

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 August Calendar

Sat August 13 10:00am—Noon: Writing Group

Wed August 17 5:30pm—7pm: Social Hour
Pot Luck Supper

Wed August 17 7pm: General Meeting

**Sat August 27th 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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Vice President	Kent MacDonald
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Recording Secretary	Jan Shepler
Membership Secretary	Dianna Emerson
Corresponding Secretary	Marcy Cousino
Librarian	Sharlene Thuma
Web Maintenance	Sherry Copenhaver
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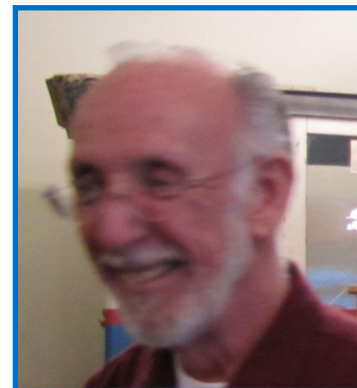
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Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

President: Charles Chamberlain

Is it August already? Where did the time go? I hope you are having a good summer. It has been unseasonably hot and dry.

So far we have had some really exciting programs and the one in August will be no exception. Our speaker will be Gail Junion Metz. She is going to be speaking on the topic of Ancestry.com Tips and Tricks. If you have been frustrated with Ancestry as I have, you won't want to miss this program.



As a bit of difference we're planning a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM on the 17th just before our regular meeting. Please bring your own table service and a healthy appetite. Planning a potluck is just that. There is no definite plan as who brings what. Of course we need salads, meat dishes, vegetables, and desserts. It usually works out but we could have 4 casseroles of green beans or baked beans. That's the fun of a potluck.

Frontier Days is coming up on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th of September. This is our only fund raiser for the entire year. We really need the help of all of our members and guests. There will be lots to do from setup, pricing, selling, clean up. There will be lots of people coming through the court house looking for a treat and a smile and maybe something to drink.

A major part of the fund raiser, bake sale, is we need lots and lots and lots of baked goods. In the past we had one member who made it her mission to bake cookies, cakes, pies, etc. all year long and we became "spoiled". This year she said "I can't do this anymore." Now we need our bakers in the ECGS to step up and start early so that we will have goodies to sell. The best sellers in the sale are No Bake Cookies, chocolate chip, snickerdoodles, peanut butter fudge, chocolate fudge, brownies of all types, pies, apple, cherry, blueberry, sugar-free items, sticky buns. These are just a sampling of things which have sold in the past.

In this newsletter we'll be setting up signup sheets for volunteers and a more complete list of items which sell well.

We definitely need lots of baked goods delivered to the office on Thursday the 8th of September as the vendors come in early on Friday looking for treats and beverages.

The more people who sign up the better. Many hands make light work. This is your organization and this is another way to get to know your fellow members.

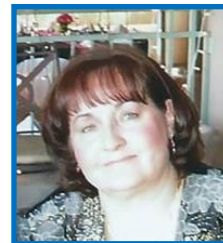
Chuck Chamberlain

Membership: Dianna Emerson

As of July 20, 2016, the ECGS has 139 memberships of which 20 are for two members of a household, making a total of 159 people including a couple of libraries.

New Member
Marijo Wakley

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

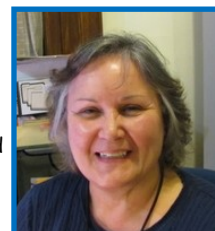
**Librarian:** Sharlene Thuma

Sheryl Hemstreet- 1934 Charlotte High Football Schedule booklet; 22nd Annual (1948) Spartan Old Timers Banquet book, Sparks-Withington Co., lists employees; 1932 Dephian CHS yearbook; & 1933-1935 Charhian CHS yearbooks.

Gary Copenhaver- *The **PROPER** Family History*, compiled & researched by Lewis G. Proper, publ. 1996, 581 pp. (includes **PROOPER**, **PROERT**, **PROFFER**, **PROPPER**, & **PROPPERT**).

Jill Smith- five copies of the *History Of The **FREED** Family: To The Descendants Of John Freed Of 1760*, compiled by E. A. Freed, 79 pp.

Carl Sowles- information in a letter about John H. **ROGERS** family & his son, John Jacob Rogers; includes three copies of photos: great-grandpa Rogers (c.1890), a house (1939), & a group of five generations.



Correction: the **HUBBARD** book listed in July's newsletter was mistakenly credited to the wrong donor. Please let me know who donated this wonderful book. Thank you. tsthuma@gmail.com or text at 517-930-4640.

Thank you to the above donors. Much appreciated!!!



\$2,641.09 Checking Account
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\$4,474.64 CD
\$3,210.78 Undesignated Donations

**Treasurer Report**

Bus Trip Deposit Paid—\$250.00

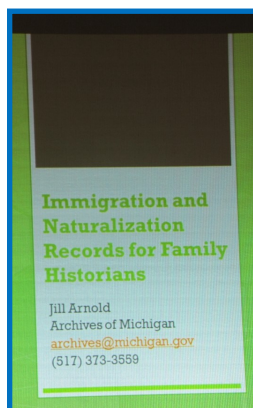
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\$12,543.45 Total
Sher Brown, Treasurer

Will soon be switching from AT&T Uverse to ACD net fiber optics for phone and internet New bill will be \$65/monthly instead of about \$100/monthly and fiber optics being 8 times faster.

Our June General Meeting

Jill Arnold, from Archives of Michigan, gave a great presentation about the Immigration and Naturalization Records for Family Historians!



The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group

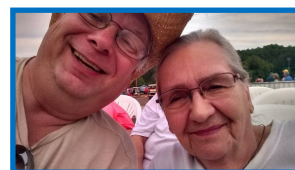
July Meeting

We were joined by two new gals from the Duck Lake group this month and we were very happy to have them with us!

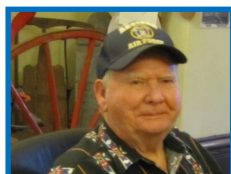


We all shared what we either are working on or what we would like to work on for our family stories. Shirley handed out some pamphlets showing sales on converting vhs tapes to dvd. We talked about what a good idea it is to convert our family tapes! She also distributed "Copyright Law and Your Photos" pamphlet.

Chris has started a project with his mom to tell her life story and hopes to complete a book for this Christmas to share with his family members. He is the oldest of 8 siblings and on top of that, there are several more adopted and foster siblings who grew up in his household! Chris takes his mother to church in Grand Rapids every Sunday morning and he now stays after church to "interview" her. She often veers off into stories about Chris's dad, which is helpful, and then Chris gently guides her back to her own life. We wish you the best with your project!!



Scrapbook 
 Scrapbook





Eaton County History Newspaper Project

By Marcy Cousino

.ECHNP currently has 33 reels of Eaton County newspaper microfilm digitized. At last check, Mr. Tryniski still just has the first 13 Charlotte papers on his site, but give him time, he will get to it! ECGS has all 33 reels on the genealogy library computers ready to be searched. These are 13 Charlotte/Eaton County papers, 8 Bellevue Gazettes, 8 Olivet Optics, 2 Vermontville papers and 2 Eaton Rapids Journals.

Sue Thompson has been evaluating all county microfilm. Very soon she will have exact numbers on how many reels are usable and how many will need to be purchased at \$50/reel from the Library of Michigan.

Marcy Cousino is busy working on a grant from Capital Region Community Foundation. With some luck ECHNP will receive some money from here!

Bellevue Historical Society met with Sherry Copenhaver and Marcy Cousino to learn how to search the newspapers. They purchased a 2 Gigabite external hard drive to receive their copies. After Sherry explained the basics of searching the newspapers, it was time to practice. Ruth Avery volunteered to give it a try. She searched the surname Martens in the 8 reels of Bellevue newspapers. First she found how a fellow named Martens voted on funding the building of a "drain". The next article she chose was about the 1908 murder in Detroit of the daughter of Bert Martens, a Bellevue native. The poor girl's assailant pulled her from her bed and shot her twice. Her sister, also living in Detroit, called the father in Bellevue to give the bad news. The story went on from there in great detail! Ruth, who knows the Marten family genealogy well, made the comment that she would have to figure out who the girl was. (The name was given, but it was an odd one, so it slipped my mind...) So here is an example of how easy it is to find interesting family information by searching the newspapers!

ECHNP plans to send in the rest of the Bellevue Gazette for digitization, 10 at a time. Since Bellevue Historical Society gave such a generous donation, we would like to get their microfilm digitized now that we have sent in samples from everyone we could get samples from. Bellevue Historical Society is lending us their set of The Bellevue Gazette for the project. It is in excellent condition since it has had little use. Their microfilm reader is broken. This set of microfilm was given to the historical society by the owner of The Bellevue Gazette, Nancy Jones. Nancy fully supports this digitization project.

Eaton County History Newspaper Project would like to make all Eaton County microfilmed newspapers available to everyone! We need your support. Please send us a donation today. This can be done by check to CSA-ECHNP or PayPal. See www.echnp.org for more detail.

Thank you.

Marcy Cousino

Eaton County History Newspaper Project

By Marcy Cousino

Barb Madry gathered a group of interested folks from the Bellevue Historical Society to learn how to search the newspapers from the external drive copy of the digitized newspapers we have so far. They were all very interested in understanding how they can find news about their ancestors.

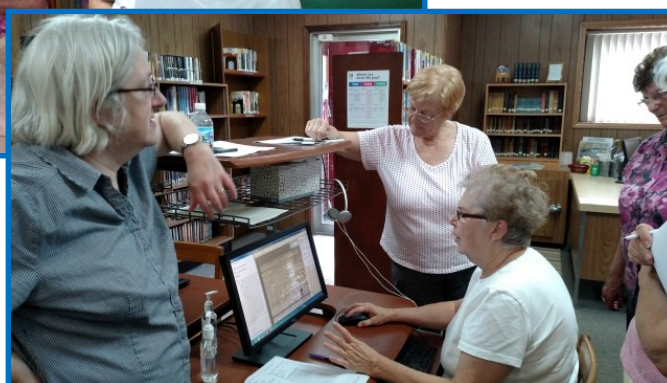
Sherry gave written detailed instructions on how to search the newspapers. Marcy then verbally explained how to access and navigate the newspaper.

HERE'S THE
NEWS



SEARCH

John Doe



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

Duck Lake Area July Meeting

The Duck Lake Genealogy and Local History Group meets each year at our library for their meeting and spends some time researching their Eaton County ancestors after the meeting. We always enjoy having them visit us and hearing about their society!



Beverly & Bethel are studying something before the meeting starts!



Sharlene, Gary & Sherry from ECGS opened the room and assisted with research after the meeting. Missing: Sherry was taking the pictures!



**Duck Lake Genealogy and Local History Group
AUGUST MEETING
Springport Branch, Jackson District-Library
Corner of Mechanic and Main, Springport, MI
1 to 3 P.M. August 14, 2016**

WHO WE ARE. We are a group of individuals who are interested in the genealogical connections of the persons and the history of the area. Our focus is on the three adjoining counties but we don't limit our discussion to any political boundary. Often we have coffee and refreshments at our meetings. There are not any dues. We just ask you to participate regularly.

SPECIAL LOCATION THIS MONTH. For our Summer Vacation schedule, we are meeting at the Springport Branch of the Jackson County Library in Springport. It is a cozy meeting space and we have enjoyed our visits here.

TWO MINUTE INTRODUCTIONS. We try to get everyone involved with the meeting by asking each person to briefly describe what they are currently researching or an interest they have with the history of the area. We go around the table and give everyone a chance to share with the group.

GENEALOGY 101. Every month I try to develop a one-page introduction for beginners to get started in genealogical research. Each lesson is designed to fit on a single page and to give ideas for getting started.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH. Rootsweb. Oldest Largest Free genealogical community. Now owned by Ancestry. The home page gives you options to search rootsweb or ancestry. Also on the home page is a large list of links to guide you. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com

NEXT MEETINGS

Sunday, September 11, 2016, 1 PM - Clarence Township Hall, R Drive North, Duck Lake, MI
Sunday, October 9, 2016, 1 PM - Clarence Township Hall, R Drive North, Duck Lake, MI



Eaton County Genealogical Society

Wednesday August 17, 2016

5:30 p.m.

1885 Courthouse

100 Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.
Drinks will be provided.

We will be starting promptly at 5:30 so that we can get the room ready for our speaker at 7:00.



Some of you may not be aware that Jan Shepler will be leaving the area. They are moving to Florida and this will be a good chance to tell her goodbye. She is really going to be missed.



FRONTIER DAYS 2016 BAKE SALE - SEPT 9, 10 & 11

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Get the word out - the ECGS is having a bake sale!

During Frontier Days in Charlotte, Michigan, the ECGS has a bake sale inside the 1885 Courthouse. The sale dates are September 9, 10 and 11, Friday thru Sunday. The money from this annual fundraiser will cover important expenses for the Genealogical Society.

The woman who has done most of the baking each year cannot provide the majority of the items for the sale. She will still volunteer because she enjoys the event so much. Therefore, the Eaton County Genealogical Society needs volunteers to help out by providing items for this popular event in Charlotte.

Consider asking family and friends to join in and help prepare, bake and participate in the sale to make it a success. Popular selling items are fudge, peanut butter no bakes, chocolate/peanut butter no bakes, brownies with or without nuts, cookies of all sorts, caramel corn, cakes and pies. Coffee and pop are also sold. All items are sold individually or as a plate full. Have some gluten-free and nut-free treats available for sale for people with allergies.

There is a signup sheet to organize teams for certain roles and responsibilities. We need bakers, people to package the baked goods and those who will help run the bake sale. Dianna Emerson will be coordinating signup (see separate attachment). Please contact her via email at ecgsmembership@gmail.com or at home 517.886.2733. Leave a phone message when calling if the phone is not answered.

Please mark this important event on your calendar. Again, we need three kinds of people to make this successful - bakers, sellers and buyers - or be all three.

Dianna Emerson
ECGS



FRONTIER DAYS 2016 BAKE SALE - SEPT 9, 10 & 11**Sign-Up Sheet****Frontier Days 2016 ECGS Bake Sale - Volunteer Sign-up - Set Up/Sales/Take Down**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Thursday - Name and Phone #</u>		<u>Sunday - Name and Phone #</u>		
SET UP Thurs, 9.8.16 Need 4 People	5 - 7 pm	1)	_____			
		2)	_____			
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TAKE DOWN Sunday, 9.11.16 Need 4 People	5 - 7 pm	1)	_____			
		2)	_____			
		3)	_____			
		4)	_____			
SALE DAYS (3) Friday, 9.9.16	9 - 12 noon	<u>Staging Area - Name w/Phone #</u>		<u>Sales Area - Name/Phone #</u>		
		1)	_____	1)	_____	
		2)	_____	2)	_____	
	12 - 3 pm	1)	_____	1)	_____	
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	3 - 5 pm	1)	_____	1)	_____	
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Sunday, 9.11.16	11 - 2 pm	1)	_____	1)	_____	
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Contact Dianna at ecgsmembership@gmail.com. Or

Contact Dianna at 517.886.2733 or 517.896.5645 to sign up. Please leave message.

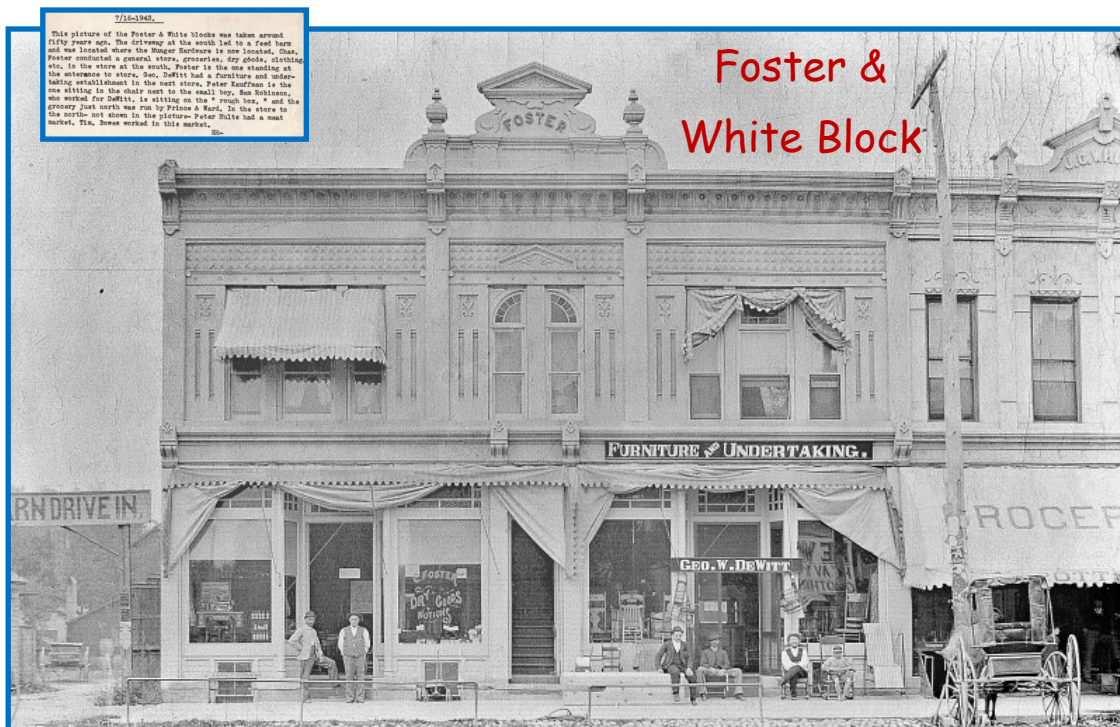
The Photo Group P.206

Rod Weaver has been working with ECGS recently to scan and restore some of the photographs in our collection. A sample of his work comes from Photo Group P.206 which includes several photos taken in downtown Charlotte. The three women shown are standing in front of the Miss Kinne Millinery shop that was located at 214 S. Cochran, which is currently the Eaton Pub & Grill location. The Main Street scene is a postcard from the 1920's with the photo taken from the 200 block of S. Cochran looking North. And the bottom picture is the Foster & White Block as seen in 1893. It shows a dry goods store to the left at 222 S. Cochran, Geo W. DeWitt Furniture & Undertaking in the center at 220 S. Cochran and a grocery store to the right at 218 S. Cochran. More pictures will be shown in future newsletters as Rod scans more photographs.



7/16/1943: This picture of the Foster & White blocks was taken around fifty years ago. The driveway at the south led to a feed barn and was located where the Munger Hardware is now located. Chas. Foster conducted a general store, groceries, dry goods, clothing, etc. in the store at the south. Foster is the one standing at the entrance to store. Geo. DeWitt had a furniture and undertaking establishment in the next store. Peter Kauffman is the one sitting in the chair next to the small boy. Sam Robinson, who worked for DeWitt, is sitting on the "rough box," and the grocery just north was run by Prince & Ward. In the store to the north- not shown in the picture- Peter Hulst had a meat market. Tim.

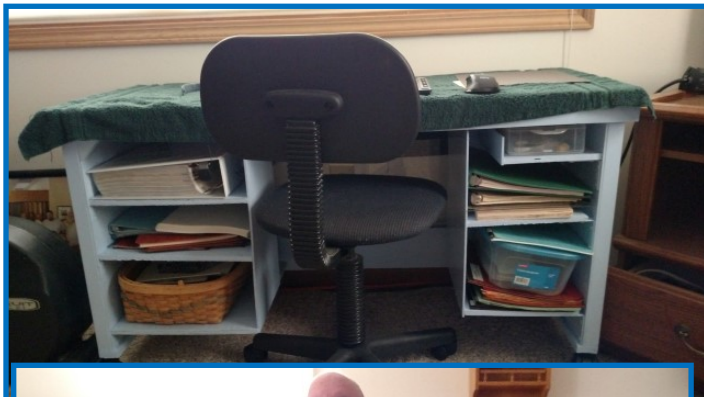
Bowes worked in this market. SR—.



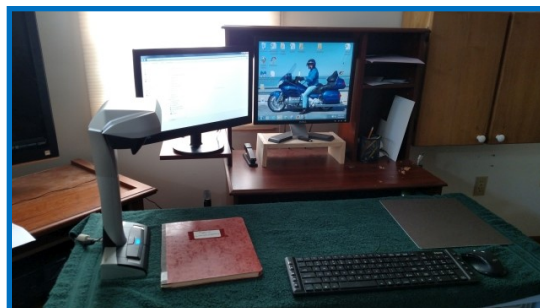
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Our Hidden Super-Scanner, Mike!

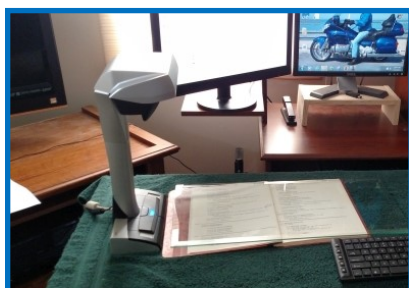
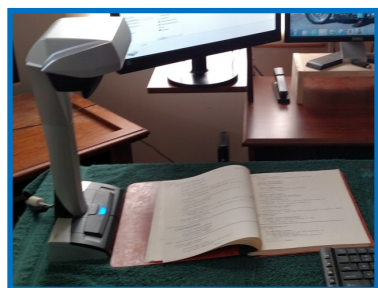
We have an incredible hidden volunteer in our midst and have had for many months now and it's time to give him some recognition. Mike Wood has been scanning and indexing a large variety of materials for us in his home and these become available in our Index System and on our External Drive. The Eaton County Historical Commission awarded us a grant for a ScanSnap scanner to scan larger books and papers and he has become very adept at using this scanner and has scanned many of our large court books. He lives right here in Charlotte, and can get the materials back and forth easily.



He likes to scan at home because he can watch tv while he scans. He has built himself quite a handy rolling work table, where he stores the items he is working on one side, and the items he has completed on the other side. He moves it to the computer and hooks it up to "ET" (as we call the scanner) when he is ready to use the scanner. If the pages of a book need to have some glass to make them smoother, he has some of that stored in the back of his work table too!



Thank You Mike!



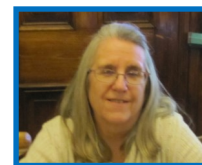
Before placing glass pane. After placing glass pane.

Some of Mike's scans:

- 42 Court Books, ave 600 pages.
- 50 Scrapbooks, ave 150 pages.
- 20 History books, ave 75 pages.
- 6 Wedding books, ave 35 pages.
- 30 Vertical File Folders, ave 10 pages.

These are just some of the materials that have been scanned by Mike with the ScanSnap (which we affectionately call "ET").

Mulliken Cookbook



Thanks Sue Thompson for sharing this with us!

Meat Loaf



MEAT LOAF

- 1 pound hamburger
- 1/2 pound pork sausage
- Can tomato soup
- 1-1/2 cups of cracker crumbs
- 1 egg
- 6 teaspoons of milk
- Small onion, cut fine
- Salt
- Pepper

Mix hamburger and sausage together. Add eggs and milk, then mix. Add cracker crumbs, mix the soup with the onions throughout the meat loaf. Then shape in a greased pan. Bake 1 hour in 350 degree oven.

Alice DuBois,
Mulliken, Michigan.

Texas Hash



TEXAS HASH

- 2 onions
- 2 green peppers
- 3 tablespoons fat
- 1 pound hamburger
- 2 cups canned tomatoes
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Cook onions and peppers in fat until onions are yellow. Add hamburger and mix with fork. Add tomatoes, rice, and seasonings. Place in large casserole, cover and bake at 375 degrees F., 45 minutes, or until rice is done. Serves 6 to 8.

Mrs. Floyd Boyer,
Mulliken, Michigan.



CHICKEN PIE

Cook chicken till done. Put in roaster. Make rich gravy to almost cover chicken, then put on biscuits and bake.

BISCUITS

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 3/4 cup milk (I use cream)

Roll dough about 1 inch thick. Cut with small biscuit cutter. Overlap as you put on chicken

and gravy.

Mulliken, Michigan

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Florence Holland

Chicken Pie

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.

Kids Scanning Probates

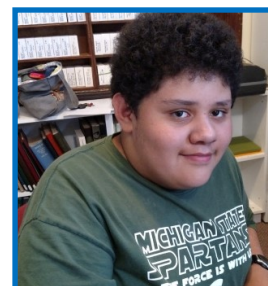
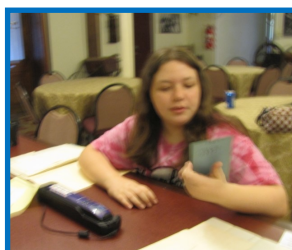
Thanks
Wilson!

Thanks TJ



Thanks
Katie!

Wilson was in with his mom Marcy one Tuesday morning and Marcy thought it would be great for Wilson to scan. Sherry said she had grandkids at her house and went home to fetch a couple of them to join Wilson. TJ, who lives in Charlotte and is a regular at CSA History Camp each summer, and Katie, who was here for a visit from Georgia, joined Wilson in the scanning project. The rest of us could hear some laughter and they seemed to enjoy the project while they were here! Marcy then took the trio to lunch, and next to their house to see their newest kitten. Great day enjoyed by all! And... It's never too early to expose our kids to this type of volunteer work!



Summer Vacation

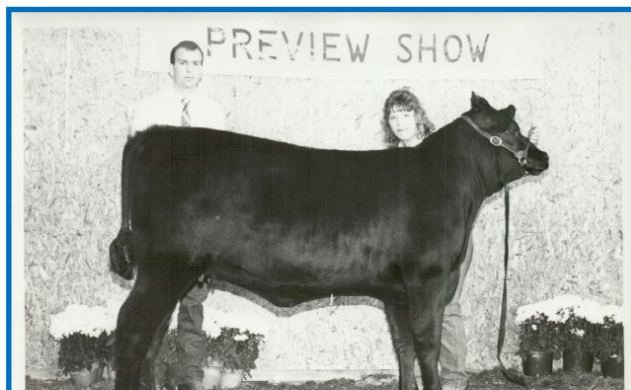
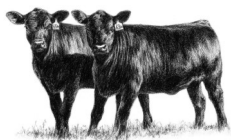
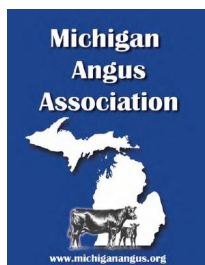
If you believe there is a scanned probate packet you want to look at and you are a member, email us at ecgsboard@gmail.com and request access to the files.

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!

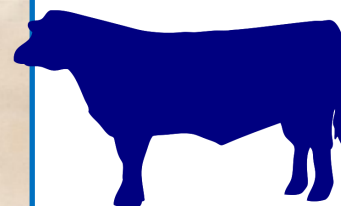
1989 Michigan Angus Association

These are some photos from our P.642 collection.

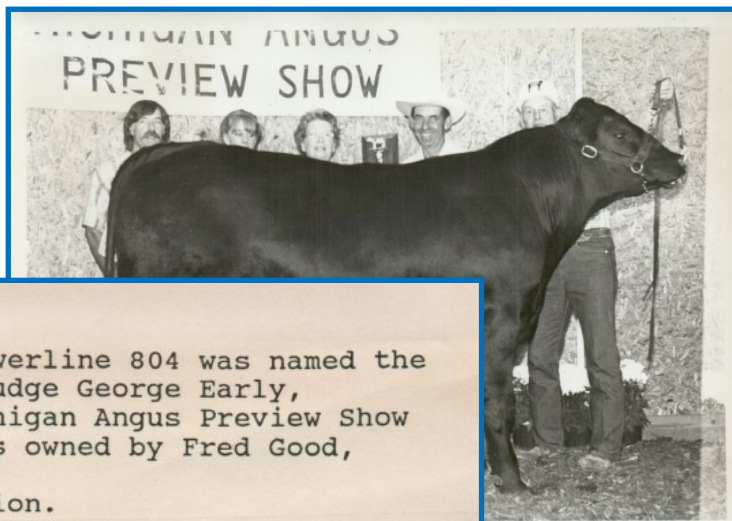
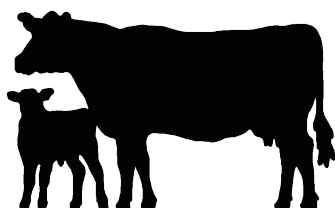


Kelly Bosworth, Charlotte, led out the bred-and-owned grand champion female at the 1989 Michigan Junior Angus Preview Show held in Metamora. Her entry is B.F. Jasmine. Ron Chapman, Blacksburg, Virginia, served as judge. Photo by American Angus Association.

ANGUS BEEF



Members of the Michigan Junior Angus Association elected a new slate of officers for the coming year at their annual meeting held in Metamora. The officers are standing from left: Neil Hinrichsen, Metamora, president; Roy Sparks, Fenton, vice president; Kelly Bosworth, Charlotte, secretary-treasurer; and Jason Piepho, Howell, reporter. The directors are seated from left: Derek Lutchka, Grass Lake; Doug Sheridan, Mason; Cory Maurer, Charlotte; and Jennifer Hawkins, Mason. Photo by American Angus Association.



Intermediate winner, A&T Good Powerline 804 was named the reserve grand champion bull by judge George Early, Ontario, Canada, at the 1989 Michigan Angus Preview Show held in Metamora. This winner is owned by Fred Good, Charlotte. Photo by American Angus Association.

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.

Alicia

ALICIA.

This name is derived from the same root as Alice, and representing an attempt at greater euphony. The curious part of it is that the name, in its original form, is really not that of a woman at all, but of a man. It is derived from the Anglo-Saxon Adelgis, of which the feminine form was Adelgisa, but was not frequently given to women. Instead it was sacred to the sons of the house, principally among the nobility. The name itself means noble, in both its masculine and feminine forms.

The name is purely English, having, however, a slight Teutonic flavor. An argument is put forward by some experts that the name is derived from the Frankish Adalbert or Adelchen, meaning "daughter." Alix or Alisa in Lombardy was naturalized in England when Alix la Belle married Henry I.

The name, originally masculine, according to the best authorities, however, represents Adelgis and not Adelgisa, making the proper feminine form Aliza. Some believe that Eliza, generally believed to be a derivative of Elizabeth is this missing form. For proof of Aliza as the representative of Adelgisa, the Liber Vitae of Durham records the change in Adelgisa from the first noble lady of that name, who laid her gifts upon the altar. By contraction it became Adeliza, Aaliza and Aliza.

The talismanic stone of Alicia is the Alexandrite, a Russian gem. It is found in the emerald mines of that nation, being of a beautiful green shade which changes to columbine red. The Russians believe it brings great good fortune. When the subject of its favorite's dream it signifies hope. Monday is Alicia's lucky day and seven her lucky number. Her flower is the white hawthorne, a beautiful bud.

Anita

ANITA.

The lovely Spanish favorite Anita has won almost as prominent a place among the feminine names of our country as the equally exotic Juanita which followed the song of that title. Anita, however, is much more redolent of North America than its prototype. For Anita, signifying grace, has an origin parallel with Anne.

About the time that the mother of Samuel was recorded in Biblical chronicles as the original Hannah, the etymological way was being paved for the entrance of Anita through the gateway of Spain. Byzantium, that kingdom of royal splendor, paid homage to a St. Anne who is thought to be a flare-back to the great Roman deity, Anna Perennia, goddess of the circling year. Greek damsels soon made it their favorite name.

The daughter of Emperor Basil, calling herself Anna married the Grand Prince of Muscovy and carried the name into Russia, where it was subjected to the Slavic influence and issued forth in various forms of diminutives and endearments, one being the pretty Amar, which still has vogue there. The susceptibility of the name to the influence of all tongues probably brought it to the attention of self-syllabled Spain, who adopted it, cut off the 'r' and changed the 'm' to 'n' for euphony's sake, making the charming Ana, which has great popularity there. But Spain no sooner adopts a name than it must have a diminutive, after the latin fashion—hence Anita.

Italy took Anita and called her Ninetta, which was later subjected to a diminutive process and issued forth as Nanna.

Anita's talismanic gem is the cat's eye, which has greater mystic qualities than that of any other jewel. It has the power of hypnotism and is said to be a charm against evil spirits. It is a sacred stone in India where its dazzling white light shot with brilliant green imbues it with uncanny powers. Thursday is Anita's lucky day and 6 her lucky number. The poinsetta is her flower.



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