

Ingham County Genealogical Society
February 14, 2002

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President John Castle at 7:05 pm, 32 members and guests were present. Guests were Anne Marie O'Daniel, Dave Johnson, Jessica Parsons, and Cathy Morse.

The meeting was suspended so the evening's program could be presented. Sam Pardee introduced Dave Johnson of the State of Michigan Archives in Lansing. Dave gave a very interesting and informative talk and slide show on the holdings at the Archives.

After a 10 minute coffee break, John Castle reconvened the meeting. No 50/50 drawing tonight. Bruce Bevier made motion to accept the December 13th minutes as presented by secretary Alice Raatz. Norma Hass seconded. Approved.

President Castle has a request from Ron Weesies, Vevay Twsp Supervisor, to be allotted speaking time at our monthly meeting to present ideas on proposed recreational facilities for the township. Mr. Weesies will talk at our March meeting.

John announced that Shirley Hodges will give a talk in Vancouver Washington . Also, Eaton Co Genealogical Society will host a workshop on June 1, 2002 and have given free vendor table space to our society.

The indexing of Onondaga and Lansing Township record books has begun. At the January meeting about 6 members volunteered to index books. Volunteers also were enlisted from MMGS. Most of those have been completed and returned to John. Many volumes yet to be indexed. Volunteers are needed. Microfilming may begin on the Onondaga records by March or April.

Membership Secretary, Jean Crawford, reports that 3 new members have joined our society. Current membership is 99.

Sam Pardee, reports that he will be conducting the following talks. February 6, 2002, "Beginning Genealogy" at the Lansing Library. April 10, 2002, "Beginning Genealogy" at the Williamston Library. April 11, 2002, "Sultana" at the Kiwanas in Lansing.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells informed us of a new addition to the Library reference room. Julie Carr donated a copy of compiled 1970-1990 obituaries. Black Civil War soldier reenactment will be presented at various locations in and around Mason in February. Brochures available on the back table. February 28, Carol Collard will teach "Beginning Genealogy" at the Mason Library.

New Business, John announced the next executive board meeting will be held in March. Eaton County Workshop will be held June 1, 2002 in Charlotte.

Greg James, reports that the computer continues to be working very well. Our new Web site is also working well. Greg encourages anyone with new ideas to contact him. Ball Dunn Funeral Home CD is near completion and hopes to be available to sell at the Eaton County workshop in June.

Joyce Yeutter, Social committee expressed a need for a volunteer to prepare coffee and clean up at each meeting starting in April 2002. It was suggested that each volunteer take a 3 month period instead of serving for the entire year. Volunteers needed.

Alice Raatz, Historian, reports that Volume 2 of the ICGS History book is complete and has been given to Isabelle Wells for the Library reference room. Volume 2 covers the society activities for the period 1999-2000.

Barbara Lyon Smith, Newsletter reports that she is working on the next edition, which will be available by our March meeting. Deadline for contributing is within the next 2 weeks. Barbara suggests that members send queries to be included.

Sam Pardee, MGC delegate, reports on today's executive board meeting. MGC council will sponsor a class on April 6th on "How to Grow your Society". Senate bill 794 to make birth records available at 100 years, instead of 110 has passed the Senate and also in the House committee. County courthouse researchers equal rights issues continue to be discussed.

Lynne Castle reports that we have received our letter from the IRS that we have permanent tax exempt status.

Next regular meeting will be March 15, 2002. Guest speaker will be Carol Collard from the Library of Michigan, speaking on "Genealogy and the Internet" We will continue our "Beginning Genealogy" classes at 6:15 P.M. prior to the regular meeting.

Lynne Castle made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bart Smith. Approved.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz