

# Generations

Newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society Founded 1988

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WHAT: Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., 25 January and 22 February, 1994

WHERE Marshall's VFW Hall, Marshall, MI

Our own Jo Peck Will speak at the 25 January meeting on The Stories in My Notebooks. She will tell us some of the fascinating stories she found and which are illustrated in her fifty or more family notebooks. A descendant of generations of pack rats, Jo will share with us some of the material it is possible to acquire through this tendency. She writes a weekly genealogy column for the Marshall Chronicle, teaches adult education classes in genealogy at KCC and the Valentine center, and is Vice President of CCGS.

Tom and Ann Scovel, owners of the new Heritage Unlimited Bookshop in Grand Rapids, will speak at our 22 February meeting. Ann Scovel will tell us about their bookshop and what books, maps, magazines, forms, services, etc., are available for us as genealogists right there. Her husband Tom will discuss genealogical computing and tell us what he has available to us in that line. Their store is a dream to browse in and is easy to find. Come and hear them speak, get the directions to the store, and go. Or, maybe plan to do some of your special Christmas Shopping right there even before you hear them speak. The address is 4068 Chicago Drive, Grandville, Michigan, 49418, phone (616) 530-3359.

Mark your calendar now so you don't forget these meetings. We'll see you there! And in the meantime, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Calhoun County Genealogical Society!

Program Chairman



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RUTH KAISER ADDRESS ABOVE

#### NEWS ITEM

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MEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

TOM STRUBLE and the Valentine Center.



#### NOTICE

Items for the February 1994 **NEWSLETTER** must be received by 25 January 1994. Send items to Pat or Val, our addresses are found listed under the officers. We need material for the next issue. Send in queries and interesting items about families.



#### **PROGRESS**

Julia MILLER is still hard at work, recording the obituaries that have appeared in Albion, MI newspapers. She now is working on the M's. These are available in the Local History Room at the Albion Public Library.



#### **NEW HOURS**

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM ALBION PUBLIC LIBRARY ALBION MI

> TUESDAY 12-5PM WEDNESDAY 12-5PM THURSDAY 12-5PM

#### 1993 CEMETERY PROJECT REPORT, Ruth Kaiser, chair

Sixteen different days have been scheduled for cemetery readings, both in Clarendon and Clarence Townships. Four times your project chair was the only participant. This fall we have concentrated on the small cemeteries in Clarence Township. My thanks to the dedicated 8 who have volunteered a total of 90 hours to date (Oct. 22). These include: Mary Lou Crandall, Pat Geyer, Amanda Kail (Pat Geyer's granddaughter), Julia Miller, Val Radee, Ramona Short, Lois Snow, Ken Stone. This doesn't include uncountable computer input hours.

It appears that more participants are available during the week than on Saturdays. The Saturday monthly dates at Cooks Prairie didn't produce much results, which means this material won't be available until 1994. The Bentley Corners Cemetery will be available at the November CCGS meeting.

A combined transcription of Hunt (North Clarendon), Krenerick, Nichols and Dyer will also be available at the November meeting. Original Clarence Township transcriber, Ken Stone, and volunteer, Ramona Short, are currently checking these records and the readings with my computer printout.

Next year we will schedule a weekly reading during the week; tentatively on Wednesdays, concentrating on Cooks Prairie and Clarence Center. Anyone who plans to attend will be asked to check with the project chair for location and any weather complications.

In the meantime the Clarence Center original data cards, prepared by Ken Stone, and arranged alphabetically, are available through CCGS at the Albion Public Library History Room. In addition, I will provide the Willard and Albion History Rooms with a first draft alphabetical copy of all the material in process to date. This will include Clarence Center (Clarence Township in the northeast corner of the county) and Cooks Prairie and West Clarendon in Clarendon Township (a southeast section of the county).

I have also received word from Meda Francisco that she would be glad to give information regarding burials in Newton Township's only cemetery. She can be contacted by calling 616/979-2791 or at her address, 10343 F Drive South, Ceresco, MI 49033. She is a member of the cemetery committee and has cards on all burials and their location.

Booklets are available at Calhoun Co. Genealogical Society Meetings or by writing to CCGS, c/o Albion Public Library, 501 South Superior, Albion MI 49224:

Rice Creek Cemetery: \$5.00 + \$1.50 shipping and handling St. Joseph Cemetery: \$4.00 + 1.50 shipping and handling

Marriages in Calhoun County, \$10.00 + \$2.00 shipping and handling

Family Group sheets: \$3.00/100

CCGS Tote Bags: \$13 to members and \$15 to general public

# PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 1992-93 MARLENE STEELE

Activities were planned for the months of September 1992 through June 1993, with the exception of December. A very cooperative Executive Board and Program chairman plus several helpful volunteers were able to present various programs for the general membership. We need to keep in mind that it takes a great deal of effort to keep the quality of offerings running smoothly.

I will report on several programs that I had direct involvement with concerning presentation or preparation.

September 1992- Civil War Researching Seminar.

Prepared for the packets of materials a bibliography of published materials of Willard Library's MI room holdings. Prepared list and overview of several libraries, archives and research center and their collections which included addresses of various institution.

Winter 1993 - Volunteers and board members helped conduct experimental session of mini-workshops.

March 1993- Presented a program at Willard Library, which dealt with the issue of Land Records, how to search, locate and understand the information provided

I have a tendency to try and nag people for help who are members, but have failed to participate for one reason or another. We need help from members of CCGS.

Queries sent to CCGS have been answered by mail, by Hazel Miller, Sister Georgia Brown, and Ramona Short to name a few, as well as by me. Other Board members have also helped. At Willard over 25 requests have been addressed. Most from out of state.

Shining efforts include, Cemetery projects, the Newsletter, program chair, the treasurer, organization of the archives and membership.

I thank everyone for their HELP!

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"I am looking for the descendants of Edward Hume born 19 October 1800 in Quebec Canada. Came to USA in 1819. Married 28 December 1825 at Hartland, Niagara N.Y. to Mary 'Polly' Palmer. She was born in 1809 at Clarendon, Rutland County, Vermont. She died 15 August 1845 at Shelby, Orleans Co. N. Y. Their six children were Joseph born in Niagara Co. N.Y.; Edward, William, Hiram Warren, Charles Wesley, and Lafayette

born in Shelby Orleans Co. N.Y. After Mary's (Polly) death Edward is said to have married

again and with the youngest son, Lafayette, born 15 June 18?? went to Michigan and settled in the Battle Creek and Augusta area."

Edna (Hume) Clark box 391

Hemingford, NE 69348-0391

## Commencement Exercises

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Briday Evening, June 26, 1874.

CLASS OF 1874.

CLARENCE J PAUL, Latin Course.

WILLIAM IRVING HAMILTON, English Course and French

CHARLES WALLACE BADGLEY, Latin Course.

WILLIAM HOUGHTON GLEASON, English Course.

EVANGELINE MECHEM, English Course.

JOSEPHINE VIRGINIA HARRISSON, English Course.

JESSIE PEW COLLIER, English Course.

ISABELLA ANNIS CROSBY, English Course.

Source: Willard Library

Please send to your editors, early 1800's lists of Commencement Exercises for schools in Calhoun County, Michigan. We would also like early rural schools programs to include in the Newsletter.



# ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MUSIC BY J. J. EVANS' QUINTETTE.

PRAYER.

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SALUTATORY ADDRESS, ESSAY—Shapeless Sculpture, ORATION—The Reality,

- Charence J Paul Evangeline Mechem. \*William Houghton Gleason.

MUSIC.

ESSAY-Brushing Away the Cob-webs,

Josephine Virginia Harrisson.

ORATION-Scena Vitie,

†Charles Wallace Badgley.

#### MUSIC.

ESSAY—The Unseen, - Isabella Annis Crosby. ORATION—The Value of Political Mistakes, Charence J. Paul. MUSIC.

ESSAY-Modern Delusions, 5 4 Jessie Pew Collier.
ORATION-Results of Management, William Irving Hamilton.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS, - Evangel

Evangeline Mechem.

Presentation of Diplomas by the President of the Board of Education.

MUSICHY J. J. EVANS QUINTETTE.

The above studies are excepted on the Diptomax. Full Diptomas will be awarded upon examinations showing a satisfactory completion of the studies above manual.

<sup>\*</sup> Course completed except Algebra, Chemistry, Botany and English Literature.

<sup>†</sup> Course completed except Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy, Modern History and English Literature.

<sup>2</sup> Course completed except Geometry.

# GENEALOGICAL REFERENCE MATERIALS Given to Willard Library by Howard M. List 247 Central St. Battle Creek, MI 49017

History of Kentucky, Collins Vol I and Vol II, 1874.

Kentucky"s Bicentennial Family Register, 1977.

The Demarest Family Genealogy, Vol I and II, pub. 1964. Supplement to 2nd edition Demarest Family, Pub. 1971.

<u>Banta Pioneers</u>, Elizabeth M. Banta, Pub. 1973. Supplement to First edition <u>Banta Pioneers</u>.

The Bantas of Pleasant Hill Kentucky, Joan England Murray.

The Durie Family, Howard I. Durie, Pub. 1985.
List Family Heritage Book, Beatrice Baylay, Pub. 1979.

<u>Demarest Family Charts</u>, a summary of genealogical research complied by Franklyn Frick, 1984.

York County, PA., Church Records of 18th Century, Vol I, Pub. 1991.

Dumont Heritage, History of Old Schraalenberg, NJ., Pub. 1969.

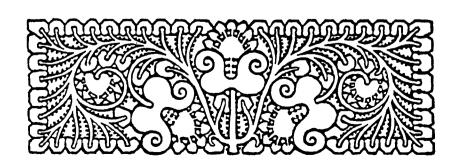
Swiss and German Pioneers of Southeastern PA, Frank Eshleman, Pub. 1969.

A Sweet and Alien Land, History of the Dutch In New York, Henri and Barbara Vanderzee Pub. 1987.

A Frisian Family- The Banta Genealogy, Theodore Melvin Banta, Pub. 1893, Pub. University Microfilms, Xerox Corp., Ann Arbor, MI.

<u>Twelve Conewago Families</u>, from the notes of Mabel Boyce Spell. Mabel, a genealogist, wrote the narrative introduction to <u>DEMAREST FAMILY Genealogy</u>, a cousin to Howard List.

\*These references have family notes, with data on BANTA & DEMAREST families compiled by Howard M. LIST.



#### 1992-1993 TREASURER REPORT

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#### EXPENDITURES:

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Michigan Geneological Council 1991-92	\$ 20.85
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Federation of Geneological Societies 1992-93	3 \$ 32.00
Rental of V.W. Hall (Oct.Nov.Jan.Feb.)	\$ 100.00
VCR tapes	\$ 10.00
Final seminar costs	\$ 86.00
Duplication costs for newsletters, mailings,	
Stamps	\$ 281.13
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Submitted by Pat Shirey, treasurer







#### Genealogy Not An Academic Subject?

The President of Elderhostel is reported to be considering eliminating genealogy as a topic from its schedule of classes by next year. The staff in Boston, obviously not genealogists, believes that genealogy is not an academic subject and that it does not fall within the realm of the liberal arts.

If Elderhostel eliminates genealogy as a course of study, that decision will impact many thousands of individuals who need and want the skills necessary to do their research. For the past decade, the week-long Elderhostel classes have been a cost effective means for Senior Citizens to learn how to research their ancestral history. A decision to eliminate genealogy classes also will be a slap in the face of all genealogists who endeavor to research their family history in an academic manner, with high standards of historical research.

Is genealogy not an academic subject? Is genealogy, a branch of history, not a liberal arts study? If you would like to express your opinion to Elderhostel's President, contact William D. Berkley, Elderhostel, 75 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110-1941.

#### OGS NEWSLETTER 24:08 (1993)

From the Editors;

Please respond to this notice in the Ohio G.S.Newsletter: Address is given.

Pat and Bob Geyer have been in the Elderhostel program at Brigham Young University and it was outstanding. The program sponsored by the New England Genealogical Society in Boston was so full no chance to get in.



# Genealogical Event of the Century! August 4 - 6, 1994

To be held in historic Fort Wayne, Indiana

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To receive further information, when available, clip the coupon below and return to:

Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library, P. O. Box 2270, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801-2270

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#### TOMBSTONE PUBLICATIONS

Margaret R. Jenks 18614 Preston Road Hagerstown, MD 21742-2622 301-791-6972

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CASTLETON, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1989
104 Pages, 11 Cemeteries, 5280 Names, Maps, Indexed -- \$16.00 Postpaid

CHITTENDEN, MENDON, PITTSFIELD & SHERBURN, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1992 106 Pages, 25 Cemeteries, 4500 Names, Illustrations, Maps, Indexed \$15.00 Postpaid

CLARENDON & SHREWSBURY, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1992

DANBY & MT. TABOR, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT, CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1988 21 Cemeteries, Maps, Indexed, out of print, reprint early 1994

FAIR HAVEN & WEST HAVEN, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1990 225 Pages, 12 Cemeteries, 9850 Names, Maps, Indexed - \$20.50 Postpaid

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS & IRA, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1983 62 Pages, 4 Cemeteries, 2800 Names, Maps, Indexed, \$11.00 Postpaid

PAWLET, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1985 106 Pages, 7 Cemeteries, 5400 Names, Maps, Indexed, \$16.00 Postpaid

PITTSFORD & PROCTOR, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1992 207 Pages, 9 Cemeteries, 10,500 Names, Illustrations, Maps, Indexed \$25.00 Postpaid

POULTNEY, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1983 134 Pages, 13 Cemeteries, 7500 Names, Maps, Indexed, \$16.00 Postpaid

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WALLINGFORD & MOUNT HOLLY, RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1992
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Revised edition, 54 Pages, 8 Cemeteries, 2350 Names, Maps, Indexed, \$10.00 Postpaid

GRANVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS - 1993 306 Pages, 20 Cemeteries, 15,250 Names, Maps, Illustrations, Indexed, \$32.50 Postpaid



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Mail to: Mrs. Margaret R. Jenks, 18614 Pre	ston Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742-2622



Brandon, Rutland, VT [West Rutland & Danby & Mt. Tabor early 1994]

LITTLEFIELD GENEALOGY DEPOSITORY
Marguerite (Fleury) Kernaghan
511 La Escena Drive
Bellvue, CO 80512-6322
(303) 493-4471

Marguerite Kernaghan is researching in depth the name LITTLEFIELD. She is recording all immigrant Littlefield down to the youngest members in 1993. She is doing both matrilineal and patrilineal lines. When completed the work will be donated to the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, IN. The work will not be copyrighted. She is looking for anything of interest concerning your family connection to the lines. Items such as birth records, marriage, death certificates, military service and other tidbits of information.

She is willing to pay postage and photocopying costs, just let her know. She descends from Edmund and Annis (Austin) Littlefield of Wells ME.

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.

### CCGS Membership Report, Ruth Kaiser, Chair

#### DID YOU REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES??

The 1992-1993 membership expired September 30, 1993. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, check the mailing label on your GENERATIONS. It will state the expiration date of your dues.

# THIS IS A COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T PAID. NO MORE WILL BE SENT UNTIL DUES ARE CURRENT.

Please use the enclosed form to send in your annual dues. We will publish a surname listing, so include your surnames on the form.

Last year the membership totaled 130; to date (23 Oct) we have 81 paid members, including 18 new members. New members since the August issue of Generations include:

Merlene M. Black, 11910 L Drive North, Battle Creek MI 49017
Beverly J. Boehmer, 417 West Hanover, Marshall, MI 49068
Elma E. Wisnieski Carpenter, 194 Bradley, Battle Creek MI 49017
Sandra Kay Christie, 261 Lindsay, Battle Creek MI 49017
Robert & Kathryn Crozier, 235 Martha Drive, Battle Creek MI 49015
Arleine L. Ebeling, 4480 East Halbert Road, Battle Creek MI 49017
Lois Ellison, 19006 V Drive North, Olivet MI 49076
Betty J Hopkins, 350 Cornell Drive Battle Creek MI 49017
David Renshaw, 235 West Lockwood, Coldwater MI 49036
Julie Ann Root, 110 Harriet Lane, Battle Creek MI 49017
Dave & Cheri Ruble, 180 Adams, Battle Creek MI 49015

#### CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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Make your checks payable to the Calhoun County Genealogical Society and 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

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.

25 Jan 1994

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22 Feb 1994

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ATTENTION!

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

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