

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

JULY 20, 2011

The meeting of the Eaton County Genealogical Society was call to order by gavel at 7:00p.m., by Co-President Shirley Hodges. Co-President Sher Brown continued with committee reports.

Hospitality, Betty Polhamus pasted around the sign up sheet, along with the Frontier Days sign up sheets. Need a lot of help as it is our biggest fund raiser. Dates, Sept. 9-11, 2011.

We had two visitors, Jim La sorta and Nichole Garrett who works at the Archives of Michigan.

Jim Collins reported on the MGC meeting held July 14, 2011 at the Midland History Center.

Archive and Library update:

1. Collection will be held and made available to the public, no funding has been provided yet.
2. Archives will be glad to hold and protect and accept books. Pending l legislation. Mark Harvey is working o getting the Archives area wireless.

Reference Librarian from Dow Library told of collections:

1. Local History and those that went thru Ohio to Michigan
2. Digitized Midland Newspapers 1870-1922
3. Ancestry Library Edition you can access it on your laptop.
4. Birth and Death Index's and County Cemetery's you can read.

Coming events update: **July 16 Abrams Seminar**, 105 pre-registered. Thanked Mark Harvey for having volunteers to open Archive Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 pm.

October 29, 2011 Abrams Seminar, 15 Speakers. They thank the Eaton County Genealogical Society for changing our date of the bus **trip to Fort Wayne to October 22, 2011** so everyone could attend both events.

Update on Spring Workshop for Officers of Societies, all officers, it is to share ideas of how to administer successful societies.

Projects for War of 1812 pension application. The project is accepting society and individual donations yo digitize and make free access. Spear headed by FGS, and Eaton County is a member.

LDS Family History Centers generally will accept volunteers at the Centers even if not LDS. Even though volunteers are putting more digital documents on line they do not expect to shrink or close any Centers.

Tom Koselka reported that the Library has been expanding the news paper collection. Ancestry and Footnotes will be renewed.

Byron Bailey Group is doing Family Search Project on Michigan Marriages Index 1820-1957.

The Lucy Mary Kellogg award will be presented October 29, 2011.

Cemetery Project: Gary Copenhaver reported that there was not meeting held, but the Bostwick and Diamondale cemetery's were still active. Also they found a cemetery on Thomas Favorites property and a mystery cemetery that is being worked on in Eaton Rapids.

Webmaster Sherry reported that with you membership card you should have the information to access the members only area. There is a little more information available. After April 1, 2011 everyone should have user code and password. If you need an ID card contact Barb Smith. She is also putting out a data base CD. You need a 2003 version or greater so you can do some searching. Call Sherry if you have questions. Also you can scan cemetery records in our reading room.

Sher Brown reported for the treasurer, Steve Smith, that the bills were paid and there was money in the bank. Sher also reported on the up coming Quest mailing, which should be the first week in August. Also the deadlines for information that can be put in the Quest were July 1st. Next one is November 1st, March 1, 2012 and she is always looking for interesting items.

We have a new recording secretary, Janyce Shepler, call her Jan.

Contact Gary Copenhaver if you are interested in a listing of Civil War re-enactments. They are in West Virginia. July 29-31, 2011 in Copper Harbor, Michigan, and August 26-28, 2011 in Jackson, Michigan, at Cascade Park, which is one of the biggest in the State. Go to micivilwar.org for information, also Seeking Michigan.

Shirley Hodges reminded us of the Ancestry Seminar bus trip. We leave Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 6:00am. Sharp, so be there early. There is still room available, so call Shirley until mid-night Friday the 22nd. Also the **Fort Wayne trip scheduled for October 22, 2011 you will need to fill out promptly as it should be a full bus .**

Shirley also mentioned the importance of using the Library of Michigan and the Archives by all of us. If we are not seen doing research they will think we are not interested in the collections.

Break taken to hear speaker Shirley Hodges on "The Harvey Girls"

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted

Janyce Shepler, Secretary