

Ingham County Genealogical Society
April 10, 2003

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Pardee at 7:00 pm. 40 members and guests were present. Guests were Betty Childs Klaviter, Dawn Titus, Phyllis Webster, Regina Bailey, Myron Fredenberg, and Pam Hawkins.

The meeting was suspended for tonight's guest speaker. John Castle introduced Betty Childs Klaviter, certified genealogist, who gave a very interesting talk on researching in New York and her personal experience in New York City during the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster.

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm following a 10 minute coffee break. The 50/50 drawing was run by Mary Eshelby and the winner of \$26.50 was Lynn Brown.

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

Historian, Alice Raatz, reports that Volume 3 of the 2001-02 History of ICGS book is complete and will be given to Isabelle Wells for the reference room in the library. In addition, many duplicate photos of society events have accumulated and anyone who wishes may take for their personal use.

Treasurer, Marge James, reports that as a result of a decision made at the executive board meeting, she transferred \$1,000 from our general fund to the microfilm reader/printer fund.

Membership, Jean Crawford was absent. Lynne Castle reports that Robert J Hodges from New Jersey is our newest member.

Librarian, Isabelle Wells, reports that the reference room is busy. Volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet will be passed. Due to the lack of volunteers, Isabelle may consider closing on Saturdays during the summer months.

Also, Isabelle received a donation of two Bell & Howell professional microfilm readers for us in the reference room.

John Castle, Lynne Castle and Isabelle went to Allegan County last week to discuss preserving township records.

Trustees, Norma Hass was absent, Gloria Young reports that they will audit the books.

Computer, Greg James, was at the reference room last Tuesday and the computer is working fine. No problems with the web page.

Newsletter, Barb Smith, reports that the newsletter is ready and distributed tonight. She noted an error on the front page. The cemetery location should be Plains Rd, not Barnes Rd.

MGC delegate, Sam Pardee, reports the following on today's MGC executive board meeting:

Fiscal year is July 1-June 30. Annual dues are to be paid by June 30th.

Speaker for May 10th meeting is Tom Mudd, whose topic will be his family research. MGC has additional copies of the Michigan Military book available for sale. Donations of the book will be made to the National DAR, LDS in Salt Lake City, Fort Wayne, State of Mich Library and Archives.

State of Michigan Vital Records now have the records from 1952 to present in computer files, which will make the clerks job easier.

October 18, 2003 MGC will present a free genealogical program. Assistance will be needed for various tasks. Also, the Lucy Mary Kellogg award will be presented to a deserving individual.

New Business:

President, Sam Pardee reports on the March 16th ICGS executive board meeting as follows:

IGCS 10th Anniversary will be in 2005. Plans should be considered in the near future for a celebration.

Bylaws should be reviewed to keep current. A committee will be needed. Sam will bring bylaws copies to next months meeting.

A nominating committee will be needed soon for candidates for 2003-04. The vice presidency is still vacant, and hopefully someone will volunteer to finish out this year.

Shirley Hodges announced that Eaton County Genealogical Society is having a seminar on Saturday, April 12. Deadline for registration is Friday.

Ohio Genealogical Society is hosting a seminar at the end of April.

Shirley will be speaking in Saginaw on May 3rd and in East Lansing May 10th at the Family History Center.

Old Business:

John Castle received an \$8,000 check from the Abrams Foundation to be used for preserving records. Wheatfield township, Aurelius township and Vevay township records will be microfilmed.

With executive board approval, John sent a letter of request for \$12,000 Abrams grant for next years record preserving. A response is expected by July. The increased request was needed as our cost have increased 20% in the past year. Stockbridge township, Bunker Hill township and Leslie will be microfilmed in 2004.

Isabelle Wells, librarian, reports that with the county and township records now available on at the reference room many requests are being received for look ups of information. At the last executive board meeting it was agreed that the cost should be \$5 for the first one and \$2 for each additional name.

Isabelle also reports that we are in need of a microfilm printer for the reference room. Currently she is able to do look ups in the reference room but must travel to the State

Library to print copies. At the last executive board meeting it was agreed to create a microfilm reader/printer fund to purchase one and to transfer \$1,000 from the general fund to the microfilm reader fund. The anticipated cost is between \$4,000 and \$8,000. Shirley Hodges commented that Eaton County is considering a system that uses a software which prints from a microfilm reader directly to a computer laser printer. The results were a print out far superior to any microfilm printer.

Julie Carr reports that she has completed the indexing of 1901-06 Ingham County Democrat newspaper and has given it to Greg James to include on our website.

Lynne Castle commented that at the last board meeting it was agreed that any look up fees will be deposited in the microfilm printer fund. A request was made to any winners of 50/50 money who wish to donate to a good cause should consider this fund.

Upcoming ICGS programs are:

May 8, 2003	Dr Joseph Druse	British English Records
June 12, 2003	Round Table discussion	

John Castle made a motion to adjourn. All in favor stand up. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Alice Raatz