

Clarion

BAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Vol.15 No.2 May 1993

MAY MEETING

We will meet on Tuesday, May 4 at the South End Branch Library on Lafayette St. in Bay City at 6:30 p.m. At that time we plan to discuss and do an evaluation of the workshop which was held on April 18.

MARCH/APRIL MEETINGS

We discussed plans for the April 18 workshop at both meetings. Main items of interest came from our delegates to the Michigan Gen. Council and related to action of the Council. We learned that their project of indexing Mich. death records from 1867-1875 is in the process of being key punched in preparation for publication. They have yet to determine a time line for the index to be published. Each member society will get one copy, and copies will be sold to the public at a date as yet to be determined.

The Council also wants all society members to be encouraged to make a record of their personal activities which will be a legacy for those family members who follow. Earlene Chanel, our secretary, made a presentation related to that topic at the workshop. We hope to have more on that in a future issue of the Clarion.

We were advised that the Council is concerned that Michigan's public vital records be well preserved and that the information they contain be made more available to researchers.

This information was shared by the Council President, Alfred Freeman, in a letter to State Senator Vernon J. Ehlers in which he indicated that the Council is appreciative of the efforts he has made to maintain the accessibility of Michigan records by introducing a bill for that purpose in 1992. That attempt was not successful, however Senate Bill 378 of 1993 has been introduced to achieve the goals of the 1992 bill.

The Council is supporting the new bill and we are encouraged to individually contact our senators and representatives in Lansing indicating our support as well. Copies of our letters or separate letters of support to Senator Ehlers are suggested as well. His address is the Farnum Building, Lansing, MI 48909. Your attention to this matter is significant, and will be appreciated.

We have just received word that S. B. 378 has been favorably reported out of committee and is expected to be voted on within the next week .

Pat Pacholka who was asked to visit the Center Ave. Branch of the Bay Co. Library System to gain information about the collection of genealogical publications which were mentioned in the March issue of the Clarion reported on her visit and the information which she gained about the collection of those publications which are found in the stacks of the library's lower level. She informed us that the various newsletters, journals, etc. are listed by state and that listing is available to the patrons. Pat repeated that the staff is anxious to have the material used and will assist those interested in so doing. We do appreciate the library staff's informing about us of these materials, and encourage our members to make use of these resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8 May- The French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan's Annual Workshop at Belle River, Ontario, Canada.

28-30 May- Annual Seminar of the Ontario Genealogical Society in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2-5 June- National Genealogical Society Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

17-19 June- The National Conference of The Palatines to America at Ohio State Un. in Columbus, Ohio.

13-19 or 20-26 June- Historical/Genealogical classes by Elderhostel at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Ind.

More complete information in regard to the above meetings was reported in the March issue of the Clarion.

11-17 July- The Ohio Genealogical Society workshop, The Great American Ancestor Hunt, is scheduled to be held at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Contact OGS, P.O. Box 2625 in Columbus, Ohio for details.

5-7 August- The Federation of Genealogical Societies' conference, Gateway to the Past, will be held at St. Louis,

Missouri. Contact FGS, P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110-3385 for further information.

7-9 Oct.- The Michigan Council Seminar, Preserving Our Heritage, to be held at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane on the Southfield Service in Detroit. Program information is to be sent to each of our members by the Council. Please contact us if you do not receive your information by July 1.

The National Archives of the Great Lakes Region has scheduled 24 half day genealogical workshops from May through December this year. Any interested person may obtain complete details on these offerings by contacting the Archives by phone (312) 581-7816 or by sending a request for their announcement brochure which describes the programs at 7358 South Pulaski Road in Chicago, Illinois 60629.

The comments related to possible Constitutional revisions have been prepared by Don Dolsen and follow in this newsletter for your study. They will be a part of our Old Business section at the May meeting.

We thank our new member Roger Stanley Laske for sending us the pedigree chart which is found in this issue. Anyone with info about these families may contact him at his home, 37 Waterview Drive, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

Included earlier in this issue you will find a copy of an informational form letter from the Michigan Department of Public Health. This letter is sent to all who request their assistance in the area of genealogical research. You will find therein their general policies and regulations. We thank them for providing us with this information.

QUERIES

Info re TURGEON family: De Laurier and Marceline (Mary), the parents of Joseph and Edward, who were born in Williams Twp. in 1874 & 1875, and Eugene and Alzena who were born in Kawkawlin Twp. in 1881 & 1883. The two youngest were adopted by Henry and Anna Dory ca 1886, after Mary's death. Any information will be appreciated by Colleen A. Fitzsimmons of 1090 Smith Lane in Concord, CA 94518-3515.

Info re Mattie RATHBUN who married Phillip Smith in Bay Co. 26 December 1885. Rob Rathbun would like to know who she is and who her parents were. SASE was included.

Ancestors of Roger Stanley Laske

Parents

Grandparents

Great-Grandparents

2nd Great-Grandparents

Andrew (Andreas) Musialowski
born: November 24, 1865
in Targownica, Germany (Poland)

Mr. Musialowski
born: ABOUT 1845
in Poland
Mrs. Musialowski
born: ABOUT 1850
in Poland

Stanley Musialowski
born: October 26, 1891
in Mogiluo, Germany (Poland)

Maryanna F. Musialowski
born: November 14, 1868
in Targownica, Germany (Poland)

Mr. Grygiel
born: ABOUT 1846
in Poland
Mrs. Grygiel
born: ABOUT 1850
in Poland

Chester F. Laske
born: October 25, 1916
in Detroit, MI

Stephen Kolasa
born: 1843

Ant. (Anthony) Kolasa
Magdaline Kolasa

Frances Kolasa Musialowski
born: June 24, 1892
in Bay City, MI

Anna (Burejza) Bureiza Kolasa
born: 1859

Joseph Bureiza
born: September 16, 1868
in Paris Twp, Huron County, MI
Frances Bucha Bureiza
born: ABOUT 1870

Roger Stanley Laske
born: February 17, 1940
in MI St. Mary's Hosp.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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VERNICE DAVIS ANTHONY, MPH, Director

FROM: Office of the State Registrar & Center for Health
Statistics Certification Unit (517) 335-8656

SUBJECT: Description of Genealogical Services

We have received your request for family records and will be glad to be of service to you. However, we believe it will benefit both of us if you have the basic information regarding records available to you.

Birth and death records are filed with our office starting with the year 1867. The birth records prior to 1906 were obtained by an annual house to house canvass. Marriages were first filed in 1867 and divorces in 1897.

Birth records prior to 1906 are handwritten in large ledgers. They show birth date, birth place, parent's names (not mother's maiden name) and parent's birthplace. Death records are hand written prior to 1897, marriage records prior 19 1926 and divorce records prior to 1924. Please keep in mind that early reporting of events was not always complete or accurate. Records are transcribed from the information given in these ledgers. We try to interpret this handwritten information as accurately as possible. Copies of records after the dates discussed are reproductions of the actual records on file.

Our fee, as set by statute, is \$13.00 for a minimum search.

Single request - Copy or certified copy of a record \$13.00
- Additional copies of the same record
ordered at the same time \$ 4.00
- Additional years searched over the
3 years \$ 4.00/year

The above fees also apply when requesting records for members of your immediate family.

B-709FL (5/92) By Authority of Act 368, P.A. 1978 AS AMENDED

The \$13.00 or fee includes a search of three years, one before and one after the requested date, a copy of the record if found, or a letter stating the record is not in our files. Fees will not be refunded if the record is not located.

Since our records are filed by year of event and the name of the individual, it is necessary to provide exact information. In the event your data does not provide an exact year to be searched and you wish a more extensive search, our fee is an additional \$4.00 for each year over the minimum three year search.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot search according to families and family names. Each record for each individual must be considered a separate request with a separate fee, even though it may involve a husband, wife, sister, etc., with the same surname.

We are enclosing our official request form. Please complete a separate form for each record fully and return with the proper fee.

We are unable to allow individuals to search for their own records. Our records are confidential by statute and only authorized personnel are allowed in the repository to search for records.

RESTRICTIONS ON BIRTH RECORDS

Michigan law allows the release of copies of birth records to heirs. In practice, this means that the person whose record is requested must be deceased and must be a relative. To be considered as an heir you must state on the application (a) your relationship to the deceased person and (b) their date and place of death.

DEATH, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORD

Copies of these records are available to any person or agency upon written application and payment of the proper fee.

Comments regarding the Society Constitution & Bylaws

At an earlier date the Vice chair was asked to review the Society Constitution and Bylaws for possible revision with input and suggestions from members.

Existing Articles I,II,III, IV, no change suggested.

Suggested change to Article V , Par. 1, Delete EDITOR from Officer list.

Article V, Par.2, REWORD - Executive Board shall consist of current Officers, plus Standing Committee Chairs, and Immediate Past President.

Article V, Par.3 ADDED - Standing Committees shall be EDITOR, and LIBRARIAN, and other Committees as approved by the Society.

Article V, Par. 4, 5, 6, 7, No CHANGE

Articles VI, VII,VIII, No CHANGE

Article IX, RENAMED - FUNDS

1. The Treasurer of the Society shall be responsible and accountable for handling of Society funds. A Society Budget shall be prepared once a year, and voted by simple majority.

2. The Society shall have a Post Office Box and a Bank Account.

Present Articles IX and X to be renumbered to X and XI

Note-- Amendments -- The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be provided members in written form at least 7 days before the meeting.

D F Dolsen 19 April 1993

ADDITIONAL QUERY

Info re THIMENS , Charles J. born 3 Dec. 1862 in Mt. Clemens, MI and Inga Sophia (Pederson or Peterson) born 24 July 1864 in Oslo, Norway. They were married in Decatur, Ill. in 1891. Their daughter Selma Lillian was born in West Bay City in 1895. His brother, William, and sister, Mrs W. D. Fox, were living in Bay City in 1933 when Charles died. Vicki Thimens of 2134 N. Water St. in Decatur Ill. 65256 would like to hear from anyone about the family at the time of Selma's birth, as well as anything about William and Mrs. Fox. A SASE was sent.

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