

Ingham County Genealogical Society
March 8, 2012

The March 8, 2012 membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Vevay Township Hall. President Grove Sandrock called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. There were 38 people in attendance, 2 of them were visitors.

PROGRAM: Your Family History: Doing Genealogical Research at the Archives of Michigan - Jill Arnold, a Reference Archivist from the Archives of Michigan was the guest speaker. She stated that the mission of the Archives of Michigan is to protect, preserve and make accessible Michigan's documentary heritage. She shared with the group the steps to researching the archives and how to prepare for your search of the records as well as what records are stored there. The Archives of Michigan is located at the MI. Library and Historical Center in downtown Lansing, MI.

BUSINESS MEETING: After a short break, the meeting was called to order at 8:09 pm

MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 10, 2012 meeting by JoAnn DePeel and seconded by Sam Pardee, the motion passed.

The minutes from the February 9, 2012 also had to be accepted. A motion was made by Tammy Parsons to accept them and was seconded by Alice Raatz, the motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: President Grove Sandrock reported that the donations made to the ICGS in the memory of Donna Marion Heminger have totaled \$500.00 so far. Grove explained to the members how the family would be notified of the names of the donors so that they could be recognized by them. Donna's request was that the ICGS be the recipients of the records that she had spent many years putting together. John Castle, Isabelle Wells and Diane Bishop will go through the records, sort them and determine what would be used by the society.

Bill Carr has been appointed as the ICGS Delegate to the Federation of the Genealogy Societies. Family Search and the Michigan Genealogical Council are looking for volunteers to help index the 1940 census. The society would like to co-ordinate with another group on the state level and participate in doing this. We will appoint someone to be the coordinator for this project. Grove is going to contact Roger Moffit at Michigan Genealogical Council to participate in its efforts.

TREASURER: Bill Carr reported that all is well with the finances.

MEMBERSHIP: Cathy Morse reported that we have 88 members at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Newsletter: Grove Sandrock reported that Cindy Hawkins is always looking for items for the newsletter and pictures are okay.

B. MI. Genealogical Council Delegates: Tammy Parsons gave her report and included a written report. There are multiple events coming up that will be of interest to members and guests.

C. Merchandise Sales: Isabelle Wells reported that the first order for the shirts can be sent in. There are still a few DVD's for sale as well as other records.

D. Web Master: Harry Warner has changed to new software to help with the issues that have come up that has prevented some from being able to access the site easily. The site is coming along and looks great.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS and ADJOURNMENT: April 12, 2012 is the next meeting and the program will be: *The House Where Grandma Grew Up- Learning About Your Ancestors by Examining the Homes in Which They Lived.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm

Submitted by Sheri Sleep
Recording Secretary

Michigan Genealogical Council Report 3/8/12

Library Update:

2 new microfilm scanners have been installed you can now save to flash drive
1940 census will be coming out next month – the Library of MI will not be purchasing it on microfilm as it will be readily available online

Archives Update:

New special exhibit “Follow the Girls” – 125 years of Girl Scouting opens Sat thru 8/24

State Census Records are scheduled to be available online mid-late April

Naturalization Project with Ancestry will proceed – the films will be sent away to ancestry – will post dates on Facebook when films are not available for viewing – hoping that there are enough duplicates do avoid not having them available to patrons.

Wireless System – bid is in – awaiting approval and hopefully will be implemented in 3-6 weeks

Abrams Seminar – July 13 and 14, 2012

Friday July 13th Free – one of the speakers will be Shirley Hodges

Saturday July 14th – in memory of Barbara Brown

Keynote will be D. Joshua Taylor – speaking on Bridging the Gap -Finding US ancestors from 1780-1830 and Online Resources in New England- Details will become available via MGC and Archives websites

Abrams Collection – the Archives has received notice from the Dept of Education that the superintendent has approved the proposal to move the collection to the Archives – now they are in the process of working out the details of the transfer. Per MGC president their will be a cost associated with the moving of materials and cannot use state funds. MGC along with other societies had made a commitment to donate money to assist with the move – need confirmation that your donation still is forthcoming and how much – email Tom Koselka MGC with confirmation.

April 28, 2012 Officers Workshop will be held in Oscoda MI – Topics will include Newsletters, Websites, Social Media and Treasurers – details to be posted on the MGC website

May 5, 2012 Family History Center (East Lansing) is having a seminar visit website for details

May 10, 2012 MGC will be celebration its 40th year at its delegate meeting

Family History Seminar – will be held November 10, 2012 at the Historical Center

Public Records Access Report – SSDI online petition at whitehouse.gov signing ends today – we need to persuade our legislators to not enact this proposal – next round it will be sent to subcommittee (no MI reps on subcommittee) but we do have Dave Camp (Midland) and Senator Sandra Levin on the Ways and Means committee of which it will end up at.

1940 Indexing Project – still need help with indexing – you can sign up at Familysearch.org – the plan is to have little bits from each state up by first part of April and the entire collection by the end of April –

Lucy Mary Kellogg applications can be submitted again. If you submitted in the past it will not be automatically included in the next round – you must resubmit a request (they have kept your previously submitted paperwork)