

# Clarion

BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VOL. 17 NO.1 JAN.1995

## FEBRUARY MEETING

We will meet Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in our usual meeting place, the South End Library on Lafayette St. Our speaker will be the curator of the Bay County Historical Society, Ronald Bloomfield. He was appointed to replace Mike Breza in the fall of 1993. Mr. Bloomfield graduated from Central Michigan University in 1993. He received his B.S. degree with Majors in both History and English. In addition, Ron completed the Museum Studies curriculum at Central Michigan and is continuing work on a Masters in History. Ron's previous museum experience at neighboring institutions has acclimated him to museum curatorial functions and to the Saginaw Valley area of Michigan. He is a Saginaw native.

## DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS

Our December meeting was held at the residence of Lottie Harrington where we enjoyed our second annual Christmas Potluck with special recognition of the pioneers of our society. This gave us an opportunity to visit informally, discuss our genealogical findings and also become better acquainted with our society library and its holdings as it is housed at Lottie's home. We very much appreciate Lottie's willingness to host this event and also her kindness in managing our collection.

In January we met at our usual place, the South End Library. Our program for the evening was provided by Odeal Sharp who spoke with us about her recently published book, Ghost Towns and Place Names of Bay County. This book is a new edition of her earlier book published some years ago. Due to its popularity it was sold out but is being reprinted and should be in the Bay County Historical Museum gift shop this month. The proceeds are going to the Historical Society. Along with her book discussion Odeal brought many pictures of scenes, activities and people from the early days of Bay County. This program was of high interest to our members with some finding relationships with the places and people in the pictures.

Ruth Staudacher presented a book to our library of old German script. Since German script has changed this may be of great use to people researching old German manuscripts.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

It has been decided in the event that the Bay City Public Schools do not open or that they close early because of inclement weather on the day of the Bay County Genealogical Society meeting, our meeting will be canceled.

Your membership card is included in this mailing unless you have previously received it. PLEASE ADVISE THE SOCIETY IF YOU WERE MISSED and wish to renew. Notify B.C.G.S., P.O. Box #27, Essexville, MI 48732.

Part of the collection at the Bay County Historical Museum Library is a Genealogy of Native Americans. It is a looseleaf binder compiled by Wm. J. Kubiak. Included in it are: Alphabetized Indian names with English equivalents & some birth locations; Treaty of Saginaw (1819), Principal chiefs and warriors signing or attending; Annuity payment lists for 1855 & 1864 treaties; Swan Creek allotments; Isabella Co. Reservation Probate Abstracts for treaty allotment purposes; Alphabetized family listings with birth/death dates and some locations.

The Bay County Library System is involved in long range planning intended to improve its overall program. Our society has a definite interest in this undertaking and we expect to be discussing possible involvement during future meetings. Comments either written or presented in person will be appreciated.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs will assist in confirming or identifying a person's Tribe based on information such as the names of your parents and grandparents and the state or city in which they resided. This assistance and further info may be obtained by contacting the BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - EASTERN AREA, 4701 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA 22203 Tel: (703) 235-2571 (Mrs. Butler)

Judith A. Beman, a member who resides in the Cleveland, Ohio area will do research there for a fee on marriage, birth, death etc. Contact her at 1454 Newman Ave., Cleveland, OH 44107 if you have research to be done there.

2 Apr. 1995 - the Sixth Genealogy and History Book Fair will be held at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$1.50.

8 & 9 Apr. 1995 - The Southern California Genealogical Society, Inc. is holding its 26th Annual JAMBOREE at the Exhibition Building, The Pasadena Center. The address of the society is 122 S. San Fernando Blvd., P.O. Box #4377, Burbank, CA 91503.

13-15 Jul 1995 - The New England Historic Genealogical Society is having a major conference to highlight its 150th anniversary at the Westin Hotel in Boston. For more information contact the Society at (617) 536-5740 ext. 202.

12-15 Oct 1995 - The New England Regional Genealogical Conference is set for the Sheraton Conference Center in South Burlington, VT. More info may be obtained by calling the Conference Center at 1-800-677-6576.

### QUERIES

ANGEL, Gerald E., Ellington, MO has asked for info regarding William J. ANGEL. William married Dora MCCONNELL of Bay City on 20 Aug. 1885. Dora at the time was a waitress at the Anscomb House (per local city directory).

Queries should always be accompanied by a SASE so if any info is found it can be sent to the inquiring person without cost to the researcher. You all know that don't you??

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## Tracing Your Indian Ancestry

### VISIT LIBRARIES & OTHER SOURCES

To do further research on your family tree chart, it is now necessary to visit the genealogy section of some larger library. Ask the librarian for assistance, as she will direct you to the library's collection of Native American records. As you discover new and interesting family information, you will experience one of those electrifying moments every genealogist knows.

The following records are available for you to trace your family names back to these documents:

- Annuity and treaty rolls
- Census rolls - 1910, 1900, 1890 are indexed; tells names, ages and location of birth
- Military and tax rolls
- Land allotment records
- Indian agent reports and field notes
- Indian school records
- Indian cemeteries - provides information before state kept records. Check with cemetery keepers.
- County records
- Missionary records

The more major libraries in Michigan with good Native American genealogical collections are:

- Library of Michigan, Lansing
- Burton Collection, Detroit Public Library, Detroit
- Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids
- Flint Public Library, Flint
- Hoyt Public Library, Saginaw
- Michigan State University Library, East Lansing
- Central Michigan University Library, Mount Pleasant

There are many other libraries with smaller collections. These libraries will assist and refer you upon request. You may write or call them and request assistance. There are as follows:

- Bay City Public Library, Bay City
- Grace A. Dow Library, Midland
- Herrick Public Library, Holland
- St. Clair Co. Library, Port Huron
- Hackley Public Library, Muskegon
- Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo

- Monroe County Library, Monroe
- Owosso Public Library, Owosso
- Bishop Baraga Archives, Marquette
- Bayliss Library, Sault Ste. Marie
- Mark Osterlin Library, Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City

Another major pipeline to information is your local genealogical association, which is a group of researchers who have a common interest in family research. They exchange information, teach beginner classes and hold informational workshops. Often members are aware of little known records in their area. They will often work for out-of-town researchers, like yourself, for a small fee, or for no charge other than reimbursement of cost. To locate a local society, contact your library. When writing to them, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They are private, non-profit organizations.

Understanding that many people do not have the time or the research skills to do genealogical research, you may want to hire someone. Contact your library or local genealogical society for researchers they recommend. Only you can determine it is more cost effective to do it yourself, to hire someone or to work along with an experienced researcher.

### SOME FINAL TIPS

- Sometime during the middle 1800's, many Indian people took English names for various reasons. You will notice that within the same family, brothers and sisters were given different first and last names. This is because Indian people had a different naming system than non-Indians. Also remember when written down by others, names can be spelled and misspelled many ways.
- A genealogical rule to remember is to write dates by day, month and year. Always spell out the month by a three-letter abbreviation and write out the year as we will be working with more than one century. For example, 2/6/34 may mean February 6 or June 2 or 1934 or 1834, etc. Whereas 2 June 1834 leaves no doubt as to what is meant. Always separate 2 sets of numbers by a written word.
- Use a pencil as you work on your family tree chart and black ink for the final one when the information is "proven". Blue ink is not permanent.
- Information is considered a primary source when photocopied. This also eliminated errors made when information is hand copied.

## Depositories Containing Records of American Indian Genealogy

- U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Michigan Agency  
P.O. Box 884  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Telephone: 906-632-6809
- National Archives and Records Centers  
8th and Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20408
- Smithsonian Institute  
National Anthropological Archives  
Washington, D.C.
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints\*  
Genealogical Department  
50 E. North Tempel St.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84150  
(Local branch libraries in Michigan)
- United States Dept. of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
18th and C Streets, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20540
- Library of Congress  
10 First St., SE  
Washington, D.C. 20540
- Land Claims Commission  
1730 "K" St., NW  
Room 642  
Washington, D.C. 20006

\*All of LDS's vast records are available to non-members. They have records prior to state records. Even if records were destroyed by fire, etc. they may be available here. They also have early Canadian census data.

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The foregoing is a general guide to help you in the initial gathering of family information. We have only attempted to list a few sources to get your started. Genealogy is a little like being a detective and solving a mystery, and it can become a very interesting and fascinating pursuit. We also acquire a better understanding and appreciation of our heritage when we discover the part our ancestors played in the development of our country's history and culture.

### For Further Assistance

The Indian Commission staff has also put together a guide entitled, "When You Hit a Brick Wall". This guide will assist you when you feel you have come to the end of the family information you can locate, but you need more to document your bloodline. Additionally, you may want to contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Commission staff, your tribal office, local librarians or genealogy people in your community as you do your research. This guide and the family tree chart may be copied and distributed as needed. Have fun, good luck and happy hunting!

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Dear Members and Friends,

Listed below is the schedule for the second half of the 1994-1995 season of programs. All meetings are on Saturdays at the Detroit Public Library, unless otherwise 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.

- 1/14/95      **10th ANNUAL TRIP TO FT WAYNE, INDIANA  
FOR MEMBERS ONLY!**
- 2/11/95      **THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD AND MICHIGAN :**  
Dewitt Dykes, Oakland University
- 3/11/95      **PROVE YOUR LINE:**  
Beginning genealogy and techniques to use to verify your line.  
Connie Olsen, speaker and teacher
- 4/8/95  
10:00 AM      **LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE  
MACGREGOR CONFERENCE CENTER  
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
&  
**GERMAN RESEARCH: GEOGRAPHY AND BORDER CHANGES**  
Charles M. Hall , author of *The Atlantic Bridge to Germany* series
- 5/13/95      **PUBLIC RECORDS IN MICHIGAN**  
George VanAmburg, Registrar of Michigan Public Records.
- 6/10/94      **THE DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY:**  
How the rest of the library can lead you to full use of the wonderful  
resources often ignored by genealogists.  
DPL Staff

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