

**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**March 10, 2011**

The March 10, 2011 regular membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society was held at the Vevay Township Hall. President Grove Sandrock called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 23 people in attendance which included 2 guests, Bruce Moore and LeAnn Fobbs.

**PROGRAM:** Curtis Hertel, Jr., Ingham County Register of Deeds, presented the evening program on “Conducting Genealogical Research at the Office of the Ingham County Register of Deeds.”

After the speaker presented his program, there was a short break for refreshments and talk.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Since Recording Secretary Beth Hall was unable to attend our March meeting because of a family illness, Isabelle Wells was asked to take minutes for the evening.

**MINUTES:** Sam Pardee moved to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2011 meeting. Norman Osborne seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**OFFICER REPORTS:** President Grove Sandrock gave an update on Dave Held's condition. Dave is still house confined, bored, and exercising. He hopes to be able to get out soon. At their last meeting the executive board approved Sara Price to fill the vacancy of Vice-President for the rest of this year. John Castle administered the oath of office. There is now a Trustee vacancy and Grove asked for a volunteer. Copies of the treasurer's report were available for the membership. As of 28 February, 2011 the society's accounts totaled \$9,898.51. Librarian Diane Bishop passed around sign up sheets for volunteers to work at the Research Room. She told of several coming up genealogical events. To help our society pay for office supplies, we are now asking members to bring in empty ink cartridges. The society can take these empty cartridges to either Office Max or Staples for credit on future purchases. The cartridges can be dropped off at the Research Room or bring them to our meetings. President Grove Sandrock asked what a volunteer does at the Research Room and Diane listed a number of jobs, such as: typing, indexing, filing, re-shelving material, help visitors, etc.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Cindy Hawkins was not present, but Isabelle Wells stated that Cindy is asking for articles for the newsletter be submitted. Merchandise Sales Chair, Isabelle Wells, reported that 1 set of The Ingham County Democrat DVD's was sold last month. Social Chair, Sheri Sleep, asked for volunteers to bring refreshments for the next meeting. Webmaster, Greg James, stated he received notice that some people were not receiving ICGS e-mails so this month he sent out the notice twice on two different servers and asked for a reply. Of the 70 people sent messages, only 6 people replied. He wondered, “did you get your message?” Michigan Genealogical Council Delegate Tammy Parsons reported on the MGC meeting held Thursday, March 10. Effective March 14 the Library of Michigan hours will remain at 10 a.m to 5 p.m, but there will only be 3 service desks staffed—the reference information desk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, the law reference desk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the rare books desk. If a person requires additional assistance, one can call 517.373.1330, the library's reference phone number and a staff member will return your call as time allows. The State Archives is still working on putting the Michigan State Census scans on [Seekingmichigan.org/](http://Seekingmichigan.org/). The Archives have requested the records of the 24 counties that have not submitted their Naturalization Records to them. They hope to have all 83 counties Records online. The Education budget is taking large cuts and funding to Michigan libraries is being greatly reduced. Troy Public Library is closing May 1 and the Detroit Public Library is reducing 20% of their staff. MGC continues to work on 3 projects: Family

search indexing; Centennial Family indexing; and the War of 1812. The FGS conference will be held in Springfield, IL, Sept 7-10 and everyone is encouraged to attend as it is so close. The Lucy Mary Kellogg Award nominations are due by May 31, 2011. The speaker for the day was William Bower of Bower Law PLC of Dimondale, Mich. He is a attorney specializing in non-profit organizations with 501 (c) (3) status. He told of the need for reporting timely to the state and federal governments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:** Grove announced that Vevay Township felt we did not clean up well after our last meeting and asked for everyone to help clean up after the meeting. The next ICGS meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7 p.m. with genealogist and librarian, Kris Rzepczynski presenting the program, "Navigating the 1890 Gap: Research with State Census Records." The next Executive Board Meeting will be held Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bill Carr.

The meetings was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Isabelle Wells for Beth Hall, Recording Secretary