

Generations

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Goodbye, Sayonara,
Ciao, Au Revoir...

My husband, Bob, has taken a new position in Cadillac, so this will be the last issue of GENERATIONS edited and constructed by me. This quarterly task is now ripe for takeover by any dedicated, literate soul who has something more than just a passing fancy for things genealogical. Although loathe to pass my favorite job along to someone else, I somehow think that the alternative (which is living "up there" while trying to publish "down here") would not be good for my sanity.

You also need to know that I volunteered to co-chair the CCGS fall seminar long before my husband decided change jobs. Thankfully, as the result of a number of Tuesday afternoon brainstorming sessions, Ramona (Short) and I seem to be getting our ducks pretty much in a row. However, since the task of chairing this event is really too much for one person to handle, it would really take a load off my mind if someone would volunteer to work with her in my stead. Any takers?

Although it appears that our Albion house has probably been sold, our plans hadn't solidified enough at press time for me to include a new Cadillac address in this letter. The way things are going (NOT!), it looks like I'll probably still be here in Albion at least until early July. If you need research done on Albion area families, please let me know. I will continue to work Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Albion Area Local History Room until further notice. However, I will henceforth be forwarding all requests addressed to CCGS for genealogical data on Calhoun County families living outside the Albion area to those members who have offered to do query research.

Sincerely,

LINDA HOLLINGSHEAD WILBUR

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**ADDITIONS TO THE CCGS
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From the last issue. Please
 note zip code correction!

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**1992 CCGS SUMMER PROJECT
 Cemetery Updates**

The Executive Board of CCGS
 has decided that the society
 needs to further serve
 genealogists who are seeking
 additional death records for

ancestors buried in Calhoun
 County. This summer, the
 society will make an intensive
 effort to update as many
 cemetery records as possible.

The period from the second
 Saturday in June through the
 month of October will be
 devoted to transcribing
 tombstones in a number of
 county cemeteries. Those
 who wish to participate in this
 interesting project should
 contact Ruth Kaiser at 517/857-
 2747 to receive a list of
 cemetery locations. Inquiries
 can also be directed to her at
 16526 Devereaux Rd., Albion, MI
 49224.

The first assignment of the
 summer will be the final
 proofreading of the 1989 CCGS
 transcription of the Rice Creek
 Cemetery, which is located at
 the corner of 24 Mile Road and
 L Drive North. All those
 interested in meeting for lunch
 before attacking the task at
 hand are ask to arrive at
 Cornwell's Turkey Farm at 11:45
 on Saturday, June 13. The
 group plans to be at the
 cemetery by 1 p.m. In case of
 inclement weather, the
 alternate date will be Sunday,
 June 14 at 2 p.m. at the
 cemetery.

When the Rice Creek project
 has been completed, the Cook's
 Prairie Cemetery will be
 transcribed. The remaining
 dates to reserve on your
 calendar are all Saturdays and
 the work will start at 1 p.m.

July 11 August 8
 September 12 October 10

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Prior to each of these "bees", we will try to arrange a meeting place nearby for lunch for those folks who would like to eat together. This will provide a real opportunity for society members to get to know one another while accomplishing something truly worthwhile. (Some of these cemeteries have not been transcribed since the 1930s and many have no transcriptions at all!) Who knows...you might even pick up some needed information for your own family searches. You are invited to get involved in this project, even if you can't attend all of the sessions! CCGS hopes to eventually publish these transcriptions, which (in addition to improving the source records for others) will make money for the society.

**1992 CCGS Fall Seminar
is Launched!**

Curt Witcher, Manager of the Historical Genealogy section of the Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana has agreed to be the featured speaker at our society's 1992 Fall Seminar. The seminar is titled **GLORY'S GHOSTS; Researching Your Civil War Ancestor** and will be held on Saturday, September 26, 1992 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albion High School.

Mr. Witcher will make two presentations. In the morning, he will speak on what genealogical resources to use to both find and "flesh out" your Civil War ancestor. His

afternoon presentation will feature information concerning the new Civil War Soldier's System. (See GENERATIONS, Volume 4, Number 2, Page 11 for information on this project.)

**LifeStories: One Way to
Make Interviewing Fun**

Having a hard time getting those REALLY IMPORTANT stories from your family members? FNDI Limited Partnership has developed LifeStories, a new board game that might make the job just a bit easier. The game is designed for 2 to 8 players ranging in age "from 6 to 106." It contains a game board, 8 game markers, one die and four decks of LifeStories question cards. Memories cards are about people and events from your past. Etchings cards are about outside influences on your life. Valuables cards are about your thoughts, hopes and dreams. Alternatives cards, which can be drawn at any time, can give players an optional and often amusing choice. Just gather the family together, turn on the tape recorder and voila! (What an ideal ice-breaker for a family reunion!) LifeStories costs \$28.95 plus \$3.00 for delivery and can be ordered from:

LifeStories
Suite 104

701 Decatur Avenue North
Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427

or call toll-free at 1-800-232-1873 to charge by phone. Those family reminiscences are so important; here's the perfect, painless way to get them all.

QUERIES

PAMELA BAGENSKI wishes to correspond with descendants of Abraham SNYDER, a pioneer of South Albion who is buried in Albion's Riverside Cemetery. His son, Phillip, married Betsy A. SNIDER. The SNYDER-SNIDER families held annual reunions from 1926 to 1943. Mrs. Bagenski can be reached at the following addresses:

PAMELA BERKEY BAGENSKI
2828 Butter Creek Drive
Pasadena, CA 91107

After June 15th
11919 Diane Dr.
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

SUNDA ANDERSON PETERS is seeking assistance in finding a death record, burial place, military affiliation or any other record for Joseph H. KELLEY.

KELLEY. Joseph was born 8 May, 1836 in Ohio to Heman KELLEY/KELLEY and RUTH LAPHAM. He lived in Seneca and Erie Counties, Ohio, fought in the Civil War and died 8 December, 1862 in Battle Creek. Mrs. Peters thinks that he may have served in Co. G of the 33rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry. She is particularly interested in his gravesite and whether there are other family members buried near him. She is also interested in possible land records and whether or not he left a will. Her address is: SUNDA ANDERSON PETERS, 1537 Galaxy Court, Mansfield, OH 44903-8850.

JUNE A. CRONK is very interested in locating burial sites for her 3rd great grandparents, John KELLEY/KELLY and Elizabeth (Betsy) MAGEE/MC GEE. Both were born in New York and emigrated to Michigan. Residents of Albion, they were married there on 30 September, 1838 "at the house of Abraham Magee." (John's age is given as 23, Betsy's as 16.) They are shown as residents of Albion Twp. in the 1850 Federal Census with the first four and again in the 1860 with all but the last two of their ten children. Two of their sons, James (Mrs. Cronk's great great grandfather) and Abraham, served in Co. A of the 25th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Abraham did not survive the war. After mustering out in June of 1865, James married Martha Ford, then lived thereafter in Ingham and Eaton Counties. John and Betsy KELLY/KELLEY seem to have disappeared from Albion Twp. after the 1860 Census. Where did they go? Where did they die and in what cemetery are they buried? Mrs. Cronk would also like to make contact with any of her KELLY/KELLEY cousins. Her address is: JUNE A. CRONK, 12466 S. Beardslee Rd., Perry, MI 48872.

SUE KENDRICK is looking for data on Zebulon TOWNSEND of Marengo. He and his wife Rachel had three sons, Seth, Gideon and Jeremiah, who also lived in Marengo. Zebulon
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QUERIES

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TOWNSEND died 24 November, 1866 at the age of 90 years. Rachel died 30 August, 1863 at the age of 83 years. Both are buried in the Marengo Cemetery on 23 Mile Rd. Ms. Kendrick has contacted the Calhoun County Probate Court, but there is nothing in the Index of Wills for Zebulon. Any information on this couple would be appreciated. Ms. Kendrick is also interested in researching the GEROW/GIROULD/JERO surname. Her address is: SUE KENDRICK, 14808 S.W. 125 Court, Miami, FL 33186.

DOROTHY CHANCE is looking for data on Phebe C. DAVISON, who was born in Tyrone, Schuyler Co., NY on 7 September, 1826. She married David LANG and they settled in Michigan. In 1897, Ms. Chance believes that Phebe was living with her daughter, Ida CROSBY (Mrs. Julius,) in Emmett Twp. of Calhoun County. Any information on this woman, who would have been 66 years of age in 1897, or on the DAVISON family of Tyrone, NY, would be appreciated by Ms. Chance. Her address is: DOROTHY CHANCE, 18504 Wellesley Court, Sonoma, CA 95476.

MARGARET HANSEN SCOTT is doing research on the family of Orman GOUCHER, who was born in Michigan on 30 May, 1810 to William GOUCHER and Catherine MAYO. He was married to Melissa E. BEECH, who was born 29 May, 1814 in Michigan.
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Their son, Sidney GOUCHER, was born 3 January, 1838 in Marshall. He married Caroline Louise GORE 1 December, 1861. This is all the information Mrs. Scott has on this early, EARLY Michigan family. She would like to find the origins of the GOUCHER surname and learn exactly where Orman was born. Her address is: MARGARET HANSEN SCOTT, 28885 Limestone Circle, Coarsegold, CA 93614.

GOING FICHE-ING!!!!

Since so much data is coming out on microfiche, maybe you've considered buying a reader for home use. The new ones cost an arm, a leg, plus whatever other body parts you might be willing to spare. Robert Haigh is offering good used viewers for \$40.00 each. If you are interested, Mr. Haigh's address is P.O. Box 97, 221 Charlotte St., Mulliken, MI 48861. He can also be reached by phone at (517) 649-8383.

1992 MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL SEMINAR SET

The 1992 Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar THE GREAT CROSSING TO THE NEW WORLD will be held October 8, 9 and 10 at the Hilton Inn-Airport in Grand Rapids. The Western Michigan Genealogical
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1992 MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL SEMINAR SET

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Society will be hosting this annual event.

Speakers for this year will be Arlene Eakle, Dick Doherty, Shirley DeBoer, Mary Edmonds, Melvin Goolsby, Joanne Harvey, Wag Wheeler, Professor Robert Swierenga, John Steed, Ella Soelberg, Ellen Siu and Ralph Hillman. Topics will include:

ENGLAND

- (1) English Migrations Within England
- (2) English Poor Law - Tracing the Common Man
- (3) Find Places of Origin for English Ancestors

IRELAND

- (1) Irish Research I
- (2) Irish Research II

SCOTLAND

- (1) Scotland - Naming Patterns
- (2) The Scots-Irish - Scotland, Ireland and America

NETHERLANDS

- (1) Overview of Dutch Migration
- (2) Researching Dutch Records

OTHER TOPICS

- (1) Computer Genealogy Program "Brother's Keeper"
- (2) Ten Ideas For Colonial Research
- (3) How to Obtain Indian Certification
- (4) 40 Facts From the Federal Census
- (5) Genealogy Research in New England
- (6) Tracing a Pedigree Across Western New York
- (7) You Can't Take It With You

- (8) From Pen & Pencil to Finished Project
- (9) The Underground Railroad
- (10) The Color and Culture of Genealogy in the Americas
- (11) Using Land Records in Genealogy
- (12) Researching New Jersey Records

Further information on this seminar can be obtained by writing to the host society.

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Grand Rapids Public Library
60 Library Plaza, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

DISCOUNT OFFERED ON QUERY PUBLICATION

THE NATIONAL QUERIES FORUM, published 9 times a year, is making their magazine available to first-time subscribers at the discounted rate of \$10.00 per year until 1 September, 1992. This represents a 25% discount from the usual rate of \$13.75. Authors can submit a 50 word listing for their publication in an upcoming issue for \$5.00. Although NQF is a queries magazine, they are presently considering publishing columns and feature articles as well. Genealogists with prior writing experience are invited to submit a sample of their work and a resume. Further information can be obtained by writing to THE NATIONAL QUERIES FORUM, P.O. Box 593, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-0593.

REUNIONS, THE MAGAZINE

Two years ago, when REUNIONS, THE MAGAZINE was just getting started, Joanne Harvey sent me one of the pre-publication "spec copies" that were issued by the publishers to drum up support for this most unusual publication. At that point, I was not very impressed by the magazine's format, its subject matter or its cost. I was wrong.

REUNIONS, THE MAGAZINE comes out quarterly, costs \$24.00 a year (\$22.00 if you send a check with your order.) The magazine is not a thick one; the Winter, 1992 issue that I have numbers just 44 pages. It may be small, but believe me, this magazine is utterly PACKED with creative ideas for getting people together. It deals with every aspect of the process, including alumnae, military, family and adoptee/birthparent reunions. Classified advertising is available at \$1.00 per word.

From what I have seen, you will want to save every issue of REUNIONS, THE MAGAZINE as a resource. (Back issues are available.) A great deal of the featured material is of tremendous value to those of us who do serious genealogy. For more information or to subscribe, write to:

REUNIONS, THE MAGAZINE, INC.
P.O. Box 11727
Milwaukee, WI 53211-0727

---YOUR EDITOR

CCGS MAY AND JUNE MONTHLY MEETINGS SET

When: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday,
May 26, 1992
Where: VFW on E. Michigan Ave.,
Marshall, MI
Who: RICHARD CARVER
What: The subject is Co-
Authoring Two Books on
Marshall.

Marshall's own Richard Carver will speak at our May meeting. Born and raised in Marshall, he is a second generation Carver to live there, a fifth generation to live in Calhoun County and his grandson is the seventh generation. His grandparents lived in an area northeast of Marshall called Carverville. A well known historian, with forty years of research background, Richard and his wife, Joyce, are also active genealogists.

Richard and Bob Lowman recently co-authored a history of Marshall schools entitled Marshall Public Schools, The First 150 Years, which took them three years to finish. They are just now putting the finishing touches on a history of the City of Marshall...600 pages worth!

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Richard will share with us some of his experiences as an author and how he has solved some of his interesting problems in genealogy.

FRANK A. WINKLER, SR. of Elsie, Michigan will be the speaker for our June 23 meeting. We have heard that Frank transcribed nine cemeteries in a year, and I for one can't wait for him to tell us how. This will be the kickoff for the CCGS summer vacation cemetery transcription project mentioned earlier in this issue of GENERATIONS. The June meeting will also be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshall VFW.

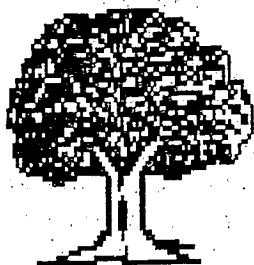
Be sure to remember that there will be no regular CCGS monthly meetings in either July or August. Have a happy summer and I'll see you in September at our fall Civil War seminar. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at these meetings!

Your program chairperson,

Jo Peck

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