



Generations

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Announcing the CCGS 1991 Annual Meeting September 24, 7:00 p.m. Main Floor, Marshall VFW Hall 800 E. Michigan Ave. - Parking in Rear Lot

LIBRARIES are the feature of our initial meeting of CCGS's new genealogical season. With Fall comes a resurgence of interest in getting back to our research and where better to start?

Carole C. Callard, Special Collections Librarian at the Library of Michigan in Lansing, will be our principal speaker of the evening. She will give us an update of new materials we might expect to find in her library this fall, a review of what is already there and maybe some hints on how to make our search easier. The knowledge of Carole and her staff, combined with their willingness to help, makes our visits to their library a pleasure.

Our own Marlene Steele of Willard Library in Battle Creek will update us on all of the activity that's been going on in her library, including where to find everything when we go back.

Then member John Hammer and one of the volunteers from the Family History Center of the Kalamazoo LDS Church will give us an overview of what is available at their facility, including new computer capabilities.

All in all, we hope you will find this to be an interesting and informative meeting. Look forward to seeing you.

Your Program Chair,
Jo Peck

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OOPS! OOPS! OOPS! OOPS! OOPS!

When I took over the editorship of GENERATIONS with the February, 1991 issue, I did not realize that the first issue of volume 3 (October, 1990) had been accidentally labeled as issue number two. Therefore, both the February and May, 1991 issues of GENERATIONS are misnumbered three and four. Please change these numbers. February is Volume 3, No. 2 and May is Volume 3, No. 3. I'm sorry to inconvenience you in this manner, but the mistake needs to be rectified, especially since some libraries index these newsletters by volume and number. --- Your Editor

WE GOTTA GET IT TOGETHER!

Recently, I was horrified to discover that two different members of this society are working on families that my husband and I are also researching. I was told about one family by another member of the board. Discovery of the second family came about when another member called me to get a phone number. In the course of our conversation, I just happened to ask her what families she was researching. Think about how much time and energy members might be able to save if we only knew WHO was investigating WHAT families!

When CCGS was initially formed, John Fox included a form for listing ancestors in the first issue of GENERATIONS. The return on these has been abysmal, to say

the least. Some members, like Phillip Mershon of Marshall, have filled out and donated very extensive pedigree charts. However, the file folders for the majority of our members are empty except for their yearly membership applications. Shame on us! If we are going to be effective as a society, we need to do something more than just band together to listen to learned speakers and compare notes. There is an old expression that comes to mind: "The left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing." That is exactly what happens when a society member does not realize that another member is investigating the same family.

In the last two issues, I have pleaded with members to
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please submit either an ahnentafel listing or a pedigree chart of their ancestors to be kept on file with the society. As the result of a resounding lack of enthusiasm on the part of society members, please note the spaces added to this year's society membership application. Please list the families on which you are currently working. Obviously, something more extensive would be preferred, but it appears that a basic list may be all we can ever manage. If anyone out there gets a sudden attack of conscience and decides to submit detailed copies of their work, please send it to:

Pat Geyer, Archivist
Calhoun County
Genealogical Society
c/o Albion Public Library
501 S. Superior St.
Albion, MI 49224

Most of us are dedicated to getting down to the roots of our respective family trees. The majority of us have spent many long hours in libraries, courthouses and cemeteries. Since doing a complete genealogy is almost a neverending project, there is ALWAYS something completely new to research. What a waste of time and effort it is, then, to retrace a line that has already been researched by someone else. When that "someone else" also turns out to be a member of your own local genealogical the mind can only boggle! ---Linda H. Wilbur

**Calhoun County
LDS Microfilm Records
Have Arrived!**

Four copies of nine rolls of LDS death and marriage records for Calhoun County have been purchased by CCGS. Three sets have been given to the agencies selected by our society to receive them. One set each has been donated to the Local History Room at the Willard Library in Battle Creek and the Elsie Munro Local History Room of the Albion Public Library. One set was given to the office of the Calhoun County Clerk-Register in Marshall. The fourth set is being retained by CCGS for eventual rental use by our members. The microfilm sets consist of the following three rolls of death and six rolls of marriage records:

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
DEATH RECORDS**

Index for Vol. 2 - Starts 1888
Index for Vol. 3 - 1899-1910
Index for Vol. 4 - 1910-1912
Index for Vol. 6 and Vol. 7 -
1914-1933 1009291

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
DEATH RECORDS**

Index to Vol. 1 - 1867-1882
Death Records - 1867-1882
Death Records, Vol. 2 - 1882-
1899 1009292

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
DEATH RECORDS**

Death Records, Vol. 3 - 1899-
1911
Death Records, Vol. 4 - 1910-
1912
Index to Vol. 5 - 1913 society,
Death Records, Vol. 5 - 1913
Death Records, Vol. 6 - 1914-
1925

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**Calhoun County
LDS Microfilm Records
Have Arrived! -
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(Note: Vol. 6 is divided into
two parts.) 1009293

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Index to Records of Marriages
and Religious Societies -
Volume 1, 1836 - 1841

Marriage Index, Vol. 3; 1885-
1887

Marriage Index, Vol. 4; 1887-
1899

Marriage Index, Vol. 5; 1900-
1908

Marriage Index, Vol. 6; 1909-
1917 1009294

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Record of Marriages and
Religious Societies
Vol. 1 (Includes indexes);
1836-1841

Vol. 2 (Includes indexes);
1841-1849

Vol. 3 (Includes indexes);
1849-1856

Vol. 4 (Includes indexes);
1856-1864

Marriage Record, Vol. 5;
1865-1884 1009295

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Marriage records, Vol. 1; 1864-
1875/1867-1874 or 76 - Includes
index (First entries are dated
1867)

Marriage Records, Vol. 2; 1875-
1884 - Page 1 through 220,
includes index. Last part of
book contains marriages dated
ca 1870s, but some are not
recorded until 1916-1921.

1009296

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Marriage Records, Vol. 3; 1885-
1887 - Starts with page 1 of
records.

Marriage Records, Vol. 4; 1887-
1899 - Starts with page 1; also
lists parents. Pages 1 through
344. 1009297

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Marriage Records, Vol. 5; 1899-
1908 - Starts page 1 through
343. 1009298

**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Marriage Records, Vol. 6; 1909-
1917 - Starts page 1 through
399. 1009299

QUERIES

Information needed on Henry
DEAN, his wife, Minerva
"Minnie" (surname unknown) and
their son Alvah Nelson DEAN,
born 29 June, 1884 at Tekonsha.
Henry and Minnie also had a
son, Benjamin. Alvah Nelson
DEAN was the grandfather of...

Roberta Dean Taylor
5547 Kingfisher Lane
Clarkston, MI 48346

Information needed on the
GRIBBLE and KRENERICK families
by...

Sue Walker
11532 - 16 Mile Rd. N.E.
Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Thank You, Julia!

Julia Miller has volunteered
to get the CCGS County Cemetery
Transcription Project off and
running again. The Rice Creek
Cemetery transcription still
needs to be "proofed." If you
can help, contact Julia.

...AND WE WONDER WHY WE CAN'T FIND 'EM!?!

(NOTE: This gem was discovered by Julia Miller in the January 4, 1929 edition of The Albion Recorder. ---Your Editor)

Berlin, Jan. 4 --- (U.P.I) --- Being known to breathe regularly and to eat three square meals a day is not sufficient proof that a person is actually alive. At least, it is no proof for the Hamburg authorities in the case of A.W. Wothke, sailor, who, despite the fact that he has been breathing ever since he was born in 1869, has been dead since 1912, according to the law. More than 16 years ago, he was erroneously entered as deceased in the Hamburg city register.

Not even the fact that Wothke has regularly been paying his income tax, which can hardly be expected of a dead man, could induce the authorities to cancel their obviously erroneous entry.

Wothke has been fighting for his "life," as it were, for the last 15 years. Now, the exasperated "living corpse" has submitted his case to a Reichstag deputy, who, after convincing himself that Wothke is alive, took up the matter with the Hamburg authorities.

He submitted full details as to Wothke's whereabouts and doings for the last 16 years, urging that the authorities revise their opinion that sailor Wothke is dead.

But the efforts of the Reichstag deputy today were of no avail. The Hamburg department of justice, politely but firmly, refused to annul the erroneous entry in the city register and to "reincarnate" Wothke. The authorities pointed out that, even with the best of intentions, they could not possibly do such a thing, as the existing law provides that "a protest for the annulment of an erroneous" entry in the city register must be launched one month after the entry has been effected, no matter when the error came to the knowledge of those concerned.

Since Wothke failed to enter the protest within the stipulated thirty days, he has to remain dead for the rest of his life and watch his heirs spend his fortune, which amounted to a tidy sum when he "died" 16 years ago.



**SCHEDULE FOR THE ELSIE MUNRO (Albion Area) LOCAL HISTORY ROOM,
ALBION PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. -
Linda Wilbur, Volunteer
Tuesday, 12 noon to 9 p.m. -
Staff*
Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. -
Winifred Hartung, Volunteer
Thursday, Noon to 5 p.m. -
Staff*
Friday, Noon to 5 p.m. - Staff*

QUERIES

Parents needed for Marcus SMITH, born circa 1809 and his wife, Sarah Ann CARMICHAEL, born circa 1813. They were married in 1833, but the location is unknown. Census records state that Marcus was born in New Jersey. Marcus is known to have purchased land in Marshall in 1837 and in Homer in 1842. His son, Stool SMITH, was born in Homer in 1846. Also wish to contact persons working on the HURLBERT/HULBERT family. There may be ties to KELLOGG, ELY and/or CLEVELAND lines and there is a tie to the BAXTER and BRIGHAM families. Any help would be appreciated!

Kathy Cleary
121 Elm St.
Portland, MI 48875

Mark Stowe of Grand Rapids cannot find parents for his great-great grandmother, Eva STOW, wife of William STOW. William, who was born in Connecticut c. 1876/7, appears in the 1830 census in the Town of Gorham, Ontario Co., NY.; in the 1840 census in Washtenaw Co., MI; in the 1850 census in Grass Lake Twp., Jackson Co., MI; and in the 1860 census in (Next Column)

First Saturday of the Month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Staff*
Second Saturday of the Month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Julia Miller, Volunteer
Other times by appointment.

* Indicates Mrs. Shirley Sharp, Local History Librarian

Wayland Twp., Allegan Co. On the basis of family proximity, common migration patterns, etc., Mark feels that Eva STOW was Eva OVERACKER, born 1790, daughter of Adam OVERACKER and his first wife, Cornelia VAN DER COOK. Any assistance that anyone can render that might help him document this difficult line would be sincerely appreciated. If you have any information, contact Mr. Stowe at 932 Kendalwood N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

Gary Stollery of Grass Valley, California has discovered some writing on the inside of an old family picture of what I gather to be a Civil War soldier. The notation reads "Abram Campbell - November 1863 - Co. 10th Mich. Infantry - Albion, Mich."

Mr. Stollery's mother's family is from the Charlotte and Jackson area. The names of two of his ancestors are Alfred and Esther Lydia (RUSSELL) SALISBURY. He knows nothing of either a CAMPBELL family or Albion connection.

Mr. Stollery would sincerely appreciate any help he could get in identifying Abram CAMPBELL. His address is 203 Gary Way, Grass Valley, CA 95949.



It is nearing that time again
when your CCGS dues for the
1991-1992 year are due.
Please use the form below to
send in your dues.

Thank You,

Valerie Radee,
Membership Chairperson

Decorative elements: two pens on the sides and a cross-hatch pattern at the bottom corners.

CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
DUES FOR YEAR RUNNING FROM 1 OCTOBER, 1991 TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 1992

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

RENEWAL? ____ ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER? ____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ ____

DO YOU DESIRE A NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD? _____

WHAT FAMILIES YOU ARE RESEARCHING? _____

The annual membership fee is \$10.00 per person. The membership year runs from 1 Oct., 1991 to 30 Sept., 1992. Gift memberships are available.

Mail this form and your check to:
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Membership Chair
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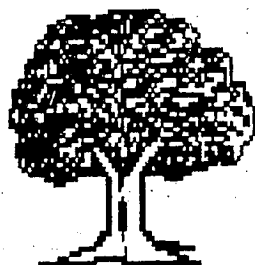
PREPARE NOW FOR THE CCGS OCTOBER MEETING

Our October 22nd meeting, to be held at the VFW Hall in Marshall, will be about **THE SKELETONS IN YOUR CLOSET**. We want each of you to think up your best one and be prepared to tell us all about it...or him...or her. With pictures, if you have them, and certainly with as much detail and documentation as you can find. We'll give a prize for the best (or worst?) one as judged by the attending audience. **Don't miss this meeting!** We know you have a skeleton!



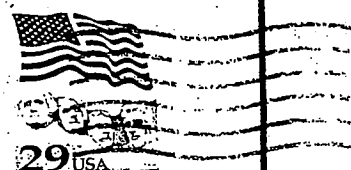
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