

Clarion

BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VOL.16 NO.5 DEC. 1994

DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting date will be Tuesday, Dec. 6, however we will NOT meet at the Library. Instead we will gather for a potluck at Lottie Harrington's residence starting at approximately 6 p.m. Coffee will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Lottie's address is 2807 Sandra Ct. This is a short street off of (west) Michigan Ave. south of Cass Ave. You may call her at 892-3662 for further information. Since our Society's library is there you may wish to call her if you would like to use that resource.

We will be back to the South End Library for our meeting on the 3rd of Jan.1995.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Linda Theaker has organized an "every name" index for all the volumes of Chips and Ships, the quarterly which our society published from 1969 through 1978. We have included a listing of the contents of that quarterly later in this issue, and a listing of the issues which we have in our library at Lottie's. We do have most but not all issues as you can see but complete sets of all ten volumes are found at the Center Ave. Branch Library, at the Bay Co. Historical Museum Library, the Library of Michigan and we believe at the Allen Co. Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind.

We were reminded that this is the final month of the 1994 fiscal year and that dues are now payable for 1995. An application form can be found in the October issue of the Clarion. Dues are \$8.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Your renewal will be appreciated.

We were told that our Bay Co. Historical Museum has many bits of genealogical and historical memorabilia some of which is yet to be organized in a fashion that will make it available for use by the researcher. This is due to the fact that their staff is not large enough to do all that is necessary. Included in this category is a collection of Family Bibles which need to be catalogued before they can be of use to the public. Interested volunteers are being sought to assist in this endeavor. You might decide this would be of interest to you. Why not give it a try?

Our program was a video about the Library of Michigan. It was originally established as a library for the state legislators in 1837 with offices in the State Capitol building. In the 1920s the Lewis Cass Building housed the collection but it was moved again in the 1940s to a "temporary site", a warehouse on Michigan Avenue which many of us remember. There it remained until the new structure was completed in 1989 which it shares with the State Archives and the Michigan Historical Museum. The library now serves the citizens of Michigan as well as the legislature. There is ample parking for patrons and for the past two years it has been open weekdays from 9-6, Saturdays from 9-5 and Sundays from 1-5. It is usually not open on state holidays and it would behoove one to contact them directly when planning a visit. The building is located at 717 N. Allegan, P.O. Box #20007, Lansing, MI 48909. The library location is a few blocks south west of the Capitol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms Linda Heemstra, Director of the Bay County Library System, reported in the latest issue of Branching Out, their bi-monthly newsletter, that the Library Trustees have been reviewing the report prepared by HBW Associates, nationally recognized library consultants. Richard Waters, principal consultant, made many objective recommendations he believes important if the library is to provide necessary services in a cost effective and efficient manner. Some of these recommendations call for significant change in use of technology, staffing patterns, collection size and facilities.

On November 2, the Library Trustees will begin presenting the report's findings and gathering responses from the public. A Library Development Planning Meeting will call together community leaders from business and education, patrons, Friends of the Libraries, government officials, and library staff. Their response and ideas will be important as the Library Trustees begin making critical decisions about the future of library services and facilities in Bay County.

The above information should be of interest to those of us who make use of the facility and its services. I believe we are all aware of the crowded conditions in the system and of some of the attempts that the board and staff are making to continue to provide us with good service. Please be aware of reports from the committee as they develop and are presented in the local media and be ready to provide input as you feel it is pertinent.

Volume 11 NO.4 of The Fountain, a Welsh surname newsletter, announced that the National Genealogical Society Quarterly has the following information in regard to the transfer of records: The National Archives is now moving more than 800,000 cubic feet of records to a new building in College Park, MD and to downtown Washington, DC. Through 1996 various record groups will be unavailable for both on-site research and response to requests for information. If you are traveling there you should contact the appropriate reference branch ahead of time. You may call (202) 501-5400 to ask about specific records, or write to Textual Reference Division (NNF), National Archives & Records Administration, Washington, DC 20406 for information.

27 April 1995 to 17 May 1995 - The Mennonite Family History Society will be sponsoring a Mennonite Heritage Tour which will include visits to Switzerland, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Complete details and registration info may be obtained from: Mennonite Family History, 10 West Man Street, Elverson, PA 19520-0171

19 May - 21 May 1995 - The Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar, 'tween the Lakes, will be held at the Wheels Inn Conference Centre, 615 Richmond St., Chatham, Ont. Info and registration forms can be obtained by contacting Seminar '95, 639 Grand Ave. West, Chatham, Ont. N7L 1C5 or by calling 519-676-7502.

The Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar will be held in November of 1995 at the Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord, MI. The Council will be providing us with further information in regard to this event.

QUERIES

VAN SOMERAN/VAN SUMERIN, Louisa, b. 1857 Bay County, m. George ESSEX, lived in Essexville. Father was Henry VAN SOMERAN, mother was Barbara LESCOHIER...also searching ROOIAKER/ROYACKER, Henry and wife, Theresa of Hampton Twp. Theresa may have been Barbara's sister or cousin. Theresa may have been the widow of F. BEECKMAN when she married ESSEX. Roberta Doke, 30332 Hamilton Trail, Trabuco, CA 92679.

DELORGE, James, b. Canada, came to U.S. m.? Daughter Catherine b. ca 1883, m. Frank EAGER, lived Bay Co. Ch. Mary, Josephine, Frank, Gene, Clarence and Louis. Margaret DELORGE, b. 31 Oct. 1882, Bay Co., m. Henry RIVET. Ch. Alvin Henry b. 21 Oct. 1896, Roy Richard b. 28 Dec. 1903, Laura b. 27 July 1909, Grace b. 26 May 1914. Mother and location unknown. SASE included. Blanche FELICE, 8611 Lochdale, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

CLEVELAND, Rudy, b. 28 Jul 1897 and d. Jan 1974, Bay City.
 Mr. Ernest Snider would appreciate information from the Bay City newspaper about his death as well as any information on any Clevelands who might still live in the area.

BEEBE...Although not an actual query we have received information of a person doing research on the Beebe family. It is reported that four Beebe brothers came to America in 1650 and that practically all those with that surname are their descendants. The father, John Beebe, came from England at that time. Those offspring were John, Samuel, Thomas and James.

Alex D. Henry, whose wife was a BEEBE from this family, is developing a BEEBE family data base and would very much appreciate anything which could be sent to him in regard to this family. He resides at 1199 Ashland Dr., Temperance, MI 48182

Chips and Ships in Bay Co Genealogy File October 1994

Volume 1 # 1	copy	3	Volume 6 # 1,2,3,	no copy
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Complete Set at Bay County Library Reference Department

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BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Published 1969 thru 1978

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BIBLE RECORDS

WEBB Bible	Vol 2 #2	WILKINSON Bible	Vol 3 #4
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BAY COUNTY CENSUS 1860

Beginning in Vol 2 #1 -thru- Vol 5 #4 (16 issues)

MARRIAGE BOOK "A" 1857 - 1867

Starts Vol 2 #1 -thru - Vol 3 #2 (6 issues)

MARRIAGE BOOK "B" 1867 - 1877

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ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR ESSEXVILLE (Poll Tax 1886) Vol 1 #2
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EARLY BAY COUNTY DEATHS 1867 - 1871 Vol 9 #1 - Vol 10 #2

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WEST BAY CITY ASSESSMENT ROLLS 1890 Vol 9 #4



TRACING YOUR INDIAN ANCESTRY

(A guide to help the individual get started on his/her Indian genealogy)

By Betty Kienitz

Genealogy is extremely important to Indian people today as ancestry must be documented for health, education and other benefits. Some state and federal laws and programs require 1/4 blood or more to qualify. How often we have heard, "If only I had begun this before my parents and grandparents passed away!" The time to begin is NOW. You are about to start one of the most rewarding, fascinating and addictive pursuits available to mankind!

1. The first thing a person must know is the tribe, i.e. Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi, etc. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Sault Ste. Marie may be able to help confirm or identify your tribal affiliation. The BIA will do an initial free search. Requests for assistance should be accompanied by a family tree and documentation of your relationship to the names on the family tree chart.
2. Obtain a listing of Michigan tribal certifiers from the Indian Commission and a family tree chart from the Indian Commission or your tribal office.
3. For contacts for tribes other than the tree recognized Michigan tribes, you may contact the BIA in Sault Ste. Marie or the Indian Commission.
4. Contact the tribal certifier or enrollment office and request their application forms. Follow their instructions.
5. Document your tribal relationship to the family names on the chart by providing some initial documents such as a birth certificate for yourself and, if available, birth or death certificates for your parents. Provide the treaty roll numbers, etc. if known. It may be helpful to indicate if other family members have already been certified for benefits when responding to the tribe.
6. Tribes will certify upon confirming your blood line with their tribal records, including

treaty and annuity rolls, etc. The tribal office will notify you if they need more information.

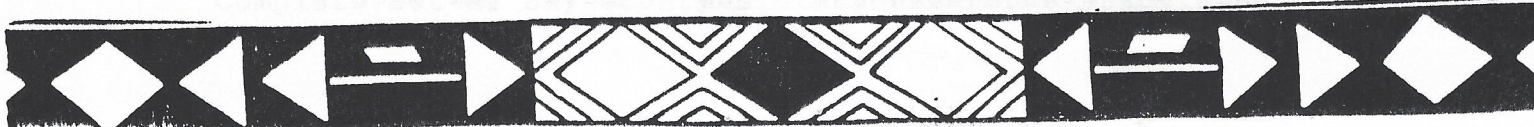
7. It is very important to keep copies of all you Indian ancestry information or have someone do this for you. Photocopy whenever possible.

HOW TO GET STARTED ON YOUR FAMILY RESEARCH

Using the family tree chart, begin with yourself and work back to your parents, grandparents and so on as many generations as possible. Write in their full names, maiden names, tribe, other names they are know by, brothers and sisters, dates or approximate dates and places of births, marriages and deaths.

This sequence will help you save time:

1. Home Sources:
 - Talk with immediate family
 - Check family records
2. Contact Relatives:
 - Talk with other relatives
 - Check on previous research or tribal certifications previously done by other family members.
3. Vital Records
 - Obtain vital records, i.e. birth, death and marriage certificates
4. Visit Libraries and Other Sources
 - Visit libraries, genealogical groups, etc.
 - Contact depositories containing Indian genealogy information
 - Ask for further assistance



HOME SOURCES

See how much of the family tree chart you can fill in using home sources. Home sources include the following:

- Baby books
- Certificates of birth, marriage and death
- Family bibles
- Family tree charts previously done
- Identified family photo albums
- Information from immediate family
- Journals and letters
- Marriage announcements
- Memorial cards
- Military records
- Medical records
- School records

The family tree chart will show you what you know and what you need to find out from other relatives.

CONTACTING RELATIVES

Ask them to help you fill in the blank spots on your family tree. There will probably be some relatives who won't cooperate, but most will when they understand why you are searching and that it is not meant to cause hurt. Do not give out information that a relative considers private or personal without the approval of the person involved. If you deal discreetly with sensitive family information and are honest about your reasons for doing research, most relatives will share. Be pleasant, tactful, enthusiastic and grateful, but never demanding.

Many times, the relative you wish to contact lives far away and must be contacted by letter or telephone. If necessary, contact all known relatives. Ask specifically for the information you hope they can provide.

Asking for "everything you have" may be too general for the family to respond to. You may



want only direct line ancestry information and not all relatives in general. Be specific and grateful. Make an offer to share information if another relative is also interested in tracing their ancestry. A self-addressed, stamped envelope by speed an answer or offer your telephone number for a collect call so that our older family members can more easily answer your questions.

It is very important that you take the time to talk to your relatives on both sides of your family, preferable in person, starting with the oldest relatives. Often they can give a wealth of information. Be patient and you may find they are very willing to reminisce about their family histories. Listen carefully and ask questions.

Take notes during your visits and phone calls. Find out where they lived, what the relationship or blood line was, what tribe and clan they were, when they moved from place to place, who they married, when they were born and when they died, what church they belonged to, if they served in the military, where they were buried, what their maiden name was, etc. If exact dates are not known, get approximate dates to narrow it down. Also, get the addresses of other living relatives.

Concentrate on the direct blood line to save time, i.e. parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc. If you are doing a complete family history, you may want to research your cousins, aunts, uncles, and their children, etc. Also, knowledge of these family members may be helpful in tracking down your direct blood line. If the blood degree is known, indicate that on the tree chart also. After you visit, begin filling in the blanks of your family tree chart. Always record your source of information and date it.

Evaluate the information you have after each visit and decide what is still missing on the chart and plan your next research activity accordingly. To save time, keep a list of things to do. When you have some free time, check your list and do one of the things on it. This saves having to check back through all your notes trying to remember what you should do next. Use ingenuity and persistence. Always be willing to extract and test another "clue". It will give you pleasure and satisfaction as more and more pieces fit into place.

OBTAIN NECESSARY VITAL RECORDS

These are certificates of birth, death, marriage and burial records for your family members. They were recorded usually at the county level and are available at the Michigan State Department of Public Health/Vital Records, P.O. Box 30195, Lansing, MI 48909, or you may call 517-335-8655 to get a recording that will tell how to order these by mail. You may also go directly to the Lansing office and pick these up the same day if the request is made before 3:30 p.m. They close at 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You will need the date or approximate date. They will do a three (3) year search, i.e. (1910-1911-1912) for each request, and it is helpful if you give the county or city. Maiden names should be given for birth and marriage requests and married names for death records.

These records will be very helpful as they will give parents names, where they lived, when they were born and died and other information such as race, occupation, military service, where they were buried and other miscellaneous information. Copies of death and marriage records are available to anyone.

Certified copies of birth certificates are available to the registrant, the parents, an heir or the legal guardian or representative. For genealogical birth requests (orange form), an heir is defined as any relative of a deceased person. A relative must supply the date and place of death of the person when applying for a birth record.

Vital records are limited by the information given orally by the informant at the time of the event. Some records are quite complete while others are not. After you have gathered as much information as you can from home sources and talking to you relatives, you may want to request those vital records that will help you fill in the blanks on your family tree chart.

Compiled in September of 1992 by: Betty Kientz, Interim Director, Michigan commission on Indian Affairs. Ms. Kientz is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society. With the assistance of Indian and non-Indian researchers, so far she has traced her Indian ancestry back seven generations to the 1700's. Family names are: Lambert, Lewis, Paw-zhe-daw-naw-quot, Pin-egi-kwe, Bashthigigiokwi, etc. Ancestor's places of residence were: Nahma, Manistique, St. Ignace, Garden Island, etc. Florence "Alex" Meron, a genealogist from Manistique, will be publishing a book on the Lambert Family and their relatives during the summer of 1990. Copies will be donated to the Library of Michigan and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe.

To be continued....

Happy Holidays !!!

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