

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.

2017 Calendar

Monthly Meetings:

Wed Mar 15 General Meeting

Wed Apr 19 General Meeting

Wed May 17 General Meeting

Wed Jun 21 General Meeting

Wed Jul 19 General Meeting

Wed Aug 16 General Meeting

Wed Sep 20 General Meeting

Wed Oct 18 General Meeting

Wed Nov 8 General Meeting

See our online [Calendar of Events!](#)

Regular Projects:

Each Tuesday noon—5pm:

Probate Packet Scanning

2017 March Calendar

March 15th, 5:30pm

**Writing Group: Saturday,
March 25th, 10am-Noon**

Every Tuesday Afternoon:

Probate Packet Scanning (any time during 12-5)

Officers Jan 1, 2017 through Dec 31, 2017

President	Chuck Chamberlain
Past-President	Bill Haines
Vice President	Kent MacDonald
Treasurer	Sher Brown
Recording Secretary	Judy Chamberlain
Membership Secretary	Dianna Emerson
Corresponding Secretary	Marcy Cousino
Librarian	Sharlene Thuma
Web Maintenance	Sherry Copenhaver
Publicity	Joy Black
Computer Chair	John Evans
Council Delegate	Jim Collins
Council Delegate	Jo Glasgow
FGS Delegate	Gary Copenhaver
Trustees:	Liz Jones, Shirley Hodges, Becky Kendall

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

Membership: Dianna Emerson**New Members :**

DON & EVA COOPER from Grand Ledge
 JIM & LINDA EMERSON from Arizona
 MIKE MONROE from Eagle

**The password
 changes on March
 1st to the ECGS
 member section.**



Total Memberships 101

Membership Dues - Please support the Eaton County Genealogical Society by becoming a member in 2017 or renewing your dues. The membership meetings will begin again on March 15, 2017, please check the calendar for details.

Please go to www.miegs.org for a member application.

Dianna Emerson

**Treasurer Report**

Sher Brown, Treasurer

\$3,349.41 checking for Jan 31, 2017
 \$3,499.12 checking for Dec 31, 2016
 \$2,320.42 snack fund
 \$3,277.27 undesignated donations
 \$4,499.33 CD

2017 bills paid thru February 1:
 Rent - \$600,
 EC Newspaper Project - \$1,000
 Federation of Genealogical Societies - \$45

Highlights from Board Meeting: Judy Chamberlain**HIGHLIGHTS FROM ECGS BOARD MEETING**

February 15, 2017

- Twenty of the digitized Olivet newspaper rolls are now available online at <http://www.fultonhistory.com>, the website of the gentleman who did the digitizing. These are searchable. This is a good research website as there are thousands of newspapers available that he has scanned and digitized.
- A new "cloud" program, Crash Plan, has been installed and files from the office computers have been downloaded to it.
- The librarian, Sharlene Thuma, is working with an EXCEL program to produce a map of the rooms and a list of what is on the shelves in each room.
- Did you know???? The books/files in the main room of the office are records for Eaton County while the books/files in the other room are for other counties, state, etc.

Anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings. The next one will be held on March 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Updates from Delta Township District Library

COLLECTORS SHOWCASE

The 3rd Annual Collectors Showcase will be held March 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Dr., Delta Township, Michigan. Collectors willing to display their collections and talk to the public about their passion are needed for this just-for-fun, no buying or selling event. Collections at past events have included both antique and contemporary collectibles, such as Pez dispensers, vintage hats, postcards, dolls, Dionne quintuplet memorabilia, Lansing dairy items, and salt and pepper shakers. All collections suitable for family viewing are welcome. One collection will receive the People's Choice Award, chosen by visitors the day of the event.

The Collectors Showcase is co-sponsored by Delta Township District Library, the Delta Township Historical Society, and the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. The event is free and all are welcome. For more information or to register as a collector, contact Thomas Moore, DTDL Adult Services Librarian, tmoore@dtld.org, or [517-321-4014](tel:517-321-4014), or check the library website under Events at www.dtdl.org/collectors.

We also updated our website with the following two links on the Links page:
Delta Township Historical Society: <https://deltamihistory.org/>

Historical Society of Greater Lansing: <http://www.lansinghistory.org/>

ECGS Librarian

Sharlene Thuma



Robert Phillips- color photo of Sergeant Robert **PHILLIPS** in uniform, 03 Mar. 1970, Detroit Metro Airport; black & white Charlotte High School graduation photo of Maurice **CHERRY**, 1941.

Albion District Library- recipe book: *Feeding the Flock*, by the Brookfield United Methodist Church, publ. 1991, 170 pp.

Pam Bardet- book, *The EDDY Family Association Bulletins*, Nos. 1-20, 1921-1928, published 1928 by The Eddy Family Association, Inc., 508 pp.; three issues of *The EDDY Family Association* periodicals, April 2013-2015; six volume book set, *The EDDY Family In America*, 1930, Supplements 1940, 1950, 1968, 1980, & 2005; booklet, *The LULL Book*, published 1926, compiled by Hilah Violet Eddy, 84 pp.; spiral book, *Family Letters*, 2000, surnames: **BROWN, EDDY, CAMPBELL, APPELEGATE**; folder, *Genealogical Records & Work Notes Of Hilah Violet EDDY*; folder, *The Family History Of Howard D.T. EDDY And Marion Leta BROWN Eddy*, compiled by Helen E. O'Connor, 1991; Lyda **BROWN's** *Birthday Book*; many journals of Lyda **BROWN**, ca.1901-1943; 1914-1918 journal of Louisa **BROWN**; 1943-1945 journal of Stella **CAMPBELL**; Hila V. **EDDY's** 1931 journal; 1880 journal of Fred **VOGT**; 1903 & 1904 journals of Fred L. **BROWN**; 1894 journal of Lyda **VOGT**; 1953 Memorial Record of Fred L. **BROWN**; 1955 marriage certificate of **SPRINGER & EDDY**; 1956 wedding invitation of **FORREST & EDDY**; a few newspaper clippings; many notes; etc.

We so much appreciate everyone that generously gives to our library.



Eaton County History Newspaper Project

By Marcy Cousino

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



Well, let's see...I sent 10 reels of Vermontville area papers last week to Tom Tryniski in Fulton County, New York, which will bring us up to 103 reels that have been completed. This is about half way there!

I have contacted the Library of Michigan to start the process of ordering microfilm. The Librarian who had been in charge of newspapers had just recently retired. This has left the Library a bit out of sorts. They assure me that they will be able to handle our order very soon. Meanwhile they gave us a list of microfilm Masters they have available for copying microfilm. Most of the microfilm for Eaton County/Charlotte papers that we wanted to purchase were not on that list. In fact, they have no Charlotte newspaper microfilm Masters after 1900. They suggested maybe Western Michigan University has the Masters. They do not.

Luckily, we found out the Masters were in The Charlotte Public Library all along. Who knows how many years ago, the Charlotte Public Library paid Eaton County Abstract Company to microfilm their newspaper holdings from the earliest they had in 1845 up to 1950. Today in 2017, the Masters do show a little wear on some. Apparently, they have been viewed by patrons a time or two, but they are MUCH better than the service copies which are very scratched, faded, ripped and sometimes scotch taped together. One Master, however, (at about 1944) has degraded badly. Its box did not close properly and perhaps the contact to air caused the problem. Let us hope it is not a total loss.

The other issue that we are working on so that we can purchase microfilm is copyright ownership. The Library of Michigan will not sell microfilm after 1923 UNLESS we have written permission of the copyright owner. Most of the newspapers in the county were bought out by The Lansing State Journal. The Lansing State Journal was bought out by Gannett Company. We know someone who knows someone, so who knows? We could get lucky. Let's hope for the best!

Marcy Cousino

Eaton County History Newspaper Project



See our Newspaper Project website at www.echnp.org.

Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society

Annual Bus Trip

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Sponsored by Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society (KVGS)

Join us for a day of genealogy research



DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2017
(No refunds after March 4, 2017)

COST: \$25.00 per person for bus, not meals

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Return (approx.)</u>
Kalamazoo	7:00 am**	The Crew Family Restaurant 3810 East Cork St. & Sprinkle Rd.	9:15 pm
Marshall	7:35 am	Exit 36, I-69 Park-n-Ride	8:45 pm
Coldwater	8:00 am	Exit 13, I-69 Park-n-Ride	8:00 pm
NEW PICK-UP POINT THIS YEAR.			

***Park on north side of parking lot, near Cork Street (away from the Crew Restaurant entrance)*

Departure from ACPL at 5:30 pm -- Dinner stop on way home in Auburn, IN

Complete one form per person. Make check payable to KVGS.

Mail form & check to: Jan Wright, 1853 Cumberland St., Kalamazoo, MI 49006
janwright8607@yahoo.com 269.349.8622 (cell)

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NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

CELL PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: *(Please bring a list of current medications)*

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

PICK-UP POINT *(Please circle):* **K'ZOO** **MARSHALL** **C'WATER**

KVGS Website: www.mikvgs.org

From Sunfield Historical Society

Hello Everyone, here is the first newsletter for 2017. We hope you enjoy reading about the past of Sunfield and surrounding areas. Let us hear from you and be sure to share the newsletter with your family and friends. The next newsletter is in the process and hope you will become a member of the Sunfield Historical Society.

Let us know how you like the newsletter and what you would like to see in the next newsletter.

Take care,

Jan Sedore



The Sunfield Historical Society, Welch Museum is a non-profit making, permanent institution, open to the public, which, acquires, conserves, researches, and exhibits, for purposes of inspiring children, connecting families, and strengthening our communities.

See their website at <http://www.sunfieldhistoricalsociety.com/>.

2017—Issue I

Sunfield Historical Society

January 2017

Sunspots

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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HOTEL BLOCK IN ASHES SEVERAL FAMILIES HOMELESS February 20, 1896



Ben Fish and A. R. Peck, who occupied rooms over the meat market and furniture store, respectively, were not able to save anything on account of the heavy smoke which filled their apartments.

Most of J. H. Bera's furniture stock was saved before the fire reached the building. A large safe belonging to Dr. E. M. Snyder, which occupied a corner of the furniture store was also saved.

The fire had evidently been burning some time before it was discovered, as the moment the door was broken open the whole inside immediately became one blazing mass. Mr. Loase is unable to say how the fire originated unless it was from a lamp which he left burning in the store. When he closed the store two hours before everything was left as usual and how the fire could have caught will probably always be a mystery.

Several families were left homeless by the awful fire but are being well cared for until they can find new quarters.

About 10:45 last Friday night as Ed Campbell and wife arrived home from a Pedro party they detected the odor of burning pine

At one time it looked as though the depot and elevator were doomed, but the walls collapsed in time to check the flames.

Capital Area District Libraries



Family History Open House

Saturday, March 11 • 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Genealogy Day at CADL! Attend a class, get help with your genealogy, or use ancestry.com to find your ancestors!

Classes 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Welcome

10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Breaking Down Brick Walls Using DNA by Bethany Waterbury

11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. Crowdsourcing Your Genealogy: Rethinking Brick Walls by Daniel Earl

Find & Scan Your Ancestors 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Use the library's subscription of ancestry.com to find those elusive ancestors or use scanners to scan your precious family photographs or documents.

Meet with a Librarian 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Meet with a librarian in a one-on-one personalized session to learn about resources you can use to help you break through on your own family research. To reserve your appointment, complete the form on the back of this flyer and submit it to the South Lansing branch or e-mail the form to antayaj@cadl.org by **February 1st**.

SOUTH LANSING BRANCH

3500 South Cedar Street, Lansing
517-272-9840



Capital Area District Libraries
Everything...right here.
cadl.org

Duck Lake Area Local History & Genealogy Group

DUCK LAKE AREA

LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY GROUP

NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2017
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 February 12, 2017. Our meetings start about 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 discuss a topic.

Meeting Topics for February

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

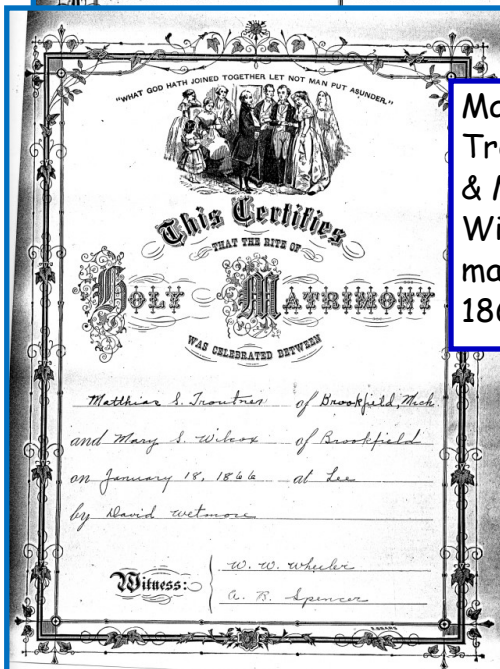
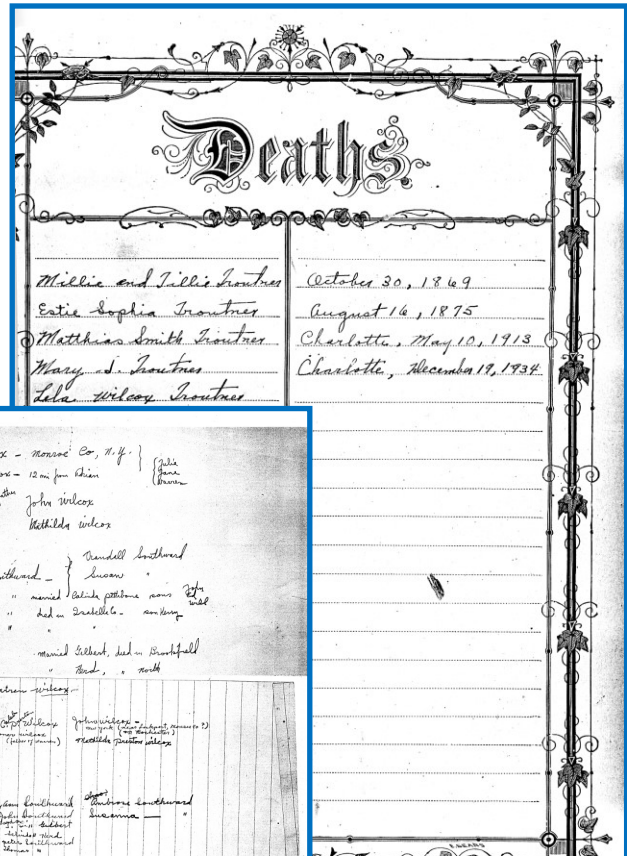
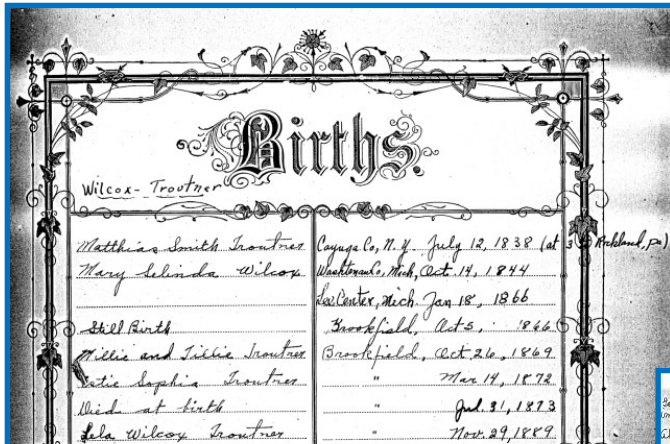
Next Meetings

Sunday March 12, 2017 1 PM – Clarence Township Hall
Sunday April 9, 2017 1 PM – Clarence Township Hall
Sunday May 14, 2017 1 PM – Clarence Township Hall

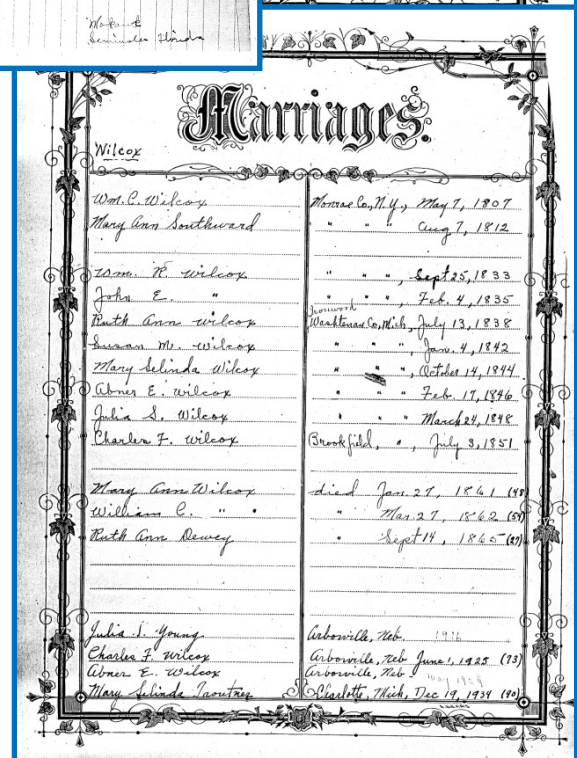
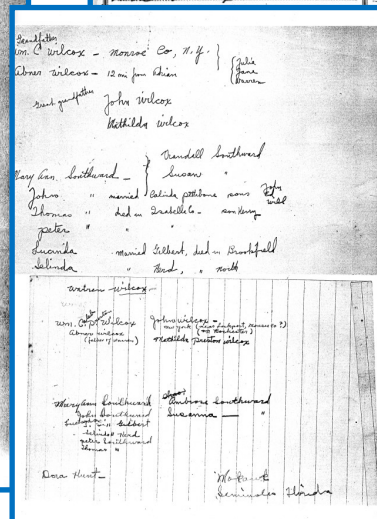
ECGS Vertical File VF-11

Troutner/ Wilcox Family Bible

Troutner/Wilcox- Family Bible photocopies; other surnames: Southward/Dewey/Young/Hunt/Thomas/Wheeler/Boon/ Reeves.



Mathias S.
Troutner
& Mary S.
Wilcox
married
1866

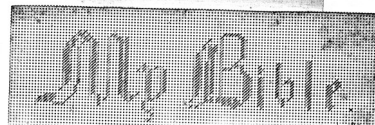


Marriage	Place	Date	Death
Wm. C. Wilcox	Brookfield	1807	1861
Estie Sophia Wilcox	Brookfield	1835	1861
Matthias S. Wilcox	Brookfield	1838	1865
Susan M. Wilcox	Brookfield	1842	1861
Mary Belinda Wilcox	Brookfield	1844	1865
Wm. E. Wilcox	Brookfield	1846	1861
John S. Wilcox	Brookfield	1848	1861
Charles F. Wilcox	Brookfield	1851	1861
Mary Ann Wilcox	Brookfield	1812	1861
John E. Wilcox	Brookfield	1833	1861
Estie Sophia Wilcox	Brookfield	1835	1861
Matthias S. Wilcox	Brookfield	1838	1865
Susan M. Wilcox	Brookfield	1842	1861
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Wm. E. Wilcox	Brookfield	1846	1861
John S. Wilcox	Brookfield	1848	1861
Charles F. Wilcox	Brookfield	1851	1861

This Certifies that Wm. Wilcox has been an acceptable member of the A. C. Church on Shering's Creek Marshall District since Conference Brookfield Jan. 27, 1857

Wm. Wilcox

Wm. Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
Mary Ann, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
John E. Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
Estie Sophia Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
Matthias S. Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
Susan M. Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
Mary Belinda Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
Wm. E. Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
John S. Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.
Charles F. Wilcox, Wilcox, Brookfield, Me.



Various Photo Groups

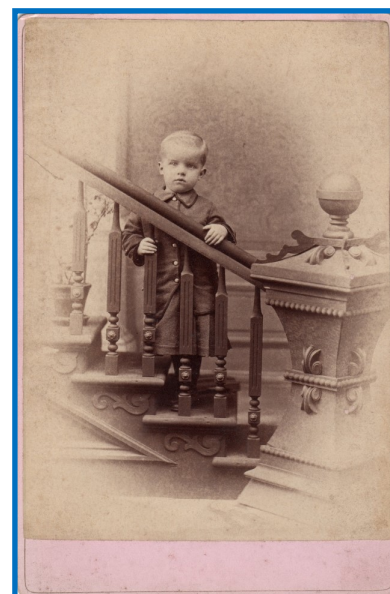
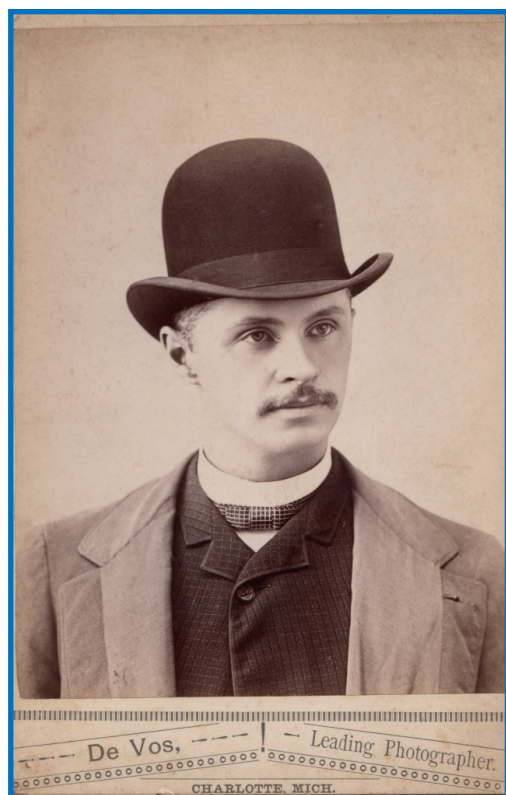
Rod Weaver has been working with ECGS to scan and restore some of the photographs in our collections.

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.

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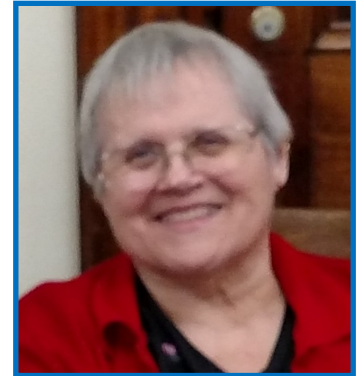
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The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group

Writers Group by Shirley Hodges

Write Your Story!

We had a very productive meeting with the Writers Group. We were able to discuss some of the progress we had made on projects and to make plans for our upcoming endeavors.



Several members shared some of their past successes and gifts and gift ideas with the group. Sherry Copenhaver showed us some publications she had completed using Scrapbook Factory. She is going to give us a short demonstration at the March 25th meeting. Phyllis Whidden brought some things that she had received as gifts from her family members. These are the types of things that help us pass our materials and information along to the next generation.

Many of us have been accumulating our family's history for years or in some cases decades. We need to make the leap from family historian to family writer if this information is to be preserved. If you haven't made the leap from family historian to family writer, I encourage you to try your hand at writing your family history; it can be just as rewarding as the research

Writing a family history book, taking all that research, knowledge, pictures and documents and putting it into a readable or pictorial format is the single best solution to leaving a legacy to your family.

If you think you might enjoy exploring and discussing writing your family history please plan on attending our next meeting. We are extremely passionate about recording family stories and will encourage you at every opportunity.

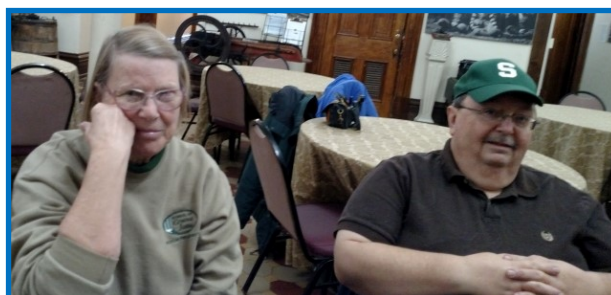
Next Meeting:

Saturday, March 25, 2017

The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group (continued)



Sherry will be publishing her "Growing Up Years" within the next month or so!



A few of Phyliss's gifts from her family.



Mulliken Cookbook

Thanks Sue Thompson for sharing this with us!



ENGLISH BROWN STEW

(For pressure pan)



2 pounds beef, cut in cubes
Salt, pepper, flour
2 tablespoons fat
1 clove garlic, minced (optional)
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
2 cups tomato juice

2 large onions

4 medium carrots

5 medium potatoes

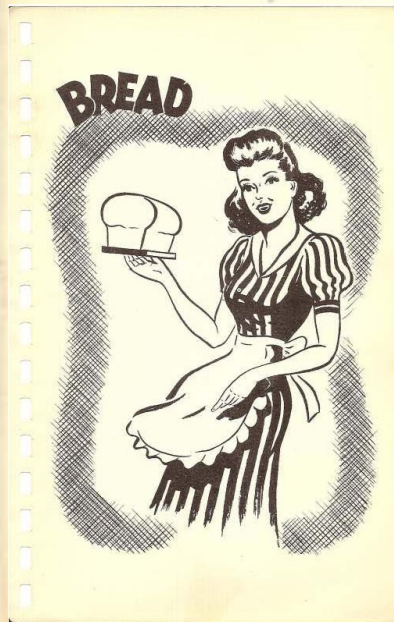
3/4 cup diced celery

Season meat with salt and pepper, dredge with flour. Heat cooker; add fat and brown meat in bottom of cooker. Add seasonings and tomato juice. Cook 10 minutes at 15 pounds pressure. Add vegetables and cook 8 to 10 minutes at 15 pounds pressure.

Charlene Pearson,
Mulliken, Michigan.

Charlene Pearson

English Brown Stew



Next Month
Bread Section Begins!

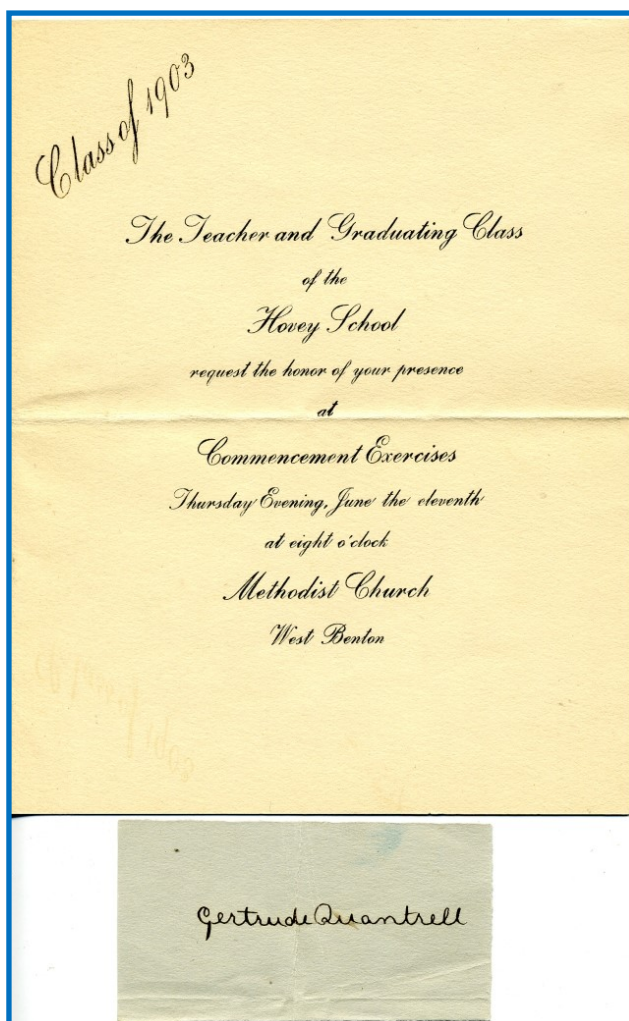
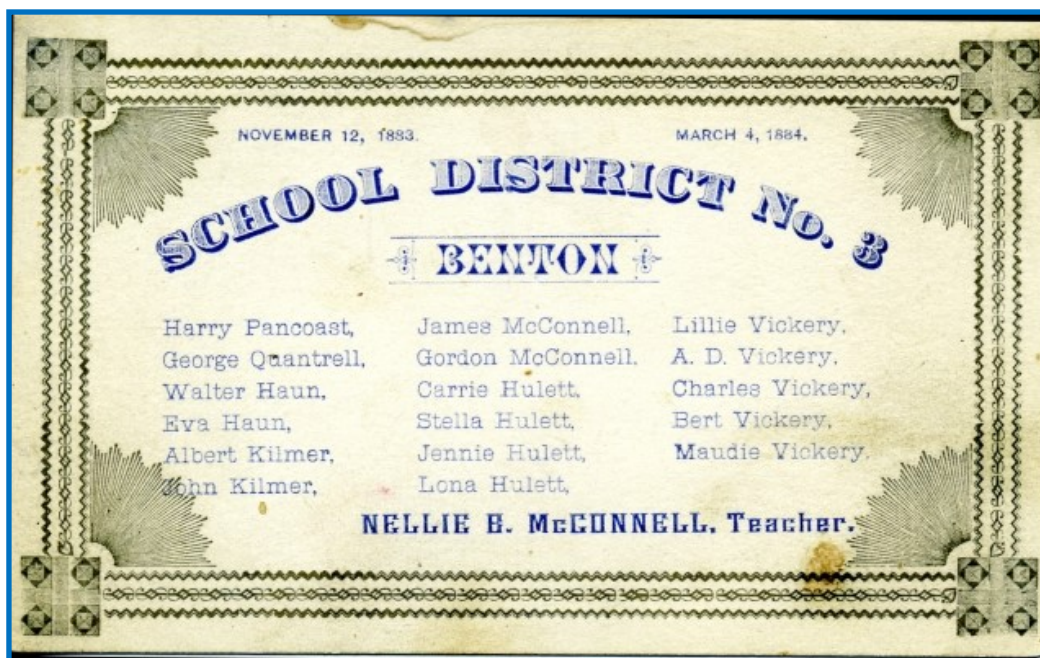
School Records—From VF.003

We have different school records that have been donated by various people over the years stored in our vertical files and the majority of these are included in our School Database.

Hovey School,
Benton Township,
1884



Hovey School,
Benton Township,
Class of 1903



BACCALAUREATE SERMON, REV. O. J. GOLDEN
SUNDAY, JUNE SEVENTH, AT 2:30 P. M.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE
ELEVENTH AT 8 P. M.

PROGRAM

Class March	Stella Kingman
Music	Orchestra
Invocation	Rev. O. J. Golden
Music	Orchestra
Welcome	Seven Pupils
Salutatory	Carrie Locke
Worth While	Grace Kiplinger
How the Boy Went Wrong	Roy Ward
Easy Knowledge	Blanche Cole
How To Get the Most out of this Life	Rev. O. J. Golden
Music	Orchestra
A School Boy's Lament	Burr Murdick
Booker T. Washington	Gertrude Quantrell
Boy's Rights	Don Burman
Energy	Supt. M. R. Parmelee
Music	Orchestra
The Kiss in School	Vadna Davis
Red, White and Blue	Three Pupils
Solo	Ora Palmer
Valedictory	Kittie Kiplinger
Conferring of Diplomas	Com. J. S. Wagner
Music	Orchestra

CLASS MOTTO: "NOT AT THE TOP BUT CLIMBING"
CLASS COLORS: PINK AND WHITE
CLASS FLOWER: CARNATION

GRADUATES

KITTIE KIPLINGER
CARRIE LOCKE
GERTRUDE QUANTRELL
LENA C. WARREN, TEACHER

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. J. J. LOCKE, DIRECTOR
MR. C. T. UPRIGHT, MODERATOR
MR. GEO. LOCKE, ASSESSOR

Charlotte Schools 1993

These are some photos from our P.642 collection.



School Board:

Lee Wheaton
Shirley Hirt
Karl Forall
Bill Chathan

Pam Anderson

Wally Miar

Bob Wilson

Award to Bryan Fix

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L. to R. Ed Dobbs, Robert Wilson, Bus driver, Janitors
end(Jim Olin, Superintendent T/1-1 #48

Service Center Awards: Ed
Dobbs, Robert Wilson, Karen
Wright, Janitors, Jim Olin-
Superintendent

School board
L. To R. — Lee Wheaton, Shirley Hirt, Karl Forall, Bill Chathan
Pam Anderson, Wally Miar, Bob Wilson, — award to W
Bryan Fix
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Ron Robbe, asst. principal, Jim Olin,
Superintendent, Al Vercellano, Principal
Next row: — — — — — Carol Cooper — — — — — Barb Johnson
next row: Mike Supper — — — — — Rachel Poe — — — — — Laurel
Jones — — — — — Schneider
next row - Don Lovey — — — — — Lorraine Green,
— — — — —
Bottom row — — — — — alfreda Latham
— — — — — Williams — — — — — Luann Stachak —
— — — — — Dan Curran, guidance



Eric Zonyk - Wayne Backlund
Teacher Guidance Counselor #48

A List of Free Research E-Book Websites

Website	Description	Source
http://www.ancestralfindings.com/ebooks/	Ancestral Findings. Download these free Genealogy eBooks to learn about ancestry and research, history, and how to find out more about your extended family tree.	Ancestral Findings.
http://www.archive.org	Archive.org doesn't limit itself to genealogy books. It collects EVERYTHING and makes its entire collection available to all at no charge. The Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more. Nobody knows how many genealogy and local history books are available in the Internet Archive but obviously it is huge number.	Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter
https://books.familysearch.org/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do	Family History Library from FamilySearch (more than 80,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world)	Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter
http://books.google.com	Another huge resource: Google Books with thousands of free eBooks, genealogy and almost every other imaginable topic	Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter
British History Online	A digital library of primary and secondary sources on medieval and modern history of Great Britain. It was created and is managed, as a cooperative venture by the Institute of Historical Research, the University of London and the History of Parliament Trust.	Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research	Houston Public Library	Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter
http://www.cyndislist.com/books/ebooks/	Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. This page lists (with links to open the books) 400+ free eBooks on the topic of Irish, Irish-American and Irish-Canadian Genealogy which can all be read online	Cyndi's List
http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/15-genealogy-books-can-read-free-kindle-unlimited-prime/	15 Genealogy Books You Can Read for Free With Kindle Unlimited	Google

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http://ftu.familytreemagazine.com/free/	Family Tree University. From family tree templates to ebooks on genetic genealogy, military records and more, Family Tree Magazine and Family Tree University are happy to provide you with the resources and knowledge you need to dive into your family history. Download these free genealogy eBooks below to explore a specific subject and get your genealogy research started. Best of all: these genealogy resources don't require a purchase - you can get them for free!	Google
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http://freeirishgenebooks.blogspot.com/	Free Irish Genealogy eBooks. These pages list (with links to open the books) about 4,000 free Books and Journals on the topic of Irish, Irish-American, Irish-Australian and Irish-Canadian Genealogy which can all be read online - most of them can also be downloaded to a reading device such as Kindle, iPad, Tablet, etc. (check the host site for available formats). Many of these books are 'out of print', rare or otherwise unavailable in paper format. Some of the family histories were printed for 'Private Circulation' in fewer than 100 - 200 copies but are now available to anyone online. The illustrations are taken from the books listed supplemented with photographs by 'PJC'.	Google
Genealogy Center	Allen County (Indiana) Public Library	Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter

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Obituary Book One

Many obituary scrapbooks were put together by many volunteers over the past 25-

Neil B. Aumick

NASHVILLE - Neil B. Aumick, 74, of 832 E. Sherman St., passed away Wednesday July 5, 1989 at Pennock Hospital, Hastings.

Mr. Aumick was born on December 10, 1914 in Bellevue Township, the son of John and Iva (DeFores) Aumick. He was raised in Bellevue and Nashville and attended schools there.

Mr. Aumick was married to Edna Hine on April 21, 1935 in Charlotte. The couple farmed at various areas until moving to Charlotte in 1948. They lived there 13 years until moving to their present address where they lived the past 28 years. He was employed at Johnson's Grey Iron Industry, Charlotte where he served the AFLCIO as committeeman and steward, retiring in 1976 after 25 years

service. Previously he worked at Aluminum Extrusion Co, Charlotte and farmed. He served in the Armor Division of the Army during World War II.

Mr. Aumick is survived by his wife; Edna, sons; Richard Aumick of Flat Rock and Wayne Aumick of Nashville, daughters; Jeanette Warner of Nashville and Karen Yarger of Shelbyville, seven grandchildren; five step grandchildren; four great grandchildren, two sisters; Beryl Fowler of Marietta, Georgia and Ruby Davis of Owosso, brothers; Louie Aumick of Charlotte and Cleo Aumick of Leon, Texas.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; son; David, great grandson; Derek Warner.

Full Military graveside

services conducted by Maple Valley VFW Post, Nashville were held Saturday July 8, at the Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville with Rev. Ron Brooks officiating.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel, Genter Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cornelius Aumick Memorial Fund.

William Harry Piddington

CHARLOTTE - William Harry Piddington, 74, of Charlotte passed away Saturday, July 1, 1989.

Mr. Piddington was born in Shiawassee County, the son of Charles and Mable (Richmond) Piddington.

He was a retired worker at Fisher Body after 30 years and was also a retired farmer. He was a member of the Vermontville Lodge #332 F&AM and the Nashville V.F.W. #3840.

Mr. Piddington is survived by his wife, June; two sons, Terry Piddington of Colorado and Roger Piddington of Ortonville; sister, Dollie Piddington of Lansing and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 3 at the Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Barry Smith officiating. Burial was at the Carland Cemetery, Shiawassee County.

Faith E. Dickinson

VERMONTVILLE - Faith E. Dickinson, 52, of 202 Round Lake Road, Vermontville passed away Thursday, September 7, 1989 at Pennock Hospital, Hastings.

Mrs. Dickinson was born on April 18, 1937 in Charlotte, the daughter of Otho and Eva (Fleming) Walter. She was raised in Vermontville and attended the Vermontville High School, graduating from Maple Valley Adult Education.

She was married to Raymond Dickinson on September 28, 1953. She was employed at Michigan Magnetics in Vermontville for 16 years. She was a member of a bowling league in Charlotte and enjoyed knitting, sewing,

crocheting and garage sales.

Mrs. Dickinson is survived by her husband, Raymond; two sons, Bradley (Sherry) Dickinson of Hastings and Mark (Lorna) Dickinson; two daughters, Joanne (Darrell, Jr.) Clements, all of Nashville and Robin Dickinson of Vermontville; six granddaughters; one grandson; two brothers, Wayne (Sharon) Walter of ValParaiso, Florida and Daryl (Shirley) Walter of Ionia; two sisters, Ardith (Herb) Chapman of Barryton and Gayla Pugh of Kentwood; one sister-in-law, Jean Walter of Thornton Colorado and one brother-in-law, Dusty Rhodes of California.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Ernest Walter,

Thornton, Colorado; one sister, Ruth Rhodes, Strawberry, California; one brother-in-law, Thomas Pugh, Kentwood.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 9 at the Maple Valley Chapel-Genter Funeral Home, Nashville with Rev. Glenn Litchfield officiating. Burial was at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Vermontville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maple Valley Scholarship Fund.

F. Jennie Boyd

VERMONTVILLE - F. Jennie Boyd, 88, of 313 East Main Street, Vermontville passed away Wednesday, August 30, 1989 at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.

Miss Boyd was born in Vermontville, the daughter of Fred R. and Laura E. (Andrews) Boyd.

She was a graduate of Vermontville High School, Eastern Michigan University and Michigan State University. She was a member of the Vermontville Women's Club. She was a retired School Teacher having taught at Port Hope, Garden City and Vermontville High School, retiring in 1965.

Miss Boyd is survived by

two sisters, Caroline and Lois Boyd, both of Vermontville; one brother, Ivan Boyd of Bath; two sisters-in-law, Florence Boyd of Charlotte and Margaret Byrd of Holt; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Saturday, September 2 at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Vermontville with Rev. George Fleming of the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, Charlotte officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements were made by the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Clifford J. Darling

Clifford J. Darling, 80, of Roscommon died on June 19, 1989 in Roscommon.

Mr. Darling was formerly of Grand Ledge where he resided for 17 years before moving north. He was a member of the Potter Park United Church.

Surviving is his daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Sam Brunt of Roscommon; daughter, Jackie Jansson of Sweden; five grandchildren; Matthew Brunt, Jack Brett, Kathy Johnson, Linda Baker and Cinda Forrester; and five great grandchildren.

Services were held at June 16 at Tiffany Funeral Home.

Obituary Book One (continued)

Victor J. Huhn

Victor J. Huhn, 83, died on June 19, 1989 at a Lansing Hospital.

Mr. Huhn was born July 13, 1905 in Eagle Township, the son of Peter and Anna Huhn.

He was a lifetime area resident, and a retired bookkeeper for Huhn Chevrolet.

He was a member of the Grand Ledge Lions Club, the Grand Ledge Camera Club, St. Micheal's Church, and a member of Our Lady Queen of Marders Church in Sarasota, Fla.

He is survived by: his wife Rosella; one son, David Victor Huhn of Lansing; two daughters, Ann M. Huhn of Sarasota, Fla, and Loran Jean Ficher, of DeWitt. Eight grandchildren, one great grandchild. One sister, Laura Davidson of Grand Ledge; two brothers, Norman Huhn and Clarence Huhn of Eagle.

Services were June 22, at St. Micheal's Church. Interment was at the Oakwood Cemetary. Arrangements were by the Peters and Murray Funeral Home.

Selma J. Bivens

NASHVILLE - Selma J. Bivens, 87, of 2621 S. Clark Rd., Nashville passed away Monday, October 23, 1989 at Thornapple Manor.

Mrs. Bivens was born on March 8, 1902 in Kalamo Township, the daughter of Andrew and Sophia (Holgers) Lundstum. She was raised in Kalamo Township and Nashville. She attended the Barnes Elementary School and Nashville High School. She received her teaching degree from County Normal. She taught school for two years.

She was married to Harold Bahs. They moved to the family farm in Castleton Township, on State Rd. Mr. Bahs passed away in 1951. She then married Ross Bivens, 1957 and moved to her S. Main St. address in Nashville. Mr. Bivens passed away in 1973. Since then she has been in poor health living at Sunset Acres

and Thornapple Manor. She was a member of the Nashville United Methodist Church and the Womens groups there.

Mrs. Bivens is survived by two sons, Carl Bahs of Nashville and Roger Bahs of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; one daughter, Betty Bahs of Hastings; two step daughters, Isabelle Case of Hastings and Arabelle Erway of Dowling; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter; several step grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 26 at the Maple Valley Chapel-Genther Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Brooks officiating. Burial was at the Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nashville United Methodist Church.

Richard G. Taylor

HASTINGS - Richard G. Taylor, 58 of 1515 E. Center Road, Hastings passed away Thursday, November 2, 1989 at Pennock Hospital.

Mr. Taylor was born on December 23, 1930 in Eaton Rapids, the son of Clifford and Florence (Hall) Taylor.

He was raised in Olivet and the Dowling area and attended Olivet and the Weeks schools, graduating in 1949 from Hastings High School.

Mr. Taylor was married to the former Dawn Fisher, it ended in divorce, he then married LaVera M. (Gillespie) Shute on January 30, 1971.

His employment included E.W. Bliss Company, the Oliver Company and Clark Equipment Company in Battle Creek, and Hastings Manufacturing Company where he worked for nearly 30 years, retiring in 1985 because of failing health.

He was a member of Hick-

ory Corners Masonic Lodge #345, Hastings Moose Lodge #628.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, LaVera; two sons, Rick Taylor, Delton, Robert Taylor, Hastings; daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Candi) Eagle of Stanton, Virginia; step-son, James Shute, Mt. Pleasant, step-daughters, Janet Betanzos, Wallkill, New York and Joan Davidson, Carmel, Indiana; 13 grandchildren; one great grandson; mother and step-father, Florence and Robert Gillespie of Dowling; sister Laura Mann, Hastings.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 5 at the Wren Funeral Home with Reverend Philip L. Brown officiating. Masonic memorial services were also conducted by the Masons. Burial was at the Dowling Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Heart Association.

Jerry E. Rice

Jerry E. Rice, 46, of 8188 Greenfield Shores, Scotts, formerly of Charlotte, died Dec. 17, 1988.

Mr. Rice was born June 29, 1942, in Greenville, the son of Howard and Mary Rice, and was a resident of Greenfield Shores for 26 years. He was a 1960 graduate of Charlotte High School. He had been employed by the city of Kalamazoo Fire Department for 19 years and was a former paramedic and captain. He was then employed by the Public Safety Department and was a sergeant for the past four years. He was a member of the Portage Free Methodist Church, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Greenfield Shores Fire Department, and the Pavillion Township Zoning Board. He was president of the Long Lake Association and the Greenfield Shores Lagoon Association, was a salvage vehicle inspector for the state of Michigan, and was an American Red Cross First Aid and CPR instructor. He was also a licensed barber and a former member of the Civil Air Patrol.

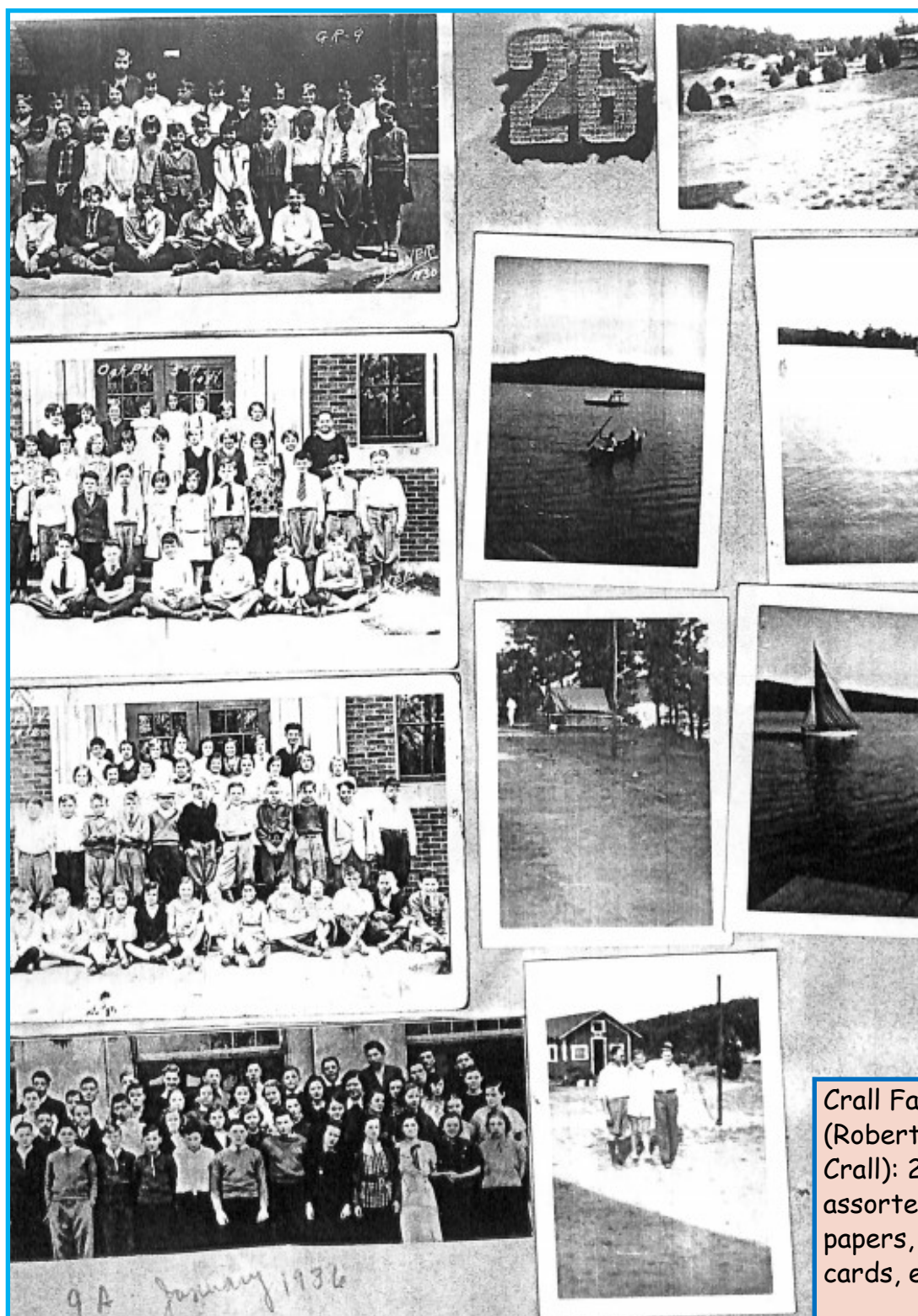
On Aug. 29, 1970, he was married to Katherin (Kathy) Stafinski, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Jarret E. Rice, and one daughter, Sheri K. Rice, both at home; his father, Howard Rice of Melbourne, Fla., formerly of Vicksburg; two sisters, Mrs. Darlene Mortimer of Scotts and Dolores Hegedus of Portage; four nieces and seven nephews; special nephew of Frank and Alice Rohdy of Charlotte; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held Dec. 19 at the Portage Free Methodist Church with the Rev. William Getsinger officiating. Interment was in Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Portage Free Methodist Church.

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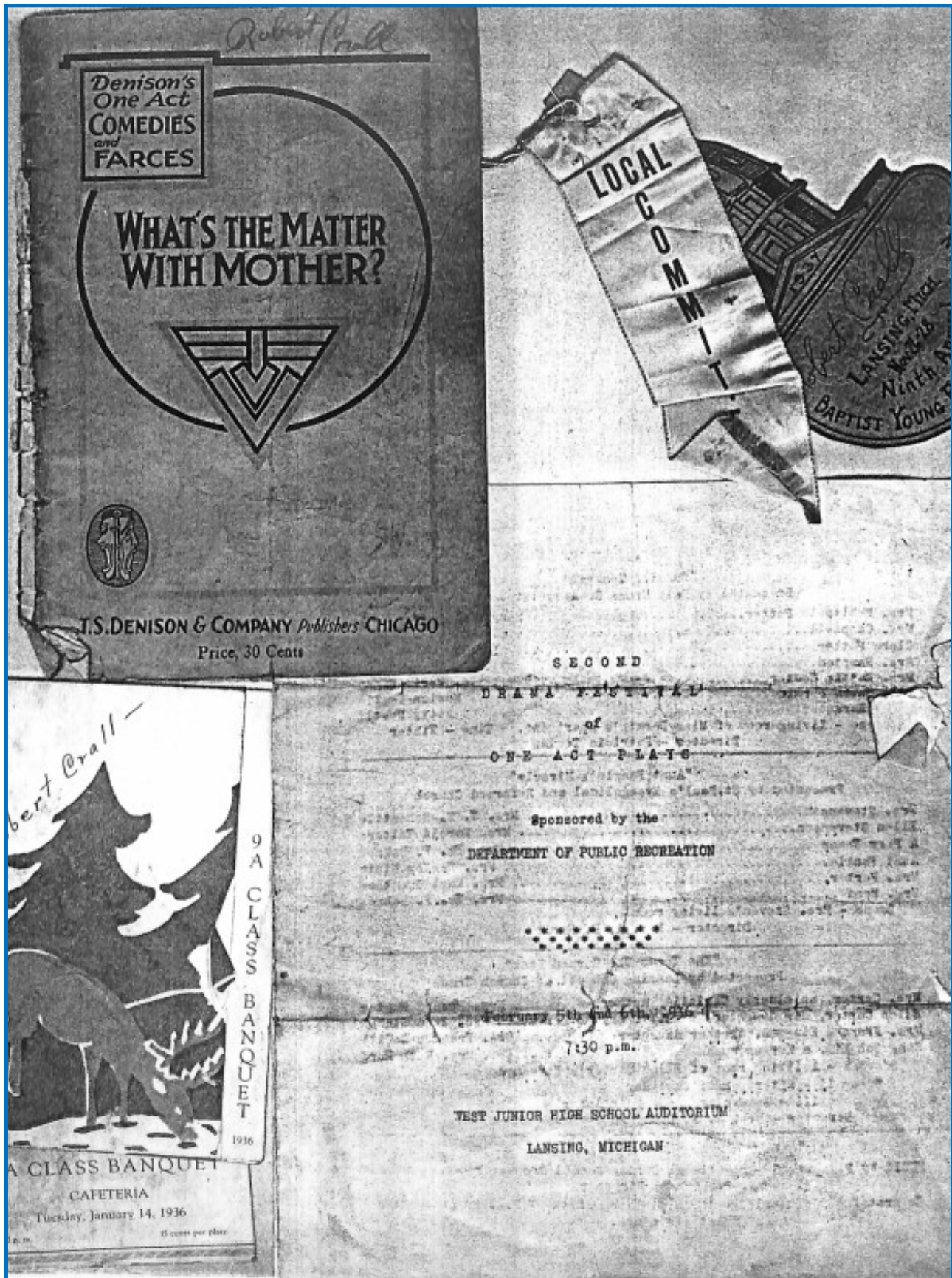
ECGS Scrapbook.2

Most of the scrapbooks we have in our library have been indexed and people who are researching can find these when looking up names. However, it has just been this past year that these scrapbooks have been scanned. Here are a couple of pages from one of these scrapbooks.



Crall Family
(Robert & Emma
Crall): 27 pages of
assorted family
papers, greeting
cards, etc.

ECGS Scrapbook.1 (continued)



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.

Edna

EDNA.

If there was ever a name without honor in country antecedents or parentage it seems to be Edna. Etymology records frankly nothing in the case of Edna. She seems to have just appeared. Something about her is reminiscent of Lenore and we can imagine Bakyriss or the daughters of Vikings bearing such a name, but history fails to back up our fancy.

It must seem then that Edna came some way from the ever popular masculine Edward. It may indeed be a contraction of the feminine form Edwina. Suppose the case, Edna ancestress must have been the famous Frau Uote, mother of Friemunga, who interpreted her dream and predicted the early death of her bridegroom.

She is the original source of Edwin and from her came Auder, a female viking, one of the first Icelandic settlers who was later known as Alda.

There were three famous Alda's; one the wife of Orlando the Paladin; one a queen, died 926, and another a lady of the house of Este in 1393.

The masculine form, Edwin, Edward, Edgar and Edmond were flourishing in England especially among royalty and the name of Edward, the greatest of the Plantagenets was carried by his granddaughter to Portugal where its honor was well sustained by her noble son.

Edna's talismanic gem is rightfully the royal ruby, which gives power and courage and invincibility to its wearer. It is the king of gems and one who wears it is assured kingly qualities so the old legends. Monday is Edna's lucky day and her lucky number, and her poppy her flower lucky number, and the poppy her flower

Elaine

ELAINE.

A southern favorite is Elaine, that most poetical and harmonious of feminine names. Before the civil war, every proud family of southern blood had an Elaine among its daughters, the Elaine Fitzhughs and Elaine Sulanys were legion, each a "belle of three counties" and the despair of many a love-stricken southern gallant.

But Elaine was not born in the South. Her matters of means. Her origin dates back to the days of beautiful Helen of Troy when the name Helen, coming from the Greek helios, meaning light, was permitted to drop its initial 'h' and become Ellen. In Umbra however, this was too lacking in poetry to be popular and it was called Elaine. It occurred under that spelling in the registers of early times and thus explains the gentle Lady Elayne, mother of Sir Galahad, whom Tennyson makes the lady of Shalott.

The name came to prominence again in the story of Elaine of the Round Table, "Elaine the fair Elaine the lovable, Elaine the lady of Astolot whose tragic fate is the source of song and story in the "Idylls of the King." Her Irish prototype was Elayne Eileen O'Brin, who likewise met with a tragic end, taking her own life after being carried away to Castle Knock by Roger Yrrel, one of the fierce Anglo-Normans. Tennyson's description of Elaine is exquisite:

Where could be found face daintier? Than her shape
From forehead down to foot perfect—again
From foot to forehead exquisitely turned.
Fair she was, my King
Pure, as you ever wish your knights be.
To doubt her fairness were to want an eye
To doubt her pureness were to want a heart.

Elaine's talismanic gem is the pearl, gift of charm and love and purity—fitting jewel for so lovely a name. The lily is her flower, a fact which Tennyson sees with such touching pathos in describing the funeral bier of the dead Elaine. Monday is her lucky day and her lucky number.

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