the townships each

No	Date Received	Name	Place of Birth	Age
1850				
1	Sept 20	Higgins	Ireland	89 May 3rd 1850
2	" "	Wm Brown	America	50 Years July 30rd 1850
3	" "	Isaac Doty	"	15 " Sep 1850
4	" "	George Doty	" Madison Co. N.Y.	12 " " "
5	" "	Abram Blifs	"	22 " " "
6	" "	John TenEyche	"	21 " Sep "
7	" "	Henry Heath	Rochester N.Y.	8 " Nov 4th 1850
8	" "	Sarah Heath	Michigan	6 " Dec 4. 1850
9	" "	Atwood	America	60 "
10	" "	Mary Day	"	18 "
11	" "	Lucy Ann Stanley	"	16 " June 10th 1850
12	" "	Mrs. Pryor	England	67 "
13	" "	Mrs. Connett	America N.Y.	38 " Aug 5th 1850
14	" "	Rhoda "	" Mich.	8 " May 9th 1850
15	" "	Warren "	" "	12 " April 5, 1850
16	" "	Caldwell "	" Ohio	13 " Feby 17, 1850
17	" "	Roswell "	" Mich	4 " Jan'y 4, 1850

handled their own poor. With the development of the County Poor House/Farm, the county took over control and elicited financial support from each township for the residents from their area. The length of stay for these residents was used in the calculation of the townships contribution. Crops from the farm supplemented the financial needs of the facility.

Upon acquisition of the Brooks Appliance Building, the new owners found items left behind that included the original Poor House Register covering from September 1850 through the fiscal year ending September 30, 1870. The

new owners passed on the register to Richard Carver, Marshall Historian and he allowed the Calhoun County Genealogical Society to obtain a copy for their use.

CCGS is transcribing the complete register and will be placing the transcribed information on it's web site as soon as completed.

The records are transcribed as the transcriber viewed the actual information including any misspellings, grammar and abbreviation formats. Even names are listed differently from page to page of the register.

The records show a history of the residents arrivals and departures.

This includes deaths and births.

Residents remaining in the house from year to year are listed in each fiscal year's log. William Brown is listed as resident No. 2 and remained a resident for the full length of this register. As a resident left the facility, the register record for that resident "usually" indicated when and how they were discharged. Some left voluntarily, some ran away, some left with their mothers, some were taken on trial, and others left for various other reasons.

Shown at the bottom of this and the previous page is a portion of the transcribed register.

Cause of Pauperism	When & How discharged	How Long a Pauper	From What Township
Cripple & old age		52 Weeks	Tekonsha
Blind		52 "	Emmet
Cripple		52 "	Albion
Indigence of Parents	Bound to Jno H Gray Feby 4th 1851	19 4/7 Weeks	Do.
Incompetant	volenterely July 15/52	52 "	Marshall
Do.		52 "	Do.
Indigence of Parents	Left voluntarily Feb 22nd 1851	22 1/7 Weeks	Do.
Do.	Wait to Adheseus Dec 4th 1851	10 5/7 "	Do.
Sick	Left voluntarily Nov 9th 1851	7 1/7 "	Claraedon
Blind	" " Jany 2nd 1851	14 6/7 "	Do.
Sick		52 "	Battle Creek
Insane	Left voluntarily May 15th 1851	33 6/7 "	Marengo
Indigence & death of husband	Left voluntarily Nov 15 1850	8 Weeks	Marshall
Indigence of Parents	Bound to Prixa Jenney Oct 5, 1850	2 1/7 "	"
" "	Taken by C M Cobb Oct 17, 1850	3 6/7 "	"
" "		52 "	"
" "	Left with his Mother Nov 15, 1850	8 "	"

CCGS NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NOTICE

ALL MEMBERS WHOSE DUES ARE NOT PAID TO 9/2009 (CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL) BY DEC.15TH WILL BE DELETED FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST. THIS IS ACCORDING TO OUR BY-LAWS

IN PROCESS: Seeking non-profit 501(c)(3) status with IRS. This will require changes to Articles of Incorporation. Plan is to complete process in 2008-09.

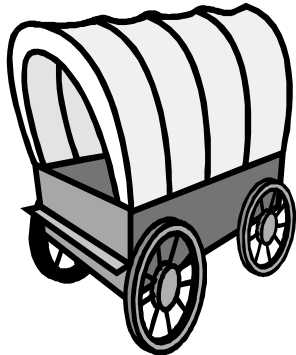
CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS: CCGS has been working on creating publications on the area cemeteries. Marengo Twp is almost ready. Plans are to have it ready to ship in September/October. (It's taking a little longer to prepare. Expect it before the

end of December.) Cost will be around \$20. Remember CCGS Members get a 10% discount. Help us determine the number of copies to print by indicating your purchase interest on your new/renewal membership form. Thank you to those who have already expressed their interest!

WEB SITE UPDATES: Links are being corrected, pioneer certificate recipients updated, CCGS meeting schedule updated, new CCGS membership

application added, publications page updated and page wording corrected.

To be completed soon: Calhoun County Poor House records added; updated version of the Dibeau Marriage Collection for Calhoun County; and links to the MIGENWEB Tombstone Photo Project for Calhoun County's cemeteries.



PIONEER CERTIFICATES

Do you have an ancestor who was part of Calhoun Counties History? Did your ancestor reside in Calhoun County prior to 1921? If you can prove the connection and the residency prior to 1921, you are eligible for the Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate program. Check out web site <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/pioninst.htm> for more information and to apply for your certificate!

LATEST PIONEER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

PIONEER CERTIFICATE CATEGORIES

PRE 1861..... PIONEER
GOLD SEAL

1861-1890..... SETTLER
SILVER SEAL

1891-1920..... BUILDER
PRINTED SEAL

No.	Ancestor	Recipient of Pioneer Certificate
362	William Fuller	David J. Fuller
363	William Fuller	Robert C. Fuller
364	William Fuller	Gerald C. Fuller
365	William Fuller	Maxine M. May
366	Jesse Annis	Judith M. Naegele
367	Jeremiah Brand	Judith M. Naegele
368	Henry Conley	Judith M. Naegele
369	Thomas E. Ely	Judith M. Naegele
370	Friedrich Kraus	Rosalyn E. Breitenwischer

No.	Ancestor	Recipient of Settler Certificate
371	Johan Georg Krauss	Rosalyn E. Breitenwischer



IN SEARCH OF....
Family Treasures

NEXT NEWSLETTER FOCUS—GRANDMOTHER'S COLLECTION

To correspond with our January meeting, I'm going to share with you in the next newsletter a collection of newspaper clippings, funeral cards, marriage announcements and anniversary announcements collected by my husband's grandmother. Before she died, she always told me

that she didn't have anything of genealogical value. When I received several boxes and bags storing these clippings, etc., I found she was really wrong. Some I've traced to my husbands ancestors and their descendents, some I've traced to MY ancestors and their descen-

dents and some I'm still searching the connections. Maybe they are connected to YOU!

Maybe you have a treasure box. If so, share a treasure or two with us at our January meeting.

Ann Heisler, Generations Editor

CALHOUN QUERIES

Plans for the March/April issue of *Generations* are to include our membership list and your queries about people /places and things from Calhoun County. So help me fill in the pages.

Please submit a query or two. Be sure to include your contact information. If you want to be contacted via postal mail, put "postal" in Email line. In your query detail add any helpful dates and locations. Email queries to annheisler@aol.com or send to Ann Heisler, 3386 E Brooks, Freeland, MI 48623.

Name: _____	Email: _____
SURNAMEs: _____	
QUERY: _____	

For best chance to be included in March / April issue, entries must be received by February 20th.

FAMILY GROUP—DANIEL STANTON ROBINSON INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY JAN LANGERVELD

Husband: DANIEL STANTON ROBINSON

Born: 07January 1821 In: Marcellus, Ononadago Co. NY
 Died: 16 November 1900 In: Sherwood, Branch Co. MI at age 79 yrs.
 Buried: In: Walker Cemetery, Athens, Calhoun Co. MI (in 1999 the tombstone was broken on the ground)

Other Spouses: CAROLINE ANN MILLER

Wife: CAROLINE SKUTT

Born: 15 September 1831 In: NY
 Died: 28 July 1873 In: Athens, Calhoun Co., MI at age 43 yrs. Of putrid encephalitis.
 Buried: In: Walker Cemetery, Athens, Calhoun Co. MI
 Father: JONATHON SKUTT
 Mother: HANNAH ROWE

	CHILDREN
1 M	HIRAM NATHANIEL ROBINSON; b. 31 March 1841 Savannah, Wayne Co. NY; d. 6 April 1915 Marshall, Calhoun Co, MI
2 F	RHODA M. ROBINSON; b. 1846 Wayne Co. NY; d. 1918 MI at age 72 yrs.
3 F	AUGENETTA [ANNA] ROBINSON; b. 1848 Wayne Co. NY; d. 1917 Calhoun Co. MI age 69 yrs.
4 M	DANIEL A. ROBINSON; b. 1853 MI
5 M	LANT [LANCE] ROBINSON; b. 1853 MI; d. 1919 MI
6 M	MARKUS (THOMAS) ROBINSON; b. 1854 MI; d. 5 March 1939 Marengo Twp. Calhoun Co. MI at age 85 yrs.
7 M	CLARENCE JOSEPH ROBINSON; b. May 1857 MI; d. 6 June 1930 Marengo, Calhoun Co. MI age 73 yrs.
8 M	LOUISE A. ROBINSON; b. January 1861 MI; d. 17 January 1929 Concord, Jackson Co. MI at age 67 yrs.

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CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR

CCGS monthly meetings are typically held the fourth Tuesday of each month except July, August and December and are free and open to the public. Unless noted, meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Gifford Schultz Educational Service Center—Calhoun Intermediate School District Building, 17111 G Drive North, Marshall.



25 ... November	“Cemetery Research” presented by Jim Jackson..
December	NO MEETING
27 ... January	“Show and Tell” presented by you—our membership.
24 ... February	To Be Determined
23 ... March	To Be Determined
28 ... April	To Be Determined

21st Year of Calhoun County
Genealogical Society!

2008-2009