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BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VOL.17 NO.2 MARCH 1995

APRIL MEETING

Our meeting in March was cancelled as the Bay City Public Schools did not have school due to inclement weather.

The April meeting will be at the South End Library on Lafayette St. in Bay City on the fourth at 6:30. The program will be the same as we had planned for March. Mr. Michael Butts, President of Covenant Cemetery Services, was kind enough to reschedule his visit with us. He will tell us about various activities his company has developed for the Green Ridge Cemetery which they have acquired this past year. We are pleased to inform you that his organization has an interest in working with local genealogical organizations in regard to their record keeping program.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Ron Bloomfield, Curator/Caretaker of Bay County history at the Historical Museum of Bay County told us that he specifically works on local history...people, places and things of Bay County. They have had little time to give individual help till our president, Don Dolsen started volunteering on Thursday afternoons.

Presently there is a great deal of material some of which is being sorted labeled and organized to make it accessible to the public. There are many boxes upstairs that will be handled when time allows.

A Brief List of Materials in the Bay County Historical Society Library Which Relate to Genealogical Research

Individual Family Lines

There are a number of books specifically on family lines. Among these names are: Trudell, Chantiny, Major, Sequin, Panzer, Pashak, John Foskett, Larsen and Uggerby, Fetzer, Rohrbaugh, Supe and Rademacher.

Cemeteries

We Currently have the almost complete guide to Pine Grove Cemetery in Williams Township. (shelf 95)

General Information

Currently, there are several general reference books on Genealogy research on shelf 95.

Chips and Ships

Thanks to Don Dolsen, we now have a complete set of Chips and Ships from 1969-1978.

City Directories

We hold a collection of Bay City Directories from 1866 to 1993. The older directories are by smaller towns and townships, and are not for every year. After 1900, they get more consistent in years.

We also have Saginaw Directories from 1876 until 1961. This collection is not complete.

Bay County History and Biography Reference Books

History of Bay County, Michigan and Representative Citizens.
By Captain Augustus H. Gansser (1905)

History of Bay County, Illustrated.
Published by H.R. Page Co. (1883)

History of the Lake Huron Shore, Illus.
Published by H.R. Page Co. (1883)

Bay County Past and Present.
By George Butterfield (1957 rev.)

The Bay County Story.
By Leslie E. Arndt.

By These Waters.
By Leslie E. Arndt.

Michigan History and Biographical Books

Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections Vol 1-40 plus two indexes. Years 1874-1929.

Michigan Through the Centuries, Vol 1-4. Family and Personal history.

Historic Michigan Vol 1-3. By Fuller. Vol 3 is primarily about Bay County and was edited by George Butterfield.

Cyclopedia of Michigan. Portrait and Biographical information, some on Bay County.

Other Items of Interest

We have a scattering of primary source materials on many different names throughout the history of Bay County. It is impossible to know what they all are at this point, but we are making progress. We have been known to find information in very obscure places such as the backs of paintings, photographs and even behind the walls.

Some up and coming projects will include indexing our collection of over 150 scrapbooks, filing transcribed family history information from our Bible collection and the continued filing and indexing of the Catherine Baker Collection which has given us a wealth of information already.

Our current library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 5:00 Pm. Walk-in and mail requests are always welcome.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

We voted at the February meeting to make a fifty dollar donation to the Bay County Historical Society. We have been informed by them that we have been given a group membership in the Society. We have also been informed that the 76th Anniversary meeting of the Society will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., April 12th at the Museum. The main speaker will be Eric Jylha, local television commentator and PAST president of the Bay County Historical Society. There will be a buffet dinner at \$7.50 per person. Reservations should be made no later than 7 Apr. Further details will be reported at our meeting next Tues.

Our president delivered a complete set of Chips & Ships to the Bay County Library in order that they may copy a set for the library. *IT IS NOW COMPLETED.*

The Friends of the Library, a group which is supportive of the Bay County Library System, was also the recipient of a fifty dollar donation from our society. This action makes us a member of that group, also. Here is a list of some ways this group has helped the Bay County Library System.

- Film projectors for patron loan
- VCRs for patron loan
- Historical marker at Sage
- Speaker at Be-an-Author contest ceremony
- *Openers*, a library newsletter
- *Sneakers*, a newsletter for young adults
- Microform reader/printers
- Pamphlet display racks at branch libraries
- Puppet theater for the Library System
- Puppeteers traveling show
- Purchasing and installing Dial-a-story system
- Support for library millage request
- Carpet for Auburn and Sage reading rooms
- Directional signs for branch libraries
- Get Well Bags, entertainment for sick children
- Portable typewriters for patron use
- Prizes for National Library Week contest
- Rental Collections of best sellers at branch libraries
- Drive up book returns at branches
- Materials for the Literacy Council of Bay County
- Flowers for landscaping
- TV monitor and stand
- Birthday Storytime program
- Seed money for CD ROM computer catalog
- Trees in Sage Library/Pershing Park
- Children's Cassette/Filmstrip Viewers
- Community Meeting Room Furnishings

IN MEMORIAM

The Bay County Genealogical Society is saddened and diminished by the recent loss of two of our charter members:

Elzer Bernard, husband of Esther Bernard and

Virgil Sharp, husband of Odeal Sharp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

22 APRIL 1995 The Windsor Family History Centre is sponsoring a Family History Fair at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3550 Forest Glade Drive, Windsor, Ont. There will be many societies taking part in this FREE event.

3-6 May 1995 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States, San Diego, CA For a free registration brochure write to: San Diego Genealogical Society, Local Host
NGS 1995 Conference in the States
1950-E Pioneer Way, Dept. SOC; El Cajon, CA 92020

19-22 May SEMINAR '95 hosted by the Kent Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. The French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan will have their spring meeting in conjunction with this conference. Registration info along with a fee schedule may be obtained by contacting: OGS Seminar '95, 639 Grand Ave. W. Ste. 101 Chatham, Ont., Canada N7L 1C5

10 June "Ideas For Climbing Over The Brick Wall" by Jean M. White, a one day seminar. For info write to: Eaton County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813

23-24 June Historical Society of Michigan's 46th Upper Peninsula History Conference, Newberry, MI Registration details to come later.

The Bay County Historical Museum exhibit, "A Tribute to the Women of Bay County," is being presented in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the 19th amendment recognizing the contributions of several Bay County women. Of particular interest are some written records of these women and their children. The exhibit closes at 5 p.m. on April 10th.

For those of you who have their roots in Linwood and grew up there, the editor of the Linwood Echo newsletter is asking you to send your stories to Marilyn Linton, P.O. Box 6, Linwood, MI 48634

1995 CALENDAR OF FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

NATIONAL ARCHIVES - GREAT LAKES REGION

7358 South Pulaski Road • Chicago, Illinois 60629

Telephone: (312) 581-7816

April 6: **TELLING OUR STORIES** by Beverly Watkins and Scott M. Forsythe. A methods workshop covering the basic skills of conducting and recording oral history interviews. Topics will include technical considerations as well as developing effective questions. (B.I.A.)

April 10: **PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY RECORDS** by Donald W. Jackanicz. How to care for old books, documents, newspapers, and photographs. (B.I.A.)

May 17: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Joan Hemzacek. See March 22.

May 26: **HANDS-ON FOR BEGINNERS** by Eula H. Nichols and Martin Tuohy. A basic hands-on, step by step use of census records, military records, naturalizations, and passenger lists. Full day, \$15.00. Enrollment limited to 25. Repeated August 11. (B)

June 5: **COMING TO AMERICA** by Loretto Dennis Szucs. An examination of the immigration process through passenger lists and naturalization records. (B.I.A.)

June 23: **BILLY YANK AND JOHNNY REB: CIVIL WAR SOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH:** by Glenn V. Longacre and Scott M. Forsythe. Traditional and non-traditional sources will be considered. Topics covered include compiled military service and pension records, general military records, rosters, the "Official Records", period newspapers, and regimental histories. Repeated October 27. (B.I.A.)

June 27: **RECORDS OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY** by Tony Burroughs. A survey of traditional and newly-acquired materials, including census, military, Reconstruction, Indian, voting, and marriage records. 1:30 - 4:30 PM. (I.A.)

July 19: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Joan Hemzacek. See March 22.

August 11: **HANDS-ON FOR BEGINNERS** by Eula H. Nichols and Martin Tuohy. See May 26.

August 18: **INDIAN ANCESTRY** by Scott M. Forsythe. A survey of the creation and uses of records pertaining to American Indians. (B.I.A.)

September 20: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Joan Hemzacek. See March 22.

October 3: **THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND** by Sandra H. Luebking. Locating, abstracting, and interpreting deeds in the public land states. Hands-on activity. Enrollment limited to 30. (I.A.)

October 16: **FEDERAL CENSUSES: TIPS FOR MORE FRUITFUL SEARCHES** by Helen A. Shaw. A review of federal population and non-population census schedules. Emphasis will be on less commonly used censuses, how to use census information as clues to further research, and how to combine information from different schedules to get a better picture of your ancestors' lives. (B.I.A.)

October 27: **BILLY YANK AND JOHNNY REB: CIVIL WAR SOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH** by Glenn V. Longacre and Scott M. Forsythe. See June 23.

November 15: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Joan Hemzacek. See March 22.

* 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 PARTICULARS

FORMAT: All workshops last half a day (9:30 AM -12:30 PM, Central Time), except as noted. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. 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: \$10.00 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).

HOW TO GET HERE FROM THERE

The National Archives facility is located on the far southwest side of Chicago, behind the U.S. Army Reserve Center and Richard J. Daley College, 1/2 block west of S. Pulaski Rd. at 75th St.

The nearest RTA/CTA city bus stop is at Daley College, just south of the Archives on S. Pulaski Rd. The RTA/CTA's information line (312-836-7000) will provide directions from any point in its service area.

Visitors using their own transportation can get to the Archives from the north (I-90/94 to I-55 S. to S. Pulaski Rd. exit); from the east and southeast (I-80/90/94 to I-294 to Cicero Ave. N. exit to 79th St. to Pulaski Rd.); from the south, southwest, and west (I-55 N. to LaGrange Rd. S. exit to 79th St. to Pulaski Rd.); and from the northwest (I-294 or I-355 to I-55 N. to LaGrange Rd. S. exit to 79th St. to Pulaski Rd.). The Archives staff will be happy to provide more details upon request. There is free parking in two lots adjacent to the building.

Chicago is served by AMTRAK; Greyhound-Trailways; and two airports, Midway and O'Hare International. Midway is about 15 minutes from the Archives. Contact your travel agent for additional information.

BESIDES THE WORKSHOP...

Take a day or two to visit other facilities for genealogical research, such as the Newberry Library (312-943-9090); Chicago Public Library (312-747-4999); Chicago Historical Society (312-642-4600); plus six LDS Family History Centers in suburban Buffalo Grove, Chicago Heights, Naperville, Orland Park, Schaumburg, and Wilmette. Be sure to write or call these institutions for days and hours of operation!

Enjoy other exciting things to see and do. For information, contact the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (312-567-8500).

QUERIES

INFO RE: Joseph MEYERS/MAIERS b. ? 1826, Wertenberg, Ger. mar. Eva Caroline ____, b. 23 Mar. 1830, Baden, Ger., d. 1 June 1911, Sandusky, Ohio. When she died she left five daughters: Hattie Craft; Callie Smith; Clara Cuchbert; Jesse Cook; Mary Loth. Parents of Eva Caroline: John George MOYEE/MAYAE/MAYAE and Katherine Elizabeth DIETZ. Member Doris Spencer would like any info on this family especially the spelling of John George's last name and any other decedents.

INFO RE: Paul Francis DUBIE, b. 24 Sept 1882 West Bay City, MI m. Elva Gail GRAY, b. 24 Oct. 1889, Centralia, IL Send info to: Mr. Edwin Dale Dubie, 2234 E. 22 Place, Tulsa, OK 74114-2904

INFO RE: NIEDZIELSKI name in Bay City. Wants info from the 1884 and 1894 Michigan census. Send info to: Melanie Barrett, 1129 Pecos Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

INFO RE: PARENT & SHIRKEY families of Pinconning...Ida Mary SHIRKEY b. 22 Aug. 1888 dau. of Alexander SHIRKEY and Louise PARENT, both born in Pinconning on Indian reservation. Send info to: Phyllis Gregg Moore, P.O. Box 50, Beaver Island, MI 49782

INFO RE: Frank D. SMITH b. ca 1876, Bay City m. Alice W. ? ch. Frank D. SMITH, JR. & Lee or Lemoine. Send info to: Patricia D. Maurice, 39 Carfrae St., London, Ont., Canada N6C 1G1

INFO RE: John Alfred FULFORD b. 1907 son of David Bonner and Agnes FULFORD. Send info to Genevieve Shultz, 11209 104 St., Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada

INFO RE: Louis VAN SOMEREN b. Mich ? Louis' parents are Henery VAN SOMEREN and Barbara BLOOM Louis' son: Charles H. VANSOMEREN b. 6 Aug. 1879 and bap. at St. James Church 10 Aug. 1879. Louis' wife and Charles mother: Margaret CRUMP b. Canada ? Send info to J. H. Van Somer, 6901 Bayside Place, Brentwood, British Columbia, Canada, V8M 1B2

INFO RE: WILLETT/WILLIT, David P. and Mary A. EMERY of Theresa, Jefferson Co., N.Y. and moved to Tuscola Co., MI ca 1855. Albert J. WILLETT, 451 Hallmark Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28303-2615 wants any info on this family or any other WILLETT family. He is a serious single surname researcher and will be happy to provide anyone interested with info he has on this family.



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A GUIDE TO THE EDDY HISTORICAL COLLECTION

This guide is intended to familiarize you with materials available in the Eddy Historical Collection. The materials may be used in the library during the hours the Collection is open to the public. Although inquiries are also accepted by telephone or in writing, extensive genealogical or historical research cannot be undertaken by staff. Names of local professional researchers are available. For more information, please call (517) 755-0904 or write to the address above.

Historical Materials Available in the Eddy Room

- Vertical File Pamphlets, brochures, newspaper clippings.
- Books County histories, atlases, plat books, township histories, bicentennial histories, church histories.
- Census Michigan microfilm 1820-1920 in Genealogy Room.
- Manuscripts Scrapbooks, letters, records of various organizations, industries and businesses.
- Newspapers Microfilm of early Saginaw newspapers (1869-present) are available at the Information Desk. Pre 1869 Saginaw newspapers and German language newspapers available in the Eddy Room.
- Military Information on Saginaw and Michigan veterans of War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, and WWII is available in printed sources and card files.

Genealogical Material Available in Eddy Room ~~Basement~~ Now moved upstairs

- Saginaw Genealogical Society Timbertown Log and Ancestor Records.
- Saginaw County Biography File Card files containing references to Saginaw residents indexed from newspapers, township histories, genealogy magazines and other sources.
- Obituary Index
1871-1952 (incomplete) included in Saginaw County Biography Index.
- 1957 & 1964-1970 on 4 reels of microfilm. An alphabetical card index on microfilm.
- 1971-1983 Alphabetical 3x5 card file.
- 1984-1988 Alphabetical monthly computer print-outs kept in a notebook in Eddy Room.
- 1989-Present To be entered in computer as an on-going project.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Vertical File

The index to materials in the vertical file also contains a partial index to materials in the various genealogical publications. Ask for assistance with the vertical file material.

Genealogy Books

A "Bibliography of Genealogy Materials in the Eddy Historical Collection" is available on each table for quick reference.

The BLUE section contains a list of general reference guides, indexes, biographical dictionaries, manuals, ethnic, colonial and military material.

The YELLOW section contains a listing of genealogy books by geographic location. (Other States)

The GREEN section lists Michigan sources.

Genealogical books on other countries and heraldry can be found in the PINK section.

The ORANGE pages contain an alphabetical listing of family histories, and family information in the vertical file.

An index to titles and authors is at the end of the bibliography.

If a book is not listed in the bibliography, check with the librarian on duty or consult the computer catalog under title, author, or subject.



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