

# Clarion

BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Vol.16 No.2 Mar. 1994

## APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS

The meetings of April 5 and May 2 will be related to each other. Mike Fryzel who does a great deal of his research at the LDS Genealogy Library in Midland has arranged for these two meetings. Our April 5th meeting will take place at the usual 6:30 time and our speaker will be from Midland's LDS Library. She will report to us about their resources and explain the best way for us to access these resources. This presentation will enable us to gain the most information we can for our visit to that library on Tues.. May 2.

The library is not scheduled to be open to the public on Tuesday evenings, however it will be opened especially for us to visit as a group on that evening. With the April presentation, and our visit in May we should all gain a great deal toward improving our research capabilities.

The LDS Genealogy Library is located at 1700 Sugnet, and the phone number is 631-1120. Plans for possible car pooling and specific directions there will be discussed at the April 5th meeting. Those who wish to attend but need further information may contact Bob Luce or Don Dolsen in Bay City or Mike Fryzel in Pinconning as well as the LDS Library in Midland.

We certainly appreciate the time and effort that Mike has put into the development of these meetings.

## MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH

During our February meeting topics for discussion included: The possibility of a new masthead for the Clarion. Presently that subject is in the discussion stage. There will be further information about this in subsequent issues.

Ruth Staudacher and Hilda Taylor have apprised us that the Michigan Genealogical Council is involved in a newspaper inventory. There are also plans for a listing of stained glass windows in Michigan. Due to the adverse weather conditions during the past two months the MGC has not been able to have their usual meetings so there has been little activity at that level. Beyond that we organized plans for the April and May meetings which were cited earlier.

Bay County Register of Deeds, Barbara Torka Dufresne, spoke to us in March. She told us of the many kinds of records that are housed at her office in the Bay County Building. The office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday during most of the year. However, between Memorial Day and Labor Day they are on "summer hours" which are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Research is allowed during all business hours. She encouraged each of us to make use of her office and indicated she and her staff would do their best to assist us in our endeavors. Their records of land transfers since 1985 are on computers both by name and land description. Mrs. Dufresne then entertained questions from the group. Her talk was well received with many positive comments from the audience in regard to the cooperation we have had when searching the records at that office.

#### QUERIES

Info re: Any of the following surnames, the first of whom arrived in Bay County in 1879; GWIZDALA (GWISDALA), DRZYZGA (DRYZGA), KAWECK (KAWITZKY), STOPKA, PRBYZYSZEWSKI (PRYBYSKI-PREBAY)...our new members. Jim and Mary Ripke, would like to correspond with any of our members who are working on or have any knowledge of the above listed families. Their address is 2210 W. Cadillac Rd., McBain, MI 49657.

Info re: Robert W. PATTERSON and wife, Clara Maude Patterson, who moved to Bay City from Napanee, Ontario, Canada prior to 1876. Their children: Frederick W. b. 6 Jan. 1876. Mabel E. b. 16 Jul. 1881. Minnie b.ca 1882, and Walter Freeman Patterson b.23 Jan. 1883 were all born in Bay City, MI. Betty J. Patterson, N. 3707 Atlantic, Spokane, WA 99205-3066 would be pleased to hear from anyone who could provide her with assistance. She provided us with a SASE.

Info re: The Peoples Family. Society member, Marilyn Broxson, sent us the following letter:  
"Need help! Would like to correspond with someone also searching Adaline Doty PEOPLES' parents. Adaline born 18 Nov. 1832 -in New York. Married ca 1851/52 Jefferson Co. New York. died 22 Apr. 1915 Bay Co. Need help on father/ancestors Abraham or Battis DOTY."  
Her address is: 19064 32nd Ave. So., Seattle, WA 98188.

Info re: John LUDWICK, his town or county of birth in Pennsylvania where he was born in 1819, and his parents' names. He was a land owner in Eaton Co., Mich. in 1840. He married Julia Maxon in 1842, and they resided in Benton and Charlotte in Eaton Co. and Pewamo in Ionia Co., Mich. Ms. Raye Elliot has checked those and adjoining counties for help to no avail. Since she knows there are many branches of the Ludwick family in Michigan she is now looking for help in other parts of the state. Other spellings of which she is aware are SUDWICK, SUDEWICK and LUDEWICK. Ms. Elliot can be contacted at 6618 Danville Ave., San Diego, CA 92120-3221. She included a SASE.

Do you readers ever wonder how much attention the Clarion receives? Well, as the editor that as well as the amount of good it does, particularly the queries, is of concern. That wonder also relates to other publications such as the Journal we printed a decade ago, "Chips and Ships."

Just this month two letters came to us which were extremely heartening in regard to the above thoughts, and seemed appropriate to share with you. One was from Ms. Janet Dunbar from Livonia, Mich. She received a bit of information about her great grandfather (surname Andrejewski) which provided her with the proof that she needed placing him in Bay City in the 1890s. She gained this info from a person who had read her query in the Clarion. She closed by saying our newsletter reaches many people, and requesting information about how she could receive the Clarion. She has been sent the information she asked for.

We also received a letter from Frances J. Lada, a society member from Newbury Park, Cal. That brief but extremely interesting letter is worthy of reprinting in order that you will be able to read it in its entirety. Therefore the letter follows:

"Please accept payment for family membership for 1994. Sorry it's late, but the earth quake made our lives somewhat surreal for a while. We were fortunate to have no damage to our home, but the place where I work was a mess! Seems like we lost track of time.

I just came back from 10 days in Salt Lake City at the FHL. The old issues of "Chips and Ships" really helped me out a lot, especially the cemetery records. So when some one does research, tell them that it will be important to someone even ten years later!

Great article in the Bay City Times. I hope it generated the interest that genealogy deserves.

By the way, I had wonderful luck at the FHL. I found records of my ancestors in Poland back to the mid-1700s. They settled in Bay City in the 1880s.

Keep up the good work."

## COMING EVENTS

The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan has provided us with the following information related to programs of interest this spring. For other info about the society or these offerings contact the Society at the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202.

<b>April 30, 1994</b> <b>Grand Blanc FHC</b> 4285 McCandish Rd. 1-810-694-2964 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<b>GRAND BLANC FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR</b> Includes a variety of speakers on various aspects of genealogy, including PGSM Directors Kathleen LaBudie-Szakall (city directories) and Jan Steven Zaleski, A.G. (beginning, intermediate, and advanced Polish research).
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<b>May 12-15, 1994</b> <b>Howard Johnson Hotel</b> 122 W. Temple Street 1-800-366-3684 Group No. 54835	<b>UNITED POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE (BI-ANNUAL)</b> Includes a variety of speakers on various aspects of Polish genealogical research. Use group no. 54835 to receive special room rate of \$56.00 per sgl/dbl. Conference fee (\$50.00) includes evening banquet meal and two breakfast meals in addition to lectures. See conference brochure for details.
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<b>May 21, 1994</b> 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (at location below) <b>Conley Branch Library</b> 4600 Martin Ave (at Michigan Ave; in Detroit) 2:00 p.m.	<b>PGSM Study Group: Kraków Province</b> <i>Presentation by Stan Brescoll: Background, resources, &amp; records</i> <b>POLONIAN SETTLEMENTS IN MICHIGAN: PARISVILLE</b> Panel discussion featuring descendants of some of the founding families of the Parisville, Huron County, MI -- the oldest Polish settlement in Michigan.
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<b>June 18, 1994</b> <b>St. Ladislaus Church</b> <b>Activities Building</b> 2713 Caniff (Hamt.) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<b>CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS LECTURE &amp; ANNUAL ELECTIONS</b> After a PGSM business meeting and the election of officers for 1994-1995, a video will be shown on cemetery inscriptions. After lunch (11:00 am - 1:00pm), attendees will proceed to Sacred Heart Cemetery (Davison/Mound)
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16 April Spring Conference of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America to be held at Yoder's Restaurant on South Tower Road off Rte #23, New Holland, PA from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. You may request program info and a registration form from: Spring Conference Registrar, P.O. Box 280, Strasburg, PA 17579-0280.

7 May The Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society in cooperation with the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan will offer "Your Canadian Connection in Ontario and Quebec." a seminar. You may obtain program and registration forms from the GTAGS Seminar, P.O. Box 2015, Traverse City, MI 49685-2015.

10-12 June "Rail Links and Other Ties." the 1994 Ontario Genealogical Society seminar. will be held in North Bay, Ontario at Nipissing Univ./Canadore College on the shore of Lake Nipissing. 330 kilometers (ca 215 miles) north of Toronto. Necessary information is available by contacting OGS. 40 Orchard View Blvd.. Suite 231. Toronto. Ontario. Canada. M4R 139.

4-6 August The Great Lakes Regional Conference, the first cooperative offering of the genealogical societies of the Great Lakes States and of the Province of Ontario, will take place at Fort Wayne, Indiana. For registration flyers and further information contact: Great Lakes Regional Conf.. Genealogy Dept.. Allen Co. Public Library. Fort Wayne. IN 46801-2270.

16-17 September The 1994 Michigan Genealogical Seminar. "Windows to the Past." will take place in Alpena at the Alpena Community College. There will be a special planetarium show on the night of the 16th. For further info write to the Northeast Michigan Genealogical and Historical Society. 491 Johnson St.. Alpena. MI 49707. this year's host group.

15 October The Genealogical Society of Shiawassee County will present an Everton Workshop. "Climbing Your Family Tree Can Be Fun." from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shiawassee Council on Aging. 300 N. Washington St.. Owosso. MI. The fee is \$30 You may get registration info from: Shiawassee County Genealogical Society. P.O. Box 841. Owosso. MI 48867.

Most all of our members are aware of the existence of the National Archives and their importance to the researcher. Some of us know less about their eleven regional branches available to us. These offices have records and provide educational programs also.

The Great Lakes Regional Center in Chicago is the one most accessible to the majority of our members. You will find the 1994 programs for that center on the next page. Anyone interested in their regional center offerings may contact the National Archives and Records Services. General Services Admin.. Washington. D.C. 20408

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

The Bay County map on the back page showing townships and sections was provided by the office of the Reg. of Deeds.

# 1994 CALENDAR OF FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES - GREAT LAKES REGION

7358 South Pulaski Road • Chicago, Illinois 60629  
Telephone: (312) 581-7816

October 18: **FLESHING OUT THE FAMILY TREE: A LOOK AT LESSER KNOWN FEDERAL SOURCES** by the Great Lakes Region staff. See June 17.  
October 28: **HANDS-ON FOR BEGINNERS** by Eula H. Nichols and Sharon L. McAndrews. See April 22.  
November 8: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. See March 8.  
November 16: **"LET'S GET ORGANIZED"** by Sandra H. Luebking. Part I - Organizing genealogy materials. Part II - Recordkeeping. Luebking's own easy data retrieval system which links family group sheet entries to their source. (B.I.A.)

in the National Archives, including the 1870 census, military, Freedmen's Bureau and Freedman's Bank, and other federal records. 1:30 - 4:30 PM. (I)  
July 12: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. See March 8.  
July 28: **BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE** by Beverly Watkins. See April 7.  
August 11: **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.)

March 8: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. A beginners class on the basics of genealogy. Repeated the second Tuesday of every other month. Enrollment limited to 25. (B)\*  
March 23: **PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY RECORDS** by Donald W. Jackanicz. How to care for old books, documents, newspapers, and photographs. (B.I.A.)  
April 7: **BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE** by Beverly Watkins. An introduction to academic-style historical research for experienced genealogists and amateur historians. Participants will "walk through" the process of researching a topic using federal records. Enrollment limited to 20. Repeated July 28. (I.A.)  
April 22: **HANDS-ON FOR BEGINNERS** by Eula H. Nichols and Sharon L. McAndrews. A basic hands-on, step by step use of census records, military records, naturalizations, and passenger lists. Full day, \$10.00. Enrollment limited to 25. (B)

### JOIN US IN CELEBRATION

In 1994 the National Archives celebrates 60 years of service to the American public. The systematic gathering of the nation's historical federal documents began in 1934 and continues today. The Regional Archives were established 25 years ago in an effort to bring the historical and cultural heritage of the United States closer to the people. The National Archives - Great Lakes Region commemorates these anniversaries by focusing attention on the records in the National Archives in Chicago, Washington, DC, and elsewhere, as well as research practices and methodology.

For the novice, we offer "Introduction to Family History" and "Hands-On For Beginners." For the more advanced, selections include "Beyond the Family Tree," "Fleshing Out the Family Tree: A Look at Lesser Known Federal Sources," and "African-American Genealogy Using Federal Records." Rounding out the calendar are several workshops which can be helpful to all genealogical researchers, such as "Let's Get Organized," "Coming to America," and "Preserving Your Family Records," among others.

\* 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:** \$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).



September 13: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. See March 8.  
September 20: **YOUR ANCESTORS IN COURT** by Sandra H. Luebking and Peter W. Bunce. What can be found in local and federal court records, how to gain access, and how to use them. (B.I.A.)

May 10: **INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY** by Sharon L. McAndrews. See March 8.  
May 20: **COMING TO AMERICA** by Loretto Dennis Szucs. An examination of the immigration process through passenger lists and naturalization records. (B.I.A.)  
June 17: **FLESHING OUT THE FAMILY TREE: A LOOK AT LESSER KNOWN FEDERAL SOURCES** by the Great Lakes Region staff. A survey of selected federal records not traditionally used by genealogists, but full of research potential. Records may not necessarily be about individuals, but activities concerning people and their communities. Topics covered are military agencies (excluding service records, and pension files); civilian agencies in WWI and II; the Great Depression (CCC/WPA); economics and finance (IRS assessment lists/bankruptcies); maritime matters (vessel licensing/lighthouses/lifesaving stations); unique ethnic sources (Chinese immigration/Native Americans), and more. Each topic will include suggestions for access strategies. Repeated October 18. (I.A.)  
June 22: **BEGINNING BLACK GENEALOGY** by Anthony Burroughs. A survey of beginning sources leading up to and including federal census records. (B)  
June 27: **AFRICAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY USING FEDERAL RECORDS** by Anthony Burroughs. Methods and sources for researching African-Americans

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