

BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VOLUME 13 NO. 1 JAN. 1991

MEETING

Our first meeting of 1991 is set for the second Tuesday of January which will be the 8th, and will be held at the Salem United Methodist Church at the corner Tenth & Madison in Bay City due the first being New Year's Day and the library is already booked for the 8th of January. Due to a combination of considerations, mainly the weather, our December meeting was cancelled. Mr. Bill Worden, President of the Midland County Genealogical Society, who was to have spoken in December will be with us at the January meeting. He will speak to doing research at the LDS Branch Library in Midland as well as other resources in Midland.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Since we did not meet in January our plans for "Chips & Ships" had to be put on hold. We have been able to gather a number of back issues of them and would ask each of you to bring copies which you have available in order to determine if we might be able to come up with a complete set. Further planning will follow.

Hopefully each member has been able to renew his/her membership. Dues again this year are \$5.00 per person or \$7.00 family or group, and are to be remitted to Hilda Taylor at Box 27 in Essexville, MI 48732. Your prompt renewal will be appreciated.

Our group has been interested in the issue of obtaining access to birth records for persons who were born long ago. The Michigan Genealogical Council has been working on this issue also. We have been able to surface our concerns with Tom Hickner, our State Representative, and he has been studying the question and has indicated a willingness to work toward passage of new legislation or administrative rules changes which may be appropriate in resolving the problem. Letters to him urging his continued efforts to this end with your thanks for his work in this area are suggested. They may be sent to: House of Representatives, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the Allen Co. Public Library Genealogical Dept. will present the FGS Conference this coming August at the library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They have titled it "An All American Conference", and has organized it so that they will cover the field of genealogy in a complete manner. You may request full information by mailing the tear-off from the bottom of the last page of this newsletter to them.

12 Jan. 1991- The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research will provide a problem solving help session chaired by their past-president, Betty Lou Morris. Bring your questions to the Detroit Public Library for this 2:00 p.m. session. The location will be posted in the Burton Historical section of the library on Woodward Avenue. The public is welcome.

The following was printed in the newsletter of the Columbiana Co., Ohio Genealogical Society: The Division of Library & Archival Services of the American Medical Ass'n. located at 535 Dearborn, Chicago, IL will, for a small fee, search for information on your ancestor who was a doctor.

The pedigree chart in this month's Clarion was provided to us by Julia Mazerowski. She has done research on these families. Surnames included are Whiting, Jenne, Ploof, Lavasseur and Stapish. Thanks to her for this information.

We have received word from member Betty Corbishly that the LIS Branch Library in is closed for an undetermined period of time.

QUERIES

Info re: Leonard Carl Liedeke and wife Nina Emma Giersbach who lived in this area ca early 1900's. Other surnames related to them include Dahl, Huber, Krueger, Roth, Kuerbitz, Labrenz, Lambert and Webber. Send any info to Darlene Schrufer 1100 Terrace Court, Raleigh, NC 27615.

Info re: Sarah Stephens wife of John Fitzwilliams. She was born in County Caven, Ireland ca 1820 and migrated to Canada with her brother ca 1837. Some time later they moved to Bay City. Request from H. H. Stephens, M. D. 1603-11027-87 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. T66

Our society attempts to provide assistance in genealogical research. Queries are read at our monthly meetings, and if no one is able to take the query we try to get it to someone who might be able to help, and it is put in The Clarion.

FREE CHART No. _____

No. 1 on this CHART is the same as No. _____ on CHART No. _____

Earl Hart
MILLER
8 BORN 14 May 1896
PLACE Stanwood, Cedar, Iowa
DIED 27 Apr 1982
PLACE Dallas, Dallas, Texas
MARR 9 Jul 1919
PLACE Vancouver, Clark, WA

1 Anthony Allen
MILLER
BORN 21 Sep 1931
PLACE Lake Forest, Lake, IL
DIED
PLACE
MARR 10 Sep 1956
PLACE Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

Chizuko
OKAZAWA
NAME of SPOUSE
Stella Frankie "Zan"
SULLIVAN
3 BORN 7 Nov 1899
PLACE Chattanooga, Hamilton, TN
DIED 27 Nov 1972
PLACE Natchez, Adams, MS

Frank Henry
MILLER
4 BORN 25 Aug 1859
PLACE Cherry Valley, WINN, IL
DIED 18 Apr 1932
PLACE Portland, Multnomah, OR
MARR 25 Dec 1882
PLACE , Cedar, Iowa

Jeannette "Nettie"
HART
5 BORN 16 Jan 1860
PLACE Streator, LaSalle, IL
DIED 6 Jul 1915
PLACE Portland, Multnomah, OR

John (George Whiting)
SULLIVAN
6 BORN 1853?
PLACE Flint, Genesee, Michigan
DIED 3 Jan 1909
PLACE Portland, Multnomah, OR
MARR 2 Jun 1897
PLACE Washington, , DC

Stella Helen
SHAW
7 BORN 12 Jun 1878
PLACE Fayette, Jefferson, MS
DIED 2 Feb 1955
PLACE Salem, Marion, Oregon

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Ezra Allen
MILLER
8 BORN 1 Aug 1833
PLACE Portage, Livingston, NY
DIED 9 Mar 1917
PLACE Portland, Multnomah, OR
MARR 18 Mar 1856

Theresa Jane
PALMER
9 BORN 1 Apr 1837
PLACE LeGrange, Chautauqua, NY
DIED 20 Mar 1917
PLACE Portland, Multnomah, OR

Jerome
HART
10 BORN 8 Nov 1832
PLACE Erie, Erie, Pennsylvania
DIED 13 Apr 1924
PLACE Clinton, Clinton, Iowa
MARR 30 Jan 1859

Hannah Cordelia
RICKARD
11 BORN 19 Mar 1840
PLACE Cornish Flats, SUL, NH
DIED 9 Oct 1901
PLACE Stanwood, Cedar, Iowa

John Wolford
WHITING
12 BORN 1814c
PLACE , England
DIED 8 Jul 1883
PLACE Flint, Genesee, Michigan
MARR 3 Oct 1852

Margret
ROACH
13 BORN 1814c
PLACE Mullinavat, Kilkenny, IRE
DIED 28 Sep 1887
PLACE Flint, Genesee, Michigan

William M.
SHAW
14 BORN 1848
PLACE , Jefferson, Mississippi
DIED 1933
PLACE Perth, Jefferson, MS
MARR 11 May 1876

Helen May
GUICE
15 BORN 1854
PLACE , Franklin, Mississippi
DIED 8 Mar 1917
PLACE San Francisco, SMA, CA

Ezra Marvin
MILLER 1812
16 CONTINUED ON CHART

Jane Kershaw
WELLS 1812
17 CONTINUED ON CHART

Henry
PALMER
18 CONTINUED ON CHART

Rebecca Burton
ROOT
19 CONTINUED ON CHART

Ithel Devotion
HART 1802
20 CONTINUED ON CHART

Emeline
LEWIS 1812
21 CONTINUED ON CHART

Cyrus Lyons
RICKARD 1803
22 CONTINUED ON CHART

Hannah Harlow
ELLIS 1807
23 CONTINUED ON CHART

24 CONTINUED ON CHART

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27 CONTINUED ON CHART

William
SHAW 1819
28 CONTINUED ON CHART

Mary Ann
McLaurin 1828
29 CONTINUED ON CHART

Jonathan Madison
GUICE 1822
30 CONTINUED ON CHART

Sarah Jane
GRIFFING
31 CONTINUED ON CHART

A report on "Doing Your Homework on a German Immigrant Ancestor", by Maralynn Wellaur who has specialized in the genealogy of Eastern Europeans, presented at the Michigan Genealogical Seminar on Oct. 11, 1990.

Ms. Wellauer, a high school teacher in Milwaukee, Wisc. told the group in her opening remarks that one in four Americans have German ancestry. She told us that in preparing for our search we need to get the person's full name and to get the date and place of at least one important event in their life.

Important elements of a search will include info about their religion, occupation, U.S. port of entry, port of departure, name of ship, U. S. and European residences, any military record, naturalization record and those vital records which relate to birth, marriage and/or death.

Some sources she mentioned beside the usual were obits, birth notices, marriage notices, etc. found in German language newspapers and history books from their era which include German surnames. These papers will also include lists of letters which were being held at the local post office for someone whose address was not known to the sender, usually someone from the homeland, consulate notices to immigrants, immigrant's memoirs, biographies and other personal info.

When contacting a church try to get at the sexton's records as well as tombstone info, and attempt to see the record since you will often be provided only minimal info from it.

Ms. Wellauer's next session was "Source Material for German Genealogical Research in U. S. Libraries". She indicated that one pitfall to avoid is that of looking for German Genealogy as a subject heading in the library. Rather look under such headings as almanacs, biography, emigration, land and property, guilds and the many other topics which may lead you to your goal. Those subject headings will give info related to nationality, places, time frame, etc. There are a great many family genealogies which are found in the Library of Congress. They will tell you if your surname is among them. You may send your request to their Card Division Washington, D. C. 20541. She also recommended a query to the Family History Library at 35 Northwest Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

Special German collections in this area are found at Baldwin-Wallace Coll., Berea OH. and the Cleveland Pub. Lib., Cleve., OH. There are a number of collections in New York and Pennsylvania. A list of those sites may be obtained from the conference program or by contacting her at 3239 North St. in Milwaukee WI. 53216.

Ms. Wellauer spoke the next day to the topic "Record Keeping and Repositories in the Old German Empire". She suggested that when writing overseas it is best to make short, typed requests and to underline the name of the city. The repositories most used by U.S. genealogists are state, town or city, church, nobility, military, federal and university archives along with the civil registries. Listings of those places can be obtained in U.S. libraries particularly those at universities. Inventory lists of those are also found in the conference program or may be obtained from Ms. Wellauer at the address above.

A report on "How to Use the Burton Library", given by Joseph F. Oldenburg at the 1990 Michigan Genealogical Seminar on 12 Oct. 1990.

Mr. Oldenburg has been with the Detroit Public Library since 1969. During that time he was the Librarian of the Burton Collection for two years, Curator of Manuscripts for ten years, Chief of Information for two years and is presently Assistant Director of the main library. His presentation dealt with the many sources of information in the Burton Collection and how best to access that which is needed.

Those sources include the following: 1-The main catalog of family histories, countries, states, counties, cities, Canadian provinces, magazines and newspapers. 2- a check list with dates of magazines and newspapers. 3- Local histories of Michigan and Detroit. 4- Histories of Great Lakes ships and shipwrecks. 5- Atlases and maps. 6- Detroit and Michigan pictures by subject. 7- Chronology of events in the history of Detroit. 8- Coroner reports of Wayne County deaths from 1870-1888. 9- Listing of Detroit and Michigan newspapers from 1809-1973. 10- Genealogical index of family histories. 11- Coats of Arms. 12- Indexes of vital records-census, birth, death, marriage, registers and lists and tax lists. 13- Military service lists from Colonial Wars to 1898. 14- Genealogy charts of members of the Detroit Soc. for Genealogical Research. 15- Index of biographies of Detroit and Michigan people.

The above noted indexes are found in separate card files which are located in the entrance to the Burton collection just before the Librarian stations and the main section.

Mr. Oldenburg referred to a layout of the Burton collection during his presentation a copy of which was in the hands of the conference participants. The above report will be most useful as a guide to the Burton holdings, but assistance will most likely be needed as a researcher visits there. He has written a book which takes the reader section by section through the Burton Library.

There is a great deal to be gained from a visit there, but a study of its offerings will be most helpful and save time for the researcher.

COUSIN-FINDER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Brother/ Sister	Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	Great, Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G. G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece
	Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	FIRST COUSIN	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin 3 Times Removed	First Cousin 4 Times Removed	First Cousin 5 Times Removed
	Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin Once Removed	SECOND COUSIN	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin 3 Times Removed	Second Cousin 4 Times Removed
	Great, Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	THIRD COUSIN	Third Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin 3 Times Removed
	G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 3 Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	FOURTH COUSIN	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed
	G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 4 Times Removed	Second Cousin 3 Times Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	FIFTH COUSIN	Fifth Cousin Once Removed
	G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 5 Times Removed	Second Cousin 4 Times Removed	Third Cousin 3 Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	SIXTH COUSIN

The chart at the top of the page has been designed to assist us in determining the relationship which we have with those distant cousins of ours. When using it out the name of the direct line ancestor you share with a cousin in box 1. Then put the direct line descendants of the person named in box 1 in the boxes across the top line, and do the same for yourself in the boxes in the vertical line. Go down from his/her name and across from your name to determine the relationship.

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The 1991 FGS Conference

- Three days packed with genealogical lectures and discussions for both the beginning and experienced researcher.
- Speakers who are widely recognized as leading authorities in their subject areas.
- An opportunity to work in the outstanding genealogical collection at the Allen County Public Library, ranked among the best in North America.
- All-American awarded city with airport and convenient hotel shuttle transportation.
- Convenient convention accommodations at the Fort Wayne Hilton within walking distance of the Library.
- Historically reconstructed 1816 fort, the Louis A. Warren Lincoln Museum and Archives, and the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Museum.

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