

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 September Calendar

Wed Sep 16: General meeting 7:00pm. Social hour 5:30pm-7:00pm at the 1885 Courthouse.

Sat Sep 19: Open for research 10am-2pm.

Sat Sep 19: Family History Writing Group from 10am—Noon 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

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Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

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

The arrival of Labor Day reminds us that Summer is over all too soon, and the changing of the seasons calls to mind the march of time. Another "season" will soon pass for your society. Before that passage, however, we expect a busy Fall, with excellent speakers lined up for our remaining meetings, our annual bake sale during Charlotte's Frontier Days, and our annual bus trip to the Allen County library. I hope you can join us for as many of these activities as you are able. With the new season in 2016 there will be a few new faces in leadership positions for your society, with even bigger and better things in store.

Vice-President: Chuck Chamberlain.

Hi everyone, I hope you are having a wonderful summer.

If you missed the August meeting with Jeffrey Mason on DNA, you missed a lot of terrific information. This was perhaps the largest meeting we've had all year. Jeff presented the basics of DNA testing and results. He did a masterful job and to some extent probed into the workings of DNA.

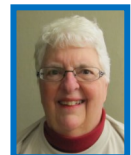
Next month the topic will be Today's DAR. There is a lot of information which can be gleaned from the DAR and this is a resource which can unlock some roadblocks in your family research.

Be sure to come and check it out. Our speaker will be Pam Swiler.

October's meeting will be a continuation of the subject of DNA but emphasizing more advanced usages. Our speaker will be Bethany Waterbury. She has been actively working with foundlings and individuals with limited knowledge of their roots.

Be sure to come to the 5:30 pre-meeting time. It is informal and allows people to socialize, investigate, and share thoughts or successes in your genealogy research.

Our elections are coming up soon and I would encourage each person to consider getting more involved in the organization particularly at the board level. Many hands make light work and you are valuable to the organization. Please help us add your voice and ideas for continued success.

Membership: Barb Smith**New Members:****Welcome to our new members!**

Jeffrey Mason

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

Treasurer: Sher Brown

As Of 07/31/2015

\$	Checking
\$	Snack
\$	Save
\$	CD updated annually
\$ 13,371.24	<u>Total!</u>



Member Profile

None Received.

Please consider sending a brief profile for the newsletter.

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.



Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC)

See their website at mimgc.org/.

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

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.

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Frontier Days and the Bake Sale By Shirley Hodges



Frontier Days are just around the corner. September is here by the time you read this. This event always takes place the weekend following Labor Day.



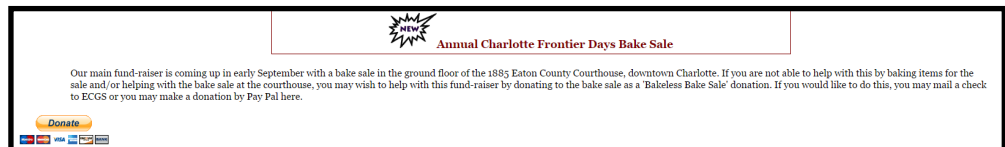
Freshly-baked cookies, loaves of home-made bread, pies, cakes and individually-wrapped brownies are some of the things people like to buy at the annual bake sale The Eaton County Genealogical Society holds each year during Frontier Days.



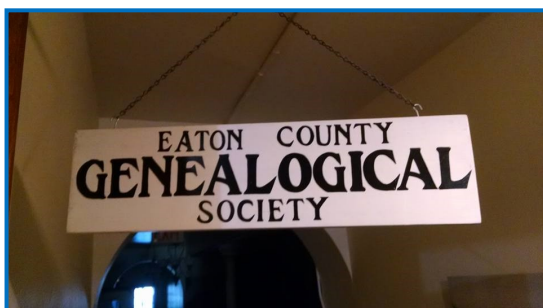
We have had members from outside the area ask how they could assist in this project. We will be asking those members who are not able to provide bake goods to help with the effort by making a donation to ECGS. Consider it a donation to the bake sale, but in the form of money. That's right - money instead 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 available is using Pay Pal on our website at

[www.miegs.org/
Index.shtml](http://www.miegs.org/Index.shtml).



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, working shifts selling, cleaning up at the end. We have a great time during those days. We are always glad when it's over, but we can't wait until it is time to do it again. *Please feel free to email us at ecgs-board@gmail.com, call us at 517-543-8792 (Tue-Thurs 10-2), or come to our special board meeting on Tuesday September 1 at 6:30pm (at the ECGS room) if you have questions or are able to help and want to let us know when and how you can help. Thank you!*



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!

(Photo courtesy of John Evans)

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2015

Genealogy: Ancestors Remembered

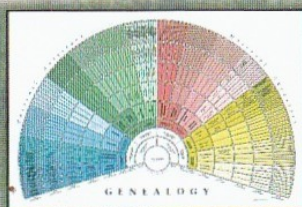
Register For This Free Event at Eventbrite: <http://tinyurl.com/sjfamilyhistoryseminar>

9:00 to 10:00	<i>Keynote Speaker</i> What's New at FamilySearch By Devin Ashby, The Google Genealogist		
10:15 to 11:15	Getting Started With LDS Family History Tools By Rick Winder	Clinton County Historical Society Archives and Museum By Lynn Gregory, President, Clinton County Historical Society	
11:15 to 11:45	Lunch (Bring Your Own)		
11:45 to 12:45	Family History Photos & Ancestors By Gail Metz	FamilySearch Research By Don Hinkle Assistant Director, Lansing Family History Center	Eastern European Research By Dan Earl
1:00 to 2:00	German Genealogy By Dan Rathka	FamilySearch Wiki By Don Hinkle Assistant Director, Lansing Family History Center	Cemeteries & Ancestors By Dan Earl
2:00	One-On-One Help and Open Computer Lab		

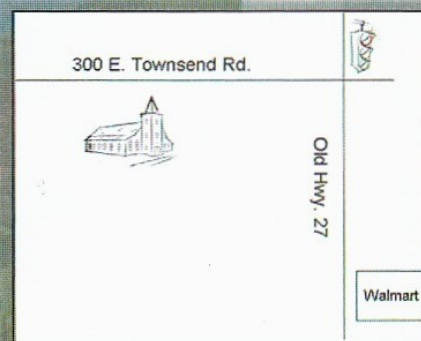
Where: The St. Johns Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 300 E. Townsend Rd., St. Johns (S. Oakland St. dead ends into the Church parking lot)

- FREE CLASSES
- Bring Your Laptop, WiFi Available
- Learn How To Build Your Family Tree
- Preserve and Share Photos and Stories
- Ask Questions, Get Answers

For more information contact us at 517-668-6297 or
ClintonCountyMichiganGenealogy@gmail.com



Hosted by:
 Clinton County Michigan Genealogy
 in conjunction with Clinton County Historical Society



2015 Eaton County Heritage Conference



Eaton County's Museum at Courthouse Square
100 W. Lawrence Ave., P.O. Box 411, Charlotte MI 48813
517-543-6999 csamuseum@yahoo.com
csamuseum.net

When: Saturday, October 17, 2015 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Where: 100 W. Lawrence Ave., P.O. Box 411, Charlotte MI 48813
Hosted By: Eaton County's Museum at Courthouse Square

Agenda

9 a.m. Morning Social - Refreshments provided
9:30 a.m. Speaker – Mason Christenson
Effective Research Locations
The Power of Social Media
10:15 a.m. Vault tours/past perfect workshop
10:45 a.m. Heritage Award Presentation by Eaton County Historical
Commission
11:30 a.m. *Box lunches brought in by Side streets Delicatessen
11:45-12:30 p.m. A visit with **Mark Twain**

Lunch Reservation Required – please mail the bottom portion of this flyer along with a \$10 check for lunch to the Eaton County Historical Commission, Box 411, Charlotte, MI 48813 no later than **October 14th**. You may also call 543-6999 or email: csamuseum@yahoo.com

* Box Lunch includes sandwich (Turkey, Reuben or Mortadella, please circle choice), pickle spear and cookie for \$10.00

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Phone or Cell Phone No. _____

On The Road To



Nov. 7, 2015

We hope you can join us!!!!

Allen County Public Library Ft. Wayne Indiana

There are many reasons to go to the Allen Co. Public Library to do genealogical research.

Allen County Public Library is considered to be the 2nd best public genealogical library in the country.

We will be having a tour of the facility when we get there so people can learn about the collection.

I would encourage you to go on line and read about the collection.

There is a great brochure on line that you should look at. Go to:

<http://www.genealogycenter.org/docs/default-source/resources/>

A Day of Research!



You can find our reservation form at: <http://www.miegs.org/BusTrip2015.pdf>

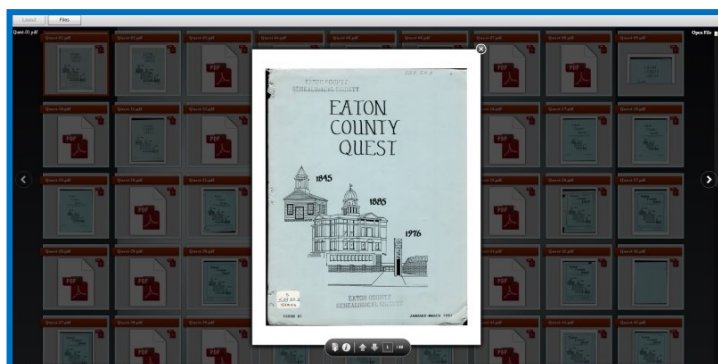
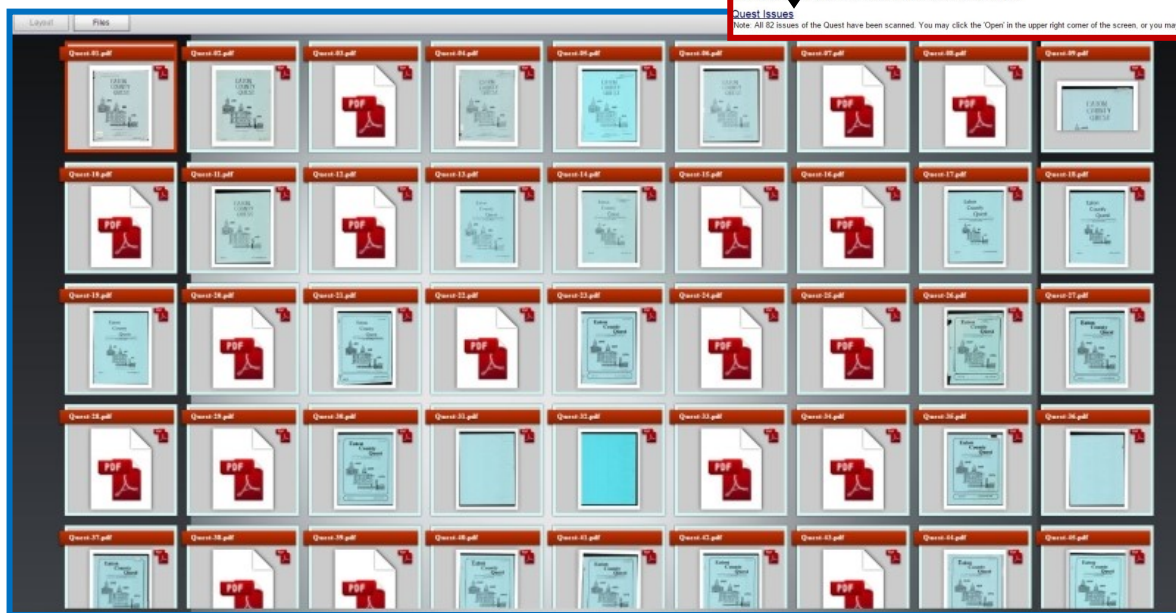
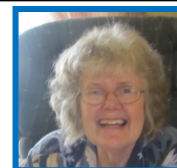
Please Note:

Join us at the October 21st meeting Social Hour
Shirley Gage Hodges will be presenting a mini program on

**How To Prepare for the Ft. Wayne
Trip to the
Allen Co. Public Library.**

Website: Sherry Copenhaver. **Members Section Update**

The Members Section has had all 82 issues of the Quests scanned and added to the website. This is a PDF portfolio that includes a PDF file for each issue. A grid shows the files and you can select the issue you would like to open or download. It is intended to provide a search option for all of the issues in the future for the portfolio if possible.



This is what you see when you double-click on an issue. You can click Open to open and view online, or you can download it, or you can go to the next issue. There are other options you will see.

Recently, I had a member ask me about how she could get in touch with another member. It just so happened that the member she wanted to get in touch with had sent the information in for the Member Mug Book on the Members Section of our website. Most people have included their email addresses with other information. You can include as much or as little information as you would like!

Photo	Name	Surroundings in Eaton County	Other ancestor places	Other Organizations	Experiences/Software used
	Gary Copenhaver Charlotte, MI gac@me.com	Copenhaver, Zastin & Workman - Onondaga area	Park, DeCamp, Workman - Clinton Co. Michigan	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 37 American Legion Post 42 Eaton County Courthouse Square Onondaga Outdoor Club	Civil War Veterans Brown Reputations Family Tree Maker v2006 Family Search Ancestry Field 3 Seeking Michigan Sends
	Sherry (Weed) Copenhaver Charlotte, MI scopenhaver122@gmail.com	Betz & Brugh - Broadfield Twp	Arnold & Wood - Calhoun County, MI	American Legion Aux. Post 42 State Employees Service Assn Eaton County Courthouse Square	Databases design Web Maintenance Family Tree Maker v2006 Family Search Ancestry Field 3 Seeking Michigan Recording Secretary
	Bill Haines	Haines, Feltner, Dene, Hays, VanAcker, Green, Bakken, Hartings, Kewerth, Willams	Michigan: Kent & Barry Counties, Ohio: Lake Co. & possibly others, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, New York (especially Yates, Schuyler, Steuben, Chemung, Ulster & Dutchess counties), New Jersey: Bergen County, New York City, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 37 New England Historical and Genealogical Society	Teaching, high school & university Family Search Ancestry Field 3 Seeking Michigan Recording Secretary
	Jan Shepler	Shepler, Reason, Barker, Racine, Parker, Rapp, Bonaguid		IGGG, SAGHC, Racine Quebec, Canada, Mid-Michigan Model A's	Teaching, high school & university Family Search Ancestry Field 3 Seeking Michigan Recording Secretary
	Sharon Kay Kelley-Thoma Charlotte, MI tkthoma@gmail.com	Baker, Bonard, Blair, Ovington, Hart, Kessler, Kelly, Kessel, Wilf, Newton, Thoma, Yates		Courthouse Square Association	Genealogy Librarian Museum Collections Manager
	Sue Thompson Charlotte, MI	Husband's side Thompson			Photos dating Land records Researching Mac computer
	Shirley Hodge Albion, MI	Hodge			Writing articles Genealogical Lectures History Lectures Microsoft Office Products including Power Point

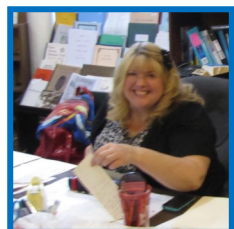
Probate Packets:

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. There are now about 8,114 names that are scanned.



Jim missed a couple of weeks as he had a mishap at home. We are happy he was not hurt any worse than he was and very happy when he was able to come back and we could see him!

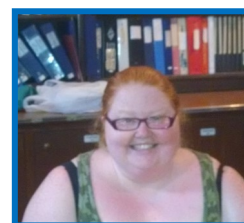
We had two new gals scan with us during July and we all enjoyed their company!



Shawn

Shawn (Sherry's daughter) joined us for a few hours because she was visiting in Charlotte. Shawn said she enjoyed scanning very much! Brandi not only joined us for an entire Tuesday of scanning, she asked if she could help on other days and came in on another regular open day and scanned! Thanks to both of you!

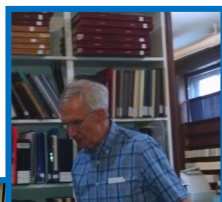
Brandi



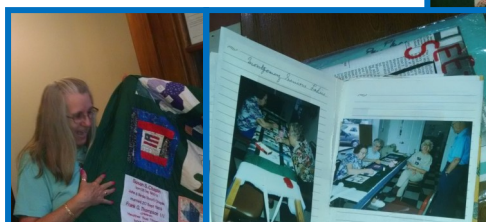
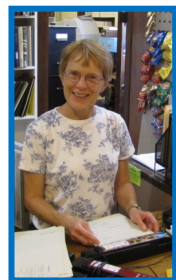
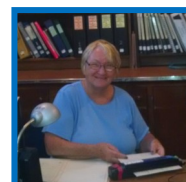
We welcome Sheila back after a few weeks too!



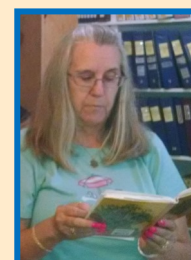
Olga went in for surgery during August and we all wish her a speedy recovery!



See a few fun photos of some of our regulars throughout the month. !



Sue Thompson treated us to a showing of her family quilt. Multiple families contributed the large blocks to make the quilt for their 75th Miller Reunion fifteen years ago! The quilt is incredibly gorgeous. There is a book with a great deal of family information to go with the quilt. We all appreciated Sue bringing these in for us to enjoy! We are hoping for an article from Sue about this beautiful quilt in the next few months.



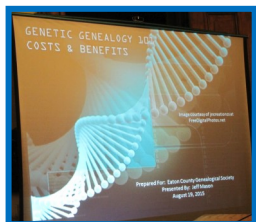
If you believe there is a scanned probate packet you want to look at and you are a member, email us at ecgsboard@gmail.com and request access to the files.

Join us on Tuesday afternoons when you can!

2015 August General Meeting

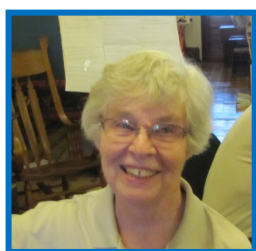


Jeffrey Mason presented a great program on DNA testing and what some of the DNA testing means. He specifically spoke about FamilyTreeDNA. He did some extensive research about 9 years ago and felt this was the best fit for him. There are several other programs people can and do use.



With FamilyTreeDNA, you can choose to do a 37 marker (\$169), 67 marker (\$268) or 111 marker (\$359) test.

There are three popular DNA tests. The Y-DNA, which tests males only where the Y chromosome is used to identify direct male lineage. The Mitochondrial test, which tests males or females and used to identify direct female lineage. The Family Finder uses the autosomal chromosomes and is for males and females to identify male & female lineages.

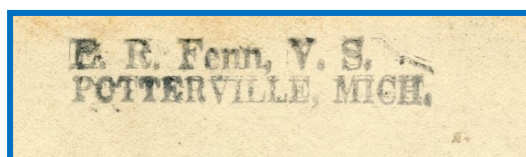




The Eaton County School Database Project

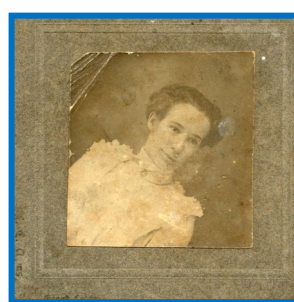
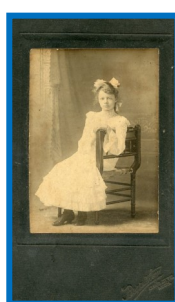
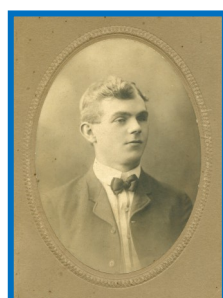
We are still receiving school items to scan and we will always welcome these materials to add to the School Database! The School Database will be added to our Index System collection of databases, along with the Cemeteries, Land and Surname Contacts within a few months from our research room. If you 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 photos from Angela Reynnet. Some photos are group photos circa 1900.



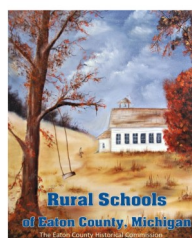
*"To Anna Walker From
Monroe Rowley"*

*Inscription in pencil on
back: "Hattie Rowley to
Anna Walker"*



*Anna Walker
Sarah Lynn
School teacher
Taught Doane School
early 1900's around
1902-03*

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

Thanks so much for coming and sharing!

A small group met at our August 15th meeting.

Writing Your Family History by Shirley Gage Hodges

Share me to annoy your friends



I'm on my way

As of Sept. 1 there are 115 Shopping Days Left Until Christmas. There is still time to write your family history and give it to someone that you love. The most precious gift that you could give to your loved ones is the gift of your memories. You can be sure that no one else will be giving them the same thing. Our memories really are our most cherished treasures. Be sure and share them with your family.

The next meeting of the ECGS Writers Group will be **Sept. 19** from 10:00 - 12:00. We will be meeting at the courthouse. The research room will also be open for research from 10:00 to 2:00 on that day.

Everyone is welcome to come and get and share ideas. If you have something you would like to show be sure and bring it along.

Please note: The third Saturday of October is the Eaton County Historical Commission Heritage Award Ceremony, which will be hosted by Courthouse Square Association at the 1885 Courthouse. Please see the October Newsletter to see if and when the Writing Group will be held. Thank you!

Our Wednesday Room Volunteers



Janet Skipper and Jackie Adams have teamed up to volunteer for our room on Wednesdays since Betty Goostrey's retirement after many years of ECGS room volunteering. We were very fortunate to have these two ladies take over! They both stated they volunteered because they enjoy helping people research their own genealogy, and at the same time, it provides them the opportunity to get out and about. Both Jackie and Janet have been speakers for our society in the past.



In addition to researching her family genealogy, Janet enjoys researching buildings and homes. She gave a presentation on the subject of researching homes for us. She comes from the Windsor area and her family gave land for the Williams rural school. Janet helps Jackie learn new technology.

Thank You!

Jackie gave a presentation about your health and your ancestors. Her main message was 'If you know what your ancestors died of, you may be able to prevent the same health issues for you and your family'. Jackie has a display of her military ancestors who have been in every war starting in 1634. For many years Jackie has clipped obituaries from area newspapers for scrapbooks for ECGS.



Eaton County Military Special Interest Group

The Military Group, with great reluctance, is being suspended until further notice.

Because of some family illnesses that are priority for some of the members of the group, we have come to the difficult decision to suspend meetings for this group. The purpose of this group is still very important to us and we still welcome receiving military information via the online method of either emailing materials and information to us and/or filling out the on-line military form. It may not get on the website as quickly as we would like, but it will get there eventually. Our hope is to restart this program again when medical issues have calmed down.

Thank you if you have participated with us before and if you do in the future!

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 into our Military Database.

Please feel free to send scanned items and/or information to us by email and we will add it to our Military website page. Send your 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. While this Facebook page will not be discontinued, not may people have used it and it will probably be updated even less than it was.

Visit our Military website at www.miegs.org/Military.shtml. Our Military information will always be available to whoever is interested in viewing it!

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	

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Amount enclosed _____ Check No. _____

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