

**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**September 11, 2008**

President Harry Warner called the September 11, 2008, regular meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society to order at 7:12 P.M. at the Vevay Township Hall. There were 38 people in attendance, including 5 guests.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES:** Sam Pardee made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted. *(Note: After the meeting, the recording secretary found an error in the date of the meeting on the first line. This error has been corrected.)*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the treasurer's report were available. Total assets as of September 11, 2008, are \$20,748.84. Dave Held moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

**OFFICER REPORTS:** Vice President Dave Held announced Jim Jackson will speak on "Putting It All Together" at the October meeting. Librarian Rodney Jewett reported the leaky roof at the Mason Library affects part of the ICGS area. Water also collects in the basement after it rains.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Tammy Parsons reported Ceil Wendt Jensen was the winner of the Lucy Mary Kellogg award. The death records digitization project films should be returned to the library in about six to eight weeks. The library hopes to have them available on its website by next year. HB 6056, "Preserving the American Historical Record", has been introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives. Support from genealogical society members is needed. The roof on the Library of Michigan is almost complete, but work will begin soon on the sprinkler system. This will affect the archives reading room. The [www.seekingmichigan.org](http://www.seekingmichigan.org) website will be revised upon completion of the death records project. The Jewish Historical Society of Michigan is undertaking a yearbook project. So far 112,000 seniors are listed with their pictures. See [www.michjewishhistory.org](http://www.michjewishhistory.org). Yearbooks other than Jewish schools will be included. Tamara Weaver, Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records, talked to the Michigan Council about restrictions on vital records. She encouraged people to contact her if they encounter trouble accessing records at local governments to see if additional resources are needed. The Michigan Genealogical Council will present a Family History Month Seminar at the Library of Michigan on October 18, 2008. More information is available at [www.mimgc.org](http://www.mimgc.org). Because the card reader is broken, there is free parking at the Library of Michigan for now. Sam Pardee, Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate, noted the transcription of death records has been outsourced outside the U.S.

Publication Committee Chairperson John Castle said ICGS has been awarded a 2009 grant from the Abrams Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to microfilm about 40 years of the Ingham County News. Many volunteers will be needed. Dues for 2008-09 can be paid tonight to either John Castle or Marge James or by mail to the Ingham County Genealogical Society. About half of the City of Mason records have been microfilmed and the rest were sent for microfilming last Monday. This includes Maple Grove Cemetery records.

It was reported by Isabelle Wells that Cindy Hawkins is working on the newsletter. Historian Alice Raatz reminded those present to review the pictures taken at the picnic. Publicity Chairman Dave Held asked for ideas on getting meeting announcements printed in the newspapers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Election of Officers. Isabelle Wells was nominated for Co-Vice President by John Castle. She agreed to serve if elected. Norm Osborn moved to approve the slate of officers. The motion was approved. The following were elected for the 2008-09 year: President - David Held; Co-Vice President – Grove Sandrock; Co-Vice President – Isabelle Wells; Recording Secretary – Beth Hall; Treasurer – Bill Carr; Membership Secretary – Cathy Morse; Librarian – Rod Jewett; Trustee – Pete Phelps; Trustee – Diane Bishop.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Harry Warner announced Sunfield will have a genealogy seminar on September 20 where Shirley Hodges will speak. Cynthia Theusch, Librarian at the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library, will be the speaker when the Eaton County Genealogical Society meets on September 17 at the Eaton County Courthouse. A bus trip to Indiana is planned for November 1, 2008. Sam Pardee reported the Eaton County Genealogical Society is recording all the cemeteries in the county.

**PROGRAM:** After a brief break, the meeting resumed at 7:43 P.M. Shirley Gage Hodges spoke on “Using Probate Records.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Submitted by Beth Hall, Recording Secretary