

Ingham County Genealogical Society
May 9, 2002

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President John Castle at 7:00 pm, 26 members and guests were present. Guests were Lisa Grill (new member tonight) and Clyde Chamberlain.

The meeting was suspended so the evening's program could be presented. John Castle introduced Clyde Chamberlain, who presented a very interesting, unusual and amusing narrated slide presentation on "Cemeteries and Tombstones."

After a 10 minute coffee break, John Castle reconvened the meeting. Sally Landreville conducted the 50/50 drawing. John Castle won \$17, which he donated to the society. A second drawing, for a small gift, of a wall hanging, was won by Marge Dickinson. The wall hanging was donated by Barb Smith, who suggested that at each month's meeting, member's donate items to be given away in a drawing following the 50/50 drawing.

Secretary, Alice Raatz, reported that the April minutes incorrectly show the guest speakers as Clyde Chamberlain in June (should be May) and Randy Riley in July (should be June). Eldora Spooner made motion to accept the April minutes with corrections to be done as presented by secretary, Alice Raatz. Mary Eshelby seconded. Approved.

Announcement by John Castle, At the request of Eldora Spooner, Next Tuesday, John will go to Wheatfield township to request old records for our society microfilming project.

Treasurer, Marge James was on vacation. Greg James, reported the treasurer report was available on the back table.

Membership Secretary, Jean Crawford, reports that 3 new members have joined our society. Current membership is 108. Joyce Yeutter and Jean worked a vendor table at the Livingston Co. seminar. \$36 in merchandise was sold. ICGS T-shirts and sweatshirts have been ordered and should be here by the June meeting.

Gloria Young, trustee, reported that she and Norma Hass conducted an audit of the treasurers book. All records are accurate and well maintained.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells informed us that the vast amount of donated items from Donna Hemminger have now been sorted, catalogued and on the shelves at the reference room. Many items, including a CD of the index to the Ball Dunn Funeral Home records were brought to tonight's meeting and are available for loan. See Isabelle to check them out until next month's meeting. Library reference room will be closed on Saturday May 25th, as Isabelle will be out of town. Volunteers always needed to work reference room, both Tuesdays and Saturdays.

1930 Ingham county census has been ordered and should arrive in 6-8 weeks.

Announcements: Eaton County Workshop will be held June 1, 2002 in Charlotte. Jean Crawford will work a vendor's table. Next Executive board meeting will Thursday, May 30th at the Castle's residence.

New Business: \$8,000 Abram's grant money has been received. This is given to our society for the purpose of preserving records. Vevay Picnic pavilion has been reserved for 6:30 pm, July 11, 2002 for our annual picnic. Discussion and confusion about the date followed as it was in June in past years. Corrections will be made to announcements that have been sent with incorrect month.

Nominating committee will be needed by June 1st. Volunteers are needed. Contact John.

Greg James, reports that the computer continues to be working very well. Greg is proofing the Vevay Township Burial Transfer certificates in preparation for computer entry.

Barb Smith, Social committee expressed a need for a volunteer to bring cookies to the monthly meetings. A sign up sheet will be passed.

Barbara Lyon Smith, Newsletter reports that she is working on the next edition, which will be available by our June meeting. Barbara suggests that members send queries to be included.

Tammy Parsons, MGC delegate, reports on today's meeting. . Gendis Death Records has a new web address. www.michigan.gov/mdch Gendis data entry has been completed through mid year 1886, currently on hold for additional grant money. Carol Canard, SOM library reports new records are: French Canadian marriage indexes, more Ontario vital records, and indexes some states 1910 Federal Census in book form. If you paid \$27 for copy of a Social Security records applications and did not receive a copy of the original application, please contact JoAnn Harvey. Tammy has email address if anyone needs it. Senate Bill 794 to make birth records available at 100 years, instead of 110 has gone through 2 readings of the House and stalled. Support is needed to get passage before the House recesses for summer and reconvenes with new members next fall. Contact Speaker of the House, Rick Johnson, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909 or 517-373-1747 to express support of this bill.

David Held, commented on lack of parking at SOM library. Tammy Parsons also agreed and will contact Dept of Management & Budget regarding this issue.

Sally Landreville made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Joyce Darrow. Approved.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz