



Inroads to Ingham

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Welcoming New Members Year Round!

A Lemonade Opportunity

Researching from home is a great way to pass the time during these difficult weeks of Stay Home, Stay Safe. Discovering new information about your family tree is always a welcome activity. Contributing to someone else's discovery of new information can be a welcome activity as well.

As genealogists and members of the Ingham County Genealogical Society, we truly all work together to *promote, encourage, make connections, and help provide information to persons interested in the research and study of family history and to preserve our county and greater mid-Michigan genealogical heritage.* Whenever you have an opportunity to volunteer for even an hour you might find and preserve that piece of information someone has been looking for for years.

While the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order is in effect consider family history information that you might have in a scrap book, photo album, shoebox or an attic. The information might be funeral cards, photographs, newspaper clippings for postcards with scenes from early Ingham county. Is it something that can be added to the ICGS webpage where it can be shared with others?

Do you have a scanner that can create a .jpg or .png file or a printer that can create a pdf file? If so consider using this time of containment to make

those copies and send them to either Sandra Ennis or Audrey Martini for inclusion on the webpage.

Already, been there and done that? Then consider reviewing You Tube videos that would be of interest or helpful to others seeking genealogical "how to" information. A new section has been added to our webpage for just that type of video. Look for quality recordings on timely topics that contain the most current information. Or, better yet make a video of your own to share with others—on topics specific to Ingham County.

A third option to help beat boredom over these next few weeks is to visit the "Volunteer Opportunities" section on the ICGS website and help with one of the several online indexing projects listed there.

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MISSION OF THE INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Members of ICGS promote, encourage, make connections, and help provide information to persons interested in the research and study of family history and work to preserve our county and greater mid-Michigan genealogical heritage.

MEMBERSHIP

Single annual membership\$15

Family at a single address membership\$20

Membership includes access to our “Members Only” web page. Members are encouraged to submit an ancestral chart to the Membership Secretary for a possible match with other members.

MEETINGS

Membership meetings are held from 7-9 pm the second Thursday of each month—except January, June and July—at the Sam Corey Senior Center, 2108 Cedar Street, Holt, MI. The public is welcome.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Inroads to Ingham is published quarterly. Members and non-members are encouraged to submit materials for publication. The deadline for material is the 15th of the month immediately prior to the first month of each quarter. Content of submissions should be consistent with the purpose of the society (see above). We reserve the right to accept or reject any material submitted.

2020 ICGS Executive Board Meetings

All meetings to be held from 7 pm—9pm at the Sam Corey Senior Center, 2108 Cedar St., Holt and are open to members.

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Officers (Jan. 1, 2020—Dec. 31, 2020)

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President's Message

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It is my prayer primarily that you are well amidst this trying crisis, and secondarily that we can return to normal sooner rather than later. If you are part of the essential critical infrastructure workforce (medical, public safety, food supplier, etc.), thank-you for your service and may you stay well and healthy.

It is my thought that one of the side effects of the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order is that we are going to see an increased amount of time spent on making more information accessible to those working from home or out of the office.

The new ICGS webpage has put our society in an excellent position to be a part of this movement. The next step is to get the information we have in our library/reference room online and accessible. The more people who help with this, the quicker it will happen.

We will still need the physical space for all the things our library/reference room currently does. The online resources will be an add-on benefit. I am thinking this will be especially true if the Mason CADL library is closed later this year or early next for the renovations that are being discussed.

Long-distance members would benefit as well by ICGS putting the fruits of the past 25 years' labor in the library/reference room online. There are societies that have successfully done this. When I talk with them I am astounded by the amount of income that is generated.

Instead of charging per copy, the only charge is for membership (a few exceptions)—which gives access to records that can be downloaded or copied from the website.

On another topic, digitization of the 58 reels of the microfilmed Stockbridge Newspaper, was pretty much on track until schools and businesses began shutting down. I have talked (emailed) with the MITECH SOLUTIONS representative and he has assured me that the quote he provided is good through June—especially given the recent events.

We have the dollars or a commitment for the dollars to do the digitization of all 58 reels. What we need next is approval by the Executive Board at its April 23, 2020 meeting and then approval of the membership at the May 14, 2020 meeting. Hopefully, the Covid-19 situation will have improved dramatically by then.

I've reviewed the Bylaws and Roberts Rules and find nothing that would prohibit us from conducting the April 23rd Executive Board meeting online as long as all the members had an opportunity to discuss with each other whatever business was at hand. I've researched a couple of online meeting software options, and will be watching the situation closely before moving forward with that option.

If the Board approves, in order to move forward, we will need a quorum at the May 14th membership meeting. Without a quorum the next opportunity will be in the fall.

RESOURCE ROOM CLOSED

The ICGS Resource Room is only open when the Mason branch of CADL Library is open. All CADL branches will remain closed through Monday, April 13. The new due date for previously checked out material is May 11. All holds will be saved for a week after CADL reopens. Please continue to hold on to borrowed material until the library reopens.



Historian's Report

By Alice Raatz, Historian

Greetings!

They say history repeats itself and as plagues and other killing diseases of the past have occurred, I can't help but think this is very true as we experience the coronavirus pandemic. As I write this, I am still in Florida but will shorten our stay because of it.

Currently trying to plan a safe trip home driving straight through in a caravan with friends. I hope I have Grandma's pioneering spirit as we endure some hardships on my trip home. By the time you read this I should be safely home and will always remember this vacation.

Thanks to Audrey Martini and Tammy Parsons for taking photos to share with me while I was away! I wish I had been there to hear both of the following very interesting speakers.

February Guest Speaker

On February 13, 2020, Jessica Totter presented her talk on "Researching African American Ancestors" with helpful hints, tips and pitfalls to avoid.



March Guest Speaker

On March 12, 2020, Wendy Zielen aka Rosie the Riveter presented her talk, in costume, on how the Henry Ford Willow Run Assembly plant helped win WWII when the auto plant was converted to bomber production. Thousands of women were hired to do the work while the men fought the war.



Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!

Calendar of Genealogy Related Events

April 23, 2020

Ingham County Genealogical Society Executive Board Meeting
7-9pm
Sam Corey Senior Center,
2108 Cedar Street, Holt MI

May 14, 2020

Ingham County Genealogical Society Membership Meeting
7 – 9 pm

Sam Corey Senior Center,
2108 Cedar Street, Holt MI

Program:

Presenter:

More Information:

The Underground Railroad

Gary Wilkes

<https://icgsweb.org/>

May 20-23, 2020

NGS Annual Family History Conference

Salt Lake City, UT

More Information:

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

July 10-11, 2020

Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar

Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W Kalamazoo, Lansing

Featured Presenter Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Program:

More Information:

<https://mimgc.org/eventListings.php?nm=19>

September 2-5, 2020

FGS Annual Conference

Kansas City, MO

More Information:

<https://fgs.org/conferences/>

November 14, 2020

2020 MGC Fall Family History Event,

Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W Kalamazoo, Lansing

Featured Presenter Sonny Morton

Program:

More Information:

<https://mimgc.org/eventListings.php?nm=19>

Newspaper.com Adds Obituaries

(from MGC Newsletter)

Subscription genealogy giant Ancestry.com has curated what it's calling the world's largest obituary database. Using artificial intelligence, Ancestry.com extracted and indexed names, relationships and other facts from millions of digitized obituaries on its sister site, Newspapers.com. The resulting collection contains almost a billion searchable names pulled from more than 250 million death announcements from the United States and beyond. Ancestry.com subscribers may search the "Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1880s-current" index on that site: at

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61843/>

Those who have an All Access or Newspapers.com Basic subscription may view full obituaries on newspapers.com. (Certain newspapers may require a Publisher Extra subscription.)

DC Research Trip

Kalamazoo Genealogical Society is partnering with the Portage Senior Center to offer a genealogical research and tour trip. Five full days of research at three different facilities; National Archives and Records Administration; Library of Congress; and Daughters of the American Revolution. A shuttle will be provided between the hotel and the research sites each morning and afternoon.

Price before May 1, 2020. \$200 deposit due with registration form. Final payment due Friday, August 28, 2020.

\$1795 per person, \$1180 per person double, \$965 triple, \$860 quadruple

Itinerary details to be provided at a Pre-Trip meeting at the Portage Senior Center on Monday October 12 from 1:30- 2:30. Questions can be directed to: 269-324-9239.

<https://www.portagemi.gov/266/Senior-Center>

Pioneer/First Family Designation How To Videos

(from MGC Newsletter)

The Clarkston Genealogy Society is sharing our YouTube videos for members or others in Michigan who would like to complete an application for Pioneer or First Family designation. We ask that you give credit to the Clarkston Genealogy Society if you decide to place them on your website or share with your members. This project was entirely paid for and edited by the Clarkston Genealogy Society and is not connected with the Michigan Genealogical Council.

Part 1 https://youtu.be/0BwGeA4KR_g

Part 2 <https://youtu.be/IKez27T0pxI>

Part 3 <https://youtu.be/R0vKTmVbrfA>

The Clarkston Genealogy Society is willing to share with other genealogy organizations. This is not a perfect video but we hope that it gives others information to fill out the application and helps them formulate questions to ask further questions. During this time with the COVID 19 virus distancing when many of us are at home, we hope that you find these helpful if you are working on your application or other genealogy you are doing.



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Do you have German speaking ancestors?

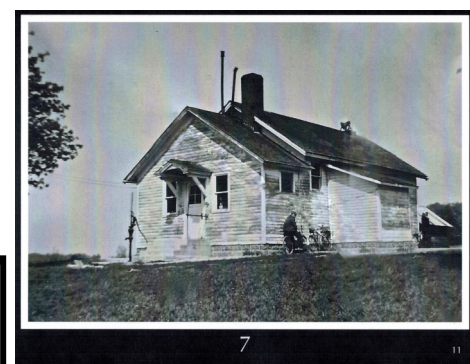
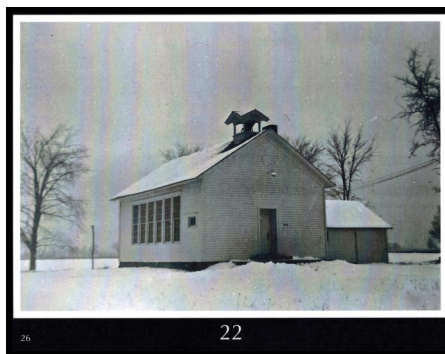
Would you like to meet other family researchers with Germanic histories?

To check out Michigan's newest genealogical society. Visit the Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society at <https://miggs.org/>.

One Room Schoolhouses

The Ingham County Historical Commission is working on a rural one-room schoolhouse exhibit for the County Courthouse. Members of the Commission have collected many photographs from various people. Unfortunately, we have nine photos that we have been unable to identify. They are included here. Two of the photos (No. 3 and No. 22) are of the same school at different times of the year. The photos are believed to have been taken circa mid-1940's.

If you have any information on any of the schools shown here, please contact either the Historical Commission Chairman, Jacob McCormick, (jacob.mccormick@ymail.com) or Audrey Martini (martini@msu.edu).



THANK-YOU!