

# 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](mailto:ecgsnews@gmail.com).

## 2016 December Calendar

General meetings will resume in March, 2017.

**Writing Group: Will resume in 2017.**

**No longer open on Saturdays.**

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

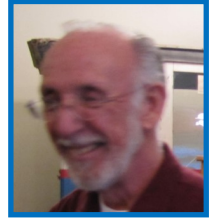
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**President:** Chuck Chamberlain

Well, it has been quite a year. There have been 2 meetings working on tips and tricks for both Family Search and Ancestry.com. We have had a potluck which was great.

The pre-meeting socials have worked out fabulously, membership is up, the newspaper micro film digitizing is working well, and in general we're in pretty good shape.

We have purchased a new copier, added fiber optics for the telephone and computers, purchased a new WI-FI router, added some new scanners and we are still in the black.

The Frontier Days bake sale went well. Though the weather wasn't the best, people came in to get out of the rain and decided to buy some goodies.

The bus trip to Allen County Public Library was full and thanks to Shirley Hodges, Liz Jones and Judy Chamberlain for all of their efforts.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our Recording Secretary Jan Shepler who moved to Florida in September.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the different aspects of our genealogical society and in particular Sherry Copenhaver for all the work she has done organizing and publishing our monthly newsletter. Sherry has done a great job and it looks wonderful. Other societies may be looking at our newsletter and wonder if they could do something similar.

I probably have overlooked some things in this recap but I am truly grateful for a great year.

Charles Chamberlain, President



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Where you confuse the dead  
and irritate the living.

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Sher Brown, Treasurer



**Treasurer  
Report**

**Membership:** Dianna Emerson

Greetings! I will start right off wishing everyone happiness this Holiday Season and throughout the coming year! 2017 is rapidly approaching and time does fly when you are having fun. My husband and I have met many new people in 2016 through the Eaton County Genealogy Society. Both of us enjoyed spending all day Friday and Sunday helping out with the Frontier Bake Sale fundraiser.

I am gearing up to pester folks in a friendly manner to renew their ECGS memberships for 2017. Plus, we are always eager to accept brand new members into the Society. The membership dues are \$25 for a household or \$20 if you are an ECGS volunteer.

Our newest member is Dawn Goodman. Welcome Dawn!

The current membership is 145 (165 with spouses).

I hope to meet more of you in 2017!

*Dianna Emerson*

Check out the membership form on [www.miegs.org](http://www.miegs.org).

WELCOME

**Highlights from Board Meeting:** Judy Chamberlain

The ECGS Board met on November 9, 2016. Some of the items discussed included:

- John Evans was purchasing a new WIFI router for the office. This should make access to the Internet better.
- Ideas for speakers/programs for the general meetings; the possibility of doing a seminar in the future; ideas for fund raisers. (If anyone has any ideas for programs, contact Kent MacDonald.)
- Need to schedule another volunteer training session as well as an organization work day for the office. (If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the office.)
- Sherry needs articles for the newsletter. She sends out a notice on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to let people know these are needed. Anyone is welcome to submit articles. They don't have to be long ones.
- Kent MacDonald purchased the complete set of the "Discovering Your Roots" DVD's by John Colletta and has donated them to the Society. They are available in the office to be checked out if you wish to view them. There is a possibility that some of them may also be shown during the social time before the regular meetings next year.
- Most of the speakers provide handouts at the meetings. There have been requests for copies of these, so we will come up with a way to provide extra copies of them or a digital file that can be printed when someone requests them.

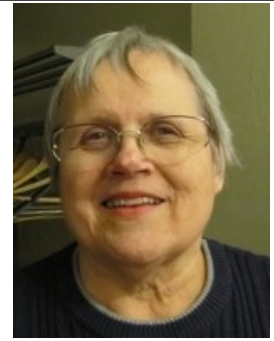
The next Board meeting will be December 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.



## 2016 Bus Trip

*By Shirley Hodges*

One of the highlights of the year is the annual bus trip to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN. We have conducted this trip for many years and some of the individuals who participate have gone every year. We all look forward to breaking through some brick walls and sharing time with our genealogy friends.



We started our research day with a tour of the library. It was very helpful especially for those who had not been to the library before.

# Tips!



John Evans—Always nice to find the items that really add to our family stories.

I was getting nowhere on my research until I began to look for my mother and other family members in old newspapers. Here is what I found:

Death notice of my maternal grandmother in 1938.

Front page of the newspaper from the place of my birth on the day of my birth.

Death notice of one of my maternal Aunts in 1968.

Death notice of my maternal grandfather in 1962.

My mother and one of her sisters were "entertained" at a friend's house.

My birth announcement in an Indiana newspaper. I was not born in Indiana. This was totally unexpected but believable because of my Aunts.

My mother released from a hospital. She was very sick to the point where she was in the hospital.

My mother and her youngest sister in a children's Christmas program.

My mother's wedding announcement.

My mother, one of her sisters, and a cousin at a relative's house for a party.

My mother and other family at a meeting about mission work.

A family dinner celebrating the fortieth wedding anniversary of family which my mother and other family attended.

My mother at a Christmas party held at a cousin's home.

Article about Mom's wedding which took place in Lansing but the article was published in her home town paper in Indiana.

Several newspaper articles about family reunions throughout the years. I plan to gather more to use for our 100th family reunion on my mother's side of the family that will be held in August of 2017.

What a bonanza! I wish I had started looking at these newspapers at the beginning of our day at ACPL.



## 2016 Bus Trip, continued



Cheryl Lariviere

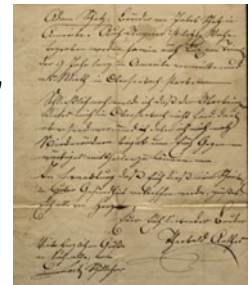
Thank you so much for putting on this bus trip and for doing great marketing so that I found out about it. I really did enjoy it very much. The day seemed to go by way too fast. Since this was my first research trip and I really had not been on Ancestry yet, I spent a little time with that and was able to find documents to confirm some of the information I had gotten from relatives. The books that I thought might have given me more info were not as helpful as I thought. I was not able to find my people in the parish books that I thought they should be in. I will need to follow up on that in the future.

My other goal of meeting friends was met. I found some new friends, saw some faces that I recognized from events I had been to in the past and met up with Mary Ann who I had seen many times at the Historic Society conferences. All in all, it was a very good day



Shirley Hodges

I found a letter that Theobald Anthes, my daughters' great grandfather wrote in France in 1870. There was a copy of the original in French and also the English translation. There was a copy of the original document with the last page with his signature. My daughters and their cousins were very pleased with this find.



I want to thank Sher Brown, Liz Jones, and Judy Chamberlain for all the work they did for preparation for the trip. Also really appreciate John Evans who turned out to be our official photographer for the day.

The staff at ACPL found an iPad charging cord Saturday evening. If anyone lost their charging cord please let me know.



If you have a story we would love to have you share it with us.





## 2016 Bus Trip, continued

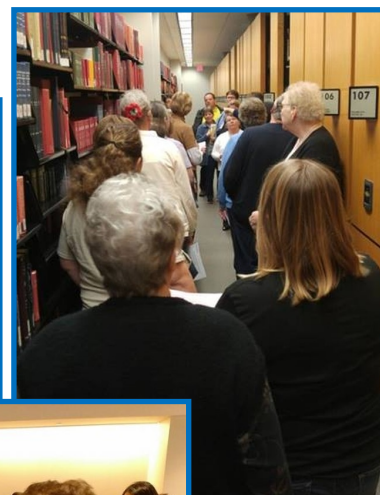
The Bus!

## Research

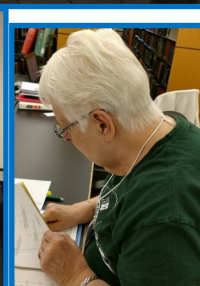
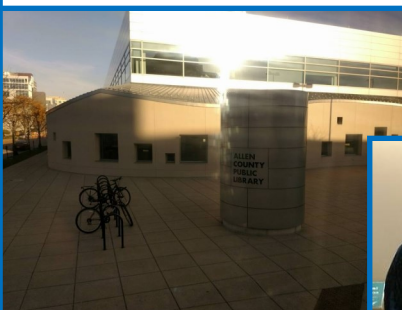
Thanks for the pictures John!



Folks are getting tips on how to use the library for research!



**Allen County  
Public Library**



# National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair 2016

## An email forwarded from Kathy (Cook) Alsina to ECGS:

National Archives had an online genealogical fair with presentations on YouTube. All handouts and videos are available for viewing online and will remain available for free. This year's sessions can be found at:

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>

On October 26 & 27, 2016 (Wednesday & Thursday), the National Archives hosted a two-day, virtual Genealogy Fair via webcast. Viewers had the opportunity to participate with the presenters and other family historians during the live event on YouTube. You can watch the sessions and download the materials at your convenience. Registration was not required.

### *Originally presented on October 26th & 27th, 2016*

Introduction to Genealogy at the National Archives by Claire Kluskens

The Best National Archives Records Genealogists Aren't Using by Lori Cox-Paul

National Archives Innovative Online Resources and Tools to Help with Your Genealogical Research by Sarah Swanson and Kelly Osborn

You too can be a Citizen Archivist! Getting the most out of the National Archives Catalog by Suzanne Isaacs and Meredith Doviak

Department of State Records for Genealogical Research by David Pfeiffer

Grave Yards and Genealogy: American Battle Monuments Commission by Ryan Bass

Nonpopulation Census: Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Social Statistics by Claire Kluskens

The Morning After – Changes as Reflected in Morning Reports (Army and Air Force) by Theresa Fitzgerald

The Iwo Jima Flag Raisers – Chaos, Controversy and World War II Marine Corps Personnel Records by Bryan K. McGraw

What's New in the Lou: A Look at the Latest Accessions at the National Archives at St. Louis by David Hardin

Faces of the National Park Service by Cara L. Moore

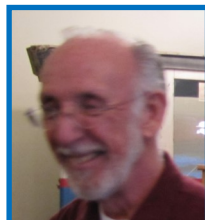
Closing Remarks by Acting Executive for Research Services Ann Cummings



## Our November General Meeting - Elections

Thank you Sue, for submitting the slate of officers and conducting the election for 2017. Here are the 2017 Officers!

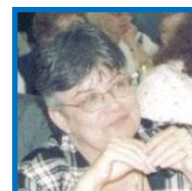
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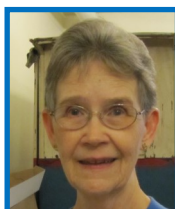
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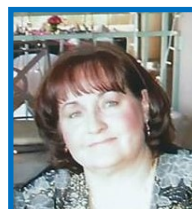
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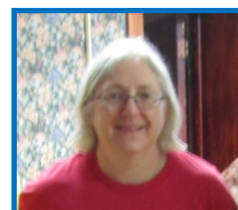
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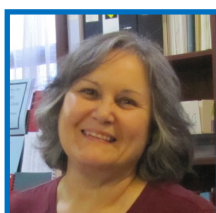
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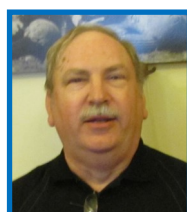
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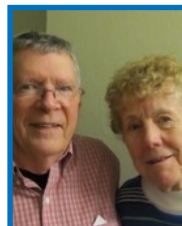
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Computer Chair—  
John Evans



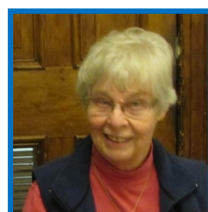
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Jim Collins &  
Jo Glasgow



Historian—  
Marijo Wakley



Trustee—  
Liz Jones



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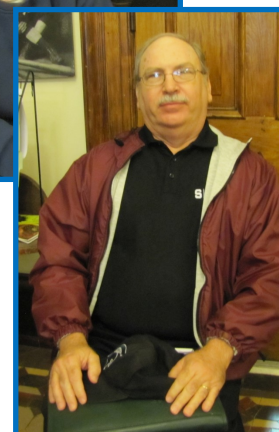
Trustee—  
Becky Kendall



## Our November General Meeting



Chuck welcomed Jeff Mason, who gave a wonderful presentation on Pennsylvania research, especially Lancaster and York counties.



Jeff reminded us that <https://www.mapofus.org/> shows us the historical maps where our ancestors lived.



Sherry was presented a card & cake because she is coming off the board after a number of years.

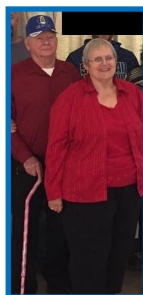
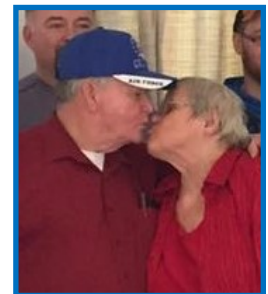
## Clarence's Surprise Birthday Party!

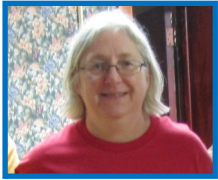


Some of the genealogy gang attended the surprise birthday potluck party for Clarence on November 14th and the Marshall VFW Hall was full of well-wishers!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
A VERY SPECIAL MAN,  
FROM YOUR  
GENEALOGY FRIENDS!





## Eaton County History Newspaper Project

By Marcy Cousino

### What's New?

#### What's New with The Eaton County History Newspaper Project?

We have great news this month. We will receive \$6000 in 2017 from The Capital Region Community Foundation! This money will go a long way to bring us to our goal. I would like to thank the many people that helped me with writing this grant proposal, especially Mona Ellard who shared her grant writing experience and insights. Thank you Mona. Also I would like to thank Jim Oliver, Charlotte Library Director; Tom Moore, Delta Township Adult Services Librarian; and Nikki Magie, Olivet College Archivist for their persuasive letters of support for the grant. I also would like to thank Julie Kimmer from Courthouse Square and the entire CSA board for their support which has allowed us to apply for this grant. Kuddos Everyone!

Also in 2017, Eaton County Genealogy Society will give \$1000 toward the newspaper digitization project. Many thanks to members past and present who have supported ECGS over many years. We all hope this newspaper project will give you all a new angle of research on your Eaton County relatives.

So, what's next? We will be contacting the Library of Michigan to order some Eaton County newspaper microfilm. This is to replace 55 reels of damaged microfilm. The first order of microfilm will be newspapers published before 1923 or thereabouts. Newspapers published before 1923 are not restricted by copyright law. We would like to purchase newspapers published after 1923 also, so we will need to contact the copyright holders for permission. The Library of Michigan will give us this contact information. I will keep you up to date as things develop.

Most recently we have digitized 12 more reels of a mixture of "The Eaton Rapids Journal" and "The Olivet Optic". That brings the total number of reels finished to 83 out of about 195. Next we have decided to start on "The Vermontville Echo" and "The Maple Valley News". There are 36 reels to digitize from those newspapers. That will keep us busy for awhile.

Wishing all of you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Marcy



# Eaton County History Newspaper Project (continued)

By Marcy Cousino

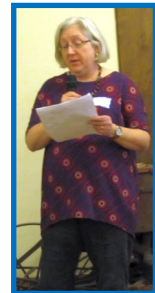
Marcy, Sue & Sherry attended the Charlotte Lions Club celebration of 75 Years of Service in 2016 November, held at the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse.



## Charlotte Lions Club



The Newspaper project was one of the programs on the agenda. Sue spoke about the importance of digitizing our Eaton County newspaper microfilms and Marcy followed up with examples of various Lions Club newspaper clippings she found around the county from the papers we have digitized at this point.



Immediately following our Eaton County History Newspaper Project presentation, the Charlotte Lions Club surprised us with a generous donation!



# Eaton County History Newspaper Project (continued)

By Sherry Copenhaver

I am so excited that we have received the grant from Capital Region Community Foundation and that it will allow us to complete quite a substantial part of this project! Marcy, Sue & I have met many times and put a lot of our time and some of our own money into this project because we believe in it and we appreciate everyone who has supported us so far! I would like to give thanks to the following people, organizations and businesses who have donated since the beginning of this project!

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1	Eaton County Historical Commission Grant
2	Jill Sumbler from England
3	Livingston County Genealogical Society
4	Bellevue Historical Society
5	Country Colours (Eaton Rapids—Deb Malewski)
6	Kristine Clements
7	American Legion—Charlotte Post 42
8	Sons of the American Legion Post 42
9	Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum, Eaton Rapids, Michigan
10	Doug & Dianna Emerson
11	Donna Dorgan
12	Potter Antiques (Tom Potter)
13	Walter Belcher
14	Sunfield Historical Society
15	Charlotte Lions Club

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Note: At the ECGS meetings, we have been "passing the hat" and have collected donations from people attending the meetings. Thank you for your support!

## ECGS Vertical File VF-6

***Brookfield Township.*****BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP**

was settled in 1837 by Peter Moe, John Boody and Jesse Hart. Mr Hart was elected the first Supervisor in 1842 which office he held for eleven years. In this year he built the first farm barn and in 1851 the first frame house.

Mr. Hart was grandfather of Mrs. Fred Murray of Charlotte.

**OUR RELATIONSHIP**

to the people of Charlotte and vicinity is that of sympathetic service.

To give without stint of our time, energy and experience is our purpose.

**D. C. GAFFNEY & CO.,  
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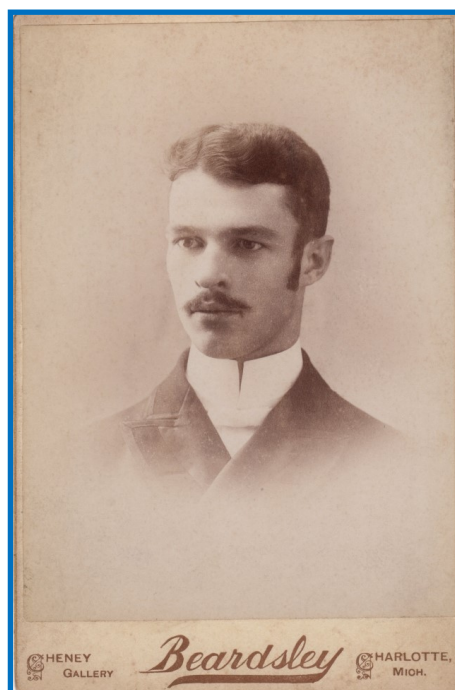
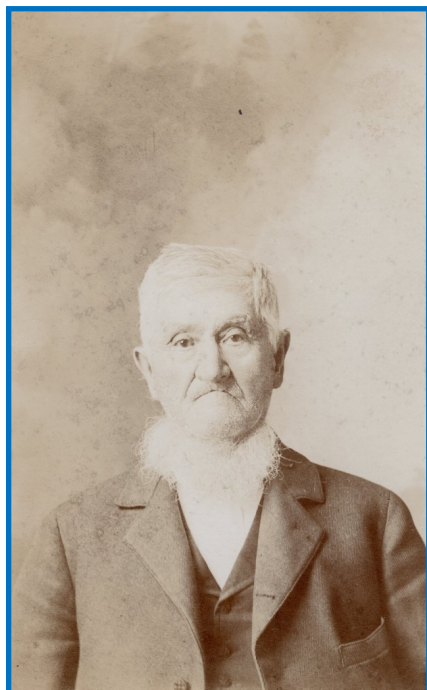
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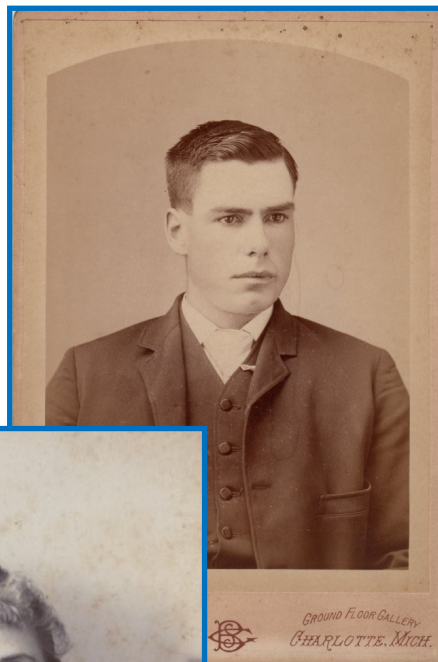
INVALID CAR SERVICE

## Various Photo Groups

Rod Weaver has been working with ECGS to scan and restore some of the photographs in our collections.



These photos come from the P.651 Collection. The people are unidentified and if you know who they are, please let us know by contacting us at [ecgsnews@gmail.com](mailto:ecgsnews@gmail.com).



## Exhibit at Courthouse Square Association Museum

Rod Weaver's work, which includes photos from ECGS, will be on display at CSA from Nov, 2016 through Oct, 2017. ECGS will receive a copy of all of Rod's work when he is completed with his projects.

### A GLIMPSE OF CHARLOTTE'S PAST

*"Photographs are a bridge to the past. Black and white reminders of the way things used to be. Links to those who are no longer with us. priceless treasures." - Jim Starlin*

What was Charlotte, Michigan like almost 120 years ago? According to the 1897 Michigan State Gazetteer published by R. L. Polk & Company, Charlotte was described as:



*Eaton County Courthouse*

*"The judicial seat of Eaton County, is a flourishing city of 4,500 inhabitants, located on the Michigan Central Railroad at the crossing of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad. It was first settled in 1839; in 1863, when the place contained 817 inhabitants, it became an incorporated village, and in 1871 a city charter was obtained, the population being 2,300. It is surrounded by some of the most fertile and productive farming lands in the State, is rapidly increasing in*

*wealth and importance, and contains 2 banks, 2 opera houses, elevators, saw mills, planning mill, furniture factories, foundry, two feed mills, a carriage factory, canning factory, 3 weekly newspapers, the Leader, the Republican and the Tribune and 4 good hotels. Its religious and educational advantages comprise nine churches and excellent public schools. It has also a valuable public circulating library of 2,000 volumes managed by an efficient board of directors, and generously patronized by the people. The Eaton County Agricultural Society grounds are within the limits. Charlotte has an excellent system of water works, electric light, and an independent fire department and one of Silsby's third size engines. Express companies American and National and Western Union. Telephone connection by Michigan Telephone Company."*

To provide a glimpse of Charlotte's past, the Courthouse Square Association, in cooperation with the Eaton County Historical Commission and the Eaton County Genealogical Society, is pleased to present "A Glimpse of Charlotte's Past" historic photograph exhibit. The exhibit has also been supported by the private collections of Don Challender, Leila Klaiss, Carol Ranville and Jeannette Sommer.

Over the last year, Rod Weaver has been combing through the photographic archives of the Courthouse Square Association, Eaton County Historical Commission, Eaton County Genealogical

Society and private collections. His goal has been to digitize, restore and print enlargements of rarely seen photographs of historic Charlotte, mostly between the years of 1890 and 1910. The result has been a collection of 35 pictures which have been restored as much as possible to appear as they did when they were developed and printed by the original photographer.

**The photographs are divided into 5 groups:**

**Street Scenes:** Mostly parades which show most of the downtown buildings in the 100 block of South Cochran Street.

**Merchants:** Storefront photos of various Charlotte retailers during the era including dry goods, furniture and hardware stores.

**Charlotte At Play:** Three photos depicting a downtown carnival and bicycle race all at the corner of Cochran and Lawrence Avenue.

**Courthouse:** The Eaton County Courthouse has been at the center of the community since 1883 and is shown in everyday life in downtown Charlotte. Perhaps the most iconic of all the photographs shows the courthouse burning on July 4, 1894.

**People:** A small selection of "cabinet cards" and two portraits show everyday people between 1882 and 1904. These photographs also give credit to the professional photographers of the time such as DeVos, Fowler, Beardsley and Roehm.

All of these photographs, some of which have been enlarged to a 36" x 24" format, will be exhibited at the Historic 1885 Courthouse on the second floor starting Tuesday November 15, 2016 and run through October 26, 2017.



*Merritt's Drug Store - 143 S. Cochran*

## Volunteers Sought to work on ECGS Projects



ECGS would not exist if not for the countless hours and heartfelt dedication of those who share our vision and see the value in coming together to share genealogy information. Whether you have an hour, a day, or a lifetime of expertise to share, we welcome you to the Society. There is no better way to meet new genealogy friends than volunteering at ECGS.

Our most visible volunteers are the friendly faces who keep our library open. ECGS is grateful to the handful of library volunteers who manage to keep our facility open on Tuesday through Thursday. It is a wonderful way to meet our patrons and members.

*Sheila Mott was a very active member for many years, and held the office of corresponding secretary until her death.*



*Sheila was also a great help when patrons came into the office for help re-searching. In addition, she indexed many, many books from our ECGS library!*

Our Probate Packet Scanning is an ongoing project. The volunteers meet regularly on Tuesday afternoons at our library room as a group to scan. Someone is there from noon - 5pm and anyone can come anytime during that time period. Once anyone knows what they are doing, they can come in and scan any time the room is open. The group that does meet on Tuesdays share a great fellowship time with various information passing back and forth and lots of laughter. Please contact Sherry Copenhagen (via e-mail) at [scopenhaver123@gmail.com](mailto:scopenhaver123@gmail.com) for more information. You do not have to come every week. Any time that you can give to the project is greatly appreciated.



# Fun!



## Volunteers Sought to work on ECGS Projects (continued)

### Eaton County Business & Home Expo



**VOLUNTEERS!  
NEEDED!**

We also like to have a booth at as many events as we are able. It is a great way to get our name out in the community and let people know we have a great deal of material in our library

and we are very apt to have something about their ancestors if they are from Eaton County!

We have some take-home projects available for people to take home and work on. These are various types of projects, such as putting newspaper clippings on pages to make a scrapbook or indexing a scrapbook already created.

We do not have monthly meetings in Dec. - Feb. but we will be working on a lot of different projects. If you can help with these we would love to have you join us.

*Some of our  
current Room  
Volunteers!*



Marcy



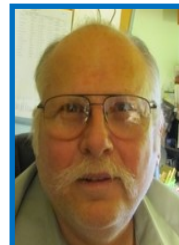
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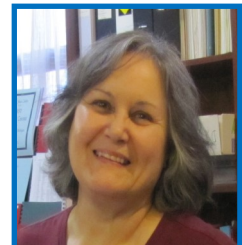
Steve



Barb



Gary



Sharlene

# Mulliken Cookbook



Thanks Sue Thompson for sharing this with us!

## Chicken Loaf

### CHICKEN LOAF

(Serves 8)



- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup cooked carrots
- 1 cup peas
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup milk diluted with 1/4 cup of chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimientos
- 1 tablespoon minced onion

Beat eggs, add remaining ingredients. Put into a greased loaf pan. Bake in a 350 degree F. oven for 40 minutes. Serve with a mushroom sauce.

*Mrs. Mildred Campbell*

Mrs. Mildred Campbell,  
Mulliken, Michigan.

### SAUERBRATEN



- 4 pounds beef roast, well marbled with fat
- Salt and pepper
- 3 or 4 medium onions
- 6 to 8 bay leaves
- 1 to 1-1/2 cups sugar
- Vinegar

Sear roast well. Place in roaster with drippings. Season. Cut onions over top. Also sprinkle bay leaves over top of meat. Pour vinegar over meat to nearly cover. If vinegar is too strong dilute with water. Add sugar

enough to sweeten vinegar well. Let roast at 350 degrees until half done. Taste, and if necessary add more seasonings as preferred. Continue roasting until well done when liquid will be nearly evaporated and meat looks glazed. Remove and make gravy, adding vinegar and sugar to taste. About 1 hour before meat is done, put pudding to boil. Pudding is made as follows: 12 cups any dry bread broken in small pieces. Put in kettle and run water over it. Use enough water to break bread down as for regular bread pudding. Add salt and pepper, 1 egg, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1 cup raisins. Mix well and put in small sack or towel. Tie with string, leaving slight looseness for pudding to expand. Have a 6 quart kettle half full of boiling water with rack or plate in the bottom to prevent scorching. Boil about 1 hour until firm when fork is pressed against side of sack. Remove. Let drain a few minutes. Cut string and let pudding ball fall upside down into vegetable dish. Serves 6 to 8 people.

*Mrs. Pauline Cramer*

Mrs. Pauline Cramer,  
Mulliken, Michigan.

## Probate Packets

The website is updated about once a month with the list of probate packets that have been scanned ([www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf](http://www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf)). There are now about 12,480 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "P" probate packet folders.

Chris



We do have plenty of room for more people to scan and laugh with! Please feel free to give us a try!

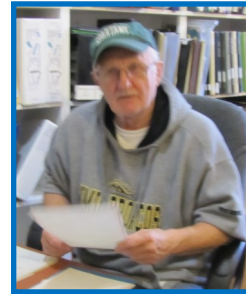
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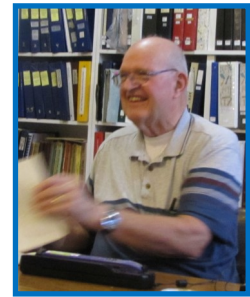


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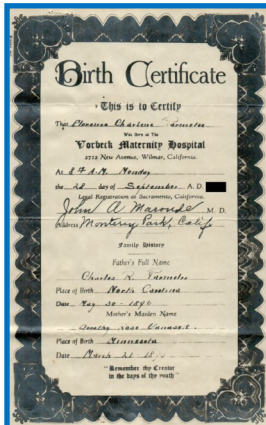
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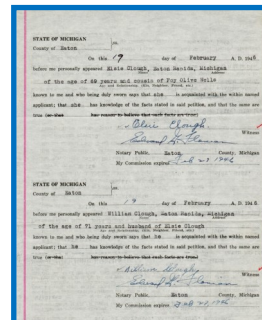
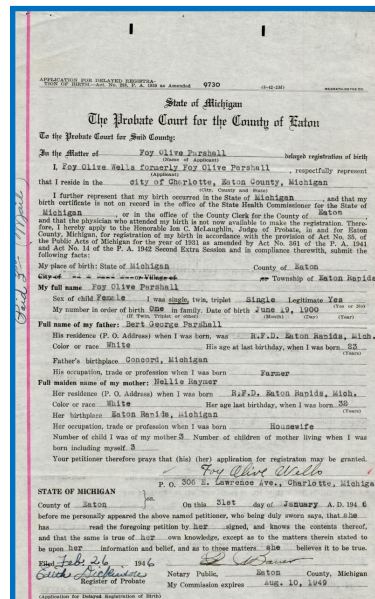


Here are a couple of documents to show you from two of the probate packets we scanned during the month.

This birth certificate of Florence Charlene Parmelee is in the probate packet of Frank H. Parmelee.



A very common probate packet contains the information for a delayed birth certificate and gives a great deal of information about the person's parents and other people who know this person. In this case, we have a married name too!

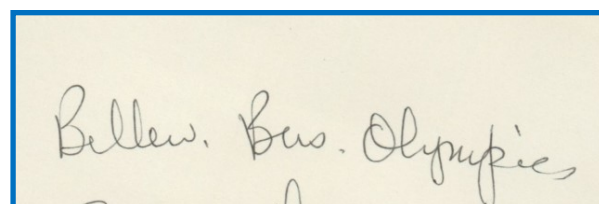
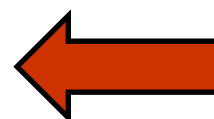
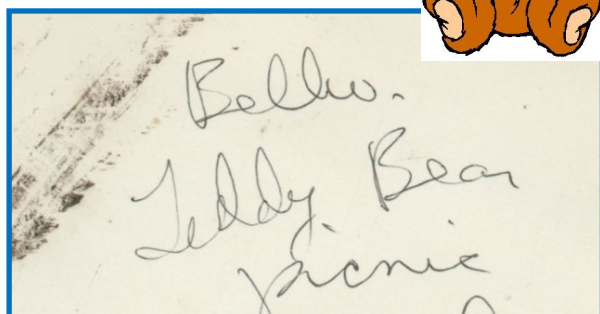
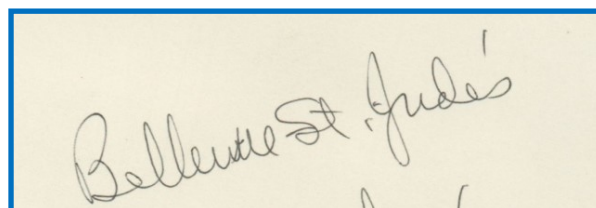
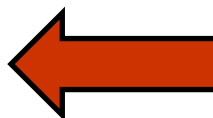
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**Join us on Tuesday afternoons when you can!**

## Bellevue Photos

These are some photos from our P.642 collection.



## The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group

- Our Writing Group will resume in January 2017! While this group is very important to us, we just plain ran out of Saturdays we could host the meeting!

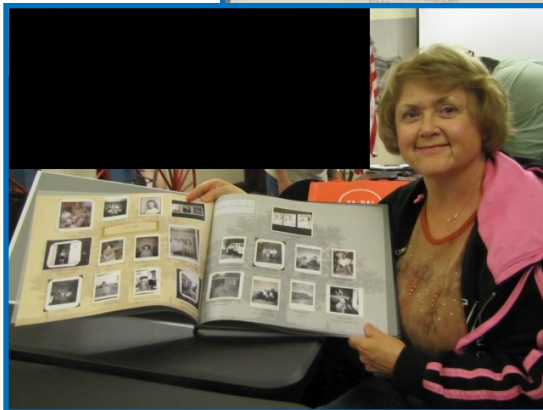


**Next Writing Group Meeting is Saturday, January 14, 2017!**

In the meantime, Pat shared with us that she met her goal of completing her life story, which covered from her birth to age 18, and she brought in the photo book to show us.

**Congratulations**

**Pat!**



As you are spending time with your family this holiday season, take notes about your family traditions, both now and even about your childhood past, and begin the process of keeping memories alive for your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. Perhaps you could involve your family in some type of game that involves questions about past holiday dinners and parties that will spark memories, then keep these together! You never know what some people will remember that others don't! Consider making one of your New Year's resolution to begin attending a Writer's Group and write that first, or the next, chapter of your life story! You will have many generations who follow you thanking you!

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.

**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 married 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.

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 Goethe 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. Germany 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. It 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 celibacy. She is considered the patron 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 demand 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?



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Note: Some clipart used in our newsletter was provided by [MyCuteGraphics](http://MyCuteGraphics.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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