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The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is pleased to present an evening with

**Mr. Robert Hincey, Author of *Empires*
and**

**Mr. Art Angood, President and CEO,
Miller Foundation**

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

7:00 p.m.

**VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan
Marshall, MI**

Charles Post, penniless, dying, crawled from his death bed to launch a globe-spanning business. The Kellogg brothers, embattled titans, built international kingdoms at the cost of great conflict and tragedy.

Three famous families who tried to destroy each other while creating worldwide empires. Their quests took place in the unlikely town of Battle Creek in a winter-locked corner of Michigan, and gave lasting images to two industries on the American scene: breakfast cereals and health care. Enormous wealth, fame, social power - these men won it all. For a while.

And, Ella, she was there. For each of the tycoons.

The Explosive Saga of Three Dynasties

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The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is a non-profit, federally tax-exempt, State-Chartered organization. Individuals, libraries or societies may apply for membership. Annual dues are \$10.00 for the membership year which begins October 1. All members receive the bi-monthly newsletter Generations.

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:

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

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We are always looking for submissions from our members to publish in "Generations". Give any of your articles, family journal entries, bible records or "how to" ideas to either Sandy or Nancy (address at left). Here are our deadlines:

June/July 1996 issue May 13, 1996

August/Sept. 1996 issue July 8, 1996

Oct./Nov. 1996 issue Sept. 9, 1996

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

PURE JOY!!! Remember the look on your child's face when they discovered something or solved a perplexing problem. It was a wonderful sight. I remember the look in my daughter's eyes the instant she realized she could walk. It was wonderful.

I feel we genealogists have experience the same feelings but don't relate it to those around us; especially even if it is in a library. I think we should exhibit those feelings; if only to encourage those around us to consider genealogy as a challenging yet satisfying element of one's life.

Recently, I was in Freemont, Ind. working on a location problem about an early in-law. I was the only patron in the small, warm and friendly Freemont Library. The research was not going very well. In fact, it had run headlong into the well known "Brick Wall". Boredom caused me to pick up an index of Freemont obits probably because it was next to my hand.

The in-law's name was Milton Wolf so, of course, I started with the S's. Makes sense to me. During my perusal, the name Betsy Elizabeth Wolf Smith surfaced. The same name as Milton's long lost sister. A quick leap to the noted page and two quick read throughs (to avoid misunderstandings) and I let out a war whoop and almost start an end zone dance. This followed by a feminine voice saying "Thank You".

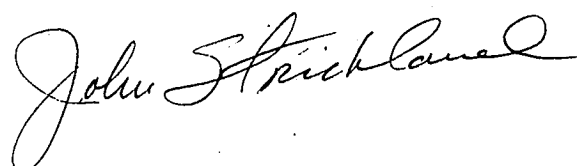
Standing in the doorway was a lady thankful of my appreciation of her arrival. Do I dare tell her the source of my elation?

Yes, and with a most interesting outcome. She had considered working on her family history. Yet thought it might be too staid an activity for her. When she learned why a library patron had become encouraged to do a St. Vitus dance, she felt genealogy offered something for her.

This also a story of luck as Milton's sister lived in Quincy, Mi all of her married life and died north of Lansing and the only obit for her was in the Freemont, Ind. newspaper. Don't ask me why. We all know that genealogy is a case of one door closing and two more opening.

Our February program on "Hints and Anecdotes of Genealogy" was well attended and very well acted upon. The 30 minute program lasted over one hour with everybody getting involved. Hints covered the use of newspapers, vital statistic records, land records, family reunions and computer print outs, fraternal lodges, period history study and luck.

The anecdote portion ran from bats to frogs to hangings in Toledo.See you on March 26th.



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:

Hughes and Allied Families. "This edition, published in 1968, is a republication of the 1877 edition, by D. D. Hughes and W. H. Hughes." Published by Garnier & Company, Charleston, SC.

Nice history of the Hughes family which originated in Onondaga Co., NY. Some family members settled in the Bellevue, MI area. D. D. Hughes was a resident of Marshall. Donated to Willard by Beatrice M. Hughes in memory of Robert W. Hughes.

Hans Walthmeyer. by Jane Bennett Goddard, U.E. 1980, Haynes Printing Co., Cobourg, Ontario, Canada. "To those brave souls, known as the United Empire Loyalists, who, through their allegiance to their king, George III, endured hardships in the extreme to found English Canada and preserve our British heritage."

Beautiful book on the history of the United Empire Loyalists who settled Canada. The UEL can be compared to the Daughters of the American Revolution, each supporting the principles of their respective causes. The UEL also has an extensive collection of genealogical materials. Also donated in memory of Robert W. Hughes.

Michigan Memories 1994, The Priscilla Press, Allegan Forest, MI; and The Romance of Michigan's Past by Larry B. Massie. 1991, Bookcrafters, Chelsea, MI

Interesting tidbits of various historical events in Michigan.

First Ladies of Michigan by Willah Weddon. 1994, NOG Press, Lansing, MI

Biographies of the wives of Michigan's Governors from Elizabeth S. Cass, wife of Territorial Governor General Lewis Cass (1813-1831) to Michelle D. Engler, wife of Gov. John M. Engler (1991 -).

Be cautious of books on your surname being sold through the mail. Many of these books are lists from the phone directory and have no genealogical value. If you get a mailing such as this, be skeptical and know what you are purchasing.

AUSTIN BLAIR FAMILY PAPERS

In September 1995 the BLAIR Society for Genealogical Research presented the Austin BLAIR Family Papers to the Bentley Historical Library on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. Austin BLAIR, a Scotsman whose family traces back to Robert BLAIR, an immigrant ancestor from Aghadowney, Ireland, moved to Jackson, Michigan in 1841. The city of Jackson, MI had been founded ten years earlier by Austin BLAIR's cousin Horace BLACKMAN.

Austin was Governor of Michigan during the Civil War and served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Austin's son Charles A. BLAIR served as Michigan Attorney General and Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Upon the death of Austin's granddaughter Helen BLAIR LAMAR in 1981 the collection was donated to the BLAIR Society for Genealogical Research and then deposited at the Bentley Historical Library.

The Austin BLAIR Family Papers is a collection of letters, newspaper articles, photographs and daguerreotypes. Several items of historical importance include: a copy of the *New York Herald* reporting on the assassination of President Lincoln dated 1865, an invitation to the White House sent by President Andrew Johnson dated 1867, and a hand-drawn family tree. Family connections include Nancy HANKS (Abraham Lincoln's mother); Julia Ward HOWE (writer of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic") and Mayflower descendents.

INDIANA RESEARCH

Ancestors in Indiana? Maybe the State Library there would be a source of information. For information write to: Genealogy Department, Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate

Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate is a project of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS). Its purpose is to honor and collect data about the early residents of Calhoun County, Michigan and their descendants. This information will be a valuable addition to the history of the county and will provide a source of genealogical information for future research.

Descendants of early residents are invited to apply for a Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate. Certificates will be given in three categories according to earliest settlement of the applicant's ancestor and will be of frameable quality.

Eligibility: Applicants must prove descent from an early Calhoun County resident. Each ancestor in the direct line must be proved.

The seal on the certificate will be based on the year that the ancestor first settled in Calhoun County. The categories are:

Pre-1861	Pioneer.	Gold Seal
1861-1890	Settler.	Silver Seal
1891-1920	Builder.	Printed Seal

Applicants need not be residents of Calhoun County or members of CCGS.

Instructions: The Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate Application form may be requested from CCGS-Pioneer Project, P.O. Box 777, Marshall, MI 49068. Please include a #10 self-addressed, stamped envelope. The application should be completed following one direct line. It should be either typed or carefully printed in black ink.

A non-refundable fee of \$10.00 must accompany the completed application form and proof of descent. Additional certificates for descendants of the same applicant may be requested at the same time for a fee of \$5.00 each. These descendants **MUST BE PROVEN** (i.e. to obtain a certificate for your child you would prove his/her descent from you with a birth certificate or some other form of Primary Evidence). List names for additional certificates on the Application form. Attach additional sheets to the lineage chart if space is needed. All certificates will be mailed to the primary applicant.

Women must be identified by their maiden names.

Dates must be written as day month year (example: 1 Jan 1900).

Incorrect or incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for corrections or additions.

Proofs: Descent shall be proven using primary sources. In the few cases where that is not possible, secondary sources, or preponderance of evidence may be accepted.

To ensure that the certificate is the result of credible genealogical research, the following **Primary Sources** are deemed acceptable: Vital Records (birth, marriage, death); Probate Records; Land Records; Tax Records; Census Records (state, federal); Military Records (state and federal); Church, Mortuary, Cemetery and Court Records, official School Records.

The inclusion of the following **Secondary Sources** is encouraged but may not be acceptable as proof of lineage: Bible records; obituaries and newspaper clippings; tombstone inscriptions; published family histories; published county histories; published biographical records; city and county directories; Atlas and Plat Books; unofficial School Records; private papers, diaries, journals and reminiscences.

All proof documents must show a complete source, such as author, title, year of publication, page number, Vol. number, type of document, and/or location of original document. (Example: for marriage: Vol IV, p. 307, #505, Calhoun County, MI.) All application forms and verifying materials will become the property of the CCGS. **No Original Documents Should Be Sent.** Send photocopies or other facsimile of pertinent materials. All copies must be clear and readable.

While not required, we encourage submission of additional information to give dimension to the subjects, such as a biographical sketch of the ancestor, family group sheets, etc.

Certificate eligibility shall be determined by a committee consisting of CCGS members. The committee's decision shall be final.

Applications, copies of proof of descent and a check or money order (\$10.00 for original application and \$5.00 each for any additional certificates) payable to the CCGS-Pioneer Project should be mailed to:

CCGS-Pioneer Project
P.O. Box 777
Marshall, MI 49068

We invite all persons to pursue their interest in family history research by joining the CCGS. A membership form has been included for your convenience.

We encourage you to make a copy of your Application and Lineage Chart for your own records.

Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate Application Form

Instructions: Fill in all blanks to the best of your ability. Print or type all information in black ink, surnames should be in CAPITAL LETTERS. A check or money order for \$10.00 (non-refundable) and \$5.00 for additional certificates must accompany the application. Application, copies of proofs and check or money order should be mailed to: CCGS-Pioneer Project, P.O. Box 777, Marshall, MI 49068.

A. Applicant's Name

_____ (as it will appear on the Certificate)

_____ (Street address)

_____ (City, State, Zip)

B. Name of your descendant(s) receiving certificate(s)

C. Name of Ancestor

(name of earliest ancestor who resided in Calhoun County, MI)
Birth _____ Death _____
(date) (place) (date) (place)
Baptism _____ Buried _____
(date) (place) (date) (place)
Married _____
(date) (place) (by: Rev., J.P., & name)
Married to _____
(name)
Birth of Spouse _____ Death of Spouse _____
(date) (place) (date) (place)

D. Where in Calhoun County did ancestor settle?

(city, town, village, township)
Emigrated from _____
(township) (county) (state, province/country)
Proof of Residency _____

I understand that this information will be publicly available for future genealogical research.

(Signature of applicant) (date sent)

for CCGS use only

File Number _____ Name of Ancestor _____

Date Received _____ Date Returned, if applicable _____

Date Completed _____ Date Certificate Issued _____

Comments:

These forms may be reproduced.

CALHOUN COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE LINEAGE CHART

1. Ancestor's Name _____ was born on _____
 at (place) _____ (county) _____ (state) _____
 Died on _____ Place _____
 Married to (spouse) _____

2. Their Child _____ married to _____
 Born: _____ Place: _____ Born: _____ Place: _____
 Married: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
 Died: _____ Place: _____

3. Their Child _____ married to _____
 Born: _____ Place: _____ Born: _____ Place: _____
 Married: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
 Died: _____ Place: _____

4. Their Child _____ married to _____
 Born: _____ Place: _____ Born: _____ Place: _____
 Married: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
 Died: _____ Place: _____

5. Their Child _____ married to _____
 Born: _____ Place: _____ Born: _____ Place: _____
 Married: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
 Died: _____ Place: _____

6. Their Child _____ married to _____
 Born: _____ Place: _____ Born: _____ Place: _____
 Married: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
 Died: _____ Place: _____

7. Their Child _____ married to _____
 Born: _____ Place: _____ Born: _____ Place: _____
 Married: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
 Died: _____ Place: _____

8. Their Child _____ married to _____
 Born: _____ Place: _____ Born: _____ Place: _____
 Married: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
 Died: _____ Place: _____

List sources of proof by generation (please number photocopied proofs to correspond to generation numbers):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Queries

→ Send your queries to:
CCGS
P.O. Box 777
Marshall, MI 49068

AVERY / BURR / LEE / HERRON TOWSLEY

I am interested in any information available about Claire AVERY, listed as a grocer and also a painter and decorator of Battle Creek, MI and Allen AVERY listed as a jeweler and who was the owner of property developed in the Urbandale area of Battle Creek. Other family members are Louise AVERY married to Clinton S. BURR, and Laura Emily LEE whose parents were Cecila HERRON and Charles LEE. Listed in a family owned bible are: Minnie HERRON, Cecila HERRON, Walter HERRON, Katherine HERRON and George HERRON. Kittie HERRON married Floyd S. TOWSLEY 4 Dec., 1898. Would like to hear any family stories.

Mary Anne Stone
Fig Tree Resort #88
8820 W. Expressway 83
Harlingen, TX 78552

BRUMBOUGHT / BRAGDON / BAYNE

The people I am trying to trace are Henery BRUMBOUGHT and wife Margaret WARREN, parents of Lydia BRUMBOUGHT born 1883 and died 1917. Also, George BRAGDON and wife Carline BAYNE, parents of Hattie Marie BRAGDON born 1865 and died 1920. They were both early settlers in north east Barry County, MI.

John L. Smith
2105 Woodland Road
Woodland, MI 48897
(616) 367- 4958

LUCAS / SWIKERT / BOYST / CLARK / NILES / EVANS

Seeking to exchange information on the Herbert LUCAS (b. 16 Sept. 1877) family. Herbert's father was Joseph L. LUCAS (b. 21 March 1847) and his mother was Margaret Ellen SWIKERT (b. 16 Nov. 1853). This family lived in the Union City/Burlington area for many years. Also trying to verify parents and ancestors of Elmer BOYST (b. 13 March 1895). Father was Alvin BOYST (b. 1870) and mother was Katie CLARK (b. 1874). Family was from the Eaton and Barry County areas. Elmer spent most of his adult life in the state hospital in Kalamazoo, MI. Looking for the family of Bert NILES (b. 2 Jan. 1872) in Kalamo Twp. of Eaton County. His father and mother moved to California after 1900. His wife Lulu Belle EVANS died shortly after the birth of a daughter Ruth J. NILES.

Edwin Hicks
5537 Cagney Loop
Homosassa, FL 34448-2138

DOLSON

I am researching John DOLSON b. c1752 New York State and d. c1838 Battle Creek, MI. Supposedly buried in a Battle Creek church cemetery. Would like to know monument inscription and vital stats for any DOLSONs in the area. John DOLSON allegedly was married three times with 27 children!!! If anyone needs DOLSON information from New York State I have plenty so feel free to inquire.

Ron Plimley
134 River Rd. No.
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
e mail:
EHKQ58A.PRODIGY.COM



VERPLANK / TICHENOR / CARRIER

I am wondering if any of your members might be descended from, or be interested in, the interwoven families of VERPLANK; TICHENOR and CARRIER who were among early settlers in Calhoun County. My understanding is that several of the families were early settlers in the area where Jackson, Calhoun and Eaton Counties meet. Several members of these families had lived previously for a time in Cayuga and Wayne Counties, New York. My primary interest is in the families named CARRIER, however, without sorting out their cross-ties to the surnames of VERPLANK, TICHENOR, etc. clear identity of people named CARRIER cannot in every case be learned. I have a good deal of information about the CARRIER family from which these people descend which I would be happy to share. I shall be grateful for any help you can give me in locating any descendants of these families and I would like to learn if anyone else is researching these families. Thank you very much.

Helynn M. Carrier
601 South Baywood Avenue
San Jose, CA 95128-3302

REILLY / O'REILLY / HARRIS

A query on the Internet provided me with your address. In the course of researching my family history I recently came across a photo of my late father taken probably around 1915 when he would have been aged 23 years. On the back of the mount was written:

Ceresco
Mich
R.I.
USA

I have ascertained that Ceresco is in Calhoun County, MI. However, my father never left Ireland and the only American connection that I can find with our family is a memory that my father followed up a legacy or will emanating from America which had been advertised in some Irish paper in or around 1940. It is said that the Solicitor (Attorney) in Ireland accepted that my father was probably the person to whom the advertisement referred but that my father needed written proof of whatever the connection he had with whatever American person was mentioned in the will or legacy. He was unable to provide this. Unfortunately I have been unable to trace the advertisement. Could anyone provide me with any information on the family names of REILLY, O'REILLY or HARRIS? HARRIS was my father's mother's family name and it just might be some connection with her that created the need for the advertisement. At this stage I am not interested in the legacy but as my father was an orphan I am finding it very difficult to find out anything about his side of the family and therefore, every straw has to be clutched and followed up! Any help to solve the puzzle created by the note on the photo mount will be appreciated.

George H. O'Reilly MA FRSAI
97 St. Assams Avenue
Raheny
Dublin 5, Ireland
Telephone 01-8314475

HUDSON / VANDER HEYDEN

I am researching the surname HUDSON and in the future I will be researching the surname VANDER HEYDEN

Renee M. Hudson
413 W. Michigan Ave.
Apt. #4
Augusta, MI 49012

**ALDRICH / WARE / NUTE / NUTT /
TRUDEAU**

I have ancestors from Calhoun County (ALDRICH and WARE families), from Ionia County (ALDRICH, WARE and NUTE/NUTT families), and others from the state (TRUDEAU family). I am a member of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (Medford, Jackson County, OR) and have some back issues of their quarterly publication, *"The Rogue Digger"*. If anyone is interested I would like to trade issues and information.

Paula Trudeau
160 Black Oak Drive
Shady Cove, OR 97539-9762

COOK

I am attempting to trace a family named COOK who moved from Chautauqua County, New York, to the Homer area in the middle of the nineteenth century. One of the members of this family was Sally COOK, mother of Philander COOK who lived in Homer and died on 5 April, 1963. She died 27 August, 1859. I am looking for further information on these people. Are there any other members who are related to these COOKs? I would be glad to send the family group sheets and other records that I have collected for your files.

Gordon Corbaley Burney
P.O. Box 515
Summerland, CA 93067

KISTLER / BECK

My husband and I have been tracing our family history for many years. Yesterday we found a great-great aunt of his, Polly M. KISTLER, in Calhoun County. Her son seems to be connected with a resort named Beadle Lake in the early 1900's. My husband's family has old post cards with pictures of Beadle Lake but we never knew of the connection. Is anyone else

researching Jacob (d. 1913) and Polly M. BECK (d. 1930) KISTLER's family? Would anyone have a history of this Beadle Lake Resort? I would appreciate any help.

Paul and Sue Beck
1650 Michael Drive
Schererville, IN 46375

McCAML Y / BOWEN / SANDS

I am researching the parents of my great-great grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth McCAML Y. She was born 7 April, 1815 in N.Y. State. She died 20 November, 1871 in Churchville, N.Y. I found her grave and that of her husband Sullivan BOWEN. Her son, my great grandfather, Guy Sullivan BOWEN, died in Clarendon, N.Y. We also found Sarah and Sullivan's names on deeds in Syracuse, N.Y. A family narrative states their first three daughters and a son Guy BOWEN (b. 1842) were born in N.Y. State. In 1729 David McCAML Y and his wife Jane ELLISON McCAML Y migrated to this country from Northern Ireland with the Clinton Colony. They had three sons and four daughters (John b. 1727 in Ireland; William b. 1730 in Orange Co., N.Y.; David b. 1743 in Orange Co., N.Y.; Sarah and Elizabeth and ?) John was a captain in the Revolutionary War and a landowner in Ulster Co., N.Y. David Jr. was a captain in the Revolutionary War. He married Phoebe SANDS in 1774. His children were: Samuel (b. 1775, d. 1814); John (b. 1782, d. 1861 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI); Eleozer Gedney (b. 1785, d. 1837 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI); David III (b. 1791); Sands (b. 1793, d. 1864 in Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI) and Rodman P. (b. 1797, d. 1870)

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Future functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

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

- April 23, 1996** Mr. Robert Hency, Author of Empires, and Mr. Art Angood, President and CEO, Miller Foundation
- May 28, 1996** Tour of the Albion Public Library, featuring their local history room
501 S. Superior, Albion, MI
- June 25, 1996** Mr. John Steed, developer and distributor of the popular genealogy software, *Brother's Keeper*

The meetings start at 7 pm and will be held at the VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI
EXCEPT the May meeting, which will be at the Albion Public Library (7:00 p.m.)

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