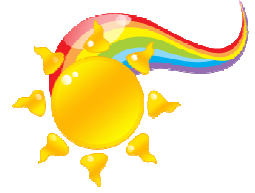




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Thursday, August 12, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Masonic Temple—396 W. Clay Ave.



“Immigration Records”

This video discusses the variety of immigration records and shows how to discover the details of your immigrant ancestor’s journey.

Tip

Mapping & using Timelines for tracing your ancestors, are very important.

Guest Are Always Welcome To Come!

DON'T FORGET!



Anyone who had started organizing your files with Margaret Brewster, back in March, please bring your Folder, Ancestral Check List and Generation Chart to the **AUGUST** meeting. We will have extras to hand out to anyone who had missed the prior session.



I hope you all are having a nice summer. For members who live in West Michigan and in Muskegon County in particular, aren't we lucky to have all our lakes and cool breezes?

It's time to get back to our research. The BYU video we are having for the August meeting program will be good. Maybe you will pick up a point or two which will lead you to your ancestor's arrival in the USA.

Make sure to check familysearch.org even though you looked at it before summer. So many new records are being indexed and digitized that there now may be something relating to your family that wasn't present before.

Like the cobbler's children who don't have shoes, I have researched many other families but neglected my own. Moorland Township is putting together 150th publication and will be ready sometime late fall. I hope you are working on your families! Jane Schapka, President



**Test Your
“GeneKnowlegy”**

A group of futurists in 1893 predicted America's greatest city would be _____?, although no city would be more “beautiful and extensive than _____.”?

Find the answer in this newsletter.
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County Clerk's Office

Volunteers
Wednesday's 1:00—4:00 p.m.
141 E. Apple Ave.
2nd Floor

Take the Pine St. entrance to the parking lot, and the building is on the left, with available parking.



Hospitality
Karen Towne
Jane Walker Weber
Paul Halloran

Our June meeting had a good patriotic response for Flag Day. Flag carriers were: Joann Osborn, Nancy Spoon Joan Gawron, Emma Ruprecht, Barb Martin, Joanne Blakken, Claudia McPherson, Alice Kooistra, Paula Rice and Whitey & Nancy Zisslers. Pilgrim ancestor, George Brewster, won the door prize. *Inventory of America* was the book won by Dan Dion at the drawing. At break, snacks were provided by Connie Fales and Paula Rice. Fruit, Chex Mix, veggies, and cookies were so delicious. Thank You, Gals!! Be ready for August to cool off with strawberries and ice cream!

WELCOME

Membership
Susan Boos Gerst
tsgerst@yahoo.com
Kathy Broughton DeCormier

Please welcome our newest members to our society.

- Gerald McDonald—Dearborn Hts., MI
Surnames: Shields, Graves, Bellefleur
- Vivian Nelund—Muskegon

Surnames: Nelund, Taylor, Lambrix, Goodenow/Goodno, Harpster, Grant, Simpson, Moreen, Hone, Elliott, Jones, Klinkhamer, Pothof, Luke, Beard, Storms, Shearer, Aken, Byers, Esury/Ezra, Schuitema

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jim and Ann Wirtz on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Members are important to us so please keep in touch. Share your news with us. Let's celebrate together! And don't forget to keep your phone, address, and email information up-to-date.

WARNING

Flash Drives, (some people still use Floppy Disk and Zip Drives. When using the same ones over and over again, it can be heart breaking when you end up losing everything you had put on them or your computer crashes. Never keep important data in one place. Backup your computer !



Library Update
Barb LaBatt Martin

New Books Added to the Local History & Genealogy Dept.

- > Know Your Ships (2001 edition)
- > Glimpses of a 19th Century Village, 1830-1900 Vicksburg, MI, by Mabel Hudson Hawkins
- > Your Life & Times: How to put a life story on tape; an oral history handbook, by Stephen and Julia Arthur
- > Genealogical Resources of the Civil War Era, by William Dollarhide
- > Index to Michigan Research found in Genealogical Periodicals, by Maud Quigley
- > Fun & Games For Family Gatherings, by Adrienne Anderson
- > It's All Relative: How to create your own personal family history trivia game, by Lynn Bonsey & Lorna Healey
- > Your Ultimate Guide To Genealogy Online
- > Beyond b., m., and d.: A Guide to Collecting and Publishing Family History, by Kit Lane
- > Touching Tomorrow: How to Interview Your Loved Ones to Capture a Lifetime of Memories on Video or Audio, by Mary LoVerde
- > Ojibway Heritage, by Basil Johnston
- > Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary (Gift of Dawn Kelley)
- > Historic Resource Council Resource Directory
- > Tragedy and Sorrow of a Copper Mining Era, by Wilbert B. Maki
- > Google Your Family Tree: Unlock the Hidden Power of Google, by Daniel M. Lynch
- > Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet, by Pamela Boyer Porter and Amy Johnson
- > The Family Tree Guide Book to Europe: your passport to tracing your genealogy across Europe
- > Turning Memories Into Memoirs: A Handbook for Writing Lifestories, by Denis Ledoux
- > Family Tree Maker For Dummies, by Matthew L. Helm and April Leigh Helm
- > Indian Records, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory Final Rolls v. 2 & 4, by Arlene LeMaster
- > Famous Frisians In America, editors Peter de Haan & Kerst Huisman
- > Who Do You Think You Are?, by Megan Smolenyak
- > Saginaw, Michigan, U.S.A. 1857-1907 Semi-Centennial Souvenir
- > The Fleet Histories Series v.1, by John O. Greenwood
- > Hackley & Hume Historic Site: A Photographic History, by the Lakeshore Museum Center
- > Potawatomi: "People of the Fire", by Grace Rynberg SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register 2000 Edition (CD-ROM) (Colonial Dames in memory of Harry Robinson)
- > Jamestown Colony: A Political, Social, and Cultural History, by Frank E. Grizzard, Jr. and D. Boyd Smith
- > On The Shores of White Lake: Reflections of Lakeside In An Historic Landmark, by Patricia Groessl (Gift of Patricia Groessl)
- > Our People, Our Journey: The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, by James M. McClurken



Genealogy Tips **Ancestry Daily News**

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Pay It Forward

I am really interested in old photographs from the 1860s through the 1920s or so. Occasionally I find some of these in antique stores and junk shops while the wife and I are “junking,” which we do rather frequently. I purchase all of the old photos I find with any identification on them, and then create a public research tree on Ancestry, just so I can attach a digital scan of the image to the correct person. Perhaps the present-day owners of these photos don't have the proper perspective about their ancestors, but I am sure that someone, some day—even if it is 50 or 100 years from now—will appreciate having a photo of their ancestors! Fred R Ross, Pensacola, Florida

Branch Out in Newspapers

When searching the Ancestry databases, such as Newspapers & Periodicals, look for ancestors where they worked, as well as where they lived. One of my relatives appeared not only in his home state newspapers but in other states' newspapers as well, because he spoke at churches throughout the country. Deborra Wood

Reconnecting With Family

Every year I send out a Christmas email to my family, making sure everyone can see all the email addresses. I ask each person to add a Christmas greeting, or describe their Christmas activities. A compilation of the responses goes to all of my extended family on New Year's so that they receive greetings from everyone and an updated list of email addresses. I also send a Christmas email to all my genealogy contacts. I get replies from 95% of them, and reconnecting with them helps get the news and research to flow again. Trishe Willis, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia

Connecting Cemeteries

After many years of frustration and getting nowhere researching my grandmother's parents, I decided to look at a map and focus in on some addresses I had for family members from a business directory of Topeka, where I knew they had lived. Close to those addresses, pretty much in the center of town, was a cemetery that had a web site. The cemetery records were not online, but the address of the cemetery was provided. With a “what the heck” attitude, I decided to write to the cemetery to see if Grandma Thompson was buried there, and I inquired about her first husband and another set of great-grandparents for whom I was missing death dates. I hit the mother lode! Everybody was buried there, and the person who wrote me back included plot numbers and cause of death. The cemetery asked if I would consider making a donation, and naturally I made one by return mail. Sallie Mahan

CONGRATULATION!

Hackley Library Named FamilySearch Affiliate

Hackley Public Library of Muskegon has received designation as a FamilySearch Affiliate library. This agreement gives genealogists in the area access to some of the services that are available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, the world's largest genealogical library.

The Family History Library microform collection includes over 2.4 million rolls and 727,000 microfiche of microfilmed genealogical records. At this time, there are only 110 libraries across the United States and Canada that have been granted affiliate status.

Genealogy researchers can order items through the Local History and Genealogy Department located on the lower level of the Hackley Public Library. Researchers can refer to the Family History Library Catalog at www.familysearch.org to locate microfilms which can be borrowed. Once a relevant microfilm has been identified by catalog number and the loan fee of \$6.00 is paid by the genealogy researcher; library staff will order the film from Salt Lake City. Items are on loan for 30 days and must be used in the library.

This new service replaces the microform service formerly offered at the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1725 West Giles Road in Muskegon. Hackley Public Library offers more hours for ordering and viewing microfilm.

Hackley Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, as well as Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Hackley is also open on Sunday afternoon during the school year.

More information about Hackley Public Library's Local History and Genealogy resources is available at www.hackleylibrary.org

Contact the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Hackley Public Library at 231-722-7276 ext. 233 or Mary Southwick ext. 242 for further information.

WEBSITES

Internet Genealogy Magazine-April-May 2010

Obituary Sites

\$ Genealogy Bank

www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/obituaries.html

America's Obituaries 1977 to Current

\$ www.newspaperarchives.com (free search)

NewspaperARCHIVE.com—Old Obituaries

FREE at HPL Local History & Genealogy Dept.

Obituary Links Page—A State-by-State Directory

www.obitlinkspage.com



Dates to Remember—2010

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

2nd Tuesday's
except July & December
at 6:00 p.m.
Torrent House, 315 W Webster

August 3
September 7
October 5
November 2
Off December

Regular Meetings

2nd Thursday except July
7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, 396 W. Clay
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9

A Look Ahead...

Genealogy Family History Workshops

Join us for hands-on research help from society members. Bring your current research info with you.

Hackley Public Library
316 W. Webster

Off June, July, & August

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
September 12
October 10
November 7
Off December



What to Bring on August 12

- We will be working on the organizing of your families with Margaret Brewster.
- Pencil and notepaper for all the great information we will share.
- Show and tell memorabilia and/or stories. How did you break through your brick wall? If you still have a brick wall problem, tell us about it.

Don't forget to bring your family and friends!

From page 1 Answer is: Chicago & Salt Lake City

Ask Archivist

"What's the safest way to store digital pictures? Don't rely on one single solution-any one can fail. Save them on your computer, on an external hard drive, and on a CD or DVD. Have them available online. Print them. That way, if your hard disk crashes, you still have backups.

From Family Tree Magazine, Sept. 2010

Guess Was In Town?



The filming crew and the author Tommy Wiersenga from the Netherlands filmed a version of the NBC "Who Do You Think You Are." Tommy's great, great grandfather, Jan Alberts Wiersema, lived in Muskegon. You can read more on this story in the Muskegon Chronicle, Wed., June 2, Fri., June 4,

Vivian Nelund, a member of our society, assisted the film crew in many areas of the local research.

NOW AVAILABLE
PEDIGREE CHARTS \$3.00 each

- (3) 5 Generation
- (2) 7 Generation
- (1) 8 Generation
- (4) 12 Generation
- (2) 15 Generation

A little girl asked her mother, 'How did the human race appear?'

The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made.'

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question.

The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.'

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?'

The mother answered, 'Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.'

Thank You, Karen Towne

 * SPECIAL PROJECTS - Dawn Kelley *
 * THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! *
 * to the volunteers who help at the Summer *
 * Celebration Tent: Joan Gawron, Barb Martin, Jane *
 * Schapka, Pat Houseman, Connie Fales, Kristi *
 * McPherson-Burns, Claudia McPherson, Jo Grieve, *
 * Eileen Wojewodzki, Diana Iversen, Rose Marie *
 * Mikesell *
