Eaton County Genealogical Socie

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.

2016 January Calendar

PLEASE NOTE: There is no meeting in January!

There is no Writing Group meeting nor will the room will be open for research on the third Saturday in January.

ECGS resumes normal open hours ot Tuesday through Thursday from 10am— 2pm on January 5th, 2016.

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

Officers Jan 1, 2016 through Dec 31, 2016

President Vice President Treasurer Recording Secretary Membership Secretary Corresponding Secretary Marcy Cousino Librarian Web Maintenance Publicity Computer Chair Council Delegate

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

2016 Calendar

Monthly Meetings:

- Wed Mar 16 General Meeting
- Wed Apr 18 General Meeting
- Wed May 18 General Meeting
- Wed Jun 15 General Meeting
- Wed Jul 20 General Meeting
- Wed Aug 17 General Meeting
- Wed Sep 21 General Meeting
- Wed Oct 19 General Meeting
- Wed Nov 9 General Meeting

Regular Projects:

Each Tuesday noon—5pm: Probate Packet Scanning

Officer & Committee Reports

President: Chuck Chamberlain

Hi everyone, I hope you had a blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

The year ahead will be exciting yet with challenges. Genealogy looks to the past and is full of dates, yet, to make sense of the information you need a bit of history. The story of a family relates to their roots, genealogy, and involves migration, education, family events and tradition.

Each one of us has a story and to discover the essence of the family, these stories need a context and the special individuals, patriarchs and the explorers woven into the fabric of time. There are milestones, births, marriages and the passing of loved ones. Sometimes there are tragic events and extreme happy times.

Discovering your family and their stories will enrich your own lives and being able to transfer these to you children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren can give and appreciation of their origins.

Be thinking about your own family stories and let's discover how we all contribute to fleshing out your history.

Past-President: Bill Haines

A Year-end Note from the Past President Dec. 2015

As we enter the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude for the honor of having been chosen to serve as the ECGS president for the past two years,

and for being chosen to serve on the board in other positions for several years prior to my terms as your president. I am grateful for the many volunteers who performed the work of the society during my terms, and especially thankful for the other board members who helped navigate the society during a period of significant change. I wish the new board continued success as they address new challenges, and am optimistic that they will continue to build a stronger society. I plan to continue to be active in the society, and hope to see many of you at future society meetings and events.

Treasurer: Sher Brown

As of November 30, 2015

- 3,669.86 Checking Account 2,063.71 Snack Fund Account
- \$\$\$\$ 3,220.78 Undesignated Donations
- 4,474.64 CD—updated annually
- \$ 13,428.99 <u>Total</u>



Membership: Dianna Emerson

See our Membership page for 2016 membership dues and on -line application.









Courthouse Square Association Program Information

Mason explained several websites that have Eaton County information at the 2015 October Eaton County Historical Commission Heritage Award ceremony. The map sites, newspaper & book sites were shared in prior issues. This is the final install-

ment of Mason's presentation.

Genealogical Information

Available via Heritagequest or Ancestry.com [Heritagequest can be accessed for

free at mel.org/Databases]

1.US Census records through 19402.Links to find a grave results3.The 1872 Eaton County Business Directory4.The 1904 Charlotte City Directory5.Numerous City Directories for larger cities like Lansing

Available via the Archives of Michigan website seekingmichigan.org

1. Michigan Census records 2. Death records from 1897-1952 3. Detroit News subject index cards 4. Civil War records

LCIASSMATES.COM website requires an account which can be set up for free

1.A wide variety of yearbooks for Charlotte, Grand Ledge, and Eaton Rapids High Schools

2. Several yearbooks largely from the 1980s for Bellevue High School

3. The 1975 Olivet High School yearbook

4. The 1955 Sunfield High School yearbook

5.Vermontville High School yearbooks largely from the 1950s and Maple Valley yearbooks largely from the 1960s 6.Dimondale High School yearbooks ranging from 1950 to 1963

Notable Historical Image Databases

Library of Congress

1.http://www.loc.gov/pictures/

2. Has a few Eaton County images in its Historic American Buildings Survey Collection

Detroit Public Library Digital Collections

1.http://digitalcollections.detroitpubliclibrary.org/

2. Has images from all over MI including Grand Ledge, Eaton Rapids, and Charlotte. The website also has large sports and automotive history collections.

Uvirtual Motor City

1.http://dlxs.lib.wayne.edu/v/vmc/topic.html

2. Has tens of thousands of images taken by the Detroit News whose copyright is now owned by the Wayne State University Library

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1.Has numerous historical photos and postcard views of places across Michigan 2.Has 19th century photos of numerous people including many from Eaton County

Don...The UpNorthMemories Guy... Harrison Flickr Account

1.https://www.flickr.com/photos/upnorthmemories/ 2.Contains the largest collection of high quality Michigan postcard views online

Capital Area District Library Local History Online

1.http://cadl.pastperfectonline.com/search 2.Contains historical images from the Lansing area January 2016

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Thanks to Jim Kendall for sharing this 'puzzle' from one of his newsletters!

Annual Bus Trip

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ft. Wayne, Indiana Sponsored by Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society (KVGS)

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Join us for a day of genealogy research

DATE: Saturday, March 19, 2015 (No refunds after March 5, 2015)

COST: \$25.00 per person for bus, not meals

City/Town	Leave	Location	Return (approx.)
Three Rivers	6:00 am	TSC/Wendy's lot	10:15 pm
Kalamazoo	7:00 am**	The Crew Family Restaurant 3810 East Cork St. & Sprinkle F	9:15 pm Rd.
Marshall	7:45 am	Exit 36, 1-69 Park-n-Ride	8:45 pm
Coldwater	8:15 am	Gander Mountain 373 N. Willowbrook Rd.	8:00 pm

**Park on north side of parking lot, near Cork Street (away from the Crew Restaurant entrance)

Departure from ACPL at 5:15 pm -- Dinner stop on way home in Auburn, IN

Complete one form per person. Make check payable to KVGS.

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	к	VGS Website: www.mil	kvgs.org		



Contact: Martin Ackley, Director of Public and Governmental Affairs, (517) 241-4395

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN EXPANDS HOURS AND SERVICES BEGINNING JANUARY 9, 2016

December 14, 2015

LANSING – The Library of Michigan will expand its hours and services to better serve Michigan citizens and state government.

Beginning January 9, 2016, the main library will be open every Saturday (excluding certain state holidays) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During open hours, library users can access the largest collection of Michigan newspapers anywhere, as well as an in-depth collection of Michigan specific periodicals, books, government documents, maps and audiovisual materials.

In addition, public internet access will be available, offering online subscription databases related to education, public health, newspapers and family history. Staff will be available on the second floor to assist with research questions and locating materials.

"We are expanding services and upgrading equipment to answer an increased demand for access to the library's unique collections and the knowledge and expertise our staff has to offer to anyone needing information," said State Librarian Randy Riley.

The increase in open hours accompanies the acquisition of a suite of versatile digital microfilm scanners, new public computers with added features, and a centralized printing system that will enhance the visitor's experience.

The State Law Library will continue to be available only during the Library's weekday schedule, Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. After a hiatus of five years, the library also will resume circulating materials to the public at large in January 2016.

For more information about these new services and a complete listing of the library's open hours for 2016, visit www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan, email librarian@michigan.gov or call 517 373-1300.

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The Library of Michigan – Michigan's official state library agency for more than 175 years – is part of the Michigan Department of Education. To learn more, visit <u>www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan</u>.

December Board Meeting

We had our final board meeting for the year and it was a special board meeting indeed.

It was the very last board meeting for long-standing Membership Secretary Barb Smith. Barb has held this office since 1997, as Issue 28 of the Quest shows.



We presented cards to Barb and Bill and Sher brought in delicious peanut butter and banana cream pies from Charlotte Eaton Place restaurant.





Shirley & Clarence have enjoyed a long friendship with Barb!



Bill Haines began as our Vice-President in 2011, progressing to President in 2013 as Quest issues 72 and 77 show. Chuck and Bill shake hands as outgoing and incoming presidents.



2011	2012 Officers
President	
Vice President	
Treasurer	
Corresponding Secretary	
Membership Secretary	
Recording Secretary	
Librarian	
Historian	
Publicity	Edward Dunning
Quest Editor	
Webmaster	Sherry Copenhave
Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate	Jim Collins
Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate	Jo Glasgow
Alternates	Betty Polhamu
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Trustees: 3 year term beginning 2011/	
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1 year term beginning 2011/	

2013-2014 Officers

Thank You!

	Bill Haines	
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	Sher Brown	
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	Sharlene Thuma	
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	Ed Dunning	
	Sher Brown	
	Sherry Copenhaver	
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2 year term 2012/2013 CY	Shirley Hodges	
1 year term 2012/2013 CY	Bill Atkinson	
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Vault 1 Shelving Units

The family of Laura Ranville donated a generous amount of money in her memory. We used this donation to build additional shelving units in vault 1. See more information about Laura on the next page.

Mike Wood built the shelves, using brackets from the courthouse attic. He built one floor to ceiling unit along with several smaller units to sit on top of existing shelves. We gathered four additional men to help move these from his garage to the courthouse and into vault 1. The large floor to ceiling unit was extremely heavy. A couple of family members (Troy Pitcher and Pat Clasgens), along with two Probate Packet Project volunteers (Steve DePeel and Frank Thompson) rose to the task!



Laura (Plummer) Ranvílle 1948 — 2015

Laura was a member of Eaton County Genealogical Society from 1988-1990.

Laura's obituary information:

Laura passed away Friday, September 25, 2015, surrounded by family and friends in her final days.

She was born in Muskegon, Michigan to Leonard H. & Dorothy (Anderson) Plummer in 1948. Laura graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1966, then Central Michigan University in 1973. She was a teacher in Dimondale and Holt, MI, and Saudi Arabia and taught for over 30 years.

She married David Ranville on February 2, 1973, who survives her. Also surviving are her children Jason Ranville of Chicago, IL; and Megan (Owen) Durham of Columbus, GA and their son, Jack.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Leonard Scott Plummer of Muskegon.

She was an amateur genealogist, unearthing long-lost family stories and even tracing her family history back to the Mayflower.

Laura's family gave a generous monetary donation to our society in memory of Laura. We had new shelving units built in her honor. We have had a sign made that will be put up very soon when we obtain a frame for it.

> In Grateful Appreciation to the **Ranville Family** for the wood framed roller shelving units in this vault, September 2015. These gifts were given In Loving Memory of **Laura (Plummer) Ranville**, a member of the Eaton County Genealogical Society, 1988-1990.



We are also in hopes of having a plaque made.

Betty Goostrey Celebrates 80th Birthday!

Betty Goostrey, a room volunteer on Wednesdays for many years, was honored with a birthday open house hosted by her son, Rev. Doug Hammond, at his First Assembly of God Church in Olivet, Michigan.



<u>Probate Packets</u>

The website is updated about once a month or so with the list of probate packets that have been scanned (<u>www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf</u>). There are now about 9,400 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "L" files.



We had a volunteer drawing this month. Frank drew the winning ticket

while Joann held the container of tickets. Frank began laughing when he read the winning ticket name. It was: Joann!! Congratulations Joann!

Holiday Goodies









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

The files are stored on the cloud and members may request a link to the cloud site. The pdf files are stored alphabetically. (Note: While we are now scanning the K files, there are a few scattered files that begin with later letters because of misfiles folders or requested scans.)

Join us on Tuesday afternoons when you can!

Welcome 2016!



The <u>Eaton County School Database Project</u>

We always welcome school materials to add to the School Database! 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.



This month's photo comes from Courthouse Square Association's collection, call number 90.89.19. This is the 1912 8th grade group photo of Hawthorne School with Miss Underwood as the teacher.







Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project

The Rural School of Eaton County book, with more than 300 pages and a DVD 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. Contact them by email at <u>csamuseum@yahoo.com</u> or phone 517-543-6999 for more information.

Our Family Genealogies Section

Our research library contains a valuable section known as Family Genealogies. As time permits, we will scan the Family Genealogies and post excerpts from them in the newsletter.



Family Genealogy 900.BO.02—. The description is: Booth- "Booth Ancestors" compiled by Marie Hall Chaplin., June 1994. Marie writes: I am searching for the parents of Julia E. Booth Hall, wife of Wm A. Hall of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. They were my great grandparents. My grandfather, Hugh M. Hall, their

son, did not know her parents. He said she was an orphan and cared for by her Uncle George L. Booth, a resident of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. I have in my possession a photo album given to Julia, on her birthday, by her Uncle Don (Joseph) Noble.



He was the husband of Martha Ann Booth. These two Booths were children of John M. Booth and Susan A. Lanterman Booth.



A Collection Of Stones & Rocks

Phyllis Whidden has collected stones and rocks for many years!. She could no doubt write a book on her stories of finding various rocks and her methods of obtaining them for her yard.

Her children and grandchildren enjoy giving her gifts that use these as a theme. She brings some of these in now and then for us to enjoy in the Probate Packet Scanning Project, or other activities such as Frontier Days Bake Sale.





Phyllis & Judy Chamberlain

Christmas 2015

Phyllis received a very heartfelt gift from her granddaughter Hannah this year. Hannah's mother Charlotte (Phyllis's daughter) passed away some years ago



and Hannah made this for her grandma.

This signifies Charlotte in heaven, then Hannah, Zoielynn, Jasmine and Vincent.



Needless to say, Phyllis loves this!

L. S. Shaler

E. Stoner

North Eaton Band

This is a photo from Jackie Adam's collection. She shared this during a presentation she gave for us a few years ago. Thanks for sharing this Jackie!



M. J. Boody

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 <u>ecgsnews@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>www.miegs.org/Newsletters.shtml</u>.

Note: Some clipart used in our newsletter was provided by <u>MyCuteGraphics</u>.

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.



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 <u>www.miegs.org/Symbols.shtml</u> for more information)	\$12.00	

<u>Shipping & Handling</u> 1-3 items - \$2.20 3-5 items - \$3.30 6 or more items - \$6.60 *** Note: Please add \$2.50 for each "Burkhea	Shipp	Sub total d 6% sales tax ing & Handling Total Due	
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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.