Eaton County Genealogical Society

Located in the 1885 Eaton County Historical Courthouse

100 W. Lawrence Ave., P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337

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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 September Calendar

Wed September 21st 5:30pm—7pm: Social Hour

Wed September 21st 7pm: General Meeting

Sat September 24th 10am—Noon: Writing Group.

Sat September 24th 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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Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-

2pm

Membership: Dianna Emerson

As of August 12, 2016, the ECGS has 140 paid memberships (160 people including spouses).

The ECGS welcomes one new member -

April Billmeier!

See our Membership page for 2016 membership dues and online application.





OPEN LETTER TO THE EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

I just want to thank all of the wonderful people I have met within our Society, and all I have met because of our Society. I enjoy genealogy so much and it is wonderful to share and be a part of such a fun and active group. My husband and I are permanently moving to Florida during the month of September, 2016. I am looking forward to making new genealogy friends there.

I have been Recording Secretary for a few years now and have enjoyed working and being a part of the Board of our Society. A special thanks to each and every Board member past and present, Love you all. Jan Shepler



Treasurer

Report

It is worthwhile for anyone to have behind him a few generations of honest, hard-working ancestry.

John Phillps Marquand [1893-1960]

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Sher Brown, Treasurer



BCGS 2016 FALL SEMINAR

What BCGS 2016 Fall Seminar

When

Saturday Sept. 17, 2016 9:00 A.M. Registration 9:30 A.M. Seminar Start

Where

LDS Family History Center 3653 Niles Road St. Joseph, MI

Cost

Members: \$10.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

More Information www.bcgensoc.com info@bcgensoc.com

Registration Info

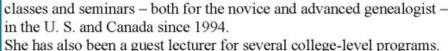
Register online on our website BCGS Store tab or via mail. Registration deadline Sept. 7, 2016.

Featuring Guest Speaker Shirley Gage Hodges

The subjects she will present are:

- "Immigration: The Journey to America"
- . "The Orphan Train"
- "Newspapers: A Pot of Gold"
- "The Internet" Blessings and Curses"

Shirley has been actively doing genealogical research since 1967. She has taught genealogy



Visual aids, handouts and examples accompany her lectures. Although she specializes in tracing your female ancestors, she covers a wide variety of topics for both the novice and advanced genealogist. Her interest in sharing her love of genealogical research and her sense of humor has delighted audiences.

Shirley served as President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild from 2006-2010. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and numerous state and local societies. She became a columnist for The Global Gazette in June 2006.

NAME(S):	
ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE	Members: # X \$10.00
PHONE:	Non-Members: # X \$15.00
EMAIL:	Total Enclosed:

Mail Registration Form and Payment to: BCGS, P.O. Box 8808, Benton Harbor, MI 49023. Bring a lunch or visit any of the many nearby restaurants. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. In keeping with LDS tenets, coffee will not be served. Feel free to bring your own.

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









Let's see who all can
help Phyllis Whidden, who has given so
much to our society
over the past few
years, by baking

for the bake sale! Thank-You!









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

Sign-Up Sheet

Location - 1885 Courthouse in Downtown Charlotte, Michigan (Definition for Staging Area - Repackage items and price to sell. Sales Area - Selling pre-prices items.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>		
		Thursday - Name and Phone #	
SET UP	5 - 7 pm	1) Collins	
Thurs, 9.8.16		2) MacDonald (Tentative)	
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		4) Brown	
		Sunday - Name and Phone #	
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Our August General Meeting - Social Hour



We had a pot luck dinner as a going away "Good Bye and Best Wishes" to Jan Shepler, our Recording Secretary, who will be moving to Florida permanently in September. She will be sorely missed!

Me will miss you Jan!





















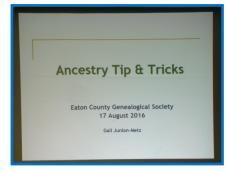


Our August General Meeting



Gail Junion-Metz was our speaker this month and gave a great presentation on tips and tricks for Ancestry!





There are so many little things in Ancestry that make life a lot easier once you know about them! Thanks Gail for sharing your knowledge with us!







September 17, 2016, Shirley Hodges will be speaking at the LDS in St. Joseph, Michigan on Immigration, the Orphan Train., Newspapers and the Internet. See flyer in this issue!



Gail announced that on Sept. 3, 2016 in St. Johns, at the LDS Church, there is a seminar from 9:00 am. to 3:00 pm. on Facebook Genealogy Groups, FamilySearch Wiki, Why Join Societies & FamilySearch Photos & Stories programs. Bring your lunch & join a

panel discussion for lunch time.

Visit <u>www.eventbrite.com/e/family-history-seminar-tickets-27062217822?aff=es2</u> to pre-register (not required although encouraged).

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Celebrate Local & Family History







Lansing's Founding Fathers in Lansing's Historic Cemeteries (Teens & Adults)

Join The Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries for a fascinating visual tour of Lansing's prominent citizens who currently reside at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Saturday, Sept. 17 • 1-1:30 p.m.

Meet the Author: Tom Carr

Learn about some of Michigan's most infamous murders from the 1700s to the present from the author of *Blood on the Mitten*. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Saturday, Oct. 15 • 1-2 p.m.

Family History Hunt Live Results Show

It's Family History Month! Share you family history research with our librarians and get suggestions on where to go next. Then come to hear some selected results live in a Genealogy Road Show-inspired finale. Pick up a research questionnaire at CADL South Lansing Library, or print one at cadl.org/events. Questionnaires must be submitted to us by Friday, Sept. 23.

Sunday, Oct. 23 • 2-4 p.m.

Family Tree Talk (Teens & Adults)

We meet every month for lively discussion of family history stories and resources you can use to find more. We welcome all levels of family researchers. 3rd Saturdays • 2-3 p.m.

Sept. 17: Funeral Homes and Family History; They Are Dying to Meet You!, presented by Daniel Earl

Oct. 15: Genealogical Research, presented by Michigan State University Archives staff **Nov. 19:** Field Trip to the Library of Michigan

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DUCK LAKE AREA

HISTORY & GENEALOGY GROUP NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 1:00 P.M.

CLARENCE TOWNSHIP HALL 27052 R DRIVE NORTH DUCK LAKE, MICHIGAN

We meet on the second Sunday of every month at various locations. This month we return to our regular meeting place at the Clarence Township Hall at Duck Lake on Sunday September 11, 2016. Our meetings at 1 PM after the doors are opened and everyone gets settled. The meeting usually lasts about two hours.

We are a group of individuals who are interested in the genealogical connections of the people and the history of the area. There are no dues and our only request is to attend as often as you can. We usually have coffee and volunteer refreshments at some of our meetings.

Our meetings are pretty informal and everyone gets a chance to tell us about their research and interests in the area with our 'Two Minute' introductions. Attend to get meet others with an interest in research. Use your two minutes to ask questions or make suggestions.

Meeting Topics for August

Two minute introductions.

Genealogy 106 – Research Journal

Local News – Births, Marriages, Deaths

Next Meetings

Sunday October 9, 2016 1 PM – Clarence Township Hall Sunday November 13, 2016 1 PM – Clarence Township Hall Sunday December 11, 2016 – Clarence Township Hall



2016 Bus Trip

By Shirley Hodges





It is the time of year when we start to plan our research trip to the Allen County Library. I would like to touch briefly on how one goes about getting the most out of their research trips. I also want to talk a little about those things that you can do to get ready for your trip. It doesn't matter how great the facility is if we haven't prepared adequately; we won't accomplish as much as we might be able to.





We will have an orientation session when we arrive so that you can get the lay of the land and ask any questions that you might want answered.

Learning how to prepare for a genealogical research trip is extremely important. The success of your trip many times is directly related to the amount of preparation you have made. We all need to make the most of one of our most valuable assets, which is our time.

I know that some of these things will sound very elementary, but sometimes we need a refresher course.

Do your homework. Don't waste valuable research time at the library on things that you could find in your own attic. Exhaust all your home and family sources before you turn to the research facility. Everything that you can accomplish before you leave for your trip will allow you to spend your time at the facility doing things that can only be accomplished there. Don't waste that valuable time doing things that you could do at home or in research facilities near your home.

Review the material that you have accumulated over time. Recheck notes. It takes longer but saves time in the end. Now your offices may be totally organized. I know I have what I refer to as my "piles and files". Look through them for pertinent information.



2016 Bus Trip

Review both the abstracts that you have made from documents and the originals if you have them. I think that many of us discover that we sometimes have overlooked a clue that we have had in our possession all the time. Sometimes, it is simply because we have become a little more sophisticated in our research techniques and we recognize the significance of an item better. We might have abstracted the material when we were fatigued or perhaps we might have gotten distracted. We might not have been far enough along with our research in that line to realize that some of the other names in the document had real significance for us. It is well worth the time taken to review the item. Sometimes we make mistakes when we are extracting data because we write down what we are expecting to see. Always remain open-minded and don't be influenced by what you are expecting to find. Sometimes there is a wide gap between the actual facts and what we were expecting to discover.

Determine what you know and record the source of your information. The goal of every genealogist should be to have a record that is complete and verifiably correct. Another researcher should be able to go back to your sources and come up with the same conclusions.

Of course you will bring your personal research tools along with notepaper and writing utensils, but decide what else might be helpful. Things to bring:

- Laptop: If you have a laptop, bring it along. The library has Wi-Fi and you will be able to use your laptop to access the same information you can from the library computers including the library's extensive webpage, subscription databases and catalog without waiting for a library computer to become available.
- Cable Lock: Since it is easy to get distracted, the library staff suggests you bring a laptop cable lock if you will be using your computer at the library.
- Camera: The library allows the use of digital cameras to "copy" documents.
- Scanner: You may also use your personal scanner -- so bring your new Flip-Pal along.
- Flash Drive: All public computers have USB ports. Information may be downloaded to your flash drive rather than using the online printer.

<u>Identification</u>: You will need to get a Guest Pass to use the library's computers and identification sometimes is required.

You can pack your own lunch or there is a deli on the first floor.

When the trip is over your work has just begun. Organize all the wonderful material that you have found. In fact, go back to the beginning and repeat the process of what you did before. Our genealogical data is always in a state of being refined and improved.



EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS A BUS TRIP TO ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

DATE: Saturday, 5 November 2016

FROM: 7 am to 9:30 pm

PLACE OF ORIGIN: 1885 Courthouse, 100 W. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte,

MI.

COST: \$30.00 Deadline for signing up: 24 October 2016

The bus will leave the 1885 Courthouse promptly at 7:00 am. There will also be a pick-up at the "park & ride" in Marshall and one at Coldwater. Lunch is on your own. We will leave Fort Wayne about 5:15 pm and will stop enroute for dinner at the Golden Corral.*

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail your check made out to *Eaton County Genealogical Society to ECGS Bus Trip*, P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337. Cancellation(s) will receive a full refund with replacement only.

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*Please note: Because of liability issues everyone has to leave the bus when we stop for dinner. People cannot stay on the bus while we are having dinner.

Any questions contact the ECGS office or Shirley Hodges at (517) 629-2345 or genealogyshirl@hotmail.com ECGS 5 November 2016 Trip Contact Person



Eaton County History Newspaper Project By Marcy Cousino

Following is a list of the microfilms that have been digitized to date. If there is a title in the "Fulton History Site Name" column, it is available on www.fultonhistory.com. If it says "Digitized", it is available on the external drive at this point.

Description	Dates	Fulton History Site Name
Bellevue Gazette	06/18/1908 - 09/15/1910	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	09/22/1910 - 12/31/1914	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	01/07/1915 - 04/11/1918	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	04/18/1918 - 06/24/1920	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	07/01/1920 - 08/31/1922	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	09/07/1922 - 06/11/1925	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	06/18/1925 - 04/19/1928	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	04/26/1928 - 02/19/1931	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	02/26/1931 - 02/07/1935	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	02/14/1935 - 09/23/1937	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	04/10/1941 - 04/05/1945	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	04/12/1945 - 10/30/1947	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	11/06/1947 - 10/26/1950	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	11/02/1950 - 08/13/1953	Digitized
Bellevue Gazette	09/12/1984 - 09/25/1985	Digitized
Charlotte Leader	01/01/1875 - 12/31/1875	Charlotte MI Leader 1875
Charlotte Tribune	08/17/1887 - 08/06/1890	Charlotte MI Tribune 1890 Aug-Aug 1892
Charlotte Tribune	08/13/1890 - 08/03/1892	Digitized
Charlotte Tribune	08/09/1893 - 08/01/1894	Charlotte MI Tribune 1893 Aug-Aug 1894
Charlotte Tribune	08/07/1895 - 07/20/1898	Charlotte MI Tribune 1895 Aug-Jul 1898
Charlotte Tribune	08/02/1899 - 07/04/1900	Charlotte MI Tribune 1899 Aug-Jul 1900
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Eaton County Republican	01/03/1867 - 12/23/1870	Charlotte MI Eaton County Republican 1867 Jan-Dec 1870
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Eaton County Republican	03/02/1883 - 11/27/1885	Charlotte MI Eaton County Republican 1883 Mar-Nov 1885
Eaton County Republican	12/04/1885 - 12/28/1888	Charlotte MI Eaton County Republican 1885 Dec-Dec 1888
Eaton County Republican	12/08/1898 - 12/27/1900	Digitized
Eaton Rapids Journal	02/19/1975 - 02/09/1977	Digitized
Eaton Rapids Journal	01/24/1978 - 12/28/1978	Digitized
Maple Valley News	02/1996 - 05/27/1997	Digitized
Olivet Optic	09/09/1897 - 11/29/1900	Digitized
Olivet Optic	02/11/1904 - 04/04/1907	Digitized
Olivet Optic	10/08/1936 - 08/10/1939	Digitized
Olivet Optic	08/17/1939 - 05/14/1942	Digitized
Olivet Optic	04/22/1948 - 02/08/1951	Digitized
Olivet Optic	12/17/1953 - 10/18/1956	Digitized
Olivet Optic	05/02/1968 - 03/12/1970	Digitized
Olivet Optic	03/19/1970 - 12/28/1972	Digitized
Sunfield Sentinel	07/23/1931 - 02/18/1932	Digitized
Sunfield Sentinel	07/06/1950 - 10/27/1955	Digitized
Vermontville Echo	01/14/1903 - 03/07/1906	Digitized



The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group

August Meeting

We had a great meeting this month, as usual! Shirley noted that Groupon often has coupons to make and print scrapbooks. Sherry mentioned a software called "Be Remembered" where you can tell your story and it has trigger questions to help you tell it. It also has a funeral section, where you can record your preferences for what happens when you pass away. This online software is free and very easy to use.



Ebook Questions: Software to create? Who owns?





Shirley talked about how she made placemats for a reunion one year, using plain 8×11 paper, of pictures of ancestors and that got people talking a lot and created an interest in the family history!



Sherry talked about how she made a game of "Guess Who" for a reunion and printed pictures of recent ancestors.
They loved it!



Next Month Sept 24th: We plan to bring ideas of how to publish our family history.

Vicki has been working on her book "One Hundred and Seventy-five Years in Olivet, 1845-2020, The History of the Mott Family in Walton Township, Olivet..." and has completed the opening Introduction chapter. She is now working on finding more information, including stories about how they lived, about her ancestors for the rest of the book. She has been interviewing her great-aunt and hopefully, she will have an article for us in the future with more information about her project and a picture of her and her aunt.





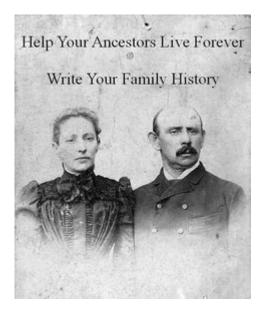
The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group



The next ECGS Writers Group will be meeting on Sept. 24, 2016 from 10:00 - 12:00 in the 1885 Courthouse in downtown Charlotte. (Note: This is the *fourth* Saturday this month rather than the second Saturday because Shirley is conducting a seminar on the second Saturday.)

We all have a story to tell. We can decide what direction we want it to go in or who we want to write about. I always encourage people to write about themselves also. We can focus on family traditions, experiences in the military, our school days or our vacations. You may want to write about a certain event and how it affected your life. Stories are a way that we can honor the generations who came before us. Writing their stories gives us a way to remember those who came before us.

If you have examples of things that you have been working on be sure and bring them along. We love to get and share new ideas.

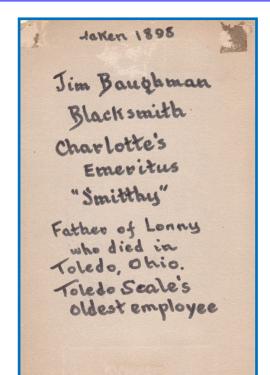




The Photo Group P.206

Rod Weaver has been working with ECGS recently to scan and restore some of the photographs in our collection. He has shared these scanned photos back with us and we thank him for his talent and time spent on this project! Many of the photographs in this collection were taken by Charlotte photographers.

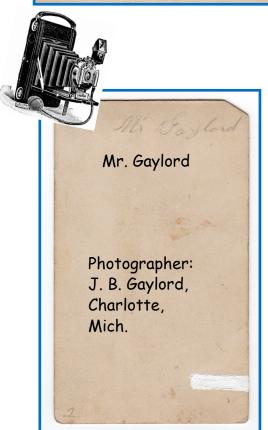






Per Rod's research: James Baughman was popular and worked at his trade for a long time.





Per Rod's research: John B. Gaylord was a photographer between 1869 and 1870, going into the grocery business until 1873 when he left the community. Based on 1880 census, he ended up in Chicago area.



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Mulliken Cookbook

Thanks Sue Thompson for sharing this with us!





MEAT BALLS AND SPAGHETTI WITH TOMATO SAUCE TOMATO SAUCE



l quart tomatoes 2 stalks celery, minced 1 medium onion, minced 1 small bottle ketchup

1 table spoon mixed spices Cook tomatoes, celery, onion, and spices together until celery and onion are done. Strain through a sieve.

MEAT BALLS

Celia Johnson pound hamburger

1 medium onion, minced

1/2 cup bread or cracker

crumbs

Salt and pepper

Mix all together and make into small meat balls. Put meat balls in skillet and brown. Add to tomato sauce and cook slowly I hour. If you prefer it hot, add I tablespoon chili powder.

Cook spaghetti in salt water, drain and rinse in cold water. Add to meat balls and tomato sauce. Serves six.

> Celia Johnson. Mulliken, Michigan.

MEAT LOAF WITH MUSHROOM GRAVY

(6 Servings)



onion, minced teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon celery salt

I pound hamburger

1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 cup crushed corn flakes

l bouillon cube

1-1/2 cups boiling water

1 can mushroom soup

Chopped parsley

Combine meat, onion, and seasonings. Add corn flakes and mix well. Shape into loaf in large loaf pan. Dissolve bouillon cube in boiling water, add mushroom soup, pour over meat and bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees F, for 1-1/2 hours. Remove meat from pan. If there is excess fat on gravy, skim

Meat Lo

Mrs. Frank Haman, Mulliken, Michigan,





by Shirley Gage Hodges

Do you have a bucket list?

I have a bucket list. It is continuously being altered, updated, contemplated and rejuvenated, much like myself. A bucket list is a list of things to do before you die. It comes from the term "kicked the bucket".



I do have several items on my bucket list but I do have one item that I have been working on for a long time. I decided when I was 16 that I wanted to visit or pay my respect to as many famous horses as I could. Man o' War is considered one of the greatest Thoroughbred race horses of all time. I did visit the grave of Man o' War when I was 16. At that time, his sons War Relic and War Admiral were still living. War Relic's remains along with those of War Admiral and Man o' War are in

a place of honor at the Kentucky Horse Park.

We have visited the Little Bighorn Battlefield, the site of Custer's Last Stand. We have been able to spend time here and also visit the "Indian Memorial" that was built near Last Stand Hill. This is a memorial stone that has been erected to commemorate and pay homage to the 7^{th} Calvary horses that were lost during the battle. Their remains were all moved to this location.



The one that has always been high on my list was
Traveller. I wanted to visit the grave site of Traveller,
General Robert E. Lee's horse. Traveller (1857-1871) was General Robert
E. Lee's most famous horse during the Civil War.

If you are a history buff you will want to visit the Chapel at the Washington & Lee University campus. This is the location of the Lee family crypt and the final burial place of his horse, Traveller.

Traveller was a very high spirited horse and there were not many besides Gen. Lee who could ride him. It was often reported that Lee rode Traveller over 40 miles a day during the war.

The stable where he lived his last days was directly connected to the Lee House on campus.

According to tradition the stable stands with its doors left open. This is said to allow Traveller's spirit to wander freely as he did when he was alive.

It is tradition for the students to put overturned pennies and offerings on Traveller's grave. Some say that the pennies placed on the grave are placed head side down so that Lincoln can always stare at Traveller's rear".



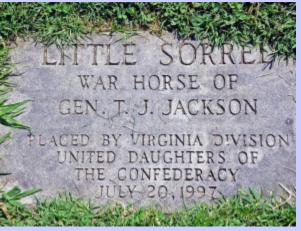
Bucket List, by Shirley Gage Hodges, continued

The story of Little Sorrel always fascinated me. Just like Stone Wall Jackson who owned him Little Sorrel has two places where he is honored.

In 1883, Jackson's widow, Anna, donated Little Sorrel to the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), where the animal was permitted to leisurely graze the parade grounds for the next two years. The horse was then relocated to the Confederate Soldiers' Home in Richmond, Virginia, where he subsequently died at the age of 36 in 1886.



Little Sorrel's preserved hide in the VMI Museum



Stone over Little Sorrel's grave on the VMI parade grounds

When Little Sorrel died, the Soldiers' Home contracted a taxidermist named Frederic Webster to preserve Little Sorrel's remains. Webster mounted the hide on a framework of plaster, keeping the animal's skeleton for himself "as part payment for my service." In 1949, the hide was returned to VMI where it remains on display to this day. That same year, the horse's skeletal remains were also donated to VMI, but stayed in storage until 1997. The remains were cremated and interred on the school's parade grounds at the foot of the Stonewall Jackson statue. We have visited both locations.



Probate Packets

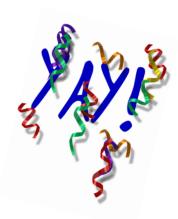
The website is updated about once a month or so with the list of probate packets that have been scanned (www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf). There are now about 11,820 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "N" files.



Hip-Hip-Hooray!







WE GOT THE "M"S DONE!

If you believe there is a scanned probate packet you want to look at and you are a member, email us at ecqsboard@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!

Charlotte Washington School Photos

These are some photos from our P.642 collection.





3rd Graders at Clothing Bank









Origins, History & Meanings of Female Names



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.

Anne

Aurora.

Aurora

Anna, Anita, Nannette, Nancy, Hannah. The charming simplicity of Arme is reached through a piquant history. Its root is found in the Hebrew Chaanach, signifying favor, mercy, or grace, and first known as Hannah, mother of Samuel. Whether the British custom of dropping the preliminary "h" originated in those carly days is not suithertically substantiat. early days is not authentically substantiated, but certainly Hannah became Anna in a very short time. Quite erroneously, the name was confused by the Romans with their goddess Anna Perrennia, presiding deity of the circling year.

St. Anna was a favorite with the Byzantines from very early times. In the days of Christianity it reached its greatest fame when it became the name of the mother of the Blessed Virgin. Later, all of Europe adopted. Anna with the creation

of the Blessed Virgin. Later, all of Europe adopted Anne with the exception of the Irish, who gave it the charming interpretation of Anne, meaning joy. Anne of Luxemburg took her name into England and there followed a long succession of Annes, of whom the best known were Anne Mortimer and Anne Boleyn, ill-fated wife of Henry VIII.

It was given to France by the Breton heiress who was twice queen of the empire, and her Italian granddaughter, Anna d'Este took it to Italy where the custom of giving a religious feast to the Virgin and her mother gave rise to the coupling of the two names into Anna Marie or Marianna. Since then no name has undergone more varieties of endearment, considering that it is already so short that it scarcethat it is already so short that it scarce-ly lends itself to abbreviation.

Scotland calls her Annot. France has contributed numerous derivatives, of which

Annette, Nannette, Nanon, Ninon and Nichette are the most popular. Ana and Anita are the typically Spanish Anne; Annica, Nanna and Ninetta have been adopted by Italy. English derivatives are almost too many for mention here, but the most familiar are Annie, Ann, Nan, Nannie, and

Its a curious fact that the poets have neglected Anne as a subject for immortal verse. They have chosen rather her di-minutives and written odes to Annie and Nannie and even to Annabel which is er-roneously thought to mean "beautiful Anne," but has a totally different derivation. Anne, calm-eyed, gracious, exercising her prerogative of mercy with cool detachment is a wielder of power, not a senti-mentalist,

Quite as cool and efficient is the gem which Anne and her feminine diminutives should wear as a talisman—amber. Everyone knows the curative and preventative qualities of the lovely transparent golden jewel. Its popularity among the Scandinavian peoples has extended to the whole world and its vogue is apparent in the jawelry shops of every country. Amber wards off illness and the jinx of bad luck.

A very unusual name and yet one extremely prevalent in European countries, whence it has penetrated America, is Aurora. It signifies "the dawn" since Aurora was the mythological personification of the break o'day. Her name comes Aurum (gold) because of the golden light she sheds before her. Aurora as the goddess of the dawn appears in all legends and was attached by the Greeks to their Eos, whose rosy fingers unbarred the

When the Cinque-cento made classic lore the fashion, Aurore came into favor with the fair dames of France and has ever since continued in vogue there. Occasionally, it passed into Germany as Aurora, where the famous woman of that name was Aurora von Kielmanseek, mother of Marshal Saxe. In Llyria, both the dawn and the proper name were called Zora and, as a mark of

endearment, Zorana.

Aurora has persisted in spite of the canon prohibiting the giving of the names of a heathen gods in baptism. Like most mythological characters, she is a Latin divinity, since Latin names were used throughout Europe and only comparatively modern criticism has endeavored to distinguish between the distinct myths of the Greek and Latin races. Most mythological names, including Aurora, have their vogue in France and England, which are most under the dominance of fancy with regard to names.

While no verses of note have been addressed direct to Aurora, she is a favorite subject with the poets who find her personification much more fanciful and mantic than the mere word "dawn." is poetically represented as rising out of the ocean in a chariot with rosy fingers dripping dew. Keats was specially fond of referring to Aurora, and our own beloved Longfellow made frequent mention of her.

Aurora's jewel is the chrysolite. chrysolite of sunrise," wrote Shelley. exert its power, the amber gem should be set in gold. It is said to have the power of dispelling evil spirits if worn on the left arm. When dreamed of, it signifies "caution necessary." Aurora's lucky Monday, and 5 is her mystic number.



Whot's in a name?



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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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