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BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Vol.15 No.4 Sept, 1993

OCTOBER MEETING

We will meet on Tuesday, October 5 at the South End Branch Library on Lafayette St. in Bay City at 6:30 p.m. We will be dealing with the proposed changes in our constitution and develop plans for the future.

JUNE/SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Our delegates to the Michigan Genealogical Council informed us that the earlier report which we received in regard to S.B.378, which is intended to maintain our right to use death records when doing research was incorrect. Later in this issue you will find a report from Joanne Harvey which will assist you in a better understanding of this important issue. Those of you who live in Michigan should consider contacting your representatives and senators in Lansing with your concerns about the passage of S.B. 378.

The possibility of revising our constitution was another topic for discussion. Our vice president, Don Dolsen, presented us with recommendations for our consideration. Following the discussion it was decided that the revisions be referred to the Executive Board for recommendations to be presented at the first meeting of the society in the fall, with the goal of presenting the agreed upon possible revisions to the society meeting in October. The proposed changes are found later in this issue and are to be voted upon at our meeting of 4 October.

Kathleen Doerr, Chairperson of our Nominating Committee, recommended that those officers who served in 1992-93 be re-elected for the 1993-94 year. There were no other nominations and the following officers were elected: President, Bob Luce- Vice President, Don Dolsen- Secretary, Earlene Chanel- Treasurer, Judy Bruzewski.

The Executive Committee met on the 20th of August and developed recommendations for the constitution, established a budget for the year and discussed job descriptions for our officers.

We again discussed S B 378 at our September meeting. Since this bill has not as yet left committee we once again urge that our members contact our legislators in Lansing and inform them of our feelings in regard to S B 378.

Ruth Staudacher provided us with information about the Abrams Grant to the Council which will be used to improve our store of vital records in Michigan. We have included information from Ms. Harvey related to this grant later in this issue.

Judy Bruzewski, our Treasurer, presented the proposed budget to the members in September. Following discussion the following budget was accepted for 1993-94.

Printing.....	\$90.00
Stamps.....	\$60.00
Post cards.....	\$30.00
Dues/Publications....	\$62.00
Books.....	\$25.00
*Savings Account.....	\$50.00
Honoraria.....	\$30.00
Total.....	\$347.00

*- This item actually constitutes a contingency fund.

Recommended Changes in the Constitution and By-laws

Existing Articles I, II, III, IV.... No changes suggested.

Suggested change to Article V, Par. 1, Delete "EDITOR" from officer list.

Article V, Par. 2, REWORD - Executive Board shall consist of current officers, plus Standing Committee Chairs, and Immediate Past President.

Article V, Par. 3 ADDED - Standing Committees shall be - EDITOR, LIBRARIAN, MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL DELEGATES and other committees as approved by the Society.

Article V, Par 4, 5, 6, 7.....NO CHANGE

ARTICLES VI, VII, VIII.....NO CHANGE

Article IX.....RENAMED - FUNDS

1. The Treasurer of the Society shall be responsible and accountable for handling Society funds. A Society Budget shall be prepared yearly by the Executive Board, to be voted on at the October meeting. (Exec. Bd. meeting 20 Aug. 1993)

2. The Society shall have a Post Office Box and a Bank Account.

Present Articles IX and X to be renumbered to X and XI.

NOTE- Amendments - The Constitution and By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be provided members in written form at least seven days before the meeting.

**REPORT OF THE LIAISON TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE REGISTRAR,
PUBLIC RECORDS COMMITTEE
edited by Joanne Harvey, Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society**

In 1992/1993, the Public Records Committee and the Liaison to the Office of the State Registrar have been very involved in two activities of desperate importance to Michigan genealogy.

Attorney General Opinion 6660 12 Sept 1990 stated that under current Michigan law, fetal death records were not open to the public. Thus, Michigan death ledgers which contain those deaths, and the indexes to those ledgers, could not be open to the public for searching nor information transcription. THIS OPINION CLOSED MICHIGAN DEATH RECORDS AND THEIR INDEXES TO ALL RESEARCHERS - IF ENFORCED.

Senate Bill 501 in the 91/92 Michigan legislature was entered to correct the problem and was not passed. Senate Bill 378 in the 93/93 Michigan legislature has passed the Senate, and is in the House of Representatives Public Health Committee, chaired for the month of June by Michael Bennane, Democrat, who has indicated that he will not oppose the bill but since it is sponsored by the Republican President of the Senate, Arthur Ehlers, will not move it during his alternate months as Committee Chair.

Republican Public Health Committee Chair John Jamian knows our need to pass SB 378 before the end of calendar, 1993, since 1994 is an election year for both houses in which little legislation moves. Continued pressure is essential both on Jamian, the committee members, and all Representatives to get SB378 passed before the end of 1993, to restore our legal access to death records.

A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE TALBERT AND LEOTA ABRAMS FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING OF VITAL RECORDS PRESERVATION AND ACCESS PROJECTS was funded by the Abrams for a total of \$27,565. Made by the Office of the State Registrar with MGC, the proposal will:

A - Have the death records transcribed by MGC genealogists for the years 1870 through 1875 key-punched into the electronic data base at the Office of the State Registrar, and will produce an all-one alphabet list of Michigan deaths from 1867 through 1875, the first phase of the Death Record Project. MGC will publish this list, with any proceeds above cost returning to the Office of the State Registrar to defray the expenses of the second phase of the Death Record Project, so that MGC volunteers may transcribe further Michigan deaths from the old ledgers onto the key-punch work forms.

B -The original microfilms of the actual ledger records for deaths, marriages, and divorces will be re-worked and improved. Four film sets will be made from these originals; one set for the Office of the State Registrar, one set for the State Archives for public use, two sets for the Library of Michigan in Lansing and its Upper Peninsula public service for public use.

MGC as a Federally tax-exempt body will receive the funds from the Abrams Foundation. Upon completion of the two projects to the approval of the Office of the State registrar, MGC will pay the project vendors from the Abrams funds. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SB378 MUST BE PASSED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE DEATH FILMS FROM 1867-1897 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THEY CAN STILL BE PREPARED FOR USE BUT WE CANNOT USE THEM UNTIL THE LAW IS PASSED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3 Oct.- Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show at the New Lansing Civic Center 333 E. Michigan Ave. in Lansing. You may get further info from the Curious Book Shop at 307 E. Grand River in E. Lansing, MI 48823, phone: 517 332 0112, fax 517 332 1915.

7-9 Oct.- The 1993 Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar, "Preserving Our Heritage, A Nation Of Diversity" at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Dr. Det., Mich. 48223. Call either 313 863 6976 or 313 835 6032 for further information and or a program brochure with registration details.

4-6 Aug. 1994- The first Great Lakes Genealogical Conference will be held in historic Fort Wayne, Indiana. This is to be a joint effort of the state genealogical organizations of the Great Lakes States and the Province of Ontario. This is the time to get this highly significant genealogical event of the century on your calendar. Plan a Great Lakes Vacation for next summer, and come to Fort Wayne. Further information can be obtained by sending your inquiry to the Genealogy Dept. of the Allen Co. Public Library, P. O. Box 2270, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801-2270.

Following we have included the calendars for the remainder of 1993 which have been sent by the National Archives-Great Lakes Region in Chicago and the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research.

Family History Workshops of the National Archives at 7358 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60629

October 5: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. See February 2.

October 13: **BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE** by Beverly Watkins. See May 27.

October 18: **OHIO: A GENEALOGICAL CROSSROADS** by Helen A. Shaw. A brief history of the settlement of Ohio with migration routes into and through the state. Sources and sites for research in and out of Ohio, including Chicago. (B.I.A.)

November 2: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. See February 2.

November 8: **CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY RESEARCH** by Loretto Dennis Szucs. The nitty-gritty of urban research; an examination of sources and repositories. (B.I.A.)

November 10: **THE U.S. ARMED FORCES** by Scott M. Forsythe. A study of U.S. military service records from the Revolutionary War through World War II. (B.I.A.)

December 7: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. See February 2.

THE PARTICULARS

FORMAT: All workshops last half a day (9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Central Time), except as noted. Registration begins at 9:00. Lunch on your own; opportunity to use the resources of the National Archives - Great Lakes Region in the afternoon. Workshops are conducted by staff, volunteers, and friends. Taping lectures is allowed **only with the permission** of the instructor.

COST: \$5.00 per workshop, except as noted. Payable on the day of the workshop.

REGISTRATION: By telephone only (312) 581-7816. Ask for Family History Workshops. Each workshop is limited to 40 persons, except where noted. Call today!

WHERE: National Archives - Great Lakes Region, Chicago, Illinois (Conference Room).

* B - Beginner I - Intermediate A - Advanced
(Instructors will gear their lectures to these levels. Please be sure that you have sufficient background and knowledge for levels I and A).



THE DETROIT SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
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September 1993

Dear Members and Friends,

Listed below is the schedule for the first half of the 1993-1994 season of programs. All meetings are on Saturdays at the Detroit Public Library, unless otherwise stated, beginning at 2:00PM. Room location will be posted in the Burton Historical Collection. There is no charge for our meetings. To become better acquainted, come join us for coffee and conversation at 1:30 PM. DSGR publications and genealogical aids will be available for purchase afterwards.

- 7-9 Oct. 1993 MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL SEMINAR, HOLIDAY INN-FAIRLANE, hosted by the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society and the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. See brochures at BHC.
- 16 Oct. 1993 NOTE: THIS IS NOT OUR REGULAR MEETING DAY!!! JOIN US FOR A HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF ELMWOOD CEMETERY conducted by Mr. Chauncy Miller. We will walk rain or shine, so come prepared.
- 13 Nov. 1992 ANNUAL WORKSHOP The "how to" of GENEALOGY
9:30 AM Registration, (Reservations preferred)
9:45AM-12:30 NON COMPUTER: CHARTING by NANCY BURGE;
9:45-10:30AM INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS: by JANET GERSTENECKER;
10:45AM-1:00 BEGINNERS:(#1)BROTHERS KEEPER by HARLEY BARNETTE;
(#2) PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE by RICHARD DOHERTY;
(#3) ROOTS III/IV by JAMES JACKSON;
(#4) FAMILY ROOTS by JANET GERSTENECKER;
(#5) FAMILY ORIGINS/ THE MASTER GENEALOGISTS
by WOODY TROUTMAN.
2:00-4:00PM NON COMPUTER: COURT HOUSE RESEARCH by N. BURGE;
2:00-4:00PM INTERMEDIATE: Will cover the same five programs
in separate sessions running concurrently.
4:15-4:45PM GUIDE TO USING BULLETIN BOARDS by STEVE COOK.
- 11 Dec 1993 THE DOS AND DON'TS OF EFFECTIVE GENEALOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE; Some humorous examples presented by STEVE KELLER with helpful suggestions for better results by BETTY LOU MORRIS.
- 8 Jan 1994 NINTH ANNUAL FIELD TRIP TO THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FT. WAYNE INDIANA. for MEMBERS ONLY! Details to follow.

QUESTIONS? CALL JOAN LE MOND(E) DANCY (313) 791-0662

QUERIES

Info re: ROY & SABOURIN families. Josephine Roy was born in Bay City in 1894. Parents: Louis Roy & Rose Emma Sabourin. Joseph Sabourin & Euphemia Pillion were parents of Rose. Among her siblings were Joseph, Josephine (Mrs. Emmanuel Houle) and Mary (Mrs. Alfred Cormier). Mr. George Moser, a new member of the Society, living at 4421 Irish Hills, Apt. #2A, South Bend, IN 46614-3025 would appreciate hearing from anyone who has info about this family.

Info re: SAYLOR family. Frederick Saylor was born in Saginaw and Grace Marwood who was born in Canada were married 18 Feb. 1885 in Bay City. One of their children, Beatrice, was born in Sandwich, Ont. in 1902. Any info about other children including Frederick, Lester, Irving or any others would be appreciated by Cindy Scouten at 86 John Scott Ct., Bowmanville, Ont., Canada LIC 471.

Info re: Henry C. BASNEY. Mrs. Betty Lou Morris, 96 S. Wilson Blvd., Mt. Clemens, MI 48043-3881 would appreciate hearing from anyone with knowledge about Mr. Basney who reportedly lived in Bay City ca 1890. SASE included.

Information from the mid-1800s sought on the following:

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS (Benjamin is first or middle name)
SARAH BADMAN or BATTMAN (Possibly married a Mr. Tibbits or Tibbets)
JOANNIS BOISCLAIR (Boisclaire, Boiseleac, Beauclair)
LOUIS DESAUTELLES (Desotell or Deshotels)

Please contact Mary Reilly, 65 River Dr., Appleton, WI 54915

Info re: SIMPSON family. Ms Marsha Kitzmiller, 713 Regency #204, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 would like to obtain death/marriage records of Andrew J., b. 22 Mar. 1883, Essexville, MI, d. 16 Jul 1959, buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery. He married Ranee DesJardins 5 Jun 1906 in Essexville where she was born 13 Feb 1884. She d. 1 Apr 1966 also bur. at St. Patrick's. Her father was Esuebe DesJardins, d. 19 Sep 1926, Essexville. His father, Andrew Simpson was born in London, England and died in Essexville, 12 Jun 1933/37. He first married Virginia Bolduc. Second wife was Marie Laure (1871-1946). SASE included.

Info re: LABBIE, BAWKEY & BATES families. New member Judi Beman of 1454 Newman Ave. Lakewood, Ohio 44107 5118 needs help in her search for members of these families. George A. Labble was a baseball player for the Bay City Grays. His wife was Rose Rivett. He died in Cleveland in 1948. Also A. G. Libble whose wife was Mary Turmell. Either or both of these ladies may have part Cherokee Indian and may have migrated here from Quebec. The Bawkey family left Wood Co., Ohio for Isabella Co., Mich. in 1880. Some of the given names were James, John, Mary and Frank. She is looking for descendent(s) of Adam T. Bates and his fourth wife, Mary Jane Hill Bates as well. Some of his 24 children

moved to Michigan from Scott Twp. in Sandusky Co., Ohio to Royal Oak, Bay City and this general area.

FROM OTHER SOURCES

From Vol.1 # 8, The Saginaw Co. Genealogical Soc. Newsletter;

Ruth Talbot McMahon of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research has indexed the Detroit adult (18+) deaths from microfilms of Wayne County Deaths. The deaths are from 1868 to the end of 1897. For a fee of \$2 she will look up one full name and provide all possible references. For an additional \$5 per full name, she will check those references and provide copies of the correct death, if found. There are about 35,000 names available, but remember these indexes include only City of Detroit adult deaths and NOT surrounding townships. Please include SASE with requests. If interested, write to Ruth Talbot McMahon, 8283 Beacon Lane, Northville, MI 48167-9418.

From The Michigan Connection, Newsletter of the Mich. Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Soc., Vol. 4 #1;

GENEALOGICAL TREASURES

CAROLE CALLARD

When searching government bibliographies, one finds little mention of genealogy. However, the U.S. Government publishes many items which are of great interest to the genealogist. The primary source the genealogist uses to establish age, residence, and relationship is the Federal Population Census. The Federal Population Census, with name information is released after seventy-two years by the National Archives and Records Administration. The most recently released census with names is the 1920 census. Many census indexes are available from commercial firms through 1860/70, but the 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 census indexes were prepared by a card/soundex method in the 1930's by the U.S. Works Progress Administration, and are available to the public and institutions from the National Archives. These soundex indexes also can be found in large genealogical collections.

Another source of information from the census are the mortality schedules for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. These schedules list by county the deaths that occurred in each of the above census years.

The National Archives publishes the following guides to aid the researcher in the use of the census material: Federal Population Censuses 1790-1890; a Catalog of Microfilm Copies of the Schedules; 1900 Federal Population Census: A Catalog of Microfilm Copies of the Schedules; 1910 Federal Population Census: a Catalog of Microfilm Copies of the Schedules; and 1920 Federal Population Census: a Catalog of Microfilm Copies of the Schedules.