

# 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



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

Submit your information to P.O. Box mailing address above, or email to [ecgsnews@gmail.com](mailto: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 May Calendar

May 17th, Regular Meeting

Social: 5:30pm Meeting: 7:00pm

**Writing Group: Sat May 13th  
10a.m. — Noon**

Every Tuesday Afternoon:

Probate Packet Scanning (any time during 12-4)

## Officers Jan 1, 2017 through Dec 31, 2017

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

**Membership:** Dianna Emerson

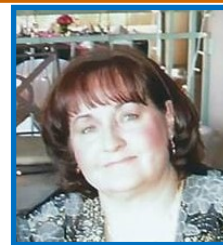
As of April 25, 2017, there are 120 members.

Membership Dues - Please support the Eaton County Genealogical Society by becoming a member in 2017 or renewing your dues.

Please go to [www.miegs.org](http://www.miegs.org) for a member application.

*Dianna Emerson*

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

**Speaker for May 17th:** Sher Brown

The speaker for the May 17th, 2017 General Meeting will be Jesse Lasorda!

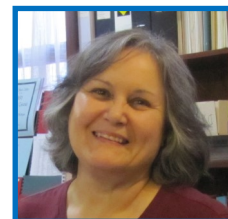
The talk with surround the following:

Retrieving documents from L of M, State Archives, County VA, Federal VA.  
Michigan WW1 County Pictorial Research. Replacing, Ordering WW 1 Headstones  
& Markers. There will many photos and documents.

**ECGS Librarian**

**Sharlene Thuma**

Here is a list of the Eaton County yearbooks we are missing. If you have a yearbook that is missing in our library, please consider donating to help us complete our collection. Your generosity would be extremely appreciated by our researchers. Thank you!



**Charlotte High School:** 1898-1900, 1902-1906, 1933, 1974, 1979, 1983-1984, 1986-1987, 1991-1994, 1996, 2002, 2011, 2013 to present.

**Dimondale High School:** 1955 & before, 1957, 1959 to present.

**Eaton Rapids High School:** 1913 & before, 1923, 1928-1936, 1941, 1945-1946, 1963-1966, 1973, 1976, 1979-1980, 1982, 1987 to present.

**Grand Ledge High School:** 1909-1950, 1952-1956, 1961-1965, 1983-1990, 1992 to present.

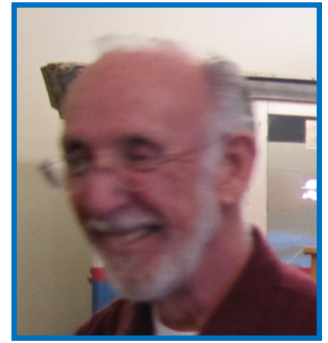
**Olivet High School:** 1924 & before, 1926-1964, 1966-1967, 1972-1973, 1975 to present.

**Pottersville High School:** 1948 & before, 1950-1955, 1961 to present.

**Vermontville High School:** 1951 & before, 1954, 1956, 1958 to present.

## President's Message

Good Morning everyone. It has been some time since I let you know what is going on at ECGS.



This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US entering into the War that ends all Wars, The Great War or World War I.

For the April meeting (last night) Cindy Grostick made a great presentation on locating military records relating World War I and II. Did you know that the Air Force wasn't by itself as a military division? All of the records are located in the Army.

Did you know that many of the army records were destroyed by a major fire?

The May meeting of ECGS will have Jesse Lasorda as our speaker. Be sure to come as Jesse is a fantastic speaker and you will enjoy his presentation.

In June we have lined up Brenda from the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.

July we will again have Gail Metz talking about Merging Pictures and documents in Ancestry.

As you can see things are happening and we would like you to be a part of this exciting time.

It is not too early to start planning for the bus trip to Allen County Library in November. The cost is only \$30.00 per person and you can take advantage of one of the great genealogy resources in the country. Allen County has records from all over the USA and lots from Canada as well.

The Eaton County Newspaper Project is going well and this will add another resource to help break down some of the walls in your genealogy research.

Come to our May 17th meeting and bring a friend.

See you there.

Chuck Chamberlain, President

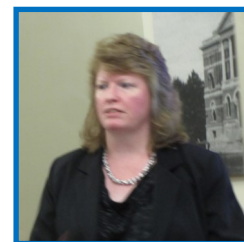




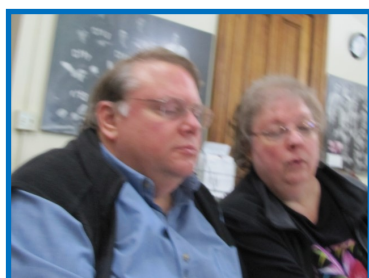
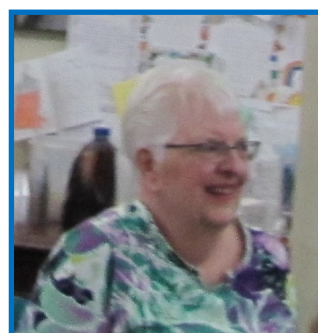
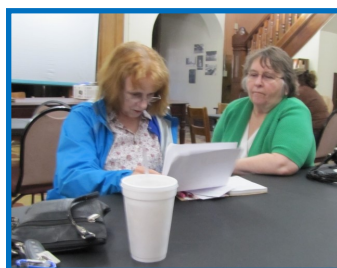
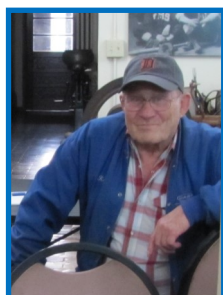
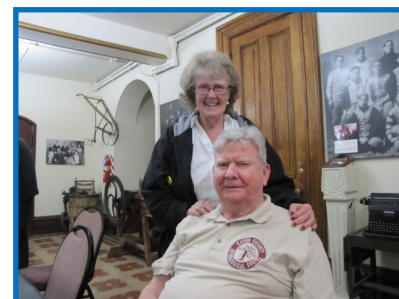
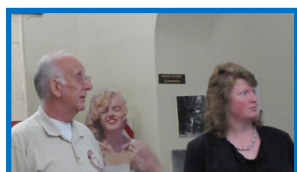
## April General Meeting

We Want You—U.S. Military Records for the World Wars

By Cindy Grostick

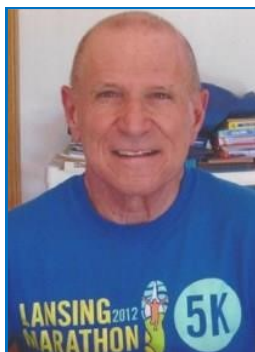


Cindy gave a very informative program on researching the military records of our ancestors. She stressed that even if they did not serve in the military, they may have filled out one or more of the draft cards, which contains various information.



## Probate Packets

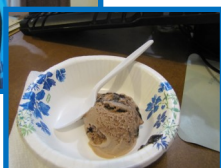
The website is updated about once a month with the list of probate packets that have been scanned ([www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf](http://www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf)). There are now about 14,100 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "R" probate packet folders.



Steve and Joann DePeel were devoted Probate Packet scanners on our Tuesday scanning ECGS project days until he could no longer join us due to illness. He lost the battle after a courageous fight with cancer on April 20, 2017. He provided many stories and laughs! He even provided pot-hole ice cream one day, and whole-wheat home-made bread with home-made peanut butter another day. He will be sorely missed and we send our love to you Joann and your family! Anyone who knew Steve, please be sure and write to Joann in Steve's online Guest Book at <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-mem.../obituary.aspx...>



Steve was also a member and volunteer with Ingham County Genealogical Society.



## Remembering Steve



If you believe there is a scanned probate packet you want to look at and you are a member, email us at [ecgsprobates@gmail.com](mailto:ecgsprobates@gmail.com) and request access to the file or files. If you are a non-member, see our Send A Request Page at <http://www.miegs.org/SendRequest.shtml>.

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



## The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group

Writers Group by Shirley Hodges

We talked about family heirlooms and one of the ideas was how we should check with family members and ask them to send pictures. We can then document where they are.



We also talked about donating our stories to the Allen County library. They will provide a bound book back to you as a "Thank You" for donating. You can mail your paper copies to them, or you can email (genealogy@acpl.info) a pdf digital file to them.

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**GENEALOGY CENTER**  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



# Next Meeting is May 13th, 10-Noon

# Newspaper Research

by Shirley Gage Hodges



I was researching the Fowler name and found these entries in Eaton Co., MI newspapers.

*Eaton County Republican* - Sat. 17 Jan. 1857

Listed in the Business ads: S. W. Fowler - Attorney - Charlotte.

*Eaton County Republican* - Sat. 24 Jan. 1857 Note: There were many references in various editions of the paper where he was listed as the attorney in the case.

*Eaton County Republican* - Sat. 23 July 1859

Died. 21 July. Lena V. Fowler, infant dau. of Jane E. and S. W. Fowler of Charlotte. (Poem included.)

*Eaton County Republican* - Sat. 30 July 1859

Business ads: S. W. Fowler & C. H. Marsh - Attorneys - Charlotte

*The Republican* - Thu. 13 Nov. 1862

Died. At Danby, Ionia Co., MI, Alice Fowler, age 12 y, 2 m 3 d, dau. of George B. and Catherine Fowler. (Poem included.)

*Eaton County Republican* - Fri. 12 Oct. 1860

Died. 19 Oct., Nellie Jane Fowler, only dau. of Jane E. and S. W. Fowler, age 4 yrs., 2 m, 15 d. (Poem included).

*Eaton County Republican* - Sat. 24 Sept. 1859.

The Michigan Methodist Conference closed 19 Sept. Listed in appointments made to Eaton Co.: Vermontville - Rev. Josiah Fowler.

*The Republican* - Thu. 17 Sept. 1863.

S. W. Fowler will speak to citizens on national topics, 26 Sept. at the Courthouse.

*The Republican* - Thu. 8 Oct. 1863

Appointments made at the recent M. E. Conference: Grand Ledge - J. Fowler and J. Roberts.

## Newspaper Research, continued



*Eaton County Republican* - Sat. 30 Oct. 1858

An article concerning Mr. John Q. A. Sessions, a young upcoming lawyer, and S. W. Fowler. Sessions wrote three columns in the *Eaton Argus* concerning Fowler's role as Prosecuting Attorney.

*The Republican* - Thu. 17 Dec. 1863.

Listed in the Eaton Co. Cir. Crt. Proceedings: People vs. John Fowler of Eaton Rapids. Morris Belnap is mentioned here also.

*The Republican* - Thu. 9 Oct. 1862.

Listed among Premiums awarded at the Eaton Co. Fair, held 30 Sept. - 2 Oct. for Pictures and Flowers: Mrs. S. W. Fowler.

*The Charlotte Republican* - Wed. 6 Nov. 1867.

Included in the list of teachers to whom certificates have been granted during the Fall of 1867. 15 Oct. in Eaton Rapids: Miss Hannah Fowler.

*The Charlotte Republican* - Thu. 3 Jan. 1867.

Listed in Business ads. J. N. Fowler - Physician & Surgeon.

*The Charlotte Republican* - Thu. 20 June 1867.

Listed in the ads. J. N. Fowler, Physician, Charlotte, will treat all poor people unable to pay for medical treatment, free every Thursday.

*The Charlotte Republican* - Thu. 28 Feb. 1867

Married. 22 Feb., at the Robert's Hotel in Charlotte, by Rev. Henry Robinson, Mr. Geo. W. Herring and Miss Sarah L. Fowler, both of Kalamo.

*The Republican* - Thu. 11 June 1863

Ad. Anyone wishing to join any existing regiment please apply to this Board. R. J. Barry, Pres., H. W. Shank, S. W. Fowler, Enrollment Board, Jackson.



This newsletter is created from information members have submitted. **Anyone is welcome (and encouraged!) to submit** Eaton County family history information or articles. Please email these to

[ecgsnews@gmail.com](mailto:ecgsnews@gmail.com) 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 [www.miegs.org/Newsletters.shtml](http://www.miegs.org/Newsletters.shtml).

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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# Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who donate in any way to our Society! Our Society is run by volunteers and is funded by donations and fund-raisers.

**Eaton County Genealogical Society Publications Order List**

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As of January 1, 2015

Item	Cost per item	Total Cost
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 <a href="http://www.miegs.org/Symbols.shtml">www.miegs.org/Symbols.shtml</a> for more information)	\$12.00	

Shipping & Handling

1-3 items - \$2.20

3-5 items - \$3.30

6 or more items - \$6.60

\*\*\* Note: Please add \$2.50 for each "Burkhead-Green Funeral Home" book.

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Please note: We plan to address publications in the next year and hopefully will be adding more to our selection. Also, we plan to offer these through the website using PayPal.