

GENERATIONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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"The World of Genealogy"

On June 20 a program entitled "The World of Genealogy" was presented by Ronald A. Bremer in the Albion High School Auditorium.

Those attending were asked to share their individual research problems. Each question was considered important and answered by Mr. Bremer. We were all impressed with Mr. Bremer's knowledge of various research facilities and organizations across the entire United States. We each took away at least one answer to a current research problem we were having.

Mr. Bremer has personally visited the major genealogical centers in the U.S. and Canada. He is a former Research Specialist of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, author of The Compendium of Historical Sources and is listed in Who's Who in the West.

This program was given in cooperation with the Albion Public School's Community Education Program.

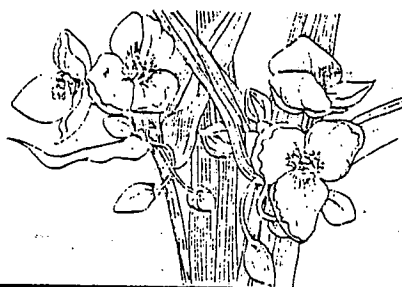
September SEMINAR

Plans are shaping up for the annual meeting and seminar. It will be held September 29 at Kellogg Community College (Battle Creek) in the auditorium of Davidson Hall, room 202.

The theme for the meeting is "New York to Michigan by two routes 1) through Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana or 2) through Canada." This promises to be an interesting program! I am looking forward to seeing you there for the start of our third year as a genealogical society.

PROJECTS CHAIR

The society is in need of a special projects chairperson. This person would coordinate genealogical projects that we could do as a group. If you are interested contact Peggy Sindt.



About the FAMILY
HISTORY CENTER
Tour

On May 22, about 38 members and guests of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society met at the Family History Center of the LDS Church in Kalamazoo.

An excellent program was developed and presented by Arlene McIsaac. We were shown the materials that are available for conducting genealogical research in this facility. We are all very appreciative of the efforts and skills of the people helping us that evening. A special thanks goes to Brenda Boyce, of Marshall, for arranging this program.

Library Resources
in Calhoun County

Albion College Libraries
602 East Cass Street
Albion, Michigan 49224
(517) 629-1000

Albion Public Library
501 S. Superior St.
Albion, MI 49224
(517) 629-3993

Athens Community Library
106 E. Burr Oak St.
Athens, MI 49011
(phone number not available at this time)

Burlington Township Library
135 Elm St., Box 38
Burlington, MI 49029
(517) 765-2323

Homer Public Library
104 S. Hillsdale
Homer, MI 49245
(517) 568-3450

Kellogg Community College
Emory W. Morris Learning
Resource Center
450 North Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49016

Marshall Library
111 E. Mansion
Marshall, MI 49068
(616) 781-7821

Tekonsha Public Library
109 E. Canal St.
Tekonsha, MI 49092
(517) 767-4769

Willard Library
7 W. Van Buren
Battle Creek, MI
49016-3080
(616) 968-8166

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just think - two and a half years ago, this Society was just an idea in the minds of a handful of avid genealogists. Skeptics said that there wasn't any interest in a Calhoun County Genealogical Society. Where would we ever get enough people to attend meetings? And a day long annual seminar - what nonsense!

Well, here we are, with two years of successful monthly programs, two terrific annual seminars, a great newsletter, wide and regular publicity, and a membership of well over 100. The treasury has grown to the point that we have some certificates of deposit, and are now in a position to think seriously about publications projects.

All of these things have been possible because of the dedication of the people who serve on the board and on various committees. To them goes my deepest appreciation for a job extraordinarily well done.

No matter how hard we have worked, however, it would not have mattered if you, the members, had not given us your fullest support. I am very grateful to you for the strong, steady interest you have shown, and your tolerance as we have worked the kinks out of the organization.

I know that you will continue to show your support as our new president takes over in October. The incoming board, a mix of old and new, will continue to look to the membership for program ideas, publications suggestions, and a myriad of other things.

In closing, I thank you for allowing me to serve you as president for the last two years. I thoroughly enjoy genealogy and genealogists, and this has truly been a labor of love. I am looking forward to getting back to my own research, but I will continue to offer any help I can to the Society. Thank you again, and happy ancestor hunting!



~~William Smith~~

An old family Bible c. 1869 has recently come into my possession William Heaber Smith (b. 1868) married into our family, but I am not researching the Smiths per se. The Bible belonged to his mother. The book itself is in pretty rough shape but the vital records pages are in good condition. They are transcribed as enclosed. Mary Hibbard Smith was of the family that owned the Hibbard house on Wildwood in Jackson for so many years.

Smith Family Bible

FRONTISPICE:

Present from Hiram Smith
To Mary
Jackson Dec. 14th, 1869

MARRIAGES:

Edwin R. Smith
and
Ellen M. French
Sept. 1853
at Detroit by Rev. Dr.
Duffield

Ediom R. Smith
and
Mary J. Hibbard
December 14th, 1869

BIRTHS:

Ediom R. Smith 7/16/1833

Ellen M. French

Mary J. Hibbard 3/15/1841

Mary E. Smith dau. of Edwin R.
& Ellen M. Smith b. 6/21/1855

Florence Savier Smith dau of
Ediom R. & Mary J. Smith b.
9/10/1870

Hiram W. Smith son of Ediom R.
& Mary J. Smith b. 5/12/1872

Ediom Vernon Smith son of
Ediom R. & Mary J. Smith b. at
Jackson MI. 11/24/1873

Kate Smith, dau of Ediom R.
Smith & Mary J. Smith b. at
Jackson MI, 2/02/1880

Clarence Grover Smith son of
Ediom R. & Mary J. Smith b. at
Jackson MI, 1/10/1886

DEATHS

Ellen M. Smith D. June 18

Hiram W. Smith son of E.R. &
Mary J. Smith d. 8/04/1872

Clarence Grover Smith son of
E.R. & Mary J. Smith d.
1/14/1890 at 3 1/4 am

Mary J. Smith d. 1/10/1901

Edwin R. Smith d. 2/20/1916
1:55 pm

Ida Humphrey d. at Monticello,
Ark, on 6/06/1918

Florence S. Smith d. 6/13/1953

OCTOBER

On October 22, Brenda Boyce and Wini Hartung will be putting on a program to let you know what resources are available in Marshall for genealogical research. For more information contact Brenda Boyce.

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Article V, section D of the bylaws reads:

Candidates for all offices shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee. Ballots will be distributed by mail to all fully paid members no later than August 1, and must be returned or postmarked no later than September 1. The installation of new officers shall take place at the end of the fall annual meeting.

Following is a ballot which lists the candidates nominated for each office. The nominating committee invites write-in candidates for any office, and a space has been provided for those names. Please complete the ballot and return it to the Society, in care of the Albion Public Library, 501 South Superior Street, Albion, MI 49224, no later than September 1. Only paid members are eligible to vote.

CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ELECTION BALLOT

1990 - 1991 OFFICERS

President	___Tom Struble	or	_____
Vice President	___Marlene Steele	or	_____
Treasurer	___Joan Von Holten	or	_____
Recording Sec.	___Ramona Short	or	_____
Corresp. Sec.	___Linda Wilbur	or	_____

Return to: CCGS, Albion Public Library, 501 S. Superior,
Albion, MI 49224

Newsletter



The deadline for the November newsletter will be October 1, 1990. If you have news, queries, program information etc. you wish to have published, please forward it to Marilyn Hennon. If you have something of genealogical interest you would like to have in the newsletter send a copy of it along with its complete bibliographical source to Marilyn Hennon.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Vera Chichester
172 River Park Drive
MARSHALL MI 49068

Mr. Robert A. Hoffman
3573 N Dearing Rd
PARMA MI 49269

Returning member:
Mrs. Martha Farr
109 Adams
HOMER MI 49245

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It is getting that time again when your dues for the year 1991 are due. Please use the form below to send in your dues. Thank you, Valerie Radee Membership Chair for the coming year.

CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

DUES FOR OCTOBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1991

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

RETURNING MEMBER _____

NEW MEMBER _____

Membership: \$10.00 per person
Membership year 1 Oct 1990 - 30 Sept 1991
Gift Memberships are available

Mail this form and your check to:

Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS)
c/o Albion Public Library
Membership Chair
501 South Superior Street
Albion MI 49224

Fort Wayne Library

On Aug 28th, those who plan to go to the library in Fort Wayne will meet at the Big Boy in Marshall. We have started a list of drivers and a list of those needing a ride. If you have not signed up for either list call Brenda Boyce 616-781-8104 in Marshall, Tom Strubel 616-979-4929 in Ceresco or Pat Geyer 517-629-4506 in Albion. We need to know by August 24th.

QUARANTINED !

The inhabitants of this place have been stricken with GENEALOGY FEVER, a deadly and infectious disease.

Symptoms: Note papers stuffed in pockets and files; heart palpitations at the sight of gravestones and old trunks filled with letters; bloodshot eyes from excessive microfilm exposure; erratic speech patterns punctuated with pilgrims and princes; cold sweat upon the arrival of the daily mail.

INCURABLE !

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