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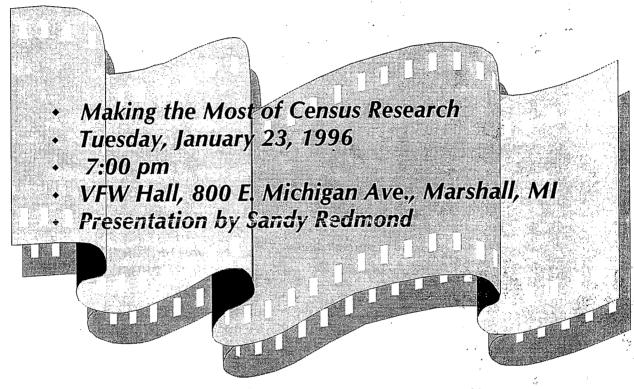


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Featured topic at the January meeting of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society:



Federal census records can be one of the most fruitful resources for genealogists. It can also be one of the most challenging. Sandy's presentation will cover:

- A brief history of the census, and how that knowledge can be helpful in using the census for genealogical research
- What specific census records are available
- Establishing goals in your census research
- Those crazy Soundex codes
- My ancestors always went into hiding when the census-taker arrived
- * Making the census work for you
- Avoiding pitfalls (if it's found in the census it must be true)

Sandy Redmond is co-editor of this newsletter. The gift of her maternal grandmother's family Bible and German Fraktur caused a severe case of genealogy fever, and she's been on the hunt ever since! Census records are one of her favorite research tools.

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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 Calhoun County Genealogical Society

Bentley Corners Cemetery Clarendon Twp., Calhoun Co., MI (14 pages) \$6.00

Marriage Records of Calhoun Co., MI 1836-1890 (248 pages) \$10.00

St. Joseph Cemetery Clarendon Twp., Calhoun Co., MI (25 pages) \$6.00

Transcriptions of Small Cemeteries in Clarence Twp., Calhoun Co., MI (24 pages) \$6.00

Transcriptions of the Gravestones in the Rice Creek Cemetery Lee Twp., Calhoun Co., MI (49 pages) \$6.00

All prices include shipping. To order the above publications please send a check payable to:

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that the Calhoun County Genealogical Society has a new correspondence address:

> Calhoun County Genealogical Society P.O. Box 777 Marshall, MI 49068

Please send all your queries and correspondence to this address.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you realize it's only a month till Christmas? But that's about enough time to figure out something genealogical to give your relatives. I know I always opt for "An Ancestor for Christmas," but there are other things —.

What about a collage of pictures in one of those matted frames all ready for them? Get out the old family snapshots, sort them by family and get them in the spaces. If you need to have some duplicated, you have plenty of time before the Christmas rush.

You could go one better than that and make up duplicate photograph albums for them. As a genealogist, you've automatically collected the pictures along with the rest of the family memorabilia. You might add a copy of their wedding certificate with their wedding picture. Perhaps pictures of their children. End with pictures of them when they were old, and their obituaries.

Or there's that wonderful old photograph of your grandmother when she was a girl that one of your cousins loved. What about having it copied and give one to her and each of the other grandchildren, from you, with a calligraphied family group sheet giving all the names, dates and places? Just in case they don't know them as readily as you do.

A variation of that could be using one of those tiny frames in gold or silver you can find in gift shops. Cut out a snapshot figure of the right size and frame it. You'll be surprised how delightful they look sitting on a table.

Another suggestion is a calligraphied group sheet of special grandparents. This could be duplicated on parchment or some other fine textured paper, and it looks very impressive when framed. You only have to calligraphy the original.

A genealogical computer program prints group sheets out nicely, too, in case you don't calligraphy. Set the margins so it's perfect on the page, and print out as many as you need. Pick out special paper.

Then there's the "Register Report" available in some programs. It prints the information you have entered in the form of a story, with any notes you have added to "put meat on the bones" of the dates and places. Looks absolutely great when printed out using the "near letter quality" mode, and it even makes an index.

Of course, the ultimate to me is to "Give An Ancestor For Christmas," and do a mini-biography of your favorite ancestor. Use the basic birth, death, and marriage dates and places, and then begin to add. What was the State where they were born like at that time? How many people? Was there a war happening when they were growing up? Was it anywhere close? What did they look like? Can you add a picture, or maybe find a drawing of someone of the time? Do you have their obituary? What about their probate records? Sometimes a list of possessions at the time of death is fascinating. And it's all part of their life. If you put all the bits and pieces in chronological order, it will make an interesting story, I promise you.

You might do a combination of the Register Report information and some of the bits and pieces from the mini-biography and see how that would come out in narative style.

The possibilities are endless — you've still got time. Begin now and surprise your relatives with "An Ancestor For Christmas" in some form. I can guarantee they'll love it. You'll be sharing your wonderful information with them. After all, it's their family too! Have fun.

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society Contributes Research Materials to the Albion Public Library

The Local History Room at the Albion Public Library would like to thank the Calhoun County Genealogical Society for donating the money to purchase the following research materials. Karen Bartels of the Local History Room reports that due to a change in staff it took longer than usual to make these acquisitions. In Karen's own words: "I did not feel comfortable making purchases when I first took the position and waited until I had a better idea of what we needed." Nice work, Karen!

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is proud to support local research acquisitions. (Please note that these books have either been purchased or have been ordered. They may not all be at the library at this time.)

Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census 1790 - 1920, Wm. Thorndale & Wm. Dollarhide; Gen. Publ. Co., Inc. (\$37.55) Since 1790 the county has been the basic census unit. This guide, in nearly 400 maps, shows all U.S. county boundaries.

The Genealogist's Address Book (3rd ed.), 1995, Elizabeth Bentley; Gen. Publ. Co., Inc. (\$31.05)
Lists the names, addresses and phone numbers of organizations and institutions throughout the U. S. with a focus on genealogy. Examples include archives and government agencies, vital records offices, libraries, genealogical societies, historical societies, ethnic and religious organizations and research centers, publications, computer interest groups, adoption registries, periodicals and newsletters.

New England Marriages Prior to 1700, 1985, Clarence Almon Torrey; Gen. Publ. Co., Inc. (\$45.70) A comprehensive listing of the 37,000 married couples who lived in New England between 1620 and 1700 with all the available data on them.

Supplement to Torrey's..., 1991, Melinde Lutz Sanborn; Gen. Publ. Co., Inc. (\$11.85)

Second Supplement to Torrey's..., 1995, Melinde Lutz Sanborn; Gen. Publ. Co., Inc. (\$18.60)

International Vital Records Handbook, 3rd ed., 1994, T. J. Kemp; Gen. Pub. Co., Inc. (\$27.55)

A complete up-to-date collection of vital record application forms from nations throughout the world.

Indian Ministries in Michigan, 1830 - 1990, 1994, D. Reuter; Eerdmans Publ., Grand Rapids. (\$12.50).

New York Marriages Previous to 1784, 1984, Gen. Publ. Co., Inc. (\$32.50)

Falling Waters: A History of Spring Arbor, 1994, Spring Arbor Hist. Comm.; Exponent Press, Brooklyn, MI. (\$10.00)

A History of Clarence Township: Then and Now, 1994, C. Heisler, et al.; Thompson-Shore, Inc. (\$25.00)

Grandpa Tell Me More, 1995, D. Mead, et al.; Stephen Mead, Holt, MI. (\$15.00)

<u>U.S. Military Records</u>, 1994, J. C. Neagles; Ancestry (\$37.95) A repository describing the military records that are available and where they can be found. Gathered in this volume is source information for the National Archives and its adjuncts; historical institutions and archives of the armed forces; the Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Administration); state archives, libraries and historical organizations; and such patriotic organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution. Extensive bibliographic listing of published sources for the United States in general and published sources for each state are also included.

<u>Ministries in Michigan 1830 - 1900</u>, 1994, Dorothy Reuter; Eerdmans Publ., Grand Rapids, MI. (\$12.50) This volume brings to fruition an eight year project to tell the story of the history of Methodist mission work among the state's Indian population in the last 132 years. The book is extensively noted and has a full bibliography and index.

Township Atlas of the U.S., 1991, Judy Androit; Documents Index, McLean, VA. (\$125.00)

Michigan Gazetteer, N. Amer. Book Dist. (\$53.10)

1995 YEAR-END_REPORTS

Cemetery Project Report by Ruth Kaiser

Many changes have taken place since my August report. I slowed down for a couple months while I moved into a new home. Our phone number is unchanged but note the address at the end this report.

The Wednesday afternoon crew took some time off for personal commitments but we have spent many hours on the proof reading of the West Clarendon and Cooks Prairie Cemeteries. We have added the DAR records prepared in the 1930's. Val Radee has gathered more data from the Homer Pioneer and the vital records for those who died before 1900. This takes extra time but the additional facts make it well worth the effort.

A crew of Thursday evening workers is nearing completion of the Austin and Convis Cemeteries near Turkeyville. We found the clerk had many burial permits which meant hand-writing each record, cutting them and putting them in alphabetical order to assist with the computer recording and proof-reading.

The meeting times had to be changed to accommodate the schedules of the volunteers. At present we have a group which will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the home of Pat Geyer, 601 Manor Drive, Albion and another meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jackie Morris, 1314 O'Keefe, Marshall.

Bob Sechrist has been a great help in contacting those who have indicated an interest in helping. With the changes in scheduling, you may find a time when you could assist so these four cemeteries can be completed before the end of the year when your chair takes off for the south. You may contact Bob at 616/964-0092 or at work, 965-3931, extension 2335. My number is 517/857-2747 and the address is 16540 Devereaux Road, Albion, 49224.

Recording Cemetery

by Verla Potts

Your recording secretary attended seven of the nine Board Meetings during the 1994-1995 year. She duly recorded, typed and presented them to or mailed them to each active board member following each meeting. She notified members by telephone of the board meetings in order to ascertain those able to attend the meetings at the request of the president. She maintained the "sign-up" table, providing pens, badges, sign-up sheets for meetings and any special interest projects, and provided the minutes of the previous meeting for the general membership. submitted four articles to the Newsletter. answered queries sent to the society. attendance recorded shows five members attended one meeting; one member, two meetings, two · members, four meetings; three members, five meetings, two members, six meetings; three members seven meeting; one member, nine meetings. This reflects the change of personnel during the summer months. As a general member, your recording secretary attended the special meeting at the Eaton County 1845 Courthouse, and also attended the workshop "Climbing Brick Walls" held at Charlotte.

Membership Committee

by Tom Struble

Your Membership Chairman reported the membership in 1995 was 153 with 148 paid up. A quick rundown of location showed: 50 members from outside the county; 27 members from Albion; approximately 50 members from Battle Creek; remainder from various towns. This information shows how the membership has shifted westward. This Chairman was responsible for printing and mailing the newsletters. He attended five of the nine Board meetings, giving a report each time. He also attended the general meetings, keeping the general membership aware of the status of the number of members.

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:

Gold Rush Days, Vol. II - V. Miscellaneous Records Copied from Early Newspapers of Stockton, CA 1856-1862.

Nice collection of birth, death, marriage and other pertinent information gleaned from early newspapers.

History of Branch County, Michigan, Vol. II. Published 1994 by the Branch County Historical Society, Coldwater, Ml. 977.421 Bra

This is the second volume of the History of Branch County (the first was published in 1979). A collection of materials collected through 1984, it is a wonderful history of people, places, businesses and buildings of early Branch County to the present. It contains a surname name index.

Index to History of Branch County, Michigan, Vol. 1 (1977). Published 1994 by the Branch County Historical Society, Coldwater, MI 977.421 Bra

Vernon County, Wisconsin, 1844 - 1994. 150th Anniversary. Copyright 1994, by the Vernon County Historical Society. 977.57 Ver

CD ROM ACQUISITIONS

Willard Library is currently purchasing equipment to take advantage of the fantastic genealogical software available on CD ROM. They presently have the Social Security Death Index and the 1860 census indexes for Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and Wisconsin. Census indexes for 1840, 1850 and 1860 will soon be available in the Local History Room. Also, the Reference Desk at Willard has Phone Disc USA on CD ROM. This is a great tool for tracking down people of the same surname, looking for long lost cousins, etc.

MICROFICHE COLLECTION

As a reminder, Willard has a fine collection of microfiche of interest to genealogists. A recently available item is the Michigan Genealogical Council Centennial Certificates from 1976. This program was for people who could prove their direct descent from an ancestor who had settled in Michigan by 1876 or earlier. The microfiche is copies of their lineage proofs, and includes an every name index.

The following is also available on microfiche:

1984 IGI for AL, AR, CA, CT, DE, DC, GA,
ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MO,
NE, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT,
VA and WV.

Detroit City Directories, Grand Rapids City Directories, Hawes 1860 Michigan State Gazeteer and Business Directory

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The State Library of Michigan has announced that the 1870 Federal Census of Michigan Index Vol. 7 is now available. This volume covers Calhoun, Branch, Kalamazoo and Hillsdale Counties. It can be ordered from the Library for \$25.00 plus \$2.50 S&H. Write to: Fiscal Services, State Library of Michigan, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48915



I Am Your Ancestor by Linda S. Brenner

I am your ancestor of many years gone by, There is a resemblance no one could deny. Our eyes, our ears, our chin is the same We share all that and even our name.

You stand by my tombstone and wonder about me Yet I am only one branch on your family tree. Your manner, your laughter, your walk is like mine How I wish I could show you or give you a sign.

Our paths were not destined to cross it's quite true, But I'm your Guardian Angel and I'll be there for you.

I am your ancestor and always will be For I am you and you are me.

The Connecticut Nutmegger, March 1995

Contributed by Elma Carpenter

QUERIES

Please send your queries to:

Calhoun County Genealogical Society P.O. Box 777 Marshall, MI 49068

OLIVER/BELL

I am researching the OLIVER family that lived in Battle Creek, MI approximately late 1880's to 1900. Robert OLIVER kept in contact with a Ruth OLIVER who lived at 305 Meachem Ave. in Battle Creek, MI. Ruth OLIVER's letter refers to her mother and father and gives news of Grandpa OLIVER, Jim and family, George OLIVER Jr. "very bad but rest are fine".

In a notebook of Robert OLIVER's he lists the address of a Robert OLIVER and William OLIVER as 167 S. Jefferson St., Battle Creek, Ml. Unfortunately the family has a tradition of using the same names so I do not know if he is referring to himself and his brother William or to other relatives.

Robert OLIVER's wife Janet OLIVER died 26 March 1901 most likely in Battle Creek, MI. I have a photo (processed by Reid & Sharpe, 55 E. Main St., Battle Creek, MI.) of the tombstone of an Ellen OLIVER, died 9 March 1895, aged 50 yrs, 8 mos, 5 days.

I am interested in researching OLIVERs in Battle Creek, MI., who and how many, late 1800's - 1915 or beyond. Who were the parents of Ruth OLIVER? Is Glenn her brother? When did Robert arrive (1891?). Which OLIVERs lived at 167 S. Jefferson St., Battle Creek, MI.?

If there are any descendants of the OLIVER family I would love to get in touch with them. Any information or possible sources would be greatly appreciated.

Neil OLIVER, G.B.S. 3-4, R.R. #2, Lloydminster, Sask, Canada S9V OX7

WARRINER/VANDEBURG/ADAMS/GARDNER

I have photo copies of several marriages in the family Bible of the Rev. Robert ADAMS, the husband of my great-great grandmother, Betsey VANDEBURG. Robert ADAMS was a Baptist minister who presumably married these folks, some from upstate New York and others from Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties in Michigan.

There are photo copies of the births of the children of Betsey VANDEBURG and her husband, Rev. Robert ADAMS, a Baptist minister in Michigan from 1841 until his death in 1845/1846. Betsey and Robert ADAMS' youngest daughter, Sarah Jane, b. 14 Feb. 1843, is my great grandmother. She married Arthur Orville GARDNER in 1854 in Battle Creek.

If anyone else is researching these families please contact me.

Mary Dunbar Rosenwinkel
 633 N. 4th St., Manitowoc, WI
 54220

HUGHES/FISHER

I am compiling a book on the John and Elizabeth (FISHER) HUGHES family and their descendants. In 1839 they were early pioneers of Newton Twp., Calhoun County, MI.

If anyone has knowledge of these descendants, I would appreciate hearing from you and I will correspond.

Marion (Hughes) Schumacher, 901 Pablo Lane, Pahrump, NV 89041

CONVERSE

I am trying to prove the parents of Manning CONVERSE of Burlington, Calhoun County, Michigan. Area family members do not know whereabouts of the CONVERSE family bible. Can anyone help me find its location or other proof of his parents such as a baptismal record?

- Verla Potts, 601A 8 1/2 Mile Rd., Marshall, MI 49068

Marriages Performed by Rev. Robert Adams

We have recently received copies of very early records of the Reverend Robert Adams, courtesy of his 2nd great-granddaughter, Mary Dunbar The records are of marriages Rosenwinkel. performed by Rev. Adams while he lived in Burlington, Otsego County, NY (1835), Milton, Calhoun Co., MI (1835 - 1837) Charleston and Climax, Kalamazoo Co. (1838 - 1839). Rev. Adams was born June 25, 1798 in England and died October 12, 1845 in Battle Creek, MI. According to records of The American Baptist Historical Society, Rochester, NY, Rev. Adams was Pastor of the Milton Baptist Church (which became the Battle Creek Church in 1843) from 1842 to 1845. The following is a transcription of copies of the original records sent to us by Ms. Rosenwinkel.

Sep. 17, 1834 - Married Mr. Joseph WILBUR to Miss Alcina JONES, both of Burlington, Otsego, NY

Oct 12 - Mr. Hiram BUNDY to Miss Sally BAKER?, both of Burlington, NY

Feb. 25, 1835 - Administered marriage to Mr. Daniel DAUCHY and Miss Betsey JOHNSON both of Burlington, Otsego Co., NY

Mar 12 - Mr. Elisha NICKERSON of Burlington to Miss Sarah BAKER of Exeter.

April 8, 1835 - Mr. Billings BROWN to Miss Emeline HALE both of Burlington.

April 12 - Mr. Samuel TUCKER to Miss Almina HOPKINS of Burlington.

June 1836 - Mr. Levi VEDDER to Miss Louisa HARRIS both of Milton, Calhoun Co., Michigan

Feb. 1837 - Mr. OLDS to Miss Sally WATERS, both of Milton, Calhoun Co., MI

Dec. 15, 1838 - Mr. Thomas SHAILER to Miss Delia BURDICK, both of Charleston, Kalamazoo Co., MI

June 5, 1839 - Mr. William McCOLLUM AE 25 to Miss June HARRIS AE 22, both of Milton, Calhoun Co., MI July 5, 1839 - Mr. Nelson BOND to Miss Mary WATERS. Both of Climax, Kalamazoo Co., MI

July 7, 1839 - Mr. Edward LYNCH to Miss Julia Ann CAULKINS, both of Emmet Calhoun County

Nov. 6 1839 - Mr. Caleb ELDRED Jr. of Climax, Kalamazoo County to Miss Lucina Amanda GARDNER of Emmet, Calhoun County Michigan

A quick check of the Marriage Records of Calhoun County did not show the above marriages for Calhoun County, so we are indeed fortunate to have been sent this information.

Candles and Oil Lamps Until 1896

from the Athens Times, 27 May 1931

The first electric light plant in Athens was installed in the BISBEE & SAYERS mill in 1896 and was owned by RHEUBOTTOM & BOND of Union City. When the mill was sold to James OSBORN of Tekonsha and later moved to Park Falls, Wis., the electric light plant was moved into the SNYDER & DORAN saw mill. Later when F. T. BISBEE bought an interest in the SNYDER & DORAN mill, a new company was formed as the Athens Electric Light & Power Co., and a new steam plant was built to the south of what was formerly the P. I. SIMONS elevator. This plant was destroyed by fire on December 11, 1909, and until September, 1910, the town was without a lighting system of any kind. At that time the Athens Mill & Power Co., headed by the late Jas. E. MASON, turned on the current from their water power plant, formerly the E. D. GREENFIELD flour mill, which had in the meantime been purchased by Mr. MASON, J. M. STANDIFORD, and his partners, J. M. STANDIFORD and Chas. H. WATERMAN, and rebuilt into a lighting plant. Flour mill machinery was afterward added.

Mr. STANDIFORD and Mr. WATERMAN later retired from the business and Earl K. MASON had also come into the partnership. He later took over his father's interest and operated the electric light business until 1925, when he sold his transmission lines and light business to the Consumers Power Co., who now serve Athens and practically every town in this section, as well as many rural districts, and a very complete and satisfactory service it is. Mr. Mason still conducts the flour mill and feed mill business, is village clerk, township clerk, and treasurer of the school district, which ought to keep one man busy.

HOW OLD IS THAT PHOTOGRAPH?

It is often possible to determine the time period in which a photograph was taken. The most positive dating can be determined with photos that have a photographer's name and address. City directories will show the years that a photographer had a studio at that location. You could do some research on the time period of the clothing worn and other objects in the photo. Finally, try to analyze the style since this can give you a dating clue. This will tell you only the earliest date it could have been taken, but it is an important clue. Some photographers continued to use traditional techniques after they were out of style.

DAGUERREOTYPE, introduced in 1839; used commonly until 1855. First popular technique using a silvered copper plate exposed to vapors of iodine then developed by placing the plate over a vessel of heated mercury. To identify, tilt the picture to see the silver effect. Silver tone before 1842; brown tone after 1841. These were placed in cases and lockets. The cases came in a variety of materials, the most common being molded composition. Daguerreotype cases declined in popularity after 1860 as tintypes and paper photos became common.

CALOTYPE, 1845-1855, the first photograph to be made on paper. Mostly found in museums.

AMBROTYPE, 1852-1880's, peeked in 1857, eventually superseded the daguerreotype. Ambrotype is a glass negative with a black baking to make the image positive. It will have a glass cover and frame holding the layers of glass together. You usually can see the gap between the image and the backing.

TINTYPE, 1856-1874, but produced for a long time, perhaps until 1915. Tintypes are a reverse image on tin sheet metal, dark in tone without clear whites. A brownish tone was developed in 1871.

CARTE-DE-VISTE, 1854-1885, a paper photo mounted on a card about 2 1/2" x 4" and served as a kind of photo visiting card. Civil War soldiers sent them home to families. Cards in the 1860's are thinner than those produced after 1870. They were printed from glass negatives and might be tinted. Studio's name and address may be on the back.

CABINET CARD, 1886-1906, one of the most popular types of old prints. Consisted of a 3 3/4" x 5 1/2" photo mounted on a 4 1/4" x 6 1/2" card. These can be found in albums. The earliest albums were invented specifically for the tintype. They also were made for the carte-de-visit photographs and then were enlarged for the cabinet card photographs. There can be a mix of both.

STEREOGRAPH/STEREO CARD, 1850-1925, were paired paper prints mounted on long cardboard and viewed through paired lens which gave a depth effect.

WET-PLATE PRINT, 1853-1902. The print has uneven coating on the glass plate near the edges of the glass.

POST CARD, 1900-1914+. Postcard-size photographic paper. The back side had a printed place for stamp and address.

BLACK & WHITE HOME PHOTO, 1890 to present, paper print note glued to a mount. The surface was often glossy with a border.

ELONGATED PHOTO, 1910-1930, was a paper print which was frequently rolled up. Generally taken at group meeting such as family reunions, graduations, etc.

COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY, 1935 to present. Color slide film was available to the public in 1935, but color print film was developed during World War II and was not commonly available to the general public until the early 1950's.

INSTANT PICTURES, 1947 to present. The first black and white prints were invented by Erwin Land in 1947, but the first color instant pictures did not appear until the mid-1960's.

BLACK AND WHITE VS. COLOR. The type of paper the image is printed on may effect its longevity. Black and white prints can be printed on fiber-based and resin-coated paper. Color prints can only be printed on resin-coated paper. A black and white photo that is processed on fiber-based paper and stored properly should have a life expectancy of over 100 years. Color prints are not as stable as black and white prints and the color will fade over time. The color dye in a photo will fade in the light or in the dark. Black and white prints will not be affected by light and will not fade at all in the dark.

The above was submitted by Ruth Kaiser, and comes from Trumbull County Chapter, OGS, January 1990.

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First Families of Tennessee

To help celebrate Tennessee's Bicentennial in 1996 a project named First Families of Tennessee has been set in motion. This project is designed to identify and recognize all descendants of the first residents of the state of Tennessee. Anyone who is a direct descendent from a person who lived in Tennessee when the state was admitted to the union in 1796 or before is eligible for membership. For more info write the East Tennessee Historical Society, PO Box 1629, Knoxville, TN 37901-1629.

Membership to the Federation of Genealogical Societies

Because the Calhoun County Genealogical Society is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, all our members are eligible to subscribe to the Federation of Genealogical Societies quarterly publication FORUM at the reduced rate of \$9 for an annual subscription. (Nonmembers pay \$15) Subscriptions are on the basis of a calendar year. Send a check to the FGS Business Office, FGS FORUM Mailing List, PO Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385. Include your name, address and phone number. If you are paying the reduced subscription fee you must include the name(s) of the FGS member societies to which you belong. Make checks payable to "FGS FORUM".

Richland Community Library

The Richland Community Library was given approximately 130 books from the estate of the late Mr. Oliver CONLEY. About 30 of these books are published family histories. Oliver Conley's family came mainly from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York.

The library also has a local history department, however, the Oliver Conley collection is housed separately from the local history room.

For more information call the library at (616) 629-9085. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10am - 5pm, except Wednesdays 10am - 7pm. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

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Fairfield Inn by Marriott and AT&T are offering a free kit with tips for writing a family history and worksheets for documenting your ancestors. The kit is also available in limited supply on Windows disk.

For either, send a postcard to Generation Journey, Fulfillment Center, 8220 Ambassador Row, Dallas, TX 75247

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9, 1995 Civil War Remembered. David Curtis of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research and member of the 17th Michigan Infantry Civil War Reenactment Group, will present a personal portrayal of his ancestor's Civil War activities at the Detroit Public Library.

2pm. No charge. Info Peggy Brann (810)553-6711.

March 31, 1996 Genealogy and History Book Fair, Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI \$1.50 Rooms 101-104

May 8-11, 1996

1996 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States. "Traveling Historic Trails; Families on the Move". (Celebrating Tennessee's Bicentennial 1797-1996) For more info write NGS, 4527 17th St. N., Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

FUTURE FUNCTIONS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

December, 1995

** ** * ** *No meeting - Happy Holidays! ** ** ** **

January 23, 1996

"Making the Most of Your Census Research" presented by CCGS

member Sandy Redmond.

February 27, 1996

"Genealogy Antidotes and Hints" You will be part of the program!

Bring your favorite research success story or your best hint and help

out your fellow researchers.

March, 26, 1996

Pioneer Certificate Launch Meeting

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

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society

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