September 13, 2001

Meeting was called to order by President John Castle at 7:10 PM on 13 September 2001, at the Vevay Township Hall, Mason, Michigan.

Minutes were reviewed with one typo noted. Joyce Darrow made motion to accept minutes as corrected on page one to read "Norma Hass" instead of Norma Harkness. Seconded by Sally Landreville and passed.

First order of Business was election of officers. A slate of officers was presented to the membership by the Nominating Committee Chair, Alice Raatz. Nominees were presented individually and voted on. Lynne Castle then made motion to accept slate of officers for the coming year. Seconded by Dave Held and carried. Officers for the 2001-2002 year are:

President - John Castle
Vice President - Sam Pardee
Secretary - Alice Raatz
Treasurer - Marge James
Librarian - Isabelle Wells
Trustee - Norma Hass
Trustee - Gloria Young

Guests included Jenny Webber from Portland, and Bill Bartlett. There were 29 persons in attendance.

Officers Reports - Sally Landreville was absent most of summer due to illness. Nothing to report.

Secretary - Sam Pardee mentioned seminars for the coming year thru-out the state. Gave report on happenings at the Michigan Genealogical Council.

Treasurer - Marge James gave update on payment of accounts, showing a balance of $2190.81 in checking and $12088.01 in savings. Most of savings will be spent on microfilming by end of September.

Membership - Jean Crawford indicated there are 103 memberships. Dues are payable before the end of September. New members include Kristin Cookson (Kalamazoo), Michelle Booth (Lewiston), and Barbara Maksymowski (Grand Rapids).

Trustees - Alice and Lynne will be auditing the books on 5 October with the newly elected Trustees. Lynne Castle also noted it is time to prepare the necessary reports for the IRS to continue our status as a Non-Profit Organization.

Librarian - Isabelle Wells brought in several items from our research room. Several were donated by organizations & municipalities bordering Ingham County. Mentioned also that we have some instructional video tapes & audio tapes available for loan. Also noted that we have received 23 reels of Stockbridge Newspaper microfilm, and 20 reels of the Ingham County News.

Committee Reports -
Computer - Greg James brought copies of new CD on Aurelius Township records. These records include Birth & Death extractions. Early cost is $20.00. Next project is to finish the Ball-Dunn Funeral Home Burial information.

Social - Alice Raatz asked for volunteers to assist the committee in preparing for future meetings. She also asked for someone(s) to start handling the 50-50 drawing.

Historian - Alice indicated the 2nd archives book of "Society Happenings" is getting full. The first one is at the library.

Newsletter - Barb Smith briefly touched on some types of articles being sent to her.

Old Business - President Castle noted than an Executive Board meeting will be held at the Castles castle at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 27 September 2001. All members are welcome to attend.

New Business - President Castle noted that the next general membership meeting will be held on 11 October 2001 at the Vevay Township Hall.

Announcements - Lorraine Larkin noted that Shirley Hodges would be giving a presentation at the Mason High School on Civil War Soldiers in November.

John Castle mentioned that researchers should take time to look at the Civil War Registration records. All eligible males had to register. These registers included physical descriptions. They are available at the State Archives and are filed by the Congressional Districts that were in place at the time. Also mentioned that another book to consider in research is a book on Burial Transfer Permits. They, were used anytime a deceased person was moved from one location to another.

President Castle then opened a general discussion by asking "What have you been doing in genealogy this summer".

After the discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully prepared by Sam Pardee, Secretary

(Thank you everyone, for the cooperation)