



# Generations

Newsletter of the  
Calhoun County Genealogical Society  
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WHAT: Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting  
WHEN: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., September 28, 1993  
WERE: Marshall's VFW Hall, Marshall MI  
WHO: Larry Massie, Well-known Author and Lecturer

Larry Massie will be our guest speaker at this, our annual fall kick-off meeting. After the long hot summer we look forward to getting back to our monthly CCGs meetings, and how better than with our speaker for the month, Michigan Native Larry Massie.

He will speak to us about his research into cities, as he did for his book, "Battle Creek, the place behind the products," which he co-authored with Peter Schmitt. He will explain how he browses old book stores and finds all sorts of fascinating material. (We could well learn from him how to find our own city and ancestor material in this way.) And many other interesting topics, flavored with a genealogical theme. It is all genealogy, you know. He will be accompanied by his wife, Priscilla, and they will discuss their new recipe book which is filled with old recipes, too.

Born and raised in southwestern Michigan, Larry has always been interested in history. He earned his bachelor's, master's and a specialist's degree at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. A well-known area speaker, he also writes historical articles for many Michigan publications. He's a book collector, writer, and still makes times to speak at societies like ours.

I, for one can't wait to hear him speak. Join me in marking the calendar right now so as not to miss this exciting speaker and our meeting!

Jo Peck  
Program Chairman



Rob Rathburn wants further information about Cora Rathbun who married George Wilkes 6 July 1884 presumably in Calhoun Co. Help! Rob's address is 1029 Shive Lane E -4, Bowling Green, KY 42103

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NOTICE

Items for the November 1993 NEWSLETTER must be received by October 26, 1993. Send items to Pat or Val. Our addresses are found listed under the officers.



NOTICE

From Jo Peck: I will be teaching a fall Adult Education Genealogy Class in September at Kellogg Community College. If interested give me a call.



WORK IN PROGRESS

Winnie HARTUNG is busy working with the JOURNAL OF ALBION. She is making an index of the people found in the photographs in the issues from 1956-1983. These bound issues are available in the Local History Room at the Albion Public Library. What great things are being done by our volunteers.



WORK IN PROGRESS

Julia MILLER is hard at work. She is recording on 3x5" cards all obituaries that have appeared in Albion, MI, newspapers. She is using files that the Albion Evening Recorder office had as well as those found in the Albion Historical Society. This is taking lots of volunteer time and she is nearing the end of the G's. This information will be available in the Local History Room at the Albion Public Library.

## CEMETERY PROJECT UPDATE

Ruth Kaiser, Project Chair

Even a sprinkle plays havoc with a laser print out of a cemetery data base! Two attempts were made to recheck the Bentley Corners Cemetery in Clarendon Township, finally finishing in a light rain. These records will be published in July and ready to be delivered to the Calhoun County libraries and the State of Michigan Library. An inexpensive personal copy can be obtained by contacting the society at their Albion Library mailing address or checking with Marlene Steele at the Willard Library in Battle Creek. By checking those buried in the same plot, it is able to pick up new family relationships.

The Cook's Prairie project is behind schedule. The scheduled reading on the last Saturday in June was a beautiful day but many other activities had been scheduled also. Consequently, your project chair was the only one to appear! Make-up dates in July during the week have completed the first reading.

The last Saturday in August will be set aside to make the final check of Cook's Prairie. We will take our first look at West Clarendon on the last Saturday in September and continue the reading there in October.

### A TIDBIT OF INFORMATION

Julia Miller who is helping do the readings at cemeteries taught us about shaving cream. When she wants to read a headstone that is almost non-readable she will spray the stone with shaving cream and smooth the cream with a trowel. Presto, one can now read what is on the stone. Try it, it really works. Buy the largest and cheapest can of shaving cream. The cream does not hurt the stones and may even help clean some of them.

Interest in Clarence Township cemeteries has prompted me to plan several Monday readings in September at the smaller cemeteries. It would be appreciated if anyone interested in helping would call me by the previous Sunday evening.

The index cards for all Clarence Township cemeteries prepared by Ken and Shirley Stone will continue to be available to all members in the society file in the Albion Public Library History Room.

I will be out of the area from August 6-24 but returning several times. If you wish to reach me, send a message to the Calhoun Co. Genealogical Society, c/o of the Albion Library.

Please put the following scheduled cemetery reading dates on your calendar. I need to spend considerable time preparing the data base material and do not feel I should have to make reminder calls. Come with a partner or by yourself and you will find the project to be fun and you will have helped to make this wealth of material available.

Sat, Aug 28 @ 9:30	Cook's Prairie
Mon, Sep 13 @ 1:00	Hunt Cemetery
Mon, Sep 20 @ 1:00	Hunt Cemetery
Sat, Sep 25 @ 1:00	West Clarendon
Mon, Oct 4 @ 1:00	Hunt Cemetery
Mon, Oct 11 @ 1:00	Hunt Cemetery
Sat, Oct 23 @ 1:00	West Clarendon

Hunt Cemetery is located on V Drive North, 1/4 mile west of 26 Mile  
Cook's Prairie is on 23 Mile Road, 1/2 mile north of M60

West Clarendon is on M60, east of 18 1/2 Mile Road.



NICHOLS CEMETERY  
LOCATED  
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 26 MILE ROAD AND R DRIVE NORTH  
NEAR  
THE OLD BRICK NICHOLS SCHOOL  
ROWS ARE NORTH AND SOUTH  
BEGINNING AT THE WEST END

BURCH, Samuel  
d- 7 Oct 1865  
AE 53yr 4mo 21d  
Row 9 from the West

HOTCHKISS, Freddie  
Son of O. & M.E. HOTCHKISS  
d- 31 Aug 1882  
AE 15yr 2mo 10d  
Row 3 from the West

Common Stone for Mary E. &  
Oscar HOTCHKISS  
Mary E.  
b- 1839  
d- 1911  
Female 72 yrs

Oscar (Masonic Emblem on Stone)  
b- 1841  
d- no date

Inscribed Across The Top  
In My Fathers House Are  
Many Mansions  
Row 3 from the West

Unmarked Small Flat Stone  
Row 3 from the West

Three Unmarked Small Flat Stones  
Row 4 from the West

LAMB, Andrew  
d- 11 Aug 1862  
Male AE 62 yr 3mo 19d  
Row 3 from the West

LAMB, Susan  
Wife of Andrew LAMB  
d- 1897  
AE 90yr mo 15d  
Row 3 from the West

LAMB, Charles A.  
Son of S. & M.P. LAMB  
d- 1 Aug 1866  
AE 2yrs 6 mo  
Row 9 from the West

Unmarked Small Flat Stone  
Row 9 from the West

LAMB, Frances  
Dau of A. & S. LAMB  
D- 12 Jun 1858  
AE 20yr 3mo 7d  
Row 3 from the West

LAMB, Issac Common Marker  
with Nancy LAMB  
b- 23 Dec 1829  
d- 3 May 1899  
Male 70yrs

LAMB, Nancy  
b- 4 May 1829  
d- 24 July 1904  
Female 75yrs  
Row 1 from the West

LAMB, Mary P.  
Wife of Sanford LAMB  
d- 22 Aug 1880  
AE 44y 10mo  
Row 3 from the West

Two Unmarked Small Stones  
Row 2 from the West

LAMB, Sanford  
b- 1833  
d- 1926  
Male 93yrs  
Row 3 from the West

NICHOLS, Diana  
Wife of Jacob NICHOLS  
d- 2 Feb 1851  
Female AE 47yrs  
Row 1 from the West

NICHOLS, Frank  
Son of J.B. & M.O. NICHOLS  
d- 5 Dec 1859  
AE 10mo 3d  
Row 5 from the West

NICHOLS CEMETERY CON'T



NICHOLS, Jacob  
d- 30 Sep 1889  
Male AE 92yrs  
Row 1 from the West

Item from the Homer Index, Wed  
Nov. 14, 1883

Died

NICHOLS, James B.  
Civil War Marker Furnished  
by the Gov't.  
Jas. B. Nichols  
Co. A.  
8 Mich. Cav.  
No dates  
Row 5 from the West

Oct. 24, 1883, at the  
residence of his son J.B.  
Anderson, in Homer township,  
Mr. Benjamin S. Anderson, in  
the 64th year of his age. Mr.  
Anderson was widely known and  
highly esteemed. A large  
circle of relatives and friends  
mourn his death.

NICHOLS, Infant  
Dau. of J.B. & Z.M. NICHOLS  
No dates  
Row 5 from the West

He would not live always;

He asked not to stay

Where storm after storm

Rises o'er the dark way.

The few lurid mornings,

That dawn on us here,

Were enough for life's woes,

Enough for its cheer.

NICHOLS, Mercy O.  
Wife of James B. NICHOLS  
d- 9 Jul 1859  
AE 20yrs  
Row 5 from the West

Who would live always,

Away from his God;

Away from yon Heaven,

That blissful abode?

Where rivers of pleasure

Flow o'er the bright plains,

And the moontide of glory

Eternally reigns.

NICHOLS, Zuby M.  
Wife of James B. NICHOLS  
d- 27 Dec 1878  
AE 49yrs  
Row 5 from the West

Broken Stone  
Row 1 from the West

Where the saints of all ages,

In harmony meet,

Their Savior and brethren

Transported to greet,

While the anthems of rapture

Unceasingly roll,

And the smile of the Lord

Is the feast of the soul.

PARSHALL, Sanford  
b- 17 Aug 1871  
d- Apr 1872  
Row 9 from the West

INFORMATION COMPILED BY:  
KENNETH STONE



BLASHFIELD/CRANEL/CRANNELL/CRANDALL/GILKEY

Charles Herbert BLASHFIELD son of Hiram and Harriet (Gilkey)  
BLASHFIELD, b. 1846/47 Ross Twp. Kalamazoo Co. MI, m. Francelia  
M. CRANEL/CRANNELL/CRANDALL, 11 Jan 1868 Kalamazoo Co. MI, "C.H.  
Teamster" in 1889-90 Battle Creek MI directory; "Mary F. (wid.  
C.H.)" in 1893 Battle Creek MI directory. When did C.H. a/k/a  
Herbert die? Francelia M. bur. Oak Hill, Battle Creek MI,  
Herbert not bur in her lot, not even in the same cemetery!  
Where's Herbert?

Paul BACHMANN

QUERY: 1188 RIVER VALLEY  
FLINT MI 48532

MESSAGES FROM OUR PRESIDENT  
MARLENE STEELE

Please keep in mind that volunteers are always needed to help with many projects and deeds, LARGE OR SMALL. A foundation of many well set bricks or blocks, neatly cemented, is much more sturdy then one or two bricks with a huge load of many bricks heaped up above them. SOoooo-- PLEASE help carry the load.

CODE WORD FOR THE YEAR--PARTICIPATION !!!!!!!!

FOREWARNED IS TO BE FOREARMED!!

NOTICE: Changes in the By-Laws of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society are being considered and will be presented to all members when finalized. They will be acted upon in a special meeting segment prior to the beginning of a forth coming meeting of the society.

Hope to see all of you at our CCGS meetings during the 1993-1994 year.

Our nominating committee of; Audrey K. Caldwell, William J. Caldwell and Hazel Miller submit the following names for the offices of CCGS for the 1993-94 year.

CUT OFF AND MAIL IN

BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1993-1994

FOR CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESIDENT:

\_\_\_\_\_ MARLENE STEELE  
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VICE PRESIDENT:

\_\_\_\_\_ JO PECK  
\_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER:

\_\_\_\_\_ PAT SHIREY  
\_\_\_\_\_

RECORDING SECRETARY:

\_\_\_\_\_ BRENDA CORNISH  
\_\_\_\_\_

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

\_\_\_\_\_ ROMONA SHORT  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please vote for the slate of officers or write in your choice. Feel free to mail the ballot in with your dues or send it to CCGS, c/o of Albion Public Library, 501 S Superior St, ALBION, MI 49224.

## QUERIES FOR CCGS

Karan L. Zucal, 10111 Pheasant Lake Drive, South Lyon, MI 48178 is trying to determine if there is a relationship between the following three Wilson men of Burlington Township Calhoun County:

Luther Wilson m Margaret Warner 1838. Luther d 9 Aug 1885; Margaret d 20 Nov 1880

Joseph Wilson m Amy A Bennett in 1864

Benjamin Franklin Wilson m 1st Orinda Stack and 2nd Angeline Lansing 1868 in Ingham Co. Benjamin's parents were Joseph Wilson and Lucinda.....  
In some records the surname was spelled Willson.

Barbara A Oliver, 73 Tillotson Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 is interested in obtaining further information about her great grandfather, Willis Patrick Riley. He was born Feb 1862 in Leroy, Calhoun, MI. His parents were David Riley and Mary Cross who were married on 5 Aug 1857 in Calhoun Co. That is the only information she has.

MAIL IN YOUR  
BALLOT



BARTLETT, WILLIAM b.8-9-1808, NH; d.1869

m.5-7-1836, OH, Annie H. Butterfield, b. 10-26-1819, ME; d.3-17-1899 - *Houston Cemetery*

Occupation: Farmer

Children:

Florilla, b.6-8-1838, OH; m.6-1-1861, MI; d.8-6-1913, MI

Horace E., b.9-4-1840, OH; d.5-5-1860, MI

William E., b.10-16-1842, OH; d.12-16-1869, MI - *Houston Cemetery*

Gertrude L., b.9-19-1844, MI; m.11-11-1874, MI; d.3-21-1918, Green Bay, WI

Byron George, b.7-10-1847; d.12-9-1927, Menominee, MI

David, b.5-12-1848, MI; d.9-1-1849, MI *Houston Cemetery*

Charlotte E., b.8-4-1851, MI; d.7-4-1901 *Houston Cemetery*

Cyrus H., b.2-26-1854, MI *Houston Cemetery*

Lewis A. R., b.8-12-1856, MI *Houston Cemetery*

Clyde, b.3-23-1862, MI; d.1-24-1955, Morengo Twp., Calhoun Co., MI *Houston Cemetery*

BARTLETT, BYRON GEORGE b.7-10-1847, Newton, Calhoun Co., MI; d.12-9-1927, Menominee, MI

m.10-11-1871, Albion, MI, Ellen Sophia Smith, b.9-18-1845, Somersett, Jefferson Co.,

NY; d.10-19-1905, Menominee, MI

Occ. & Rel.: R.R. Fireman and Engineer, Mechanic; Baptist

Other Information:

Residence

Marshall, MI, 1864-71

U.S. Navy, 3-1 to 8-10-1865

Jackson, MI, 1871-80

Milwaukee, WI, 1880-83

Chillicothe, MO, 1883-90

(Family remained in Chillicothe until 1893.)

Temple, TX, 1890-92

New Orleans, LA, 1893

Menominee, MI, 1893-95

Cedarville Twp. and Menominee, Menominee Co., MI, 1895-1927

Employment

Mich. Central Railroad

Mich. Central Railroad

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad

" " " " " "

Santa Fe Railroad

I.C. & N.O. & S. Railroad

Children:

William Eben, b.12-19-1872, Jackson/Kalamazoo area, MI

Jessie Laura, b.11-8-1874, Kalamazoo, MI

Warren George, b.9-18-1877, Jackson/Kalamazoo area, MI

Bertha, b.8-11-1879, Jackson/Kalamazoo area, MI

Brant Lewis, b.12-22-1888, Chillicothe, MO

Horace J., b.11-10-1890, Chillicothe, MO

RESEARCHED by Virgil L. Bartlett, son of Brant Lewis Bartlett.

VIRGIL L. BARTLETT

3106-1 WILLO DR

BERRIEN SPRINGS MI 49193

Mr. Bartlett would like to hear from those who are related to him.  
Morengo Twp. is Marengo Twp., Newton is probably Newton Twp. (Editors)  
Houston Cemetery is located in Fredonia Twp., Calhoun Co. MI. It is #40  
on page 15 of the Michigan Cemetery Atlas.



ST. MARY CHURCH  
212 W. HANOVER  
MARSHALL, MI 49068

Our Policy on Providing Information to Persons Doing Genealogy Research:

About Our Records . . . . .

Our parish records for Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations, Marriages, and Death/burials are kept by individual name, not by family, within each category. For example, John Smith's Baptism is in one set of records, his Marriage in another, etc. Thus, to locate the marriage record of John Smith and Mary Jones might not be difficult, but, because our records are not kept by family group, to provide you with information on children born of this marriage would require a detailed and time-consuming search of Baptism records. Please keep this in mind when requesting information.

Research is done only by designated parish staff; public access to our records is not permitted. Our records have not been preserved on microfilm; there is only one copy in existence. Please understand that many of the ledgers are very old and fragile and would not withstand the stress of repeated handling. Also, records before 1950 are written in Latin and must be translated by the pastor.

While every attempt will be made to find the information you request, please remember that we cannot guarantee results. Also, due to our small staff and the time required to search and translate old records, we regret that we cannot offer "same day" service.

Schedule of Fees . . . . .

Baptism and/or Death & Burial Record -- \$5.00 for each name searched  
(Both records)

First Communion & Confirmation -- \$5.00 for each name searched  
(Both records)

Marriage Record -- \$5.00 for each marriage  
(\$2.00 for additional marriages involving same person)

Family Search  
(Names & Baptism records of children born of the Marriage) -- \$25.00 per family group.

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Please include with your request any information that would help us identify the person whose records you are seeking. A birth date (even an approximate time span) or the person's age at the time of the event is helpful. (Was Grandpa born between 1890 and 1900, or between 1910 and 1920? Was Uncle Tom twenty-five or seventy-five when he married Aunt Betty?)

Were there variations in the spelling of the surname? (Smith can be Smyth or Smythe.) What names did the person use? ("Millie" could be Mildred or Amelia in our records. "Joe" could be Jose or Joseph, or Josiah.) For a woman, be sure to include maiden name and any married names.

To Request a Search of Our Records . . . . .

Please fill out the Request Form(s) and return to our office along with a check in the proper amount payable to St. Mary Church.



## CCGS Membership Report, Ruth Kaiser, Chair

**It is nearing that time again!**

Your 1992-1993 membership expires September 30, 1993.

Please use the enclosed form to send in your annual dues.

We will soon publish a surname listing, so include your names on the form.

New members since the February issue of Generations include:

Sally Bentley, 510 East Drive, Marshall MI 49068

Tom Collins, 3137C Via Vista, Laguna Hills CA 92653-2731

Howard List, 247 Central Avenue, Battle Creek MI 49017

Vera M. Sunday, 2251 Springport Road, Jackson MI 49202

R. Jeanne Sidnam, 631 Beech Street #6, Charlotte MI 48813

Arlene Berry, 267 Avenue C, Battle Creek MI 49015

George A. Merriam, 59 Piper Avenue, Battle Creek MI 49017

Virgil Bartlett, 3106-1 Willo Drive, Berrien Springs MI 49103



FROM YOUR EDITORS: Liability

We work hard to keep errors out of our writing. If errors creep in we can't be held responsible. Often we are printing other peoples research. We try to include the original work given to us for the newsletter when possible.

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Thank you,  
Ruth Davis Kaiser, Membership Chair

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ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00  
October 1, 1993 - September 30, 1994

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWAL\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER\_\_\_ TELEPHONE\_\_\_\_\_

If you wish a membership card, please check here \_\_\_\_\_

Make your checks payable to the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

Send to: CCGS Membership Chair  
c/o Albion Public Library, 501 S. Superior, Albion, MI 49224

Please list below, surnames of your research families.

COMING EVENTS-MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUG 1993

No monthly CCGS Meeting.

28 Sep 1993

Well-known author and lecturer, Michigan's own Larry Massie, and his wife, will speak at our fall kick-off meeting at Marshall's VFW Hall, 7PM. His subject will be, "Pages From the Past."

26 Oct 1993

A tour of Willard Library's Local History Room, hosted by Marlene Steele and several of her library volunteers, 7 W. Van Buren, BC, 7PM.

23 Nov 1993

CCGS will hold its own Mini-Workshop, with areas geared for the beginners as well as the experienced among us. Marshall's VFW Hall, 7PM.

Dec 1993

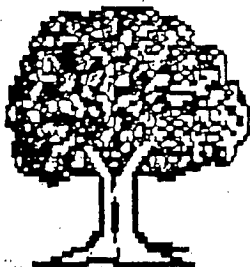
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No monthly CCGS Meeting.

ATTENTION!

Please watch for announcements of our Genealogical Society's meetings and projects in your local newspaper.

**Calhoun County  
Genealogical Society**



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