

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 August Calendar

September 20th, Regular Meeting

Dan Earl: "Putting History in your Family History"

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

Writing Group: Sat Sept (check Facebook for date) 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
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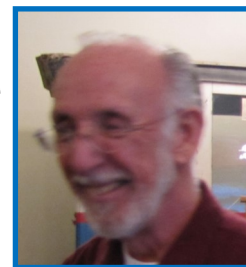
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Open Room Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm

President's Message

Hi everyone, I hope you had a good summer. Frontier Days is coming up in just a few days and of course from Friday to Sunday is our bake sale. This is our only fundraiser for the entire year.



In order to have a successful sale we need baked goods. Lots of baked goods. Cookies, Fudge, Cakes, Pies, Tarts and Breads. If you can make several dozen cookies or fudge, please bring it to the office as early as September 7th and of course we'll need additional baked goods throughout the weekend.

The vendors and guests really enjoy coming in for coffee and cookies as it gets kind of lonely manning the booths for 3 days.

If you are not into baking that is understandable but you may have some relatives or friends who would be willing to help us out.

By the way, we also need help during the sale for people to mark and package the baked goods. Friendly faces encouraging people to come in and buy or stock is also helpful. If you like selling or just talking about ECGS that will be welcome as well.

The old adage, "Many hands make light work" is very applicable.

Wear your jeans, cowboy boots, hats and western wear to get into the spirit of the event.

After the sale is over Sunday afternoon we could use some help in putting everything away. If you can help, please let us know.

The general meeting of ECGS will be September 20th at 7PM. Dan Earl will be speaking on "Putting History in Your Family History." This is a program you will not want to miss.

Hope to see you at the bake sale and the general meeting.

Chuck Chamberlain

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). There are now about 15,526 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "S" probate packets.

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 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



Anonymous- tax receipts for Gordon GRIFFIN, 1922-1938, Carmel and Eaton Co., MI.

Doug and Dianna Emerson- black and white unidentified school group photograph, Kindergarten, 1925.

Monique Colizzi- four downtown Charlotte business maps, hand drawn by Monique Colizzi. Mapping info taken from city directories, 1899, 1915, and 1954.

Connie Wilmore Corbin- The Scotch-Irish: A Social History by James G. Leyburn, published 1962; 377pp., index in back.

Phyllis Whidden- scrapbook of area newspaper clippings of Eaton County, MI, May to June 2017. An on-going ECGS project.



To all the above that contributed to our library...THANK YOU!

Eaton County History Newspaper Project: Update by Marcy Cousino

Bellevue Gazette	30 reels
The Bellevue Villager	2011-2017
Eaton Rapids Journal	21 reels
Maple Valley News	20 reels
Middleville Sun	7 reels
Mulliken News/Mulliken Press	1 reel
The Olivet Optic	22 reels
Sunfield Sentinel	10 reels
The Vermontville Echo	7 reels

All of the Charlotte/Eaton County microfilms have been done from the Charlotte Library pending verification. Ten of the 45 reels of the Springport Signal are completed. We are waiting to order 18 more reels for the Eaton Rapids Journal from the Library of Michigan. We have permission to include the Dimondale papers that run from sometime in the 1930's to the 1960's.

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\$4,499.33	CD
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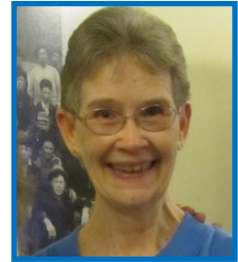
Sher Brown, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING August 16, 2017

There were about 18 people who gathered for the social time at 5:30. At 6:00 Mr. Ken Howe led us in a Genealogy Trivia game. What fun as we divided into teams and then each team had to answer the multiple choice questions. This was a great way interact with each other. Thank you, Ken, for doing this for us.



The president, Charles Chamberlain, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00. There were 24 people in attendance.

Announcements:

- Frontier Days bake sale - The following items are still needed:
 - A Coordinator for Sunday
 - Volunteers to work on Thursday evening (set up and pricing of items), Friday, Saturday and Sunday (including clean up).
 - Baked goods.
 - Election for Board members will be held in November. Nominations are needed for president, vice president, recording secretary and one trustee. If you are willing to serve in any of these capacities, please contact Shirley Hodges, Marcy Cousino or Sharlene Thuma.
 - There are still seats available for the bus trip to Allen County Public Library in November.

Two new delegates have been approved for representation on the Michigan Genealogical Council. They are Dianna Emerson and Becky Kendall. Thank you for volunteering to fill this position. Jim Collins and Jo Glasgow will act as the alternates. Thank you to Jim and Jo for faithfully serving as delegates for a number of years.

Upcoming events include:

- Eaton County Genealogical Society General meeting - Wednesday, September 20, 2017. The speaker will be Dan Earl, "Putting History in Your Family History".

2017 Fall Family History Event - October 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing. Visit the Michigan Genealogical Council website www.mimgc.org for registration information.

Thank you to Becky Kendall who treated us to yummy homemade Swedish cookies in keeping with the program title.

An informative program was presented by Linnea Shaw on Swedish genealogy. This also included other Scandinavian countries. She gave information on the resources available and how easy it is to obtain the records once you know how to look for them. Copies of the handout are available in the office.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary



**EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS
A BUS TRIP TO
ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

DATE: Saturday, 4 November 2017

FROM: 7 am to 9:30 pm

PLACE OF ORIGIN: 1885 Courthouse, 100 W. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, MI.

COST: \$30.00

The bus will leave the 1885 Courthouse promptly at 7:00 am. There will also be a pick-up at the "park & ride" in Marshall and Coldwater. Lunch is on your own. We will leave Fort Wayne about 5:00 pm and will stop enroute for dinner.*

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail your check made out to *Eaton County Genealogical Society* to ECGS Bus Trip, P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337. Cancellation(s) will receive a full refund with replacement only.



NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ON THIS TRIP: _____

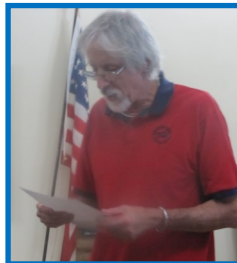
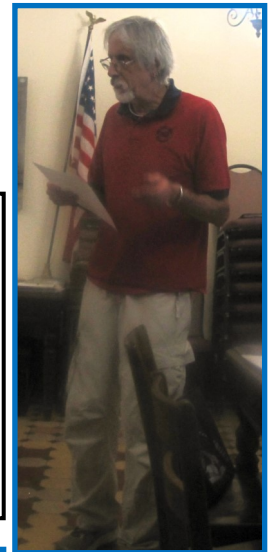
I will be getting on the bus at Charlotte _____ Coldwater _____ Marshall _____

***Please note: Because of liability issues everyone has to leave the bus when we stop for dinner. People cannot stay on the bus while we are having dinner.**

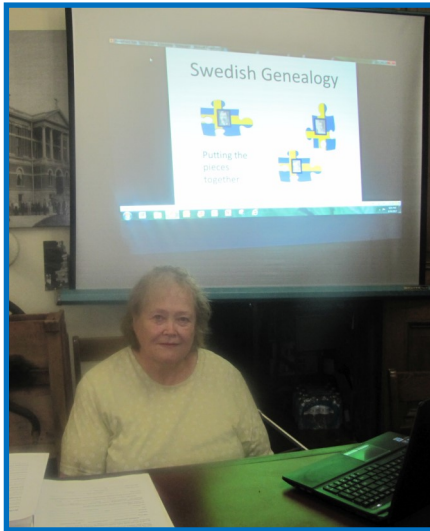
Any questions contact the ECGS office or Shirley Hodges at (517) 629-2345 or genealogyshirl@hotmail.com
ECGS 4 November 2017 Trip Contact Person

August pre-Meeting with Ken Howe

We had such a fun time with a genealogy trivia quiz in the pre-meeting time with Ken Howe! We divided into teams to answer questions for points and Shirley was our official score keeper. Not only did we have a great time, we learned a few things!



August Meeting with Linnea Shaw



Linnea gave a fantastic program, based on her personal experience of Swedish research. She gave some great examples and explained how the vast majority of people have some type of records for them, and very good records! The church recorded many details about the family life. For example, not only did they record when they came into a new church, but they recorded what church they were going to when they left the church!

**It was great
to see
Bill Haines again!**



Writer's Group

Shirley Hodges



Shirley was unable to attend this month's meeting as she was with Clarence, who was in the hospital. She gave us a call during the meeting and said hi to us on speaker and we all got to send our best wishes to Clarence!

We had a great meeting! Joann talked about how she often has ideas of what to write about when she is driving, but by the time she



actually sits down to write, she can no longer remember her ideas. She wondered if there were any ideas of what to do about this problem and we all thought a digital recorder (as she does not have a smart phone) would be a very good option.

Pat is working on her Charlotte historical home book and she talked about some of the interesting facts she has found about the homes she is writing about. She has been using Ancestry to research people who lived in these homes. When her book is completed, it will be for sale on Amazon.



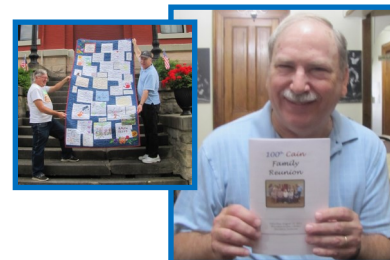
Several of these folks host Facebook Family sites! One of private closed family page is called the Historical-Hysterical facebook page—which made us all laugh!

Writer's Group, *continued*

John Evan's 100'th Cain Reunion



Ancestors:
Watson Cain
&
Sarah Miller



The biggest hit of John's reunion was the quilt his cousin made after patches were begun more than 20 years ago and it was actually completed for this 100th reunion! After quilt squares that had been made by relatives, some who are no longer with them, up to 20-30 years ago, the quilt project was taken up again two years ago and completed for 2017!

John talked with his family about some of the ideas from our writers group and they liked and plan to use some of them. For example, they plan to create a time capsule next year!



We asked John if he felt his reunion was successful and he replied yes. He later send an email that said "I stopped briefly during the reunion to look around. Family that hadn't seen each other in years were talking...genuinely talking. Children who had not been to a reunion before were playing with their cousins. Yes, this was a success."

Chris Brown's 93rd Miller Reunion

Miller Reunion photo from Facebook page

Chris had fewer people at his reunion due to older relatives being sick and the difficulty of getting around. His uncle, who has been treasurer for 31 years, felt it was time to turn the task over and now Chris is Secretary and Treasurer. Chris also creates a Miller Reunion Newsletter quarterly and he maintains a list of who he has to email it to or snail-mail it to. The vast majority of his readers retrieve it from their family facebook page. Chris's family reunion has a "Traveling" quilt, that has a journal book that travels along with it. He did not bring it today, so he will bring that next month and we will provide pictures and more information about that and his reunion next month!

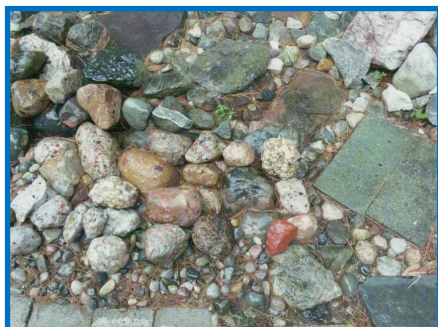
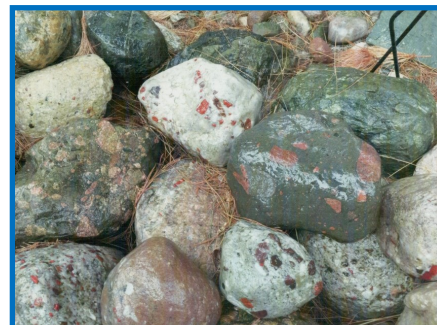
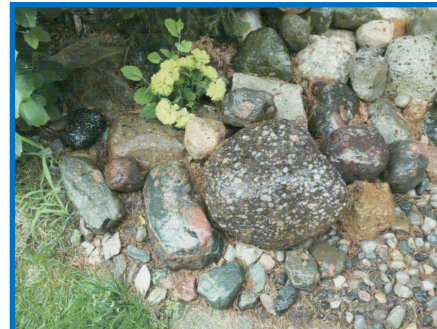
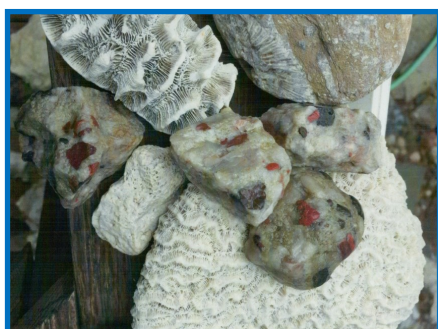
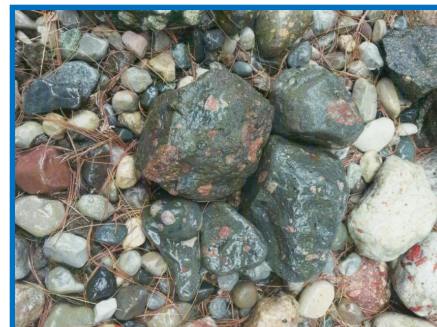


Ancestors:
David Rockwell Miller
&
Laura Athelia Seeley



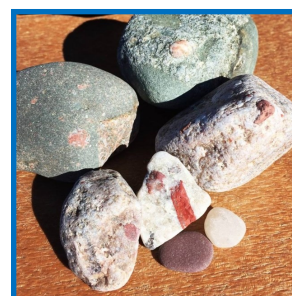
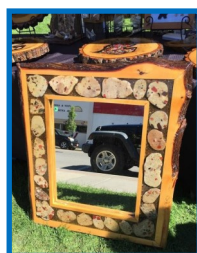
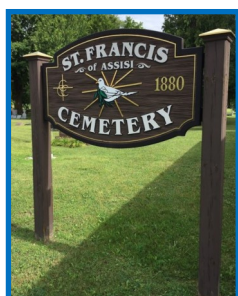
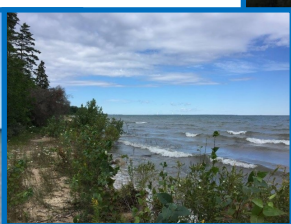
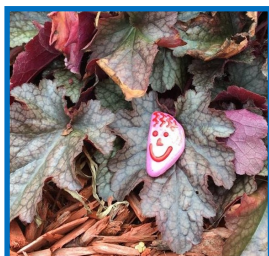
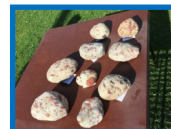
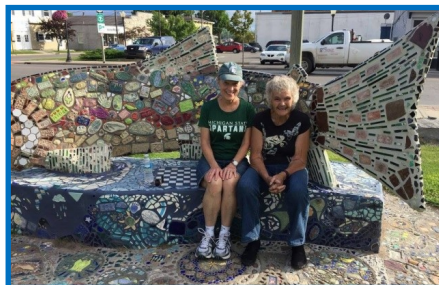
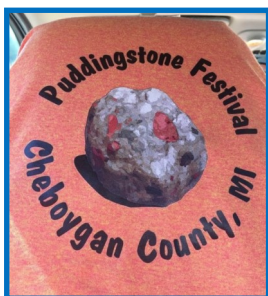
Phyllis's Pudding Stone Garden

Phyllis Whidden loves rocks and has collected them for years! She brought in a notebook of photos of her pudding stones she has in her gardens at her home to share with us at one of our Probate Packet scanning days. We sure enjoyed that!

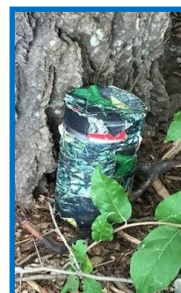


Phyllis & Joann go to Cheboygan Puddingstone Festival

Phyllis & Joann DePeel spent a weekend at Cheboygan, Michigan at the Puddingstone Festival!



They spent some time geocaching as well!



Courthouse Square Association
World War II Roll of Honor Project

WORLD WAR II

November 11, 2017 at 11:00 am

ROLL OF HONOR



An exhibit honoring Charlotte area WWII veterans will be presented on Veterans Day November 11, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center.

In addition to displaying over 550 photos, State of Michigan Representative, Tom Barrett will be a keynote speaker combined with a special program. Surviving veterans and family members of all veterans are invited to attend.

The public is also welcome to join us for this very special Veterans Day celebration ! Later in November, the Roll of Honor will be on display in the first floor area of the 1885 Courthouse.



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 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.

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.

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

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

P.O. Box 337, Charlotte, MI 48813-0337 Phone 517-543-8792

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 www.miegs.org/Symbols.shtml 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.

Sub total _____
 MI res. Add 6% sales tax _____
 Shipping & Handling _____
 Total Due _____

Send the above items to (please print)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Amount enclosed _____ Check No. _____

(Please make checks payable to: Eaton County Genealogical Society)

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.