

Ingham County Genealogical Society
March 13, 2008

President Harry Warner called the March 13, 2008, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Vevay Township Hall. There were 31 people in attendance, including 12 guests.

PROGRAM: Chris Czopek presented "Area Families During the Civil War."

50/50 DRAWING: John Castle, the winner in the 50/50 drawing, donated his winnings to the digital records translation fund.

BUSINESS MEETING: The business meeting began at 8:38 p.m.

MINUTES: Dave Held moved for approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2008, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of March 13, 2008, are \$17,398.88. Sam Pardee moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kris Rzepczynski encouraged all to join the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society in a trip to the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Library on April 5, 2008. At the next meeting of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Mark Bowden, Assistant Manager of the Burton Collection, will speak. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., March 26, at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing. The 3rd Annual Abrams Genealogy Seminar will be held on July 18-19, 2008. ICGS will partner with the Library of Michigan. Dr. George Schweitzer, who speaks in costume, will be the speaker. ICGS members who attend will receive a discounted rate. Dave Held noted Dr. Schweitzer offers many different lectures, and after a discussion, it was decided to select one that had appeal for a wide audience. John Castle announced the Family History Seminar, sponsored by the Family History Center of the area Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church, will be held on May 10, 2008.

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer Marge James reported donations of \$14 last month for digital records translation. She cashed in the CDs. Membership Secretary Cathy Morse noted copies of an updated membership list are available. Librarian Rodney Jewett reported new library materials include "Onondaga Township Cemetery Readings" and "Abstract of Early Probate Records of Ingham County: 1864-1874." There is a second computer in the genealogy section of the library. Space is tight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Publication Committee Chairperson John Castle said he expects to receive \$8,000 from the Abrams Foundation soon to digitize the Ingham County News from 1869-1934. It will be put on the internet for the public to use. Sam Pardee, Michigan Council Delegate, reported on new records in the Library of Michigan: Washtenaw County Probate records to 1940; Alger County naturalization records; and Detroit Recorder's Court case files. Some records at the state archives will be digitized by Ancestry and won't be available for several months. The Abrams Foundation has money to put the actual GENDIS death records on the web, not just the index. The next delegate meeting is May 14. Publicity Chairperson Dave Held asked for suggestions about publicity, especially for the July seminar at the Library of Michigan.

OLD BUSINESS: The ICGS will split the cost of the July seminar with the Library of Michigan.

NEW BUSINESS: President Harry Warner indicated he would probably have a board meeting soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary