

# 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).

## 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 June Calendar

June 21st, Regular Meeting  
 Social: 5:30pm Meeting: 7:00pm

**Writing Group: Sat June 24th  
 10a.m. — Noon**

Every Tuesday Afternoon:

Probate Packet Scanning (any time during 12-4)

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

President	Chuck Chamberlain
Past-President	Bill Haines
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Recording Secretary	Judy Chamberlain
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Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

**Membership:** Dianna Emerson

ECGS MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT - MAY 22, 2017



Membership as of 5.25.17

2017 Total Number of Members: 131

104 Paid

21 Spouses

4 Complimentary (Speakers)

2 Life (Haley)



Comparison to 2016 Total Members: 167

147 Paid

12 Spouses

6 Complimentary (Speakers)

2 Life (Haley)

*Dianna Emerson*Check out the membership form on [www.miegs.org](http://www.miegs.org).**Probate Packets**

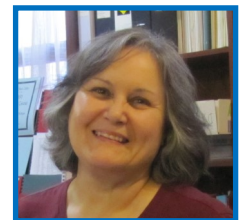
The website is updated about once a month with the list of probate packets that have been scanned ([www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf](http://www.miegs.org/Files/ProbatePacketScanned.pdf)). There are now about 14,420 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "R" probate packet folders.

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 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!***

**ECGS Librarian**

Sharlene Thuma



Don and Eva Cooper- 1951 Grand Ledge High School yearbook.

Dorothy Bennett- The **SMITH** Family Book 1 and Book #2 **SMITH** Family & Catherine **GEIB-SMITH**.

W. Arlene Powers- four 1998 newspaper clipping photos of the 1908-1909 Charlotte Corset Factory, 1948 Frobel School group, and 1937 Spaulding School group. Surnames: **KELLEY, GAUT, BRADLEY, CARROLL, SWIFT, ROLFE, DeLONG, HALL, REIBLE, PETTS, FUGATE, HYDE, WILLIAMSON, DAY, and KING**; teacher- Donna **MATHEWS**.

Jesse Lasorda- 3 photographs: 1925 Harper School group, Delta Twp., teacher Gladys **GREEN**; unidentified school group, undated, "Gladys **GREEN**" on the front; unidentified school group, on back "Miss Gladys M. **FOX**" and "Oct. 27, 1921."

Thank you for supporting us through your donations to our library. We appreciate it so much.

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING  
May 17, 2017

The president, Chuck Chamberlain, called the meeting to order at 7:00. He welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 20 people in attendance.

Marcy Cousino gave an update on the Newspaper Project.

Announcements:

- A coordinator or coordinators are needed for Frontier Days bake sale.
- Volunteers are needed to provide baked goods for the bake sale as well as work the three days.
- Folks were encouraged to consider volunteering to serve on the board for the next year.

Sign-up forms are available for the bus trip to Allen County Public Library in November.

The speaker for the June meeting will be Brenda Leyndyke from the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. She will be presenting information on records that are available in Calhoun County.

We will be having a potluck meeting in July at the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church. Gail Junion-Metz will be the speaker.

Jesse Lasorda presented a very informative program on finding records from World War I.

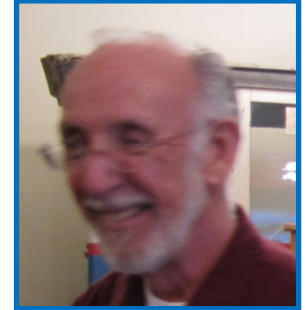
Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary



## WORLD CHAMBERLAIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Is your last name Chamberlain, Chamberlin, Chamberland, Chamberlayne, etc? Do you have ancestors with this last name? If so, have you ever wondered where and how they came to America and how long the families have been here? Do you know if you are in the William, Thomas, Edmund, Richard, or Henry line? Then you need to make plans to attend the World Chamberlain Genealogical Society's annual meeting.



- When - Saturday, June 24, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where - Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN

The meeting will include:

- A brief business meeting
- A presentation by Mr. George Richard Chamberlin, one of the Society's genealogists, on the original settlers who came to America
- A brief tour of the library for those who are not familiar with using the information there
- Lunch together at a local restaurant
- Time to do research either on the WCGS website (there will be someone to show you how to use this site if you are not familiar with it), the Chamberlain collection of publications at the library, and/or other publications at the library.

Time to chat and get to know each other

Some of the members are planning to be there on Friday, June 23, 2017, to do some additional research at the library.

For more information, you may contact Charles Chamberlain, Trustee, by phone at (517) 339-2798 (home) or (517) 614-5964 (cell) or by email at [charleschamberlain135@comcast.net](mailto:charleschamberlain135@comcast.net).

The 48th annual Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree is scheduled for June 8-11, 2017. There is live streaming of several sessions; see [genealogyjamboreecom](http://genealogyjamboreecom) to register free. Live streamed sessions are also available on-line through July 10, 2017. This is a good way to get some free education to help with your research.



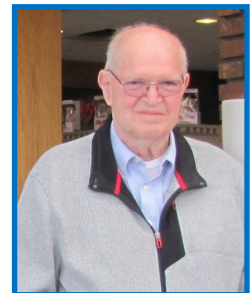
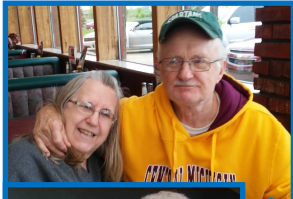


# Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

We had a great time at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at the Charlotte Big Boy Restaurant!



Shirley & Sherry taking pictures of each other taking pictures!






## April General Meeting

World War I Records


By Jesse Lasorda



Jesse gave a great presentation on this subject!



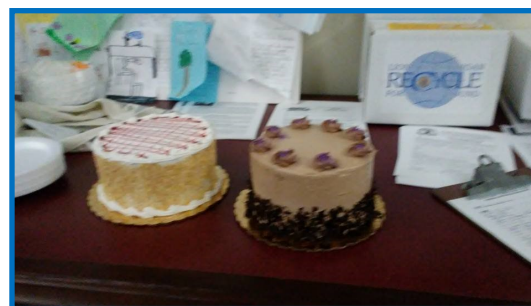
**ECGS May Meeting**



**World War I Records**

His talk will cover the following.  
Retrieving documents from L of M, State Archives, County VA, Federal VA. Michigan WW1 County Pictorial Research. Also: replacing, Ordering WW 1 Headstones & Markers.

**Jesse Lasorda**





PROBING THE CONTINENT IN THE 1620's

# NEWFOUNDLAND - 1622

## INTRODUCTION

This July 28, 1622 letter from Capt. Daniel Powell to Lord Baltimore was written shortly after Capt. Powell arrived from England with provisions for the little Newfoundland settlement called Ferryland, where Edward Wynne was in charge. Capt. Powell also helped supply Plymouth Colony & Sir George Calvert's Avalon settlement. Source: D. W. Prowse's 1896 History of Newfoundland from English Colonial & Foreign Records

Right Honourable:

May it please your Honour to understand, that on the 18. of April, my self, and all the company, whose names I sent you in the list, by my last from Plymmouth tooke shipping there and on the 26. of May (God's Holy Name be ever praised for it) wee all arrived safe & in good health in Newfoundland. Our journey proved so long by reason of the contrary winds we continually had. For at the least three weeks to-gether, wee were forced to traverse the Seas to and againe, and got not forward to the west ward in all that time one hundred leagues.

The accidents which happened in our overbound passage were these: The first weeke after our being at sea, three of our Ewe-Goats, by reason of their extreme leane-nesse when they were bought and brought aboard, died, so that now we have but onely one Ewe-Goate and a Buck Goate left: the other Buck dying like wise within few dayes after our landing. On the 16. of May the furnace in our ship tooke fire, and as God would have it, burst forth in the daytime otherwise it had endangered both ship and us. On the 26. as aforesaid, early in the morning we descryed land in Newfoundland, a little to the north ward of the Bay of Bulls, and before night came to anchor in Capeling Bay within one league of Ferryland. The next morning our ship came about to Ferryland Harbor and there landed all our people, where we found the Governour & all his company in good health, as we all continue in the same, praised be God for it.

The Coast and Harbours which we sailed by, are so bold & good, as I assure my self there can be no better in the world: but the Woods along the Coasts, are so spoyled by the Fishermen, that it is a great pity to behold them, & without redresse, undoubtedly will be the ruine of this good land: For they wastfully barke, fell and leave more wood behinde them to rot, then they use about their stages, although they imploy a world of wood upon them: and by these their abuses doe so cumber the Woods every where near the shore, that it is not possible for any man to go a mile in a long houre. The Land where on our Governour hath planted, is so good and commodious, that for the quantity, I think there is no better in many parts of England. His house which is strong & well contrived, standeth very warme, at the foote of an easie ascending hill, on the South-east, and defended with a hill, standing on the further side of the Haven on North-west: The Beach on the North and South sides of the Land locke it, and the seas on both sides are so neere and indifferent to it, that one may shoot a Bird-bolt into either Sea. No cold can offend it, although it bee accounted the coldest Harbor in the Land, and the Seas doe mak the Land behind it to the South-East, being neere 1000 Acres of good ground for hay, feeding of Cattell, and plenty of wood, almost an Island, safe to keepe anything from ravenous beasts. I have, since my comming, beene a little abroad, and finde much good ground for Medow, Pasture, and arable, about Aquafort, as well neere unto the head of the Harbor, as all the way between that & Ferryland. The neerenesse of the place, and the spacious-nesse of those grounds aforesaid, will give comfort and help to the present Plantation, and quickly ease your Honours charge, if a Plantation bee there this next Spring settled. If therefore it will please your Honour to let me be furnished against that time, but with thirteen men, and give mee leave to settle my selfe there, I make no doubt (God blessing my endeavours) but to give your Honour, and the rest of the undertakers, such content that you shall have good incouragement to proceed further therein. So for this time being loth to trouble your Honor any further until the returne of Master Wicot, I humbly take my leave, and ever rest ready to doe your Honour all possible service to the uttermost of my power.

Your Honors humbly at command,

DANIEL POWELL

(Thank you Jim Kendall for the article.)

## ECGS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER - 2017 FRONTIER DAYS

Charlotte Frontier Days means the ECGS will be having their annual bake sale inside the 1885 Courthouse. The money earned from this event covers important ECGS expenses such as rent and more. Volunteers are needed to work at the sale and to provide saleable items such as fudge, no bakes (peanut butter; chocolate w/peanut butter), brownies with or without nuts, cookies of all sorts, caramel corn, cakes and pies. Items are sold individually or as a plateful. Monetary donations are welcome if you are unable to bake.

Definition of positions: Staging-Package and price items for the sale. Sales-Sell the marked items. Coordinator - Oversees the group.

Please consider volunteering to make this sale a success! Here are the dates for this fundraiser. Some positions have been filled. Numbers indicate available positions. Everyone is welcome regardless of whether or not they signed up. Help is needed!

**Thursday, September 7 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
*Set Up-Need 3 people*

**Friday, September 8 - 9 a.m.-5p.m.**  
**Coordinator for Friday - 1 Needed**  
*9-12 Need Staging Person & 1 Sales Person*  
*12-3 Need 2 Staging & 2 Sales*  
*3-5 Need 2 Staging & 2 Sales*

**Saturday, September 9 -9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Coordinator for Saturday - 1 Needed**  
*9-12 Need 3 Staging & 2 Sales*  
*12-3 Need 2 Staging & 1 Sales*  
*3-5 Need 4 Staging & 2 Sales*

**Sunday, September 10 \_ 11 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Coordinator for Sunday - 1 Needed**  
*(Or when all the items are sold & then Take Down)*  
*11-2 Need 3 Staging & 2 Sales*  
*2-5 Need 2 Staging & 2 Sales*

***The ECGS is looking for Coordinators for the event. A couple of people are needed or possibly three (3) for a separate Coordinator for each day!***

Please mark this important event on your calendar. We need three kinds of people to make this successful - bakers, sellers and buyers!

Email [ecgsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:ecgsmembership@gmail.com) to sign up and/or ask questions.

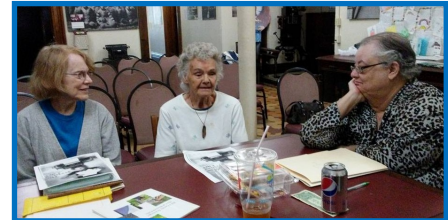
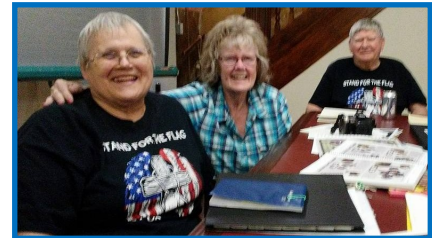
Dianna Emerson ECGS



# The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group

Writers Group by Shirley Hodges

Joe E Pray demonstrated the online software program "Be Remembered" on how to record your memories for your family. See "[beremembered.com](http://beremembered.com)".



We had a big hearty laugh as Sher tried to take a picture of us... her very first time taking a picture!



## Next Meeting is Jun 24th, 10-Noon

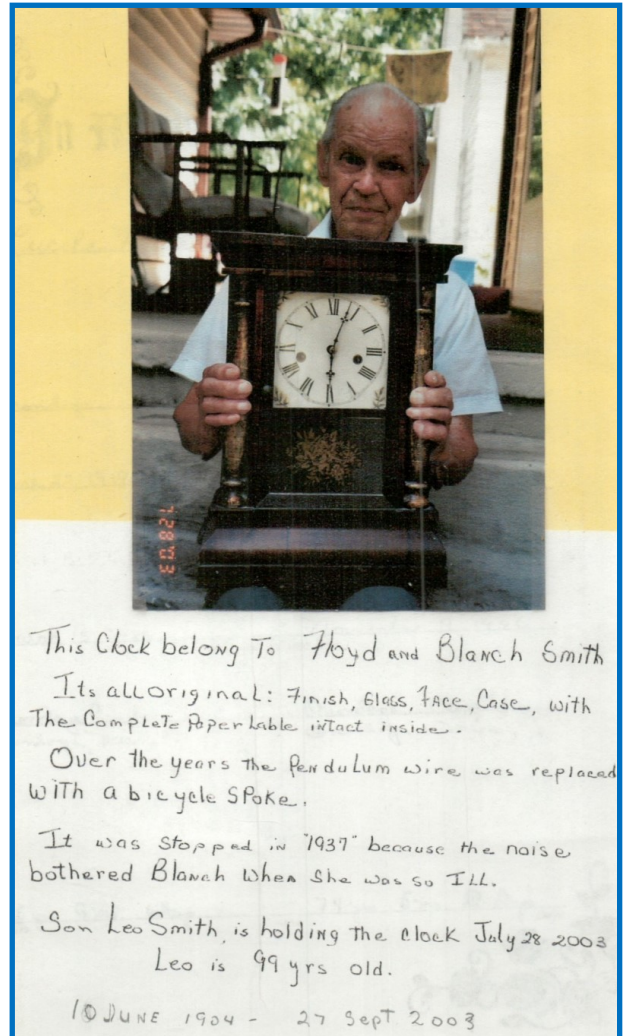


## The ECGS Writing Special Interest Group, continued

Last month, we talked about family heirlooms and how sometimes we are creating our own family heirlooms.



From Phyllis: A doll her given to for Christmas as a little girl, then donated to church later after she moved out of the house. She miraculously found it in a New York antique shop 40 years later and was able to buy it back!



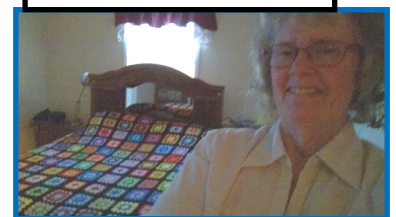
A clock from Phyllis!



From Sherry:  
This doll was Sherry's as a little girl.

Her dad found it in the attic after she was grown and had an 8-year-old daughter (Shawn) herself. He had his mother crochet the outfit, and he made the wooden case for the doll. Shawn begged for it then! It was not until her daughter Chelsea was grown that I finally passed it down to her, so she can pass it along to Chelsea.

Sherry crocheted this queen-size granny square afghan in about 1983.





# Don't Make Me a Dilemma

("I occasionally get doggerel attacks," writes Dr. Dorothy Branson, 10505 E. 42nd St., #D, Kansas City, MO 64133." We've published several of them. Here's her latest, with Dorothy's assurance that all names used in it are real ones!)

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I'd not have done well in the Pilgrim days  
When women were named Silence  
Or Submit or Obedience or Duty.

Some girls were a Trial, some were just Lowly,  
Some no doubt a Relief, some Opportunity.  
Very few were a Delight or Desire,  
A ThanksLord, a Content, or Harmony.

Some names were Hopeful, like Wealthy or Honor,  
Persistence, or Temperance, Discretion or Bethankful,  
Deliverance, Innocent, Peace, or Comfort.  
Or Truth-Shall-Prevail. Or Mindwell.  
Perhaps Taint-Not was hopeful too.

These names sound strange to our ear  
But were typical then, when  
Women were expected to be Obedient, to Fear,  
Exhibit Sobriety, or Friendship,  
Show Clemency, perhaps be a Question, an Experience,  
Or even a Reason.

I wouldn't mind being Lively,  
But I'd hate to be a Mourning or an Exercise,  
Or Wait-A-While or (forgetful me!) a Remember.  
And certainly not Maudlin.  
I'd be happy to be a Thankful, or a Serene,  
Even a Suretrust, or Moregift,  
But, please God, not a Dilemma.

Dorothy Branson

Thank you Jim Kendall!

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.