

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 August Calendar

Sat Aug 15: Open for research 10am-2pm.

Sat Aug 15: Family History Writing Group from 10am—Noon at the 1885 Courthouse

Mon Aug 17: Military Special Interest Group 7:00pm at the 1885 Courthouse. Room will be open by 6:30pm.

Wed Aug 19: General meeting 7:00pm. Social hour 5:30pm-7:00pm at the 1885 Courthouse.

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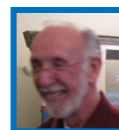
OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS**President:** Bill Haines.

I hope you have been able to attend the programs our vice president has arranged for our meetings this year. We have some exciting program plans for future meetings, starting with a presentation on using DNA analysis for genealogical research for our August meeting. Beyond the programs, our meetings are an opportunity to network with other local persons interested in genealogy and family history, and I hope you will be able to participate.

Fall will be here soon, and with its arrival comes our greatest fundraising activity, the annual bake sale during Charlotte's Frontier Days festival. We will be contacting members soon for assistance by agreeing to provide baked goods and/or help at the sales counter, so that we can plan this important event. In the past funds raised have been instrumental in acquiring technology assets as we continue to upgrade our capabilities and progress in our efforts to digitize our collections.

Vice-President: Chuck Chamberlain.

No report this month.

**Membership:** Barb Smith

Welcome to our new members!

New Members:

Darlene Parks



See our [Membership](#) page for 2015 membership dues and on-line application.

Treasurer: Sher Brown

As Of 07/25/2015

\$ 4,304.24	Checking
\$ 1,647.22	Snack
\$ 3,649.94	Save
\$ 4,474.64	CD updated annually
\$14,076.04	Total



Election of officers for 2016

This coming fall the society will be electing officers for the 2016 calendar year. A summary of the position descriptions for the various positions to be elected is included in the newsletter. While all positions are to be elected, current officers have agreed to continue, if elected, in most positions; however, due to two key retirements, the society is especially seeking persons interested in serving as vice president and membership secretary. If you have not served in the past, please consider stepping forward. A nominating committee will be contacting members starting in August.

Brief descriptions of the elected officers for our society

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elected officers of the Society (All voting members) include President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees (3).

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: Supervise the affairs of the Society. Determine time and place of Board and General meetings. Approve plans of work submitted by committees and make recommendations to the membership. Review the budget requests and develop a proposed budget which shall be submitted to the membership for adoption at the November meeting of each year. Review other business that comes before the Board.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT: Chair Board and General monthly meetings. Prepare meeting agendas. Call for motions and votes as needed. Recommend appointments of chairpersons to committees to Executive Board. Be an alternate signatory on society bank accounts. Perform other ad-hoc duties that may arise.

DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT: Fulfill the duties of the President if the President is unable to do so. Provide general meeting programs, including speakers as needed. Notify Webmaster and Publicity Chairperson of general meeting details to publicize the meetings. Track speaker costs and notify Treasurer when payment is needed. Be prepared for substitute meeting program, such as a dvd movie in case a speaker cancels at the last minute.

DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY: Maintain and preserve the records of the Society. Record business proceedings of Board and General meetings. Provide copies to society and to Webmaster for posting on the Members Section page.

DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Communicate with other groups and individuals with similar genealogical interests. Maintain the Post Office Box Key. Be responsible for obtaining the mail from the Post Office Box, and distribute it to the proper persons on a weekly basis. Respond to communications as necessary. Process queries received and provide up to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of research. Send thank you notes to monetary gift donations over \$10.00.

DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Maintain a list of active and past members of the Society. Record membership dues received and mail out membership cards including the password to the website Members Section. Notify Webmaster of new members to be added to the website Members Section database.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER: Receive all ECGS monies. Deposit all monies under the name of the Society. Disburse monies as authorized by the Society. Prepare monthly financial statements for the Executive Board and to the Webmaster for posting on the Members Section. Prepare Federal and State forms, which include State of Michigan Sales Tax and Articles of Incorporation annual information update. Prepare tentative budget and revenue forecast for Executive Board to finalize.

DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES: Facilitate dissolution of society if that ever happens.

Member Profile



Harold Holcomb

Harold Holcomb

Excerpts from 2013 50-Year School Reunion



Hello to all. WOW! Our 50 Year Class Reunion. The old, "Charhians," have collected a lot of Dust. Think of the Technology changes since 1963. The Holcomb family got a Color TV in 1964. Photocopiers and the Microwave Oven came along a few years later. Desktop Computers started in the early 1980's. The Internet, Cell phones and Cloud Computing are some of the latest.

Eventually, I graduated from Ferris State University in March 1969. Was introduced to my wife, Bonnie there, (she is from Greenville). She and I attended FSU together. We were married in May 1969. The Draft called me soon after. During my 15 months of Army Finance Duty at Ft. Knox, Bonnie was able to join me. We had an off base apartment. We developed friends from all over the country. Most were college graduates so that portion of the Army Duty was like a continuation of college. Our son Mark was born at Ireland Army Hospital. Located on Base. The hospital was full of Medevac troops

Bonnie and I have been enjoying our six grand children, and retirement. Our children, Mark, wife Kelly, and Amber, husband Kevin. We feel fortunate that all live near us. All made it through college and continued on to get their Masters. We are very proud of them. They each have three children. Two of Mark's are twin girls.

We have traveled some. Our best trip had to be three weeks with "Cruise West," in Alaska. It was a land and sea package with the cruise portion on a small ship.

Locally I try to get out trout fishing. Have a good Southern Michigan trout stream right near where we live. Do some deer hunting. For the last few years I have been a member of "the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War," We meet at the historic old GAR Hall in Sunfield. (SUVCW is the old GAR.) I am Secretary. I keep trying to uncover information on a Great Grandfather Eli Cook who was a member of Berdan's 1st U.S. Sharpshooters Company I, (Local Michigan Company). He became 1st Sergeant. His 'Comrades of the Battlefield,' award lists all the battles he was in and shows the number of days under fire during each battle. It totals 308 days under fire. After the war he provided his Field Notes to Hiram Berdan and Charles Stevens to write the book, Berdan's U.S. Sharpshooters. These Sharpshooters were often used to silence Artillery. A good article in the book details his leading a group doing that. It is titled, "Jerusalem Plank Road." Should you care to, you can download the book free on the internet.

We still have part of the farm south east of Charlotte. The portion I still have was my grandmothers. She was Eli Cook's daughter.

Probate Packets:

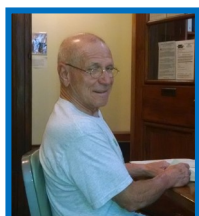
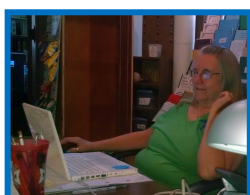
The website is updated about once a month or so with the list of probate packets that have been scanned (www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf). The approximate number of files scanned has been reported each month and this is a good indicator of how we are doing. However, here is a little more explanation of how the probate packet scan counts work.

The original probate packet index that is currently listed in our Index System lists 17,121 names. However, one physical file could include more than one name, and one name could be included in more than one physical file. So, the number of files scanned will not equal 17,121 when we are completed. In addition to this, we are finding some files for names that are not in the original list and we are not finding some names that are in the list. This could be because some of the scans contain the images of more than one file in error and this should be looked at sometime. (Note: If anyone would like to look at the pdf files and verify that the last image is the same name as the first image, that would be GREAT!!) For grins and giggles, the probate packet records have been added to a database where they can be counted more specifically and these are the new counts, for what they are worth.

Number of actual probate packet files scanned: 6,906
Number of names connected with these files: 7,443
Number of names in index (because of multiple files for a name): 7,817
Number of new names not included in the original list and not in Index System: 678



We have such a great time scanning! Sometimes I even catch them smiling in a picture before they know I am taking a picture!



Other times, I say 'SMILE' and they will smile at the camera, then get right back to work.



And then, a lot of times, we are all working along being serious when we need to be because some of the papers are giving us trouble, then joining in on the conversation and sooner or later we are all laughing about something!

Jim won the volunteer drawing a few weeks ago and was not there that day. We were happy to give him his winning gift card and take his picture this month! Congratulations Jim!!

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!



Member News

From Sherry Copenhaver: I lost my mother Audrey Mae (Betz) Johnson on July 7, 2015 due to congestive heart failure. I have had an incredible amount of support from my genealogy friends, from visiting at the funeral home, phone calls, food, cards, emails, and you name it! From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU! You cannot imagine how much everything helps during a time like this. I am so very grateful that she had a long life and she was active with her crafts and had smiles on her face right up until the end of her life. You cannot ask for more than that! Even so.... We all miss her very much. Please know how much your thoughtfulness meant to me and to our family.



One (of many) of my favorite photos of my mom and me. She was born to Sam & Blanche (Brugh) Betz in 1936 and was later raised by her step-father Robert & Blanche Reed. She married Bob Wood and had 3 children (Sherry, Mike & Matt), then married Dale Johnson who had 4 children (Kathy, Alan, Sara & Lesli). Dale preceded her in death in 2011.

If you are a member of Facebook, we would invite you to check out our Facebook page. We have 298 members currently. There are a lot of great items put out there that are of interest to those who have ancestors from Eaton County.



Certificates:

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



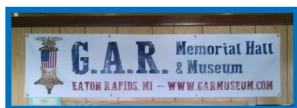
Do you have an ancestor connected to Eaton County that served in the Civil War? See our [Civil War Ancestor](#) page for more information about Civil War Ancestor certificates.

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

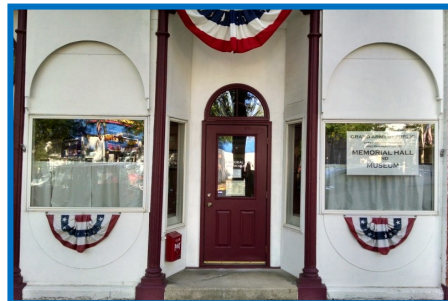
Pioneers -- pre 1850 Settler -- 1851 - 1900 Builder -- 1901 - 1910

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

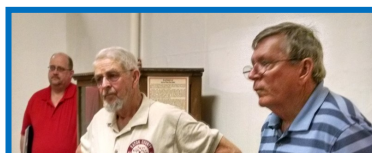
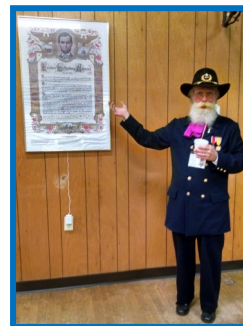
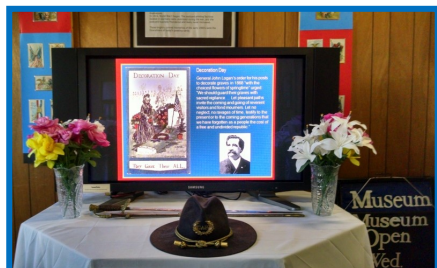
2015 July General Meeting



Our regular monthly meeting was held at and hosted by the Eaton Rapids GAR Hall this month. We thank them very much for a great meeting and tour of their marvelous museum!



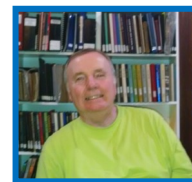
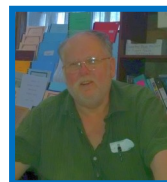
Keith Harrison was the speaker and from all reports we've heard from people who attended the meeting, he did a fantastic job!



Thanks for taking pictures John!

Eaton County Military Special Interest Group

The Military Group met at the usual time on July 20th. We had a great meeting with some exciting new ideas we would like to share.



The easiest type of information to add to the Military web-

site would be a collection of documents, photos, files, etc. that can be combined into a pdf file (Sherry can do that), then added to the main page of the website. See some examples of these that are now on the website. Sherry needs to provide more detailed information on how to get this type of information to her for the website. (Please contact us via the email below if you would like more information!)

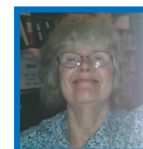
Individual Links	
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Boyd Preston Collection	The Boyd Preston Collection from Charlotte Community Libr military info. One file to open; look at page number after it is
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Boyer, Duane	Korean war photos of Duane Boyer.
Boyer, Laurance	WWII war photos and newspaper article of Laurance Boyer.
Fordham, Albert	Civil War Pension records for Albert Fordham. filed by widow

especially for Frontier Days and Veteran's Day. We would like people to know about our group. We would like to get a 'story board' to display at Frontier Days.



Kent brought in his idea of something like an Eaton County Veteran Honor Roll - or Local Hero, or something along this line, where perhaps various businesses could rotate a display of veteran information.

Sherry had a call from a gal whose father was in WWII and gave his information. She said although he is hard of hearing, she feels he would enjoy an interview. We would like to pursue people willing to interview our veterans. They would not have to belong to our group although we certainly hope they would share the interview with us for the website.



We would like to talk with the Charlotte American Legion group about this possible 'honor roll' and interviewing veterans at one of their meetings.



Harold brought in a flyer about the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project, which collects oral history recordings, photos, letters and more from veterans of all conflicts and wondered if there is anything from Eaton County in there. The website is www.loc.gov/vets. He will check it out some more. Perhaps if we could gain some interviews, we could share them with this project as well.

An on-line [Veteran Form](#) is available for people to complete, for either themselves or other veterans, and submit. The purpose of this form is to obtain information about veterans, such as when they served, and load the veteran's information into our Military Database.

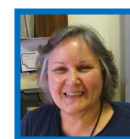
If a [printed Veteran Form](#) is preferred, please click on the printed Veteran Form link, fill out the form and mail to us. Feel free to share this form!

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.

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.

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.

Librarian: Sharlene Thuma

Harrod Hosey~ 1978-79 Clinton Co. Atlas & Plat Book; 1972 Eaton Co. Plat Book; The Antwerp Emigration 1855 Index; 2 vols. of German Immigrants: List of Passengers Bound from Bremen to NY 1847-1854, 1868-1871; 18th Century Register of Emigrants from SW Germany (to America & other countries); Vol. VI Official Roster of Soldiers of the State of OH 1861-1866 70th-86th Regiments- Infantry.

Sharleen Moyer~ documents once owned by **Hazel WATKINS**: 1897 O.M. **WATKINS** birth record; **WATKINS & ROBBINS** marriage certificate; 1897 O.M. **WATKINS** death record; 1923 Oakwood cemetery deeds; funeral instructions; 1991 school portrait of **Jessica HUBBARD**; etc.

Sherry Copenhaver~ Grandma Sherry's Memories (numerous family photos), donated in loving memory of **Audrey Mae (BETZ) JOHNSON** 1936-2015, Sherry's mom.

Terry L. Thuma~ Eaton Rapids High School Class of 1965, 50th Year Celebration, May 29,30,2015 (contains info of the members).



Correction of the first Facebook posting of the July newsletter: The birth date was in the Funeral Home Obituary Posting in error. The birth date of December 9, 1929 is correct.

Sher Brown- Rural School of Eaton County, Michigan, by the Eaton County Historical Commission, published 2015, soft cover, donated in loving memory of Sher's mother, Mary J. Hadley (December 9, 1929 - March 25, 2015).

Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC)

See their website at mimgc.org/.

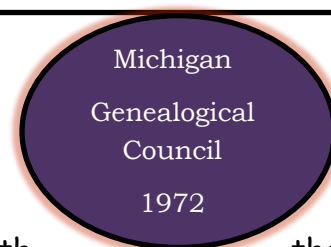
See their [Research](#) page for helpful links!

The July 2015 newsletter features Dennis Skupinski and his work with the World War One Centennial Commission as the representative in Michigan to honor, educate and commemorate the centennial of WWI. Roger Moffat was recognized for his work with making the [Western Michigan Genealogical Society](#) website listed in the Family Tree Magazine's list of Best State Websites for Genealogy for 2014. See the [July Newsletter](#) for much more information!

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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.

Next Meeting: September 17th at Noon at the Gladwin County District Library.



The Eaton County School Database Project



We are still receiving school items to scan and because school information is very valuable for genealogy research, we will always welcome school materials to scan for the School Database! All of the information collected and scanned and indexed will be available for research within a few months. We will continue to add to this database, although there will be no book associated with it. Also, it will include all schools and not just rural schools. If you have school information you would like to share, we can scan your items on Tuesday afternoons (noon-5pm) or you may contact us at ecgsschool@gmail.com to send your information and/or to arrange a time to meet.



We recently received some Gates school photos (Roxand Township) from Gary Fetzer and the school building (unknown year) and 1930-1931 class photos are included here. Thank you Gary!



1930-1931 Teacher Alice Loucks

Back Row

Elmo Reed
Lee Wonser
Edna Dilley
Arlene West
Paul Suntken

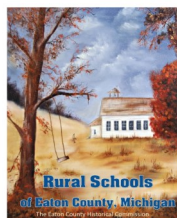
Center Row

Barbara Elsenhamer
Alto Mae Merryfield
Charlene Dunham
Arilla Elsenhamer
Leta Merryfield
Winifred Elsenhamer

Front Row

Gerald Elsenhamer
Bill Feasal
Gerald Reed
Keith Merryfield

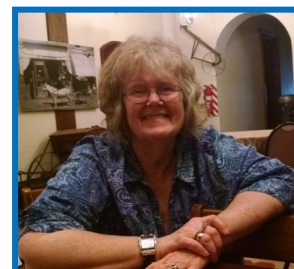
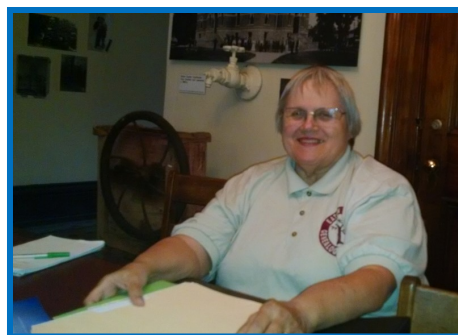
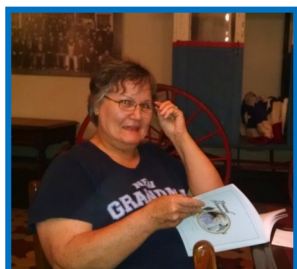
Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project



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 plus \$7.50 shipping & handling if mailed. Books may be purchased from the Eaton County Historical Commission by mailing a check (PO Box 411, Charlotte, MI 48813) or stopping by the Courthouse Square Association Museum. Contact them by email at csamuseum@yahoo.com or phone 517-543-6999 for more information.

Eaton County Family History Writing Special Interest Group

We had a small group meet at our July 18th meeting and we had a fun meeting!



Join us next month if you can.

We would love to see you!

Sherry brought in a few digital scrapbooks she had made in the past. Two of them were Mother's Day gifts for her mother. Another one was a 'Grandma Sherry' scrapbook published in 2013 made for all of her grandchildren. Sherry gets new books printed as grandkids graduate. Sherry donated the copy she brought in to show to ECGS in honor of her Mom.



Our next meeting is August 15, 2015 from 10:00am - Noon. Everyone is welcome - newbies with fresh ideas, and seasoned individuals whose pens have been writing for some time. Invite your friends.....all are welcome! Our room will also be open that day from 10:00 - 2:00pm so you could plan to do a little research. We encourage people to join the group at any time. It is an open group and people come when they are able.

The ECGS library is open on the third Saturday of the month from 10am—2pm and the writing group will also be scheduled on the same Saturdays for the convenience of folks attending the writing group to research if desired..

Our email account for this writing group is ecgswriting@gmail.com. If you are interested in being added to this group for future communication, please send your email address.

ECGS Facebook Finds

by Sue Thompson

I am so glad I joined the group at ECGS Facebook and get the newest information that is posted on there. About a month or so ago I noticed some old pictures on postcards that another member Jesse Lasorda posted.

To my surprise two of the pictures were my father's cousins, Laura Garlock and Doris Chaplin. I was so excited to see these pictures. I didn't have either of them. I made arrangements to look at some more that were found with the ones posted.



Among those other picture postcards I was even more surprised and excited to find a picture of my father as an infant in a carriage with his sister Marjorie at my grandparents home in the side yard!! Such a wonderful unexpected find.

Jesse Lasorda passed along several more pictures and I am in the process of figuring out who they might be. Several had no names on the back and some did.

I found a Shirley O. Chittenden with her mother. Shirley born ca. 1914 daughter of Frederick Chittenden and Geraldine Maude Sheldon, raised in Olivet, married Dan Bryan. Siblings were Gerald and Desolyn. Shirley died 2001 in Haslett, MI, burial in Riverside Cemetery in Hastings.



Another picture was of Hazel E. and Gertrude O. DeMoss, sisters and daughters of Theodore M. DeMoss and Ora M. Bricker. They resided at Higgins Lake, Roscommon, Michigan in 1910 about the time the picture was taken.



Another was also of sisters, Mildred and Bessie Ewing, daughters of Hugh Ewing and Sadie J. Baker living in Oneida Twp., Eaton Co., Michigan ca. 1915. Mildred married in Clare Co., MI to Chester H. Chaffer 15 Oct 1921. Bessie Ewing married Charles Crego in Lansing, MI 22 Aug 1925. These two sisters lived in the same neighborhood that Laura Garlock lived in and they went to the same school together. Among the pictures were two postcards of students of the Johnson school, one dated 1913 and the other looks to be earlier than that. I recognized all three of these girls in the 1913 school picture.



The last one I have identified is William VanNortwick, son of Milo E. VanNortwick and Elsie Bennett/Kitchen/VanNortwick. William was born ca. 1909 and he was also related to me, a distant cousin. I am currently researching this VanNortwick family line so it is also a good find as I did not know of this William VanNortwick, as he was from a second marriage I was unaware of.

Thank you Jesse Lasorda for posting the pictures and letting me look all of them over. It was a great find!

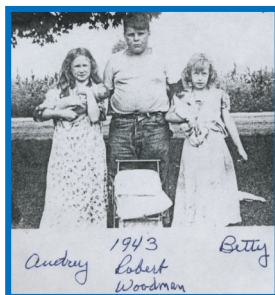


My Mom, Audrey Johnson 1936-2015

By Sherry Copenhaver

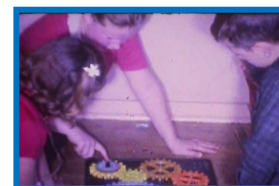


My mom Audrey Mae Betz, and her cousin Betty Dahlem, were born one month apart in Brookfield, Michigan and they felt like they were sisters since neither one had a sister. Here are a few pictures that I have of the two of them during their early years, and they are most likely copies from Betty. I love these photos and wish I had many more!



I can remember many, many nights when I was a kid getting together with Betty and our cousins and the adults would play cards and the kids would play games.

Cousins



They sometimes went a few years without seeing each other, and then when they did get together, it was like they had never been apart.

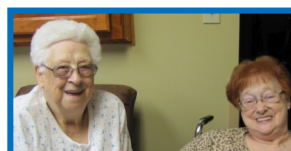
Betty was a volunteer with the Eaton County Genealogical Society for many years as a room volunteer, helping people with their research. She got my mom interested in genealogy and Mom joined ECGS in 1996-1997. I inherited Mom's work several years ago when she needed to move to partial assisted living. When I joined ECGS, I was thrilled to spend time with Betty and I would arrange to bring Mom into town to have lunch with Betty now and then. Oh how I loved seeing them together!

Like



Sisters

Betty had a wonderful lunch with her just a few short weeks ago and what a blessing that is! I am so happy that Mom and Betty had one lovely last lunch together!



ECGS Bus Trip To Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, IN

By Shirley Hodges

Bus Trip

As Eaton County Genealogical Society's tradition, the annual bus trip to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015. We would encourage you to get your reservations in early. The trip is always very popular.

The bus will leave the 1885 Courthouse promptly at 7:00 am. There will also be a pick-up at the "park & ride" in Marshall and one in Coldwater. Lunch is on your own. We will leave Fort Wayne about 5:30 pm and will stop enroute for dinner at the Golden Corral.*

We will have an orientation walk through when we get there to help make you familiar with the library's holdings.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail your check made out to *Eaton County Genealogical Society to ECGS Bus Trip*, P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337. The cost is \$30.00. Cancellations will receive a full refund with replacement only. The deadline for signing up is October 24, 2015

You can go to our web page and print out the reservation form; See the form link below.

Click on the flyer image to access the full-size image for more detailed information and to print and submit with payment to ECGS.



EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS
A BUS TRIP TO
ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

DATE: Saturday, 7 November 2015
FROM: 7 am to 9:30 pm
PLACE OF ORIGIN: 1885 Courthouse, 100 W. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, MI.
COST: \$30.00 Deadline for signing up: 24 October 2015

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
4 SURNAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING: _____
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ON THIS TRIP: _____

I will be getting on the bus at Charlotte _____ Marshall _____ Coldwater _____

*Please note: Because of liability issues everyone has to leave the bus when we stop for dinner. People cannot stay on the bus while we are having dinner.
Any questions contact the ECGS office or Shirley Hodges at (517) 829-2345 or genealogyshir@earthlink.net
ECGS 7 November 2015 Trip Contact Person

There are still some seats available! Re-serve yours soon!

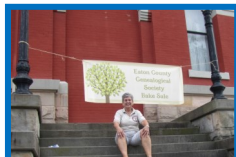
Note: Every-one is welcome to join this bus trip! It is not necessary to be a member to enjoy this trip!

A Day of Research!

Enjoy a delicious dinner together at the Fort Wayne Golden Corral and share your favorite experience of the day at the library!



Frontier Days and the Bake Sale By Shirley Hodges



Frontier Days are just around the corner. Sept. will soon be here and we want to have everyone thinking about and planning for our annual bake sale.

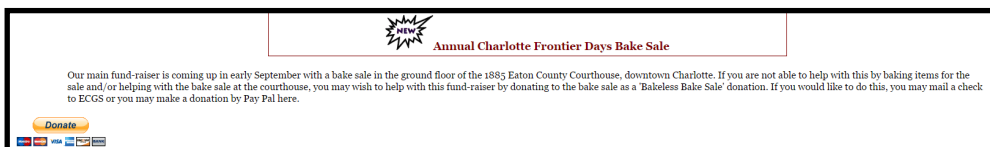


Freshly-baked cookies, loaves of home-made bread, pies, cakes and individually-wrapped brownies are some of the things people like to buy at the annual bake sale. The Eaton County Genealogical Society holds each year during Frontier Days.

Area members bake and bake and bake! They work at the booth and make the phone calls and they bake! And bake some more!

We have had members from outside the area ask how they could assist in this project. We will be asking those members who are not able to provide bake goods to help with the effort by making a donation to ECGS. Consider it a donation to the bake sale, but in the form of money. That's right - money instead of baked goods. For those who can't be with us, we are calling it a Bake-less Bake Sale and it couldn't be easier to contribute if you would like. You may mail a check to ECGS, PO Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813 noting it is for the bake sale. Another option is available using Pay Pal on our website at

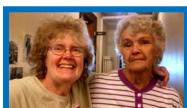
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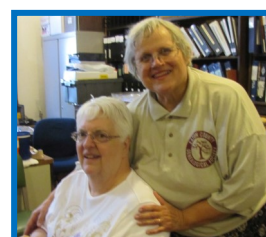
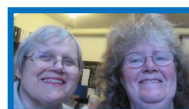
For those who can assist with the bake sale in person we really appreciate your help. There is always a lot to be done, from providing baked goods and working shifts selling them to cleaning up at the end, and we have a great time during those days. We are always glad to have it done and we can't wait until it is time to do it again.

This is our major fund raiser for the year. All donations whether in baked goods or by contributions help us continue all the services we provide throughout the year. Your help will be appreciated!

Here are some
from last year.



fun pictures



Yummy Bake Sale!

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.

Note: Some clipart used in our newsletter was provided by [MyCuteGraphics](http://MyCuteGraphics.com).

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.

Every effort is made to present authentic material; the Eaton County Genealogical Society cannot be held responsible for the accuracy or the publishing rights of material furnished by contributors.

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

P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337 Phone 517-543-8792

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.