

November 8, 2001

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Vevay Township Hall. Officers not present were President, John Castle; Secretary, Alice Raatz; Librarian, Isabelle Wells.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Sam Pardee, at 7:05pm. The meeting was suspended so the evenings program could be presented. Sam introduced this evenings speaker, John DuLong from the Detroit area. John gave an interesting talk about the Burton Library and Researching your French Canadian Ancestors in the Quebec Providence of Canada. His talk was very informative on Quebec record keeping.

At the end of Mr. DuLong's presentation a ten minute coffee break followed. Sally Landreville conducted the 50/50 Drawing in the absence of Margie Griffin. Tonight's winner was Jackie Kipp who won \$17. Jackie donated a portion back to the society.

Sam reconvened the business meeting and John Castle (a late comer) made a motion we accepted the October 11th minutes as presented by the Secretary, Alice Raatz. Lynn Brown seconded the motion and it carried. Twenty five members were present tonight.

Sam, as the society delegate to the Michigan Genealogical Council gave a report of today's meeting in Lansing. He reported the Library Foundation of Michigan has a separate genealogical foundation with funds on hand of \$40,000. The MGC appointed Dale Ladd to serve on the genealogical foundation board as an adviser.

Sam, reported that at the MGC meeting today fifty-eight reels of microfilm of the Stockbridge, Ingham County, Michigan newspapers, published from 1883 to 1999 were donated by a joint committee of genealogical societies from Ingham, Livingston, Washtenaw, and the Waterloo Historical Society. This joint project was started in May 2000 and the filming project was completed in September 2001. Funding was from public donations and a grant from the Abrams Foundation.

Membership Secretary, Jean Crawford, report there is a total of 19 unpaid memberships as of tonight. She stated memberships unpaid as of December 31, 2001 will be dropped from the rolls. Jean said, sweat shirts and T-shirts with the society logo on the front are available in all sizes but she must order them in quantities of twelve and be prepaid. Jean passed around an order form, the cost is \$10 for the T-shirt and \$20 for the sweat shirt.

Treasurer, Marjorie James, explained that tonight's and future society financial reports will be computer generated, and will report current months and year to date figures. Marjorie also passed out the previous fiscal year's financial statement. The checkbook balance is \$2,814.57 and the Special Projects Savings Account is \$1898.84.

Joyce and Ray Yeutter, will serve as the Social committee for the first quarter of 2002. Our sincere thanks to Valdeen and Walter Warren who have performed these duties for a number of years. Will need a member or members to volunteer for the balance of 2002.

The December meeting, on Thursday, December 13th, at 6:30pm, is our annual Pot-Luck Christmas dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Refreshments will be furnished by Valdeen and Walter. There is no business meeting but Gordon Lantz, from Leslie, Michigan will speak on the "American Indian." Bring your spouse, friend, or neighbor.

Barbara L. Smith, the Newsletter Editor had copies of the Winter 2001/2002 newsletter for membership to pick up. She request articles be submitted for future publications.

Greg James, the Computer and Internet Chairperson, told the members of the new society web

site address and the reasons for the change, the site is: "<http://www.IngCoGeneSoc.org>"

John Castle and Isabelle Wells made a presentation at the Onondaga Township Board tonight. Their request was for our society to review the old township records for the purpose of placing them onto Microfilm or Microfiche. Our society would then donate a copy of whatever means we use to preserve the records to the Library of Michigan and to Onondaga Township. The Township Board was enthusiastic to our proposal and a resolution was made and passed. Funding for this project will be provided by a grant from the Abrams Foundation.

On October 15th, Jean Crawford and Lynne Castle, made a similar presentation to the Township of Ingham and the Village of Dansville Board, to allow our society to preserve their old records in similar fashion. Their Boards also approved this request. In the coming months the records will be cataloged and selected for filming, with indexes made. These old original township records have not seen the light of day. They are a genealogical gold mine. With enough membership help to work on these projects we can preserve these records for the next 300 to 500 years.

An example of old township records are items like the Poll Books, Dog License, Township Clerks minute books, treasurer's ledger, chattel mortgages, assessment tax rolls, cemetery deeds, burial transfer permits, some death and birth records, etc., etc, etc. Some township records were destroyed in fires or simply thrown out due to lack of storage space.

Motion made at 9:15 to close the meeting, seconded and carried.

Submitted by Substitute Secretary, Lynne Castle