

## President's Note: *by Jim Jackson, President CCGS*

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Some members of your board have met since our last regular meeting to work on the by-laws. The publication committee has also met to move forward on some of their plans, and other members have met to work on Society related issues.

This summer also brought some storms that produced winds that destroyed some century-old trees and caused much damage in our area. Later there were earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and wild-fires in other parts of the country. This should serve as a reminder to make plans for protecting your family records in your home that cannot be replaced no matter how much insurance coverage you may carry.

I use CrashPlan 3 Automatic Backup Software, and it's free (for a minimal version). Even this has value to back up a disk drive to an external drive. This arrangement will protect from mechanical errors, and if you haven't had a

hard disk crash, consider yourself lucky. However this doesn't protect from fire, theft or other catastrophe that would destroy an entire room or house. For total protection, an upgrade is required or there are many other commercial backup programs available for about \$60 per year that store all your data off-site (how much is your data and digital photos worth?).

Now that summer is coming to an end, I'm looking forward to getting together again and remind you that we will be voting for our slate of officers for 2011-2012. I hope to see many of you at our annual meeting, 7:00 p.m., September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Albion District Library, 501 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224.

We have a great line-up of speakers for this new year, so if I miss you in September, I hope to see you at some of our other meetings.

Jim Jackson, President CCGS

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Civil War drum image from Michigan Department of Natural Resources website "Drums of the Civil War"

## CCGS Annual Meeting: September 27th at the Albion District Library

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at the Albion District Library at 501 South Superior Street in Albion. The Calhoun County Genealogical Society was founded in Albion in 1988, and we are grateful to the library for providing us filing cabinet space to house our important documents.

While many in the area are familiar with the holdings at Willard, the Albion District Library also holds a robust collection of materials to aid genealogists. Their collection includes an obituary database, an extensive photo collection, newspapers on microfilm, maps & plat books, books by local authors, city records, city directions, information on Albion area cemeteries, books by local authors and other materials. Visit their web site at <http://www.albionlibrary.org/local-history>. Local History Room Hours are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Tuesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and Thursday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm

At our annual meeting we will learn more about the materials available to researchers, as well as hold our annual election of officers for the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. Nominees are Jim Jackson, President, Treasurer Sandy Redmond, Recording Secretary Pat Teachout and Corresponding Secretary Sandi Hartnell. Vice President Dave Eddy has stepped down due to other commitments and an extensive travel schedule. Our many thanks to Dave for his contributions during his time in office. Due to Dave's resignation *we are in need of someone to fill the Vice President's role*. Please contact Jim Jackson or Sandy Redmond to learn more about what is involved.

## October 25th meeting: DAR Genealogical Research System

Patty Parker of the Mary Marshall Chapter DAR will speak on the resources and activities of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Reviewing the DAR's online Genealogical Research System utilizing the Ancestor Database, Member Search and the DAR Library Online Catalog as well as the membership application. And a bit on insight into the local chapter and their activities with genealogy, history and a museum. The photo at the right is of the Governor's Mansion, 612 S. Marshall Ave., Marshall, the home of the Mary Marshall Chapter DAR.



***We are urgently seeking someone to take over as editor of our newsletter, Generations.***

### 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 a nonprofit organization recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. Individuals, libraries or societies may join. Annual dues for the year, beginning September 1, are \$18 for members choosing to receive *Generations* through postal mail or \$15 for members electing to receive the newsletter via e-mail. Memberships are accepted year-round; dues received after May 1 will pay for membership for the following year. Members receive *Generations* newsletter six times per year. General meetings are held at 7 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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## *The Thing: contributed by Jerry Inman*

*This is a story about my Grandfather Harley R. Inman who lived on a farm west of Athens, Michigan. The events described herein take place in 1926 ten years before I was born. It is about a creature "The Thing" that terrorized the Athens area and beyond for weeks beginning in July of 1926. Harley Inman was born 24 November 1882, Kankakee, IL and died 22 May 1958 at Community Hospital, Battle Creek, MI.*

What was "The Thing"? It could have been a baboon, wolf, gorilla, monkey, wild chow dog, coyote, wolverine, lynx, bobcat, no one knows for sure. The area newspapers referred to it as a spectral-like beast. Whatever it was, it terrorized the people living in the Athens area and well beyond.

What is known for sure is that something attacked Grandpa Harley in the wee early morning of Sunday, July 4, 1926. Dr. Funk the Athens doctor tells "Harley Inman came to me after he'd been attacked and certainly no small animal caused the marks that I found on him. Teeth had completely pierced the lobe of his ear. There were deep scratches across his face. His shirt had been nearly torn from his back, and across his chest were the long deep gashes made by large claws," and added, "that it could not have been caused by an animal common to this section of Michigan."

Grandpa Harley gives this account: "I was scared, I'll tell you, and I'm not in the least ashamed of it either. There aren't any animals around here that have ever frightened me —except skunks maybe—but this "thing", whatever it was, isn't any common animal. Perhaps it was a wild cat. It kept its eyes in my direction all the time. I haven't been out much at night since then, but I'd sure like to know what it was that's living down by the swamp day times, and coming up by farms at night."

Saturday night, July 3, Grandpa Harley and Grandma Grace returned home after spending the evening in Athens and sat down in the parlor to await the return of their children. Their son-in-law and daughter Uncle Russell and Aunt Florence McMurtrie of Battle Creek had been following

in their car. (Movies were shown on Saturday nights in Athens, per Cousins Eldene & Arlene.) It was nearly 1:00 AM by the time the last one came in and after that, Grandpa Harley and Uncle Russell were left to smoke their cigars before going to bed. (Note: My father Deward was 23 and not living at home, Harley's daughters were Florence, 21; Francis, 19; Bernice, 18; Lucille, 11; Gladys, 7; and Gertrude, 6. )

A few minutes later "Rags," their dog, started barking, not far from the house. Grandpa Harley went out to investigate. "I knew there was something out there, it seemed to be out in the wheat field just across the road so I went over there and into the field. Down in the field was the animal. I didn't know what it was. It kept moving back and forth and part of the time looked like a shadow. The dog had gone by that time, but that animal just kept going back and forth in front of me."

"Russell came down then to see what was up, and I told him to go back and get the car and shine the lights down into the field so I could see what that slinking "thing" was. Well, it didn't work. The lights shot up in the air above the field, and I was between the lights and whatever it was that was out there. And all the time it kept moving back and forth like an animal in a cage and kept making queer noises that were half growls.

"Well, then Russell turned off the lights on the car, and just as he did that animal jumped. I tried to dodge, but wasn't quick enough. He'd jumped about 10 feet, I think, and he hit with about 75 pounds of weight behind that leap. I felt his teeth fasten on my ear, and felt a heavy paw rake its claws across my chest. I must have been dazed — don't remember when the animal left or where it went."

Grandpa Harley's encounter of that early Sunday morning would mark the beginning of a series of events that would continue to fuel the trepidation and speculation of Athens area residents.

The Spectral Beast as described by the area newspapers continues to maraud area farmers. The same week that "The Thing" attacked Grandpa Harley its fury was turned to neighboring farms. Sometime between July 6-8 (Note: best estimate from newspaper accounts) Ed Harbaugh's (an Athens Area farmer) dog was attacked. It came in about 10 PM with a deep gash over one eye, and its ear badly torn with teeth marks. This dog was a large one and





## *The Thing, continued*

had never shown signs of being timid. (Ed Harbaugh was Grandpa Harley's neighbor; Grandpa Harley lived a mile west of Athens out Burr Oak Road and ½ mile north of the Carpenter School.) Neither Rags nor Mr. Harbaugh's dog would venture out at night since their encounter with "The Thing."

Sheep are killed five at a time. Between July 8 and July 13, in an area between Union City and Burlington several farmers have reported sheep being killed. "It doesn't appear to be the work of a dog or dogs," said Justice Hammond who has been settling farmer claims for the dead sheep. "The animal tears the sheep to pieces, exposing its entrails. The farmers around here are pretty sure it is a wolf or coyote."

"The Thing" is believed to be living in the Pine Creek Swamp. For 15 miles on each side of the creek, the swamp extends away from the banks from 50 feet to half a mile. It has many places that are inaccessible for humans, but many more places for "The Thing" to hide.

Three men claim to have seen "The Thing" along the side of the road. "The Thing" was seen again last night. The mysterious beast, eerie in its night prowling, and which has caused a case of 'nerves' in the community, was glimpsed on the Athens road last evening by three men working for him, Fred Ferris, manager of the Oliverda-by-the-lakes project, reported this morning. The animal was on the road three miles west of Athens. It retired to the side of the road and remained there eyeing the men as they passed in the semi-darkness". (Battle Creek Enquirer & Evening News, 7/13/26)

Deputy Sheriff Orio Fish for Calhoun County and of Tekonsha involves himself in the investigation of "The Thing". Deputy Fish made a trip along the line between Burlington and Athens getting facts together and making plans toward identifying and capturing the mysterious beast that attacks man and sheep. After this initial exploration, he is convinced it is not a dog. Deputy Fish arranged to have a guard on duty along the lower line of the county hoping to learn at the earliest moment of an attack.

Another crusade was initiated against "The Thing" by Carl Van Huysen of the Camp Custer Fire Department. Van Huysen made a trip to Athens on July 14 and interviewed Grandpa Harley. He came away convinced that "The Thing" was no ordinary beast and then set a number of traps in the Pine Creek swamp area. He then went on to the Burlington area and set additional traps. From the interview with Grandpa Harley, Van Huysen concludes that "The Thing" is a monkey.

The people of Athens are quite nervous about this whole situation, even during the day. At the Burr Oak cemetery where many of the people in this story are now buried, the caretaker goes about his work carrying a keen bladed hatchet.

"The Thing" whatever it is, continues to remain a mystery.

Nearly everyone has an opinion, but the opinion of Battle Creek resident Frank Wygant's may be the most likely. Mr. Wygant believes it to be a "side hill cougar", an animal well known to the lumberjacks of northern Wisconsin.

The area residents and even people from Battle Creek were bent on finding out what this creature "Thing" could be. Numerous searches were conducted, some organized, some not.

Should "The Thing" appear again, DeWitt Parlin had two dogs ready to begin a hunt and track "The Thing." Mutt and Jeff as they were called were a cross between a wolfhound and husky and were always ready for a hunt. "Any time within 12 hours after "The Thing" has appeared," Mr. Parlin, explains, "my dogs will be able to pick up the scent." DeWitt Parlin, with a background of a long experience in the northwest country, believes the animal to be a lynx that has strayed south from the northern part of the state, and is now hiding in the vastness of the Pine Creek Swamp. He vowed to find the thing and that he with Mutt and Jeff would stick to the trail and it may take two hours or two days.

The night of July 16 was the first organized expedition into the Pine Creek Swamp under crescent moon and was organized by Deputy Orio Fish of Tekonsha. They were well equipped, as Ralph Sport Shop supplied guns, ammunition, and flashlights. In their search, as reported by the Battle Creek Enquirer and Evening News, "that enough farmers were disturbed between midnight and 5 o'clock in the morning to make a majority at a republican convention." It seems they started with Fred May, a farmer West of Athens, who directed them to Grandpa Harley, who joined the search with his dog Buster. Other farmers were awakened along the way. At 8:30 in the morning, they started for home and the only thing they got was back, except for Buster who startled a skunk, big time. Interestingly enough though as it was reported, not one farmer of the many disturbed during the night objected to the intrusion.

As the events have revealed over the days when "The Thing" was first reported, some people have taken them very seriously while others fluff it off as being ridiculous. The Battle Creek Enquirer and Evening news reports: "one story that was told regarded a representative of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus who interviewed Mr.(Harley) Inman, told of a baboon that was lost and offered \$1,000 reward for its capture, while a succeeding informer implied that his predecessor wouldn't know the difference between Hagenbeck-Wallace and Montgomery Ward. Regardless of whether anyone is a believer or doubter, sightings and searches continue.

On July 17, Fred Hahn, Assistant Health Officer, also encountered a strange creature. While driving with his wife, about 7 pm, on the East Main street road near Spaulding Schoolhouse graveled road saw an animal, which appeared to stand on its hind legs, and was the color and description of a monkey or baboon. "The lights

## *The Thing, conclusion*

on my car were not very bright and we were driving along at a good speed so that I could not see the animal very clearly," Mr. Hahn declared.

July 18. A party of Lansing hunters came to Athens and conducted a search, but without success. They had heard reports of the strange "thing" and hoped to catch or kill it. The hunt was abandoned after the men, startled by something, dropped and broke the only flashlight they carried.

July 19. Almost the entire male membership of the Post players company volunteered to make up a party, which will search again tonight for "the thing". Flashlights, guns and ammunition furnished by the Ralph Sport Shop will be used. They plan to go after the performance of "The Last Warning". Only two performers showed up and two Enquirer reporters joined them. In addition, there was a second search party of an unreported number from Marshall operating in the swamp that night. These two search parties later became three, as three youths also from Marshall pulled into Athens about midnight, with guns, lights, set to go find the beast. The result of the nights search was one gunshot at the suspected beast, that turned out to be a bush and several searchers were inflicted with an infection from a poison vine.

The hunts become more elaborate, the sightings increase, and the story becomes more far reaching. Sheriff George Colby has been offered the use of two five passenger aircraft to aid in the search for "The Thing". The Lincoln Standard airplanes based at the Battle Creek Airport would fly over the area while officers trained binoculars on the land below in hopes of spotting the beast.

More sightings occur with Mrs. Mattie Woods of Burlington being charged by something she believed to be a police dog. The news continues to travel and by 5 o'clock in the afternoon of July 22 some animal near Union City had killed a man and in addition, a boy from Marshall had his ear bitten off by an ape. Then Mrs.

Earl Dobbins of Marshall tells of seeing an animal about the size of a woodchuck waddling down the road near Lyon Lake, which she declared was green in color.

Stories of the goings on in the Athens area have gone west and been published in Chicago papers and have extended as far East as New York. A letter was received by the Athens Times Editor from S.P. Reese of Chicago who had been following the daunting events of July 1926. After summarizing the various stories he had read about events and mystery surrounding the Spectral Beast he offered the following probable causes and solutions: "Might your neighboring editor have seen a 'worm of the still' and been embraced by it for the time being?" and goes on to suggest: "Have your citizenry of Athens and community chain all of their pet canines for a night or two, then see if further nocturnal marauding continues. Home-brew does make men feel funny and see some awful animals. Try drinking Aquapura. It is soothing, quenching and makes for clearness of vision."

It seems only Grandpa Harley received a bite, and from what, remains a mystery. Facts were few and rumor was plentiful. All who were contacted about "The Thing", cousins Eldene, Arlene, Richard, and Uncle Bill Baker (spouse of Gladys Inman), knew little detail. All had heard about it through parents, friends, or searching news articles but lacked any direct accounts from Grandpa Harley, Russell McMurtrie, or other contemporaries of July 1926. By the time they, and I came into this world the subject was no longer a part of family conversation or village rumor. It is much too late to apply modern forensic science to resolve the mystery. Thus, the "The Thing" remains an enigma that will continue to challenge our imaginations.

This information is a compilation of news articles that appeared in the *Athens Times* and *Battle Creek Enquirer and Evening News*, beginning July 10 through July 22, 1926. •

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## *New on the Bookshelf: At Willard Public Library, Helen Warner Branch*

- Bankston, Carl L. *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*. 3 vols. Salem Press, 2010.
- Knoblock, Glenn A. *African American World War II Casualties and Decorations in the Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine; a comprehensive record*. McFarland & Co. 2009.
- Abbott, Susan. *Families of Early Milford, Connecticut*. 2 vols. Genealogical Publishing, 1979.
- Robertson, Stacey M. *Hearts Beating for Liberty*. University of North Carolina, 2010.
- Peirce, Ebenezer W. *Peirce's Colonial Lists, Civil, Military and Professional Lists of Plymouth and Rhode Island Colonies*. 1881. Clearfield, 1968.
- Dobson, David. *The People of Ireland, 1600-1699*. 3 vols. Clearfield, 2007.
- Rounds, Peter. *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, Book 2, 1745-1762*. Clearfield, 1988.

## *In Memorium: Audrey Caldwell*

Audrey K. Caldwell Battle Creek Audrey K. Caldwell, age 78, died Monday, July 11, 2011, at her residence. Audrey was born on March 6, 1933, in Battle Creek, the daughter of Kenneth and Mildred (Nuding) Wine. She had been an area resident most of her life graduating from Lakeview High School in 1951 and was their class secretary. On March 15, 1952, she was united in marriage to William J. Caldwell who survives. She was employed at Bell Telephone for 2 years, the Kellogg Company for 1 year. She and Bill owned and operated Pinecrest Motel for 4 years in Jonesville, Michigan, from 1973 to 1977, went to San Antonio, Texas for a year as substitute managers for LaQuinta Inn Hotel and also acted as substitute managers for the Kellogg House for 4 years. She was a member of St. Philip Catholic Church, Friends of the Library, Historical Society of Battle Creek, and the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. She enjoyed reading books, conversing with family and friends and was the leading person involved in organizing her 1951 Lakeview High School reunions from 1971 to 2009.

Surviving are children, Jane Caldwell, Dave Caldwell, Elaine Caldwell all of Battle Creek, Joanne (Ryan) Hansen of Manistee, MI, William Caldwell of Sheffield, AL, and Karen (Mark) Moore of Naples, FL; grandchildren, Christopher, Shawn, Heather Hansen of Manistee, and Katrina (Cecil) White of Virginia; great grandchildren, Caitlyn and Jordan White; a sister, Shirley (Lloyd) Frey of Delton; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Wine and a grandchild, Brandi Thompson. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2 to 4:00 p.m. and 6 to 8:00 p.m. at the Richard A. Henry Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2011, at St. Philip Catholic Church with The Rev. John D. Fleckenstein officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. [www.henryfuneralhome.org](http://www.henryfuneralhome.org)

Obituary as published in the Battle Creek Enquirer 13 July 2011. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/battlecreek/obituary.aspx?n=audrey-k-caldwell&pid=152520938>

Audrey and Bill were active members of the CCGS for many years, and we would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family.

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## *Eaton County Genealogical Society: Research Trip to Fort Wayne 10/15/2011*

The Eaton County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a day-long genealogy research trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne Indiana.

DATE: SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2011, FROM: 7 AM TO 9:30 PM

PLACE OF ORIGIN: 1885 Courthouse, 100 W. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, MI. COST: \$30.00

The bus will leave the 1885 Courthouse promptly at 7:00 am. There will also be a pick-up at the "park & ride" in Marshall. Lunch is on your own. We will leave Fort Wayne about 5:30 pm and will stop enroute for dinner at the Golden Corral. Due to liability issues no one may stay on the bus while stopped for dinner.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail your check made out to *Eaton County Genealogical Society* to ECGS Bus Trip, P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337. Cancellation(s) will receive a full refund with replacement only.

Any questions contact the ECGS office or Shirley Hodges at (517) 629-2345 or [genealogysirl@hotmail.com](mailto:genealogysirl@hotmail.com)

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## *Calhoun County Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient*

### **HOLTON, CHARLES M.**

Rank and organization: First Sergeant, Company A, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. Place and date: At Falling Waters, Va., 14 July 1863. Entered service at: Battle Creek, Mich. Born: 25 May 1838, Potter N.Y. Date of issue: 21 March 1889. Citation: Capture of flag of 55<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry (C.S.A.). In the midst of the battle with foot soldiers he dismounted to capture the flag.

Source: *United States of America's Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients*, published by Highland Publishers, 1980.

# Michigan Genealogical Council: Family History Month Workshop

The details of the October Michigan Genealogical Council / Archives of Michigan Family History Month Workshop are now on-line at <http://mimgc.org/MGCworkshop>. This workshop will take place at the Michigan Historical Center, home of the Archives of Michigan, in Lansing on Saturday, **October 29, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** There will also be a two session FREE workshop on **Friday afternoon, October 28** at the same location.

Online registration is available through the EventBrite, <http://mgcworkshop.eventbrite.com>. Regular snail mail registration is through the Michigan Genealogical Council. Links to both are near the bottom of the above webpage. Also included are links to download a flyer and schedule for both days events.

This workshop is sponsored by the Michigan Genealogical Council and Archives of Michigan. Keynote speaker is Pamela J. Cooper, Supervisor of the Archives Center & Genealogy Department for the Indian River County Main Library in Vero Beach, Florida. Pamela has served as a Director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Director of the Florida State Historical Society, President of the Florida State Genealogical Society, and was Co-chair of the FGS/FSGS 2003 National Conference in Orlando. She is also recipient of the 2000 Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship, among others.

Early bird registration is \$35 with a box lunch option for an additional \$5. Registrations submitted after October 19 are an additional \$10.

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## State Census Records available on FamilySearch.org

From Genealogy Blog, <http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=13039>

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Colonial, Territorial and State Censuses are of vital importance to genealogists, as they were often taken on non-Federal Decennial census years, taken prior to statehood, or between the Federal Censuses. Thirty-seven states (or what became states) took them. Tax records are also of extreme value, again, being taken between Federal Censuses, as well as on the census years. They are probably the best census substitutes in existence.

The following is an example of a census record found on FamilySearch.org from the 1894 State Census of Michigan. Because of the loss of the 1890 Federal census, the 1894 State census is a particularly valuable substitute.

Name:	<b>Melvin E Reed</b>	
Gender:	Male	
Residence:	Wakeshma, Kalamazoo, Michigan, United States	
Age:	26	
Est. Birth Year:	1868	
Census Year:	1894	
Relationship to Head of Household:	Husband	
Family Number:	127	
Line Number:	5	
Page Number:	387	
Film Number:	915315	
Household	Gender	Age
Melvin E Reed	M	26
Ida Reed	F	23
Lena F Reed	F	2
Blanch M Reed	F	0

The following listing [on the Genealogy Blog site], complete with links, descriptions, and numbers of records & images is made up of State Censuses, as well as Tax Lists currently found at FamilySearch.org. I will continue to update this posting as new data goes up.

The listing currently includes State Censuses for Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Tax lists are included for Montana, Ohio, and Texas.



*In the photo above, Melvin Reed, b 9 Aug 1867 (far left) with his siblings, Frank, b 24 Aug 1873, Mary Jane "May", b 13 Oct 1869, Charles Howard, b 19 Apr 1878, Dale Henry, b Sep 1880, Aleck L., b Sep 1882 and Minnie Allene, b Oct 1875.*

## *Generations*

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### ***Upcoming Events at Willard Public Library, Helen Warner Branch, 36 Minges Creek Place, Battle Creek***

Thursday, October 27, 6:30—8:00—Finding Your Family  
Roots: Learn how to succeed in your search for your ancestors

Thursday, November 10, 6:30—8:00 African American Genealogy: Connect with the lost world of your pioneer ancestors.

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## **Calhoun County Genealogical Society**    *Calendar of Events*

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.

September 27	<b>At Albion Public Library</b> Annual election of officers and library tour
October 25	Patty Parker, <i>Daughters of the American Revolution</i>
November 22	Sandy Redmond, <i>MIGenWeb</i> project
December	No meeting
January 24, 2012	<i>Annual Hints and Anecdotes meeting</i>
February 24 (Friday)	<b>Annual Library Lock In, Helen Warner Branch, Willard Public Library</b>
March 27	To be determined
April 24	Chris Czopek, <i>Calhoun County: The Untold Civil War Stories</i>
May 22	To be determined
June 26	To be determined

<b><i>Have a meeting idea? Please let us know what you would like to learn more about.</i></b>
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