**TWIG TALK**

*Newsletter*

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**Thursday, May 12, 2016**

**Meeting Starts 7:00pm**

VFW Post 3196, 5209 Grand Haven Rd

**“Michigan’s Heritage Park”**

Speaker, Melissa Horton, Program. Director

Melissa will talk about the idea behind Michigan’s Heritage Park and how it all came to be. Then she will take us on a virtual tour of the park using images from their first season. She will end with plans for future park development.

Melissa has worked for the Lakeshore Museum Center for 17 years. She has an Anthropology Degree from Grand Valley State University and she has been involved with developing the concept and programming at Michigan’s Heritage Park from the brainstorming stage. Her job at the museum is to oversee all aspects of programming and visitor experience at all three of the museum’s locations.

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**TICKET BOOK**

How to Archive Family Keepsakes

Learn how to preserve family photos, memorabilia & genealogy records

Excellent book to have!

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**GENEALOGY FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP**

Sat., May 7, 2016 / 10:30am – 12:30pm or 2pm – 4pm

Space is limited, so please pre-register either online at 1972mcgs@gmail.com or call the Torrent House, Local History & Genealogy Dept. at 231-722-7276 ext. 240
Our April meeting featured a program on Michigan counties by Barbara VanderMolen. Her book, “Discovering Michigan County by County” has twenty-six categories for easy access to information. We were intrigued by all the stories unique to each county of our wonderful state.

Lucky Gail Taggart will enable her research with an assortment of sticky notes for the door prize. The free-draw gave inquisitive Jane Schapka a selection of Muskegon books.

Show and Tell had Pat Straley displaying a 150-year-old ancestor relic that went from tatters to an excellent refinish job. The item was a memorial page of her 2x great grandfather. A missing photo will be replaced with an enhanced tin type. All this was done by a Grand Rapids (Wyoming), MI company with the address found in our newsletter.

Jeanne Strevey shared three enlarged schoolroom pictures of Reeths School. Her father and uncle are seen at their desks back in the 1930’s. Her mother and aunt are also pictured as students of which the two later became cooks at this Giles Road school. Their lunches provided genuine from scratch, home recipes! Jeanne’s Reeths family is a part of the area’s history having donated land that became part of the Reeths Puffer School District.

Although the Slaters were on vacation, their refreshing water was here. It was nice to be spoiled by our snack providers.

Our newsletter readers were aware of our Scot ancestor feature by wearing plaids.

MCGS member, William “Bill” Hansen, was featured in the April 3-9, 2016 White Lake Beacon page 7-A.

He is a professional photographer and local author of 7 area books. Some of these books are “Lost City of Fruitvale” and “Sea Serpents & Gold” plus those of Muskegon County Photographers. The books are located at our Local History & Genealogy Dept. http://www.hackleylibrary.org/pg/LOCAL_HISTORY/

He would like photos or historical information about local photographers in the area for his current project. If you can share, please contact him at buffylee2049@comcast.net

Thank you Bill for all your hard work!

MUSKEGON COUNTY BUILDING, MCGS volunteers are there every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Below is:
Bill Hansen in high school holding his camera.

Below is:
Bill Hansen who is holding a digital camera and doing what he loves doing, being a photographer.

CEMETERY MAPS of MUSKEGON COUNTY

With the 48 cemeteries in Muskegon County, William “Bill” Hansen has the challenge of updating some of them.

To name a few that he have re-done so far were done on his computer are, they are on our website.

Fruitland, Holton, Lakeside, Oakwood, Pine Hill, Restlawn A & B will finish soon, Shady Rest, Twin Lake and Ware. He will be updating Egelston Twp.

Thank you Bill for all your hard work!
SPECIAL PROJECT COMMITTEE

Below is:
Froebel school 1st grade, 1893

Below is:
First school building in Lakeside, Lake Street & McCracken, 1872-1889
Courtesy of Lakeshore Museum Center

FREE FAMILY HISTORY WROKSHOP

Provided by
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints & Muskegon Co. Gen. Soc.

Where
Church of Latter Day Saints
1725 W. Giles Rd, North Muskegon

When
Friday, May 13, 2016 from 6 to 8pm

See attached flyer!

MUSEUMS

Did you know that Muskegon County has 13 Amazing Museums

1. C&O Railroad Caboose Museum
   124 W. Hanson St., Whitehall, 231-893-4585

2. Dr. Meinhardi’s Apothecary Shop
   128 W. Hanson St., Whitehall, 231-893-5323

3. James Jackson Museum of African American History
   7 E. Center St., Muskegon Heights, (Across from Heights City Hall, 231-739-9500

4. Lakeshore Museum Center
   430 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon, 231-722-0278

   Hackley-Hume Historic Home
   484 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon

   Firebarn Museum
   510 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon

   Scolnik House of the Depression Era
   504 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon

5. Michigan Heritage Park

6. Montague Museum
   8717 Meade St., Montague
   231-893-1155 / www.montaguemuseum.org

7. Muskegon Heritage Museum
   561 W. Western Ave., Muskegon
   231-722-1613 / www.muskegonheritage.org

8. Muskegon South Pierhead Light
   1431 Beach St., Muskegon
   844-MLIGHTS (toll free) / www.muskegonlights.org

9. Muskegon Museum of Art
   1296 W Webster Ave., Muskegon
   231-720-2570 / www.muskegonmuseum.org

10. SS Milwaukee Clipper
    2098 Lakeshore Dr., Muskegon
    (corner of Lakeshore Dr. & McCracken St.
    231-683-1590 / www.milwaukeeclipper.com

11. USS LST 393 Veterans Museum
    560 Mart St., Muskegon
    231-722-4730 / www.lst393.org

12. USS Silversides Submarine Museum
    1346 Bluff St., Muskegon
    231-755-1230 / www.silversidesmuseum.org

13. White River Light Station & Museum
    6190 Murray Rd., Whitehall
    231-894-8265 / www.splka.org

GOOGLE.INC

April 1, 2016 Google.Inc has purchased Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter. Read more on his blog https://blog.eogn.com/2016/04/01/eastmans-online-genealogy-newsletter-purchased-by-google/
2016 Dates to REMEMBER

Regular Meetings
7:00 p.m.
VFW Post 3195
5209 Grand Haven Road

- January 14
- February 11

March 10—STARTS AT 6:30PM
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10

NO meetings July & Dec

Board Meetings
10:30 a.m. at T.H.

- January 15
- February 5
- March 4

- Sat., Mar 19 workshop 10 to 2
- April 1
- May 6
- June 3
- August 5
- September 2
- October 7
- November 4

NO meetings July & Dec

Genealogy Family
Family History Workshops
Torrent House Local History &
Genealogy Dept., 315 W. Webster
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Please preregister online at
1972mcgs@gmail.com

- January 9
- February 13
- March 12
- April 9
- May 7
- August 13
- September 10
- October 1

NO workshops in
June, July, & December

Where is a will, you’ll find a genealogist!

REMEMBER WHAT TO BRING!
⇒ Pencil or pen and paper to take notes.
⇒ Any genealogy items you would like to donate for the FREE table.
⇒ Money for 15 Generation Charts
⇒ Show N’ Tell don’t forget to bring
⇒ Money for the Ticket Book info on page 1

BELOW is a new drawing by William “Bill” Hansen of the inside of the first floor of the Torrent House Local History & Genealogy Dept. (Front entrance)

2016 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Jun 9 “Little Know and Rare Use Google Resources & Research Tips”
Speaker, Katherine Wilson

Aug 11 “Mapping the Cemeteries One by One”
Speakers, Bill Hansen & Thomas Van Bruggen (GIS)

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The App a is on our website.

Don’t forget when you order from AmazonSmile we receive 0.5%. Look for Muskegon County Genealogical Society, C/O Hackley Public Library. The price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organizations selected by their customers.

Web page will explain how amazon works for non-profits
http://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about

2016 Abrams Fountain Family History Seminar
Friday, July 8—Saturday, July 9
Archives of Michigan
Featuring Amy Johnson Crow, CG

Cost is $60.00
Register online go right to the form to fill out at
https://form.jotform.com/60816020169955

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Family History Workshop

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where
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1725 W Giles Rd, North Muskegon, MI 49445

when
Friday, May 13, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m.

From beginner to intermediate, learn the Who, What, When and Where, of your family history in this hands-on workshop.

New this year, we are offering free scanning of your old family photos. Images can be scanned to a disk that is provided, or bring a thumb drive to download them too.

The Muskegon County Genealogy Society is also working to obtain and preserve as many as possible Muskegon county school photographs, including buildings, groups, students and teachers. If you have any of these in your collection, please bring them also.

Froebel school 1st grade, 1893

This free event is open to all ages. An event for those who just want to know how to start, to those who need to know how to go from where they are now and beyond, and those who wish to share their success with others. Bring your family files, and let us work together to find your ancestors.

Don't forget to bring your laptop computer and family records. Light snacks provided