

# Clarion

BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VOL. 15 NO. 5 NOV. 1993

## DECEMBER MEETING

Our final meeting of this calendar year will NOT occur at our regular place or on the regular day. Since the Society was founded in 1968 this year, 1993, is the Silver Anniversary Year of our founding, and the members voted in November to have an anniversary party at that meeting which we set for Tuesday the 30th of November. They also decided to have this activity at a site besides our usual meeting place. Our librarian, Lottie Harrington, graciously invited us to be her guests that evening. We were pleased to accept her offer, particularly since it would give us an opportunity to peruse the society collection while there. We will still convene at 6:30 p.m. and stay until we all begin to start yawning, or when the street lights come on, whichever is latest. Her address is 2807 Sandra Court which is south of Bullock Road and west of Michigan. You may call her at 892 3662 if you need directions.

A committee of Lottie, Judy Bruzewski and Phyllis Pacholka have been asked to organize the event. Light refreshments and soft drinks are to be served. You may call Lottie if you have any questions or suggestions.

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETINGS

The proposed revisions to our constitution which were printed in the September issue of the Clarion were acted upon at the November meeting. Vice President Don Dolsen presented the proposals to the members and they were accepted as printed in the aforementioned September Clarion. We thank Don for handling this responsibility for the Society.

The concern that has been surfaced a number of times which relates to some of our membership getting copies of the newsletter of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, "The Forum", and others not receiving it was discussed at these two meetings. Our being on their subscription list depends upon each member being a member of a society which has joined the FGS, and paying a yearly fee of \$9.00, or if not in one of those member societies by paying a yearly fee of \$15.00.

Since a number of our members would appreciate getting that publication and all member societies get two copies for their libraries we voted to become a member society of the FGS at the regular meeting in November. Later in this issue you will find a form and instructions related to your getting "The Forum" in the 1994 calendar year.

We also discussed to some degree in those two meetings how our society as well as our individual members might support our members, particularly those with less experience in the field, as they work on their genealogical tasks. We had a question and answer session in November which dealt with questions which surfaced then. We would suggest that any of you who might have questions to send them in and the group can discuss them at one of our meetings. Queries can also be sent to us, but you are most likely well aware of that possibility.

Five of our members were in attendance at this year's MGC Seminar which took place in October at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane in Detroit, and three of them reported to the group about their experiences at our November meeting. Those members were Mike Fryzel, Ruth Staudacher and Hilda Taylor. Mike gave his impressions of the seminar as it was his first. He indicated that he felt there was a great deal of information provided in the sessions which he attended. Although most of the sessions are quite specific in regard to a limited topic area he said there was also much carry over between the topics. That is strategies reported in one session might be related to and have significance in another session. He was much impressed by the helpfulness and congeniality of both the speakers and the participants as were Hilda and Ruth.

This seminar was co-hosted by the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society and The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan and its aim is told in its title, "Preserving Our Heritage in a Nation of Diversity." The two groups, though of differing backgrounds, African-American and Eastern European, share a common love of searching for their roots and together developed an interesting seminar.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

With this issue also comes the reminder that dues for 1994 are now payable. There has been no change in the dues structure this year thus they remain at \$8.00 per person and \$10.00 for a family membership. If you wish to remit by mail you may use the form found later in this newsletter. You may also pay at the monthly meeting of the society.

The insert about photography preservation which follows was written for us at our request by Ms. Mary Maillette who was one of our speakers at an earlier meeting. We appreciate her contribution to the Clarion.

We have had information from Don Dolsen related to cooperation which he has received from the Bay County Historical Society in publicizing some of our activities. Many of us are presently members of that group, and would suggest you might consider also becoming a member. You will find a membership envelope in this mailing if you choose to become a member.

**QUERIES**

Info re: DUBOIS, Mose, b. 12 June 1873 in Canada, d. 30 Apr. 1952 & b. Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Need copy of his marriage cert. with Lydia LaFave b. 10 June 1874 in Saginaw. Dau. of John LaFave & Liza Burdeau. Died 2 May 1964 in Pontiac, also buried in Grayling's Elmwood Cem. Please send any info to Marge Emery at 1438 Pingree, Lincoln Park, MI 48127.

Info re: STACK, TOLLIS/FOLLIS, LEAHY, KELLY surnames. Robert Christopher, 1945 Prospect St. in Saginaw, MI 48601 would like to hear from anyone researching or interested in these families.

Info re: MAXSON family. Walter West of 12332 Johnson, Grand Haven, MI 49417 has material about this family which he will share and wants to communicate with any interested persons.

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Charter (non-member, by 15 January 1993) \$12  
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*We have the supplies you need for preserving your photographs and artifacts.*

- *Polyethylene (acid-free) see through storage envelopes*
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# *Preservation of your old/new Photography*

*Mgm Retouching Methods*

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## The Preservation of your photographs

The first step in preserving photographs is providing them with a stable environment. One must learn how to store and handle photographs.

Store photographs in areas of moderate temperature and humidity ranges. Never store in high humidity areas, like basements, damp storage cellars, or dangerously low humidity areas like attics. During the rapid reduction in humidity the emulsion (the layer on top of photo) will dry out and shrink faster than the support or base. You will find your photo will actually burst, or pop free from the base... The rapid rise in temperature can have a similar effect. Emulsions also are able to absorb a great deal of moisture, and soften as they do so. The softening effect makes them more easily scratched, abraded, mold and more likely to stick to other surfaces.

The second step in protecting your photographs is to use safe storage and handling materials. It is best to use acid-free negative guards and clear plastic guards to protect the soft emulsion surfaces from finger prints, foods, oils, dirt and abrasions. This will allow you to handle and view your negatives or photographs safely. Another aspect of providing protection for your family photos is to select safe (acid-free) storage boxes.

## What to do with a damaged family photo?

Copying is an integral step in preserving the images of your picture collection. Copying and the art work can prevent loss of family history through deterioration. They provide an alternative to repeated handling of fragile/torn photographs.

Mgm Retouching Methods will copy your old damaged photo and will restore the print with art work... dyes, water colors, air brushing and oils.

## Do you have a photo you want changed?

Airbrushing and dyes will remove that unwanted person or background and will remove glass glare and blemishes. Call us with your problems. We are the specialists in the area of preservation, repair of damaged photographs, and photo changes.

## Do's

- Use a acid-free matt board on all your photography when framing. It will keep the photography from sticking to the glass.
- Remember to store your photos in areas of moderate temperature and humidity.
- Do use acid-free (Archival) materials when handling and storing your photos. Mgm Retouching Methods can supply you with acid-free materials.

## Don'ts

- Avoid sun light on photographs, direct or indirect.
- Avoid quick fix techniques with items like scotch tape, paper clips, staples, rubber cement, felt markers or ink pens, and pencils. These items will damage the emulsion (the layer on top of photo).
- Avoid inexpensive card-board matts and acid-plastic albums or materials for your photographs.
- Don't store in attics or basements.
- Avoid handling your photos without using acid-free plastic guard.