

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Friends in Genealogy,

I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date on some of the activities that I have been promoting in my role as president of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.

501(c)(3) Project:

I am very pleased to report that the IRS has reviewed the CCGS' application for tax-exempt status and granted us exemption as a public charity. What this means for the Society is that we shall now be able to take advantage of several benefits that tax-exempt status provides our organization. Some of these benefits are not visible to the membership, such as potentially lower mailing costs and changes in our Federal taxation. Others have the potential to be quite significant, such as the tax-deductibility of gifts given to the CCGS.

The Society board will discuss these changes and begin to implement them into our operations as we see fit. I personally believe that having 501(c)(3) status is a major milestone and will pave the way for continued growth and improvements for the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.

February Meeting Library Lock-In:

Our most recent meeting was the annual Library Lock-In, held at the Warner Branch of the Willard Public Library in Battle Creek. As the third year of the lock-in, the CCGS is as always indebted to

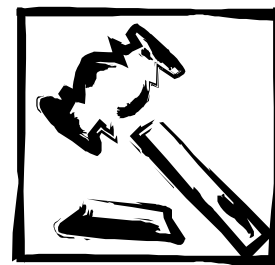
George Livingston, Family History Librarian for holding this event. The CCGS participated in support by providing volunteers to assist with questions from the public and help with the computers and microfilm. While poor weather affected turnout, we did manage to have at least 20 people participate in the event. The CCGS also gave out door prizes to four lucky attendees: Kathy Boldt, Joan Damerow, and Deb and Kristin Wawzysko.

Officers Handbook:

One final project that I am interested in completing before the end of my term in September is the creation of an officer's handbook. While the duties of the CCGS board are spelled out in our charter, the actual processes are sometimes less than clear, especially for new officers. To ensure a better handoff when board positions are filled, the board has agreed to a project to better document the processes and activities that each position is responsible for. We have started to compile our drafts and I hope to have this project finished by summer.

All in all this is a very exciting time for our Society and I hope that you will find it exciting too. We are always looking for participants on our committees so if you are interested please contact us at a membership meeting or by email or our Facebook page. I look forward to your feedback!

-Chris Rau, President CCGS



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NEXT NEWSLETTER FOCUS—ATHENS

K members, I REALLY need your help. For the next newsletter I need you to help our membership learn about the history of the people and area around Athens. I don't have much information from

my family, so I need someone to share theirs! Please send me your stories, ancestral chart, pictures, etc. about people, places and things from the Athens area. I want to learn about Athens and share what you send me.

Please contact me via the Email with your information or bring to a CCGS meeting and get to a CCGS officer. Let them know that it is for the *Generations* Newsletter.

Thank-you. Ann Heisler, Editor

CCGS NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

IN PROCESS:

CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS: CCGS has been working on creating publications on the area cemeteries. A sample was available for you to view of Marengo Twp at the June membership meeting. We are getting together pricing and determining the number to produce. 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 OR at a membership meeting. Thank you to those who have already expressed their interest!

Also, expected soon is Fredonia 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 Dibeau Marriage Collection
- County Poor House Ledger transcribed
- Korean War Casualties
- Vietnam War Casualties
- *Generations* Newsletter Index

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

PUBLICATIONS:

Shipping costs have increased. To accommodate these costs we have added a shipping fee to our order form. When ordering publications a shipping fee of \$3.32 is charged for every order. This is a per order fee regardless of the number of publications purchased with this order.

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 \$18.00 receiving postal newsletters and \$15.00 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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MEMBER PROFILE—ANN HEISLER

Sharing is why I joined CCGS. I am a genealogy hobbist. I have been collecting my husband and my (and anybody else that asks for help) family information for over twenty years. As soon as I started showing an interest, family members found me and passed on their various collections.

In sharing my database, posting it on the Internet, MORE people shared their information with me.

I wanted to learn more about what to do with ALL of my collection. And I wanted to learn proper techniques and procedures for documenting my work. Because a lot of my husband's and my family lines were associated with Calhoun County, I felt that I could give back to the organization by SHARING. And I felt CCGS could teach me more

about genealogy. So I joined! My husband and I grew up in Olivet. With our young family we moved around the state a little and now reside in Free-land, Michigan. Being two plus hours away from Calhoun County makes it difficult to fit in attending a lot of the meetings and I miss that.

I am a computer programmer by profession and have used my abilities for my genealogy hobby to create family newsletters. So, when the society was in need of a newsletter editor, I volunteered.

Since taking over for the newsletter I have made a few changes to our format. I have tried to keep our newsletter location theme based educating our readers about the people and history of all our corners of the county. I have also added this "Member

Profile" to try to get us to know our fellow members. We have also instituted electronic submission of the newsletter. My goal is to get you, our members, involved in the newsletter. I don't want it to be all about my family. PLEASE send me information about yours when appropriate.

I have also offered my computer services to assist in the CCGS Website and to assemble our Marengo Township Cemetery Book. After taking on these projects I have had some medical issues delaying all. My primary focus while I have been ill is to try to keep up with your newsletter. Hopefully soon, I will be able to complete/update the other projects.

MEMBER PROFILE. Prepare your profile. You may be next. I'll be looking for someone for our next newsletters soon!

NEWSLETTER FOCUS—BATTLE CREEK MEDICAL COMMUNITY

My family is full of connections to the medical community of Battle Creek. Because of this I have inherited a lot of information about the impact that Battle Creek has had on the International medical community.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's Battle Creek was the place to be for innovative, preventative and expert healthcare. The military unit from Battle Creek was instrumental in development of the Red Cross. My great

grandfather, a surgeon for the Battle Creek Sanitarium was a Medical Ambassador for several years to South America. Several physicians submitted medical books and articles to medical journals in multiple languages.

All of these are examples of how important Battle Creek's medical community was to the world. This newsletter is dedicated to highlighting OUR Battle Creek's contributions or at least a few of them.

RADIOLOGY INNOVATIONS



Bet you don't have a X-ray of your grandfather's baby hand or any X-ray art. Do you? I do.

My great grandfather, Dr. James T. Case, was one of the leading innovators in Roentgenology. I don't believe the term Roentgenology is used anymore. It has been replaced by Radiology. Roentgenology is the science of radiation such as used in the X-ray and the ultrasound.

Wilhelm Conrad Roetgen from Germany is credited for being the first to publish findings on the X-ray in 1895. Dr. Case was fascinated with the subject and specialized in it's research. He began his medical career at the Battle Creek Sanitarium at the recommendation of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg. During Jim Case's schooling, circumstances led him to work for Dr. Kellogg as a personal secretary. He accompanied Dr. Kellogg on his trips across the United States, Europe, Mexico, Central and South America exposing young Jim Case to the best medical researchers in the world. The Battle Creek Sanitarium was a world renowned place for innovative healthcare and Dr. Kellogg encouraged his young prodigy.

Dr. Case's association with Dr. Kellogg became a life long association when Dr. Case married one of Dr. Kellogg's adopted daughters, Helena, in 1908. The picture of my grandfather's hand is from about 1912. By 1912 Dr. Case is fascinated with Radiology and was experimenting with it.

The three bottom pictures are from the Battle Creek Sanitarium X-ray department. The top of these is a X-ray machine. The patient would step into the machine in the open area. The doctor and nurse would be on the stools. Can you imagine stepping inside this machine to get a X-ray? The bottom two are pictures of the image development area for the X-ray photos.

At the beginning of World War I, Dr. Case enlisted with many of Battle Creek's medical community and was part of Medical Reserve Corp of the US Army. This ambulance Corp was part of the beginnings of the American Red Cross. Upon arrival in Europe Dr. Case was made Director of Roentgenology for all of the American European Forces.

Dr. James T. Case continued to educate and promote innovative ideas all of his life. He wrote over one hundred and fifty medical articles, taught in Medical Schools, belonged to numerous societies and organizations. All of these he did locally, nationally and internationally.

His son, my grandfather, also did some minor contributing to the development of the X-ray. Helping his father he was involved when General Electric came to work on the machines. His aptitude showed and he became an electrical engineer and was hired by General Electric and moved onto other machinery. In his experimentation with the X-Ray he created several X-ray photos such as the vase/flowers pictured above.

Submitted by Ann Heisler

JOIN THE ARMY AND LEARN A CAREER

I just gave a talk about strange facts I've discovered in my Civil War research, at least I was unaware of these before. There was an enlistment theme some time ago about "Join the Army and learn a career". It seems that this was nothing new. There were several privates who enlisted and were assigned to hospital duty as stewards. I assume this included changing sheets, emptying bed-pans, etc. Milton Chase of Battle Creek was one of these and he, along with others, became a surgeon during the war, and after the war was over, returned home and became a physician for the rest of his life.

Chase, Milton, Battle Creek. Enlisted in company A, Sixth Infantry, Aug. 3, 1861, at Battle Creek, for 3 years, age 24. Mustered Aug. 20, 1861. Hospital Steward Jan. 1, 1862. Commissioned Assistant Surgeon, Jan. 29, 1862. Resigned and honorably discharged at Vicksburg, Miss., July 20, 1864.

Above is his citation from the "Brown Books" or "Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War" showing that he became a hospital steward January 1, 1862 and was commissioned an Assistant Surgeon on January 29, 1862 - all in less than a month. He returned to Battle Creek and was listed on the censuses as a physician for the remainder of his life. Below is a clip of the 1880 Battle Creek, Calhoun County federal census.

93	98	Curtis, Eliza	W 7 65			1	Housekeeping	
94	99	Lines, Mary	W 7 42			1	Dressmaker	✓
		Jessie	W 7 6	Daugh				
95	100	Chase, Milton	W M 42			1	Physician	✓
		Elizabeth	W 7 44	Wife		1	Housekeeping	
		Sarah	W 7 14	Daugh		1	At school	
		Mary	W 7 11	Daugh		1	At school	
		Nathan	W M 11	Son		1	At school	
		Leathippe	W 7 9	Daugh				
		Jada	W 7 8	Daugh				
		Alta	W 7 4	Daugh				
		Milton Jr.	W M 1	Son				
96	101	Brown, Allen	W M 33			1	Physician	✓
		Mary	W 7 23	Wife		1	Housekeeping	
		Bendon	W M 3	Son				
97	102	Iskham, Harmon	W M 69			1	Lumberman	
		Clarrina	W 7 64	Wife		1	Housekeeping	
		Ora	W M 32	Son		1	Stone Mason	✓

This at first seems improbable, but after assisting in several hundred amputations and treating a variety of diseases, I suppose one can handle most any farming accident that comes along.

Submitted by James Jackson

JOURNEY OF A MEDICAL STUDENT—1900

My great grandfather began his autobiography but did not complete it. The following is an excerpt following his high school graduation from Los Angeles High School in 1899. It shows how far reaching was the medical influence of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

All this while I had been harboring the idea of going to some Latin-American country as a medical missionary and had been hoping I would find some means to finance my way through school. I had even gone so far as to correspond with a man named Swayze who lived in Guadalajara, Mexico, and who had advised me to come to Guadalajara and live with him and his wife in their home for about year while completing my knowledge of Spanish and learning some French; then I was to go to school in the National Medical School in Guadalajara. I did not realize it then, but I later learned that there were ten or twelve national medical schools in Mexico, one in each large city.

It happened that Dr. John Harvey Kellogg of Battle Creek, Michigan, was visiting in Guadalajara at about that time and from Mr. Swayze he learned of my intentions of going to Mexico to study Medicine. I was imbued with the idea that a missionary should really become part of the country to which he was going to give his life and I had fully intended to go to Mexico and become a Mexican in every sense; But when Dr. Kellogg learned of my intentions, realizing that there would be considerable advantage of having me go to school in the United States, immediately got into correspondence with me and it was shortly arranged that I should go to Chicago and Battle Creek to begin the study of medicine at the American Medical Missionary College.

I arranged a loan of \$125 from my old respected friend Frank Bell of Los Angeles, and with this money I bought some clothes, railway tickets, and landed in Battle Creek late in August of 1900. I remember presenting myself to the registrar of the medical school, Dr. William A. George, who happened to be behind the desk when I registered on my arrival. As I laid down the pen, he turned the book around to read my name and said, "Oh, you are Mr. Case! You are altogether too young to study medicine. You might as well turn around and go right home." That was something I could not do, as I had very limited funds; in fact, after registering and paying for my books I had only twenty-five dollars left to carry me through the rest of the year.

I immediately obtained employment in odd hours with Dr. Frank J. Otis who was director of laboratories at that time for the medical school and the Sanitarium. I washed bottles and test tubes and did general work for the laboratories. One day the receiving physician, Dr. Albert J. Read, who had learned that I could use a typewriter arranged with me to do some typing for him. Very shortly it was decided that I should change my work from the laboratories to the medical receiving office as assistant to Dr. Read. I had a typewriter then all the time at my disposal and in odd moments, between running errands for the medical office, I did typing for Dr. Read and occasionally for some patient.

I remember very well one day when I was typing off at a rather good rate of speed some legal paper for one of the Sanitarium patients. I had by this time developed a very good speed at the typewriter and therefore an eight or ten page legal document did not deter me in the slightest. I remember very well sitting with my back to the door of the office, no one else was in the room. I was typing at a fairly good rate of speed when I suddenly became aware of someone in the doorway. I turned around and it was a man I had never seen who asked me if I could write shorthand as fast as I could type. I told him I had studied shorthand but did not consider myself an expert. He asked me if I would like to try for a job to come and see him. This man was W. K. Kellogg, now so famous as a manufacturer of Corn Flakes, who at the time was manager of the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

JOURNEY OF A MEDICAL STUDENT— 1900

Mr. W. K., as he was familiarly called, assigned me to work at Dr. Kellogg's house. I used to go out to the Doctor's residence, then on the southeast corner of Woods and Manchester Street, in the late afternoon, and while Dr. Kellogg ate his dinner I would open some of his mail and read it to him and as he ate he would dictate the answers to some of the letters and tell me what to do with the others. (At that time Dr. Kellogg's residence at 202 Manchester Street was assigned to women medical students of the American Medical Missionary College as a dormitory. A year or two later Dr. Kellogg's family moved back into their home.) This was in the winter of 1900 and 1901.

I was talking about going out to Dr. Kellogg's house in the mid-afternoon and taking dictation while the Doctor ate his second meal of the day. He was accustomed to only two meals, though he ate them rather irregularly. I worked through until the end of the school year and then in June, when the women students had left the Doctor's residence at 202 Manchester Street, he moved his family back and his office was re-installed in his residence.

At that time Dr. Kellogg had as his principal stenographer in his home a young woman named Frazer, who was an expert stenographer. She worked at his house all day long and for a certain time in the evening. Dr. Kellogg assured me that when she resigned, I was to take her place. She agreed to work one day with me to break me in, but when she saw what a youngster I was, she decided to let me fend for myself; so that summer on the morning of my first full day, I found myself seated at her desk awaiting his appearance. The desk was arranged so that I sat with my back to the reception room which opened off into the main hall of the house and the stairway to the second floor. In front of my desk was Dr. Kellogg's chair and then there was his desk so that when he sat facing his desk, he had his back to me.

Finally, I heard a rather noisy clearing of the throat which was one of Dr. Kellogg's peculiarities as he tripped down the stairway. He sailed into the room with a "Good morning, Case," sat down at his desk and immediately began reading a letter. He then handed it to me over his head without turning his head and started to dictate even before I could take the letter from his hand. ...

I was sitting in blank amazement, not having taken down a word of what he had said so rapidly, and I was about to burst out with "Please, Doctor," when I felt a tap on my shoulder and Dr. George Thomason, who for several years had been Dr. Kellogg's medical secretary and who had slipped into the house without having been heard by me, whispered to go ahead and take down what I could and meanwhile he was writing down in shorthand what Dr. Kellogg was saying. I gathered in my wits and took the dictation as best I could, and then reviewed it with Dr. Thomason afterwards, so that I got it all correct. Doctor seemed to have forgotten that he was not talking to Miss Frazer, who was accustomed to his 200-words a minute dictation.

I soon became accustomed to his more rapid dictation and had no further trouble.

I worked with him early and late that year, from the time he got up in the morning, which was usually nine thirty, until the time he went down to the Sanitarium for his medical consultations and his business there. He then returned for his second meal of the day somewhere around four o'clock, after which he was accustomed to take a nap, and then when I thought he was good and tired, he was ready for a new session writing articles for Good Health Magazine, Modern Medicine Journal, preparing papers for presentation at various medical societies, a great many of which he attended, and worked on one of his numerous books. We often worked until two, three and even four o'clock in the morning.

Submitted by Ann Heisler

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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.



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| 23 ... March | “Daughter of American Revolution, Membership” by Martha Bunde and Judith Groat. |
| 27 ... April | “Extra, Extra, Read All About It!” by Karen Krugman. Newspapers contain much more than obituaries. Karen is a professional genealogist from Franklin, Michigan. |
| 25 ... May | “National Cemetery Administration-Fort Custer” by Roy Luera, Director of Fort Custer National Cemetery. |
| 22 ... June | “SUV Graves Registration Project” by Rick Danes, Graves Registration Chairman. |

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