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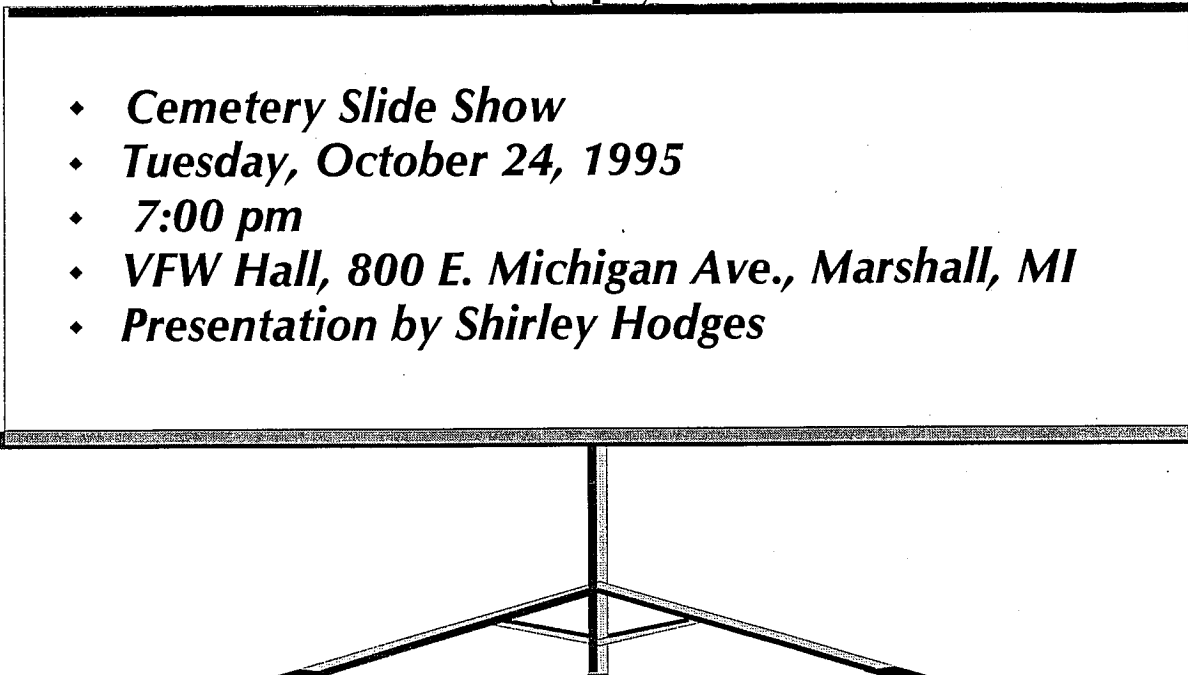
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*Featured topic at the October meeting of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society:*

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- ♦ ***Cemetery Slide Show***
  - ♦ ***Tuesday, October 24, 1995***
  - ♦ ***7:00 pm***
  - ♦ ***VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI***
  - ♦ ***Presentation by Shirley Hodges***

There is a plethora of genealogical information to be gleaned from cemetery research. "Cemetery Slide Show", presented by Shirley Hodges, will reveal many ideas and methods to make your research more interesting and productive. Shirley's visual and oral presentation will cover a variety of topics including:

- ♦ How cemeteries are an important part of genealogical research
- ♦ What we can learn about our ancestors from cemeteries
- ♦ What a moving and relaxing experience to be standing among your ancestors
- ♦ Historically dating headstones
- ♦ Defining symbols and words found on headstones
- ♦ Discovering who else is buried near your ancestors

Shirley Hodges is currently President of both the Eaton County Genealogical Society and the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society. She is active in the Courthouse Square Association, a foundation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse. Shirley is an accomplished teacher, speaker and genealogist. Many of you may remember her program "Genealogy and Genetics" presented to our society one year ago.

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Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the VFW Hall located at 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI. The public is cordially invited.



## Research Materials Available from the County Genealogical Society

Bentley Corners Cemetery Clarendon Twp., MI  
(14 pgs) \$4.00 + \$2.00 shipping

Marriage Records of Calhoun Co., MI 1836-1890 (248 pgs) \$5.00 + \$3.00 shipping

St. Joseph Cem't'ry Clarendon Twp. Calhoun Co., MI (25 pgs) \$4.00 + \$2.00 shipping

Transcriptions of Small Cemeteries in Clarendon Twp. Calhoun Co., MI (24 pgs)  
\$6.00 + \$2.00 shipping

Transcriptions of the Gravestones in the Rice Creek Cemetery Lee Twp. Calhoun Co., MI  
(49 pgs) \$4.00 + \$2.00 shipping

To order any of the above publications please send a check to:

Calhoun County Genealogical Society  
c/o Albion Public Library  
501 S. Superior St.  
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## NEHGS SESQUICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

Were you there?

If you were fortunate enough to have attended the 1995 Sesquicentennial Conference in Boston this July would you please let Sandy Redmond or Nancy Hibiske know? Thanks. Also, let either of us know if you are a member of the NEHGS.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall has arrived in our part of Southern Michigan. The leaves are turning, the air is crisp, and we are returning to life after our long hot summer!

And I've got a great idea for what to do during this beautiful autumn -- plan another genealogy vacation. But on this vacation, don't just visit libraries as I suggested last time, visit family, and cemeteries, and courthouses. Take your camera and record everything, and do a trip log, too.

This hobby of genealogy could be the best thing that ever happened to our vacations. Visiting relatives or taking in all the tourist-type sights pales after so many years and you're looking for something new -- and genealogy fits the bill. There is always another cemetery to find, another courthouse, new relatives to meet, plus the lovely out-of-the way motels, quaint little shops, and luscious array of restaurants and coffee shops. Plus this time of year -- the gorgeous scenery.

Start making your plans now. A long trip or a short trip? One year Bill and I took a month and put 7,000 miles on our new Firebird. Other years we did shorter trips. Decide how long, and then do your itinerary. Will you drive or fly?

These days, as genealogists, we have another consideration in our travels -- the hours and availability of the courthouses, libraries, and other public facilities we will be visiting. These cutbacks affect all of us. We can't just appear at a place and expect it to be open for us. Write or call ahead to be sure of the hours, etc. It is a great idea to write a local genealogical society. Maybe one you belong to. And perhaps go to a meeting. Or contact the Town Historian they so often have in Eastern cities. And remember to send a SASE if you're asking for a reply.

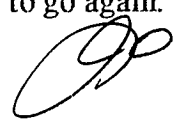
Sometimes it is fun to stay with relatives. I have a favorite first cousin in Wisconsin we always stay with. She knows where all the cemeteries are, and who is buried in them. And she has contacts with local people, and has been invaluable in finding sources I never would have thought of. And a cousin in Pennsylvania. And Bill's brother in Connecticut. They know the territory, but remember everyone isn't as excited about courthouses, cemeteries, and libraries, as you are.

When you reach your destination, unpack a few things, and hit the courthouse. Then find the quaintest coffee shop you've seen while driving around looking for the courthouse, and have lunch. Go and meet the historian. Look for the cemetery, or perhaps find the sexton if you've contacted him, and he will have a map for you. Take pictures of everything you do. Each tombstone. The cemetery gates. The beautiful historic courthouse. The coffee shop. And make notes in your trip log.

And when you get tired, find the village green or common. Sit down on the bench and just soak up atmosphere for a while. They are always beautiful, tree shaded places, with benches, and a sweeping view of the small town or village where you are, from any direction you look. Take pictures of all these directions, too. Plan what you'll do next, tomorrow, for the rest of your vacation. Relax and enjoy it.

Another idea -- I always make plans for my next genealogy trip on the way home. While the travel mood is with me. You'll remember things you should have done before this trip, and will be better able to plan the next one. Also, what to pack that you might have forgotten. Write these notes in your trip log, too.

When you get home, unpack, read your trip log, and savor the memories. Didn't you have a great time? Get the film developed, update your group sheets, call your friends and relatives and share the wonderful finds you made. And plan to go again.



## New On The Bookshelf!



In the Local History and Genealogy Collection Room at **Willard Library** in Battle Creek you'll find the following recent acquisitions:

The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620 - 1633, Vol. 1 by Robert Charles Anderson. NEHGS, Boston, 1995. 929.3 And

The first of three volumes covering surnames beginning with A through F. This is part of the Great Migration Study Project, an endeavor of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The anticipated completion date of the other two volumes is November 1995.

How Healthy is your Family Tree? A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Family's Medical and Behavioral History by Carol Kraus. Simon & Schuster, 1995. 616.Kra

Three Quarter Century Club Membership Roster. Five volumes plus a separate index. Compiled by Arlene LaVegna, Carol Dunsky, Anthony Dunsky and Marlene Steele. 1994. 929.1 Thr

The Three-Quarter Century Club was a senior citizens club in Battle Creek founded by Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and Charles Wheelock (of the original Battle Creek Historical Society). A requirement of membership was having reached the age of 75. The Membership Roster is extracted information from membership applications, and usually includes birth date, place, when an applicant first arrived in Battle Creek, their address at time of application and information about memberships in other societies. The club was formed in the 1920's, so the birthdates of the members would have been around 1845 or so.

## FUN READ!

Have you ever had it happen? That inexplicable event that led you to a great discovery while doing research? A feeling of deja vu when visiting the birthplace of a long-ago ancestor? Henry Z. Jones, FASG (and former actor of old Disney movies and TV sit-coms) has captured the experiences of professional and amateur genealogists alike in his book Psychic Roots, available from the Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD.

What is it that "forces" you to look at just one more book at the library, and it provides the answer you've been seeking for years? What about checking one more row in the cemetery, and there's your great-grandfather? Have you ever "accidentally" called the right "Smith" in the phone book and come up with a cousin? Call it fate, serendipity, coincidence, luck, whatever. Psychic Roots is a really fun read. It will probably jog your memory of an experience you have had that defies logical explanation. Let us know and we can publish one or two. If you care to remain anonymous - we'll understand!



## MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL 1995 SEMINAR

### *They Didn't ALL Go West!*

The 1995 Michigan Genealogical Council's annual seminar "*They Didn't ALL Go West!*" will be held **November 9, 10 and 11, 1995** at the Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord, Michigan.

Your host, The Gaylord Fact Finders, has scheduled 13 speakers to offer 26 separate talks of interest to the beginner and advanced genealogist. Some topics include: Tracing Your Female Lines, Researching Events in Your Ancestor's Life, Genealogy for Adopted Persons, Using Church Records, Born in New York - But Where in New York, Railroad Pension Application Record Files, Scandinavian Records in the Upper Peninsula and many more.

For more information call (616) 584-2625 or (517) 732-9405

## **WE CAN DO THIS!!**

### *Resource Acquisition Project Under Discussion*

At a recent board meeting of the CCGS, we discussed an exciting opportunity to enhance the genealogical research materials that can be found in Calhoun County. The idea is this: Marlene Steele will be putting together a "wish list" of materials that she considers would be the most important to add to the fine collection already started in the Local History and Genealogy Room at Willard Library in Battle Creek, MI. The list will then be made available to members of this society, along with prices. Items will span a range of prices -from \$7.50 for a roll of microfilm to perhaps a \$50 compact disk. A member may then purchase a book (or CD, or roll of census microfilm, whatever) and donate it to Willard Library. This donation may be given in memory of a friend, family member, or ancestor. Imagine donating a copy of the vital records of Rochester, MA, where you have discovered the record of your 5th great-grandfather's birth. On the inside cover could be a book plate "Donated by Jane Doe, Member, CCGS, In Loving Memory of her Grandfather John Doe".

While a budget currently exists for acquisitions to the Local History and Genealogy Room, funds are always limited. With the Ross Collier collection, reels and reels of microfilm, many county histories, etc., Willard already has a collection to be proud of. Think of what would be available for research if even only half of the 150-plus current members of the society would donate just one book!

Donations would not be strictly limited to the "wish list". If you have discovered a printed genealogy treasure by all means feel free to donate! Have you put pen to paper on your own family history, and do our local libraries have a copy?

We are anxious to hear your ideas on how to best ensure the success of this exciting program. Please contact any of your board members. *This can really be great!*

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| 14 October 1995 | "Book Expo", Dutton Christian Middle School, 6729 Hanna Lake S.E., Dutton, MI. (near Grand Rapids). 9am - 5pm \$1.50 entry fee. Classes \$4.00 each.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15 October 1995 | Annual Fall Genealogy Seminar presented by the Downriver Genealogical Society. Registration fee after October 1st - \$12.00 members/\$13.00 non-members. For more information contact Sherry Huntington, 313-382-3229.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 27 October 1995 | "Billy Yank and Johnny Reb: Civil War Sources for Genealogical Research" Half-day workshop. National Archives-Great Lakes Region, Chicago. 9:30 am (CT) \$10.00 registration. 312-581-7816                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4 November 1995 | "Annual Workshop" sponsored by the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research at the Detroit Public Library. Classes include: German Records, Computers for Beginners, Research in Michigan and Research at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Genealogy and Genetics and Handwriting Analysis of your Ancestors. There is no fee, but reservations are preferred. Call Peggy Brann, 810-553-6711. |

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center  
1337 Hayes Avenue  
Fremont, OH 43420-2796  
(419) 322-2081

For everyone interested in genealogical research, especially in Ohio, the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center is a wealth of information. The beautiful Presidential Center includes the family home of President Hayes, the 19th president of the U.S., which sits on a 25-acre estate called Spiegel Grove. Included on the grounds is a museum of exhibits about Hayes and local history around the turn of the century. The second floor of the museum houses an extensive historical and genealogical library.

Microfilm holdings at the library include the Ohio Census 1820-1920, Fremont, Ohio newspapers (including the local German newspaper), Censuses for other states (especially Georgia and Alabama), city directories (1851-1901) for Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo and county histories for California, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Extensive manuscripts and archives of local history include funeral homes, businesses, churches, townships and personal family papers. Housed here are many probate and Justice of the Peace records. (Note: some probate and court records are at the Sandusky County Courthouse and some are housed at the Presidential Center. The deciding factor is the court case number. (Luckily, the court house is only 10 minutes away.) There is a biographical file, WPA county records, county atlases and histories for almost every county in Ohio.



MAPS

*The Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey and Earth Science Information has a variety of maps available for purchase. To obtain free map indexes and catalogs or to order maps write to: USGS Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225 Or call Earth Science Information and Sales at 1-800-USA-MAPS.*

There is a closed stack area where you must use a card catalog or the computer to request county, family or specific event histories via catalog number. Service by the librarians is practically immediate. An open reading room houses many of the city directories, cemetery lists, church information and genealogical periodicals. Be sure to peruse the large print books. Many records are found here and not on the regular print shelves where you would expect them.

When you go, take a lunch because there are no restaurants in the immediate area. Besides, you will want to wander the beautiful grounds. President Hayes and his wife Lucy are buried on the grounds and you can walk to the gravesites.

When you arrive in Fremont just follow the Hayes Center signs. The library is free of charge and open Monday through Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm. The librarians are extremely helpful so do not hesitate to ask for help. Copies are 25 cents and you can run a tab. Anyone with a disability is encouraged to call ahead and they will do their best to accommodate you.



WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOOK SALE

The VanBuren County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a book sale at the Webster Memorial Library in Decatur, MI on October 28, 1995 from 10 am to 3 pm.

The sale will feature books on genealogy, history and other topics. Vendors will have a variety of genealogy related books available also. Proceeds will go to the Library for the purchase of a microfilm reader.

The Webster Memorial Library is located at 200 Phelps Street, Decatur, MI.

## QUERIES

### SCOTT/DUPREE

I am looking for a Lizzie M. (SCOTT) DUPREE who would have died after 1 June 1961. She was still alive at the time of her husband's death according to his death certificate. His name is William R. DUPREE. I have family buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Battle Creek, MI and I need to know if she is buried beside him and what the birth and death dates were. Also if there are any other DUPREE family members buried close by.

- Nelta (DUPREE) EVANS 501 South Hoover, Enid, OK 73703



### CONKLIN

I would like to obtain information on Frank CONKLIN who died in Battle Creek, MI in March 1978. If you have a copy of his obituary or any other information regarding Frank or his family I would appreciate receiving a copy and will be glad to pay any copying charges. If you are unable to help me but have other suggestions I would also appreciate that.

- Sharon IAMELE 8783 Seabright Drive, Powell, OH 43065



### CROWELL/COVEY

I am trying to locate information on a Jessie CROWELL from Albion, MI. I was told he was a prominent figure in the town of Albion. I have done some research on the CROWELL family and have reason to believe we are related through my great grandfather Alvin CROWELL. They settled there around 1843 or 1850 - along with another family called Joseph and Elishu COVEY. If you have any information on Jessie CROWELL, Alvin CROWELL, Elishu COVEY, Joseph COVEY, Lyman COVEY or John CROWELL I would appreciate the help.

- John WHITE 1914 W. Parker McHenry, IL 60050

### DAVIS/HUESTIS/ETC.

I have been researching family members who lived between Albion and Parma, MI. I am enclosing a list of names with death dates in hopes of obtaining obituaries for these family members. (Jackson and Calhoun County, MI):

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Caroline (HUESTIS) DAVIS,      | 16 Dec 1861 |
| Benjamin Willard DAVIS,        | 20 Mar 1863 |
| Joseph H. DAVIS,               | 29 Jun 1865 |
| Francis DAVIS,                 | Aug 1866    |
| Mary E. (BLACKMAN) HUESTIS,    | 8 Sep 1867  |
| John B. HUESTIS,               | 16 Apr 1872 |
| Benjamin Willard HUESTIS,      | 9 Mar 1879  |
| Olive A. (SCHAFER) DAVIS,      | 6 Oct 1888  |
| Benjamin Smith DAVIS,          | 12 Apr 1891 |
| Benjamin Willard HUESTIS, Jr., | 3 Feb 1902  |
| Ruth (DAVIS) GIBBS,            | 28 Jul 1917 |
| Mary Ann (DAVIS) NICHOLSON,    | 29 Jan 1934 |
| Ned Willard HUESTIS,           | 25 Dec 1953 |
| Blanche (DREW) HUESTIS,        | 1956        |
| Julia E. (BRIGHTMAN) HUESTIS,  | 8 May 1980  |
| Mary Elizabeth (HUESTIS) HUNN, | 4 Mar 1987  |
| Steven HUNN,                   | Apr 1994    |

- Marie HUESTIS PO Box 823  
Port Orchard, WA 98366



### PAGE/McMILLAN

I am looking for the complete marriage record of Frank T. PAGE to Miss Dora E. McMILLAN, married in Calhoun County, MI on 22 Feb. 1883. Any help would be appreciated.

- Howard U. GANT 240 E. New St., Glassboro, NJ 08028



*Queries may be sent to the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, c/o Albion Public Library, 501 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224. All queries received will be published in the newsletter, as well as forwarded to a society volunteer who will respond to your request for information.*



*Time is running out!  
Make sure you don't miss any issues of  
Generations! If you haven't already renewed  
your membership please do so now!*



## CALHOUN COUNTY CEMETERIES ARE ALIVE WITH HISTORY (excerpt)

by Louise Lane; 1 May 1969, Battle Creek Enquirer.

Little country cemeteries today are often neglected and all but forgotten. Large cemeteries with elaborate landscaping and sculpture, the more recent "memory gardens" and mobility on the part of families, all contribute to their loss of importance. But some remain, tended with loving care and remembrance of a more tranquil age and are, in a sense, gems of antiquity.

All reflect the passage of time. Yet each cemetery serves the purpose for which it was intended - a final resting place for loved ones so that those left behind can pay respects in whatever way seems most appropriate to them.

### Homer Township: The Fisher Cemetery

The Fisher Cemetery on R Drive South, southeast of Homer, is on ground donated by the great-grandfather of B. G. Fisher of Homer. Members of the Fisher family have been residents of the area since Calhoun County first was settled by pioneers from New York.

For more than 50 years, the little graveyard was maintained and improved by a small group of women who called themselves "The Willing Workers." None of the charter members is left, but Mrs. Thurman B. Shaffer, who lives on the family farm west of the cemetery, was one of the group's early members.

She said the workers organized bees to clean and improve the cemetery, held penny suppers and box socials, passed around gypsy baskets, had birthday banks and once put on a local talent show for their project. The group filled urns, watered flowers and did all that was necessary to keep the plot well cared for. In 1965 the Willing Workers held a golden anniversary celebration. Two marble benches and an urn were placed at the front of the cemetery in memory of past club members. The group now is disbanded and the cemetery is maintained by the township.

#### Tombstone Tips:

*Shaving cream from a spray can and a squeegee blade to wipe off excess foam brings out the lettering from hard-to-read tombstones and does not damage them. Any remaining foam will wash off in the rain. P. S. Take along an old cloth to wipe your hands.*

### Albion Township Cemetery

Probably the smallest cemetery in the area is the old Albion Township Cemetery on J Drive South, just east of 29 Mile Road. Located on a high bank, it is reached by climbing moss-covered steps and entering through an ancient gate.

Fred Kinney, who maintains the cemetery for the township, lives just north of the plot on 29 Mile Road. He said that it was given to the community in 1834 by the Knowles family, but not until 1870 was it officially deeded to the township. Kinney's parents told him of a typhoid fever epidemic which swept the community at that time, claiming many young mothers and their children - which probably accounts for the number of young people buried there.

Mason Crandall, who grew up in the area and lives several miles west on J Drive South, also remembers stories about the terrible typhoid scourge. Two of his uncles, who were boys at the time, died of the fever. Their father, Crandall's grandfather, made the then long and tedious trip over wilderness roads to Albion to obtain a coffin for the son who was the first to die. Upon his return home he learned that the other son also had died, and he returned to Albion for a second small coffin. Both boys were buried in the little periwinkle-blanketed cemetery, but later were moved to Riverside Cemetery in Albion, as were a number of other persons.

At the far side of the graveyard are several field stones - no doubt selected from the supply in all of the nearby area - used as grave markers, with names and dates chipped by hand. The writing has been obliterated by time and weather, but the stones remain.

#### Genealogist's Fanny Pack:

*You know a good genealogist by the contents of their fanny packs! We suggest the following for a long day at the library or court house: small stapler, calculator (for figuring death dates), mechanical pencil, black or blue pen, red pen, erasable highlighters (these are really great), small Post-It Notes, a snack and a pack of gum, a roll of quarters, a roll of dimes, some one dollar bills and your copy-machine card. Don't forget a blank, formatted computer disk if you plan on downloading any information.*



## CALHOUN COUNTY CEMETERIES ARE ALIVE WITH HISTORY Cont.

### Albion Township - Grimes Cemetery

When the nation was still fairly young, private family cemeteries were common, especially on plantations in the south. Few such burial grounds remain today in this area, and it was by accident one was discovered in the Homer area.

In talking about another cemetery, a man mentioned there was such a cemetery on the Edward Coxon farm on J Drive South, west of M99. A call to Mrs. Coxon brought an invitation to visit the graveyard and to look at the long and complex abstract of their farm. The farm was granted to Charles Grimes in 1835 by the U.S. Government.

The first burial in the tiny graveyard was in 1845 when Grimes' wife, Anna, 29, died. On September 1, 1847, Catherine Kesler, 6, daughter of A. E. Kesler, according to the headstone, was placed in the plot, and on September 28, 1847, "Our Mother, Anna Ballau, age 66," was laid to rest. The last burial was "Our Mother, Esther Kesler, age 82," who died in 1848. There are also small "foot stones" on each grave, which, Coxon said, was a fairly common practice in some localities at that time. The relationship of the two mothers and the child is not known.

In 1906, a waist-high cement wall was built around the four graves. On top are the words: "Built in 1906 by Randolph Grimes, son of Anna Grimes." The plot, which is reached through a corn field in back of the Coxon home, is surrounded by huge lilac bushes.

### West Clarendon Cemetery

West of Homer on an outer curve of M-60 is the West Clarendon Cemetery with stones dating back to 1837. Some are unique - such as stone tree trunks overlaid with flowers and vines, with names and dates on scrolls superimposed on the trunks. There also are small lambs on top of flat stones on children's graves.

#### *Tombstone Tips:*

*Do not use a wire brush to clean a stone, as it can cause damage. Instead try a block of styrofoam, a soft brush, or even a crumpled up ball of masking tape.*

Thanks to Ruth Kaiser for providing this article.

### West Clarendon Cemetery, Cont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ilo Allen, who live on M-60 just east of the cemetery, recall that as children they both attended funerals in the little church across the road from the graveyard. They vividly recall one service in which the casket was carried with difficulty across the road to the burial grounds through a sea of mud.

The little chapel, which had benches instead of pews and where a small religious sect worshipped, was removed when the curve on the highway had to be altered some years ago.

Mrs. Solon B. Hoffman, of 5681 22 Mile Road, and her aunt, Mrs. Thurston Simmons, 93, a Homer resident, used to sing at funerals, as was the custom of the time. She remembers when they sang in the chapel for a funeral service, then walked across the road to the gravesite - followed by the sexton carrying a portable organ and pall bearers with the casket - to sing again at the grave.

Mrs. Charles Knapp, of 18 1/2 Mile Road, has a copy of the minutes of the West Clarendon Burying Grounds Association. They start with a meeting called on May 5, 1845, to lease ground - one acre - for \$10 from Erastus B. Enos and his wife, Zipporah.

### Cook's Prairie

While the Cook's Prairie Cemetery has no direct connection with the Cook's Prairie Baptist Church, there is an association because many church members have come to rest in the little cemetery south of the church on 23 Mile Road, north of M-60.

The area is appropriately named, for at the time it was settled, a large part of the farmland was owned by members of the Cook family and for sometime it was called "Cook's Plain." The church was built some years later - in 1858 - than the cemetery, which was donated to the community by the Cook family.

According to a history owned by Mrs. Simmons, the church first was named the First Freewill Baptist Church. Most of the early church members are buried in the cemetery, which still is used frequently.

## LOTS A FUN!!

Harley's Antique Mall in Albion, MI (just west of Jackson, MI on I-94) is a collection of antiques and books representing 95 dealers. As you peruse the building, which is full of memorabilia from the past, you will find family bibles and genealogy books scattered on shelves and in bookcases. Many of the family bibles contain handwritten records on the inside and back covers. A History of Calhoun County in two volumes is for sale among outsized county atlas books and gazetteers which center mostly on Michigan.

There are books chronicling wars and European nations. Books on history and the memoirs of colorful military and civilian characters of history are plentiful among stately and very collectible old novels. Several family genealogy charts complete with pictures hang on the walls.

Harley's Antique Mall is located just off I-94 (exit 127) near Parma, MI. They are open every day except Christmas from 10am - 6pm. For more information call Harley at (517) 531-5300. Happy hunting!

## GENERATION CHART

Be sure to submit a five generation chart to Tom Struble, Membership Chairman. The plan is to gather all the charts into a notebook which will be kept at Willard Library in Battle Creek. The notebook will be indexed (any volunteers?) and kept up to date as generation charts are submitted. Copies will also be placed in the membership files in the Local History Room of the Albion Public Library.

## REMODELING AT WILLARD LIBRARY

Have you noticed the remodeling in the Local History Room at Willard Library in Battle Creek? The remodeling will allow for more research seating and more room on the shelves for reference materials. Watch for new genealogy software on CD and a new CD ROM tower!

## ☺ THANKS TO PAT AND RAMONA!!! ☺

To show the Calhoun County Genealogical Society's appreciation for years of service, we are proud to present outgoing officers Pat Shirey and Ramona Short with a complimentary one-year membership to the society. Because of their willingness to volunteer their help and ideas, your society has been able to present you with interesting programs, activities and information. Thank you on behalf of the CCGS!

## INTRODUCTORY GENEALOGY CLASS

Jo Peck, President of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, will be teaching "Genealogy I - Planting the Family Tree" through Kellogg Community College's Adult Education Classes. Jo's class will show you not only how to find your ancestors, but how to make your ancestors come alive.

Jo has been teaching at KCC for four years. Many of us were introduced to Jo through one of her classes and have experienced her enthusiasm and love of genealogy first-hand. She has been studying her ancestors for 17 years and has volumes of research to show for it. Jo has written a column for the Marshall Chronicle for six years entitled *Tracing Your Roots*.

Classes are held every Monday for six weeks from 7pm - 9pm, November 6, 1995 - December 11, 1995 at the KCC Mawby Center on North Avenue in Battle Creek, MI. Tuition and fees are \$36. (\$6.50 for Senior Citizens in district). To register call KCC Adult Education 616-965-5522.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Local History Room in the Albion Public Library is still looking for volunteers for Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00.

No previous experience is necessary - a brief training session is provided. Help to keep the doors open on the weekends and perhaps do some research of your own. Contact Karen Bartels at 517-629-3993 Tues-Thurs 1:00-5:00.

PEDIGREE CHART No. \_\_\_\_\_

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as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on CHART No. \_\_\_\_\_

1  
Betty Jean  
OSBORN  
BORN 5 Jan 1932  
PLACE Battle Creek, Cal, Mi  
DIED  
PLACE  
MARR 23 Aug 1952  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan

William  
HICKS Jr  
NAME of SPOUSE

3  
Mabel Leora  
YARGER  
BORN 3 Mar 1911  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan  
DIED  
PLACE

PREPARED 06-10-1995 BY:  
Betty J. Hicks  
4289 Kim Dr.  
Hillsdale, Mi. 49242  
517-287-4286

Charles Harry  
OSBORN  
4 BORN 31 Oct 1865  
PLACE Fort Ann, Washington, NY  
DIED 25 Jul 1917  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan  
MARR 31 Dec 1890  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan

Ilone Matilda  
FITZ GERALD  
5 BORN 22 May 1865  
PLACE Springport, Jackson, Mi  
DIED 18 Nov 1950  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan

Chester  
YARGER  
6 BORN 28 Apr 1894  
PLACE Continental, Putnam, Ohio  
DIED 2 Feb 1975  
PLACE Grand Rapids, Kent, Mi  
MARR 7 Aug 1910  
PLACE Hoytville, Ohio?

Clara  
SMITH  
7 BORN 27 Feb 1894  
PLACE Holgate, Henry, Ohio  
DIED 9 Jan 1985  
PLACE Marshall, Calhoun, Mi

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Isaac+Sr  
OSBORN  
8 BORN Aug 1841  
PLACE Pittstown, Rensselaer, NY  
DIED 13 Sep 1869  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan  
MARR 2 Nov 1864

Helen J  
ADAMS  
BORN 15 Nov 1841  
PLACE Fort Ann, Washington, NY  
DIED 12 Dec 1924  
PLACE Lansing, Ingham, Michigan

Sidney W  
FITZ GERALD  
10 BORN 6 Apr 1824  
PLACE Jordan, Onondaga, NY  
DIED 25 May 1889  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan  
MARR 16 Jul 1861

Harriet A  
COWELL  
11 BORN 20 Sep 1837  
PLACE Freedom?, Washtenaw, Mi  
DIED 18 Jun 1912  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan

Adam  
YARGER  
12 BORN 8 Apr 1855  
PLACE Fairfield, Perry, Ohio  
DIED 29 Aug 1933  
PLACE Bowling Green, Wood, Ohio  
MARR 5 Jun 1887

Catherine  
LUGABIEL  
13 BORN 2 Jun 1869  
PLACE ?, Allen, Ohio  
DIED 18 Dec 1899  
PLACE Continental, Putnam, Ohio

John M  
SMITH  
14 BORN 24 Feb 1864  
PLACE Ridgeville, Henry, Ohio  
DIED 31 May 1947  
PLACE Holgate, Henry, Ohio  
MARR 26 Jul 1888

Susan  
KELFER  
15 BORN 27 Feb 1869  
PLACE ?, Fulton, Ohio  
DIED 11 Oct 1950  
PLACE Albion, Calhoun, Michigan

Isaac+Sr  
OSBORN b 11 Jan 1800  
16. Rensselaer Co, NY  
m bef 1824; d 14-Mar 1870  
Sarah Ann b. 1802 Dutchess Co?  
HUNT d. 10 Dec 1858, Fort  
Ann, Wash. Co., NY  
Wright  
ADAMS 18 Dec 1812  
18. m. bef 1841  
d. 30 Oct 1887, Fort Ann  
Elsina A  
HAILE 5 Oct 1815  
19. d 12 April 1865/6 Fort  
Ann, Washington Co, NY  
Jeremiah  
FITZ GERALD 4 July 1789, Orange  
20. Co. NY m. 1 Dec 1812  
d. 2 May 1870, Springport, Mi  
Sylvia  
STRICKLAND 1 April 1792 Rutland  
21 Co.,  
d. 9 Feb 1862, Springport, Mi  
Philo  
COWELL 21 Feb 1794 Ct.  
22 m 20 Feb 1817, Niagara Co  
NY; d. 13 Sept 1883, Albion, Mi  
Sally M  
ROUSE 14 July 1801 NY  
23 d. 2 Aug 1888, Albion, Mi  
Paul  
YARGER 9 Dec 1831 Perry Co,  
24 Ohio; m May 1854;  
d. 13 Mar 1916, Putnam Co, Oh  
Mary Ann  
YARGER 12 Aug 1835 Perry Co,  
25 Oh, d 4 June 1896, Putnam  
Co., Ohio  
Solomon  
LUGABIEL 23 Aug 1838 Allen Co  
26 Oh; m 13 July 1860  
d. 7 Dec 1916, Putnam Co, Oh  
Elizabeth  
ANSTUTZ 14 May 1842 Allen Co  
27 Oh;  
d. 14 May 1919, Putnam Co, Oh  
Gabriel A  
SMITH 28 March 1837 Ohio  
28 m 25 Aug 1862, Ohio  
d 15 Dec 1924, Fulton Co, Oh  
Mary  
BECK 26 July 1847 Henry Co,  
29 Oh;  
d. 11 April 1902, Lucas Co, O  
John  
KELFER ca 1822 Germany  
30 m 15 June 1865, Fulton Co  
Oh; d 4 April 1880,  
Mary Margaret  
BURKHOLDER 20 Dec 1842 Pa  
31 d. 17 Sept 1919, Henry Co, O

Future functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.

The public is welcome. For more info call John Strickland at 616-964-2414

October 24, 1995 "Cemetery Slide Show" presented by Shirley Hodges at the Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting

November 28, 1995 To Be Determined. Watch local newspapers for details.

December, 1995 \* \* \* No Meeting - Merry Christmas!!!! \* \* \*

January 23, 1996 "Making the Most of Your Census Research" presented by Sandy Redmond at the Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting

The meetings start at 7 pm and will be held at the VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI



*Time is running out!  
Make sure you don't miss any issues of  
Generations! If you haven't already renewed  
your membership please do so now!*



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