

The Clarion

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Dear Fellow Genealogists,

Welcome to our 55th year for our BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY! Many of our members have researched their Ancestors both near and far over these years. When we started our research, we visited our family members, wrote letters to distant relatives, requested information from County Clerks, requested Church Records, made “long distance” phone calls, visited cemeteries, cleaned old tombstones and many times traveled to distant sites to “walk” in our Ancestors footsteps. Today we can learn a lot about our Ancestors just by using our fingertips on the keys of your computer! Time marches on for all of us. Researching information is much easier today – but then maybe some of us may just be reaching out for more about our Ancestors past lives.

On a new note, Heather Leser has volunteered to take on The Clarion this year. We do want to thank Sally McCollum for her many years of producing our Quarterly Newsletter. She has served us well for almost 20 years!

THANK YOU, SALLY!

We want to make our Newsletter available both on-line (e-mail) and in printed format for those who wish to continue receiving a printed copy. Would you kindly respond to me which form you wish to receive your Newsletter by? Send your request to bcgs13@yahoo.com and Heather will mark your preference on her mailing list.

Thank You,
Kathleen Doerr
BCGS President

FROM THE BCGS PRESIDENT'S "PEN/KEYS"

Welcome to our 55th year of continuous meetings. We did endure a brief interruption due to Covid from April through September in 2020 for in-person meetings. Fortunately for us Charles Kocher, our MGC Representative, put us back together on Zoom in October 2020. We were able to return to in-person meetings at the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library in July 2021. We have continued our meetings on Zoom as well as in-person. Zoom allows our "long distance members" to join our meeting.

This year we are continuing our Hybrid Meetings with both Zoom and In-Person Speakers. Many of our members have expressed a desire for more In-Person Speakers. We have been able to schedule In-Person Speakers for September, October, and November this fall. Our Speaker for January requested Zoom due to travel distance. Thanks to the Bay County Library System we will be using new equipment to enhance both the audio and visual aspects of Zoom. We hope several of our members will be joining our meetings In-Person or on Zoom. Remember Visitors are always Welcome!

Barbara Conner is handling our Zoom Registration this year.

KATHLEEN DOERR

BCGS PRESIDENT

In Remembrance



William P. "Bill" Nelson

Mr. Nelson 82 passed away Tuesday July 5, 2022, at his home with his family at his side following a lengthy illness. He was born in Bangor Township on March 17, 1940, to the late Dewey & Martha (Waistock) Nelson. Bill married the former Camille Majznerski on April 20, 1968, at St. Hyacinth Church, Bay City, she survives him. He was retired for Saginaw Steering Gear where he had the nickname "Two Dogs", member of the UAW and member of Prince of Peace Parish-St. Anne Church. Bill enjoyed rabbit hunting, fishing, watching the Detroit Lions and will be remembered for his artistic wood and ceramic tables that he enjoyed making as gifts for family and friends.

Surviving besides his wife of 54 years are their two sons William & Barbara Nelson and Thomas & Carolyn Nelson; three grandchildren Olivia, Alex and Brendan Nelson; a sister Mary Lou Higgins and a sister-in-law Marie Nelson. He was preceded in death by a brother Robert "Bob" Nelson and a sister Shirley Schupbach. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday July 11, 2022 at 10 am from Prince of Peace Parish-St. Anne Church with Rev. Fr. Nicholas Coffaro presiding with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Family will greet friends and family on Sunday at the Rivertown Funeral Chapel from 1 to 8 pm. A Vigil Service will be held at 7 pm Sunday evening at the funeral chapel. Monday Mr. Nelson will be at the church for visitation from 9 am until time of mass



Valerie Lynne (Gillette) Jambeau

Valerie Lynne (Gillette) Jambeau, 72, of Southgate, MI, passed away peacefully December 3, 2021. A life-long Southgate resident, Valerie graduated from Southgate High in 1967, and retired as the head cook at Grogan Elementary in 2010. Valerie's passion was genealogy, and she enjoyed her friends at the Downriver Genealogical Society. She was preceded in death by her parents, James & Helen Gillette. Valerie is survived by her husband of 47 years William, son Ryan (Melissa), daughter Lyndsey Williams (Eric), granddaughters Emelia and Allison Williams, as well as cousins from Canada and Michigan's Thumb. Memorial Service and interment at Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden TBA. Heritage.com 1/9/2022

In Remembrance



Lloyd Roland Buzzard

Lloyd Roland Buzzard, age 91, passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022. He was born in Bay City Michigan to the late Roland and Gertrude (Brown) Buzzard. He married the former Mary Alcorn on August 31, 1959, and she survives him. Through the years he was active with the Boys Brigade, Bay County Genealogical Society, Tobico Audubon Society, Grand Squares Square Dance Club, Astronomical Society, and as a Life Member of the Michigan Audubon Society. He worked at National Pattern, retiring in 1989 after 21 years of service. He is survived by his wife Mary; 4 children, Bryan C. (Lori) Buzzard of Saginaw, Troy Buzzard of Bay City, Heidi E. Buzzard of Chicago IL, and Heather C. Buzzard of Los Angeles CA; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Dale (Ruth) Buzzard of Linwood, and Gertrude "Joy" (Duane) Engleman of Goodrich. No services are planned, but an organized gathering of family and friends will be planned at a later date. Those wishing to leave condolences for the family may visit the online guestbook, www.hyattewald.com Arrangements made with the Hyatt Ewald Funeral Home.

Have You Ever Tried These Resources?

By Mary McManman

Bay County Naturalization Records Surname Index

The "Bay County Naturalization Records Surname Index" is available in the Genealogy Collection in the Local History and Genealogy Room at the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library. You can use it to check if your immigrant ancestor filed a declaration of intent and/or their second papers to become a citizen through the Bay County state courts. The actual records are housed at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing.

Biographical Index Bay County, Michigan

Have you ever checked to see if your ancestor, that lived in Bay County, had a biographical sketch in one of the old county histories? If you haven't, your first stop should be the "Biographical Index Bay County, Michigan" compiled by Catherine C. Baker. This index can tell you the names of the people with sketches and what book a sketch can be found in. The Biographical Index is housed in the Local History and Genealogy Room at the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library.

A Look Back at Our Last Six Meetings

February 9th: Our speaker was Judy Muhn and she spoke on various

spellings of names and the changes to look for when doing your research. The MGC meeting was on “Finding Material for Newsletters.” Also, the 1946 Death Records are now on Michiganology.org. Facebook: 257 Members

March 9th: Dan Fantore gave a wonderful program on “Our People

Were Farmers.” Facebook: 261 Members

April 13th: MGC’s topic was “Walk Among the Tombstones.” No

masks are needed to use the Library of MI and they are now back to regular hours. Charlie presented a video on the 1950 Census and gave some instructions on how to navigate them. Facebook: 269 members.

May 11th: Discussion was had about making changes to our bank

account. This will be re-visited at a later date. Nominations were made for our board of director elections for 22-23 term. Facebook: 272 members

June 11th: Report from the MGC shows Probate records are in the

process of being digitized, which will take a while. Terry Maul talked with Kate at the Clerk’s Office. We have been given permission to copy the ledger books Mon-Fri from 2-4 pm. Officers were elected for the next term:

President: Kathleen Doerr

Vice President: Charlie Kocher

Secretary: Judy Berner

Treasurer: Mary McManman

Afterwards, Mary gave everyone a tour of the Resource Room. Facebook: 277 members

July 13th: Barb Connors reported that the MGC added 2 more

newspapers to its collection at the Library of MI. They can be accessed by using the Library of MI card. Terry Maul checked with several local funeral homes and found out they usually have obituaries on their websites for 90 days. Then we adjourned to have our usual Summer Potluck and Brown Bag Auction. Facebook: 277 members

Future Speakers:

September 14th: Rob Clark on Michigan Sugar Company

October 12th: Matt Pacer from Library & Museum of Michigan

November 9th: Dirk Hughes, the Director of the MI Masonic Museum & Library

1950 Census Help

Don't want to wait to find out what's in the 1950 Census? Here is what you can do:

To find family, you need to know the Enumeration District (ED) in which they lived in 1950.

- 1) Go to "stevemorse.org"**
- 2) Scroll down to "Universal 1950 Census Image Viewer" and click it**
- 3) Click "One-Step Unified ED Finder"**
- 4) Select State, County**
- 5) Select City or Town if listed. If not listed, select other and enter city or town name**
- 6) Enter "House Number" and "Street Name." Can find this in directories or other locations**
- 7) Enter cross or back streets. Can find using Google maps**
- 8) Click "Google Map" button. Note cross or back streets**
- 9) Select streets on drop-down list.**

Now you can find your family's census

- 1) Click ED**
- 2) Click preferred Viewer**
- 3) Browse Pages to find your family**

Recommendations From Our Members:

If you find a website you like or a form you like using, let us know. We will share it here in the Newsletter with everyone.

Facebook:

Genealogy Tips and Links

The Genealogy Squad

Gretchen's Genealogy Organizing Plans

Check these groups out for new ideas.

Names Being Researched

Heather Leser is researching the following names from Bay County:

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Valley (ie)

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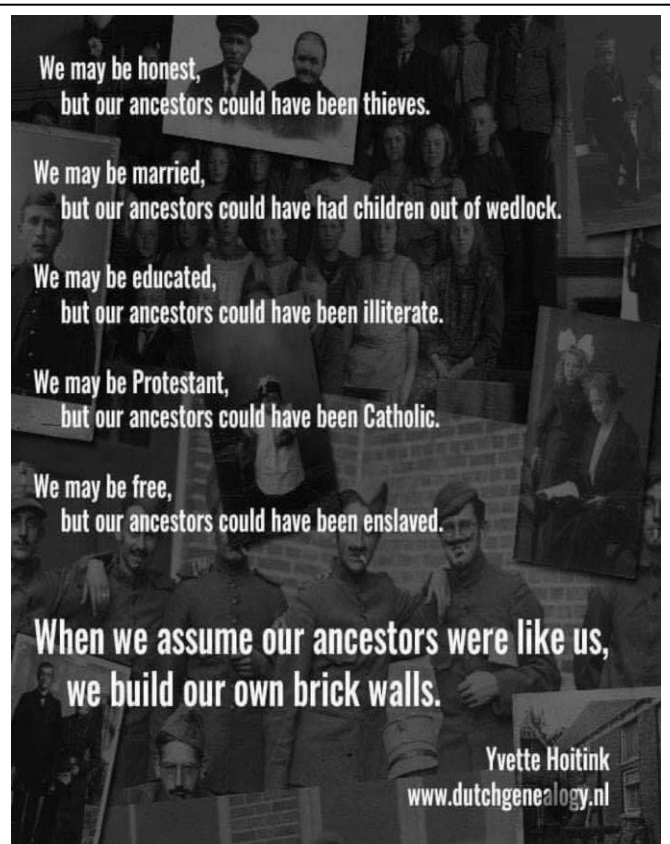
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If you would like to contact this person about their family research, send your request to bcgs13@yahoo.com and it will be forwarded to them.

If you would like to list the names you are researching here, send your list to bcgs13@yahoo.com and we will include them in the next newsletter.

Ask & Answer

This is a new section for you, our members, to send in your questions and we will try to answer them. Please send your queries to bcgs13@yahoo.com and we will post your question and our response in the next newsletter.



Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held in the Community Room
at Wirt Library

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

September 14 th	March 8 th
October 12 th	April 12 th
November 9 th	May 10 th
December 14 th	June 14 th
January 11 th	July No Meeting
February 8 th	August No Meeting

If Bay City Schools are canceled due to bad weather, our meetings are also cancelled.

Library Hours

Auburn & Pinconning

Sun-Mon	Closed
Tues-Thur	10am -8pm
Fri-Sat	9am - 5pm

Sage

Mon-Tue	9am – 5pm
Wed-Thur	12pm – 8 pm
Fri	9am – 5pm
Sat-Sun	Closed

Wirt

Mon-Thur	10am – 8pm
Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
*Sun	1pm – 5pm
	*(Sep-May only)

Contact Information

Please send all questions to one of the following:

Facebook: Bay County Genealogical Society MI

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2022-2023 BCGS Officers

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Secretary	Judy Berner
Treasurer	Mary McManman
Librarian	Heather Leser
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Clarion Editor	Heather Leser

Membership Dues

All membership renewals are due by the end of December. Yearly dues are \$20.00 for a single person or \$25.00 per family/one household.

The Wirt Genealogy Room

Our BCGS volunteers are available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1pm-4pm.

There is access to Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, Fold3, and Familysearch.org.