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BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VOL.13 NO.3 MAY 1991

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held on Tuesday the 7th at the Bay Co. South End Library. Our program will be a presentation by Mr. Francis "Speed" Charipar, Michigan Railroads from A to Z. He will speak about the many railroads which crisscrossed our state during its developmental stage. He is well able to talk to this topic having a background of 30 years of employment with the New York Central Railroad System from which he retired in 1968. This promises to be an interesting and enlightening program. We plan to videotape it, and you might want to bring your tape recorder.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

The major portions of our past two meetings have been spent in discussions related to planning for reprinting the ten volumes of "Chips and Ships" which were published by the Society on a quarterly basis between 1969 and 1978. These issues included the 1860 U.S. census of Bay County, out-county cemetery readings, a series on crossroads and ghost towns of Bay Co. as well a number of other interesting records of the county from its inception in 1857. An ad hoc committee was formed to help us with our planning.

Committee recommendations in regard to reprinting were as follows:

1. We would plan to print four volumes/books from the 10 volumes which were printed from 1969 to 1979, with one cover per volume/book.
2. There should be two copies of all volumes to be kept as file copies to be retained by the Society.
3. The reprints should be authentic, and retyping done as accurately as possible in instances where the originals are not readable.
4. Since the folks at the Allen Co. Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana have experience with this type of endeavor we will request advice from them regarding this project.
5. We will need a review committee to decide which pages need to be retyped.
6. We will need to determine a cost estimate for the project, and sales prices of the volumes/books.
7. A committee will be needed to establish a table of contents for the new volumes/books.
8. A promotional campaign will be needed to plan for sales.
9. We would hope to complete the reprinting by the summer of 1992. A timetable of our activities should be developed.

The committee was made up of Judy Bruzewski, Don Dolsen, Ruth Staudacher, Pat Jankowski, Marilyn Jones, and Bob Luce. Our next step is to determine which pages need to be retyped and get them redone. When this is completed they will be taken to the Allen Co. Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana where two bound copies will be made. They will keep one in their collection and give us the other one as well as return our originals. This is an offer they make to any person or organization with an acceptable manuscript of a genealogical nature. They do this with family histories. We have gotten advice from the folks in Ft. Wayne as was suggested by the committee. When the above is accomplished we will have done a majority of our committee recommendations.

Ruth Staudacher was appointed to head up the nominations committee again this year. Anyone who is willing to assist Ruth is welcome to be a part of that committee. Please contact her if you can help her or wish to suggest someone as president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. The committee report is to be presented at our May meeting with the election taking place at the meeting in June.

The need for a dues increase was a topic of discussion at our April meeting. According to our Constitution any dues modification must be done at the June meeting, and starts with the following membership year which starts the next January. Since our present dues structure was enacted there have been postage increases as well as raises in the cost of printing which causes us to consider an increase in dues. From the discussion at the April meeting there appears to be a sentiment for a two or three dollar per year increase. Your comments related to this issue should be sent to our P.O. Box 27 in Essexville, MI 48732.

Our delegates to the Michigan Genealogical Council informed us that the council is instituting an award which will be the Lucy Mary Kellogg Honors Award, and given to an outstanding contributor to the field of genealogy in our state. The person may be either living or have passed on to be named as a recipient. You may nominate an individual by listing your nominee's achievements in writing and sending that information to Ms. Ruth Farr, Mich. Genealogical Council c/o the Library of Michigan at P.O. 30007, Lansing, MI 48909, or to us at our address above listed above.

We also learned that the Council will be awarding Centennial Certificates to those who can trace their lineage 100 years in the State of Michigan. Further information regarding details of this project may be obtained by contacting this Society, or calling Ruth Staudacher or Hilda Taylor, our delegates to the MGC.

## MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

The council which meets on the second Thursday of every other month starting in January has a speaker at each of those meetings. Mr. Curt Witcher from the Allen Co. Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Ind. was the presenter in March, and Ruth Staudacher provided us with notes from that talk. Info about the facility follow.

The Library which is about 90% tax supported started their genealogy department in 1961 with the goal of having a large amount of accurate information easily accessible to the researcher. Their policy is to accept queries that are clear, concise and of limited scope. Complete information in regard to their query acceptance policy may be requested from them at the Allen Co. Public Library 900 Webster St. Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.

Included in their collection are:

- All federal census tapes along with available indices.
- City directories, State census records to 1891 and Canadian census records.
- Many ship passenger and immigration records.
- Military records including the pension index, amnesty papers, a Civil War index and other government documents. They have almost all that can be found in the Nat. Archives.
- A large collection of periodicals in the genealogy field.
- Approximately forty thousand family histories.
- They will provide assistance in research methodology and data of an historical nature.
- There is an automated research system for the storage and retrieval of genealogical information.

A regular contributor to the MGC Newsletter for many years is Ms. Carole Caillard who is the Special Collections Librarian at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Her column which appears in that newsletter, "Library of Michigan Genealogy Update", contains a series of articles which detail genealogical resources on New York state that are available at the library. Each individual county is listed alphabetically. Information provided includes the title, author and date of the publication as well as roll and collection numbers. The Winter 1991 MGC Newsletter provided a list of their holdings for Oneida County. It was the fifth of this series with the remainder to be found in subsequent issues. Apparently there may be three or four more segments in this series before all New York counties are covered. Copies of the MGC Newsletter are found in our society library, and information about these holdings can be gotten from that source as well as the State Library.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

19 May: Annual workshop of the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan at the Mt. Clemens Public Library in Mt. Clemens from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. No admission charge.

24-26 May: Seminar sponsored by the Ontario Genealogical society at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. You may get further information by writing to Seminar '91 Committee, PO Box 2012, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 5J8.

8 June 1991: The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research will have Mr. Anthony Hoskins to present, "Using the Newberry Library", a talking tour with helpful hints, at the Detroit Public Library. Coffee hour at 1:30 and talk to start at 2:00.

15-17 Aug.: The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Allen County Public Library will offer "An All American Conference" at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne, Ind. Request information from 1991 FGS Conference, Conference Chair, 900 Webster Street, PO Box 2270 Fort Wayne, IN 46801.

19-21 Sept.: The annual seminar of our Michigan Genealogical Conference, "Logging Relatives", at the Flint Holiday Inn. More information will be coming later.

We have included in this issue a listing of the holdings of the State Archives which are located in the same building as the State Library on Allegan Street in Lansing.

We have been advised that the Laser Printing Co. no longer has an office in Saginaw. They are located at 3200 James Savage Rd., Midland, MI 48640, Suite 4.

Ms. Kathleen Doerr has contributed the ancestor chart for this issue of our newsletter. Our thanks to Kathleen.

## QUERIES

Info re: Mary Kelly, b. 24 June 1846, daughter of William Aulton Kelly and Margaret Harney. Her first husband, a Mr. Kavanaugh, second husband was Robert H. Simons. Her children were listed in 1871 as James age 4, Margaret Ann age 2 and William Patrick age 1 month. Please send any information to Patrick Kelly 4190 Blenkinsop Rd. Victoria, British Columbia, V8X2C4. His phone # is 604 477 4491.

Our query from our last issue re: John Blair had some misinformation. John Blair for whom information is sought was a French Canadian vessel Captain in 1897. He settled in Bay City in 1880 and died in 1913. Joseph Napoleon Blair may have been a brother of his. If you can assist contact Ron McCauley 201 Trealout Dr. Fenton, MI 48430.

## ARCHIVAL CIRCULARS

Most archives organize their holdings by author or donor, rather than by subject. While this method is fine for archivists, it does not always suit researchers very well since they often need to access materials by subject. To some extent this problem can be solved by the use of tracings or added entry cards, but such access tools are not always easy to use.

Recognizing that many researchers may benefit from handout sheets identifying all records on a given topic, the State Archives has begun creating and distributing circulars listing its holdings on specific subjects. An inventory of these subjects is listed below. As new records are received by the Archives, these accessions are added to the handout sheets keeping the circulars up-to-date. At present there are 31 different releases available describing the Archives' collections on a topical basis. These handouts supplement our published guide and finding aids, which can be acquired from the source cited at the bottom of the page.

### Circulars:

1. Tax/Assessment Rolls
2. Land Records
3. Correctional Facility Records
4. Military Records I: War Records
5. Surveyor's Records
6. Probate Court Records
7. Military Records II: Post-War
8. Records Relating to Youths
9. State Census Records
10. Naturalization Records
11. School Records
12. Mental Health Records
13. Railroad Records I: State Government
14. Legislature I: Special Committees
15. Corporation Annual Reports
16. Rural Property Inventories
17. Legislative II: Standing House
18. Legislative III: Standing Senate
19. Vital Records
20. Civil War Manuscripts
21. Licensed Professions
22. Infirmaries, Sanitoria and Poor Homes
23. Depression Era Agencies
24. Election Records: State and Local
25. Mining Records
26. Public Officials: Civil and Military
27. Local Military Records
28. Lumbering, Logging and Forestry
29. Minorities I: African-Americans
30. Minorities II: Native Americans
31. Photography Collection

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of these creations should contact or visit the Reference Unit of the State Archives at 717 West Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918 (517) 373-1408.

# Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Kathleen A. Doerr  
 Address 707 Litchfield  
 City, State Bay City, MI  
 Date March 15, 1991

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 John Doerr  
 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. Oct. 12, 1858  
 p.b. Saginaw, MI  
 m. May 22, 1883 St. Mary's  
 d. Dec. 30, 1948 Saginaw, MI  
 p.d. Saginaw, MI

2 Harold Aloysius Doerr  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. Oct. 11, 1900  
 p.b. Saginaw, MI  
 m. July 29, 1940 St. Mary's  
 d. Feb. 3, 1978 Bay City, MI  
 p.d. Bay City, MI

5 Elizabeth Austin  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 1862  
 p.b. Beaver Dam, WI  
 d. Aug. 5, 1931  
 p.d. Saginaw, MI

1 Kathleen Ann Doerr  
 b. Nov. 13, 1941  
 p.b. Bay City, MI  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

8 Dennis Maxwell  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. Apr. 13, 1870  
 p.b. Tweed, Ont. Canada  
 m. Jun. 22, 1904 St. Brigid  
 d. Jan. 7, 1958 Midland  
 p.d. Bay City, MI

3 Charlotte Regina Maxwell  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. Nov. 24, 1907  
 p.b. Bay City, MI  
 d. Mar. 16, 1991  
 p.d. Standish, MI

7 Anna Florence Forster  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. Mar. 7, 1881  
 p.b. Simcoe, Ont. Canada  
 d. Nov. 24, 1962  
 p.d. Bay City, MI

(Spouse of No. 1)

8 George Doerr  
 (Father of No. 4)  
 b. 1821  
 p.b. Germany  
 m. Jan. 29, 1855 St. Joseph  
 d. Nov. 14, 1875 Bay City, MI  
 p.d. Saginaw, MI

Franziska Houmel  
 (Mother of No. 4)  
 b. Dec. 26, 1826  
 p.b. Bavaria, Germany  
 d. Feb. 19, 1903  
 p.d. Port Huron, MI

10 Patrick Austin  
 (Father of No. 5)  
 b.  
 p.b. Glengarry, Ont. Can.  
 m. Oct. 24, 1858 Scottsville  
 d. NY  
 p.d.

11 Susan O'Donnell  
 (Mother of No. 5)  
 b. May 1, 1834  
 p.b. County Donegal, Ireland  
 d. Mar. 11, 1901  
 p.d. Saginaw, MI

12 Michael Maxwell  
 (Father of No. 6)  
 b. Oct. 28, 1827  
 p.b.  
 m. 1853 Tweed Ont.  
 d. Feb. 25, 1908 Can.  
 p.d. Tittabawassee Twp. MI 26

Catherine Cashien  
 (Mother of No. 6)  
 b. Mar. 2, 1832  
 p.b. County Wexford, Ireland  
 d. Apr. 30, 1917  
 p.d. Tittabawassee Twp. MI

14 John Forster  
 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. May 9, 1833  
 p.b. Northumberland, England  
 m. Feb. 5, 1861 Port Dover  
 d. Mar. 5, 1920 Ont. Can.  
 p.d. North Williams, Twp. MI

15 Roseanna Harvey  
 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. Dec. 23, 1841  
 p.b.  
 d. June 5, 1908  
 p.d.

16 Matthias Doerr  
 (Father of No. 8,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

17 Mary Weiger  
 (Mother of No. 8,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

18 Lawrence Houmel  
 (Father of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

19 Anna Maria Kleig  
 (Mother of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

20 John Austin  
 (Father of No. 10,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

21 Mary McQuire  
 (Mother of No. 10,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

22 Jnv. O'Donnell  
 (Father of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

23 Elizabeth Hannah  
 (Mother of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

24 Patrick Maxwell  
 (Father of No. 12,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

25 Ann Murray  
 (Mother of No. 12,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

Edward Cashien  
 (Father of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

27 Sarah Kehoe  
 (Mother of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

28 George Edward Forster  
 (Father of No. 14,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

29 Eleanor Barnes  
 (Mother of No. 14,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

30 Hugh Harvey  
 (Father of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

31 Susan Nugent  
 (Mother of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

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Recently we contacted Indian Trails Bus Lines to gain information about a charter to the "All-American Conference" scheduled for the Grand Wayne Center August 15-17 this summer.

They can provide us with a 47 person capacity bus with a restroom and air conditioning leaving at 3 p.m. on the 14th and returning at about 3 p.m. on the 17th at a cost of \$1600 and up.

The per person cost will be determined by the number of passengers, i.e. with 40 it would be \$40 each, but with only 20 it would cost \$80 per person, etc.

If you are interested in a charter please inform us soon as possible, but no later than the last week in May in order that we can determine the possibility of a charter and discuss complete details. You may contact us at 302 N. Johnson in Bay City (48708), or by phone at 895 8948.

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