

Ingham County Genealogical Society Meeting - March 13, 1997

The monthly meeting was held at the Vevay Township Hall, and called to order by President Joyce Darrow, with 34 persons present. Visitors were recognized and asked to introduce themselves and give the surnames they were researching. Two persons joined our society tonight.

The Secretary minutes of February 13th. were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read, with a check book balance of \$414.07, as of March 13, 1997.

Vice President Sam Pardee reported on several other society meeting dates, and a number of passouts were available on the rear table. He also reported on possible changes regarding the Regional National Archives system, and Jerry Fellows made a motion we write a letter to express our interest in leaving the regional system intact. Motion seconded by Ray Yeutter. Carried.

Jean Crawford reported she has received a letter, dated 11 Feb. 1997, from the Internal Revenue Service, granting our society the status of a "Tax Exempt, Non-Profit Organization", under Section 509 (a) - (2). This "Advanced Ruling Period", will end on 30 September 2001. Within 90 days after this date the society must furnish information to the IRS in order to receive a final ruling, as to our status as a publicly supported organization.

Lynne Castle, Social chairperson reported a surplus in the coffee fund, and \$20. would be turned over to the Treasurer tonight.

Jan Morgan reported on her continued work on our Society History Book.

Joyce Darrow gave a report on the proposed Micro-filming of the old Ingham County News newspapers, now stored in the attic of the Mason Library. The M.M.G.S. will provide \$1500. to start the project which would provide filming of approximately 10,000 sheets of newspapers, covering the time frame 1869 to 1898. No contract has been signed to Microfilm the papers.

Joyce stated the membership dues to join the Michigan Genealogical Council is \$10., and the next meeting is on Saturday March 22nd. A motion was made by Burnice Parker that we join the MGC, it was Seconded by RayYeutter. The Motion carried.

John Castle recommended we participate in the April 6th."Genealogy & History Book Fair", to be held at the Lansing Center, the cost for a one-half table rental would be \$15.00, and we have asked to share a table with the Clinton County Society. A Motion was made by Ray Yeutter that we attend the Book Fair, it was Seconded by Ed Parker. Motion carried. Seven persons volunteered to man the table between 10am to 4:30pm, and distribute our society folders.

John Castle & Jerry Fellows reported a Society Informational and Application folder has been drafted, and a final version of the folder would be ready to distribute at the Book Fair, the cost per 500 copies would be about \$20.00. A Motion was made by Ed Parker that we print up to 1,000 copies. It was Seconded by Lynne Castle, and the Motion carried.

The program tonight was titled "Genealogy 101, and was conducted by Sam Pardee. Sam covered researching of the Census records, the use of the soundex and index system, and a number of other genealogical resources. Because an ice storm was raging outdoors the program was cut short.

Refreshments by Janice Morgan..

Reports submitted by John Castle, Secretary