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Thursday, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Masonic Temple
396 W. Clay Ave.

“Immigration Records”

This video discusses the variety of immigration records and shows how to discover the details of your immigrant ancestor’s journey. By BYU

We will have a Veteran’s Day display on our tables that are from Colonial to recent years. Bring items about ancestors who have participated in any war.

Guest Are Always Welcome To Come!



Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 6:00 p.m., Torrent House



Annual Meeting—Bylaws & Elections Voting

November 11, 2010

Members at the meeting will vote on the revised bylaws.



Genealogy Family History Workshops

Saturday, November 13

Hackley Public Library, Local History & Genealogy Dept.,
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

REMINDER: No Workshops in December



Twig Talk Newsletter Editor Changes Hands

Please welcome our new Twig Talk Newsletter Editor, Kristi McPherson-Burns.

She is very excited about volunteering for our society, and we are happy to have her become the new editor. Thank you, Dawn Kelley, for preparing the newsletter for the last 10 years. If you have items for the newsletter, please contact Kristi at:

mcgs1972@yahoo.com

and include “MCGS Newsletter” in the subject area of your email.



Test Your “GeneKnowlegy”

What year did the United States Congress enact legislation to regulate the transport of passengers from foreign ports to the United States?

Find the answer in the newsletter.



County Clerk's Office

Volunteers
Wednesday's 1:00—4:00 p.m.
141 E. Apple Ave.
2nd Floor

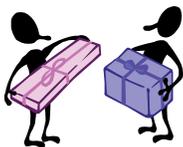
We help the public find marriage and death records!



Our October
Family History
month celebrated
pioneer & settler

Hospitality
Jane Walker Weber
Paula Halloran
Connie Fales

certifications of Joanne Blakkan, Alice Kooistra, Jeri Landheer and Rebecca Obenauf. Door prize winners were: Alice Kooistra--Staples gift certificate and Nancy Zissler--a quilted tote bag. Eileen Wojewodzki proved her directing qualities. She humorously emceed our Ancestral Visitation skit. Capable Nancy Spoon led the audience in genealogical readings. The actors who provided lots of laughs by "playing the audience" were Jo Grieve, Joan Gawron, Ken Osborn, Whitey Zissler and Jane Schapka. Thanks go to all those who brought party food. We are looking for a Mayflower picture! Are you the winner!?



Membership
Susan Boos Gerst
tsgerst@yahoo.com
Kathy Broughton DeCormier

We give a warm welcome to our newest member.

Randy Stenholm – West Olive, MI
Surnames: Stenholm, Castagna, Anderson



RENEWAL TIME IS HERE FOR 2011

Please fill out your APPLICATION form and send it in. The membership form is **now available on our website** under membership

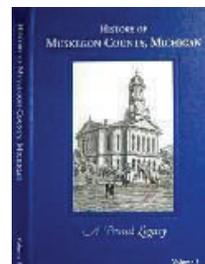
application; click on the blue area and you can type into the Acrobat Adobe form; it is as easy as that. Send it in by mail or drop it off at HPL or bring it to one of meetings, before the end of the year. Thank you, everyone, for joining the MCGS. Members are important to us so please keep in touch. Share your news with us. Let's celebrate together! And don't forget to keep your phone, address, and email information up-to-date with us.

Library Barb LaBatt Martin



HPL Mon, Tues, Wed 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thurs, Fri, Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
OPEN on Sundays 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Photographing Your Heritage, by Wilma Sadler Shull
Ohio Genealogical Research Guide, by John W. Heisey
Our Ancestors Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865
Marriage Contracts in Quebec, by Patricia Foley Gee
A Guide to Quebec's Vital Records, by Patricia Foley Gee
How to Trace Your Pedigree Ladies, by Arlene H. Eakle



History of Muskegon County, Michigan:

A Proud Legacy

Just in time for the holidays.

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are on our website at:

www.genealogymuskegon.org

Or buy one at Hackley Public Library In the
Local History & Genealogy Dept. Lower Level

IMMIGRATION, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Between 1855 and 1922, an alien woman became a citizen automatically if she married an American citizen. Non-native minor children became American citizens when their parents were naturalized.

Interesting fact from Ancestry.com—Immigration Center

Great Websites to Visit (Remember the holidays are coming!!!)

Café Press has great genealogy gifts for both the serious and the fun.

Visit <http://shop.cafepress.com/genealogy>

Zazzle has some great gifts for the fun-loving genealogist. Catch them at www.zazzle.com/genealogy+gifts

Genealogy Today offers unique databases, search tools and original articles, along with links to the newest sites and online resources for free and a subscription. Check them out at www.genealogytoday.com

JewishGen offers free access to thousands of databases, research tools, and other resources to help those with Jewish ancestry research and find family members.

They can be found at www.jewishgen.org





Genealogy Tips Ancestry Daily News

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Photo Ornaments

Two years ago I received about a dozen old family photos from a distant cousin, who I met on line through Ancestry. I copied them and put them into tiny handmade cardboard frames trimmed with lace and buttons and hung them on our tree at Christmas time for everyone to enjoy. On the back of each photo is the information on each person pictured and how they are related to us – Robert's maternal grandparents, Mary's great uncle, etc. We have also given them as gifts to each of our children so that they will be able to share their family tree information with their children and grand children. Patty P.

Branch Out In Newspapers

When searching the Ancestry databases, such as Newspapers & Periodicals, look for ancestors where they worked, as well as where they lived. One of my relatives appeared not only in his home state newspapers but in other states' newspapers as well, because he spoke at churches throughout the country. Deborra Wood.

Surprising Clues on Videotapes

When the video camera first became popular, I videotaped everything. I recently started watching the older ones to see which I wanted to copy to a DVD, before they deteriorated. I was watching one that I had taped twenty-five years ago, of a trip I took with my mother and her sister to the area where they grew up. As I watched the video, I realized that while I was taping the pretty fall leaves, they were talking about the farms we were passing, and who had lived there when they were growing up. I picked up information about family members that I would never have gotten any other way. We also stopped by the cemetery on that trip, and on that same tape was valuable information about tombstones going several generations back. I accidentally found a gold mine of information. Shirley Krampf



INTERESTING NOTE:

Did you know that in Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday in October? The Canadian Thanksgiving holiday is officially observed on the second Monday of October; however, people generally get together for their Thanksgiving meal on any one of the three days of this three-day holiday weekend.

Information courtesy of my 7 year old son who learned this in school and I verified online at: <http://gocanada.about.com/od/canadatravelplanner/a/thanksgiving.htm> -- Kristi Burns



Word from the Editor

Kristi R. McPherson-Burns

Hello everyone! Some of you know me and some of the new members may not, so I thought I would re-introduce myself. I joined the Muskegon County Genealogical Society in January 2010, but have been doing genealogy research into my family for 19 years. I started with a few questions that led to more questions that led to interesting stories that led to more questions. (I know a number of you are nodding your head!)

With the holidays coming, I am reminded how over the years, I have written letters and connected with a number of family members that not only were helpful, but became very dear to me. A great-great Aunt Lois who decided that once she reached 90 there was no point counting birthdays. She passed away at 98 still saying she was 90. My maternal grandmother, Jeanne, who I became to know as more than my grandmother, but also as my best friend and fellow "genealogist-in-arms." Then there was my great-aunt Gloria who provided me with the keys to open the doors to the McPherson and Campbell families. Now, I am corresponding with her daughters and her granddaughter. They have provided me with information on the Campbell's lives in Canada that has eluded me for so many years. So by reaching out and connecting with the living, I have been able to reach back into the past.

I look forward to being the editor of the Twig Talk newsletter and to hearing from everyone. I am presently in Ohio and volunteering with the Mahoning County Genealogical Society. So if any Ohio research needs to be done in the Mahoning Valley area, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at mcphskr@yahoo.com or mcgs1972@yahoo.com Also, if you want to see who I am, you can check out an article regarding my family history in The Vindicator (www.vindy.com) that was recently published.

LAND PATENTS, SURVEY PLATS, LAND STATUS RECORDS

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records have updated their web site at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/beta> This site provides live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States, including image access to more than five million Federal land title records issued between 1820 and the present and images related to survey plats and field notes, dating back to 1810. The website has access to the following areas:

- Land Patents
- Survey Plats and Field Notes
- Land Status Records

Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
MCPHERSON, LORENZO	11/1/1869	146	MI	Michigan-Toledo Strip	032N - 009W	E1/4SW1/4	36	Antrim
					032N - 009W	NW1/4SW1/4	36	Antrim
					032N - 009W	SW1/4NW1/4	36	Antrim
MCPHERSON, PETER	9/25/1876	2626	MI	Michigan-Toledo Strip	032N - 009W	E1/4NW1/4	36	Antrim

Dates to Remember—2010 & 2011

Upcoming Events 2010

Board Meeting

1st Tuesday
except Jul, Aug & Dec
at 6:00 p.m.
Torrent House
315 W Webster

November 2
Off December

Regular Meetings

2nd Thursday except July
Doors at 6:30 p.m.
Starts at 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple
396 W. Clay

November 11

Family History a Holiday Gathering

December 9



Genealogy Family History Workshops

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sat., November 6

Hackley Public Library
Local History & Genealogy Dept.
Lower Level
316 W. Webster
November 13

NO WORKSHOP IN December

What to Bring on November 11



- Pencil and notepaper or all the great information we will share.
- Our genealogy store will reopen at the November meeting.
- Bring items about ancestors who have participated in any war.

A Look Ahead 2011 Calendar MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Board: 1st Tues. of the Month
(except July, Aug, & Dec): Jan 11,
Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7,
Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1

Regular: 2nd Thurs of
Every Month (except July)
Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May
12, Jun 9, Off Jul, Aug 11, Sept 8,
Oct 13, Nov 10
Oct is "Family History Month"
December 8
"Family History Holiday Gathering"

Gen. Fam. Hist. Workshops
Saturdays (except June, July, Aug)
Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 7,
Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS ONLINE!



In October, 2010, the Allen County Public Library launched their ACPL Genealogy Center website.

<http://www.genealogycenter.org>

Improvements are continuing to be made based on community feedback and material is being added on a daily basis. For those that are not able to go to the library, this another great genealogical portal to investigate for answers.

If MCGS has helped you, would you help MCGS?
Have you:

- Found your ancestors on our web site?
- Learned new methods & tips from our speakers?

We gratefully accept donations for our web site and speakers. All gifts may be eligible for a tax write-off.

Make check payable to MCGS and mail to MCGS,
c/o Hackley Public Library, 316 W. Webster, Avenue
Muskegon MI 49440-1209

ANSWER!

The answer to the question on page 1 is 1819.

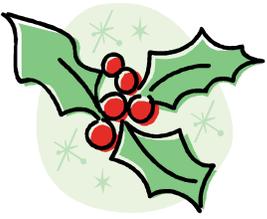
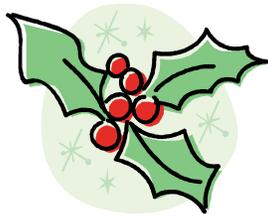
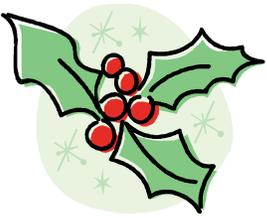
In 1819, the United States Congress enacted legislation to regulate the transport of passengers from foreign ports to the United States. As a provision of this act, ships' captains were required to submit a list of passengers to the collector of customs in the district in which the ship arrived.

These passenger lists comprise the vast majority of immigration records. The content of passenger lists has changed significantly over the years and information is sparse on earlier lists.

Passenger lists typically include these types of information:

Name
Age
Occupation
Place of origin
Destination in the United States
Name and type of ship
Port and date of departure
Port and date of arrival

Information courtesy of Ancestry.com



MUSKEGON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 INVITES YOU TO A
 SPECIAL
 HOLIDAY GATHERING



TREATS AND TIPS



BRING cookies/treats to share (1 dz. or less)

“Bring recipe to share”

LEARN essential Genealogy Tips for Success

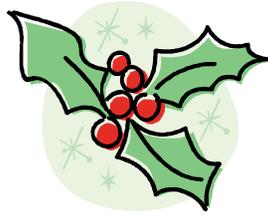
Coffee and Punch provided



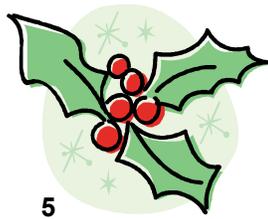
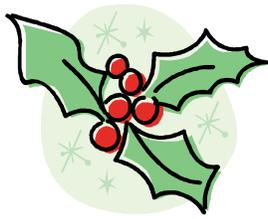
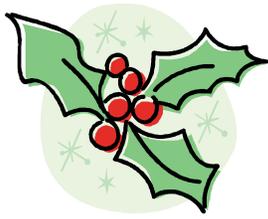
TORRENT HOUSE
 315 W. WEBSTER AVE
 3RD STREEET ENTRANCE



THURSDAY DEC 9, 2010



6:30 PM to 8 PM





TWAS THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY

TWAS the day before yesterday and all through the branches,
NOT a name to be found, none of my ancestors.

THE Journals and Bibles were dusty and worn,
WHY should we care, these kinfolk are gone.

THE pictures of children and family, long ago dead,
ARE scattered, crinkled, and crammed under beds.

DAD in his chair, and I with a book,
HAD just settled back to give the TV a look.

WHEN out on the street there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.

ON the way to the window I tripped with a crash,
I tore open the curtains and looked through the glass.

THE sun in the sky was nowhere in sight,
THE clouds were so gray, it could have been night.

WHEN what to my wondering eyes should appear,
THE Mailman with packages, letters and cards of good cheer.

THE driver was grumbling while sorting his letters,
I knew in a moment, things had to get better.

THE size of one letter stood out from them all,
A distant cousin was asking about family, one and all.

THE names of Grandpa and Grandma, Great Grandparents all,
NEXT came my Father, my Brother, and Uncle Paul.

FROM cousins and uncles to aunts and nephews,
NIECES and in-laws, just to name a few.

SO thru the many journals and photos, and stuff I pos-
sessed,
MY search for my ancestors slowly progressed.

WHILE up the family tree I gradually climbed,
MY ancestors names, I was seeking to find.

UPON that tree I have carved many a name,
THE branches of which, will never be the same.

THE tree is now filled with many I've found,
BUT in the search for others, now I am bound.

THE ancestors whose names, I have written with love,
THE Lord has gathered to take to His Father above.

WITH so many names yet to be carved on that tree,
I have little time to waste on games and TV.

GATHERING names, photos, histories and places,
REQUIRES a lot of love, patience, and God's good
graces.

SOME were Farmers, Soldiers & such, Mothers & Fa-
thers who struggled much.
SOME were Settlers, who traveled far, some Adventures,
who followed the stars.

SOME were rich but most were poor, they came by ship,
seeking more.
SOME died young, others old, many their stories yet un-
told.

I cried when I thought of those brothers and sisters,
FOR I am who I am, thanks to my ancestors.

MY family is but one branch on the Tree of Life,
A tree that grew strong through toil and strife.

ALONE, I'm just a bare twig or a stub,
TOGETHER we build a Family Tree of Love!
written by

Linnie Vanderford Poyneer
(written late one night after a long day of research)

