

Ingham County Genealogical Society
February 13, 2003

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Pardee at 7:05 pm. 27 members and guests were present. Guests were Connie Hastings and Denise Migenolt.

The meeting was suspended for tonight's guest speaker. President Pardee introduced Kris Rzepcynski from the State of Michigan Library who gave a very interesting talk on the 1930 census.

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 pm following a 10 minute coffee break. The 50/50 drawing was run by Mary Eshelby and the winner was our own President, Sam Pardee. Sam generously donated his winning of \$27 to the library fund.

Norma Hass made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as presented by recording secretary Alice Raatz. Isabelle Wells seconded. Carried.

Sam Pardee reports the following items from today's Michigan Genealogical Council executive board meeting:

The bill to open death, marriage and divorce records at 75-100 years instead of current 110 years is picking up steam and hopefully it will pass the legislature.

MGC received a \$30,000 check from the Abrams Foundation to continue the work on the GENDIS project.

Treasurer, Marge James, reports that the treasurer's report for this month is prepared and distributed to board members. Additional copies are available on back table.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, reports that the reference room is getting more and more busy. Many ICGS members have also visited for the first time. Volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet will be passed. Please consider volunteering a few hours. Many new donations of books have been added to our collection. The Saturday opening hour at the Mason Library has been changed to 11 am, but the reference room will continue with the same hours as before, 11 am to 3pm. This means that the reference room will open shortly after the library opens at 11.

Sam Pardee conducted an introduction to genealogy at the Leslie Library a few weeks ago which was attended by 17 persons.

Upcoming speaking programs for Sam:

March 8, 2003	"Sultana"	Ionia County Gen Society at Lake Odessa
May 19, 2003	"Sultana"	Stockbridge

New Business

ICGS Programs that are scheduled as follows:

March 13, 2003	Mary Griffies	LDS Holdings
April 10, 2003	Betty Klaviter	Researching New York
May 8, 2003	Dr Joseph Druse	British English Records
June 12, 2003	Round Table discussion	

Anyone who has a suggestion for a speaker, please contact Sam.

Next week Shirley Hodges will speak on Newspaper research at the Eaton County Genealogical Society meeting at the Eaton county courthouse in Charlotte.

Lynne Castle reports also the Eaton County Genealogical Society will host their annual workshop on Saturday April 19, 2003 featuring Fawn Stratford-Devai talking on Ontario records.

Isabelle Wells mentioned that LDS will host a genealogy program in May. Flyers will be available soon.

Computer, Greg James, reports that the computer and web page have been without problems. A vast amount of junk email is the only problem Greg is currently dealing with.

Newsletter, Barb Smith, reports that the next newsletter will be on family histories. It will feature old family photos, receipts and other miscellaneous items. All members are encouraged to submit items for the newsletter.

Sam Pardee mentioned that he will plan an executive board meeting soon, no date has been chosen yet, due to his busy schedule. In addition to his genealogical speaking engagements, he gives many talks to the Kiwanis groups.

John Castle made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by all. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz