
IONIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ionia County Genealogical Society is a non-profit volunteer group whose mission is to create awareness and preserve family histories within the Ionia County area. The focus of this group will be to develop genealogical resources and to assist all those seeking local history.

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From the President.....

Hello Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Lois Curtiss who has served this society since the very first day it was formed. She first served as a trustee on our board, and then as our treasurer. She has served on the First Families of Ionia County Society committee and has been instrumental in the first Surname Index for the society. We are very grateful to her for her years of service and are sorry that she has had to step down from that position due to health reasons.

Replacing Lois was not an easy task. We needed to have someone with some bookkeeping experience to take over that position. We are grateful that Lori Fox has agreed to do it. We are also grateful to Jackie Gilliland who filled in during the transition. This now leaves a void for our Vice President position. If you would like to take an active part of your society's board, we would love to have you. The position of Vice-President is a simple one – fill in when the President is unable to. Not a tough job, but one that is very much appreciated by me.

We will be taking part in the *Got Ancestors?!* seminar being put on by the West Michigan Genealogical Society on October 2nd in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan. We need two volunteers (or more) to work at our sales table on that date. If you are available - let me know. We will work out ride sharing to save on parking and gas expenses for those who are coming from the Ionia County area.

The society is looking into having bags and shirts with a society logo on it. First we would like to know if you are interested in having something like that or not. We will not go through all the work to do this for you if you are not interested. So, we need you to let us know what you think - bag, coat, shirt or sweatshirt - or not interested. Please contact Bonnie Jackson with your feedback. Her number is (616) 642-6704.

Don't forget - the Depot Museum is open to researchers the last Saturday of each month from 10-2, or by appt by calling me. If you are visiting from out of state, call me and we will set up a time for you to browse our collection. If you time it right - I might even take you to lunch! :-)

We are looking for more fund raising ideas - contact Joni McCord if you have ideas to share and would like to help implement them!

Thank you.

Pam Swiler, President

Welcome New Members

Dolores A. King
4500 Williams Dr.
Suite 212 #333
Georgetown, TX 78628

Researching: **BRETZ, GEORGE, HUDDLE, SWEET, BEVER, COTTON, REIMER, GILLILAND, ARCHER, JACKSON, JOHNON.**

Lyle Denny Jr.
6570 Jordan Lk. Rd.
Saranac, MI 48881
Researching: **DENNY, RUDD, BIGLEY**

Keith Bailey
303 N. Jackson Street
Ionia, MI 48846
Researching: **BAILEY, NELSON, TIFT, GALLAGHER, PERRIEN, GALLOUP**

Reminder:

Membership dues are \$15.00 per person and due January 1st each year. Of course your late dues are greatly appreciated!

In Our Thoughts

Rex W. Goodemoot

Rex W. Goodemoot, aged 70, of Lake Odessa, passed away at his home early Wednesday morning, March 10, 2004.

He was born June 20, 1933 to Don and Sadie (Fox) Goodemoot.

He had been a member of the Lake Odessa High School Class of 1951. On September 23, 1950, he married Eunice Roberts, and for 53 years they've lived at the corner of Goodemoot and Harwood roads.

The blue shop was a favorite gathering place and fix-it spot for many friends. If it had to be fixed, welded, rebuilt or built from the ground up, Rex was the man for the job.

Rex had worked at numerous jobs, from school bus driver to business owner. He worked at the bowling alley, 20 years for Lake Foods and 12 years at Cadwell Brothers before retiring in 1998.

After retirement he went back to school and began a new career as a crop adjuster for National Crop Insurance Co. that continued until the onset of his illness.

Rex loved life, and included in that was fishing, bowling, hunting, farming, canning, tinkering, and laughing with his great friends and family.

He was a wonderful husband,

father, grandfather, great-grandfather, engineer, inventor, whistler, teacher and friend. In addition to all these things, Rex was blessed with a golden voice that is now singing with the angels.

Rex is survived by his loving wife, Eunice; daughters, Pam (Mark) Carpenter, Kitty (Bob Edgerle) Lawson, Angie (Kurt) Campbell, and Darci (John) Scheidt; son, Tim (Kay) Goodemoot; Grandchildren, Mandee, Adam, Jay, Josh, Ashleigh, Megan, Tory, Dan, McKall, Marley, Sadah, and Drake; great-grandchildren, Mason and Hannah; sisters, Helen Robinson and Peg Faulkner; brother, Don (Bernie) Goodemoot; mother-in-law, Virginia Roberts; sisters-in-law, Lois Goodemoot, Irene (Russ) Ames, Margene Taylor, Ruth Ann (Dick) Hamilton, and Madeline Goodemoot; brother-in-law, Lee (Joyce) Roberts; many other family members, friends, and his church family at Central United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Sadie Goodemoot; father-in-law, Roy Roberts; brothers and sister, Francis and Ethel Goodemoot, John and Marian McDowell, Ford and Lorraine Goodemoot, and Myron Goodemoot; brothers-in-law, Jim Taylor, Gary Roberts, Lyle Faulkner, Ray Livermore, and Doc Robinson; and special nephew, Ford McDowell.

Source: The Sentinel - Standard

Ionia County First Families

Highlights On First Families

No. 18

Donna Lynn Bergsten

Donna was born **Donna Lynn Denny**, daughter of **Allen Henry Denny** and **Esther Clarice Swenson**. Donna currently resides in Polar, Wisconsin.

Allen Henry Denny was born March 3, 1923 in Douglas County, Wisconsin and is the son of **Henry Denny** and **Iva Delle Seaman**. Allen died August 24, 1984 in Duluth, St. Louis, Missouri at St. Luke's Hospital.

Henry was born April 11, 1865, and died on April 11, 1934. He died in Brule, Douglas Co., Wisconsin. He is the son of **Cyprion Denny** and **Nancy Venette**.

Cyprion Denny was first seen in the 1870 census in Boston Township, Ionia County, Michigan. He is listed as a farmer, born in Michigan and resides with his wife, Nancy, and children, one of which is Henry.

Donna Bergsten is eager to correspond with anyone connected to her Denny family and you may reach her through e-mail at bdbergsten@discover-net.net or by writing to her at:

Donna Bergsten
P.O. Box 315
Poplar, WI 54864

Thank you, Donna
for submitting your
information!

The First Families of Ionia County Society is accepting applications for membership for 2004. Those interested in becoming a member of this society need to complete the application process no later than September 1, 2004. Applications can be obtained by contacting one of the following people:

James Moses, Chairperson....(517) 647-7310
Larry & Marilyn Cahoon.....(616) 693-2730
Suzanne Carpenter.....(616) 784-7264
Debra Eddy.....(517) 543-3021
Lori Fox.....(517) 647-6262

To be a member of this society one must prove that they are connected to a descendent of someone who lived in Ionia County prior to December 31, 1880 by completing the application process. Members are honored and recognized at a special awards banquet held in October each year. Each member receives a certificate that indicates that they are a member and the names of those ancestors who lived in Ionia County. For more information, contact any one of the society committee members listed above, or Pam Swiler, President Ionia County Genealogical Society at (616) 374-3141.

Volunteer your time and enrich your life!

The Cemetery Committee is in need of transcribers – contact Janis Kenyon, Bonnie Jackson, or Lori Fox if you can help!

North Plains Cemetery

ICGS is proud to present its newest book. Now available for \$20 per book plus \$3 for shipping. To order contact ICGS at the address below.

Ionia County Genealogical

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Something to think about.....

Submitted by member Sharon Kisela,

To those of you interested in preserving your genealogical research. Take some time thinking about arrangements for someone to inherit your genealogical research. I am sure you are all like me and have spent hundreds of hours gathering information; it would be a shame to see it lost in the next generation. Hope it does some good.

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____

Date _____

Witness _____

Date _____

Speaker Notes.....

From Jim Moses

January—

We had an interesting 'show and tell' session for the presentation during the January meeting of the Ionia County Genealogical Society. We have done this same sort of program in the past and it was always well received. This time was no exception. All of the articles and stories had to do with our past and they reminded us that genealogy is not just names, dates and places. It is also those things that make our ancestors real people to us. There were several people who talked about cookbooks that were in their families, and some of the recipes sounded interesting. There were also family histories that were shared. Some were published, but some were in journal form, and these were very interesting. I brought in an autobiography that my father had written that gave me lots of new information on his life, especially his time in the Merchant Marine. Another person showed photos of the family homestead in France. Others told of things they found on the Internet.

One of the most interesting stories was by someone who found a wardrobe in the basement of their recently purchased house, and in the course of investigating why it was there, and trying to find out its history, the family discovered that it was built by their grandfather! What a find.

After the 'show and tell' we also had a question and answer session about some of the brick walls we have run into with our research. It was set up as a panel discussion but it quickly changed to a discussion for anybody with information or an idea on how to solve the problem presented. This was quite good and some people had very good ideas about how to solve some of the problems presented.

February—

John Waite gave us a lot of insight into Norwegian research during his presentation to the ICGS in February. Norway presents unique 'opportunities' for research because of a number of cultural differences. The language is also difficult, so a good dictionary is needed. John said the first people known to have arrived here in this country from Norway came to New York in 1825. Since that time, the percentage of Norwegians to come here is second only to Ireland. Like many other groups, most of the people who came here wanted to become American, so they used English as much as possible while keeping a few of their own words alive.

One of the main problems (I mean 'opportunities') in Norwegian research is the name of the person. Not only did spelling change over time, but also the naming system was different. In Norway the first name was the name of the person. There were then two other names that were added. The second was an identifier, such as Pedersen, or 'son of Peder'. The third name was the name of the farm on which the individual lived. If the family moved to a new farm, that farm's name became their third name. It was almost like an address being attached to the person's name. Many people kept this farm name as their new last name when they came to America (I work with a woman who found out that her last name of 'Sollid' is because of the last farm her family lived on before coming here).

John told us that the names are the clues that will lead us back. There were many times when unrelated people lived on the same farm so looking into names can be confusing. He showed us a chart of just a few generations, but told us it took many years of research just to get those names. It is a real challenge to go back in your Norwegian ancestry. Fortunately, now the internet is available and there are great resources there that can help. John said that the census is available free online by going to rootsweb and then going to the Norway link. Also there are good dictionaries online. It also helps if you can get back into the royal lines—common people didn't have very many records, but the nobility did.

John ended his talk by reminding us that 'genealogy is circular—we study the past to know the present and this leads to the future'.

Speaker Notes.....

From Jim Moses

March—

A movie called 'The Orphan Train In Michigan 1854-1927' was presented to the ICGS by Elaine Garlock during our March meeting. Elaine began researching the orphan trains several years ago and she found that a man named Thomas J. Clark came here on just such a train at the end of the Civil War. He lived with the Jackson family.

The orphan trains were the result of Rev. Charles Brace's work in trying to help abandoned and orphaned children in New York and Boston. He originally sent some of these children to live with Christian families outside the two cities where the fresh air and country way of life might be healthier for them. Eventually children began to be 'placed out' via the railway system. Michigan was the first state to accept the orphan trains. Children would be cared for on the trains and then, as the train stopped in places like Dowagiac (which was the first placement stop in Michigan in 1854) the children were offered to families who wanted children (or extra children). That first stop in Dowagiac brought 14 boys to live here.

Most of the children on the orphan trains were from three to 16 years old, but there were a few infants. Many groups were photographed before leaving the East, and these 'little wanderers' soon had the link of that photograph torn apart as they were placed in homes along the route. Sometimes the children were lucky and brothers and sisters were allowed to remain together but often these small families were torn apart as one or another was taken in by a family. Some were mistreated and reduced to servant status, but many became part of the family. In Michigan the route was between Detroit and Michigan City, with stops in places like Ypsilanti, Grass Lake, Jackson, Albion, Marshall, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, etc. Small towns were used as well as cities.

The movie had many interesting facts about the orphan trains and also gave us photos of many of the old depots where the children were placed with families, often with the sponsorship of a church group. A couple of these facts are: over 200,000 children were 'placed out' during the years of the orphan trains, 44 Michigan towns and cities received children, about 1,000 of these orphans served in the Civil War, and about 12,500 of the children eventually made their homes in Michigan.

Elaine talked about the making of the movie and the progress of groups trying to locate orphan train children today, including websites for this purpose. She owns the copy of the movie she showed us, I think, so we might be able to see it again some time. It was a very interesting look at a small chapter of Michigan history.

ICGS 2004 Elected Officials as of January 1st

President: Pam Swiler

Vice-President: Lori Fox

Recording Secretary: Elaine Garlock

Treasurer: Lois Curtiss

Trustee: Janis Kenyon

Trustee: Bernadine Carr

Correspondence Secretary: Bonnie Jackson and Patricia Zander

Research Coordinator: Patricia Currigan

Ex-Officio: John R. Waite - representing the Lake Odessa Historical Society

Stebbinsville/Collins

In 1869 the Ionia and Lansing railroad was built north from Portland and then west, not to serve Lyons, but because Orange Township voters refused to pledge \$9000 in bonds. A railroad station named Orange was built in Sec. 6 of Portland Township, and dedicated September 20, 1870. Tracks were just west of the intersection of what is now David highway and Lyons road.

William A. Staley and Josiah Mathews of Lyons soon built the first store on the southwest corner of the intersection. Staley secured a post office May 16, 1871, and although the settlement had been called Stebbinsville, he named it Collins in honor of his father-in-law. So for a short time, the settlement had three names! Josephus Stebbins deeded the railroad right-of-way in 1871 requiring the station to be forever called Stebbinsville, and he platted a town of that name mostly on his own land on the northwest corner on November 30, 1872. But Stebbins died three weeks later, and the name of everything had become Collins by 1875.

In 1878 Henry C. Kyes commenced "building up Collins" by erecting two store buildings along the west edge of Lyons road just north of David highway. He quickly went bankrupt, but the stores anchored the "village" for the next 35 years. Staley's store became the non-denominational Collins Union church dedicated September 27, 1891.

Kibby & Eddy (1880-1881), Samuel S. Burnett (1882-1890), J. H. Putnam (1891-1894), Sylvanus Baldwin (1894-1902), Earle R. Williams (1901-1909), Lafe D. Bugbee (1910-1918), and Ray A. Patterson (1918-1963) were operators of the main Collins store. In 1910 Albert Keefer built another store west of the railroad tracks that was mostly unsuccessful. The railroad built a sidetrack to the north and a freight house north of the depot. These attracted a grain elevator in 1905, stockyards, a steam sawmill, a log and lumber loading area, and a milk station. Many smaller businesses came and went.

In early morning April 29, 1915 a wind-driven fire destroyed the two main stores, church, icehouse, and a barn. The church was rebuilt on the same foundation, and dedicated October 31, 1915. Lafe Bugbee, who owned the two stores, replaced them with a single-story glazed tile building 30 x 60 feet which was ready for occupancy in October 1915. Unfortunately, Mr. Bugbee died August 18, 1916 and the store was sold in March 1918 to its final operators, my grandparents, Ray and Maude Patterson.

Automobiles and rural free delivery contributed to the demise of small towns like Collins. The post office closed December 15, 1911. The depot, which burned probably by arson October 19, 1918, was not rebuilt. The elevator burned January 21, 1930, and was not rebuilt partially because electricity hadn't arrived yet. Church services ended in the early 1950s, and trains quit running in the late 1950s. Rails and ties were taken up in 1985. The store closed for good in 1963, and was demolished and buried in its basement in September 1979. Interviewed in 1962, Mr. Patterson stated that Collins would die when he did, which occurred October 1, 1965. Several new homes have been built since, but only the old church building and original houses remain today from early Collins.

By Ford Wright

From Lyle Denny Jr.

I recently discovered that Otto Denny (Dennie) drowned in the flat river. I don't know the circumstances surrounding his death.

I went to the Lowell Public Library today and looked for a news article about Otto Denny's death and came up with these stories from the Lowell Journal:

May 14, 1886 - Boy Drowned

Late Wednesday afternoon, little Otto Denny, Son of Eli F. Denny, was found to be missing. He had been hauling driftwood from the Flat River in front of his fathers shop. A log runner near the bridge had found his hat and pike pole floating down the stream. The conclusion was at once reached that the boy had fallen into the river and drowned. The alarm was given, the river was dragged and hundreds of people gathered along the shores and on the bridge to await results. the search was kept up until midnight: the river above and below the chute was dragged in vain. The distracted parents knew only that their boy was lost. That his body was in the river somewhere there could be no doubt. Yesterday morning the search was resumed and continued without avail. After dinner a large number of persons went down to the river to look for the body. All day long the search was fruitless. Flat River was dragged and Grand River was carefully searched as far as the island below the lower bridge. Dynamite cartridges were exploded in the water above and below the dam

here. The boom company ceased running logs the evening the boy was drowned and did not break the jam until this morning. Up to the time of going to press the body has not been recovered and the prospect for finding it is not encouraging. The afflicted family has the sympathy of this entire community.

Parties living along Grand river between here and Grand Rapids are requested to keep as close watch on the stream as possible for a few days and report to this office if they find the body or any clothing or other evidence of it's having floated down the river.

May 21, 1886 Lowell Journal

Editors Jottings:

This is the ninth day since Otto Denny fell into the Flat River and was drowned. Flat and Grand rivers below this point will be closely watched today.

Local news:

No tidings from the lost boy, Otto Denny. It is generally believed that his body floated into Grand River and on down that stream. It appears that no one saw him fall into the water, but that he did fall in and was drowned few if any, doubt. It is a terrible affliction to his parents. Otto was between nine and ten years old and rather small for a boy his age. It is not improbable that his body may be yet found between Lowell and Grand Rapids, somewhere in Grand River.

Latest News The Body Found:

The body of Otto Denny was found last evening about 7 o'clock, just west of the boom between Flat River bridge and the chute. A few parties standing on the bridge when the body suddenly came up from under the boom. It was at once taken to Coon's and McNaughton's undertakers' rooms where it was prepared for burial, its condition being such as to require interment as soon as possible.

The remains were buried in the cemetery about 10 o'clock last night. The body had been in the water eight days and about two hours, thus making it the "ninth day" when it rose to the surface.

May 28, 1886 Lowell Journal

A Card

We wish to return our heartfelt thanks to the people of Lowell for their sympathy in our great bereavement; most especially are we grateful to those who assisted in the search for our missing son; also the pupils and teacher of the west ward primary for so beautifully decorating his school desk. We sincerely trust that all in their time of affliction may receive the same kindly aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Denny

Otto Ray Denny is now interred in the Oakwood Cemetery Lowell, Michigan.

**Lt. Freda
(Wise) Townsend,
US Army Nurse
Corps, WWII**

Freda June Wise was born at Greenville, MI on June 2, 1919, the daughter of Albert and Edith (Curtis) Wise. Albert and Edith bought a farm north of Belding on Ingalls Road in 1931.

In 1937 she graduated from Cedar Lake Academy near Edmore, MI. She then studied pre-nursing at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, MI and finally went to Boulder CO Sanitarium & Hospital, School of Nursing, where she received her RN degree.

She worked in Denver, and on May 12, 1944, joined the Army Nurse Corps, as a 2nd. Lt. She attended basic training at Colorado Springs, and then was stationed at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, where she taught psychiatric nursing.

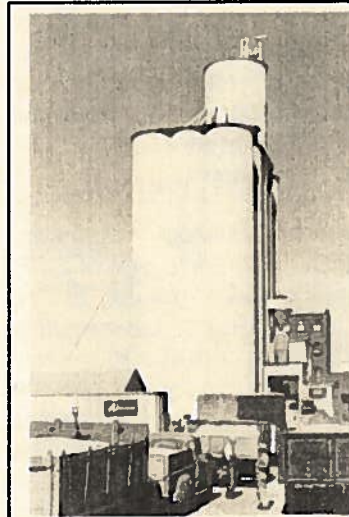
In December 1944, she was sent to Europe on the ship "El de France". She served in field Hospitals in France, Belgium and

Luxemburg. The most memorable one was in Luxemburg where she served in a MASH type unit a couple miles behind the lines, with artillery shooting overhead from behind, and they worked in full combat gear including helmets. She was sent home on the Hospital Ship, "Florence Stanger" in 1945. She was discharged as a 1st. Lt. later that year. On April 12, 1947, she married Robert Lou Townsend at Orleans, MI. Their children are Daniel Townsend, Rex Townsend and Roberta (Townsend) Hall. Freda is a member of the Seventh day Adventist Church, 9799 W. Baker Road, Greenville, MI.

She worked for Dr. Snider and Dr. Slade in Ionia. She then spent 18 years at the Belding Hospital, rising to Director of Nursing. She then worked for, and retired from, Extruded Metals in 1984.

She is now a resident of Woodhaven Apartments in Belding and is also working as a volunteer nurse at Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center.

Written by, John A. Palmer, son of her sister, Nellie Iris (Wise) Palmer (1914-1996) wife of Harold K. Palmer (1912-2003).



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Postcard marked 3 Aug., 1958 from Ludington, MI

Submitted by
Kim Pennock

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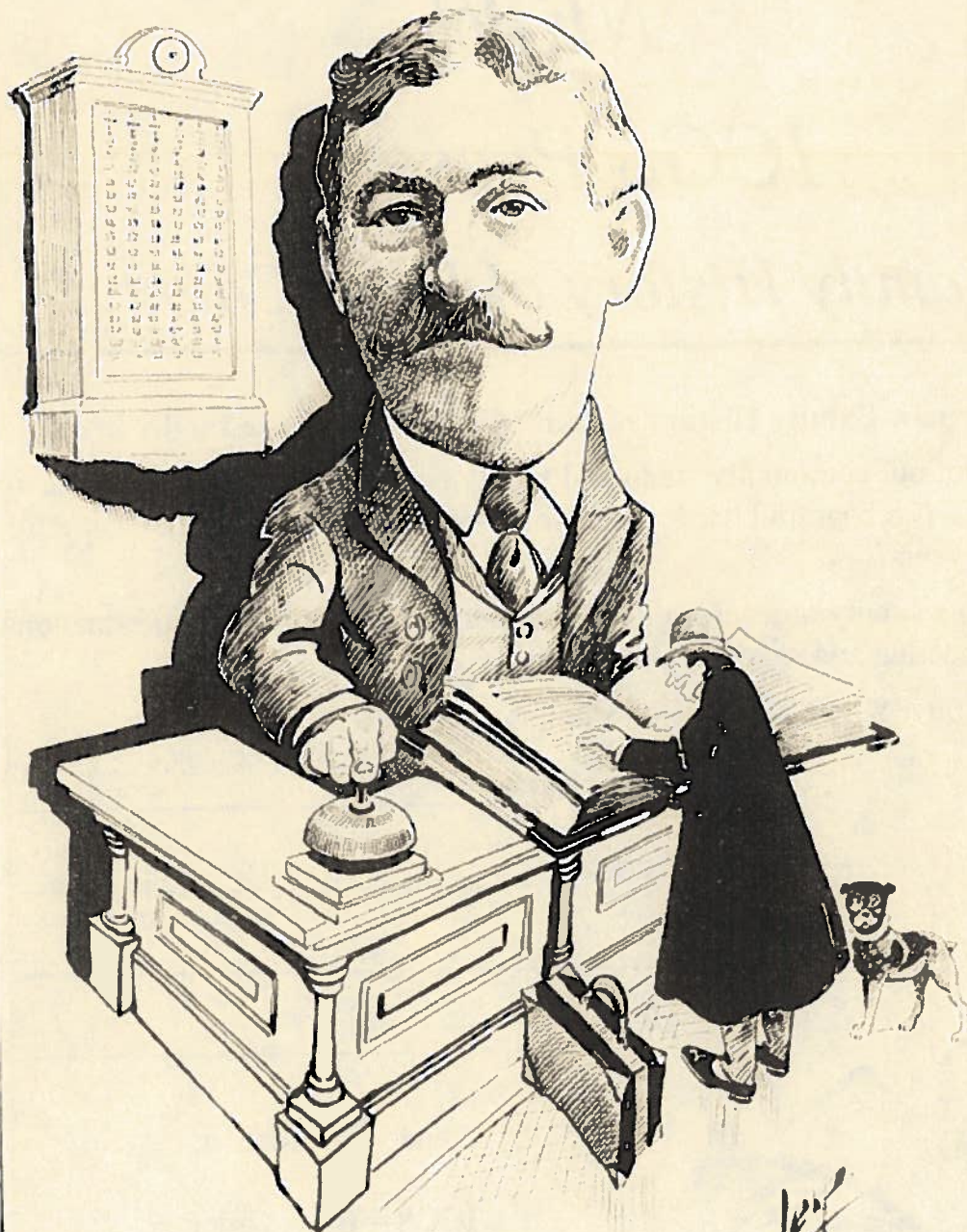
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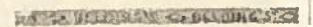
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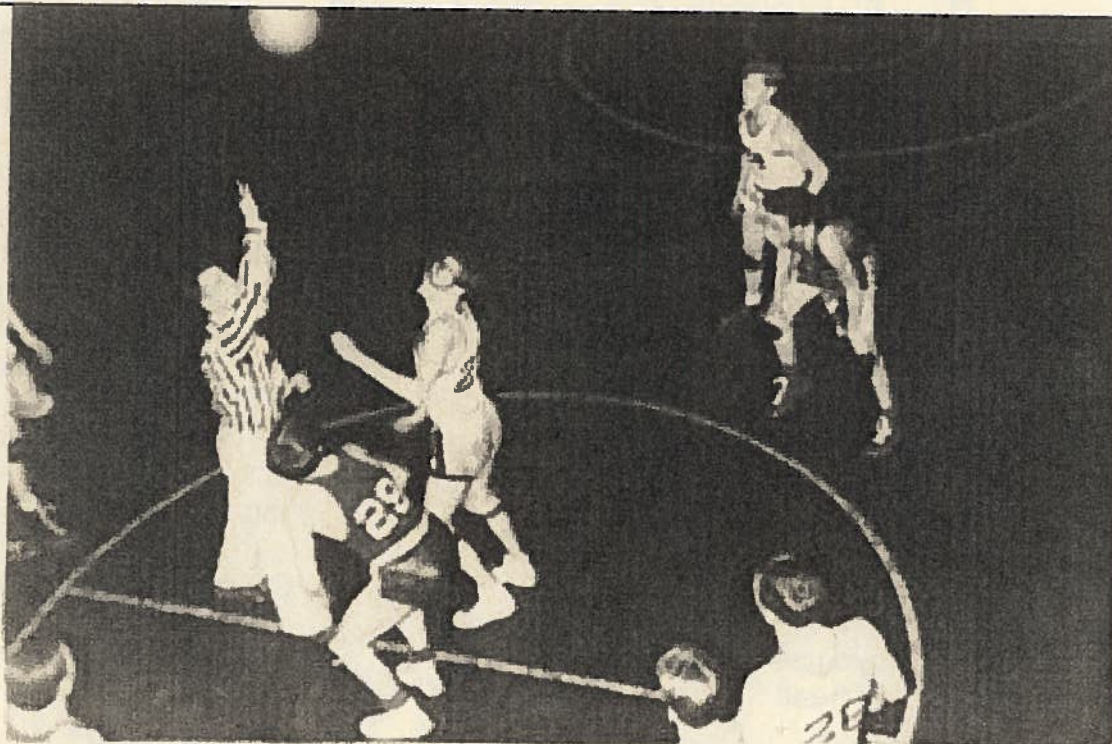
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?? MYSTERY HOUSE ??

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Kim Pennock

More Superstitions.....

- If a single woman sleeps with a piece of wedding cake under her pillow, she will dream of her future husband
- An acorn should be carried to bring luck and ensure a long life
- To protect yourself from witches, wear a blue bead

Cultural Superstitions....

- If you touch a loved one who has died, you won't dream about them
- You will have bad luck if you do not stop the clock in the room where someone dies
- If the person buried lived a good life, flowers will grow on the grave. If the person was evil, weeds will grow
- The first gift the bride opens should be the first gift she uses
- The person who gives the third gift to be opened will soon have a baby

Opportunities for you.....

The ICGS is working in cooperation with the Lake Odessa Area Historical Society to construct a new building - the new building will be reminiscent of the old Freight House that once stood by the Lake Odessa Pere Marquette Depot. This building will be the new home of ICGS as well as a museum for the Lake Odessa Area Historical Society. If you are interested in contributing to this project, contact us to see how you can help!

John Waite or Gary Veale

Ionia County Genealogical Society
13051 Ainsworth Road
Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Calendar of Events – Ionia County Genealogical Society

April 2004

- 17th Eaton County Annual Workshop – Special Event
- 22nd ICGS Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- 24th Lake Odessa Depot Museum is open! (Jackie Gilliland & Tom Pickens hosting)
- 24th Ionia County Women's Festival

May 2004

- 8th Genealogy for Beginners: What you should know BEFORE you begin – Jim Moses is speaker.
- 8th Garden Day at the Depot! (Lynda Cobb will be hosting)
- 27th ICGS Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- 29th Lake Odessa Depot Museum is open! (Elaine Garlock hosting)

June 2004

- 12th Show 'N Tell: Back by popular demand!
- 22nd ICGS Board Meeting – 7pm
- 26th Alumni Day at the Lake Odessa Depot Museum (Elaine Garlock hosting)

UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS:

- July 10 - Hooking Kids on Genealogy – Lori Fox
- July 31 – Depot Day
- August 14 - Epitaphs on Tombstones - Bill Davis
- September 11-LDS Family History Center – Mary Griffis
- October 9 -CLOOZ – Elizabeth Kerstens
- October 30-First Families of Ionia County Society Banquet
- November 13 - Conducting Oral Histories – Suzanne Carpenter
- November 26 - Christmas 'Round the Town
- December 16 - ICGS Board of Directors Budget Meeting

**** All regular membership meetings are held on the second (2nd) Saturday of each month, except December, at 1:00pm, in the Community Room of Lake Manor on Emerson Street, Lake Odessa, just west of the Depot Museum. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. In addition, the Depot library will also be open following each monthly meeting until 5:00pm.**

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1. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~migenweb/fgs/>
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2. <http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org/>
The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame
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3. <http://www.funeralnet.com/index.html>
Search for cemetery information, funeral homes, and obituaries.
4. <http://www.sentinel-standard.com/news/>
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5. <http://www.womensmemorial.org/>
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