

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 April Calendar

Wed Apr 15: General meeting 7:00pm. Social hour 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Sat Apr 18: ECGS room open for research 10am-2pm.

Mon Apr 20: Military Special Interest Group 7:00pm at the 1885 Courthouse. Room will be open by 6:30pm.

Charlotte Library Scanning (at the library):
Wed Apr 22 6:30pm—8:00pm

Every Tuesday Afternoon:
Probate Packet Scanning (any time during 12-5)

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
Treasurer	Sher Brown
Recording Secretary	Jan Shepler
Membership Secretary	Barb Smith
Corresponding Secretary	Marcy Cousino
Librarian	Sharlene Thuma
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Publicity	Joy Black
Computer Chair	John Evans
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Council Delegate	Jo Glasgow
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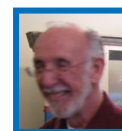
Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS**President:** Bill Haines.

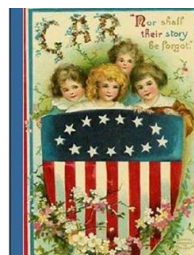
As your society continues to upgrade its technology, your board wishes to organize a technology committee to develop plans for future hardware (computers, printers, digitizing equipment etc.) and software upgrades and acquisitions. We are seeking volunteers from among our members who have interest in this area. I ask that you consider serving if you can.

**Vice-President:** Chuck Chamberlain.

No report this month.



Notice: Our July 2015 General Meeting: will be hosted by and held at the Eaton Rapids GAR Hall on July 15th. **Social Hour** will begin at 5:30pm at this hall!



The Grand Army of the Republic
Memorial Hall & Museum
224 S. Main St.
Eaton Rapids MI 48827
James B. Brainerd Post #111

Membership: Barb Smith

No report this month.



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

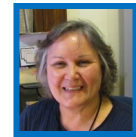
Treasurer: Sher Brown Income As Of 02/28/2015

\$ 3,185.32	Capital Expense Account
\$ 4,649.64	Checking
\$ 1,545.59	Snack Fund
\$ 4,005.44	CD
\$13,385.99	Total



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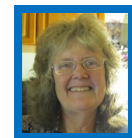
Thanks to all for adding to our library!



- Miller Farm~ 3 black & white photos of the **BLAKESLEE** family, early 1900s, all Roehm Studio of Charlotte, MI.
- Sandra McDonald~ **SPENCER** family photo album, late 1800s.
- Lance Aldrich~ Virgil L. **SAURER** military items, ca.1930s: photo album, 2 large group photos, 2 portraits, crossing the equator certificate, 1934.
- Robin Cooper-Stair~ items that belonged to Ralph & Edith **OVERMEYER**: photos, baby book, 4 funeral books, a letter, 2 military discharge certificates, etc. Includes surnames **STORRS** & **MURDOCK**.
- Brenda Rhoder~ 3 genealogy how-to-research books.
- Janet L. Skipper~ 33 pages of Abstract of Title of the **WILLIAMS** farm on Williams Rd., Windsor Twp. Eaton Co., MI.
- Laura Druker~ The **HALLENBECKS**: Facts, Memories And Hearsay, by Ora Hallenbeck Van Wagoner, 1965.



Website: Sherry Copenhaver.



A new page has been added for the Military Special Interest Group. For the time being, this will be alphabetic lists of records we are collecting in the new Military database, with links to images and files when available. Eventually, these will be loaded into a database on the website when time permits for the webmaster to create it. See the Military page at www.miegs.org/MilitarySIG.shtml.

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All-Names Lists From Databases

Our library has four databases that contain indexes. These include the Index System, Cemetery Database, Land Records Database and Surname Contact Database. In the future, there will be two more added. One will be the School Database and the other will be the Military Database.

The Index System is our original database and tells us where a name appears in the various holdings we have in our library, such as court records, obituary books, scrapbooks, etc. The Cemetery database contains much more information for a name such as Birth and Death info and usually what is shown on the headstone. The Land Records database holds early deed record microfilm information that can be used to quickly find the deed at the Eaton County Courthouse on their microfilm. The Surname Contact database holds information filled out by researchers over the years who filled out surnames and sometimes specific ancestors they are researching. Please note that the name for one database can be referencing the same record in another database. This is especially true with the Cemetery database and the Index System database. Most names in the Cemetery Database will also appear in the Index System.

The following lists show each name within each database we have. There could be one record for that name, or there could be multiple records. These lists simply show the names we have in the databases in our ECGS library. If the print is too small, use your zoom feature to enlarge it. These lists were created March 24, 2015 and will be updated periodically.

Many of the records for these names are included in various lists from the Database page and may show more information about the record. Those lists are behind.

Members: For names in the Index System, there may be more information about the records in our Members Section using the Search Database option. However, updating of this database is behind.

If you find a name you would like more information on, please see our guidelines to [send a request](#).

Last Name Begins With	Last Name Begins With	Last Name Begins With	Last Name Begins With
A - D	E - K	L - R	S - Z

This page created: March 2015

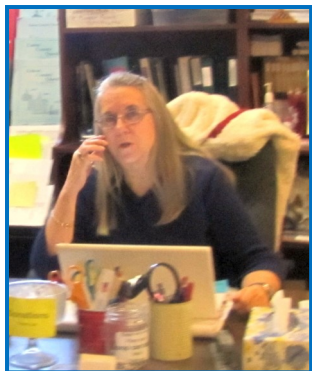
Another new page has been added that is alphabetic lists of all the names in our existing four databases. These are simply lists of each name in which the name appears in. In some cases, there is more detail in previously posted lists. However, updating of these lists has gotten so far behind that I will periodically update these lists to let people see if a name they are searching for is in our databases within our ECGS library.

The Probate Packet Scanned list has been updated. The password for the Members Section was changed for 2015. Please see your membership card information for new password.

See our [Site Maps](#) page for help navigating our website and documents that describe the web site.

Probate Packets:

We now have about 6,500 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 ecgsboard@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!

Certificates: Two new certificate applications for the Civil War Ancestor were submitted and approved. Julie Meyers will receive a certificate for her ancestor Amos Beeman. Vicki Mott Friddle will receive a certificate for her ancestor John Graham Estelle. 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

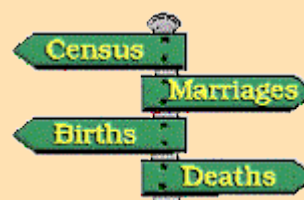
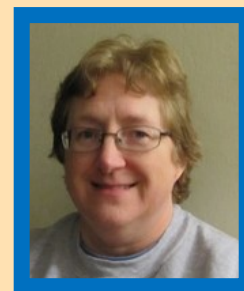
See our [Pioneer Family Certificate](#) page for more information.

Member Profile

Marcy Cousino

My name is Marcy Cousino. I became interested in genealogy mostly because my mother was interested. She had interviewed many of her older relatives and I loved the stories.. I volunteer in the ECGS library on Tuesday. As the Corresponding Secretary, I try to help people answer their genealogy mysteries. I'm learning!

My husband Rick Hodges and I are proud parents of one son, Wilson.



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!



April Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

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

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.

2015 March General Meeting

Our 2015 general meetings kicked off with a great start! Harold Holcomb spoke with us about his collection from his grandfather Eli Cook's Sharpshooter memorabilia.

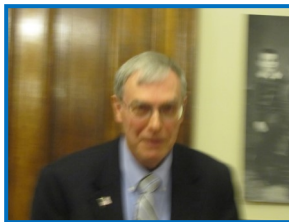


We had a very nice gathering for the social hour. Chuck explained that we are keeping a collection of completed surname handouts that

we began last year. These filled out sheets include that person's Eaton County surnames. People have found others re-searching the same family names!



We had several new people join us for the meeting. It was great seeing familiar faces and new faces both!



Eaton County History Special Interest 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.

Eaton County Military Special Interest Group



The Military Group held their third meeting on March 16th, 2015. Troy Pitcher was not able to make it so his wife Wendy led the meeting.

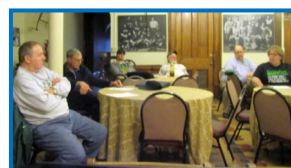
Bob brought in some print-outs of WWII Interviews and a documentation kit for conducting veteran interviews. These will be uploaded to our website soon.



Several people volunteered to do research to find websites with military information for us to use to add to our list. We have located some sites and a list was sent to the group.



We had two new people join us. Both had submitted their Civil War Ancestor information for a certificate. Welcome Julie & Vicki!



At the end of the meeting, Sherry gave a demonstration of the Military Database that is now in progress and the type of information we are gathering. We also now have a Military page on our website. Sherry showed how it is working so far.

We discussed creating a flyer and a form to distribute to the public, especially since Memorial Day is approaching. An on-line form that people can fill out and submit might bring us some veteran information. Sherry is working on this.

We have 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.

We 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.

Visit our Military website at www.miegs.org/Military.shtml.



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The launch of the Eaton County Genealogical Society Military Special Interest Group began with a meeting at the 1885 Courthouse on January 19th, 2015. Fifteen people attended and indicated there was interest in continuing the group.

The goal of this group is to collect information on veterans who have had any connection with Eaton County and make it available to anyone interested. As information is received and indexed, this will be updated here.

There will be two types of lists to begin with. One list will include information from the database alphabetically. There may or may not have images or files to open. The second list will be specific indexes for a specific area, such as the Charlotte Community Library Boyd Preston Card Collection. These types of indexes will link to a file to see the original image collected.

These files can be quite large. When a file does come up, if the print is too small to read easily, please use the + feature from your reader to magnify the list.

Indexes by Alpha

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Individual Indexes

Index Link	Description
Reliance Historical Society	Scanned from the BHS Military Collection, March 2015. One file to open; look at page number after it is open.
Boyd Preston Collection	The Boyd Preston Collection from Charlotte Community Library of indexed cards with information about Eaton County people, including military info. One file to open; look at page number after it is open.

The room is reserved for a meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse, downtown Charlotte. The room will be open by 6:30pm.

Charlotte Library Scanning Project

The Charlotte Library Scanning project is progressing so well scanning the Boyd Preston collection that we are 95%-plus complete! We had Gary & Sherry Copenhaver's family help in the March scanning sessions, as well as our regulars Sue & Stacy! The next scanning session will complete the Boyd Preston collection and we will then begin some other indexing in the library from their genealogy resources. The images of these index cards are available on our Charlotte Library page on the website at www.miegs.org/CharlotteLibrary.shtml. The upcoming date scheduled to scan is **Apr 22nd** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We have discovered some of these cards contain military information and we will be using these for the Military Project.



We will evaluate where we are in April and schedule more sessions to work on the remainder of items to scan at the library, which will most likely be photographs.

Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC)

See their website at mimgc.org/.

Genealogy Bill of Rights: Society members are being asked to sign a petition to endorse the view of public records when restrictions are being considered. More information and the petition are available on their website.

See their [Research](#) page for helpful links!

MGC Projects

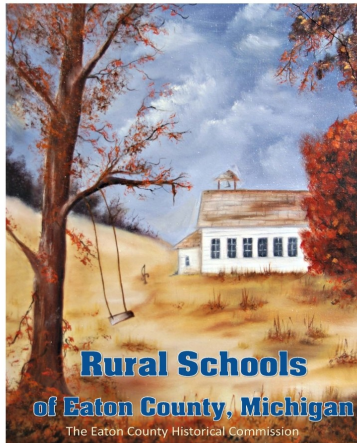
FamilySearch Indexing has released a new Michigan project "Muriel Links Obituaries" for indexing by the MGC Indexing Group, which covers Grand Rapids obituaries from 1930-1970. See more information on their MGC [Projects](#) page.

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.

Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project

The rural school project is coming to an end! The book and dvd has a target date of April 15th, 2015 to be ready for sale!

The final few stories are being added to the book. The dvd files are ready to copy to dvds. Jan & Randy are working on some final notes for some of the township school maps.



The Rural School of Eaton County book, with more than 300 pages, includes a DVD with many indexes and images at a price of \$25.00. The Historical Commission is now taking pre-orders for the book & dvd set by email to csamuseum.net or phoning 517-543-6999 to reserve a book..



Welcome to the Eaton County Rural School Project DVD

This is the master list of various index files that are available on this DVD. When there is a file available on the DVD for a record (a name, or a school), there is a link to click and the image or file will display.
Click on the underlined links for the indexes. Most indexes lead to links to images and other files.

Memories files	This shows people who provided memories, history or other interesting items. Many of these come from people who shared with the project. However, some are included from materials found in our research.	
School Summary files	This link opens a directory that has school summary files for each school.	

Indexes By Names

Name Summary	Summary of names. This list shows each unique name in the project, the earliest and latest years they have a record for, and the number of records existing.	
Last name begins with A-G	H-Q	R-Z
All names in alphabetic order. Each of these are a list of each name in the project showing the year, person, age, info, school and category for each record. If there is an available file on the dvd, the File name is linked to the image or file.		

Indexes By Schools

All Photos	Photos by School - these are all photos available in the school project, sorted by School Name and Year order. Click on a photo for a link to the larger-size image.	
School Buildings	School Building photos - these are photos of entire school buildings and/or the outside showing partial buildings.	
School name begins with A-G	H-Q	R-Z
All records by School. Sorted in School name, Year, Last Name, First Name order. These include school photos (if no name, it is a school photo).		

This is the first page of the School-Project file that guides you through the dvd information.



The Eaton County Historical Commission invites you to the Rural Schools of Eaton County Exhibit Open House at the Courthouse Square Association Museum on Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 from 4:00pm—7:00pm.

April 15th, 2015
4pm-7pm

School information is very valuable for genealogy research, we will always welcome school materials to scan for the School Database!

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

Here are some more photos from our collection with unidentified people. Email us at ecgsnews@gmail.com if you know anything about these photos.

Carter's Association

Who?

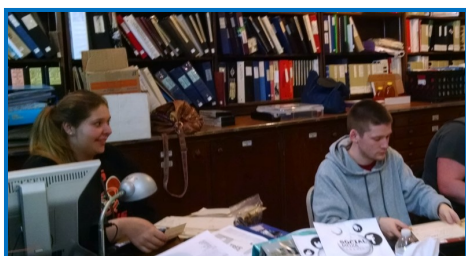
Inside Country Club



Charlotte Senior High School Students Work Day

The Charlotte Senior Class of 2015 had a work day on March 3rd as the Juniors took SAT tests. Students signed up with Courthouse Square Association to work in the courthouse for their community service. Some of the students worked in the Courthouse attic, bringing items down to the lower floors. These included things like stacks of newspapers, broken chairs and Eaton County court books.

Another set of students worked in our ECGS library to scan Probate Packets. We heard a lot of laughter from them as they scanned and it was fun to hear what their plans were after they graduated.



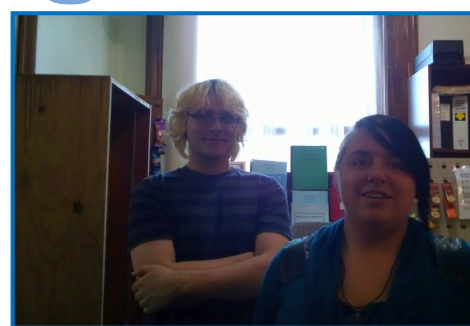
They all ate lunch together in the ground floor room. Julie Kimmer, from Courthouse Square Association is talking with them here.



Julie had previously offered 3 sets of shelving for our ECGS library if we could find room for them and we decided we would like them. Some of the kids brought them in for us and set them up. They were a great group of kids and we thank them for all they did for us!

More Storage!

Yay!



This newsletter is created from information members have submitted. *Anyone is welcome (and encouraged!) to sub-*

mit 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, call (phone numbers provided) us and let us know to get coverage.

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 _____

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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.