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- WHAT:** Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting
- WHO:** Laura Byers, Director of Family History Center
- WHERE:** L.D.S. Family History Center in Jackson
- WHEN:** Tuesday, November 15, 1994
- DIRECTIONS:** Exit I-94 East at M-60 exit near Jackson. Exit at Michigan Avenue and go east as if headed for Westwood Mall. At the first traffic signal, turn right on Robinson Rd. Go about one mile (past a large church on your right) and make a left on Morrell. Just past a small woods is the Latter Day Saints Church. Turn right and park clear around to the back.
- HOLDINGS:** International Genealogical Index (IGI) on both fiche & computer
Family History Catalog of the Family History Center in Salt Lake City on both fiche and computer
Accelerated Index System-Surname index to census records from 1790 - 1850. This index will help you find people who have moved from state to state
Scottish Records
200 Most Used Books From Salt Lake on Fiche
Personal Ancestral File on Computer
Social Security Index on Computer
Korean War and Vietnam War Records on Computer
Access to millions of records from Salt Lake City

Laura has been working on her family history for about thirty years and comes from a family of 'savers' and record keepers. Her mother has a little black book where she makes notes of daily happenings. The family has saved letters from the Civil War era, the time of the gold rush and other old letters and documents. Laura teaches classes on researching one's 'roots' and has wide experience in helping people find answers to their questions. If you have questions, call Ramona at 517-629-2384.

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NOTICE

Items for the FEB 1915 NEWSLETTER must be received by the 24th of JAN 1995. Send items to Pat or Val, our addresses are found listed under officers and board members. Please send us your queries and other items of interest. We need your help!

LIABILITY

Your Editors work hard to keep errors out of the Newsletter. If errors creep in we can not 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.

MEETING CANCELLATIONS

If meetings need to be canceled due to weather conditions, we will try to get the notice out to the public. Feel free to call any of the officers or board members listed on the second page of the Newsletter. We will try to use local radio stations too!

KRENERICK CEMETERY GRADING BEE RESULTS IN FINE IMPROVEMENT

The grading bee held at the Krenerick cemetery last Thursday afternoon was well attended, twenty-one members of the association being present, enabling them to practically complete leveling the surface and getting it in a condition so the cemetery can all be mowed with the lawn mower next year.

There will not be any more meetings at the cemetery until the annual meeting next year, May 29, 1924. Those who have an interest and have not attended other meetings should remember the date and turnout for the election of officers and other business that may come before the meeting will be transacted.

Fri 19 Oct 1923, Albion Evening Recorder

CEMETERY PROJECT REPORT
Ruth Kaiser, Project Chair

This year six volunteers went 14 times to "visit dead people" for a total of 105 hours plus a minimum of another 44 hours by your chair to input material on computer data base. My thanks to these dedicated helpers: Pat Geyer, Val Radee, Cora Rosenau, Dave Ruble, Ramona Short.

We have checked all stones in the Cook's Prairie Cemetery. These entries will soon be added to the computer data base and if all the final checking goes well, a booklet could be ready before the end of the year.

We have almost completed West Clarendon but it will be next spring before we can make a final check. The process is slow; sometimes taking two people an hour to finish one row. But it has been rewarding because there are many old grave sites.

A number of people have indicated an interest in participating but have not been available to work on Wednesday in the southeast end of the county. I have received word from Bob Secrist that he would be happy to call prospective readers in the Battle Creek or Marshall area to see if we can get another group working in the other end of the county next year.

Booklets now available include:
\$5.00 Rice Creek in Lee Township
\$4.00 St Joseph, Clarendon Township
\$4.00 Bentley Corners, Clarendon Township
\$6.00 Hunt, Krenerick and Nichols in Clarence Township

You may get your booklet at a meeting or order it through the CCGS mailing address. (Please add \$2 to the price for mailing expense)

I have learned of other cemetery records which have been prepared by area individuals. Meda Francisco has offered to give information to those interested in Newton Township's only cemetery. You may contact her at 10343 F Drive South, Ceresco, Michigan 49033 or call 616/979-2791.

Before I leave for Florida in December, I will prepare a rough copy of the records now in process. These will include Clarence Center and West Clarendon (also Cook's Prairie if not finished) cemeteries. Copies will be available in the Albion, Battle Creek and Marshall libraries

CCGS BEGINS ITS 7TH YEAR

On September 27th our fall season began with fifty four members present. Year end reports, announcements, and committee reports were given. Changes to the By-Laws were approved. New officers were installed by the outgoing President, Marlene Steele. Incoming President Jo Peck presented Mrs. Steele with two volumes of "Early Settlers of New York State" as a token of appreciation for her dedication to the Society.

Our speaker, Mrs. Shirley Hodges, spoke on "Genealogy and Genetics". Her fascinating topic covered the effects of mutation, disorders and diseases on our genes. She showed how to trace our genes through death records and any medical information available to us. She illustrated the importance of family history in abusive or dysfunctional families. She recommended the excellent resource, "Mapping Our Genes" for further reading.

Refreshments were served following the program, allowing time for members to meet their new officers, and to ask questions of Mrs. Hodges

NEW OFFICERS:

President: Jo Peck
Vice Pres: Ramona Short
Corresponding Sec: Cheri Ruble
Recording Sec: Verla Potts

NEW CHAIRPERSONS ARE:

Membership: Tom Struble
Program: Ramona Short
Publicity: Brenda Cornish

Respectfully submitted by Verla Potts, Recording Secretary.



27 September 1994

CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Annual Statement

1993-1994



Many Thanks to the members of this organization for the privilege of serving as the president for the past two years, and vice-president the two years before.

I think the Society has grown, and has a fine outlook for the future.

REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Cemetery committee - Has continued the recording project and put into print during 1993 and 1994 BENTLEY CORNERS CEMETERY, Clarendon Twp. COOKS PRAIRIE CEMETERY, Clarence Twp.
- Membership- Approximately 130 and holding steady
- GENERATIONS/Editors- --Have held to their deadlines and publishing dates, have produced 4 informative and well organized issues.
- Printing- --Efforts were coordinated by the immediate past president with KCC and each issue arrived to us in a timely fashion.
- Treasurer- --Has been present at meetings, has had the balance on hand available, paid bills, balanced statements, and put the checkbook back on the right track.
- Secretaries- --Minutes and notices have been ready for use at the meetings
--Correspondence handled properly and some directed our query volunteer at Willard Library, with some being answered from the Albion area. Business letters were attended to.
- Archives- --File cabinet is getting full, but not necessarily with ancestor charts or group sheets. THOSE WE NEED!! Efforts are being made to promote more use of news-letters we receive from other societies.
- Programs- --Suggestions for programs were given by the board and myself and I thought they were of good quality and informative. The Vice President made the arrangements.
- Publicity- --The publicity was handled with efficiency and on time. We appreciate the effort of the publicity chairman.

Goals have not exactly been met but all in all I think the society has shown improvement and continued growth.

My personal goal continues to provide help and service to out of town members and persons who place queries with us. I still think we need a structured research service (not expensive) with the funds going to our treasury, but I have had trouble convincing the board of that project. All of you could be helping to provide a little bit of that service. I APPRECIATE everybody's Help. SEVERAL INDEXES HAVE BEEN MADE BY ONE OR TWO VOLUNTEERS AT BOTH LIBRARIES.

*Thank You
all,
Maryanne
Hick*

QUERY

I am researching the following families and would like to correspond with descendants.

Ozias WELLS, b. 15 May 1796 at Northampton, Fulton Co., NY; d. 5 Aug 1832 at Princeton, Mercer Co., NY. (Son of Green Wells and Abigail WHITE) Ozias md. Mary KENNEDY (dau. of John Kennedy and Anna), 18 Mar 1818 at Sullivan, Madison Co., NY; Mary was born 21 Feb 1799 at Halfmoon, Saratoga Co., NY, and died 23 Mar 1885 at Kalamo, Eaton Co., MI.

Their children: Benjamin F. WELLS, md. 1st Anna BENHAM, 2nd Malissa HAMILTON. Thurston WELLS, md. 1st Sarah HALL, 2nd Salome CRANDALL. William W. WELLS, md. Martha CLARK. Hannah WELLS, md a Mr. PERRY. Mary Jane WELLS, md. a Mr. HUMMESTON. Lucinda WELLS, md. a Mr. HALL. Nancy WELLS, md. James DOOLITTLE.

Benjamin was in Clarendon Twp., Calhoun Co., MI in the 1840's and later moved to Eaton Co. Thurston was also in Clarendon Twp., Calhoun Co. MI but later moved to Woodson, KS. William stayed in Clarendon Twp. and the Homer area where he died. Nancy remained in Clarendon Twp. Have need for information concerning Hannah, Mary Jane and Lucinda.

Would like to also correspond with descendants of Green WELLS, who was a brother of Ozias WELLS. He located in Calhoun Co. MI.

Barnes KENNEDY and John KENNEDY, brothers of Mary KENNEDY came and settled in Calhoun Co., MI. Would like to hear from their descendants as well. These families were in Calhoun Co., MI from the mid 1800's.

Thank you,

VALERIE RADEE
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QUERY

Looking for information on the family of George Franklin PRIEST. George F. PRIEST married Elma E. CRANMORE 19 Jul 1913 in Marshall. She was the daughter of Warren Edwin CRANMORE and Alma Eunice FOUNTAIN of Rice Creek. They had two children: Lloyd Melbourne PRIEST 1914-1924, buried in Rice Creek Cemetery and Lucille Elaine PRIEST, b. c. 1915. George drowned 20 Aug 1916 and Elma remarried Elmer Traxler SPRIGGS, 6 Jan 1920 in Battle Creek. I want to contact the family of Lucille Elaine PRIEST. Will answer all letters. Thank you.

JOLENE KELLY PILLARS
8210 N SEVEN MILE
MESICK MI 49668-9392

QUERY

I am researching the BOTHWELL and DUTTON families of Calhoun County and Jackson County. Both families settled in the area at an early date (1830's).

Both families lived in the Albion and Sheridan area. I have collected information on the family and would gladly share. I have information starting with my 3rd great grandmother, Nancy Dutton BOTHWELL.

Would like to correspond with descendents of these families.

Thank you,

TERRY GORNEY
4723 BARRINGTON DR
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REFERENCES AT WILLARD LIBRARY BATTLE CREEK MI.

Fiche for the 1984 Edition of the IGI for 31 states.

45 Published titles of Michigan Resources on Microfilm.

Four volumes of Hillsdale County, Michigan Cemetery Records.

Two State of Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directories for 1856/57 and 1875.

Detroit City Directories for 1837, 1845, 1850/51, 1852/53, 1853/54, 1855/56, 1856/57, 1857/58, 1859, 1860/61 on fiche.

Grand Rapid City Directories for 1856 and 1859/61 on fiche.

Willard has all of the Federal Michigan Census on microfilm for 1830 through 1920. There are also some of the "Michigan" census for many counties for 1884 and 1894.

Information from Marlene Steele.



MURDER

Murder- A Mr. Leonard, of the town of Lee in this county, was murdered by his daughter, while sitting at the breakfast table on Fri. the 22nd. Our informant says that the girl was insane. She stuck him with an axe upon the head, killing him almost instantly. She is now in the Marshall jail.

THE ALBION WEEKLY MIRROR, Albion, Michigan, Thurs. Sept. 4, 1856.

ANNOUNCING CCGS NEWS

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society gave donations of \$500.00 to The Albion Public Library: Local History Room, The Marshall Public Library, and to Willard Library. At this time we are pleased to report what was purchased for the Willard Library.

American Wills Proved in London, 1611 to 1755 by Peter Wilson Coldham. \$30.00

American Quaker Genealogy Volume II: New Jersey and Pennsylvania. \$75.00

American Quaker Genealogy Volume VI: Virginia. \$75.00

Detroit city directory for 1890. R.L. Polk & Co.
(Microfilm Reel #8) \$55.00

Historic Michigan, land of the Great Lakes. George N. Fuller. (Microfilm Reel #65)

History of Ottawa county, 1882. (Microfilm Reel #67)

Illustrated atlas of Oakland county, 1896. (Microfilm Reel #65)

Illustrated historical atlas of the counties Ottawa and Kent, 1876. Microfilm Reel #67)

Index of history of Ottawa county Michigan. (Microfilm Reel #67)

Index for portrait and biographical album of Oakland county, 1891. (Microfilm Reel #65)

The Pennsylvania-German in the Revolutionary War, 1744 to 1783
edited by Henry M. Richards. \$35.00

Plat book of Ogemaw county, 1903. (Microfilm Reel #67)

Plat book of Osceola county, 1903. (Microfilm Reel #67)

Portrait and biographical album of Oakland county, 1891.
(Microfilm Reel #65)

Portrait and biographical album of Osceola county, 1884.
(Microfilm Reel #67)

Records of Plymouth Colony: Births, Marriages, Deaths, Burials and Other Records, 1633 to 1689. \$25.00

Territorial Papers of the United States: The Territory of Michigan, 1805-37. (Microfilm - two rolls #7, 8) \$46.00

Microfilm Reel #65 and #67 were \$100.00 each.

Information provided by Marlene Steele.

THE HISTORY OF CLARENCE TOWNSHIP THEN AND NOW

(TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST,
CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN)



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A NEW BOOK IS IN PROCESS!

Kenneth W. Stone, a member of our Society, has given us information about THE HISTORY OF CLARENCE TOWNSHIP for inclusion in this newsletter--- an exciting addition to the records of Calhoun County. The book will contain 300+ pages with about 220 pictures. It will sell for \$25.00 and if mailed there will be an additional charge for handling of \$3.00. It should be done by Christmas. Each of the committee will have a number of copies to sell, and they will be available at the township hall as well.

Much information is included about early life in Clarence Twp., memories of Indians, Geological history, Township formation, early census records, schools, cemeteries, roads, biographies of many families, clubs, organizations, 'around Duck Lake', veterans, businesses, the memories of many people, agriculture, photos and other memorabilia.

This work is an important addition to the historical record of our county.

The following are excerpts from the June 23, 1917 Battle Creek Moon-Journal article entitled "Red Cross Boys Pass The Tests: Hundred And Twelve Accepted After Physical Examination" excluding the lists of names. The names that were mentioned in the article can be found on the attached lists.

Red Cross Boys Pass The Tests

One hundred and twelve young men from Battle Creek and other cities of the state have been accepted by examining officials for American Red Cross Ambulance company No. 11 and the company roster is announced today by Captain James T. Case. More recruits will probably be added before the company leaves.

Captain Case is in Chicago today and expects to return with orders for the company to move to Allentown, Pa. It is expected that the local organization will be called upon to depart within but a few hours' notice. The exact time of departure is still unknown.

The company will be led by Captain Case. His lieutenants are Doctors Carl Wencke and A.H. Ross of the Sanitarium and A.C. McCurdy and W.N. Putman of this city.

Following are the Battle Creek men accepted by Captain W.B. Borden of the U.S. Army Medical corps. . . (see the attached list)

Six young men who came from Marquette to enlist and who brought a pledge of \$2,000 for the local company are. . . (see the attached list)

Those who have enlisted from other cities of the state to serve with the local company are. . . (see the attached list)

Drill was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon by members of the company. The men will meet at the College building at the Sanitarium at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow for a photograph, after which regular army religious services will be conducted on the lawn of the college.

Every man has now been equipped with his comfort bag, cot and a heavy blanket. A number of stretchers have been received here, but the uniforms and other equipment will not be given out until the company reaches the mobilization camp at Allentown, Pa.

Name	Address	City
Aagaard, T.H.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Adams, William C.		
Allwardt, Frank A.	75 Harvard St.	Battle Creek
Allwardt, Lawrence	75 Harvard St.	Battle Creek
Andre, Clarence L.	86 Sanderson	Battle Creek
Ashley, Edwin O.		
Austin, Carl M.		
Baker, James B.	188 North Ave.	Battle Creek
Baker, R.C.		
Bauer, Harold H.	17 Mary	Battle Creek
Becker, Max W.		
Benson, L. Berwyn		
Bloese, August F.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Boos, Joseph M.	96 Henry	Battle Creek
Borden, W.B., Captain	U.S. Army Medical Corps	
Boyd, Van E.		
Boyder, Charles F.		

Continued: "Red Cross Boys Pass The Tests"

Brewer, Phillip	108 West St.	Battle Creek
Brown, Rex J.	304 Garfield	Battle Creek
Butler, George I.	107 Oaklawn	Battle Creek
Byland, Nils O.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Byrne, Harry J.	138 Chestnut	Battle Creek
Case, James T., Captain		
Case, Phillip		Marquette
Clay, Loren J.		
Clemmer, Lyle L.	344 1-2 West Main	Battle Creek
Coller, John H.	208 W. Fountain	Battle Creek
Colvin, Harold G.		
Conrad, Harold K.		
Cox, Theodore R.		
Cull, Arthur M.		
Cunningham, Roswell K.		
Derby, Raymond G.		
Dobberteen, Ralph F.		
Doney, Russell		
Dunlap, William E.	58 Grant	Battle Creek
Ellsworth, Carleton	20 Onelda	Battle Creek
Estill, Russell F.	114 Walter	Battle Creek
Foster, Farnen E.	15 Lark	Battle Creek
French, Ashley C.	24 Congress	Battle Creek
Genebach, Carleton	82 Fremont	Battle Creek
Gleason, James H.		
Halder, Paul D.K.	93 East Jackson	Battle Creek
Hart, Eugene J.		
Hellner, Schuyler		
Heinrich, Ray G.	297 Champion	Battle Creek
Heller, Ralph H.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Hickman, George D.	751 Marshall St.	Battle Creek
Hickman, John H.	137 North Division	Battle Creek
Hodson, Ivan E.		Marquette
Hoekstra, John D.	69 Hanover	Battle Creek
Hoetzel, Donald E.		
Hoetzel, William D.		
Hubbard, Deville H.		
Jones, Leon D.	260 N. Washington	Battle Creek
Kellogg, John K.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Kellogg, Roger B.	233 N. Kendall	Battle Creek
Ketcham, Otis A.	67 East Avenue S.	Battle Creek
Killpatrick, Vigne G.	30 Adams	Battle Creek
Larkin, Floyd L.	90 North Ave.	Battle Creek
McComas, Ardeey C.		
McCreery, Harry D.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
McCurdy, A.C., Dr.		Battle Creek
McLain, Arthur C.		
Mechem, Horace M.	140 Maple St.	Battle Creek
Melvin, Harley G.	394 West VanBuren	Battle Creek
Miller, Geo. D.	71 College	Battle Creek
Miller, William	71 College	Battle Creek
Mithem, Francis F.	52 Frelinghuysen	Battle Creek
Moore, Edward A.		Marquette
Morrison, William J.		Marquette
Mulder, Henry B.		

Continued: "Red Cross Boys Pass The Tests"

Myler, Hugh P.	10 N. Jefferson Ave.	Battle Creek
Noyes, Elmer M.		
O'Donnell, Frank J.	262 East VanBuren	Battle Creek
Olson, Clarence R.		
Paquette, David E.		
Phillips, Afton L.	106 Ann Ave.	Battle Creek
Phillips, Earl F.	51 Clay	Battle Creek
Ponton, Charles N.		
Ponton, J. Clarence		
Putman, W.N., Dr.		Battle Creek
Rasmussen, Chester U.	28 Howland	Battle Creek
Rattenberg, Ladd T.		
Redner, Arthur	79 Fremont	Battle Creek
Rice, Hillory A.		
Roberts, Carey L.		
Robinson, Joseph D.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Ross, A.H., Dr.	Sanitarium	
Ross, Mark M.	63 Grant St.	Battle Creek
Sargeant, Daniel L.		
Schroder, Keith M.	122 Fremont	Battle Creek
Schultz, Albert E.		
Seager, H. Bernard	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Seekins, Milton L.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Sherriff, Sidney R.		
Shouldice, Willard H.	41 Tompkins	Battle Creek
Sorenson, Martin S.		
Sparks, Leroy F.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Spartalis, George M.		
Stapleton, Frank J.	513 Maple	Battle Creek
Strong, Fred L.	42 Post Ave.	Battle Creek
Sullivan, Harry J.		
Taylor, P. Reynolds		
Thorne, Clarence E.		
Tichenor, Morris H.	39 Lark St.	Battle Creek
Toeller, Franz J.	111 Fremont	Battle Creek
Toeller, George W.	111 Fremont	Battle Creek
Tucker, Lawrence D.		Marquette
Tuttle, Chester F.		
Walker, Stanley	40 Jay St.	Battle Creek
Weickgenant, LaVerne A.	202 North Ave.	Battle Creek
Wells, James R.	Sanitarium	Battle Creek
Wencke, Carl, Dr.	Sanitarium	
Werner, Clyde A.	9 Summer St.	Battle Creek
Westerman, Roy S.	89 Calhoun	Battle Creek
Zerbel, Raymond H.		Marquette
Ziegler, Lehmar M.	10 Summer St.	Battle Creek

Submitted by: Marlene Steele, and compiled by: Carol Dumsky, Willard.
Library, Battle Creek, MI.



COMING EVENTS-MARK YOUR CALENDAR

15 Nov 1994

Jackson-Albion Wards of the LDS Family History Center, 3019 W. Morrell St. Jackson MI. Directions on front page of this months Generations, 7PM.

Dec 1994

There will be no meeting or party.

24 Jan 1995

Patricia Geyer and Valerie Radee will provide information on how and where to research in London, England. VFW Hall, Marshall MI, 7PM.

ATTENTION!

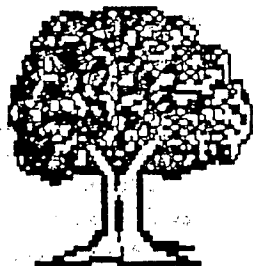
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