# Eaton County Genealogical Socie

Located in the 1885 Eaton County Historical Courthouse 100 W. Lawrence Ave., P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337

## Members



Would you like to share your family history? Would you like to place a query in our newsletter? Perhaps someone who reads our newsletter may know something about your ancestors!

Submit your information to P.O Box mailing address above, or email to ecgsnews@gmail.com.

#### 2016 November Calendar

Wed November 9th 5:30pm—7pm: Social Hour

Wed November 9th 7pm: General Meeting

Writing Group: Check Facebook for whether group will meet.

#### Not open on Saturday 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

The ECGS welcomed Sandra Vealey from Charlotte as a new member during the month of October. Sandra signed up with the Frontier Days Special and her membership will carry through the year 2017. That special membership offer is still available: Join now for the remainder of 2016 and the year of 2017. Check out the membership form on <u>www.mieqs.org</u>. The current membership is 144 (164 with spouses).

### Librarian: Sharlene Thuma

Courthouse Square Association- three County Normal books: 1) 1895-1920 Eaton County Commissioner's record meetings of the examination board and accounts; 2) 1909-1923 Eaton County Normal Training Class Records; 3) 1923-1933 Eaton County Normal Training Class Records.

Robert Phillips- Olivet College yearbooks: The Olive Leaf 1890; Olivetian 1922-1924, 1926, 1927, and 1931; The Oaks 1959, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1969. Also, Sigma Beta Sounding Board newsletter, vol. 1, no. 2, Spring 1965; Olivet College 82<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Exercises, June 7, 1942. Four black and white 8" x 10" photos of Adelphie Alpha Pi Activities 1961, Pledges 1961, and a large room with many chairs taken on July 28, 1959.
ECGS Project- scrapbook: Eaton Co. area newspaper clippings, July-August 2016, compiled by Phyllis Whidden.

Courthouse Square Association- two black and white photos: 1) 8"H x 10"W photo of the U.S.S. Nevada BB36 with another (3.25"H x 2.75"W) photo imposed at the upper left corner of a man in a Navy uniform standing and posing for the camera, dated 12/25/45(?), could be Dick Johnson; 2) photo of Francis Hayes, Leonard Pratt & Dick Johnson in Hawaii in 1943, all three dressed in a Navy uniform standing together & posing for the camera.

Anonymous- book: New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer, by the NY Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2014, 839 pp. ECGS Project- scrapbook: Maple Valley Schools newspaper clippings, May 2015 to April 2016, compiled by Phyllis Whidden.

Thanks to all for the donations! Our researchers will find them very valuable.







# DUCK LAKE AREA

### LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY GROUP

#### NEXT MEETING

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 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 October

- Two minute introductions.
- Genealogy 101 Next Lesson
- Local News Births, Marriages, Deaths

Next Meetings Sunday December 11, 2016 1 PM – Clarence Township Hall January 2017 – No Meeting Sunday February 12, 2017 1 PM – Clarence Township Hall

## Our October General Meeting - Social Hour



Thanks again to Shirley for giving another photo slide show and history presentation of our society during the social hour! We all love to see the earliest right up to the latest photos, and listen to Shirley's memories from the very early days!

# Thank You Shirley! We love the memories!







Shirley & Clarence Hodges--Long-Time Members of ECGS!





## Our October General Meeting







Kent showed a John P. Colletta video, "Discovering Your Roots" for the October program.



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Sue Thompson, one of the three members of the Nomínatíng Commíttee, read the slate of officers for 2017.



## Our October General Meeting



A big "Thank You" to Kent MacDonald who presented a very interesting program from John P. Colletta's <u>Discovering Your Roots</u> video series. This was the first in a series of 15 videos in which Mr. Colletta explained how to conduct interviews with "kin folks". Mr. Colletta is a very energetic speaker who captures your attention. He whetted our appetite to view more of the videos, especially when he was using an example from his own interview with a family member, but didn't tell the whole story. He said he would include that in another session.

It was one of those end-of-the-season cliff hangers—you have to wait a while before knowing what happened. Kent has purchased the entire set and will donate them to the Society—once he has watched them all.

Shirley told us about some of Mr. Colletta's books that are available in bookstores or from your local library. These included <u>They Came in Ships</u>, <u>Finding Italian Roots</u> and <u>Only A Few Bones</u>.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Only four seats remaining for the bus trip to Fort Wayne.

Michigan Genealogical Council Fall Family History Event, November 12, 2016, 9 AM to 4 PM at the Michigan Library and History Center. Registration fee is \$45 before November 6, 2016; \$55 after that. Registrations can be done online at their website.

Sherry updated us on the status of the newspaper digitizing project. (See next page!)

Courthouse Square Association will be doing a digitized photography display beginning in November 2016. They will be using a number of the photos from ECGS.

The November 9, 2016, meeting will include:

Approval of the 2017 proposed budget (copies provided for review) Election of the 2017 slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee Returning Officers:

President

Vice President

Charles Chamberlain

Kent MacDonald

Corresponding Secretary Marcy Cousino

Sher Brown

Membership Secretary Dianna Emerson

New nominees:

Recording Secretary

Trustee

Historian

Treasurer

Judy Chamberlain

Becky Kendall Marijo Wakley Thank you for the meeting notes Judy!

Thank you to Liz and Vernon Jones for the delicious refreshments.



## Eaton County History Newspaper Project By Marcy Cousino



What's new with the Eaton County History Newspaper Project?

The latest batch of Eaton County newspapers on microfilm that has been digitized is 14 reels from "The Eaton Rapids Journal" ranging from a few in 1865 up to the late 1920s. One thing that should be noted about small town papers. These papers covered small neighborhood news sometimes quite distant from the town that the paper originated from AND not necessarily in Eaton County. For example, "The Eaton Rapids Journal" covered in various time periods: East Hamlin, Tompkins, West Aurelius, Dimondale, Onondaga, Duck Lake, West Hamlin, Millet, Charlesworth, Lansing Road, Arland, East Springport, Montgomery Corners, Winfield, Leslie, Eaton (Township) and other areas. I notice that in the 1920s, some of the neighborhood news have a bi-line for the reporter so we know who is gathering the local news. Maybe this reporter is connected to your family.

I have done research on Eaton Rapids early resident Calvin Hale before so I decided to search the Eaton Rapids Journal to see what came up on him. First I found the obituary of his wife in great detail. I found several references to the Calvin Hale farm; such as who lives there now or bought it etc. It seems like it is common to find phrases like that as we research. Calvin Hale's name is immortalized by having owned a farm in the area, but what happened to him? Another click on my search states that "Calvin Hale of Orange, California would rather part with his money than go without his Journal for another day!" Well, here he is, at least on this particular date in time.

Several years ago, I received a phone call from a young woman who was looking for some information for her grandfather. She told me that his relative was arrested for having a still and making moonshine. She thought there was a newspaper article in "The Bellevue Gazette" sometime in the 1950s. At the time I sighed and tucked the note away thinking: "That ain't gonna happen..." Well, I am happy to report that I found a detailed article in "The Bellevue Gazette" on the Moonshiner who lived in Assyria Township. I called the grandfather, got his address and mailed it to him.

We have been very fortunate. A cousin of Sue Thompson loaned us many of those "Eaton Rapids Journal" microfilms. That enabled us to digitize a better quality of film than we have already in the county. We currently have finished 71 reels of 195 total. We still need to purchase 55 reels because our available microfilm is in too poor condition to use. These microfilm will cost \$50 per reel. In mid-November we will hear if the Eaton County History Newspaper Project will receive any grant money from The Capital Region Community Foundation. I am very hopeful. Still, even if we do receive some grant money, we will need to raise just a little more. Sue, Sherry and I will continue to meet with service clubs and individuals to raise the money we need. We ask that you consider a donation. Can you donate something toward making this amazing resource available for all? To learn more, please see our website: www.echnp.org e-aton genews

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## ECGS Vertical File VF-5

This autograph book is in our ECGS Vertical File collection.

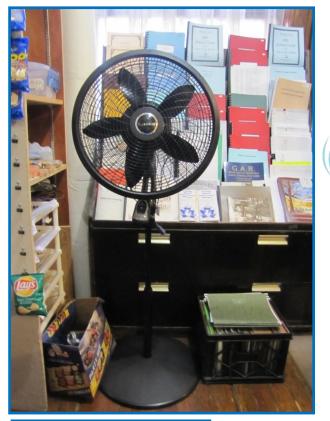
Uncle Epras W.L.S. Cuitography Cimmie a toot on the Tooter Tommy! Natrich Barretto a friend is the other section of your soul "In the business of making piends " The world pays its greatest dividends" Jack Holden Dr. John M. Holland Do you ever think of Home Sweet Home and mother? The sea is wide and I kaint step it I do. Olave you + I have they it \_ Sincerely yours "Luly Beele" Henry Burr And remember, Old Jimers : When you see a frog up a tree Pull it's tail and think of me. Keep you temper nobody else wants it ! Kalph Waldo Emercon "The Organist" Red "Holey Elsie has Emeran

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ECGS Vertical File VF-5 (continued) Orchestra The Hometowners Sill till you offer Ste Heaven, to be ridin lown the trail, I worth the de-sert SUN Go DOWN Rocky Racherbaumer Herman Feller. The Prairie Parmallers Fred Vopatek Chick Hurt May E. Wilson He Tardness . " Jus Stubia Salty Holmes Margaret Sweeney Led the marlin . Paul C. Nettinge Chil / Jular Jack Taylor Taky Abritana Orchestra Water H. Steindel Milly & Dally Garriel. Vogt James P. Falle The Hilbtoppus Girls of The Golden West" Emilio Silvestre glem Welty. Milly Grad Tommie Sanner Inchestra Dolly Good Dan Hilson Enice Newton Low Klatt: The arkansaw aloodchoppen Walter E. Lewis L'auis marmer Roy Anapp they al-ways al-ways piek on me. Autograp But I don't care Flike it Inchestra Oscar . Jenghad. arkie When the world grows old, and the sun grows cold, and the stars have lost then splendor, Johno trin terner While God's above, a mothers love Karl Schulte Semain yet warm and tender ages Georgie Goelel The Coralucker & Chose Bay The Rock Creek Rangers blast Tim Finn maple City Four Sanshine Sue Emilio Silvestre Som Workmen "as" Rice art Janes John Werkman Ray Kis Mapp Onity Meissner George w akman The Chore Boy, Arial Chandeden Pat Petterson

### New Fans & New Vacuum for ECGS

We have two new large upright fans for our society that will be very welcome when the rooms are warm! They are identical, so we probably didn't need two pictures for the newsletter! Even though it is no longer summer, sometimes the room does become quite warm in the winter while the heat in the old courthouse gets used to wintertime and before we get it adjusted for our room.





All of the vacuum cleaners we have had have been used and while they worked for a while, the last one we had has not been working for us for quite some time because it was creating a lot of dust. We have now purchased a new vacuum to remove dust and dirt rather than creating it!



Deep thought of today:

When you clean out a vacuum cleaner.

You become a vacuum cleaner.



## Various Photo Groups

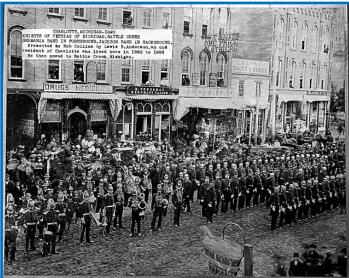
Rod Weaver has been working with ECGS to scan and restore some of the photographs in our collections. His work will be featured as the next Courthouse Square Association Museum exhibit, which will include not only some of our collection of photos, but other collections from around Eaton County.

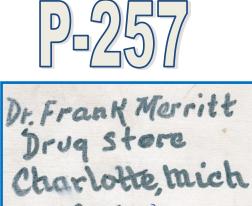




THE OLD AMERICAN HOUSE Corner Main and Lovett. Later called the BAIRD HOUSE. Still later called the WILLIAMS HOUSE. The town pump and watering trough are just a short distance from the big willow tree. This picture dates back to the late 1850's or early 1860's.







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CHARLOTTE, MICHIGAN-1690 KNIGHTS OF PITHIAS OF MICHIGAN.BATTLE CREEK GERMANIA BAND IN FOREGROUND.JACKSON BAND IN BACKGROUND. Presented to Bob Collins by Lewis B.Anderson, an old resident of Charlotte who lived here in 1880 to 1882 He then moved to Battle Creek, Michigan.

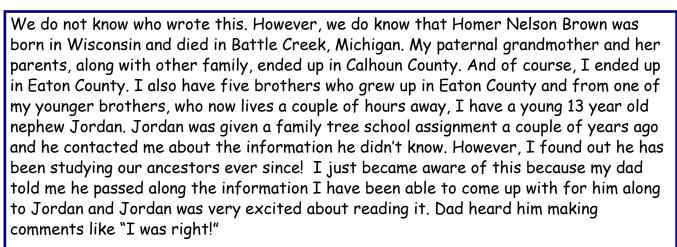
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## My Nephew Is Interested In Genealogy By Sherry Copenhaver

We have been in possession of some family papers from my dad's side of the family for quite some time and Dad has studied these papers, which document some of our ancestor's journeys eventually into Michigan. One of these papers begins by saying we are descendants of Peter Brown(e), from the Mayflower. My dad asked me a few weeks ago to print him a list of all of the Mayflower passengers and reminded me of this paper. Dad has become very interested in reading everything I have about our family history.

HOMER NELSON BROWN

Lawrence's father, Homer Nelson Brown, was born in Green Lake County, Wisconsin on May 5, 1858. Homer was the son of Cary J. and Emily Chapin Brown. He had three sisters, Mary Brown Tappan, Maggie Brown Plank. Fhebe Brown Hunt, and one brother Justin. They were descendants of Peter Brown, a Mayflower passenger to Plymouth, Massachusetts.



I think this is incredibly cool to have this 13-year-old young man already so interested in genealogy! I can hardly wait to do some genealogy jamming with Jordan!

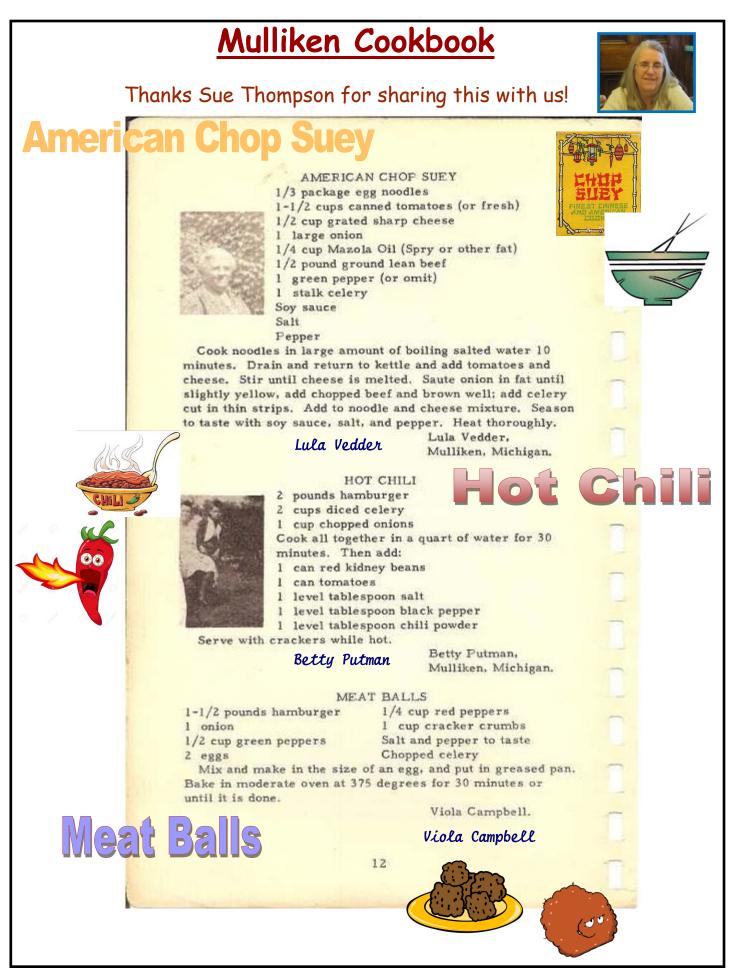
Now—I just have to learn how to trace our ancestors back to Peter Brown!





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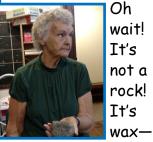
## **Probate Packets**

The website is updated about once a month or so with the list of probate packets that have been scanned (<u>www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf</u>). There are now about 12,300 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "O" and "P" probate packet folders.

Phyllis found this awesome rock in her yard this last month when



she was doing some work around one of her trees. She has lived in her house for over 34 years!





and when she discovered that, she turned it over and she found something that surprised her!

When she saw this face on the other side. she said "This is ME in 10 years"! Then she laughed her delightful laugh!



Pat is preparing to scan-when Sherry asks her to stand for just a minute for a picture!



Chris, and his son James, who is home after some 'traveling the world' joined us for scanning!

Sherry found this ribbon one day scanning. And it really was a ribbon when she turned it over!

Tee-hee!



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

#### Join us on Tuesday afternoons when you can!



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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.

## Caroline

CAROLINE. It's a curious fact that some heroes lose, rather than gain, popularity, when their deeds are recorded in romance: such was the case of the famous Karl of the Franks, who is responsible for the origin of the feminine name Caroline. The great emperor has suffered at the hands of romantic chroniclers but history preserved the memory of "Carlo Magno," and from his name came a long series of masculine and feminine proper names.

The first feminine translation known is Carlota. This name is synonymous with Charlotte in those early times, and indeed, Charlotte and the Caroline of today are almost interchangeable, if their origin is to be observed, no matter how separate and distinct they seem to be. Charlotte, or Carlota, of Savoy mayried Louis XI and introduced the name to French royalty. Charlotte d'Albert had the misfortune to be given in marriage to Cesare Borgia and had one daughter, who married into the House of La Tremouille, whence the brave Lady Derby carried it into England.

Lady Derby Carried it into England. The Huguenotism of that house connected it with the House of Bouillon whose heiress Carola, or Charlotte, was married in 1588. There, the House of Orange derived it and it became known in Germany and was brought to England in its full popularity by the good queen of George III. It gained sentimental vogue and an international fame through Goethé who chose the name for his heroine of "Werther."

The first Carolina was evolved in Italy but was quickly adopted by Southern Germany and in turn brought to England by the wife of George II, who made it extremely popular among the nobility. America received it first through the Carolinas (North and South) and its fame and popularity as a feminine proper name spread rapidly.

Caroline has numberless derivatives and contractions. England calls her Charlotte, Lotty, Chatty, Caroline, and Carrie. In France she is Carolina, Charlotte, and Lolotte. Carlota and Lola are purely Spanish and Carotta and Carolina are the Italian versions. Gearmany preserves the original preference for Charlotte, Carolina, and Lina.

Caroline's talismanic gem is the diamond. It promises her faithful love; if she is married, it will enhance the love of her husband, but it should never be purchased as it is only potent when it is a gift. Her lucky day is Saturday and 1 is her lucky number.

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#### Cecelia

#### CECILIA.

Cecilia, signifying blind, is said to be derived from Coeles Vivenna, an Etruscan general who named the Coelian hill and Coelian gens. The women of this family were given the name, of Celio or Celia. In Venice the latter became Zilia and Ziliola, which are often found to belong to the noble ladies who were the wives of the doges. At Naples the name became Liliola. The Irish have adopted it as Sile or Sheelah. Celie and Celia are used both in France and England, probably under some mystic notion of the connection with Heaven, whose Latin name is Caelum. is said that the prevalence of Celia in English towns is due partly to the popularity of the Irish Sheelah and partly to a confusion with Cecilia.

Perhaps the best known bearer of the name Cecilia was that gentle saint who has furnished inspiration for painters throughout the centuries. St. Cecilia was one of the early Christians martyred at Rome in 230. She is said to have converted her husband, also afterwards martyred, despite the fact that she was forced to marry him after she had taken a vow of She is considered the patron celibacy. saint of music, particularly sacred music, and legend has it she played so beautifully that she drew the angels from heaven. It is in this capacity that she has usually been pictured.

Cicilia's talismanic stone is a moss agate. It is said to give to the wearer a bold heart and freedom from danger. The moss agate is generally worn as an amulet, rather than as a piece of decorative jewelry, and indeed, in recent years the damand for it has been enormous in Soudan where such talismans are fashionable.

Cecilia's lucky day is Tuesday, and two is considered her lucky number.

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What's IN A NAME?



This newsletter is created from information members have submit-

ted. Anyone is welcome (and encouraged!) to submit Eaton

County family history information or articles. Please email these to <u>ecgsnews@gmail.com</u> and designate the information you would like included, such as your location and/or email address. Your submission must be signed. Pictures are welcomed!

While the newsletter is available for all to read from our ECGS website, only members may post queries and member happenings.

All digital newsletter issues will be available on our website with a target date of posting them on the 1st of each month. See the <u>www.miegs.org/Newsletters.shtml</u>.

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

#### Ways You Can Help to Volunteer at (or for) ECGS

Please note: We appreciate any help we receive! We will never pressure you to help us! We only ask if you have volunteered for room duty and you cannot make it, call (phone numbers provided) us and let us know to get coverage.

Room Volunteers: Room volunteers are here to help people who come in to research. While some of our room volunteers actually help do the research, this is not a requirement. The main tasks are to answer the phone and guide the researchers to our various areas they can research.

Probate Packet Scanning: This is an on-going project that meets regularly at the ECGS room to scan probate packets on Tuesday afternoons. However, anyone can scan when the room is open.

Indexing and/or proofreading at home: Using scanned images, we can show you how to index and/or proofread at your own leisure at home.

Mini Take-Home projects: This is a brand new type of project we are trying. People have taken home several projects and we will see how that goes.

Special Projects: Possibly set up an area in our room that will have special projects that you can work on when you come in. Again... new idea to try! More to come on this.

Every effort is made to present authentic material; the Eaton County Genealogical Society cannot be held responsible for the accuracy or the publishing rights of material furnished by contributors.



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Item	Cost per item	Total Cost
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Cemeteries of Eaton County, MI:		
Brookfield Twp., 41 pp., indexed as of September 1991	\$ 8.00	
Chester Twp., 66 pp., indexed as of July 1990	\$ 8.00	
Roxand Twp., 86 pp., indexed as of January 1993	\$10.00	
Sunfield Twp., 44 pp., indexed as of April 1991	\$10.00	
Walton Twp., 119 pp., indexed as of March 1996	\$10.00	
Maple Hill Cemetery (Eaton Twp.), indexed as of 2009	\$20.00	
Kalamo Twp., 102 pp., indexed as of 2001	\$18.00	
Vermontville Twp., 122 pp., indexed as of 2001	\$18.00	
Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI 27 Mar, 1885 thru 29 Dec, 1947, 198 pp., indexed	*** \$18.00	
Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI 18 Nov 1921 to 21 May 1932, 112 pp., indexed	\$18.00	
Naturalization Index for Eaton Co., MI 55 pp.	\$ 4.25	
Eaton County Quest, back issues, #1 through current available (please specify issue no.)	\$ 4.50	
Plat maps of Eaton County, MI, individual townships (please specify which townships). (Note: Shipping up to 16 townships count as one item.)		
1860 Price is \$.25 per Township (Hamlin Twp. Not available)	\$.25	
1873 Price is \$.25 per Township	\$.25	
1895 Price is \$.25 per Township	\$.25	
1913 Price is \$.25 per Township	\$ .25	
Cemetery Symbols CD (see <u>www.miegs.org/Symbols.shtml</u> for more information)	\$12.00	

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