

Ingham County Genealogical Society  
January 10, 2002

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President John Castle at 7:10 pm, 30 members and guests were present. Guests were Willeen Landgon, James Shellberg, Pat Corrigan, and Julie Carr.

Sally Landreville made motion to accept the December 13th minutes as presented by secretary Alice Raatz. Lynn Brown seconded.

Julie Carr of MMGS, talked about "Molecular Genealogy," a new project being planned by Brigham Young University. 200 volunteers are needed to provide a 4 generation pedigree chart and blood samples to be used for DNA matching. More information on the subject can be found in the May 2001 MMGS newsletter.

Vice President, Sam Pardee presented a notebook to Isabelle Wells for the Research room. The book contained the year 2000 "Stockbridge Town Crier" newspaper clippings compiled by Cynthia Grostik.

Sam announced that Shirley Hodges will give a talk about "Michigan and the Civil War" on Jan 16th at the Lansing Public Library. Sam will also be talking on "Basic Genealogy" Carol Collard will conduct class on "Genealogy and the Internet." Interested participant will need to pre-register by telephoning 517-367-6356. Sam also announced Livingston county will host a seminar on April 27th. Speaker will be Curt Witcher. April 6, 2002, there will be a seminar in Lansing for various society members. Topic will be about Local Genealogical Societies and ways it should serve their members.

Membership Secretary, Jean Crawford, reports that 17 members did not renew for the 2002 year. Current membership is 94. 14 new members joined our society in the past year. Jean is taking orders for ICGS T-shirts and Sweatshirts. A paper was circulated to obtain orders.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, acknowledged the volunteers who donated their time in the reference room. Lynn Brown, John Castle, Lynne Castle, Joyce Darrow, Betty Jean Dean, Margie Griffin, Sally Landreville, Dewey Marlett, Andrea Miller, Nola Olson, Sam Pardee, Barbara Lyon Smith, Eldora Spooner, Valdeen Warren, and Joyce Yeutter. Isabelle is seeking an assistant librarian to help so that she may have the freedom to take an occasional vacation. Isabelle will begin a genealogy materials loan program. Books, audio/video tapes and CD's that have duplicates will be brought to the monthly meeting to be available to any member to sign out for a month. Ingham County Census records, 1850 through 1920, are available at the reference room.

New Business, John announced the next executive board meeting will be 7 pm on January 31, 2002, at the Castle's home.

Lynne Castle, reports that the IRS forms for our society tax exempt status were filed by 2001 year end. Recently, Lynne had an IRS request for additional information, which she promptly sent. She is now awaiting a response from the IRS.

John Castle, announced that we now have obtained all old records from Onondaga Township

which includes voter registrations, mortgages, treasurers ledgers, clerks book, road commissioner, and WPA project of 1936. Also, Lansing Township and White Oak Township records have also been obtained. Many volunteers will be needed to index each volume prior to microfilming the books.

Greg James, reports that the computer has been installed and is working very well. Everyone is enjoying the new computer in the reference room.

Alice Raatz, Historian, showed the photos of the Christmas potluck dinner from the history book. All were invited to browse the history book, which contains all the minutes and events from the past year.

Barbara Lyon Smith, Newsletter reports that she is working on the next edition, which will be available in March.

Tammy Parsons, one of our Michigan Genealogical Council delegates, gave the following report on today's meeting.

Parking at the State of Michigan Library continues to be a problem. Forms are available at the front desk of the SOM Library to file your complaints. .

Abrams genealogy lecture series will begin in February. Six lectures are planned for the coming year at \$10 each or \$50 for series. Also, a free lecture series will be available, but registration is a must. More info available online at [www.libraryofmichigan.gov](http://www.libraryofmichigan.gov) or pick up a flyer at tonight's meeting.

State of Michigan library has purchased all of the 1930 Federal Census. It is expected to be available on the shelves by summer..

Carol Callard spoke on the Stockbridge Newspaper Microfilms. The films are still in the cataloging process, but she will push for getting them on the shelves for the public as soon as possible.

Abrams Foundation is seeking financial support from all genealogical societies by requesting that each society submit a list of member's names/addresses for solicitations requests to all society members.

JoAnn Harvey received a letter from Secretary of State, Jennifer Granholm in response to her complaints regarding the manner in which genealogists are treated while attempting research in many county courthouses. Ms. Granholm made reference to the Freedom of Information Act , which states that all requests for information to a county courthouse should be treated the same. Hopefully, with this kind of support, county courthouse research will improve.

Senate Bill SB974, introduced by Senator Diane Byrum and Senator Schwartz has passed the Senate and on to the House of Representatives. This bill will allow death records to be available to public at 100 years instead of 110 years. Contact your State Representative to support this bill for passage in the House.

After 10 minute coffee break, the 50/50 drawing was held. Lorraine Larkin won \$16.50 and

donated \$10 to ICGS general fund.

Sam Pardee conducted a general discussion on "Genealogy, what are your problems?" Members and guests shared their experiences on county courthouse research, underground railroad houses in the area, land records, and availability of records in courthouses.

Dave Johnson will speak on "Genealogical Holdings at the State Library" at our next meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2002.

Sam Pardee made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by all.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz