

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.

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