

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 July Calendar

Sat **July 16** 10:00am—Noon: Writing Group
(Note: Change this month to 3rd Saturday!)

Wed Jul 20 5:30pm—7pm: Social Hour (Feel free to bring sack supper.)

Wed Jul 20 7pm: General Meeting

Sat July 23rd 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

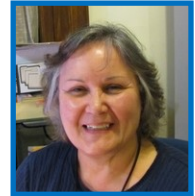
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Membership Secretary	Dianna Emerson
Corresponding Secretary	Marcy Cousino
Librarian	Sharlene Thuma
Web Maintenance	Sherry Copenhaver
Publicity	Joy Black
Computer Chair	John Evans

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

Librarian: Sharlene Thuma

Vicki Dukes- oval picture of William & Mary **MOTTER** in their elder years; group (about 50 people) photo of Methodist Church in Potterville, MI (shows exterior of the building); framed original Oneida Twp., Eaton Co., MI plat map.

Ruth Conley- scrapbook of Eaton County area funeral memorial cards with a few newspaper articles of engagements, obituaries, etc. (1930s-c.2004); many photos from Reed Studio of Charlotte.

Chris Brown- binder, *A Good Place To Raise A Family: A Biography of Peter **BROWN** of Ohio and Michigan 1847 to 1931*, by Peter Brown Reunion Committee, abt. 109 pp., many photos and images.

Leila Klaiss- about twenty assorted books: local cookbooks, history books, cemetery books, etc.

Gene Conley- one large box of photos and negatives from Reed Studio, Charlotte, MI, many appear to be graduates, early 2000s.

Bob Phillips- 1969 Rural Farm Directory; large foldout undated Eaton County map (shows property owners).

Gary Copenhaver- *The **BATDORF** Family History*, by Virginia F. Batdorf, 261 pp.

Phyllis Whidden- very large binder, **HUBBARD - WRIGHTS - ZIMMERMAN** Book #1.

Jeane E. Burt- large photo of Ells School, shows a group of children and exterior of building, late 1800s?

Sons of American Legion Post 42, Randy Pitcher- papers regarding a Fish Fry, list of members, and meeting minutes, 1990s to 2000s.

Cathy Benson- six postcards of Charlotte, MI, early 1900s.

David Doss- Rialto Theatre program, Charlotte, MI, c.1928.



A big "THANKS!" to our generous donors.

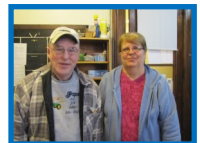
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 Sher Brown, Treasurer

Treasurer Report

Annual Rent and Insurance has been paid for the calendar year.

The Wilson's Research: Correction to Mary's grandfather's names:

Last month we left out a generation when naming Mary Wilson's father and grandfathers in Leonard & Mary Wilson's article.



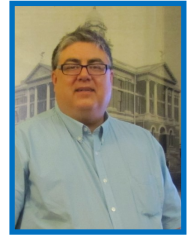
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Their names are, beginning with Mary's father:

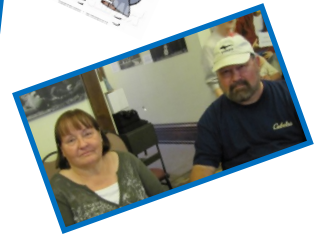
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Our June General Meeting

Jeff Mason was our speaker and the subject was "Breaking through Brick Walls and Re-Awakening Dead End". He described two brick walls he eventually broke through, then opened up the floor to us. He invited us to share our brick walls and several people did describe their problems. He gave suggestions, as well as other people in the meeting!

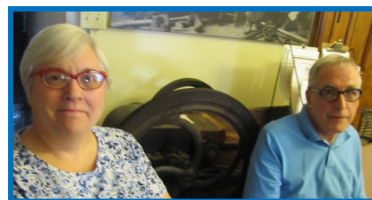


Fantastic Meeting!



WELCOME to Ionia County!

WELCOME to Calhoun County!



Brenda Leyndyke & husband from Calhoun.

Lori Fox
from Ionia





Eaton County History Newspaper Project

By Marcy Cousino

Hello again! Have you had a chance to search the Charlotte and Eaton County newspapers that have been digitized? They can be searched at home using the fultonhistory.com site. Sherry Copenhaver's directions are very helpful in using this site and the link to them are at www.echnp.org/#!/newspapers/.

We are starting to receive a few donations now as word is getting out. We have received a donation from The American Legion and from The Sons of The American Legion after Sherry Copenhaver and Marcy Cousino visited them to tell them about the project. Many thanks! The first genealogical society that has contributed to the project is Livingston County Genealogy Society. That was a pleasurable surprise! Bellevue Historical Society also gave us a very generous donation. We have received several other donations that we happily list on our website.

We are still working with the county's township and city libraries and historical societies for permission to borrow microfilm. We are asking all libraries and historical societies to link their websites to our website so that potential contributors can easily go to our site to donate by Pay Pal.

Next, we have sent another set of newspaper microfilm to New York to be digitized. This set has 8 reels of Bellevue newspapers and 2 reels of Vermontville newspapers. Hopefully within the next month or so, these too will be online and searchable.

Sue Thompson continues to evaluate the county's available microfilm and is looking to identify what other Eaton County newspaper microfilm is out there to be purchased. She has found a few Delta Township papers on microfilm that we didn't know about and a few other odds and ends that will help fill in time gaps.

In reading last month's column I noticed that I left out The Eaton Rapids Journal in the list of papers we will digitize. There are 40 reels of The Eaton Rapids Journal available to be digitized as well as the Bellevue Gazette, The Olivet Optic, The Vermontville Echo, The Maple Valley News, The Sunfield Sentinel and the various Charlotte and Eaton County newspapers totaling over 190 reels of newspaper microfilm! All these will be searchable at our county libraries as well as on the Fulton County site as the project progresses.

We hope that you will consider a contribution to the Eaton County History Newspaper Project to help make Eaton County newspaper's history available for all to enjoy.

Thank you. See www.echnp.org for more details!

Marcy Cousino, Sue Thompson, Sherry Copenhaver

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 newspaper article that shows Eaton County Sheriffs from 1838-1972. This is a reprint from our ECGS Quest Issue #13. (From VF.495 , originals donated to CSA.)

LIST OF EATON COUNTY SHERIFFS

1838-1972

The following list was submitted to the local Charlotte newspaper, sometime between 1964 and 1972, by the then sheriff, Elwin Smith. At age __ Mr. Smith is still a resident of Charlotte and has recently donated this clipping, as well as other artifacts, to the Eaton County Historical Commission.

Sheriff Elwin Smith Has Complete List of Men Who Have Held Office of Sheriff

Last week's query in "Tales" about the men who have been sheriff of Eaton County brought a response from Sheriff Elwin Smith who furnished us with the following complete list of men. Sheriff Smith is the 34th to hold office. Starting in 1838 with Robert Wheaton, the first date is the year they were elected, their name, number of terms they served if more than one, year they entered office and last year of office.

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1842--	Nathan Frank (two terms).....	Served 1843 through 1846
1846--	Silas Millett.....	Served 1847 through 1848
1848--	Horace Hamlin.....	Served 1849 through 1850
1850--	John McCrager.....	Served 1851 through 1852
1852--	Thomas Curry.....	Served 1853 through 1854
1854--	Edward Kingsbury.....	Served 1855 through 1856
1856--	George Potter (two terms).....	Served 1857 through 1860
1860--	Benajah Warren (two terms).....	Served 1861 through 1864
1864--	William Benedict.....	Served 1865 through 1866
1866--	Alonzo Whitcomb (two terms).....	Served 1867 through 1870
1870--	Charles Aldrich.....	Served 1871 through 1872
1872--	George Mead (two terms).....	Served 1873 through 1876
1876--	Hiram Smoke (two terms).....	Served 1877 through 1880
1880--	Waterman Lazell.....	Served 1881 through 1882
1882--	Charles Ellis.....	Served 1883 through 1884
1884--	Judiah Perkins (two terms).....	Served 1885 through 1888
1888--	Samuel Pollock (two terms).....	Served 1889 through 1892
1892--	Granger Bosworth.....	Served 1893 through 1894
1894--	Frank Green.....	Served 1895 through 1896
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1906--	Fred Shepherd (two terms).....	Served 1907 through 1910
1910--	Robert Donovan (two terms).....	Served 1911 through 1914
1914--	Frank Storrs (Dem. two terms).....	Served 1915 through 1918
1918--	George Fuller (two terms).....	Served 1919 through 1922
1922--	Glenn Dilly (two terms).....	Served 1923 through 1926
1926--	Horace Boorn.....	Served 1927 through 1930
1930--	Spencer Cribb (two terms).....	Served 1931 through 1934
1934--	Milton Kreig (five terms).....	Served 1935 through 1946
1946--	Everett Peck (six terms).....	Served 1947 through 1956
1956--	Elwin J. Smith (six terms).....	Served 1957 through 1972

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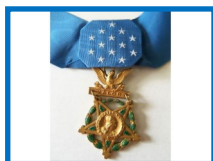
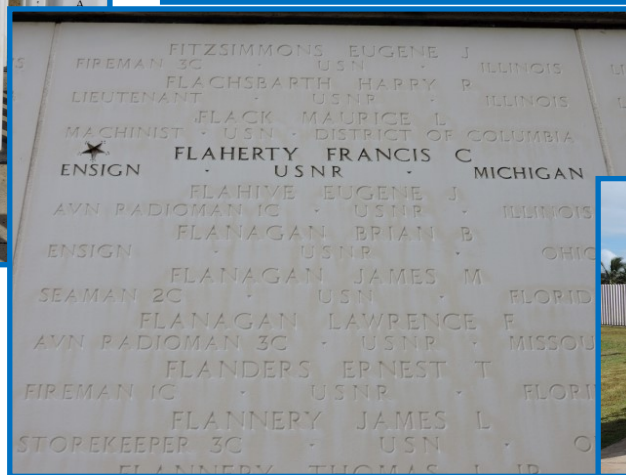
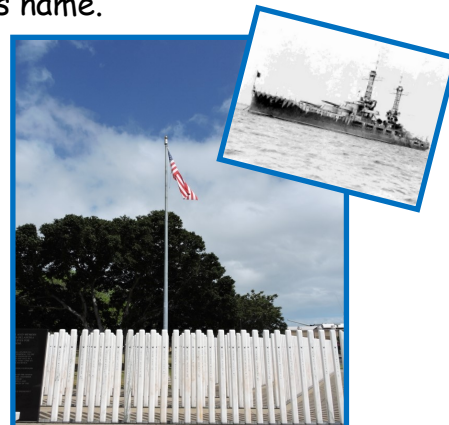




Eaton County Military Special Interest Group

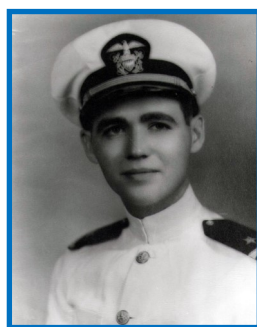
While we have not resumed Military SIG meetings, we are still very interested in honoring our veterans and collecting and sharing that information.

We received a request from Colonel Charles A. Jones requesting photos of Francis Flaherty's headstone at Maple Hill cemetery and his memorial to him at the Courthouse Square. Since his body was never recovered from USS Oklahoma, from the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, his headstone is an "IMO" (In Memory Of). Chuck Brandon sent him several photos from each of the sites he requested. We also sent him several articles we have in our library collection. In return, Charles sent us some wonderful photos from the USS Oklahoma Memorial on Ford Island, HI, showing Ensign Francis Flaherty's name.



Memorial at 1885 Courthouse

Maple Hill Cemetery



***ENSIGN
FRANCIS
FLAHERTY***



Photos by Chuck Brandon, Charlotte

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.

The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group

June Meeting



Shirley Hodges, our fixed-shoulder leader! Thanks Jen, for bringing your mom to our meeting and taking pictures!



Three of us met for the meeting and we filled up the entire two hours talking about writing! Shirley showed Chris & Sherry the form that Clarence used for his family cemetery documentation. He plans to work on Shirley's family records next.

Shirley had several website printouts to look at for ideas about writing, and here are some links to some of them.

[Writing Tips for Non-Writers Who Don't Want to Work at Writing](#)

[Interesting Personal Essay Ideas](#)



The Accidental Genealogist

[WORD TEMPLATES Family History Book Template](#)

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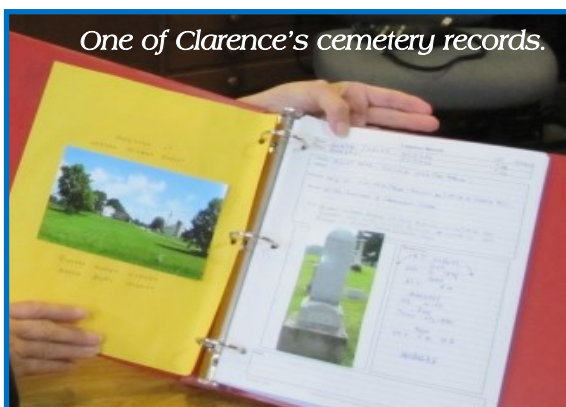
from FamilySearch Wiki

[Family History Quick Start Writing your Personal History](#)



Chris brought in some books that he wants to take some time to read. We asked him to teach us what he learned after he's read them!

Sherry wondered about how to organize the life story. Shirley and Chris figure that as the pages continue to be created, it might be more clear.

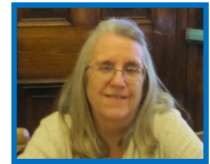


One of Clarence's cemetery records.



Mulliken Cookbook

Thanks Sue Thompson for sharing this with us!



BBQ



BARBECUED SPARERIBS

- 4 pounds spareribs, cut in pieces
- 1 lemon
- 2 onions
- 1 cup catsup
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 dashed Tabasco Sauce
- 2 cups water

Place ribs in shallow roasting pan, meaty side up. On each piece place a slice of unpeeled lemon and a thin slice of onion. Roast in hot oven (450 degrees) 30 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients. Bring to boiling point and pour over ribs. Continue baking in moderate oven (350 degrees) until tender, about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Baste ribs with the sauce every 15 minutes. If sauce gets too thick, add more water. Serves 4.

Mrs. Catherine Sleight,
Mulliken, Michigan.



MEAT PATTIES IN POTATO COATS



- 3/4 pound hamburger
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 raw potatoes, shredded
- Fat

Mix meat, vegetables, and seasonings. Form into patties. Roll in the shredded potatoes. Pan fry in hot skillet until brown.

Mrs. Lillian Hafer,
Route 1,
Grand Ledge, Michigan.

PORK CHOP PUREE



- 6 pork chops, loin or medium cut
 - 2 onions, sliced 1/4 inch thick
 - 1 green pepper, 1/4 inch thick
 - 1 can tomato soup, thinned with water
- Fry pork chops golden brown. Then place in roaster. Pour tomato soup over chops. Place slice of onion and pepper on each chop, salt and pepper. Cook in slow oven 1-1/2 hours. Potatoes and carrots may be added and cooked at same time.

Mrs. Joy Lott,
Mulliken, Michigan.





By Deb Malewski



Eaton Rapids Senior Center

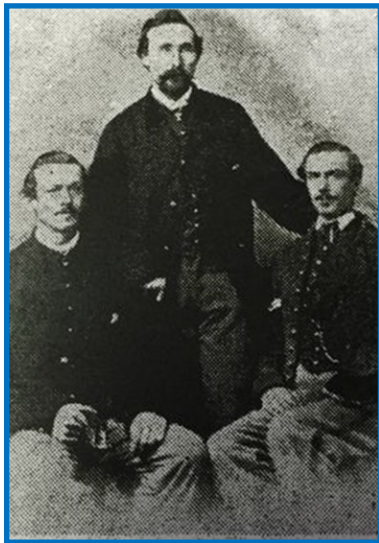
As a Flag Day tribute at the Eaton Rapids Senior Center, George Doxtader of Eaton Rapids was recognized for his ancestor's participation in United States military history.

George was first presented with the Eaton County Genealogical Society Civil War Ancestor War Certificate by Gary Copenhagen.



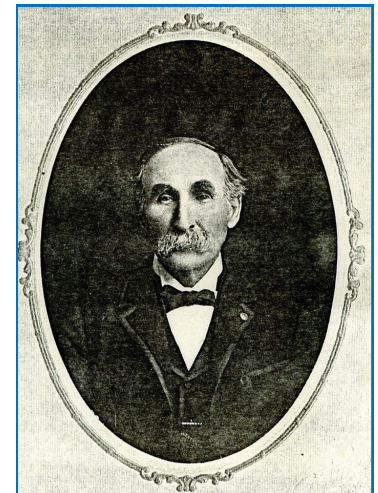
Albert Doxtader, center

Albert Doxtader



Shot in the left side, George's Great Great Great Grandfather, Albert Albathia Doxtader (1838-1928), a Union soldier from the 36th Regiment of Indiana, lay wounded and with the dead after the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee on April 7, 1862.

Found more than a day later, Pvt. Doxtader was taken to the nearby Tennessee River to have his wound washed. Later he was taken to a hospital at Evansville, Indiana.



He would fight in many more battles before leaving the service in 1865, and would die at Onondaga at the age of 89 with a patch on his side reminding him of the wound. He is buried in Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids.

Due to his ancestor's involvement in the Grand Army of the Republic after the Civil War, George was also presented a certificate of Ancestry from James Brainerd Post #111 from Keith Harrison, president of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids. In 1892, Albert Doxtader became a member of the James Brainerd Post #111 Grand Army of the Republic in Eaton Rapids. The Grand Army served as the powerful group comprised of Union veterans of the Civil War. George is the first ancestor of the Post to be so recognized.



We were also able to trace George's family history back even further-- to the Revolutionary War, when his ancestor Georg Dachstatter (George's 7xgreat grandfather) came to the United States and served in 5th Regiment, Bradt's Company of Rangers and Militia, 1776-1780.



By Sherry Copenhaver

ECGS Website Update

I have been meaning to update our website for a few months with two new lists we have available in our library. We have not only been scanning probate packets, but we undertook a separate project at the end of last year to scan all of the Vertical File folders and the "Z" File folders. Vertical File folders contain any type of material that folks donate to us that do not fit into the other categories on our shelves. Z-Files are folders that room volunteers used to keep copies of queries and correspondence we received and sent. We are also scanning the genealogy books and court books, slowly but surely!

Our website now has the listing of the files that we have scanned. The advantage to this list is because not all of these have been indexed, we may have information on your family that does not show up in the Index System. You can search the PDF file in the description area or browse through the list.

There is a second list and the second list shows scanned items where we do not have the actual physical materials. These usually are when people bring something in for us to scan and take them back home. Note: There is sometimes overlap in these two lists.

See our website www.miegs.org, then click on the Database tab.

Note: These scanned files ARE NOT available on the website due to web space limitations!



Google Search

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Database Information Links

Page Link	Description
Cemeteries	Cemetery Information Pages giving location and some information for each cemetery. Index readings for
Index System	Explanation of our Index System and some featured Indexes.
Index System Categories	Lists of names in our Index System Database in various categories.
All Names From All Databases	Alphabetic lists of names included in our four databases; Index System, Cemeteries, Land Records and Su
Scanned Files	Lists of scanned files to search the descriptions. Note: Actual scanned files are NOT available on website.
Boyd Preston Collection from Charlotte Community	Index Card images from the Boyd Preston Collection (Scanned from the Charlotte Community Library). T

Scanned Files

The Scanned File List

This [Scanned File List](#) shows many (although not all) of our library holdings. The left column titled "Scan File/Folder" shows the file name or the file folder of the scanned images. PLEASE NOTE: These files are not available on the website because of web space limitations! Many of these have been indexed and are included in our Index System. However, because some of them are not included in the Index System, you may want to search the listing for your family names. If you would like to find more information about a particular listing, you can [send a request](#).

The Computer Scanned File List

The difference between this [Computer Scanned File List](#) and the above Scanned File List is, for the most part, we do not have the physical holdings for these. These are items people brought in to share with us to scan, then took back home with them for example. It is possible there is overlap between this file and the above Scanned File List. PLEASE NOTE: These files are not available on the website because of web space limitations! You may want to browse or search the description of these files to see if any may be of interest to you. If you would like to find more information about a particular listing, you can [send a request](#).

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ECGS Website Update — Continued

See our website [ScannedFilesForWeb.pdf](#) for the Scanned File list.

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Eaton County Genealogical Society Scanned Files List

June 19, 2016

(If there is something in the Scan File/Folder column, it has been scanned.)

Scan File/Folder	Description/Comments/Author	Call Number	In Lib Sys	Scanned	News-letter	Indexed
300-50	Evolution of Michigan Townships; by Mid-Michigan Genealogical Soc.; publ. 1972; 75pp.; includes alphabetical listing of Michigan townships (Eaton County is on pages 15-16 which includes Tyler & Green Twps.). Red notebook.	300.5	Yes	Yes		
401.11 Marine Museum	"The United States Marine Corps Museum" Quantico, VA (pamphlet) 8 folded pages Dark blue soft folder (Author:) (Published: /) (Acquired From: Drouscella Halsey)	401.11	Yes	Yes		
406.11 Civil War Hospitals	Some "Civil War Hospitals" 4pp. printout listing the hospitals, city, state, bed capacity, from Bill Korroch's computer board (Author: U/L by Michael Cambre, Terrytown, LA) (Published: /) (Acquired From: Jeff Warren)	406.11	Yes	Yes		
609-1	Burkhead-Green Funeral Home; 27 Mar.1885 thru 29 Dec.1947; Eaton Co. Genealogical Project.	609.1	Yes	Yes		Index System
611-14.pdf	Pioneer Families of Eaton County - Honoring descendants of our Pioneer Families of Eaton County at the 1999 Senior Citizens Day At The Fair Activities. Program Prepared by the Eaton County MSU Extension Office. 61 page booklet.	611.14	Yes			
614-2	Naturalization Index for Eaton Co., Michigan; publ. 1998; 55pp. Brown soft cover./ECGS Project.	614.2	Yes	Yes		Index System
	1991 Surname Index With Researcher's Name & Address; 32pp. Brown soft cover. ECGS ongoing project.	626.3	Yes			No
523-EA-2	Eaton County Quest (Issues 1-82)	523.EA.2	Yes	Yes		
560.PH.2 Phelps	Phelps- Phelps Family News; newsletters 1996 Nov, 1998 Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sept. (Author:) (Published: Phelps Family Association) (Acquired From: Phelps Family Assoc. via Dallas L. Phelps, Pres.)	560.PH.2	Yes	Yes		
	Griffin- Photocopies of misc. photos of Griffin family. Originals owned by Denise Bellmore. Author:	900.13				
900.AB.01 Abbott	Abbot- History of Family of George Abbot, 14pp. Other surnames: Chandler/Dane/Stevens/Hibbert/Ballard/Stickney/Spaulding/Reed/Gasset/Scott/Woodcock/Goodnow/Gibbs/Burnett/Smit h Brown soft cover. Author: compiled by Mrs. Bernard Fero	900.AB.01	Yes	Yes	Oct 2015	Index System
900.AD.01 Adams	Adams- "Jeremy Adams of Cambridge, Mass., and Hartford, Conn., ""...and His Descendants" 45pp. Small red hard cover. Author: Arthur Adams	900.AD.01	Yes	Yes		

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Cemetery-0042	Master copy of West Carmel Cemetery Map from Julie Carr, former Historian and Cemetery chairman of MMGS.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0043	Master copy of Windsor Township Cemetery Maps from Julie Carr, former Historian and Cemetery chairman of MMGS.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0044	South Eaton Cemetery reading by Donna McBride 1979.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0046	Maps of Kalamo (also called Hillside) cemetery. THE Bellevue Village - 1923 Death Still Haunts Local Residents - Bellevue's Unknown Boy	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0050	Sept 6 1923 Headstone in Riverside Cemetery. Followup article in Oct 4 2013 paper. Entire paper scanned.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0054	Veterans in Eaton County Township cemeteries.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0064	Sunfield cemetery hand-written reading list by Phyllis Whidden 2014.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0065	Welch cemetery hand-written reading list by Phyllis Whidden 2014.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0066	Bellevue Riverside cemetery maps. These are also printed and stored in the ECGS cemetery book with the Riverside cemetery listing.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0067	Carmel Township Cemetery readings. Millerburg (Union or East Carmel) Cemetery map and reading list. West Carmel map and reading list.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0069	Sunfield cemetery hand-written reading list - 1990?	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0072	Freemire cemetery reading listing 1990.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0078	Brickyard Cemetery veteran list.	None	Yes		No		
Cemetery-0083	Sunfield cemetery old readings.	None	Yes		No		

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Probate Packets

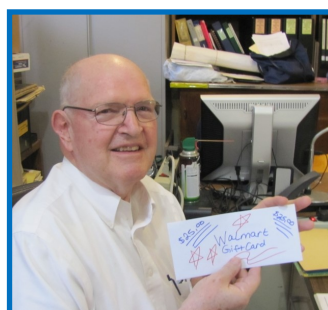
The website is updated about once a month or so with the list of probate packets that have been scanned (www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf). There are now about 11,810 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "M" files.

Welcome back Joann and Steve from being gone for the tax season! We missed you and we are all happy you are back scanning with us!



Sue drew a winning ticket after we all took turns mixing the tickets up and the winner was — Wait for it —

Jim!!!



**Congratulations
Jim!!**



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

The 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!

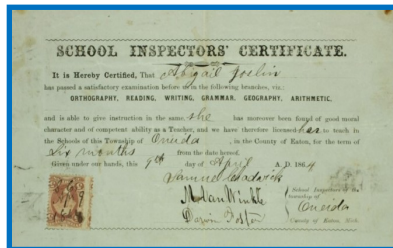
The Eaton County School Database Project



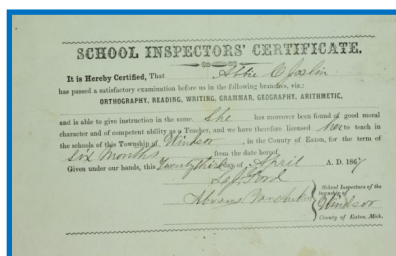
We always welcome school materials to add to the School Database! If you have school information you would like to share, we can scan your items on Tuesday afternoons (noon-5pm) or you may contact us at ecgsschool@gmail.com to send your information and/or to arrange a time to meet.

This month we showing some 1860s School Inspector's Certificates for Abigail (Abbie) Joslin, Oneida Township, along with a photo of Abbie. These were scanned from the Archives of Michigan, MS 67-124, Acc Box 15, Folder 14.

1864



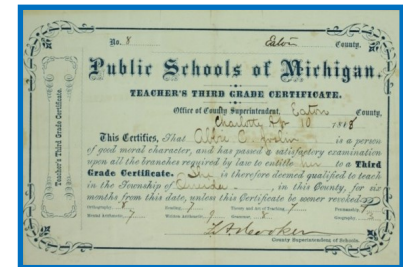
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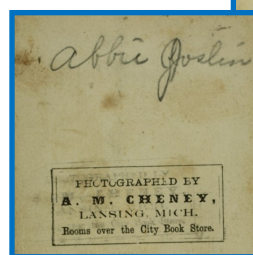
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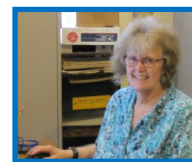
Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project

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.



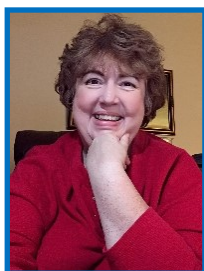
Where are John and Betsy's Cemetery/Burial Records?

By Sherry Copenhaver. I received an e-mail from Martha Watson and received some great information about her Eaton County grandparents as well as copies of various items. It would be great if, by sharing her story, we could find out for sure where her grandparents are buried.



John H. and Betsy Jane (Phillips) Watson are the great-great-grandparents of Martha Watson, a new member of ECGS. Both of their death certificates say they are buried in Delta Mills. Their three children who died as children are buried in Hillside cemetery and there appears to be plenty of room around their large Watson marker.

Welcome to ECGS Martha!



Per Martha's email: *John was a son of Lewis Watson who also lived in Eaton & Ingham Counties. Lewis died in Lansing, but I believe he was also buried in Hillside Cemetery although, again, no records exist to verify that. His death cert says he was buried in Delta. His obit was listed in the newspaper under "Delta Mills" news & says his funeral was at the Methodist church "of this place." His parents were Elisha Watson & Amelia Worden. Elisha died in Wayne County, NY in 1841.*

Martha sent the following materials to share with us: John H. Watson's probate, Betsey Jane Watson's complete commitment file, Elisha Watson's will & Surrogate file (annotated) from Wayne County, New York, and the pedigree file of her father Stanley Watson and two family photos shown here.

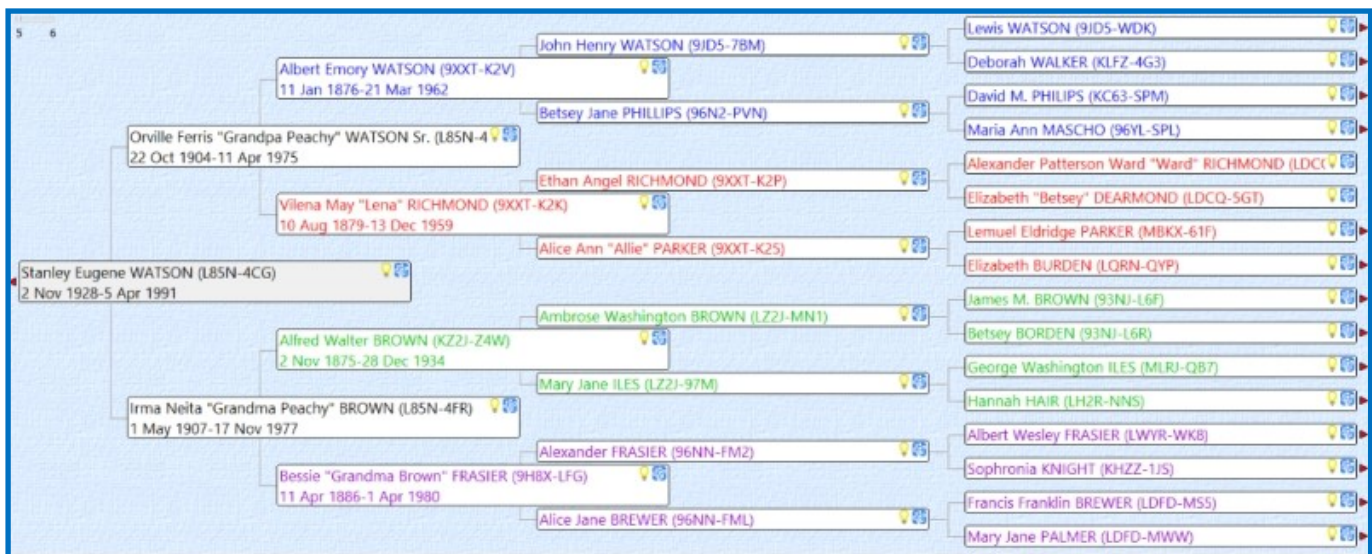
If you have any information that might help Martha, please feel free to contact her at aunthoot@gmail.com.

Martha's great-grandparents were Albert & Vilena Watson, who are buried in Hillside cemetery in Delta township next to his brother, Delbert and Delbert's second wife, Nettie.



John and Betsy's Cemetery/Burial Records? - Continued

Martha's father, Stanley's, pedigree chart.



Betsey Watson Phillips, Son Albert & his wife, Vilena Richmond.

Their son, Orville, & his wife Irma Neita Brown with sons, Kenneth (in arms), Stanley (1) & Orville Jr.

Martha says Albert & Vilena lived most of their lives outside Vicksburg in Kalamazoo County and she was lucky enough to know and have memories of both of them!

R-L: Betsey Phillips Watson, Son Albert, Grandson Orville, & Great Grandson Stanley - Spring 1929



Charlotte Chamber of Commerce from the past

These are some photos from our P.642 collection.



Left to right: Ken Wirt
2nd person - Sharon Sullivan
4th person Susan Joostberns, Chamber manager
Tony Sommer

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Susan Joostberns
Chamber manager



Ribbon Cutting

Left to Right: Mayor Dave Brown
Jim Olin, Superintendent of Charlotte Schools
Right: Frank Fitzgerald
Legis. Breakf.
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Chamber's Legislative Breakfast

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Left to right: Jim Crandall, Jeannette Sommer

5th person - Sharon Sullivan
6th Ann Darvey
7th Jim Olin
8th TIM Johnson
11th Fred Davis



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.470.

Agatha

AGATHA.

Agatha, the good old English favorite, has a distinctly Greek origin. It comes from the Greek word meaning good. For a long time it remained indigenous to Greece, but finally came to European fame through a Sicilian girl called Agatha, who was tortured to death at Rome in the Decian persecution. Sicily straightway made her a guardian saint and since that little island has always proved a bone of contention between warring European countries, and was held successively, for periods of greater or less duration, by the Greeks, Saracens, Normans, French, Arragonese, Spaniards, and Bourbons, the name of St. Agatha spread throughout Europe.

St. Agatha's festival day is celebrated in the churches of all the countries which held Sicily for a time. Even Russia has adopted the name and calls it Afafia. Agatha was the name borne by the daughter of William the Conqueror, who was betrothed to the unfortunate Earl Edwin and died on her way to a state marriage in Castille. St. Agatha was a favorite saint in England and the shears with which she was mutilated are the symbols carved on many an old wooden church calendar.

For that reason Agatha became one of the most popular feminine names of England. Its vogue became so great that like all names in common use, it was applied almost generically to the servant class. Agatha is the name of the interesting maid-servant in Southey's "Doctor." But of late years, it has leaped to prominent revival among the most aristocratic circles and the list of "Honorable Agathas" includes a daughter of almost every titled house in Great Britain. France likes the name and both Italy and Spain have taken it without change with the exception of the aspirate which they cannot pronounce. Portugal calls it Agneda.

The flame-hearted ruby is Agatha's talismanic stone. It is said to give her bodily strength and mental power and to wear it, insures her poise and regal bearing. Tuesday is her lucky day and 3 her lucky number. Her flower is the lily, signifying purity.

Alice

ALICE.

Alice, curiously enough, is a man's name, not a woman's. Originally, it was given to the sons of the family, and is, without doubt, derived from the Anglo-Saxon Adeligis, of which the feminine form was Adeligisa. It means noble; in both its masculine and feminine form.

It is clear that Alice represents Adeligis and not Adeligisa and that the proper feminine form would be Aliza. Some believe that the Eliza, generally thought to be a derivative of Elizabeth, is this missing form. For proof of Aliza as the representative of Adeligisa, the Liber Vitas of Durham records the changes in Adeligisa from the first noble lady of that name who laid her gifts upon the altar. By contraction, it became by steps Adeliza, Aaliza, and Aliza.

Aaliza is still given to daughters of noble families in Europe. Adaliz, Adliz and finally Alis, are other contractions. Alicia is a derivative which represents an effort at euphony lacking in Alisa, but Alison is not so derived as is popularly supposed, but has a completely different origin.

Alice is purely English with a slight Teutonic flavor, since another explanation of its origin is that the name is derived from the feminine Adalbert or Adelchen, signifying "daughter" in Frankland. Alix or Alisa in Lombardy was naturalized in England when Alix la Belle married Henry I.

Alexandrite is the talismanic stone of Alice. It is found in the emerald mines of Russia and its splendid green, which changes pulsatingly to Columbine red, makes it representative of the Russian national colors and therefore honored as a national stone. The Russians believe that it brings great good fortune. It denotes hope and when dreamed of, indicates much to look forward to. Monday is Alice's lucky day and 7 her lucky number. Her flower is the white hawthorne which means hope.

Alice has been traditionally surrounded by all the virtues and simplicity which man is supposed to desire in woman. Indeed, the name is poetically synonymous with true blue." It has been immortalized in the old song "Ben Bolt;":

"Oh do you remember Sweet Alice, Ben Bolt;
Sweet Alice with hair so brown;
Who thrilled with delight when you gave her a smile,
And trembled with fear at your frown?"



What's IN A NAME?



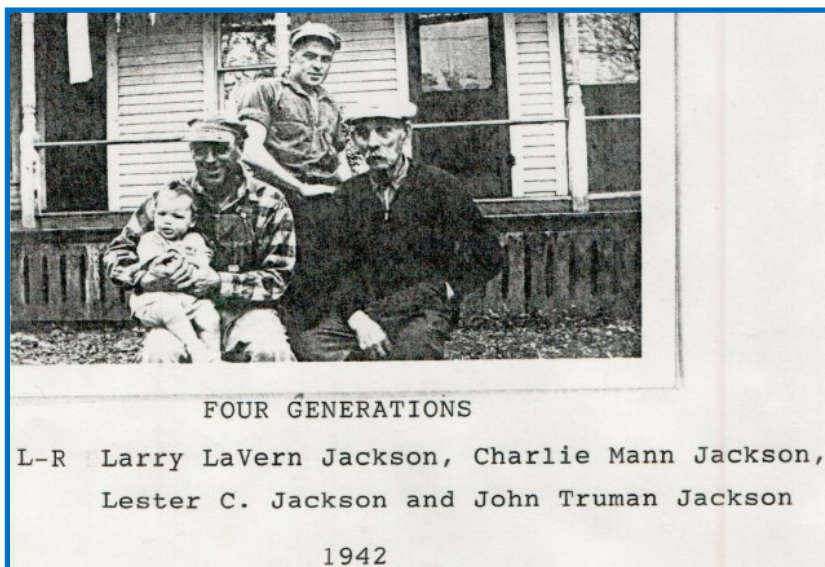
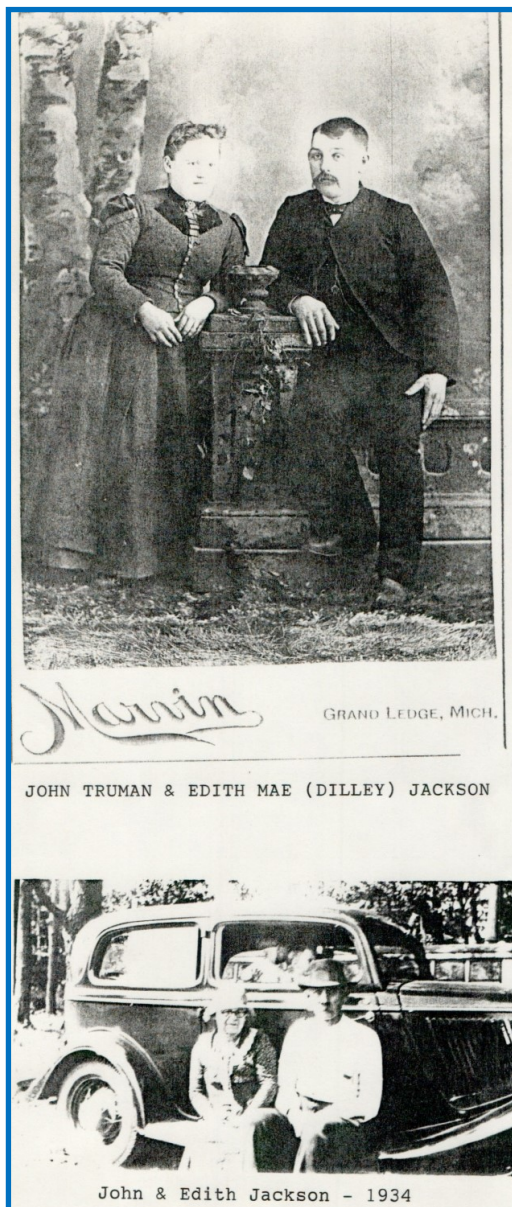
Our Family Genealogies Section

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.JA.01—. The description is: Jackson- The Jackson Family: Beginning With John And Mary Ann Jackson (Mann); The First Generation Of The Jackson Family Who Settled In: Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan, 1864; Other surnames: Almon/Dilley/Hager/Miller/etc. Black notebook. Author: compiled Betty C. Jackson. 76 Images in folder, including photos and family group sheets, Dow school & Sunfield school photos.

Jackson Genealogy



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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