

Ingham County Genealogical Society
March 13, 2003

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Pardee at 7:05 pm. 25 members and guests were present. Guests were Dawn Titus, Mary Griffes, Lois Garrett, Nicole Garrett and Norman Osborn. Norman Osborn joined our society tonight.

The meeting was suspended for tonight's guest speaker. John Castle introduced Mary Griffes, director of the Family History Center who presented a very interesting talk on "LDS Holdings and More"

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 pm following a 10 minute coffee break. The 50/50 drawing was run by Mary Eshelby and the winner was Barbara Smith. Barb donated her winning of \$18 to the newsletter.

Greg James made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes as presented by recording secretary Alice Raatz. Tammy Parsons seconded. Carried.

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

MGC received a \$30,000 grant from the Abrams Foundation to continue the work on the GENDIS and death records projects, which brings the total money in the account to \$80,600, most of which is earmarked for various projects.

Carol Callard reported to MGC that the Cemetery book is on the internet and the 1880 farm census is available at the State of Michigan library.

President Pardee requests that any ICGS members who have issues or requests that should be presented to MGC to contact him.

Membership secretary, Jean Crawford reports the current membership is 112.

Treasurer, Marge James, no report, Marge was out of town.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, reports that the reference room is always busy. Volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet will be passed. A new addition to the reference room is the "Michigan Military Early Forces"

New Business

Sam Pardee announced that an Executive board meeting will be held Sunday, March 16, 2003 at the Castle's residence in Mason.

Upcoming ICGS programs are:

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| April 10, 2003 | Betty Klaviter | Researching New York |
| May 8, 2003 | Dr Joseph Druse | British English Records |
| June 12, 2003 | Round Table discussion | |

Computer, Greg James, reports that the computer is running smooth.

Newsletter, Barb Smith, reports that the next newsletter will be available in April and will include photos of unknown ancestors.

Julie Carr reports that she has completed the indexing of the 1901-1905 "Ingham County Democrat " and it is in the library. The 1906 index is near completion.

John Castle commented that he received a donation of \$30 towards the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer and took the liberty of establishing an account for the purpose of purchasing one.

Isabelle Wells made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jackie Kipp. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz