

**Ingham County Genealogical Society  
General Membership Meeting  
February 19, 2015**

The February 19, 2015, regular Membership meeting of the Ingham County Genealogical Society (ICGS) was held at the Sam Corey Senior Center, Holt, Michigan. President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 24 members and 6 guests in attendance.

**PROGRAM:** Mitch Lutzke shared excerpts from his book, "Stories from Williamston's Past".

**BUSINESS MEETING:** President Diane Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

**RECOGNITION OF EDWARD PARKER AWARDEE:** John Castle was recognized as the Edward Parker Award recipient.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

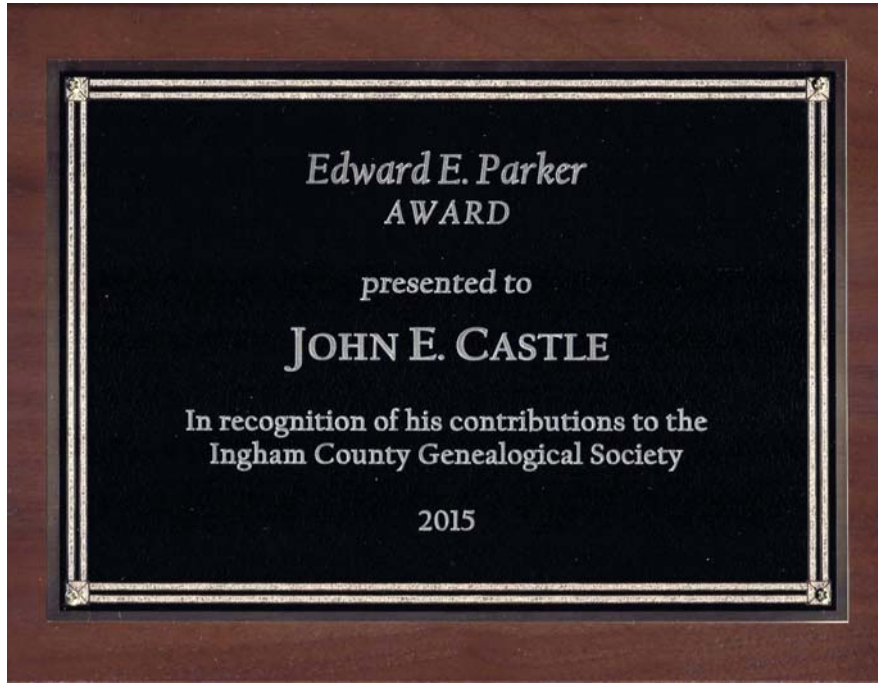
**President:** Diane Bishop announced that the speaker for the March meeting will be Jessica Trotter from Capital Area District Libraries. She will speak about cluster research.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENTS**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at The Sam Corey Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with cake and other refreshments to honor John Castle.

## Ingham Co. Genealogical Society Top Award Given to John E. Castle of Mason



John E. Castle of Mason has been given the Edward E. Parker award by the Ingham Co. Genealogical Society for his tireless and abundant work converting Ingham Co. records for Genealogical Research and Education.

Society Past President Grove Sandrock presented the award to John Castle Feb. 19, 2015 at the Societies regular meeting at the Sam Corey Senior Center in Holt. He cited some of the work John has done including microfilming and digitization of all Ingham Townships records including voter registration, tax assessments, township minutes, school records burial transit permits, cemetery records and vital records from as far back as 1838. Over 340 reels of microfilm were produced and are made available for public use at the Ingham Co Library Genealogy Room the Michigan Archives, the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, IN and the contributing Townships.

John has lectured on the use of local records for Genealogical research at Genealogy Societies through out Michigan and at the State Library and Latter Day Saints Genealogy Seminars.