

# ICGS MEETING

April 12, 2007

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Cathy Morse

Vice President David Held called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 38 in attendance, 32 members and 6 guests.

## GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker was Mary Griffiths from the LDS Family History Center whose topic was "Old Handwriting Clues."

## BUSINESS MEETING

President Harry Warner called the membership meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Norm Osborn held the *SO/SO* drawing, won by John Castle. Minutes from the March 8, 2007 were reviewed and a motion to accept them was made by Tammy Parsons and seconded by Pete Phelps.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**PRESIDENT:** Harry Warner had nothing to report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** David Held said the May meeting would be moved to the third Thursday, May 17, 2007, due to township elections. The speaker for May 17 would be Jim Moses whose topic will be interpreting and dating old photographs.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Cathy Morse had nothing to report.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Marge James reported that \$33.10 was collected in the Digital Records Translation fund.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** Jean Crawford was absent.

**LIBARIAN:** Isabelle Wells passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers during June, July and August since the society will not hold meetings during

the summer. There are 24 reels of microfilm for the Lansing Township records. Indexing of the 2005 obituary notices is progressing.

TRUSTEES: Pete Phelps had nothing to report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICATIONS: John Castle reported that the surplus from the Abrams Foundation Grant money of \$8,000.00 will be used to copy small villages, maybe Alaiedon, microfilm records, and convert microfilmed newspapers to CD. The newsletter has been instrumental in selling society merchandise.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Barb Smith asked for volunteers to bring cookies to the next meeting. The August picnic would be discussed at the May meeting.

COMPUTER AND WEB MASTER: Greg James had nothing to report.

HISTORIAN: Alice Raatz had the 2006 book finished. John Castle brought photos to add. There are about 20 pages completed for 2007.

MICHIGAN COUNCIL: Tammy Parsons reported that at the board meeting, Mark Hoffman, Deputy Director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL), discussed a current proposal in the Michigan Senate to cut \$6 million from all public libraries. There was also discussion of rumors that HAL would be abolished, disbanded, or redistributed between other state departments. Deputy Director Hoffman indicated there wouldn't be a monetary savings from closing the state library, only from reducing staff, reducing staff workload, or reducing hours of operations.

Tammy encouraged all genealogists to notify our legislators and express the importance of HAL programs. This needs to be done within the next month as the FY07 state budget is currently under discussion in the legislature. The council will continue to evaluate HAL appropriations and the impact to Fy08 as well.

HAL supports: public libraries; Michigan film office; Michigan Historical center; Mackinaw Island Parks Commission; eleven historical sites across the state; Michigan Council of the Arts and Cultural Affairs (including zoos); Detroit Institute of Arts, Wharton Center and performing arts; and

libraries for the blind and handicapped across the state (including books and digital media).

Nominations for Lucy Mary Kellogg are due May 1,2007.

A Family History Seminar is scheduled for October 20, 2007 pending confirmation from the Library of Michigan.

**NEWSLETTER:** Cindy Hawkins said that members without e-mail received hard copies of the newsletter over the weekend. The Holt Community News and the Ingham Community News published notices on the ICGS meetings.

**PUBLICITY:** Dave Held contacted the Lansing State Journal, Town Courier, Holt Community News and Ingham County News to get society meetings published.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tammy Parsons led a discussion on finding a different location to hold monthly society meetings. She stated that the St. Lawrence Hospital Campus in downtown Lansing has meeting rooms available without cost to non-profit organizations. The rooms have 20 tables with seating for 6 to 8 people. David Held checked on the Meridian Township Hall and the Holt Public Library but was unable to find a new meeting room. The discussion would continue at the next Executive Board Meeting to be held on May 3, 2007 at Harry Warner's home.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

Norm Osborn moved the meeting to be adjourned and John Castle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.