

July 10, 1997 Meeting Minutes - Ingham County Genealogical Society:

Monthly meeting held at the Vevay Township Hall with 30 persons present. President Joyce Darrow called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and visitors were recognized.

Secretary Minutes and Treasurer's Report of June 12, 1997 were distributed to those in attendance. The Treasurer reported \$123. was raised from the June 24<sup>th</sup> lecture by Shirley Hodges and the current checkbook balance is \$586.40, as of July 10, 1997.

Membership Chairman reported our membership roster is 46, totaling 65 persons.

Vice President Sam Pardee reported he was a guest speaker at the Golden Gate Kiwanis Group of Lansing during the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Joyce reported the last society coffee mug has been sold and the fund raising produced a net profit of \$291.

Jean Crawford reported on the fund raising committee efforts and showed samples of the imprinted sweat and tee shirts, and the tote bag that would be sold at the Mason Down Home Days in September. Her committee was also taking orders for those items from the membership. Jean also reported a site had been assigned to our society for the Down Home Days by the Chamber of Commerce, located in the middle of the block of Maple street, which is on the north side of the Court House.

Joyce reported on the publicity of tonight's meeting and guest speaker with the placement of announcements throughout the Ingham County area newspapers. She also reported on her attendance at the Michigan Genealogical Council today and their programing, she also reported our society membership dues is \$10.00, payable July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Michigan Genealogical Council is sponsoring a Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> seminar on "Immigration and Ship Passenger List". The seminar will be held from 1:pm to 4:pm, the cost is \$5.00 for the syllabus and the program is open to the public.

Sam Pardee and Jerry Fellows reported they are working on the October Seminar. Jerry felt the seminar would be self-supporting and his committee would not require initial funding from the society treasury due to advanced registration and payment of the \$20. fee.

It was announced a bill signed into law by Gov. Engler will make all State of Michigan birth records over 100 years old will be available to the public.

Old business: Lynne Castle reported the Fund Raising Committee will require approximately \$400. to \$680. for the fall fund raising project to cover the cost of Picture Note Cards. Profits from the 50/50 drawings and the sale of the shirts will help fund the project. A motion was made by Isabelle Wells that 500 sets of Picture Note Cards be printed at a estimated cost of \$680., the motion was seconded by Valdeen Warren. After a great deal of discussion the motion carried.

Tammy Parsons offered the use of her 10' x 10' tent for the Mason Down Home Days and she reported the tent will require canvas siding to enclose it.

John reported a recent gift from Janice Jewett Doner, the daughter of Arthur Jewett, who owned and operated the Jewett Funeral Home of Mason. Janice donated to our society the Jewett Funeral Home records cover the years 1939 through 1986 with the exception of the years 1943 to 1948 which are missing. It is recommended that our society extracted genealogical data from these valuable records which can be computerized, published and make available to our members and researchers. The society will be asked later to financially support and provide the labor required to complete this project.

John also reported on the Donna Heminger early pioneer Locke Township project, he said Donna was in the process of computer indexing her records, and later the records could be placed on microfiche and the information made available to members and researchers. The project would be brought before the membership at a fall meeting.

After a short break Sam Pardee introduced this evenings guest speaker, Brice Robison who spoke on his experiences as an American P.O.W. during WW-2.

Minutes by John Castle, Secretary

THE NEXT SOCIETY MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 1997 @ 7:30PM. THE PROGRAM WILL BE "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR", PRESENTED BY JIM LYONS AND GEORGE ROUX, CAMP 17 OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC ORGANIZATION POST # 283, AT SUNFIELD, MICHIGAN.