



# GENERATIONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## THE SOCIETY

Genealogy is hot! Genealogists often follow suit! Hot on the trail ... Hot and bothered ... Hot under the collar. But no hothouse flowers we. We strike while the iron is Hot!

Inevitably, the Calhoun County Genealogical Society was kindled during the hottest summer on record.

Why a Calhoun County Society? Why not a Battle Creek Society and a Homer Society and a Marshall Society and ...? Each has its own library and historical society. There have always been active rivalries amongst the cities and towns throughout the county. Why not perpetuate them?

There are myriad benefits in working together through a single, organized and concerted effort. Coordinating the knowledge and expertise of the greatest number benefits the greatest number.

Among what we envision as the goals and objectives of the Society is the premise that we should reduce the burdens we place upon the custodians of our basic resources: the County Courthouse, the Libraries and the Historical Societies.

We would like to establish a program of volunteerism through the Society to take on specific projects for libraries and other selected agencies; to handle genealogical inquiries received throughout the county; to assist researchers at libraries, historical societies and especially at County units; to staff desks so that some research centers can expand their hours for public use.

We would also like to support, through our gifts, library holdings in the field of genealogy.

We should also be able to present

courses in basic genealogical research for public schools' adult and school-room classes. As a group we can organize workshops and seminars for research on specific areas or topics. We can coordinate group trips to other seminars and workshops and to distant research centers.

We will actively pursue membership in the Michigan Genealogical Council. Our participation there will enable each of us to expand our chances of contacting others researching lines we share in common. We will also have some input concerning the Council's seminars.

We will initiate various projects as a group, and in some ways our geographic situation should aid in the fruition of each activity undertaken. The list of what we should be able to accomplish is a long one.

The possibilities of what we can do together are almost limitless. So, won't you join us in our endeavors? We're sure that we will all find it mutually rewarding. With your participation we can make the Calhoun County Genealogical Society the Hottest thing going!

## WE'RE ALL LOOKING FOR A NAME

What could be more natural than genealogists searching for the right name in the right location at the right time? This is the time and the place. And the dilemma of the Society is a name for its publications. The masthead shows one suggested name; we would appreciate additional suggestions from the membership.

The arms displayed above have also been offered as a possibility for our symbol, or logo. Any other ideas out there?



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Calhoun County Genealogical Society newsletter! I'm delighted so many people share an interest in genealogy and in Calhoun County. Several people have spent a busy spring and summer organizing the Society, and we are anxious to present the programs we have scheduled.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting September 24. I've heard Barbara Madison speak - she's a spellbinder, and is full of information. Whatever your level of experience, you'll go home with new ideas and techniques.

A major piece of business which needs attention is the selection of officers. Several offices have been filled, but we are looking for volunteers to fill the other spots. Elections will be held at the September meeting; feel free to call me if you wish to volunteer or want more information about a particular office.

### First year officers:

President: Peggy Sindt

Corresponding Secretary: Valerie Radee

### To be elected:

Vice President: Presides over meetings in absence of President; member of Program Committee

Treasurer: Collects dues and monies; dues notification; disburses funds

Recording Secretary: Keeps records of meetings; maintains rules and regulations

### Committee appointments:

Program: Patricia Geyer

Membership: M. John Fox

Publications: Marlene Plassman

### To be appointed:

Publicity: Publicizes activities

See you in September!

Peggy Sindt  
412 Burr Oak Street  
Albion, MI 49224  
(517) 629-5069

## HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

My parents are first cousins. That's why I look so much alike.

## TREE BARK

"Heredity is an omnibus in which all our ancestors ride, and every now and then one of them puts his head out and embarrasses us."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Wooden legs are not inherited, but wooden heads are."

Edwin Grant Conklin

## EASY CONNECTIONS

Being based in Albion, and believing that a permanent home address would be advantageous to the Society, the organizers of the Society approached the Board of Trustees of the Albion Public Library. It kindly permitted us to use the Library as our official address and as the repository for our Society records.

The Woodlands Library Cooperative, of which all Calhoun County libraries are members, has also graciously allowed us to make use of their daily interlibrary delivery service to transfer Society materials from one library to another. This would obviate the necessity of an officer driving across county to pick up material from or deliver material to another officer, for example.

It has also been noted that there is a banking institution in the county that serves the three largest communities. With six offices, Great Lakes Bancorp has been selected as our banking institution of choice for our business and non-investment banking. These particulars should help minimize some of the problems inherent in any Calhoun County organization.





## YOUR FIRST MAJOR PROJECT?

What should be our first major publication? Something useful certainly; possibilities abound. Some things almost cry out to be done. Some few of the many from which to choose:

Index the 1870 Calhoun County Census  
Prepare a bibliography and holdings list of research materials pertaining to Calhoun County.

Prepare a holdings list of genealogical materials in Calhoun County research facilities

Transcribe all burial records and tombstones of Calhoun County cemeteries

Prepare a transcription of County death records (for a specific period of time)

Prepare an index to the 1891 Portrait & Biographical Album

Collect Bible records from County or regional sources

What do you think would be most worthwhile? Perhaps we could make a decision quickly based on a consensus of your opinions. Please let us know what your thoughts are. Drop us a line.

And do keep in mind the saleability of the end result. It would be nice if this project could help finance some of our other activities.



RIP

Poor Martha Snell  
Her's gone away  
Her would if her could  
But her couldn't stay;  
Her had two sore legs  
And a baddish cough  
But her legs it was  
As carried her off

Chutney

## ONOMASTIC-A-LOGICALLY NOTEWORTHY

Through-Much-Tribulation-We-Enter-  
Into-The-Kingdom-Of-Heaven Clapp

## SUPPORT ENCOURAGED

Do you support a Library through your labors or gifts? Here is a list of Public and Academic Libraries in Calhoun County:

Albion Public Library 629-3993  
501 South Superior St.  
Albion, MI 49224

Athens Community Library  
106 East Burr Oak St.  
PO Box 216  
Athens, MI 49011

Burlington Township Library  
135 Elm St.  
PO Box 38  
Burlington, MI 49029

Emory V. Morris Learning Resource Center  
Kellogg Community College 616/965-3931  
450 North Ave.  
Battle Creek, MI 49016

Homer Public Library  
104 South Hillsdale St.  
Homer, MI 49245

Marshall Public Library  
111 East Mansion St. 616/781-7821  
Marshall, MI 49068

Stockwell-Mudd Libraries  
Albion College 629/5511 EXT.  
602 East Cass St.  
Albion, MI 49224-1879

Tekonsha Township Library  
109 East Canal St.  
Tekonsha, MI 49092

Willard Public Library  
7 West Van Buren St.  
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Marlene Steele  
616/968 8166

## FIRST SOCIETY MEETING SCHEDULED

The first general membership meeting of the Society has been scheduled to be held during its day-long program on 24 Sept. 1988, at 1:30 pm in the Community Room of the Albion Public Library. Members are urged to attend even if they do not plan on spending the day at the program. Much important work is to be done. The tentative agenda is:

- A. Accomplishments thus far
- B. A brief overview of the by-laws
- C. Election process explained
- D. Committee work described
- E. Election of Officers
- F. Future programs



### BEES

We've had much advice, spent many hours talking, suggesting, rejecting and pondering. Foremost among the movers and guiders have been Peggy Sindt, Pat Geyer, John Fox, Marlene Plassman, Marilyn Hennon, Joan Von Holten, Helen and Valerie Radee and Mary Dunes. They are all excited by the prospects of the Society. We hope you will be too!



## C.C.G.S. ANCESTOR CHART

Included with this issue of our Newsletter you will find a tabular ancestor chart. This chart is to be filed with the Society as a means of putting you in touch with others working on shared lines. Of course, we would refer others to you as well.

Just fill out the chart using the standard ancestor numbering system: You are #1; fathers are always double the number of his child, so your father would be #2, his father would be #4, and his #8; mother's numbers are always double the number of her child + 1, so your mother would be #3, her father #6, her mother #7, and the mother of #7 would be #15, etc.

The chart is numbered for six generations with ample room on the reverse side for several more generations on selected lines, though you must number them yourself.

Use another format if you choose and be sure to use additional paper, if necessary, to include all known ancestors and for giving more detailed information on problem areas in your research. AND please print or type!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

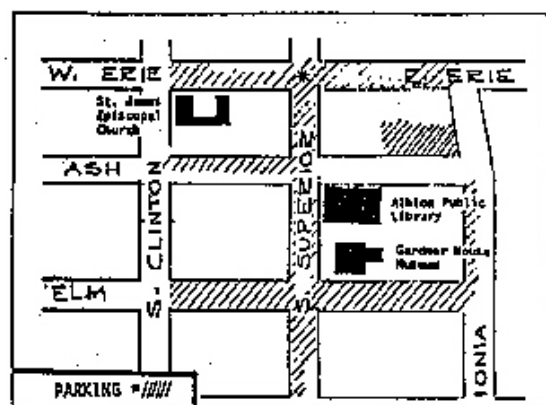
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| Sat 24 Sept 1988 | C.C.G.S. - Barbara Madison: Genealogical Sources & Resources<br>(See elsewhere in this Newsletter for details)  |
| Thurs 6          |   |
| Fri 7 Oct 1988   | Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar - Where In The West Did They Go? Hosted by the Muskegon County Genealogical Society. For further information write: M.G.C. Seminar, 2502 S. Oricle, Muskegon, MI 49444. |
| Sat 8            |   |
| Tues 24 Oct 1988 | C.C.G.S. - Velma Weston: Calhoun County Probate Records<br>7 pm Calhoun County Courthouse   |
| Nov 1988         | C.C.G.S. - Volunteerism: There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch (Details later)  |
| Dec 1988         | C.C.G.S. - No meeting scheduled   |

# CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PROGRAM: BARBARA MADISON: Genealogical Records & Resources  
Saturday 24 September 1988 8 am - 4:30 pm ALBION PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BARBARA MADISON

Mrs. Madison has taught and lectured to genealogical classes and workshops for the past ten years. She is Past President of the Michigan Genealogical Council and from 1979 - 1984 was a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, a national organization. Her activities as one of the organizers and Past Presidents of the Michigan Chapter of Palatines to America evince the expertise she has achieved in that specialized field. As the Editor of the "Family Trails" reprint, published by the Michigan Genealogical Council, Mrs. Madison is to be thanked by all for her efforts in making this useful collection once again available.



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am REGISTRATION AND COFFEE  
8:30 am WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION  
8:45 am STARTING YOUR FAMILY TREE  
    *Oral History*  
    *Bible and Church Records*  
    *Charting your information*  
    *Vital and Cemetery Records*
- 10:00 am BREAK  
    *Vendor/s*  
    *Tour of Gardner House Museum*  
    *Archives (optional - involves 5 exterior steps + 2 long flights of stairs)*
- 10:30 am LIBRARY SOURCES  
    *Census Records*  
    *Newspapers*  
    *Genealogies*  
    *County Histories & Plat Books*  
    *Directories*  
    *Manuscripts*
- 12:00 noon LUNCHEON - St. James Episcopal Church 2 blocks away + 3 small steps. Tours of the Church also available. Gardner House Museum open.
- 2:00 pm PROBATE COURT & LAND RECORDS  
3:00 pm BREAK  
3:15 pm MILITARY RECORDS  
    *Revolutionary War*  
    *War of 1812*  
    *Civil War*

## REGISTRATION FORM

CALHOUN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
PROGRAM: BARBARA MADISON:  
Genealogical Sources and Resources

SEPTEMBER 24, 1988  
ALBION PUBLIC LIBRARY

NAME/S (As they will appear on name tags)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Calhoun County Genealogical Society  
c/o Albion Public Library  
501 S. Superior  
Albion, MI 49224

ATTENDEES: FEES: PER PERSON:

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☐ ☐ ☐ \$ 10.00 C.C.G.S. Member

☐ ☐ ☐ \$ 15.00 Non-member

☐ ☐ ☐ \$ 4.00 Luncheon\*

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### REMINDERS:

Bring family and/or friends  
Take advantage of CCGS Member savings  
Make checks payable to C.C.G.S.  
\*Reservations must be received by 17 September