

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 October Calendar

October 18th, Regular Meeting

Lori Fox: "Did I Really Read That?"

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

Writing Group: Sat Oct (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
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	Dianna Emerson
Council Delegate	Becky Kendall
Council Delegate (Alt)	Jim Collins, Jo Glasgow
FGS Delegate	Gary Copenhaver
Trustees:	Liz Jones, Shirley Hodges, Becky Kendall

CONTACT US

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

8/31/17 figures

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\$2,222.72 Snack

\$4,499.33 CD

\$3,151.98 Undes Donations

\$1,850.00 Pay Pal

Treasurer's Report

Sher Brown, Treasurer



Get Well Clarence!

We love you!

Membership Secretary

As of 9.21.17 the total number of members is 150.

Please welcome these new members:

Cheryl Lariviere

Mary Brown

Kenneth Howe

Albert Mudica

Dan Earl

Welcome

Check out the membership form on 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). There are now about 15,900 names that are scanned and we are scanning the "Smith" probate packets!

Thanks Jan for the beautiful orchid plant from your "greenhouse"! I LOVE it! Sherry



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!



**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: _____

4 SURNAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING: _____

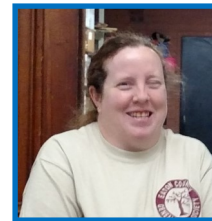
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ON THIS TRIP: _____

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

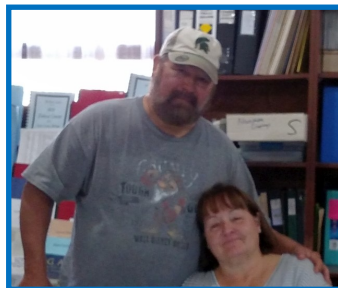
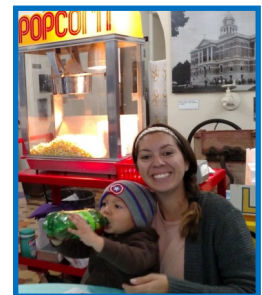
Frontier Days Bake Sale



Report from Treasurer Sher Brown

Frontier Days Net Profit: \$1,320.99

So much hard work and effort by the volunteers for this annual fundraiser. Thank you all so much. This goes far in paying the annual lease, insurance and annual phone bill.



Eaton County Genealogical Society

Frontier Days Bake Sale

Thanks to all who took the time to bake for our bake sale.

We sure missed our fearless leader though—our thoughts are with her and her family. (Note: Shirley Hodges has been by Clarence's side while he has had heart surgery, then complications recovering from the surgery and another surgery to boot.)

Some of the changes this year were:

- The Lions Club sold popcorn from their popcorn machine and ice cream bars across from our bake sale table.
- Pricing was changed to even amounts, which worked very well.
- The biggest change was, because there are now two refrigerators in the kitchen, we kept all of the pop in them rather than in coolers. YAY—No more wet cans! Great idea!

We had several unknown baked goods. Yes, we could tell they were cookies or cakes. But we couldn't always tell what kind and we couldn't taste everything. We could see what they looked like, and what they smelled like and whether there might be nuts in them, and that would be the best we could do. Next year (and yes, there will be a next year), we will ask for a label with a description of your donation.

We were a little short of workers on the sign-up sheet for the sales table. Please think about helping next year!

With grateful thanks, Bake Sale Staff

**Thank
You!**

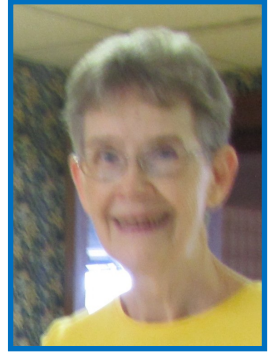
September Meeting

"Putting History in your Family History"

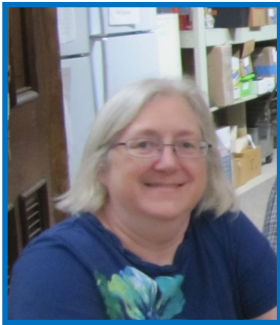
Dan Earl presented a very informational program about filling out the stories and history behind our ancestors' lives. Perhaps we had ancestors who were very close to a very historic event in history, such as the assassination of President Lincoln. Among many other things, he told us about looking for information in books on Internet Archive, which will even look on websites that have been deleted.



EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
September 20, 2017



The president, Charles Chamberlain, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00. There were 22 people in attendance, including two first time visitors. Welcome Lynda Hawley Patterson who is from Plainwell and is currently doing some research in Eaton County, and Rosswell Earl, our speaker's son, who came along to be with dad.



Newspaper Project Update (Marcy Cousino):

- This continues to move ahead. The Springport papers are currently being completed. Eleven rolls of film have been digitized and received back from New York. They are currently awaiting the completion of the next eleven. There are 45 of these in all.

They are still waiting on a response from the State of Michigan regarding the purchase of some additional rolls of film.



Michigan Genealogical Council Meeting (Jim Collins):

- The September meeting was held in Monroe. A program was presented on the War of 1812 battles that were fought in the area along the River Raisin.
- The Archives of Michigan will soon have the Detroit newspapers available online.

- The National Genealogical Society will be holding its Family History Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, May 2-6, 2018.

The next MGC meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on November 9, 2017, at the Michigan Historical Center. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
September 20, 2017
(Continued)

Announcements:

- The business for the October ECGS meeting will include the presentation of the 2018 budget, slate of officers and changes to the Bylaws for review. These will be voted on at the November meeting.
- Nominations are still needed for president, vice president, and recording secretary. 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. The cost is \$30.

Upcoming events:

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.

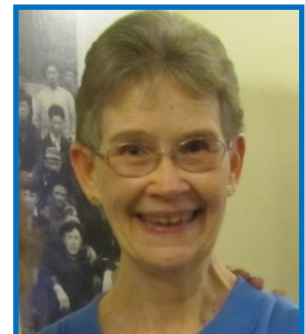
Thank you to Dianna and Doug Emerson who provided the delicious refreshments (Doug made the apple dessert).

An informative program was presented by Dan Earl on "Putting History in Your Family History". Dan explained why it is important that we put our ancestors "in context" as to where they lived and what was occurring at the time. He also gave some helpful tips on where to find information. If you would like a copy of his handout, you may contact him by email at fhg.dan@gmail.com.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. Social/gathering time at 5:30, program at 7:00. The speaker will be Lori Fox—Did I Really Read That?

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Chamberlain, Recording Secretary



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.