

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.

2016 May Calendar

Sat May 11 10:00am—Noon: Writing Group

Wed May 18 5:30pm—7pm: Social Hour (Feel free to bring sack supper.)

Wed May 18 6pm: Genealogy Tips-Tricks presentation by Shirley Hodges

Sat May 28th 10am—2pm: Open for research.

Every Tuesday Afternoon:

Probate Packet Scanning (any time during 12-5)

2016 Calendar

Monthly Meetings:

Wed Mar 16 General Meeting

Wed Apr 20 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

See our online [Calendar of Events!](#)

Regular Projects:

Each Tuesday noon—5pm:

Probate Packet Scanning

Officers Jan 1, 2016 through Dec 31, 2016

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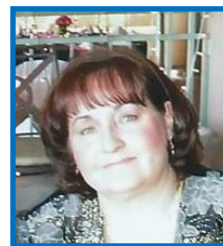
Email: ecgsnews@gmail.com

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

Officer & Committee Reports

Membership: Dianna Emerson

The ECGS welcomes one new member, Michael Ward Thompson, from the United Kingdom. There are currently 125 members compared to 130 in 2015. I have counted 29 members who belong to the Eaton County Genealogical Society's Facebook page. A lot of folks do not engage in FB, but it is a great way to connect with different genealogy groups, i.e. surnames one might be interested in or any of the many groups and societies out there.

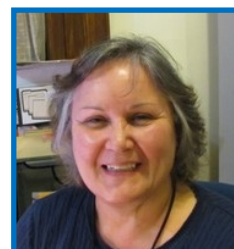


I started a Facebook genealogy group in January 2014 and I currently have 874 members. Over the months I have developed several close friendships with distant cousins around the world and I have even met some of them. Just about a month ago in the ECGS office I met a member and told her about one of my relatives. She told me someone in the Sunfield Historical Society was descended from the same family. I immediately reached out to my new cousin and she is helping me set up an event at the Welch Museum in Sunfield for our distant family members. The results from a simple conversation can yield surprising results. And, if you are wondering, my FB closed group is Towne Cousins. I am a direct descendant of Mary Towne Estey, who died on September 22, 1692.

See our [Membership](#) page for 2016 membership dues and on-line application.

Librarian: Sharlene Thuma

Sue Thompson- about 70 Family Tree Maker CDs; includes World Family Tree, Canadian Genealogy, Military Records, U.S. Marriage Records, Southern Biographies and Genealogies, etc.



Randal Tooker- 1910 Dow School Souvenir (color photocopies), 8 pp.; 1912 Ionia Co. Rural School Commencement (photocopies), 4 pp.; History of the **DAVIS & HALLAWAY** family, 1 page.

Marcy Cousino- History of Bellevue: A recollection of John T. HAYT, newspaper clippings published in the Charlotte Republican, May 1869; Reminiscences of Bellevue, by John F. HINMAN, newspaper clippings as published May 1869 in the Charlotte Republican; all compiled in a folder by Marcy, 25 pp.



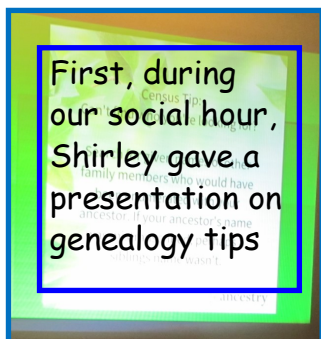
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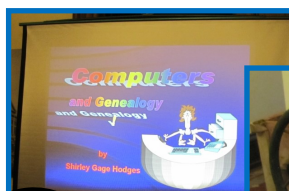


Our April General Meeting

We had a wonderful April meeting with Shirley Hodges speaking about Genealogy and Computers.



Now Chuck is introducing Shirley for the main presentation.



Shirley is not really sleeping on the job... This was the camera-person's shot! It is such a nice photo the camera-person had to post it!



The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group



by
Shirley
Gage
Hodges



ECGS Writers Group



May 14, 2016

10:00 a.m. to noon

We hope that you can join us for the Writers Group. We will be meeting at the 1885 courthouse in downtown Charlotte. Everyone is welcome to come and get and share ideas.

I would like to encourage everyone to start thinking about writing your family history and giving it to someone that you love for a special occasion. 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. Everyone is welcome to come and get and share ideas. If you have something you have published please bring it along so others can see them.

I would like to share the following with you so that you can understand better why we sometimes have problems with writing our stories. We can also see some ways we can improve our success rate.

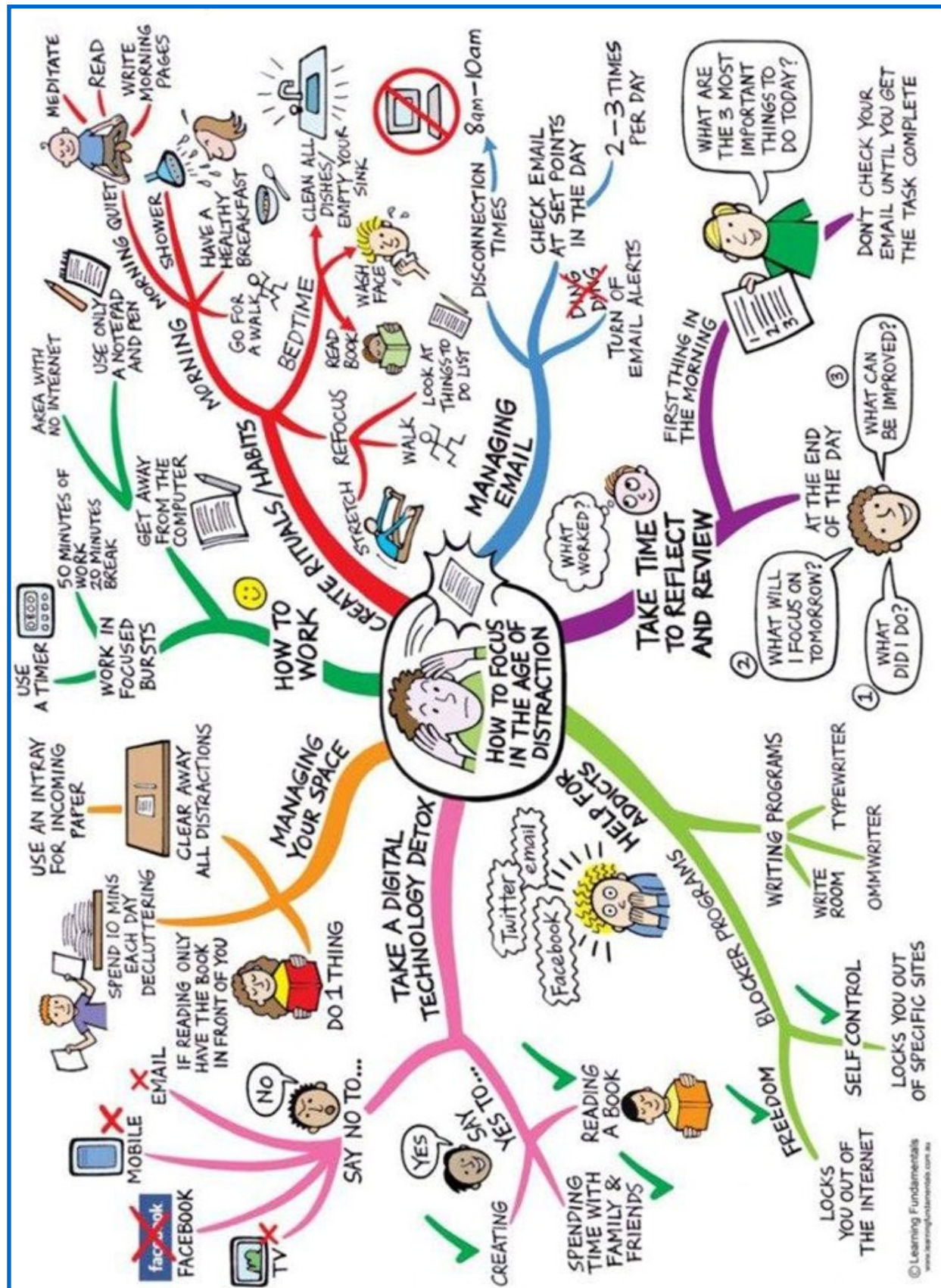
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Memories Photos Ancestry

Writing

The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group



The Eaton County Home & Business Expo

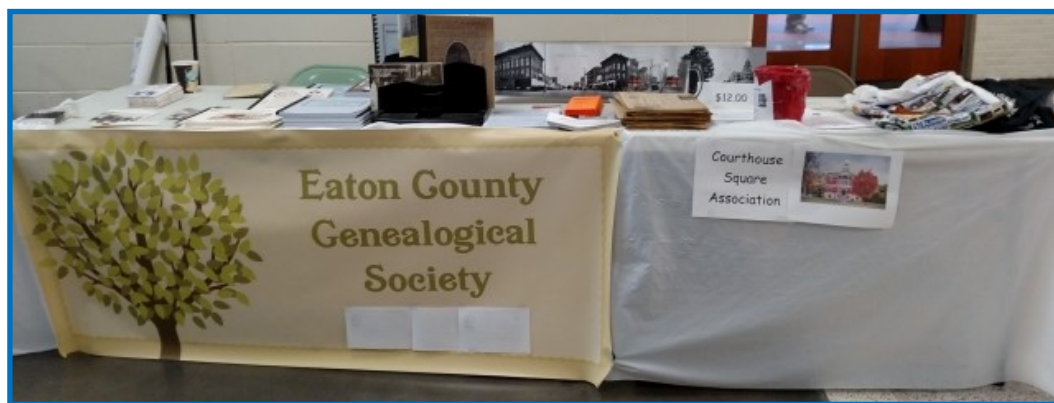


We had a delightful time at the Expo. Because we were able to share a table with Courthouse Square Association we were able to talk with a wide variety of individuals. It was great to find individuals who were interested in preserving their family histories and others who shared the love for our wonderful 1885 Courthouse.

We are really blessed to be involved in a community that is so supportive of their heritage.

It was great to see so many people taking time out of their busy schedules and coming to the Expo. If you were not able to make it this year, we hope that we will see you at one of our functions in the future.

Gary and Sherry Copenhaver organized the event and took care of getting the booth set up. Clarence and I were able to work at the table with them part of the time. Chuck and Judy Chamberlain worked the crowd. They visited with people and told them about our upcoming meeting.



Cheers!



Welcome to our museum!
Welcome to our meetings!



From our ECGS Vertical Files

Our Vertical Files are a collection of file folders that hold donations of items that folks donate to us and can be just about anything from newspaper articles to school papers. This month, we are showing a Schedule of Fees, adopted by the Eaton County Medical Society, to take effect on December 15, 1917. (From VF.670 , originals donated to CSA in 2009 by Carolyn A. Anderson.)



SCHEDULE OF FEES

[MINIMUM]

*Adopted by the Eaton County Medical Society
to Take Effect December 15, 1917*

Office prescription—\$1.00

Examinations—Blood, \$.500; Urine, not less than \$1.00; Stomach contents, \$.500; Sputum, \$.300; Wasserman, \$10.00; Physical examination, \$15.00 up.

Consultation—\$5.00, plus mileage.

City Calls—\$1.50 day, \$2.50 night. Calls between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. shall be considered as day calls, and calls between the hours of 7 o'clock p. m and 7 o'clock a. m. shall constitute night calls.

Country Calls —\$1.50 plus mileage; mileage 50c per mile.

Administration of Anesthetic—Minor operation, \$5.00 plus mileage; major operation, \$10.00 up, plus mileage.

Obstetrics—\$15.00 up plus mileage, cash.

Obstetrics—Instrumental, \$25.00 up plus mileage, cash.

Fractures—Femur, \$50.00; Tibia and Fibula, \$25.00 up; Humerus, \$25.00 up; Colles, \$25.00; Ulna and Radius, \$25.00; Wrist or Ankle, \$15.00 to \$25.00; Clavicle, \$15.00 to \$25.00; One or more Ribs, \$5.00 up; Skull, \$25.00 up.

Dislocations—Hip, \$25.00 to \$50.00; Shoulder, \$15.00 to \$25.00; Elbow, \$25.00 to \$35.00; Knee \$25.00.

Removal of Foreign Bodies from Eye, \$2.00.

Advice by Telephone, day, 50c; night, \$1.00.

Signed by

A. G. SHEETS, Chairman.

P. H. QUICK, Secretary.

All Accounts Due in 90 Days.



Eaton County Military Special Interest Group

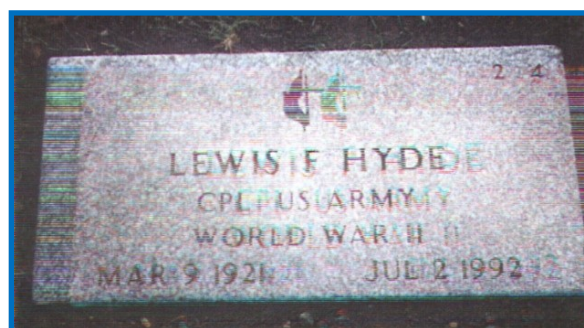


While we have not resumed Military SIG meetings, we are still very interested in honoring our veterans and collecting and sharing that information.

These photos were submitted to the Military SIG by Jerry Zaikowski. The Bellevue, Michigan High School has a Military Hall Of Fame wall, and one of these photos is included in their display.



Harold E. Hyde - 1945



Lewis F. Hyde

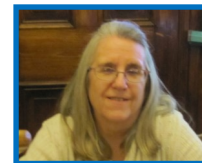
An on-line [Veteran Form](#) is available for people to complete, for either themselves or other veterans, and submit. The purpose of this form is to obtain information about veterans, such as when they served, and load the veteran into our Military Database.

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!

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

Mulliken Cookbook

Thanks Sue Thompson for sharing this with us!



NOODLE GOULASH



1 pound hamburger)
1 large onion) Fry together. Add:
1 can Campbell's Vegetable Soup
1 quart tomatoes
1/2 pound noodles, precooked in salted boiling water
Put all in well greased casserole. Lay strips of bacon on top and bake at 350 degrees until bacon is well browned.

Mrs. Daisy Welch,
Mulliken, Michigan.



KIDNEY BEANS AND HAMBURGER



2 pounds round or flank steak, ground
1 onion, chopped
2 cups canned kidney beans
2 tablespoons catsup
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
1/2 cup cooking fat
Salt and pepper

Brown meat in cooking fat. Stir to prevent sticking. Add onion, catsup, and Worcestershire Sauce. Cover with hot water, simmer 20 minutes. Add beans, season to taste. Simmer 20 minutes. Serve hot. If desired, chili powder may be added. 8 servings.

Mrs. Pearl Purcell,
Mulliken, Michigan.



BABY PORCUPINES



1 pound hamburger
1 cup crushed butter crackers
1 egg
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons chopped onion
Pepper
3/4 cup rice
1 can tomato soup
2 cups water

Place meat in bowl. Add cracker crumbs, egg, and seasonings. Shape in small cakes, roll in uncooked rice. Empty tomato soup in cooker or dutch oven. Add water. Place patties in this liquid, cover, cook for 45 minutes or bake in medium oven.

Leta Parker,
Mulliken, Michigan.

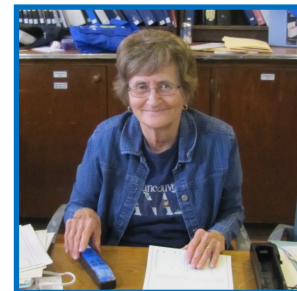


Probate Packets

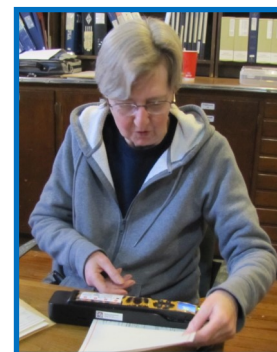
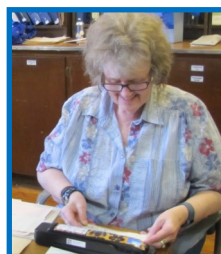
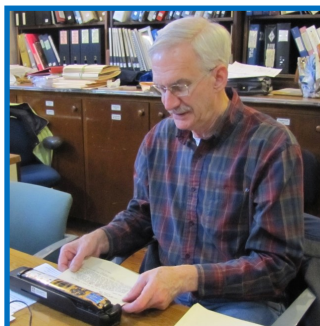
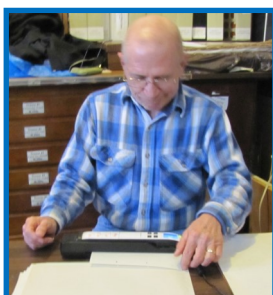
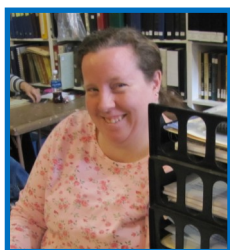
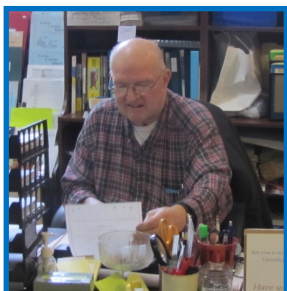
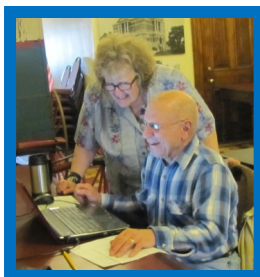
The website is updated about once a month or so with the list of probate packets that have been scanned (www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf). There are now about 10,386 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "M" files.

We had quite a few people come in one Tuesday! Lots of talking and laughter and work done!

Welcome Back Olga!!



Steve & Sherry spilled out into the big room while they were working on Steve's laptop on an Ingham County Genealogical Society project.



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 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 M files, there are a few scattered files that begin with later letters because of misfiled folders or requested scans.)

Join us on Tuesday afternoons when you can!

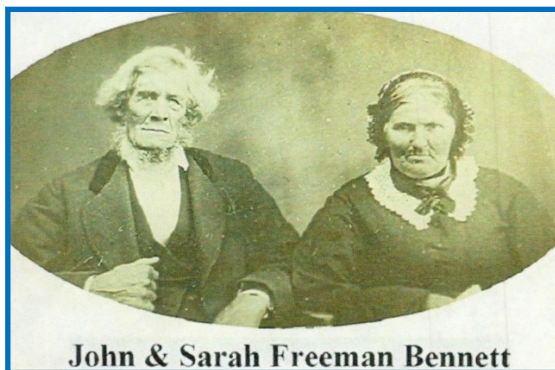
March Saturday Research

We began opening on the fourth Saturday of the month for research and in March, Phyllis Evans came in to do some research on her Bennett family. She shared some of her photos with us for the newsletter.



Rachel A. Bennett
born 22 Oct 1834

Carrie Ary" (Bennett)
Haddix born: 27 May
1830



March 30, 1899
Wm. Bennett, 76 yrs
Mrs. Jane Boyer, 61 yrs
John Bennett, 66 yrs
Mrs. Evelyn Crist, 55 yrs
Cyrus Bennett, 76 yrs
Mrs. Rachel Ford, 61 yrs
Edmond Bennett, 58 yrs
Mrs. Ary Burns, 68 Yrs
Mrs. Elizabeth Haddix, 74 yrs



We decided to open on the fourth Saturday to coincide with the Charlotte Artisans Farmers Market being held in the courthouse during the winter. This has been very successful for them!



The Eaton County School Database Project



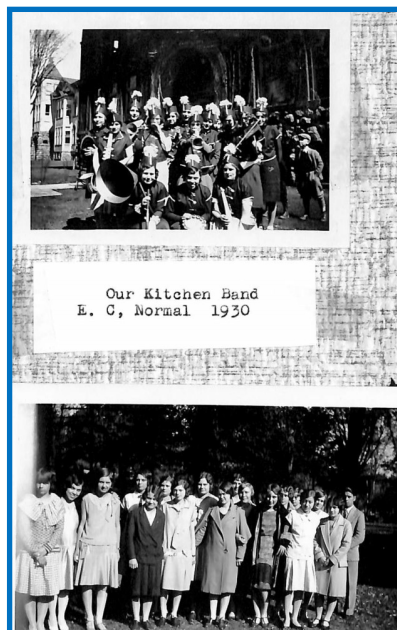
We always welcome school materials to add to the School Database! If you have school information you would like to share, we can scan your items on Tuesday afternoons (noon-5pm) or you may contact us at ecgsschool@gmail.com to send your information and/or to arrange a time to meet.

This month we have a 1930 Eaton County Normal class photo and a fifty year reunion photo that Courthouse Square Association has in their museum and shared with us to scan for our records.

1930



Eaton County Normal Class in 1930



Our Kitchen Band
E. C, Normal 1930



Normal Instructors
Beryl Cornell
Gladys O'Burns

Eaton County Normal Class of 1930.

Front Row--Beatrice Frey Lucille Bryner
Verla Lawrence Velma Bailey Thelma Fox
Velva Ryan

Second Row-- Russel Frantz Oline King
Lucille Sutton ? Clara Holmes Lucille Frantz

Third Row-- Bethal Root Iva Barnham
Margaret Burkett Necia Culver Carl Cook
Ethel Turner Zella Bly ?



Eaton County Normal Class Of 1930 50th Class Reunion

Back Row---Ethel Turner Lucille Bryner
Necia Culver Iva Barnham Velva Ryan
Margaret Burkett

Front Row--- Bethal Root Lucille Sutton
Beatrice Frey Verla Lawrence



Eaton County Normal 1880 Reunion



Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project

The Rural School of Eaton County book, with more than 300 pages and a computer DVD of photos and stories 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 csamuseum@yahoo.com or phone 517-543-6999 for more information.

High School Students & Nursury School Students

These are some photos from our P.642 collection.

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About 1995 — Charlotte High School National Honor Society.



Miss Janie's Nursery School
in Charlotte

LEARNING ABOUT TRUCKS!



1993

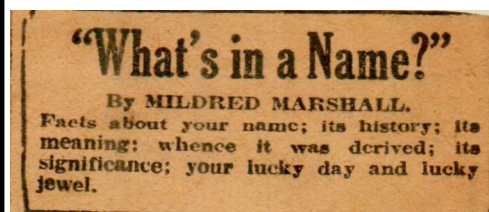


1919

Origins, History & Meanings of Female Names

1920

Lyle French donated these newspaper clippings to ECGS from a newspaper series on the origins, history, and meaning of girl's names series published in 1919 and 1920. They are stored in VF.VF-470. Since I am not sure in what order they were published, I will publish the four that have the by-line headings in this issue. There are a total of 63 names. The rest of the names will be published alphabetically.



HORTENSE.

Hortense is essentially a French name, though she has been adopted by all countries and she has the almost unique distinction among feminine names of having no contractions, diminutives or offspring of any form. Hortense she begins and Hortense she remains throughout history with the single exception of Italy, where the "H" is sometimes dropped, and she is called Ortensia.

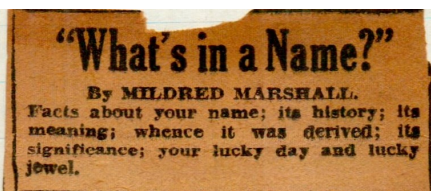
Like Sylvia, she is something of an ancient sylvan name, having come originally from the Latin "hortus," meaning a garden. The slave who tended those elaborate Roman gardens was called hortensius, and, finally through some strange quirk of fancy, it came to name an honorable old plebeian gams.

For many centuries it continued in Italy and gradually the masculine form Ortensio came into use as a proper name, quickly followed by the feminine Ortensia. The most famous Ortensia of those days was Ortensia Mancini, the niece of Mazarin. This notable lady carried her name into France, where the French straightway placed the stamp of their language upon it by calling it Hortense. Since that time many famous women have borne it, particularly those of royal circles.

Hortense's jewel is the diamond, which is said to give its wearer fearlessness, invulnerability and to bring victory in any endeavor, provided, however, that it is received as a gift and not purchased. To exercise its best power it should be set in gold and worn on the left hand. Its potency for Hortense is concerned not only with lovers, but is extended to enhance the love of a husband for his wife. Saturday is her lucky day and 6 her lucky number.

The daisy, signifying innocence, is Hortense's flower.

Hortense



LEILA.

The original Leila must have been a "vamp." It is distinctly a Moorish name—in fact it is translated to mean "Moorish"—and it was usually bestowed upon the loveliest of the always-beautiful Moorish maidens.

In reality, it is generally supposed to be one of the feminine names derived from the lily. As the lily is the fairest of flowers, perhaps Leila as the most beautiful of her tribe, came thus to be used as a proper name. Etymologists are frankly puzzled by her origin, since it seems that only the Hebrew and Slavonic tongues give names really taken from flowers.

But however that may be, and though the lily is as difficult to trace as the rose, it must still be contended that Leila had her origin in the pure white chalice of the most fragrant of all flowers. Liliola Gonzaga of Italy was perhaps one of lily-names which preceded Leila. There was a Lillias Ruthven in Scotland in 1557. The Queen of Naples about whom the Scottish ballad of "Roswell and Lillian" was woven was named after the lily and, curiously enough, was called Cecelia by the Italians.

Occasionally historians have thought that Leila and Lillian, and Lillias were only contractions of Elizabeth, but there seems little to bear out this contention, so the lily must remain *raison d'être* of all such names. Certainly its heritage of beauty is well borne out by the lovely women who have claimed the name, among them Lillian Russell, the most beautiful woman of the American stage, and Lily Langtry, famous Jersey Lily, and long the center of romance and gossip of two continents.

Leila's talismanic gem is the ruby, the "elixir of life," which gives courage, and freedom from harm, and strength of purpose to its wearer. Friday is her lucky day and 5 her lucky number. The lily signifying purity is her flower.

Lord Byron said of Leila in "The Giaour":

"Her eye's dark charm 'twere vain to tell,
But gaze on that of the gazelle,
It will assist the fancy well,
As large, as languishingly dark,
But soul beamed forth in every spark
That darted from beneath the lid,
Bright as the ruby of Giamschid."

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Leila



LUCY.

The charmingly quaint and old-fashioned name of Lucy is derived from the Latin lux, meaning light. Lux gave the favorite praenomen Lucius, one born at daylight. It was first used in Rome by Lucius Tarquinius Priscus. The first feminine form was Lucia and belonged to a virgin martyr at Syracuse whose name of light, being indicated by early painters by a lamp or an eye, led to the legend that her beautiful eyes had been put out. The old English version cuts off her head, but the indomitable lady goes on talking until she has received the holy eucharist.

The Sicilian saints were especially popular and Santa Lucia is not only the patroness of Italian fishermen and namesake of their daughters, but she was early adopted by the Normans and even in the time of Edward the Confessor, the daughters of the Earl of Mercia had been thus baptised.

The house of Blois were importers of sacred names and Lucie was a sister of Stephen and was among those lost on the White Ship. The name has since flourished in England and France; it is particularly popular in the latter where many noble ladies were called Lucy, though poetry called them by the more fashionable Lucinda.

The English forms of the name are Lucy, Luce, and Lucinda. France calls her Luce and Lucie. She is Lucia to Spain and Italy, which also adds Luzia. Russia terms her Luzija.

Lucy's talismanic stone is the king of gems, the diamond. Its dazzling brilliance gives fearlessness to its wearer, and invulnerability. To bring victory in any endeavor, it should be set in gold and worn on the left hand. Saturday is Lucy's most fortunate day and 5 her lucky number.

Ben Jonson wrote of Lucy, Countess of Bedford: calling here

"...the kind of creature I could most desire
To honor, serve, and love as poets use.
I meant to make her fair and free and wise
Of greatest blood, and yet more good than great;
I meant the daystar should not brighter rise,
Nor lend like influence from his lucent seat."
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Lucy

What's IN A NAME?

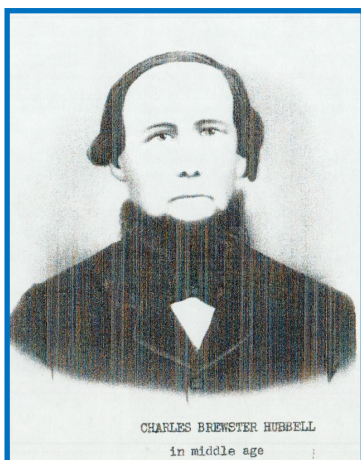
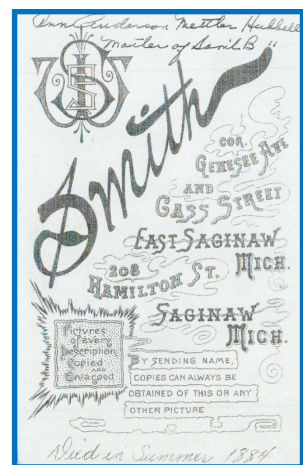
Our Family Genealogies Section

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.

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!

Family Genealogy 900.HU.06—. The description is: Hubbell- A Brief History Of Charles Brewster Hubbell; by His grandson Aldelbert Lloyd Hubbell; 1943?; no index.. Purple three-ring notebook. 11.375"H x 10"W Author: Aldelbert Lloyd Hubbell. 129 images.

Hubbell Genealogy



Thelma Manthei
crocheted
15 afghans
for great-
grand-
daughters.



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

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As of January 1, 2015

Item	Cost per item	Total Cost
Cemeteries of Eaton County, MI:		
Brookfield Twp., 41 pp., indexed as of September 1991	\$ 8.00	
Chester Twp., 66 pp., indexed as of July 1990	\$ 8.00	
Roxand Twp., 86 pp., indexed as of January 1993	\$10.00	
Sunfield Twp., 44 pp., indexed as of April 1991	\$10.00	
Walton Twp., 119 pp., indexed as of March 1996	\$10.00	
Maple Hill Cemetery (Eaton Twp.), indexed as of 2009	\$20.00	
Kalamo Twp., 102 pp., indexed as of 2001	\$18.00	
Vermontville Twp., 122 pp., indexed as of 2001	\$18.00	
Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI 27 Mar, 1885 thru 29 Dec, 1947, 198 pp., indexed	*** \$18.00	
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