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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

If I were to mention the name "B.F. Goodrich," most likely you would have tires come to mind. However, in Calhoun County the name is notable this month for a different reason.

Benjamin F. Goodrich was a resident of Homer when he died on the 21st of December, 1897. He passed away due to complications stemming from a case of pneumonia, which he had suffered for the prior week. Only 52 at the time of death, he left a wife and a young son from his second marriage.

The reason I am aware of Benjamin Goodrich is that he is currently the sole representative of Calhoun County in a new genealogical resource that is being created by the State of Michigan. This resource, which can be found at the website http://seekingmichigan.org is an offshoot of the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan. It is currently being populated with many items of Michigan cultural significance, but for genealogists the most useful addition is the addition of over one million images taken from the State Death Certificate records from 1897-1924.

Since SeekingMichigan.org is a mod-

ern Web 2.0 site, the site maintainers are frequently updating the blogs and the site even has a Twitter feed (check out http:\\twitter.com to learn about Twitter). According the SeekingMichigan's twitter feed, the million-plus death certificates will be loaded into the site very soon, so hopefully in the very near future B.F. Goodrich will not be the lone Calhoun County representative in this great resource.

So check out SeekingMichigan and the other great free genealogy http://pilot.familysearch.org for a terrific set of Michigan records, all free for the browsing. It was through pilot.familysearch.org that I was able to easily gather the supporting census and birth, marriage and death information regarding his family to round out my very abbreviated account. There is much more available from these sites for the Michigan and Calhoun County researcher. Good luck to your searches!

-Chris Rau, President CCGS



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Newsletter Focus—Queries, Membership and

CCGS is all about genealogical education and sharing. Every year we list our members and the surnames they are researching. This issue also includes queries from some of our members and some outside sources.

Share your knowledge. Contact members with similar surname interests or maybe you can help with one of the queries. Queries can be submitted throughout the year. If space allows, they may be included in a newsletter.

Come to February Lock-In at Warner Branch of Willard Library and take advantage of their genea-logical resources. See inside for more informa-

-Ann Heisler. CCGS Generations Editor

BOARD PROFILE—TREASURER

Arthur (Art) Adams:

I was born April 30, 1938 and I was raised in Marengo Michigan in the same farm house that my greatgreat grandfather, Charles Adams, built on his homestead in 1837. My father was Palmer E. Adams who was born in that same farmhouse in 1895. My mother was Alta L. Stowell-Adams who was born in Spring Arbor, Michigan in 1903.

I graduated from Marshall High School in 1956. After graduation I joined the Michigan Air National Guard for six years where I became a fire control radar specialist and then later a photo, recon, specialist when the squadron changed from fighter

planes to recon. bombers.

In 1967 I married Myrtle Lowesia Foster shortly after hiring in at Kellogg Company as a Millwright. We moved to our current home in Lee Township a couple of years after that. She had six children whom I had the fortune to help her raise to adulthood. I was married to my wife, Lu, until her death in 2006.

I have been interested in genealogy since seeing "The Stowell Genealogy" assembled by William Henry Harrison since 2002 but I have only attended Stowell. I have that record of my mothers Paternal Grandparent back to 1635 when a child, Samuel Stowell, arrived in Hingham, Mass. It appears he was alone or with relatives other

than Stowells. He was about 10 years old. My mother's maternal grandparents are quite well documented as well. My great-great grandfather, Charles Adams, is the one who homesteaded in Michigan. He came from upstate New York but I haven't made a solid connection there yet.

My father's Grandmother Arzila was a Brownell and I have traced them to upstate New York.

I have been a member of CCGS meetings for a couple of years. The Treasurer's post is the first attempt on my part to do such a thing and I am in a learning stage

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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.

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Query Submitted By:

Doris Littebrant

Contact:

201 Steward Ave. Jackson, MI 49201-1118 I have photo of Lillian (WESLEY) CULVER b. 15 July 1888 Albion; d. 11 July 1975 Battle Creek; buried Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens. I would like to find someone more closely related to have this lovely colored picture of Lillian. I had met her, but none of my family knew her. She was a lovely person and surely **someone** must be interested—if we can just find them!

Query Submitted By:

Shelley Cardiel (Washington)

Contact:

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Attempting to locate someone from the family so that the photograph can be returned to them. Photograph is of Marie H. WORTHINGTON taken at a studio in Homer, MI.



Query Submitted By:

Jeanette Studley

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Looking for information about Seth LEWIS, Editor and owner for a time of the Marshall Statesman. Celina CHURCH, sister to my GGGrandmother, married Seth. I have found biological information on Seth but have very little information other than the names of their children.

Seth LEWIS (11 Feb 1814—9 Aug 1879)

Query Submitted By:

Ann Heisler

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SURNAME: MCILVAINE/MCILVAIN/MCILWAIN/MCILWAINE

Looking for information on family of James and Agnes (HRY) MCILVAIN. James b. 12 JUL 1831 IRELAND; d. 10 Feb 1929 Eckford Twp. I know of children William, Elizabeth, Hance and Sarah but believe there were more. They lived in Homer area after arriving from

Ireland sometime before 1859. Son William born in Ireland.

Query Submitted By:

Jerry Inman

Contact:

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Anybody know about "The Thing" that attacked Harley Inman in 1926 near Athens? Jerry reported about "The Thing" at the CCGS January meeting. His Grandpa Harley's attack was the talk of Athens for several weeks. No one to his knowledge ever identified the creature. Maybe you can help Jerry find out more about the creature that terrorized the Athens area.

February Meeting of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society: NOTE: We will not meet on our usual date of February 24!

Instead, our February meeting is a special event this month. For the second year in a row, the CCGS will be holding a Library Lock-In in conjunction with the Helen Warner branch of Willard Public Library in Battle Creek. On Friday, Feb 27th the library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at 6:00 for genealogists and family historians only! We will have special sessions covering many aspects of genealogy and the special resources available at the Helen Warner branch library. Bring your laptop computer or use one of the library machines. We will enjoy free printing during the lock-in!

Please register in advance with George Livingston of the Willard Library by calling (269) 968-8166, ext. 604. Driving directions to the Helen Warner branch can be found at: http://ns.willard.lib.mi.us/driving.html

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Query submitted by: Jo Mitchel Email: jmit40@yahoo.com

SURNAMES: Caswell—Sherwood

- 1) Looking for parents of Spencer CASWELL b. 1814 NY State; d. 12 Jun 1895 Allegan Co, MI
- 2) Looking for the children of Warren CASWELL
- b. 1877; d. 1842 and Sally SHERWOOD b. 1794;
- d. 1875. Sally is the daughter of Hull SHER-WOOD

Query submitted by: Marcia McIntyre (Australia) **Email:** mcintyre_marcia@hotmail.com

SURNAMES: True—Porter

Does your Society have any record of Myrtle and Carrol at Battle Creek, Calhoun County? I have found a record of a Carrol A. Porter dying at Battle Creek in 1983 (this is from the United States Social Security Index). As this was only 25 years ago, possibly there may be long-term residents of Battle Creek who may remember Carrol and Myrtle? I have not found a death reference for Myrtle. I would love to know if they had any descendants, obituaries in the local newspaper, where they are buried and if there is a headstone over their

Myrtle B. True b. 1904, Colfax Twp., Huron Co., Michigan Carrol A. Porter b. ~1906, Caledonia, Kent Co., Michigan; d. 1983? married 05 Sep 1925, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Michigan

PART 2: Memoirs of Betty Jane (Rundle) Hagerty --Growing Up Poor on the Farm -But Happy—

This article is part 2 of a sharing story written by Betty Jane Hagerty.

Discipline wasn't much of a problem in those days, even though the teacher (always women in my school years) had such a wide range of ages, personalities, etc., to deal with and no principal to send "mischievers", to. The teachers did, however, have a sturdy ruler, switch - and in one instance – a rubber hose on hand. Usually - more for threat than for use. We did have a county Superintendent of Instruction, Mr. Davis, who visited each rural school about twice a year. He was a large man and we were terrified of him when he came for his visits. I don't know why, because he was very nice but reserved, but he was the authority! Anyhow, our school room was always quiet, no talking, whispering, or leaving our desks without permission. The only people who could talk were the kids who were having "their class" in the front of the room – and the teacher.

In the meantime, during these early school years, I was enjoying life on the farm! We live on a medium sized farm - about 165 acres, and my dad also farmed another 80 acres which had a tenant house on it, across the road and a little east of the main farm. If the tenant was a farmer, he would help us with both farms but if he had another occupation, my dad usually had a "hired man". Sometimes he would be a local person like Earl Mead from Marengo, sometimes such as John Young from Lee Center, or Roy Hadly from Standish. Then the "hired man" would live in one of our upstairs rooms. This was during the depression years - so there were always men looking for work.

Our large, white house sat on the top of a long, sloping front yard rising upward from the road. We had an enclosed back porch for the gasoline engine which pumped water into our house (a rare thing at that time, in the rural areas, to have indoor plumbing), and the washing machine, milk and cream separator, and a kerosene cook stove for summer use when it was too hot for the wood burning cook range.

It was also used for summer and fall canning of fruit, vegetables, meat - and even maple syrup at times! There was a large kitchen with sink (running water and also a small pump for soft water from the cistern.), cook stove (with a reservoir to hold water so we had warm water on hand), a table and cupboards. The cupboards covered most of the wall between the kitchen and dining room – and opened into both rooms. A large dining room, large living room, large parlor with bay windows (sometimes used as a bedroom) two medium sized bedrooms, and a full bath completed the downstairs area of the house. There were small closets in the bedrooms. There were lots of doors and windows, so it was nice and light. There were two doors going outside in the kitchen, plus a "swinging door" going into the dining room, and a front and back door in the living room, with a small porch in the back, and a long porch in front – surrounded by beautiful Spirea bushes.

Going upstairs there was a long, enclosed stairway leading to a long hallway with rooms opening off each side. There were three large bedrooms, plus one very large room that we could use for a play ground – or a theatre for plays - or whatever. Usually the hired man was the only one who slept upstairs, although at one time, when she was older, my sister, Ione, had her bedroom up there. It was kind of scary because we didn't have electricity until I was a junior in high school, so you had to go up to a large, dark, upstairs with just a kerosene lamp for light. (I didn't visit my sister's room at night!) It was also pretty chilly up there. The fifth room was taken up pretty much by the water storage tank that held the water that we used in the kitchen and bathroom, downstairs. As I said, at that time it was unusual to have an inside bathroom with a tub and "everything". In the winter we even had hot running water because there was a water reser-



voir attached to the furnace in the basement.

We had a full (cement floor even) basement, with the furnace and wood storage area in one half, and in the other half storage space for food; canned goods, fresh vegetables and fruits, etc. It was cold enough in the summer that we could keep dairy and meat products there safely, (at least no one ever died from eating them). Our front yard had a great Varity of trees, including several large Maples the length of the long driveway, along the eastern boundary of the door yard.

In the main front yard were several pine trees where the morning doves cooed softly in the mornings and evenings – and the wind sighed softly through it at night. There was a large Oak tree – where acorns provided little "doll dishes", a couple of Cedars, and two large Lilac bushes, a white and a lavender one. In the back yard were more Maples (great for climbing & reading a book.) along the drive, and in the back of the house, three Catalpa trees, whose blossoms smelled so sweet in the spring, and had wonderful long, green, seed pods in the fall.

Then there were the barns, (red of course). A large barn for hay, grain and corn, with a basement opening on ground level in back, for the sheep in winter and a large, long barn for cows in one end (about ten or so – milked by hand), horses in the other end, with a hayloft above. For all my younger years we had six horses: Admi-

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CCGS News and Happenings

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 TRANSCRIP-

TIONS: 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 2008. (It's taking a little longer to prepare. Expect it in early spring 2009.) 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!

Also, being transcribed and expected soon is Hotchkiss/
Marshall Township Cemetery.

WEB SITE UPDATES:

Pages are being updated for outdated text and links. Broken links are being corrected.

We have received for Calhoun County the following and will be adding or replacing pages for these items soon:

- Updated version of Dibean Marriage Collection
- County Poor House Ledger transcribed
- Korean War Casualties
- Vietnam War Casualties

Plans are also being made to update the web pages for the *Generations* newsletter index and "back" issues.

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ral Dewey, a former race horse – sorrel in color. Big - with long legs; Babe a nice little Bay – we could ride her if she hadn't worked that day; June a medium sized Bay; Daisy – a dapple gray; and Jerry and Rocket – two large bays that Dad raised from colts – his pride and joy. He very seldom worked the same horse more than every other day or so. (My dad never abused his animals – nothing made him angrier than to see an animal abused.)

Then there was a farm implement and automobile barn, a chicken coop and a nice workshop. I loved to build and make things in the shop. There was also a smaller barn for the pigs, and a corn crib.

I had a great childhood. My sister was eight years older than me, so we didn't have a lot in common - she "bossed be around", and I very often made life miserable for her. (One summer day, she had cleaned the house and locked the screen door, so I couldn't get in the house. I was so mad at her – I wanted to throw a handful of grass on her clean floor. Since the doors were locked – I did the next best thing smashed my handful of grass through the front room window, from the porch. Didn't even cut myself! But I showed her!) In spite of our altercations we did have a good times together, playing with paper dolls, designing clothes for them, reading plays together and talking.

I was outdoors most of the time, climbing trees, or up on the roof of the workshop and chicken coop or

playing in the hayloft. In those days I was known as a "tomboy". It was uncommon for girls at that time, but I wore bib overalls like my boy cousins, or shorts most of the time for play. Of course, for school and all other occasions, wore dresses or jumpers, - all either "hand-me-downs" or made by my mother mostly from sugar or flour bags (very nice print materials). We always changed into "play clothes" when we came home from school, church or other outings, so we usually only wore one or two dresses, (often with apron over them) all week to school. Washing clothes wasn't as easy as it is now.

The thing I hated most was the "long underwear" that we wore in the winter. It started out ok – but by spring, the legs were so stretched out that we had to sort of wrap them around our lower legs and ankles, and pull our long cotton knit stockings up over them! (they still looked "lumpy"), and after wading through snow banks, our stockings, and wool or cotton leggings would be pretty well soaked by the time we got to school – or home in the afternoon.

Besides climbing everything, I loved to read everything – books, funny papers, magazines – sometimes while up in a tree. (I found that I could "disappear" that way when it was time to do dishes.) I also followed my dad around the barns and fields, from my earliest years, as he did his chores, plowed, sowed seed, harvested corn, wheat, hay, etc. As I got a little older, eight or nine or so, I could go down the lane to the pasture and bring cows up to the barn for milking, at the end

of the day.

We always had pets; lots of cats - some "barn cats", a couple of "house cats" at any one time (Puss and Nickodemus were a couple I remember) usually one or more lambs each summer, abandoned by their mothers or orphaned. Lambs make the nicest pets; they follow you around everywhere, so sweet, gentle and fun! One cat I remember, because it was mine, was a yellow and white stray which seemed abandoned after an Albion high school football game. "I took him home and named him Mickey Cochrane, after the Detroit Tigers catcher and manager. "Mickey" - through the years produced many litters of lovely kittens, and lived to a ripe old age. We also usually had a dog. The one I grew up with was a shepherd/collie mix, a typical yellow and white "farm dog" named Rex. One time when I was five years old, I reached down to take a stick (I thought) away from Rex, but he was chewing on a bone and instinctively snapped at me, leaving me with a couple of bites on my left cheek. He felt so bad - and had to be kept confined in the barn for two or three weeks which made us both sad. But, I was the one who had to go Ann Arbor University hospital each day for a series of rabies shots. We were all sure that he wasn't sick, but it was done as a safety measure. We had great times, sometimes going into the pig lot and stirring up pigs – unless my dad was around!

... to be continued in future "Generations" newsletters.

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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.

27... FEBRUARY Lock-in at Helen Warner Branch of Willard Library. See inside for details!

23 ... March "Organizing Your Genealogical Files & Records" -Speaker Cynthia Theusch, Librarian, The Genealogical Center, Allen County Public Library "Sourcing-Who Needs It Anyway?"—Speaker Karen 28 ... April

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"www.footnote.com" - Speaker Kris Rzepszynski, 26 ... May

Librarian, Library of Michigan

23 ... June "Scrapbooking Your Genealogy" - Speaker Tammy



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