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**Thursday, April 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple - 396 W. Clay Ave.**

“Self Publishing Your History”
Speaker: Garry Olson, President
of the Lakeshore Documents Services

Ever wished you could write your own genealogy book? Now you can! Learn about new opportunities to create books out of family histories. New technology and services available in west Michigan enables people to arrange pictures, maps, original documents, manuscripts and anything in writing (even recipes) into a format that can be published even 1-2 books at a time. On demand and self publishing is a new market that will benefit budding authors, genealogists, and historians to produce high quality paperback style books for a reasonable cost. The presenter will review the technology, requirements and some basic costs of having this done.



“Genealogy Family History Workshop”

Saturday, April 10th

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p. m.

Hackley Public Library

Local History & Genealogy Dept.—Lower Level

GREAT turn out at our last workshop—15 learning & searching!



Test Your “Geneknowlogy”

Before the invention of the eraser, people rubbed away pencil mistakes with what?

Look for the answer in this newsletter.
Family Tree Magazine—May 2010

PRESIDENT’S PODIUM

Keeping You in the Loop



Results of Informational Vote on preferred day for the general meetings: **Majority is in favor of as it is, Thursdays downstairs.** Vote was: Thursdays downstairs, 18; Wednesdays upstairs 4; Doesn’t matter, 12.

I have established our business PayPal account. Stay tuned for an easy way soon to be able to donate, subscribe, and order goods and services securely online. Web buttons coming ...
Jane Appleton Schapka

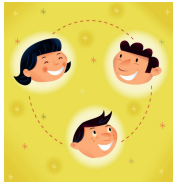


County Clerk's Office
Volunteers

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

- April 7Jane Gates
- April 14Dawn Kelley
- April 21Barb Martin
- April 28Dawn Kelley

The Muskegon County Clerk's office and MCGS are co-hosting "Find Your Roots" Wednesday, April 14, 1-3 p.m., at the County Clerk office, 2nd floor, 141 E. Apple Avenue (off of Pine St.). Gifts available to the first 100 visitors!



Hospitality Committee

Karen Towne
Jane Walker Weber
Paula Halloran

Our March meeting was an educational program about archive resources from Library of Michigan. Members and guests were greeted with a St. Patrick's theme with green sugar-free cupcakes furnished by Karen Towne. Eileen Wojewodzki offered a delicious array of healthy fruit plus mini sandwiches. New member, Carolyn Madden, and Eileen Wojewodzki were the lucky door prize winners.



SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATES

We need your help on the projects below. Some of the projects can be indexed at home, at the County Clerks office, or at the Local History Department of Hackley Public Library (HPL). Email us to sign up. The sooner the indexes are completed, the sooner we can put them on our website and at HPL.

- Muskegon County State Census 1884 & 1894 are just about done and ready to be indexed. This will be an every name index
- We are looking for more recipes to put into our new recipe book. Please put the submitter's name on them.

From page 1

DID YOU KNOW IT WAS

bread crumbs

WELCOME

Membership Committee
Susan Boos Gerst
Kathy Broughton DeCormier

March meeting: 30 Members and 15 Visitors

Please welcome our newest members to our society!

- Jim Harkness—Illinois

Surnames: Harkness, Hansen, Cruickshank, Boyd, Golwiteer, Nicholson, Nelson, Allen, Wood, Shepard

- William Hansen—Georgia

Surnames: Hansen, Greenwood, Peterson, Maynard, Woirol

- Jackie Fisher—Muskegon

Surnames: Barba, Crane, Ryan, O'Neill, Magan, Fisher (Fishel), Gromberg, Fleicher

- Carolyn & Steve Madden—Muskegon



Library Committee

Barb LaBatt Martin

The Hackley Public Library Local History and Genealogy Department has the Ancestry.com Library Edition database. For information of what's online, go to www.hackleylibrary.org and click Local History on the horizontal menu bar.

New Books Added to HPL

Tracing Your Irish Family History, by Anthony Adolph

Index of Vital Statistics from the Muskegon Chronicle 1995, by Matt Burns (Gift of Matt Burns)

Finding Oprah's Roots: Finding Your Own
by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

KNOW YOUR SOURCES ...

"As with microfilmed versions, digitized copies of records found online or scanned copies in print form are generally considered to be faithful reproductions of the original."

Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, editors, ***The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy***, 3rd ed. (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2006), p.289

Submitted by Jane Appleton Schapka



KEEPSAKE BOXES

I saw a segment of “Antiques Roadshow” which showed a man with a small chest that had been passed down through his family. It was full of items that various family members had put in the chest through the years. This made me think about my grandchildren, who are under the age of ten. I have collected items such as themes from their birthday parties, reminders of special trips, etc. I thought about how special it would be to put these items in a type of chest for them to review later in life. I found two wooden chests at an antique mall and have started putting notes on these saved items to start their memory chests. My hope is that when they are older, they will enjoy looking at these reminders of their youth and that they will continue this tradition with their children. Patty

FAMILY HISTORY IN OLD CALENDARS

I have found family history in old calendars. My grandmother and my aunt jotted down little notes on them, and I’m fortunate to have several of them. There are notes like “cards sent to Mother from....” and “first snow of the year” and “Robert Paul came home from hospital after seven days.” My grandmother and my mother also used the backs of the calendars to write recipes. They were convenient and easy to find. These calendars are priceless to me because they are full of information. Peggy Key

DONATING FAMILY BIBLE PAGES

I was in a quandary as far as what to do with the family Bible. Our son lived in a different state, but I wanted the family history information to remain close to home so that it was available to other family historians as well. I copied all the personal information pages at a good copy shop as well as the outside of the Bible with the names of the ancestors and sent it to local libraries. This way the Bible passed on to our son, but the part important to searchers was in the library. In doing so, I was able to solve a generations-old question regarding the spelling of the family name.

One librarian explained the old custom of placing a mark above the last letter of the name, indicating it was a double letter (i.e., mm instead of m as it appeared in the signature). Miriam Grimm - New Oxford, Pennsylvania

INVESTIGATING NIEGHBORS PAYS OFF

Weekly tips have repeatedly suggested investigating your ancestors’ neighbors. I finally tried it and it paid off. I wondered about the children listed with my great grandmother in the 1880 census. By looking at her neighbors, I found that her only daughter had married at 16 and was living a few houses away. Also nearby was the girl who one of her sons would marry in 1883. I plan to do more of this. Roy L. Howard - Chattanooga, Tennessee

FAMILY BURIED NEAR BY

When poking around in a cemetery, take note of the names on the stones around your center of interest. At some point you may discover a connection with the people buried near your ancestor. This is especially handy if you are not near your home. Ed Connor

DISCONTINUED

Ancestry Magazine—the last issue is March/April 2010



I was trying out the website NewspaperArchives.com at our library. Below is a article that I found on my Aunt, my dads sister. I was really surprised to see it.

The Ludington Daily News
Tuesday, June 12, 1928—p 3 c 4

**FATHER GIVES CONSENT
TO DAUGHTER TO WED**

W. N. DeLano of Ludington and Sylvia Westcomb of Muskegon were granted application for license to wed at the office of Frank J. Pierce, county clerk, Monday.

Inasmuch as Miss Westcomb is 16 years of age, C. A. Westcomb, her father, had to furnish affidavit, granting his consent.

This is required, says Miss Martha Borski, deputy county clerk, in cases under the age of 18. Consent of either father or mother is sufficient. Mr. DeLano is a Ludington junk dealer.

Dates to Remember—2010

Upcoming Events.....

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

MCGS Meeting—Thursday,
April 8, 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, 396 W. Clay Av.
Doors opens at 6:30 p.m.

“Genealogy—Family History Workshop” Saturday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hackley Public Library, 316 W. Webster—Lower Level.
Help from society members.

A Look Ahead at 2010

MCGS Meetings & Programs

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
2nd Thursday of month
Masonic Temple, 396 W. Clay
Muskegon, Michigan

MCGS Meetings & Programs


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

MCGS Board Meetings

6:00 p.m.
Torrent House
Tuesdays
April 6
May 4
June 1
July & December—OFF
August 3
September 7
November 2

Genealogy Family History” Workshops

April 10
May 8
OFF—June, July & Aug
September 11
October 9
November 13
OFF—December



ON SALE

3 D Ring Notebooks
Excellent Condition
Variation of colors
2”, 2 1/2”, 3”, 4”

\$4.00 each



April 8 What to Bring...

- Paper and pencil for taking notes.
- Pocket change for any little books or magazines you want, etc.
- Any little books or magazines you want to donate to our MCGS store.
- Your Show and Tell stories are appreciated. We want to hear & see what you have to share!
- **Your 4-generation chart, completed as far as you can go.** It can be printed from any program or hand-written. You may also send it by mail or email to: mcs1972@yahoo.com.
- Your genealogy questions.

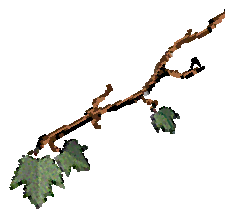
*Don't forget to bring
All your Friends!*

See you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bus Trip to the Library of Michigan from Grand Haven, Loutit District Library —April 14
Bus leaves LDL at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m.
Cost is \$35.00 due at the time of registration
For reservations call 616-842-5560, ext. 225
www.loutitlibrary.org
- 51st Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper
Sunday, April 11, 2010
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Lansing, MI
www.curiousbooks.com



WEB SITES

<http://www.thefamilyhistorystore.com>
<http://www.genealogytoday.com/store/index.html>
<http://www.funstuffforgenealogists.com>

Thank you, Fran Harrington