

INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Date: March 9, 2005

GUEST SPEAKER:

The meeting was called to order by President David Held who introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Sam Pardee. Sam discussed how to prepare documentation on research. Sam uses three documents for collecting and documenting his research: family group sheet; pedigree chart; and a questionnaire. All research should be documented as to the source of information so questions that arise later can be reviewed for errors. He feels it is important to research the cause of death on three generations to provide information on health issues that may be genetically transmitted.

Sam can get National Guard records for Michigan and offered to review all military records and provide feedback to the researcher. Sam always gives a copy of his research to the person who provided the information. This gives them a chance to review the information, correct errors, and maintain a back-up copy of the information.

The federal census is a good place to find information. The 1790 to 1840 census data gives the name of the head of household, number of children, sex and age of each person. The 1850 to 1880 census provides information on everyone in the household. The 1890 census records were lost. Years 1900 to 1930 provides more information such as ethnic background and immigration information.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by President David Held. There were 10 visitors.

Secretarial Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as written. Greg James made the motion to accept, Norm Osborne seconded the motion.

President's Report: The society has signed up to participate in Collectors Showcase on May 6. Items from the society will be available to sell, but members will need to volunteer to set up a table and sell the merchandise.

The State Library will close on Sunday's starting April 1, 2006.

The next board meeting will be held on April 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at John and Lynn Castle's home. All members are welcome to attend.

The speaker for April will be Mary Griffiths, who will discuss LDS library holdings.

Treasurer Report: Was accepted as prepared. Motion to accept was made by Joyce Yeutter and seconded by Harry Warner. Marge James reported that \$18 had been collected in January and \$13 in February for Digital Record Translation Fund.

Membership Secretary: Jean Crawford had nothing to report.

Librarian: Isabelle Wells distributed brochures on seminars: April 1 in Monroe County, April 8 in Kalamazoo, LDS Family History Center will hold 32 sessions on May 13. The reference room has been very busy. Volunteers have been working on recording deaths from the Lansing State Journal and Ingham County News. They have finished 2005 and are indexing 2004. The information is available in the news room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustees: No report.

Social: Barb Smith, no report.

MGC: Tammy Parsons was absent. Sam Pardee reported on Senate Bill 795. The bill was passed and will now go to the Governor for signature. The budget for the Library of Michigan has been cut resulting in the elimination of all interns and cuts in security.

Computers: Greg James reported that the computer and website are doing fine. The printer is working well for now and will be replaced when it no longer functions. The website has been updated to provide links to other websites.

Publications: John Castle reported that the next township records to be microfilmed will be Meridian. On March 15, John will speak at the Eaton Co. Society to talk about township records. It will be at 7:00 in the Charlotte Courthouse.

Historian: Alice Raatz was not attendance, no report.

President Held stated that the next set of new merchandise for sale will be a set of CD's on the Williamston newspapers. There will be 2 disks that can be searched, read, and printed for a cost of \$30. Volunteers are needed to review the work on the disk to make sure it was saved to disk properly. Harry Warner, Cathy Morse, and Bart Smith volunteered to review the disks.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Society death policy was distributed to membership for approval. A card will be sent for members, beyond that the society will have to decide on an appropriate response. Sam Pardee made a motion to accept the motion, Harry Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Castle to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.