

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 October Calendar

Wed Oct 21 General meeting 7:00pm. From 5:30pm—7:00pm: Social hour. Also, Special Mini Presentation by Shirley Hodges on how to prepare for the Bus Trip to the Allen County Library.

PLEASE NOTE:

The room **WILL NOT** be open for research or for the Writing Group on the third Saturday in October!

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
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Membership Secretary	Barb Smith
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Librarian	Sharlene Thuma
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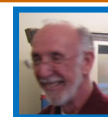
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Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

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

With the completion of our annual Frontier Days bake sale, we are nearing the end of another successful year for the society. Two more regular member meetings and our annual bus trip to the Allen County library in Ft. Wayne will complete our schedule of activities for the calendar year. I hope you have been able to take part in this year's programming, and welcome your suggestions for future programs and other activities. At our October member meeting a slate of candidates for officers for the 2016 calendar year will be presented; if you are interested in being a candidate, please contact one of the current officers.

Vice-President: Chuck Chamberlain.**Treasurer:** Sher Brown

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**Membership:** Barb Smith**New Members:** Martha Watson**Welcome new members!**

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



Thanks Barb for an awesome job of proofing the newsletter each month!

If you are a member of Facebook, we would invite you to check out our Facebook page. 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.

Fourth Annual Maple Hill Cemetery Tour

October 4th, 2015



The Eaton County Historical Commission is sponsoring the fourth annual Maple Hill Cemetery Tour Oct. 4th. Tours will begin at 2 & 4 pm. We are honored this year to be featuring the history of the school teacher's of Eaton County. Please come and learn about our local long standing tradition of excellence in education. The cost is

\$5 per person and all proceeds will be used for the Eaton County Historic Preservation Grant Program, providing direct support to non-profits in the county for preservation efforts.

Wanda Lee Powell, Dyer Webber and Jane B. Nelson, are three of the eight educators to be featured. The tour will span 1836 through 1985.

Perkey School is shown in the photo during 1911.

Maple Hill Cemetery Eaton Twp, Eaton County, Michigan

GPS Coordinates Latitude 42.57970, Longitude -84.82190



Directions: The Maple Hill Cemetery is located in Section 7 of Eaton Township within Charlotte City limits. The street address is 801 Tully Brown Drive.

Directions for reaching the cemetery are: Take I-69 to Exit 61, turn onto Lansing Road. Go west toward town and the cemetery is the first drive on the north side.

A large wall map that shows placement of Sections along with Lot Number designations is available at the cemetery office.



MAPLE HILL

Sunfield Historical Society/Welch Museum
160 Main Street, P.O. Box 251
Sunfield, MI 48890

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 11 - "Cemetery Ghost Walk" - 6 p.m. at the Sunfield Cemetery.

Oct. 31 - Trunk Or Treat on Main Street Sunfield.

Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Hymn Sing - 7 p.m. at the Welch Museum.

Dec. 5 - Christmas on Main Street, Sunfield - "Santa Comes To Town"

May 7, 2016 - "May Daze" on the Main Street of Sunfield.

(Visit our website for further details on events - sunfieldhistoricalsociety.com)

Looking for vendors for events; "Christmas on Main Street" and "May Daze". If you are interested please fill out and return for further information.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ Email: _____

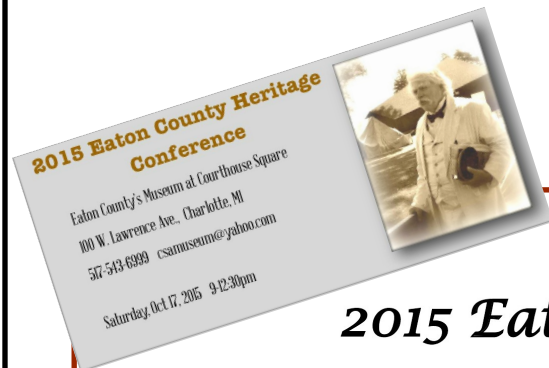
I am interested in being a vendor at: 'Christmas on Main Street' _____ 'May Daze' _____

I will be selling: _____

Note: We are also looking for Food Vendors.

Please visit our website for further information: sunfieldhistoricalsociety.com

Sunfield Events



October 17th, 2015

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. _____

Calling All Soules! Join Us in the Heartland for the 2015 Reunion

Soule Kindred Reunion

in Fort Wayne, Indiana – October 22-24, 2015

Hilton at the Grand Wayne & Allen County Public Library

For all descendants of George Soule, Mayflower Pilgrim.
Spellings include Soules-Sowle-Sowles-Sowl-Sole-Soal-Soul-Sewell.

Come and meet your cousins!

For more information, the reservation form and schedule details:

[Email: vlhayes46755@yahoo.com](mailto:vlhayes46755@yahoo.com) or call 260-347-2412

Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Portion of Registration Form that needs to be filled out.

Thumbnail photo of the Schedule of events from October 21st through October 24th, 2015.

	Number/ Person(s)	Cost	Total
Registration Fee (\$35.00 per person)	___	X \$35.00	___
Reunion Banquet (\$40.00 per person)	___	X \$40.00	___
TOTAL			_____

For those interested in the Walking Tour and/or On-Your-Own Sightseeing, here is a list of entrance fees which each participant will pay at the time of the activity.

Thursday Walking Tour:

Allen County Courthouse - \$2.00
Embassy Theater - \$5.00

Friday and/or Saturday On-Your-Own Sightseeing:

Auburn Cord Duesenburg Museum - \$12.50
National Auto and Truck Museum - \$5.00
Botanical Garden - \$4.00

Payment: Please make check payable to Soule Kindred in America and send it with a copy of the registration form to Treasurer Jo Anne Makely, 43 Whitney Hill, Park Ridge, NJ 07656

Hotel reservations: A hotel block in the name of Soule Kindred has been set aside at the Hilton Grand Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN (260-420-1100). The rate is \$119.00 per night. Please reference Soule Kindred when making your reservation by phone or make your reservation online at <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/indiana/hilton-fort-wayne-at-the-grand-wayne-convention-center-FWAFHHF/accommodations/index.html>. Choose your arrival and departure dates and be sure to enter SOU in the box marked "Group Code."

Soule Kindred Reunion October 21, 2015 to October 24, 2015			
Wed. Oct 21, 2015	Thursday October 22, 2015	Friday October 23, 2015	Saturday October 24, 2015
	Morning Board Meeting Lunch on your own 1:00 pm: Tour of historic downtown buildings - The Court House, Embassy Theater, Lincoln National Bank led by Michael Soule. Leave from Hotel Lobby. (see add'l info below) 3:30 pm: Registration in the Lobby of the Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne	Your options are: Use library for research Tour Ft Wayne on your own Visit Auburn, Cord, Duesenburg Museum in Auburn \$12.50, Old Fort Wayne Free, or other places of interest (on your own) Lunch on your own Your options are: Research at library or sightseeing on your own. Supper on your own 6:00 pm: Allen County Public Library Open "A" 6:00 pm: Overview, Overview, Introductions of all attendees 6:45 pm: Membership Meeting 8:00 pm: Soule Family Tree presentation with Keith Kingman 8:00 pm: Library Tour Additional information for Thursday, 1:00 walking tour: A National Historic Landmark, the restored Allen County Courthouse boasts magnificent art glass, and intricate masonry. It is one of the finest examples of Beaux Arts architecture. Entrance donation: \$2.00. The historic Embassy Theater was built in 1928 and features national productions from the Broadway stage, concerts of all musical formats, cinema and educational programming. The entrance fee for a guided tour is \$5.00. At the time it was built in 1930, the Lincoln Bank Tower was the tallest building in Indiana at a height of 312 feet. Step inside to see some of its elegant architecture and decorations. No fee.	Your options are: Allen County Public Library, visit the Botanical Gardens or take a self-guided walking tour and view outside of historical buildings. (Map Available) Buildings are closed on Saturday except for the Botanical Gardens. Lunch on your own Check out of hotel by noon unless you have reserved additional days. 6:00 pm: Banquet at Hilton Grand Wayne Hotel Hamilton Hall 7:00 pm: Group photo following dinner 7:15 pm: Show and Tell of items that came from your Soule ancestors (can be from a grandparent or parent in the Soule lineage or others you remember if you don't have an item to bring.) You may bring a listing of your ancestors from George Soule to share.

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.**



Calhoun County

Calhoun County Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 879
Marshall, Michigan 49068

Website: <http://www.migenweb.org/calhoun/ccgs.htm>

Email: michigancalhouncene@yahoo.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalhounCountyGenealogicalSociety

For more information, please contact President, Brenda Leyndyke - 269 275-0462

2015/2016 Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held at the of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS Church), Old 27 North, Marshall, MI. Meetings are held at: 00 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month (except December, July, August.) All meetings are free and open to the public.

August 30 (1-5 p.m.) Helen Warner Branch of Willard Library Lock In- 36 Minges Creek Place, Battle Creek, Michigan. Registration is required by calling 269 968-8166, after August 1st.

September 22-Annual Meeting. Elections and lifetime membership presentations. Probate Judge Jaconette will speak.

September 26-Homer Fall Festival. Look for our table at Blair Farm, Homer, MI.

October 27-Albion District Library. Meet at 501 S. Superior St. Albion, Michigan. Jennifer Wood will share with our group the latest news on Albion area resources and digitization projects.

November 24-Meet at Fort Custer and Tour Fort Custer Historical Society. Registration is required by calling 269 275-0462 after November 1st.

January 26-Beginning Genealogy. Learn about beginning your family history research and websites helpful to your research.

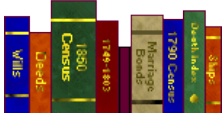
February 23-Marshall District Library. Meet at 124 W. Green St., Marshall, MI. Librarian Chelsea Johnson will give a tour of the local history collection.

March 22-Researching War of 1812 James Jackson will give an overview of the war and provide research tips.

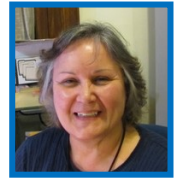
April 26-Seeking Michigan. Archivist Jessica Harden will show attendees how to get the most effective searches using seekingmichigan.org.

May 24-Get Smart! Brenda Leyndyke will present ways to improve your genealogical education by using free resources.

June 28-German Research Tips with Don Heider, a researcher of German ancestors here and in Germany, Don will provide tips and resources helpful in German research.

ECGS Librarian: Sharlene Thuma

Thanks to all who have contributed to our research library.
Very much appreciated!!!



Purchase~ *Headlight* magazine, Feb. 1896 (reproduction), 23 pp., Eaton Co., MI focus.

David F. Doss~ Class of 1913 Vermontville High School Commencement Exercise program.

Larry Randall~ **WISE** research done by Larry Randall, 20+ pp., includes Descendants of Sperry **WISE**.

Joe Ann Nehmer~ many items rescued (numerous photos, funeral books, birth record, etc.), surnames: **WENDEL, RIDDLE, GOODRICH, CAKLING, RICHART, UPRIGHT**, etc.



Julie Kimmer~ 2012 Charlotte High School yearbook, *Charhian*.

Leila Klaiss~ *Woman's Work In The Civil War*, by L. P. Brockett, 1867, 799 pp.

Jesse L. Lasorda~ Keith **ARNOLD** Dimondale Public School report card, undated, teacher- Effie **ECKHART**.

Gordon Mitchell~ 1917 Olivet High School yearbook, *Symposium*.

Donna Benedict~ **DEUEL-DEUL** genealogy, by Donna L. Benedict, 1986.

Purchase~ *Michigan Civil War Soldiers Who Died In Florida*, by Betty Driscoll, 103 pp.

Lola Wilson~ *Charlotte High School Class 1938*, reunion book of 1988; *Charlotte High School 1942-1992, 50th Anniversary*; *Charlotte High School of 1945*, reunion book of 1990; and 1896 Charlotte High School yearbook, *Delphian*.

Sharleen Moyer~ family documents, etc., surnames: **ALLDAFFER, SHILTS, BOYER, PRICE, STUKEY, RODRIGUEZ, GALLIMORE, SEBASTIAN, DOWKER**, and **VAUGHN**; also a map of Masonic Garden, Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Lansing, MI.



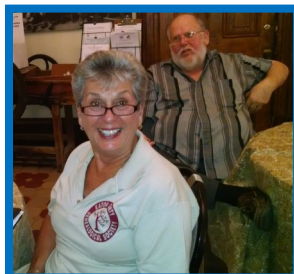
Jackie Adams~ (rescued from an auction) **HALSEY** family photo album, compiled by Charmane Bridges; also includes: Fitz **RANDOLPH** History, 5 pp.; Conversations w/ Lucile **HALSEY**, 1997, 6 pp.; and Diary of Philinda **STEVENS** For The Year 1866 New York, 26 pp.

2015 September General Meeting

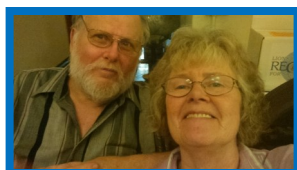
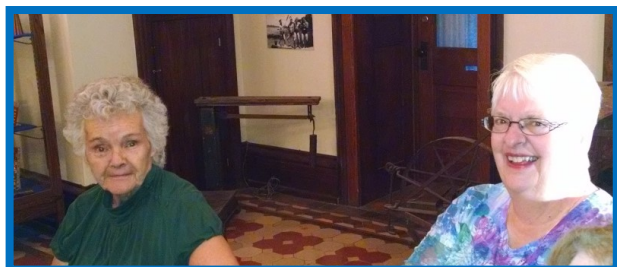


Pam Swiler was our speaker for September. She presented a very informative and interesting video on "Today's DAR". The video demonstrated how today's Daughter's of the American Revolution is not the same organization as it was in the past. It is now much more open and involved in many more activities.

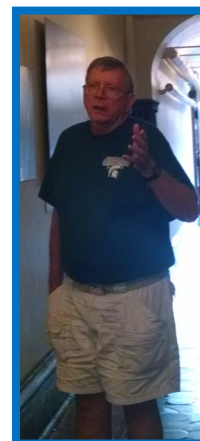
*Great
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September



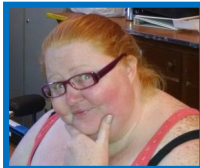
Once in a while, the camera person has to take a selfie—Here is Sherry with husband Gary.



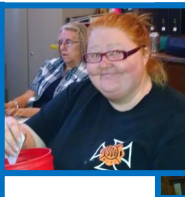
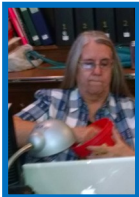
Probate Packets:

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). There are now about 8,560 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "J" files.

There were a couple of weeks where Sherry did not get a camera out. One Tuesday, Steve was helping Phyllis prepare the files for scanning and when she left at 3:00pm that day, Frank took her place at the 'Preparing' table. This caused Sherry to get her camera out, which in turned caused Frank and Steve to begin teasing something about 'Camera Woman'. Everyone had a good laugh! This group is very good-natured about getting their pictures snapped!



We had a volunteer drawing and as usual, we went around the room taking turns mixing up the tickets before drawing a winner.



June has joined us for some scanning and we enjoy having her with us! Thanks June! We had her draw the winning ticket and Frank Thompson was our winner!

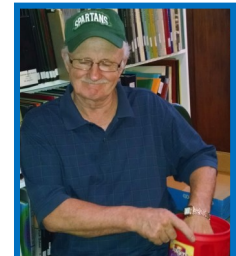
Congratulations Frank!



June

Thanks so much!

Frank



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!

The Eaton County School Database Project

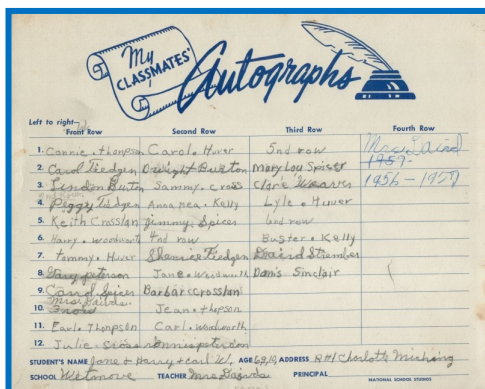
We are still receiving school items to scan and we will always welcome these materials to add to the School Database! Within a few months, information gathered from our research room will be added to our Index System of data banks. These will include the Cemeteries, Land and Surname Contacts. If you 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 Jane Woodworth Meyer from Wetmore School, where she and her brothers Harry & Carl attended school.

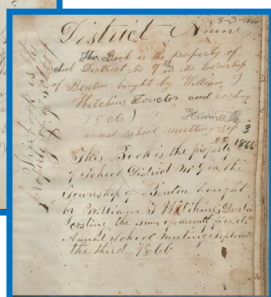
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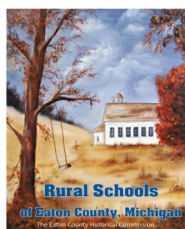
Jane also brought in the School District Book 9 from Benton Township (later named Wetmore school) dated September 9th, 1866. Here are the first few pages, with the fourth page shown here with a list of the taxpayers in this district.



I William M. Cobb hereby return the within notice and have notified the qualified voters of the district as follows:

Names	date	how notified
John Chapman	June 27 1866	personally
John Dwyer	do 28	do
Joseph Darling	do 28	do
Nelson G. Morris	do 27	do
Jacob Leehr	do 28	do
William M. Cobb	do 28	do
William J. Hutchins	do 28	do
Abram Weaver	do 28	do
Frederick Weaver	do 28	do
Charles A. Thomas	do 28	do
Edmond Davidson	do 28	do
Harvey Davidson	do 28	do
Lewis Baker	do 28	do
George Wright	do 28	do
John Leehr	do 28	do
Charles Green	do 28	written notice
Robert D. Merritt	do 28	personally
Reuben Hutchins	July 2 1866	do
Jonas Weaver	added to the district (Valid at Benton)	do
Herziah Woodworth	afterwards (This day of July 1866, personal)	do
John Woodworth	sep 1 1866	do

Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project

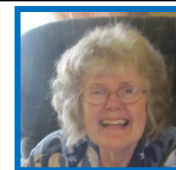


The Rural School of Eaton County book, with more than 300 pages, includes a DVD with many indexes and images at a price of \$25.00 plus \$7.50 shipping & handling if mailed. Books may be purchased from the Eaton County Historical Commission by mailing a check (PO Box 411, Charlotte, MI 48813) or stopping by the Courthouse Square Association Museum. Contact them by email at csamuseum@yahoo.com or phone 517-543-6999 for more information.

Sherry Copenhaver

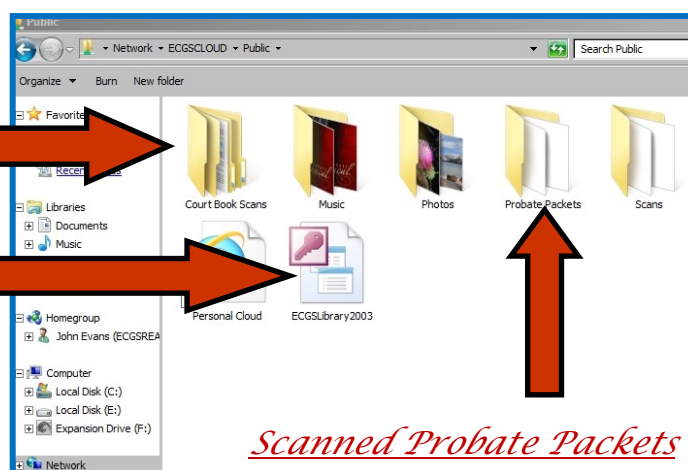
External Drive Updates

An external drive was added to the network earlier this year and we are slowly adding materials to it. This means when you are visiting our library and connected to our network, you have access to these files.



Court Book Scans

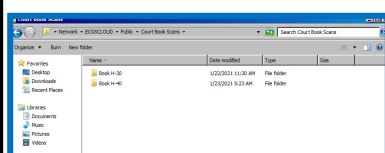
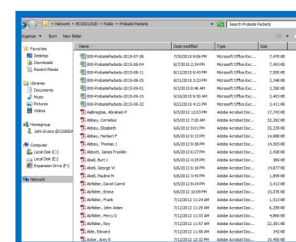
Library Inventory System



Scanned Probate Packets

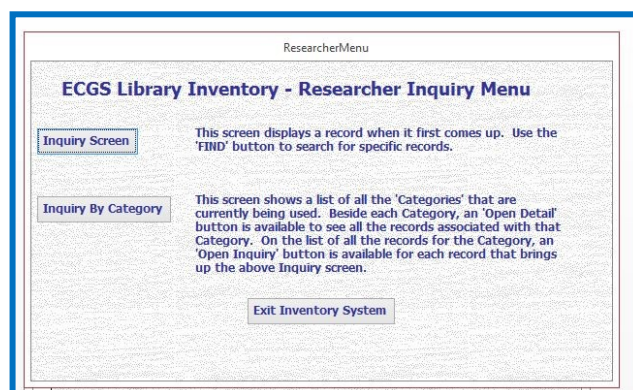
At this time, there are scanned court books, scanned probate packets and the ECGS Library Inventory System. More resources will be added to this in the next few months.

The probate packets can be accessed in two ways. Once the Probate Packets folder is opened, the file list of the scanned packets can be scrolled until the file(s) you might want to look at appear for you to select and open. The other way is to open the most recent Excel index file, find the name on the index you want and click on the link to open the pdf file.



The scanned court files are the large books from Vault 1. These books often have 600-650 pages each and many are oversized pages. These will be slow to scan and we hope to add more over the winter.

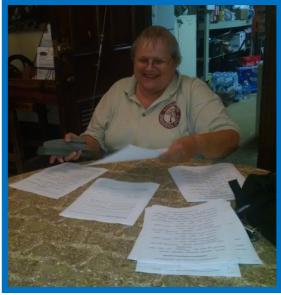
The Library Inventory System is the database our librarian Sharlene uses to store our holdings information. By double-clicking on this Access database, you can inquire into the system to see what is available. While many of the holdings are indexed and available in our Index System, there are some that are not. Some examples might be maps, microfilms, newspapers, etc.



The next items that are planned to be added to this external drive are Family Genealogies as they are scanned and the Index System database.

Eaton County Family History Writing Special Interest Group

Writing Your Family History by Shirley Gage Hodges



Shirley is busy getting a handout ready for the meeting when Jan gets there to join her for the meeting.



Before the meeting, Sherry & her daughter Shawn stopped by to take a couple of pictures on their way to another meeting in Lansing.



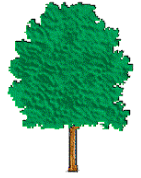
Then, Julie stopped by to say Hi to everyone!

Shirley shared the handout from Sam Pardee that shows the information you should keep for your genealogical database.

The October Meeting WILL NOT be held on the 3rd Saturday of October. We assume the next meeting of the ECGS Writers Group will be in November and possibly this will be the second Saturday rather than the third Saturday of the month

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 November Newsletter to see when the Writing Group will be held next. Thank you!

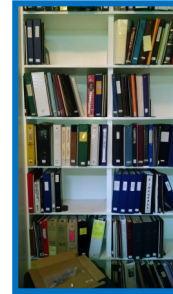
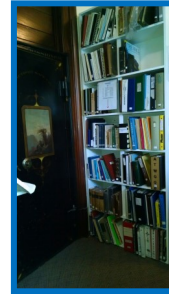
Our Family Genealogies Section



Our research library contains a valuable section known as *Family Genealogies*. These genealogies may be a published book, computer printout or a compilation of its donor. Photos, family group sheets, ancestor charts, written histories, vital records, etc. may be included.

As time permits, we will scan the *Family Genealogies* and post a sample from them in the newsletter.

If you haven't submitted your family genealogy to our library yet, you are welcome to do so. This is so helpful to researchers that may be researching your family name!



Our first Family Genealogy is 900.AL.01—Abbot. The description is: *Abbot- History of Family of George Abbot, 14pp. Other surnames: Chandler/ Dane/Stevens/Hibbert/Ballard/Stickney/ Spaulding/Reed/Gasset/Scott/Woodcock/ Goodnow/Gibbs/Burnett/Smith Brown soft cover.*

This was compiled by Mrs. Bernard Fero, and donated to ECGS by Virginia Jean LaFleur Cox in 2002. (Note: No photos included with this.)

Genealogy

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May 16, 2002*



Eaton County Military Special Interest Group

The Military Group meetings have been suspended until further notice.

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.

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.

Two sets of information was sent to the Military Special Interest Group (via on-line) from Dave Seiter this summer. Both of these have been added to the Military SIG website page (See below) with all of the information sent by Dave. These include Terry M. Filley from the Civil War and Daniel Ball from the War of 1812.



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 is not frequently visited, it will not be discontinued. It will not be updated as often as in the past.

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

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



Frontier Days and the Bake Sale

We had an incredible Frontier Days weekend. While it was a great deal of work, it was also a great deal of fun and we talked with many people!

There are two wonderful ladies who must be given many thanks for giving their all; organizing and being at the courthouse every single minute we were open, including before and after opening and closing. Shirley Hodges and Phyllis Whidden — **THANK YOU!!**



We had many volunteers help during the weekend, and we had plenty of people donate baked goods. Without all of this help, we would not have had a successful weekend. The society thanks everyone who helped in any way, shape or form!

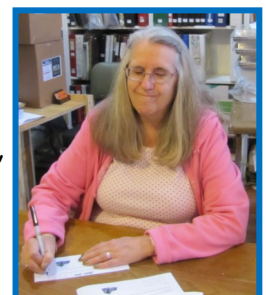


Not only did we have baked goods, we had a table in the back where we were available to talk with folks about genealogy. We also had different flyers on display. The Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Book and the Sunfield GAR Book were also for sale.

Again this year Adam Schmidt sold "The Write Stuff" hand-made pens and other items, such as seam rippers and styluses. Adam learned from his grandfather how to turn these items when he was 13 years old and has run his own business since then. He donates 10% of the earnings he makes during this weekend to ECGS. Thanks Adam!



The Copenhaver grandkids have been helping the last few years to clean up on Sunday afternoons and they did not disappoint this year. Thanks to the Pitcher-Clarke family Troy & Wendy with kids Erica, Neva, Troy, Megan, Kassidy and exchange student from Italy Elena! Thanks for coming in too Sue!



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.

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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.