

Eaton County Genealogical Society

Located in the 1885 Eaton County Historical Courthouse

100 W. Lawrence Ave., P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337

[Members]



Would you like to share your family history? Would you like to place a query in our newsletter? Perhaps someone who reads our newsletter may know something about your ancestors!

Submit your information to P.O. Box mailing address above, or email to ecgsnews@gmail.com.

2015 February Calendar

Mon Feb 16: Second meeting of the Military Special Interest Group 7:00pm at the 1885 Courthouse. Room will be open by 6:30pm.

Sat Feb 28: Family History Writing Seminar 10am-Noon at the 1885 Courthouse.

Every Tuesday Afternoon:

Probate Packet Scanning (any time during 12-5)

Charlotte Library Scanning (at the library):

Wed Feb 25th 6:30pm—8:00pm

2015 Calendar

Monthly Meetings:

Wed Jan 19 Special Interest Group

Wed Feb 16 Special Interest Group

Wed Mar 18 General Meeting

Wed Apr 15 General Meeting

Wed May 20 General Meeting

Wed Jun 17 General Meeting

Wed Jul 15 General Meeting

Wed Aug 19 General Meeting

Wed Sep 16 General Meeting

Wed Oct 21 General Meeting

Wed Nov 11 General Meeting

Regular Projects:

Each Tuesday noon—5pm:

Probate Packet Scanning

See our Calendar of Events at www.miegs.org/Events.shtml.

Officers Jan 1, 2015 through Dec 31, 2015

President	Bill Haines
Vice President	Chuck Chamberlain
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Corresponding Secretary	Marcy Cousino
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Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

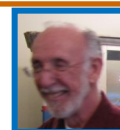
OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: Bill Haines. President's report:



I am happy to report that all critical officer positions are filled for the coming year without the need to hire outside assistance. We continue to develop procedures to insure the society will be able to provide essential services should unforeseen vacancies occur. We do have ongoing need for volunteers to work on projects and/or chair committees; in particular, we have been unable to fill the current vacancy for the society's historian. I encourage you to consider serving the society in some capacity if you are not currently doing so.

Vice-President: No report this month.



Membership:



As of January 22, 2015 we have received 89 applications. Thank you for your speedy response. Membership cards and the new password will be sent out the first week of February.

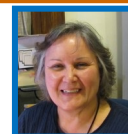
See our [Membership](#) page for 2015 membership dues and benefits.

Treasurer: Income As Of 12/31/14

\$ 3,185.32	Capital Expense Account
\$ 3,135.82	Checking
\$ 1,545.59	Snack Fund
\$ 4,005.44	CD
<u>\$11,872.17</u>	Total

Lease Payments for 2015 Calendar Year has been paid to Courthouse Square Assn. in the amount of \$600.

Librarian: No report this month.



Website: These newsletters are posted on the website about the first of each month and can be found on the www.miegs.org/Newsletter.shtml page. Click on the month you would like to view.



We have site maps available on the website that may help to find all of the various information and pages we have. See the www.miegs.org/SiteMaps.shtml for these maps, and also documents that describe the web site.

Probate Packets: We are progressing with the surnames beginning with G and add more to the collection of scanned files every week. We now have about 6,000 files scanned. The website is updated about once a month or so with the list of probate packets that have been scanned (www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf). If you believe there is a scanned probate packet you want to look at and you are a member, email us at ecgs-board@gmail.com and request access to the files.

The scanned files (pdf files) are stored on a separate cloud storage site and we will provide you with a link to them upon request.

Join us on Tuesday afternoons when you can; you will usually find us laughing about something!



Volunteer Drawing: We had a volunteer drawing on January 27th and Jim Keesler was our winner! He won a \$20.00 Little Caesars gift card. Hope you like pizza Jim!

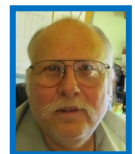


Yum!



Certificates: No new certificate applications were submitted. Gary Copenhaver works on the Civil War Ancestor File Certificate and Pioneer Family Certificate applications when they are received.

Do you have an ancestor connected to Eaton County that served in the Civil War? See our [Civil War Ancestor](#) page for more information about Civil War Ancestor certificates.



Do you have an Eaton County Pioneer ancestor? We have three options for Pioneer Family certificates.

Pioneers -- pre 1850 Settler -- 1851 - 1900 Builder -- 1901 - 1910

See our [Pioneer Family Certificate](#) page for more information.

Family Tree Gedcom Files Received: None Received.

Member Profile

Barb Smith

I have been the Membership Secretary for about 20 years. My husband, Steve, and I have been doing genealogy research for 25 years. I have traced one of my maternal lines back to William Bradford who arrived on the Mayflower. Before her death, my mother had done a lot of family research, mostly through relatives. Upon her death I inherited all that information and have become the "family historian". We have taken two major research trips over the years, the first to Chillicothe, Ohio to research my family and the second to Naples, NY to research Steve's family. Both were most successful. I also love to quilt and am treasurer of our local quilt guild. I retired from Waverly Schools in 1996 after 22 years as a secretary in an elementary school, middle school and administration. We have three children and eight grandchildren.



Member Query Members—

If you would like to post a query in the newsletter, please email the query to ecgsnews@gmail.com. For example, perhaps you are looking for information on an Eaton County ancestor. Please include as much information as you know when submitting your query.

Welcome New Members!

Kathy Cook Alsina
Lee Howser
Ray and Joy Black

February Birthdays

Marcy Cousino



Let us acknowledge your birthday month! Email ecgsnews@gmail.com with your birthday month.

February Anniversaries

We would love to acknowledge anniversaries for our members! Email ecgsnews@gmail.com with your anniversary and let us know how many years you have been married!

Member News

If you would like to share some news in the newsletter, please email the information to ecgsnews@gmail.com. For example, perhaps you have had a new grandchild, or you are recovering from an illness or accident, or you would like to let us know that there has been an illness or accident in your family.

Eaton County Special Interest Groups

These are being launched in 2015 and we invite people to join us in creating these groups, which will be open to the public. Since these are in process of being formed, there is not a lot of information available yet. The purpose and objectives are very general at this point. If you have questions or ideas, please contact us at ecgsnews@gmail.com.

Family History Writing Group: *The purpose is to help each other learn how to write our family history.*

History Group: *The purpose is to research & discover more information about our history.*

Military Group: *The purpose is to document our Eaton County veterans.*

Writing Group:

A Family History Writing seminar has been set up for Saturday, February 28th, 2015 from 10:00am through Noon.



Shirley Hodges is presenting this seminar. Please RSVP by sending an email to ecgs-board@gmail.com. While you may attend even if you did not RSVP, we would like to have an idea of how many plan to attend to make sure we have enough room.



This will be held at the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse, ground floor. The group that meets for this will determine the future of this group.

Eaton County History Group:

The Eaton County History Group does not yet have an initial meeting set up. If anyone is interested in helping to set this group up, please contact us at ecgsboard@gmail.com.

Special Projects

We have special projects we work on from time to time. One of them is the Probate Packet Scanning Project, which has been reported on. This is a very long-term project and we will report on the progress each month.

Two other projects we are working on is the Charlotte Library Scanning project and the Rural School project. The rural school project belongs to the Eaton County Historical Commission and we have helped them with this and we will end up with a rich source of information when it is completed.

Charlotte Library Scanning Project:

The Charlotte Library Scanning project is underway again and we added new scanned index card files to our website. The next date scheduled to scan at the library is Wednesday, February 25th at the Charlotte Community Library in the Michigan Room. We are scanning the Boyd Preston index card collection and we have more than half of these scanned. The images of these index cards are available on our Charlotte Library page on the website at www.miegs.org/CharlotteLibrary.shtml. The upcoming dates scheduled to scan are Feb 25th, Mar 11th & 25th and Apr 22nd, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will evaluate where we are in April and schedule more sessions if needed to complete the project. When the Boyd Preston collection is completed, we will determine what we scan next, which will most likely be photographs.

Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project:

We had many items brought in to scan for the school project of the West Windsor school. We will continue to scan materials until further notice, although at some point the information may not be included with the book and/or dvd. Since school information is very valuable for genealogy research, we will always welcome school materials to scan!

The group working on this project has made some decisions on target due dates for the writers to have the stories completed. They would like to have the book published and available for sale about Easter time, which is the first week of April. To give some time for editing and arranging the book, the Commission has requested to have all stories to them by February 10th, 2015.

From the ECGS standpoint, Sherry is working on the data and images that will be included on the DVD, which will be included with the book. The DVD will contain several Name indexes and school and class photo images. A first draft of the DVD will be available for the group by the time this newsletter is published. This will give them a good idea of what the DVD will be, and also give time for suggestions.

Military Group:

The Military Group held their initial meeting on January 19th, 2015 and 15 people, plus 3 children attended. Bill Haines hosted the meeting by reading and explaining the agenda. A group discussion was then held.

We had several books from our ECGS library to show examples of the types of resources we have available here. We talked about other types of resources we could use, such as on-line information about veterans.



One person who attended explained how his father was one of nine children, and six of them were in World War II at the same time. This is the Cooper family from Grand Ledge. This would be great to have documented and available for all to see. Another talked about a gun he inherited from his father that, according to stories, was used in World War II. He would like to research this gun and see if he can verify the story.



There were several handouts, one of which was a list of possible things we could work on. There can be multiple sub-projects being worked on by different members of the group. We have set up an email group to provide communication and anyone may request to be added to this group by sending an email to ecgsmilitary@gmail.com. When joining this email group, you will be provided a link to access documents pertaining to this group. The initial handouts are available on the internet now.

We now have a Facebook page called "Eaton County Michigan—Military Special Interest Group". We encourage people to like this page and to post Eaton County military information.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 16th, 2015 at 7:00pm at the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse, downtown Charlotte.

Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC):

See their website at mimgc.org/.

The MGC Delegate meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September and November each year. Check the MGC Community Calendar for the date, time and location.

They publish newsletters four times a year. To see these newsletters, visit the MGC [Newsletters](#) page.

MGC Projects

FamilySearch Indexing has released a new Michigan project for indexing by the MGC Indexing Group. The project is the "Muriel Links Obituaries" which are approximately 85,000 Obituaries clipped from Grand Rapids Newspapers covering the period 1930-1970 and pasted onto cards that are kept at the Grand Rapids Public Library. See more information on their MGC [Projects](#) page.

Meet our regular Room Volunteers



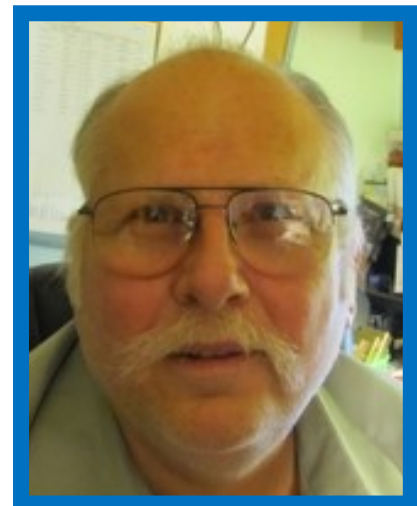
Marcy is the room volunteer on Tuesdays. She is also our Correspondence Secretary.



Jackie and Janet are the room volunteers on Wednesdays. You may find either or both there! They began volunteering last summer and they are doing a great job!



Gary is the room volunteer on Thursdays. He also processes the Civil War Ancestor and Pioneer Family Certificates.



Unidentified Photos - Do you know Who, What, Where and When?

Here are two photos from Courthouse Square that are unidentified. Email us at ecgsnews@gmail.com if you know anything about these photos.



Charlotte Community Library Joint Scanning Project

Here is an example of a page from the Boyd Preston scanning project.

● GALLERY; JAMES
to Eaton Rapids Twp. 1837 from Clinton 1836 from
Caledonia, N.Y. to Char. 1853
son of Patrick and Anne (Martin) Gallery
born June 1, 1817 in Caledonia, N.Y. Livingston Co.
died Sept. 23, 1882 ae 65
he married Nov. 1848 Eliza M. Hamilton
he was a miller by trade machinist 1863
1st President of Eaton Rapids City 1861
supervisor of Twp Co. treasurer 1852-54

children (Gallery)

1. Alice M. b. 1849
d. Dec. 13, 1888
m. Geo. M. Andersen
2. James H. b. 1851
m. Alice Carleton
m. Flora C. Belnap
3. Ida L. b. 1853
m. Albert Cummins
b. Jan. 7, 1856
d. Mar. 26, 1890
m. Herbert Reynolds
4. Kate of Char. b. 1861
m. Anna Mead

Boyd Preston's Genealogy File Before 1900

● GALLERY; JAMES HERBERT 'Herb'
son of James and Eliza M. (Hamilton) Gallery
born 1851
died May 24, 1924 ae 73
he married 1878 Alice Carleton
he married 1894 Flora (Clark) Belnap

children
step-children
(Belnap)

1. Clark b. 1926
of E. Rap. d. 1926
2. Charles M. b.
of B. Creek



This newsletter is created from information members have submitted. *Anyone is welcome (and encouraged!) to submit* Eaton County family history information or articles. Please email these to ecgsnews@gmail.com and designate the information you would like included, such as your location and/or email address. Your submission must be signed. Pictures are welcomed!

While the newsletter is available for all to read from our ECGS website, only members may post queries and member happenings.

All digital newsletter issues will be available on our website with a target date of posting them on the 1st of each month. See the www.miegs.org/Newsletters.shtml.

Ways You Can Help to Volunteer at (or for) ECGS

Please note: We appreciate any help we receive! We will never pressure you to help us! We only ask if you have volunteered for room duty and you cannot make it, that you call (phone numbers provided) us and let us know to get it covered for you.

Room Volunteers: Room volunteers are here to help people who come in to research. While some of our room volunteers actually help do the research, this is not a requirement. The main tasks are to answer the phone and guide the researchers to our various areas they can research.

Probate Packet Scanning: This is an on-going project that meets regularly at the ECGS room to scan probate packets on Tuesday afternoons. However, anyone can scan when the room is open.

Indexing and/or proofreading at home: Using scanned images, we can show you how to index and/or proofread at your own leisure at home.

Mini Take-Home projects: This is a brand new type of project we are trying. People have taken home several projects and we will see how that goes.

Special Projects: Possibly set up an area in our room that will have special projects that you can work on when you come in. Again... new idea to try! More to come on this.

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who donate in any way to our Society! Our Society is run by volunteers and is funded by donations and fund-raisers.

Eaton County Genealogical Society Publications Order List

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As of January 1, 2015

Item	Cost per item	Total Cost
Cemeteries of Eaton County, MI:		
Brookfield Twp., 41 pp., indexed as of September 1991	\$ 8.00	
Chester Twp., 66 pp., indexed as of July 1990	\$ 8.00	
Roxand Twp., 86 pp., indexed as of January 1993	\$10.00	
Sunfield Twp., 44 pp., indexed as of April 1991	\$10.00	
Walton Twp., 119 pp., indexed as of March 1996	\$10.00	
Maple Hill Cemetery (Eaton Twp.), indexed as of 2009	\$20.00	
Kalamo Twp., 102 pp., indexed as of 2001	\$18.00	
Vermontville Twp., 122 pp., indexed as of 2001	\$18.00	
Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI 27 Mar, 1885 thru 29 Dec, 1947, 198 pp., indexed	*** \$18.00	
Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI 18 Nov 1921 to 21 May 1932, 112 pp., indexed	\$18.00	
Naturalization Index for Eaton Co., MI 55 pp.	\$ 4.25	
Eaton County Quest, back issues, #1 through current available (please specify issue no.)	\$ 4.50	
Plat maps of Eaton County, MI, individual townships (please specify which townships). (Note: Shipping up to 16 townships count as one item.)		
1860 Price is \$.25 per Township (Hamlin Twp. Not available)	\$.25	
1873 Price is \$.25 per Township	\$.25	
1895 Price is \$.25 per Township	\$.25	
1913 Price is \$.25 per Township	\$.25	
Cemetery Symbols CD (see www.miegs.org/Symbols.shtml for more information)	\$12.00	

Shipping & Handling

1-3 items - \$2.20

3-5 items - \$3.30

6 or more items - \$6.60

*** Note: Please add \$2.50 for each "Burkhead-Green Funeral Home" book.

Sub total _____

MI res. Add 6% sales tax _____

Shipping & Handling _____

Total Due _____

Send the above items to (please print)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Amount enclosed _____ Check No. _____

(Please make checks payable to: Eaton County Genealogical Society)

Please note: We plan to address publications in the next year and hopefully will be adding more to our selection. Also, we plan to offer these through the website using PayPal.