



County Clerk's Office

Schedule for Volunteers
1:00—4:00 p.m.

January 6.....	Jane Gates
January 13.....	Dawn Kelley
January 20.....	Barb Martin
January 27.....	Dawn Kelley

We are looking for more members to volunteer!

**LOOK FOR MORE UPDATE NOTICES ON
MUSKEGON COUNTY CLERK'S VITAL RECORDS OFFICE**

website at:

www.co.muskegon.mi.us/clerk

Our November meeting included the outgoing officer's ceremony. President Dawn Kelley received her honorary "extendable arm" to help keep meetings going. Vice President Nancy Spoon was her pretty, calm self wearing her blonde wig with a princess crown ready to assist Dawn! Secretary Barb Martin had her girly, pink erasable tablet to help write volumes of notes. Treasurer Margaret Brewster looked very classy and expensive wearing her new money necklace which obviously wasn't part of the budget!! Our book drawing was won by Paula Rice. Bonnie Vokits was the recipient of an archive pen. The door prize was won by Eileen Wojewodzki. Our gourmet cook, Vita Trystad, baked cookies with cinnamon, apple and raisin filling. Creative Shirley Trystad made pinwheel appetizers of ham and various cream cheese fillings. Joanne Blakkan favored us with home baked banana bread. We were thankfully spoiled with the treats!!

Hospitality

Karen Towne
Jane Walker Weber

WELCOME

Membership

Susan Boos Gerst
Kathy Broughton DeCormier

The newest members to our society!

- * JoAnn & **Ken** Osborn—Muskegon
Surnames: Osborn, Fisk, Hammond, Robins, Rose Spencer, Barnhard, Veeneman, Bowen, Winters,
- * Matt Burns—Muskegon
Surnames: Burns, Bletsch, Christiansen, Balk, Workman, Zedaker, Bristol, Park
- * Kristi McPherson-Burns—Muskegon
Surnames: McPherson (Mac), Burns, Campbell, Lucia, Snow, Fontana, Linberg, Taylor, Brmeister, Toure, Voigt
- * Rose Marie Mikesell—Muskegon

**RENEWAL TIME IS HERE FOR 2010
DON'T FORGET to fill out your
APPLICATION form and send it in!**

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



HPLibrary Update Barb LaBatt Martin

Mon, Tues, Wed 10 a.m. to 8 p. m.,
Thurs, Fri, Sat., 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
OPEN ON Sunday's 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Michigan's Columbus: the life of Douglass Houghton, by Steve Lehto

The Snow Family: plus Hurley & Miller Families v.2, by Ray Grimm & Iva Snow (Gift of Iva Snow)

We have a new Viewer, Scanner, Printer machine ST200X and you can use a flash drive to download your articles too; it is awesome. Also, there are two identical microfilm and fiche Cannon Reader and Printer machines that are now available.

LOOK for more updates in the up coming months.

The **Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections** is a 40 volume set which was published between 1876 and 1929. The set actually had various titles, but this has become the common means of describing it.

The articles in these publications were written by various pioneers and members of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, so quality varies, and articles reflect the attitudes and biases of the times. With that caveat, the articles are still invaluable for capturing early Michigan history and pioneer experience—what a typical pioneer school was like, or a log cabin, detailed information about individual pioneers, and Native Americans.

Some parts of the set and editions have been digitized by Google Book Search. At present there is no way of searching authors or subjects across all volumes in one place or one index. Furthermore, each book volume has its own index. For instance, there is a **General Index** in Volume 26 (1894-1895) which includes subjects, places, and names of people the articles are about, and another separate **Index of Names**. Volume 26 has an article by Albert Baxter entitled: "Muskegon Pioneer Remnants" about Francis Bailey, an Indian trader and doctor from Muskegon, who moved to Pentwater with the Potawatomi. This same volume has articles about "Early Settlement of Holland", Indian Cession 1819, made by the Treaty of Saginaw. "Life and Labors of Bishop Baraga" and an article on "International Boundary Line of Michigan, with maps". Be sure to peruse the list of Contents at the front of the volume for an overview of the breadth of coverage.

Reports of the Memorial Committee was written by members of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society from various counties in Michigan. The **Memorial Report** can include wonderful biographical sketches and often has information about where a person was born, about family (parents, siblings, spouse, children, and descendants), details about work history, travels, etc.

Located in the Local History Department, the call number for the set is: R977.4 M562h. Titles vary on the title pages of the volumes. **Pioneer Collections** (1876-1886) v. 1-9; **Historical Collections** (1886-1912) v. 10-38; and **Michigan Historical Collections** (1915,1929) v. 40. The final volume produced in 1929 consists of "Documents Relating to Detroit and Vicinity, 1805-1813." Mary Southwick

A Word to the Wise

I have been researching my family ancestors since 1981, when I was doing all my research by snail mail. I didn't realize how large my files would get and how important the source of the information I collected was. Well folks, let me tell a little bit of what has happened to me, in not documenting my sources. Someone contacted me with information to share and wanted more on some of our ancestors. Would you believe I had people in the wrong places and dates out of place? What a mess I had. I am now cleaning it up, but had already donated to Ancestry with all the mistakes. Not realizing my mistake of not documenting or asking for the source. Is my face red! I took the word of another researcher that the information was genuine.

Whatever you do, now or in the future, get the source. I have had to delete so many ancestors because of this mistake and no sources. I am now going over all 6,250 entries to make sure there are sources to back up my findings.
A Fellow Researcher

Social Networking Searches

I had hit a wall in my research. We knew my husband's father's siblings and most of their descendants, and we knew there were other cousins somewhere. I turned to Facebook and MySpace and did a search for his last name. I tried to find older relatives that might know something. I would send a friend a request with a personal message stating that I thought we might be related, the names of my hubby's father and grandfather, and where they were from. I have made contact with three of his grandfather's siblings' descendants, some whom are also interested in genealogy. I have promised to share all of my information and research by publishing a book when I finish with the generation before his grandfather. Karen

Finding Historical Maps

Among the most used tools in my genealogy arsenal are my historical maps. Pinpointing the locations where my ancestors lived has led to many breakthroughs in my research. I found a good source for historic maps is online auction sites. Just search for the city, county or state and the word map. I've had great luck finding old maps at reasonable prices this way. Stephanie Crow

Digital Recorder

As is always the case, when I was on a research trip, just before closing I found a record with some great information. Naturally there was a line of people at the copier making last minute copies. With no time to make copies or transcribe the information, I remembered that I had my digital recorder in my purse. I pulled it out and quietly read the document into my recorder. Then when I got home and had time, I was able to transcribe the document properly. Now I bring it with me on all my research trips. Wendy McKinley

First Registration (05 June 1917)

The first registration was for un-enlisted men born between 6 June 1886 and 5 June 1896 and used a card calling for name, age, address, date and place of birth, citizenship status, employer's name and address, dependent information, marital status, race, military service, and physical appearance.

Second Registration (05 June 1918 and a supplemental registration on 24 August 1918)

The second registration was for unregistered/un-enlisted men born 6 June 1896 and 24 August 1897 and used a card calling for name, age, address, date and place of birth, father's birthplace, citizenship status, occupation, employer's name and address, dependent information, name and address of nearest relative, and physical appearance.

Third Registration (12 September 1918)

The third registration was for all unregistered/un-enlisted men born between 11 September 1872 and 12 September 1900 and used a card calling for name, address, age, date of birth, race, citizenship status, occupation, employer's name and address, name and address of nearest relative, and physical appearance.

Genealogy Websites!



Go to: **No1Reviews.com** and find out more!

1. **Ancestry.com**—Ancestry is the number one website.
2. **Genealogy.com**—As a partner site of Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com has access to many of the same features.
3. **RootsWeb.com**—is a free site offering you links to many resources of information around the web. RootsWeb.com is part of Ancestry.com.
4. **FamilySearch.org**—is a family history and genealogy website supported and sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is free.
5. **WorldVitalRecords.com**—was established in 2006 by several of the key members of the original Ancestry.com team.

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1. Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine
Beckley, West Virginia — www.beckleymine.com
2. Youngtown Historical Center of Industry & Labor
Youngtown, Ohio — ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/ne09/index.shtml
3. American Textile History Museum
Lowell, Massachusetts — www.athm.org
4. Farmers' Museum —Cooperstown, New York
www.harvestofhistory.org/explore.html
5. Tenement Museum
New York City, New York — www.tenement.org



REMEMBER
to always put the **Dates** down on
your Calendars of when our
meetings are for **2010!**

Dates to Remember—2010

Upcoming Events

MCGS Meeting—Thursday,
January 14, 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, 396 W. Clay Av.
Doors opens at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting—Torrent House
Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.
Door opens at 5:30pm

“Genealogy—Family History Workshop” Saturday, January 9
at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hackley
Public Library, 316 W. Webster.
Join us for hands-on research
help from society members.

A Look Ahead at 2010

MCGS Meetings & Programs

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
2nd Thursday of month
Masonic Temple, 396 W. Clay
January 14
February 11

March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July—OFF
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December—OFF

MCGS Board Meetings

start at 6:00 p.m.
Torrent House
Tuesdays
January 12
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 1
July—OFF
August 3
September 7
October 5
November 2

What to Bring on January 14th



- Pencil and notepaper for all the great information we will share.
- ALWAYS remember to bring loose change, because you never know what we have on sale.
- Also, bring a few friends.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN
GENEALOGY**

Where: Hackley Public Library
316 W. Webster Ave.
Julia Hackley Room—1st Floor

When: **Tuesday, February 9, 2010**
Time: 6:30 PM

Call HPL 231-722-7276
to Register: Contact Jocelyn

Our ancestors ... possessed a right, which nature
has given to all men, of departing from the coun-
try in which chance, not choice has placed them.
Thomas Jefferson

Chadwick-Munger House

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Society, 114 Dryden St., Hart, MI 49420
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Phone: 231-873-2600



Open Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
They are there to help you
on site, by email, by mail

In different hours, a man represents each of
several of his ancestors, as if there were
seven or eight of us rolled up in each man's
skin,—seven or eight ancestors at least, and
they constitute the variety of notes for that
new piece of music which his life is.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

GUARD IT WISELY

You got it from your father,
It was all he had to give.
So it's yours to use and cherish,
For as long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you,
It can always be replaced,
But a black mark on your name, Son,
Can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it,
And a worthy name to bear.
When he got it from his father,
There was no dishonor there.
So make sure you guard it wisely,
After all is said and done.
You'll be glad the name is spotless
When you give it your son.

Author Unknown
Adapted from “Your Name” by Edgar Albert Guest
(1881-1959)
Submitted by Nancy Voyt