

Ingham County Genealogical Society
March 14, 2002

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President John Castle at 7:04 pm, 29 members and guests were present. Guests were Charles Hagler, Sue Voss, Ron Weesies, Pat Carrigan, and Julie Carr.

Meeting was suspended so the evening's program could be presented. Sam Pardee Introduced, Charles Hagler, of the State of Michigan Library. Charles gave a very interesting and informative talk, "What's in the Drawers?" which explained the microfiche contents of the many drawers at the library.

Meeting was resumed following a coffee break. John introduced, Ron Weesies, Vevay township supervisor, who requested a survey be completed by each member concerning what activities, facilities, and interests each person takes part in and what additional recreational plans should be included in Vevay Park.

The 50/50 drawing was held. Lynne Castle won \$20 which she donated to ICGS general fund.

Tammy Parsons made motion to accept the February 14th minutes as presented by secretary, Alice Raatz. Sam Pardee seconded. Approved.

Lynne Castle reported that the Mason Library is planning a renovation of the current facility. President, John Castle wrote a letter to Susan Hill, of the Capitol Area District Library, to question whether or not our reference room would be affected by the proposed changes. Ms. Hill's reply seemed to indicate we would not be allotted space. This topic will be discussed at the March 20th executive board meeting. All are welcome to attend. Anyone wishing to express support for keeping a reference room at the library should send a letter to: Susan Hill, Capitol Area District Library, PO Box 40719, Lansing, MI 48901-7919.

Julie Carr of MMGS donated 5 books of obituary clippings from various Lansing-East Lansing newspapers. Of special mention was a book on East Lawn Cemetery Obits. Julie also donated the computer disc of these books, which Greg James will make available on our website. Julie will speak on "Newspapers" at an LDS Free seminar on May 11th.

Sue Voss of Dansville donated the book, "Dansville, When It Was A Boomtown," to our society. It was written by a group of 6th graders as a class project.

Vice President, Sam Pardee reports that today's MGC meeting was very short due to absence of many committee members. Applications for the Lucy Mary Kellogg award are available if anyone knows of a society member who qualifies for this award. MGC workshop "How to grow your society" scheduled for April will be postponed until the fall.

Sam will give a lecture on "Beginning Genealogy" at Williamston library on April 10th.

Membership Secretary, Jean Crawford, reports we have 3 new members, making a total of 102. Jean is arranging for a vendor table at Livingston County in April 27th and Eaton County on June 1st. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Jean.

Jean has 10 orders for society shirts, but needs 2 more to place an order. Please consider placing an order. Sweatshirts \$20 and t-shirts \$10.

Treasurer, Marge James submitted a current financial report.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, invites all to visit the reference room at the Mason Library. Hours are Tuesdays, noon to 4 pm and Saturdays, 11 am to 3 pm. Currently the reference room contains almost 1,000 items.

Member, Lynn Brown, donated 2 CD's to the society. The titles are "Early Settlers of New York" and "Early Settlers of Virginia."

New Business, John announced the next executive board meeting will be at 7 pm on March 20, 2002, at the Castle's home.

Greg James, computer, reports no problems with new computer.

Barbara Lyon Smith has volunteered for the next 3 months to relieve Joyce & Ray Yeutter of the social committee task of making coffee and cleaning up after each meeting.

Alice Raatz, Historian, the history book is up to date. The book is on display on the back table for any interested browsers. Barb Lyon Smith suggests that the book be passed around the tables next meeting to enable more persons to view it.

Barbara Lyon Smith, Newsletter, reports that the newsletter is available at tonight's meeting.

Lynne Castle reports that recently Ed Parker's wife was hospitalized after she suffered a stroke. Ed is the founder of ICGS.

Tammy Parsons made a motion to adjourn. Bart Smith seconded. Approved.

Next meeting will be April 11, 2002.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz