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ICGS meets on the second Thursday of the month – except for the months of January, June and July. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.

Meeting Location: Vevay Township Hall, located at 780 Eden Road, one mile south of Mason, Ingham County, Michigan

February Program

"The ICGS Program for 2008 is progressing, at this time we have obtained Jim Moses as speaker for our February 14th meeting. Jim's topic will be **"What Every Beginning Genealogist Should Know" (and what old timers should still remember!)"**

COLLECTION CLOSINGS FOR THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

The following areas in the Library of Michigan will be closed to staff and patrons due to building renovations. The schedule listed is subject to change. When planning a visit, please call ahead to confirm that the collections you are interested in are accessible.

December 26, 2007 – January 11, 2008: Main Collection, Third Floor South

January 14 – 31, 2008: Microfilm Room, Second Floor South Genealogical microfilm and fiche will be unavailable during this time.

January 14 – February 29, 2008: Federal Documents, Fourth Floor South

February 4 – 15, 2008: Rare Book Room, Fourth Floor North

March 3 -21, 2008: Dewey Collection: Fourth Floor North
(taken from the Michigan Genealogist newsletter, issue 4, January 2008)

ANNUAL STATEMENT
For the Year Ending December 31st, A. D. 1888, of the Conditions and
Affairs of the

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Located at Mason, organized under the laws of the state of Michigan, and
doing business in the county of Ingham, in said state.

Richard J. Bullen, Pres.

Orville F. Miller, Sec'y

Postoffice address of Secretary: Mason, Mich.

MEMBERSHIPS

Number of members Dec 31 st of previous year	2,563
Number of members added during present year	<u>2,038</u>
Total	4,601
Deduct number of members withdrawn during the year, and policies canceled by reason of sale or otherwise	<u>1,877</u>
Number of members now belonging to company	<u>2,774</u>

RISKS

Amount of property at risk Dec. 31 st , of previous year	\$4,280,650
Amount of risk added during the present year	<u>3,415,539</u>
Total	\$7,696,189
Deduct risks canceled, withdrawn or terminated	<u>3,232,578</u>
Net amount now at risk by company	\$4,463,611

RESOURCES

Cash on hand	\$	105.90
Assessments of past year uncollected		237.39
Assessments of prior years uncollected		<u>23.10</u>
Total available resources	\$	366.39

LIABILITIES

For losses due and payable	\$	4.00
Due or to become due for borrowed money		1,700.00
For orders drawn which are unpaid, as part of Schedule B		<u>505.87</u>
Total liabilities	\$	2,209.87

INCOME

Cash collected on assessments levied during the year	\$	7,341.66
Cash collected on assessments levied in prior year		40.49
Cash from membership or policy fees		760.00
Cash borrowed		<u>8,721.15</u>
Total cash income	\$	16,863.30
Add cash balance at close of preceding year		<u>2.45</u>
Total receipts and income	\$	16,865.75

EXPENDITURES

Losses actually paid during the year (of which \$6 occurred in prior years)	\$6,885.59
Salaries and fees paid to offices and directors (Schedule A)	390.55
Fees retained (or remitted to assured):by agents or collectors, membership fee	760.00
Assessments charged off a uncollectible ,	135.91
All other expenditures (Schedule B)	<u>9,133.58</u>
Total expenses actually paid during the year	\$ 17,169.72

SCHEDULE A

R.J. Bullen	\$ 31.25
E. H. Angell	23.40
Frank Hoes	20.90
L.W. Baker	29.55
Ransom Everett	26.05
O. F. Miller	36.05
L.A. Parker	6.20
As Directors-	
A.K. Bearse	8.70
John Himmelberger	4.40
J.J. Tuttle	6.90
E. D. Milner	6.60
C. F. Patrick	5.80
J. H. Shafer	5.30
D. L. Cady	4.05
M. J. Pollok	4.60
G. W. Phelps	11.20
N. V. Wemple	8.05
G. F. Fuller	5.60
R. L. Hewett	5.60
N. C. Branch	3.20
W. J. Conklin	1.70
R. J. Bullen , as president and treasurer	85.00
O. F. Miller , as secretary	<u>50.00</u>
Total Schedule A	\$ 390.55

SCHEDULE B

Office rent	\$ 50.00
O. F. Miller . Making assessment, being the ten cents for notice etc	257.80
Postage for 1887	15.00
3,500 blank policies	48.00
Postage on change of policies	45.70
Leslie Local printing notices, etc	2.95
J. A. May , printing notices, etc	24.90
D. P. Whitmore & Co, printing notices, etc	18.90
Williamston Enterprise “ “ “	2.35
Expenses in changing policies	573.60
Borrowed money and interest	7,865.08
Collector's fee, three per cent	<u>229.30</u>
Total Schedule B	\$ 9,133.58

NEWS FROM THE PAST

INGHAM COUNTY DEMOCRAT 10 MAY 1894, THURSDAY, PAGE 1

Union Hall, Leslie, will be closed. Expense of putting on fire escapes too great.

Miss Mame **Henderson** begins her first school in district No. one, Locke, next Monday.

Harold F. **Sayles**, the singing evangelist, is conducting a series of meetings at Williamston.

Detective W. S. **Abels** of Lansing has been appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal by Marshal **Winney**.

The post office safe at Onondaga was blown open last Thursday night and \$38 worth of one-cent stamps and about \$2 in money taken.

Lansing has abandoned the project of building a city hall just at present and will vote on a proposition to bond herself for \$50,000 to build a bridge across Grand river at Michigan avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. **Pierson** of Leslie had been married 15 years last Monday and their friends gave them a surprise crystal wedding with many presents. Mr. A. C. **Cole** and children of this city attended.

Judge **Person** yesterday granted divorces to the following persons who found the company of each other uncongenial: Jane **Foster** and Geo. W. **Foster**, Lenora **Russell** and Louis M. **Russell**, Mattie **Sherman** and J. Edson **Sherman**, Eva L. **Levanway** and Wallace W. **Levanway**.

H. B. **Longyear** and wife and Bert **Longyear** of Mason spent Sunday at W. D. **Longyear's** – Arthur **Laxton** killed a blue racer yesterday while plowing on J. L. **Torrey's** farm that measured five feet in length – Frank **McKeefer** was arrested yesterday by Deputy Marshal **Fowler** for being drunk and disorderly, and late last night he was fined by Justice **Flansburg** \$5.30, which he paid.

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A. L. **Vandercook** sells gasoline at 11c per gallon with other groceries.

N. T. **Harrington** of Lansing has been granted a patent on a gas purifying apparatus.

Frank **VanHorn** has placed a new regulation size billiard table in his parlors on Maple street.

It was not Martin **Goins**, the Lansing balloonist, who was killed at Madison, Wis. It was James **McCherry**, an associate for 14 years of **Goins**.

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Dr. C. **Brogan** of Stockbridge now owns a new Buick runabout with 13 horse power.

Albion College has conferred the degree of A. B. upon Miss Amanda **Fiedler** of Holt.

Victor R., son of Mr. And Mrs. L. B. **Gardner** of Lansing, was married to Miss Bernice May **Jackson** at her home in Stockbridge last Thursday at high noon. They will reside at Orono, Maine, where Mr. **Gardner** is assistant professor of agriculture at the Maine Agriculture College.

News from the Past continued

W. J. **Rennie** of Traverse City came to this city last Saturday and purchased driving horses of E. H. **Williams**, J. N. **Penberthy**, E. J. **Moore**, J. H. **Bashford**, L. W. **Lincoln** and C. W. **Randall**. Mr. **Rennie** took the horses to Charlotte and will ship them home from there, where he will open a livery stable.

Lewis **Cady**, one of the aged pioneers of this county, who came into White Oak township in an early day and purchased and cleared a 138-acre farm, died at the home of his son in Lansing Sunday night about eight o'clock, aged 93 years. Remains were taken to Dansville Tuesday for interment beside his wife, who died six years ago. Mr. **Cady** is survived by two sons and six brothers.

In the matter of the appeal of J. W. **Baker**, et al, from the decision of the judge of probate, Judge **Wisner** last Friday reversed the decision of the probate court providing for the sale and division of the proceeds from 40 acres of the Hull estate in Leslie township.

Hazel **Brown**, a 10-year-old girl living near Stockbridge, was drowned last Thursday in a creek running, along the edge of her father's farm. With two other children she was wading in creek and fell into a deep hole. The body was recovered within half an hour, but efforts to resuscitate were unavailing.

Henry **Willis** captured a swarm of bees in a maple tree in front of Willis **Vandercook's** last Saturday evening.

Fred M. **Wells** has finished the M. E. parsonage and is now painting J. K. **Elmer's** residence on west Columbia street.

Nelson **Wright** was found dead in his bed at his home in the east part of Leslie last Thursday. Neighbors having not seen him became alarmed and broke into the house and were horrified at the result.

A. G. **Lyon** sold a four-year-old Percheron gelding to John **Sharkey** of Bellevue, Tuesday.

William **Jones** of Lansing and Miss Hattie **Olds** of Okemos were married in this city last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Richrd **Bohonnon** and L. J. **Acker** have built new cement walks in front of their residences on Columbia street.

Tuesday C. W. **Randall** purchased a fine chestnut mare of Jay **Waggoner** of Aurelius. And a mate of John **Sharkey** of Bellevue.

Cyrus **Field**, who lives on the **Hemans** farm in Onondaga, has a throughbred Shropshire lamb that weighed 90 pounds the day it was three months old.

GAMES IN THE AREA – 4 JULY 1908 INGHAM COUNTY DEMOCRAT 1 JULY 1908, PAGE 1

Williamston will give another grand matinee and ball game July 4. There will be four races with purses of \$8, \$10, \$12, and \$35 for the free-for-all. Ball game between Williamston and Mason Artillery teams. Music by the Shaftsbury band. Admission 25c; ladies and children, 15c.

At the South Street park tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 there will be ball game of unusual interest, between Leslie and Mason K. of P. teams. Admission, 15 cents; ladies and children, 10 cents. Chairs will be furnished. Leslie beat Eaton Rapids 3 to 2 and at Eaton Rapids last Thursday Mason won a ten-inning game 8 to 7. This will be a game worth witnessing, so turn out annu give the boys good support and root for the home team and don't forget to applaud the good plays made by the visitors

Alaiedon Township World War I Veterans

(Continued from previous Issues)

Records compiled in connection with a Scrap Book during the World War of Men in United States Services

Copied as written – Corrections in { }

Lawrence L. Bradman, (297095), Alaiedon Township, Address-Mason, Mich.

Lawrence L. **Bradman** oldest son of Floyd **Bradman** and Alta **Bradman** both of Mason, Mich. was born in Alaiedon Twp. Ingham Co. Mich. Sept. 9, 1897.

On July 20, 1916 having enlisted as a private he entered training with Battery A. 119th Field Artillery at Grayling, Mich.

He saw service on the Mexican border from Oct. 2, 1916 until March 17, 1917 when he returned to Mich. and was mustered out of service at Ft. Wayne in April 13, 1917. He was called to the service again in July 1917 and trained with his Battery at Camp Hoague Lansing until Aug. 18 when they were transferred to Grayling for further training. Again in Oct. 5, 1917 they were transferred to Waco, Texas. While there he received his promotion as Corporal of 3rd section. In Feb. 6, 1918 they left Waco Tex. for Camp Merritt, N. J. to prepare for sailing where after eleven days they took {a}boat for overseas duty in France with his company the gallant 119th F. A. 32nd Div. They landed in England, Mar. 4, 1918, leaving Eng. {England} Mar. 10, 1918 and landed in France March 11, 1918. Lawrence was in the Toul offensive from June 11 to June 22; at Alsace from July 3 to July 21; in the terrible struggle at Chateau Thirry from July 25 to Aug. 27; and at Soissons from Aug. 30 to Sept. 8 and Argonne from Sept. 26 to Nov. 7.

Words fail us when we endeavor to tell the great things achieved by the 32nd Div. Words fail when we try to describe the achievements of the 119th and still words fail when we endeavor to express our commendation, pride in and thanks for their achievements. Permit me to express Alaiedon's joy and pride that we as a township gave of our boys to the 119th and that they returned safely from overseas.

On Dec. 21st 1918 Lawrence was sent to the hospital for Chronical {Chronic} Bronchitis where he remained until he received sailing orders. He reached Newport News Apr. 25, 1919. He was in Lansing for the great celebration for the 119th on May 14, 1919, but was unable to march with his comrades. He received his discharge papers on May 26, 1919. On July 29th he received official information of a citation signed by Gen. John J. **Pershing**, commander of American forces in the World War, stating that Lawrence Bradman was cited Aug. 11 "for distinguished service and gallantry at Chery Chartreure, France." Merit receives its reward. Lawrence who was a student and farmer previous to the war is now clerking.

Clyde Lott, Alaiedon Township, Address-Mason, Mich., R.F.D. #3

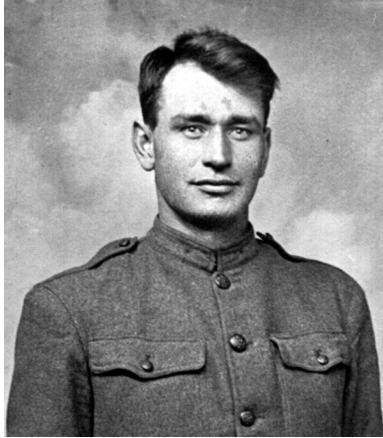
Clyde **Lott** was born in Gratiot Co. Mich., June 28, 1893. His parents, Charles and Nora **Lott** are



living on a farm in Alaiedon Township. He has three sisters, Mrs. Mildred **Crosby** of Lansing, Ethel and Gladys of Alaiedon and four brothers, Ray, Ernest, Vern and {name left blank}. He had always been on the farm until March 14, 1918 when he enlisted as {a}private in the Coast Artillery, Co. 12, 53rd Artillery at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, he was transferred to 19th Co. Ft. Hancock, N. J. then to Battery F, 54 R.A.R France, from there to 53rd Artillery C.A.C. He was engaged in two actions at Meuse River and Argonne Forrest Offensive from Sept. 26 to Nov. 11 when hostilities ceased. From France he returned to the U. S. receiving his final discharge, an honorable discharge, giving his character as excellent, on April 3, 1919.

Christian Fries, (1356396), Alaiedon Township, Address-Mason, Mich., R.F.D. #3

Christian **Fries** was born in Stahl, Russia, Mar. 28, 1891. When quite young he came to America with his parents and some time previous to the war settled in Alaiedon Township where, his parents having died, he lived with his brother and worked at farming. He has two brothers, Jacob **Fries** and Henry **Fries** of Alaiedon Twp. both of whom served their country.



Christian **Fries** enlisted in Nov. 1917 as a private in Co. A, 131st Inf. In Dec. he was transferred to Waco, Tex. from where he was sent to Camp Logan, Tex. and left for overseas in March 1918. He spent about six months in trench warfare, was in the battle of Chipley Ridge, Aug. 8, 1918; the battle of Forges, Sept. 26 and at Montfort Woods, Nov. 1. He was quite badly gassed at Chipley Ridge. He was promoted to Message Carrier and was later made a scout but did no scout duty owing to the signing of the armistice. He was a faithful and trusty soldier. He has returned to the vocation of farmer after being discharged, June 1, 1919.

Henry Fries, (2302525), Alaiedon Township, Address-Mason, Mich.



Henry **Fries**, youngest brother of Jacob **Fries** and of Christian **Fries** of Alaiedon Township was born in Pekin, Ill. March 30, 1899. He enlisted June 1917 as a private in Battery B, 120th Field Artillery, 32 Division and went into training at Grayling, Mich., Aug. 1. Early in Sept. {he} was sent to Waco, Tex. In Feb. 1918 {he} was sent to Camp Merritt, N. J. sailing for France some time in March. With the 32nd he was in the engagements in the Alsace Sector, Aisne Marne, Fismes Sector, Oise Aisne Offensive, Arcourt Sector and the Mense Argonne Offensive. Although but a boy in years Henry Fries proved his worth as a man and the 32nd every {always} found him at his post ready to do his duty. He received his discharge May 26, 1919 which spoke highly of his service and character. He was a farm hand previous to the war but took up work as a R.R. Section hand on his return.

John A. Potter, (2054778), Alaiedon Township, Address-Mason, Mich., R.F.D.

John A. **Potter**, youngest son of George W. **Potter** and Dora K. **Potter** (deceased) was born in Alaiedon Twp., Ing. Co. Mich. Apr. 25, 1894. He has one brother Charles with a Canadian Bat. And one sister, Florence of Mason. He was drafted May 18, 1918 and sent to Camp Custer as a private in Co. 9, 339 Inf. {He} was transferred to Camp Mills, July 14, word being received in Aug. of his safe arrival overseas. With the 339th he was sent to Russia where with his commrades he endured the many privations incident to that country. He was in several actions, Defense of Gora, Nov. 18, 1918 and Offense of Petrushina, Nov. 19, 1918. He received his discharge which gave him an excellent character July 7, 1919.



Since his return he married Miss Grace **Campbell** of Alaiedon and is engaged in farming near Mason.

Gertrude Brenner, Service Record Keeper for Alaiedon Township

(To Be Continued)

**LANSING CREDIT EXCHANGE
BULLETIN #470
May 5, 1930**

BIRTHS

April 03, 1930 Frank Lewis	915 ½ S. Walnut St.	Boy
April 08, 1930 Robert McManus	1114 Alsdorf St.	Boy
April 09, 1930 Wilbert A. Risk	1808 W. Ionia St.	Boy
April 13, 1930 Wm. Drew	311 E. St. Joe St.	Girl
April 15, 1930 Burt S. Mass	720 Randall St.	Girl
April 15, 1930 Edmond K. Burke	530 w. Pine St.	Boy
April 15, 1930 Leo M. Calder	R. 1, DeWitt, Mich.	Boy
April 15, 1930 Chester M. Guile	Center St.	Boy
April 17, 1930 Mason E. Barrus	1811 Osband Ave.	Girl
April 17, 1930 Clinton L. Meyers	2112 Sterling Ave.	Twin Girls
April 20, 1930 Robert A. Milliman	17 Palmer St.	Girl
April 21, 1930 Glenn F. Watkins	R. #4, Mason	Girl
April 21, 1930 Russell B. Taylor	1421 Vine St.	Girl
April 21, 1930 Hervey L. Lyons	223 Haslett, E. L.	Boy
April 21, 1930 Ernest R. Root	R. #5	Boy
April 22, 1930 Theodore Theodoris	115 N. Mifflin St.	Girl
April 23, 1930 John T. Shire	R. #2	Girl
April 23, 1930 Karl F. Alber	510 Catherine St.	Boy
April 23, 1930 John W. Hunt	1200 W. Washtenaw	Girl
April 25, 1930 Earle Ewing	1128 Prospect St.	Boy
April 25, 1930 Harold A. Miller	417 N. Jenison	Boy
April 25, 1930 Harry Mapes	Sunfield, Mich.	Boy
April 29, 1930 Chas. Robbins	1065 S. Penn. Ave.	Girl
April 30, 1930 Leslie L. M. Green	Lansing, Mich.	Boy

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Wilfred **Morse**, 21, Battle Creek-Ruth **DeLashmitt**, 24, Lansing
 Conrad C. **Peterman**, 56, Lansing-Mary E. **Rogers**, Edmore, Mich.
 Rudolph C. **Federau**, 36, Lansing-Gertrude M. **Atherton**, 18, Lansing
 James A. **Ross, Jr.**, 28, Lansing-Helen **Porter**, 26, E. Lansing
 Anthony J. **Quinkert**, 28, E. Lans.-Laura G. **Sischo**, 25, Romeo, Mich.
 Albert **Wolf**, 18, E. Lansing-Julia **Nichols**, 19, E. Lansing
 Paul M. **Scott**, 17, Lansing-Irma K. **Parsons**, 21, Grand Rapids
 Harold A. **Smith**, 22, Mason, Mich.-Doris C. **Sanders**, 18, Mason, Mich.

DIVORCES GRANTED

April 25, 1930 Ordie **Wood** Vs. Merton **Wood**
 April 28, 1930 Milan **Cook** Vs. Marjorie **Cook**
 April 29, 1930 M. Agnes **Sweet** Vs. Winfield S. **Sweet**
 April 29, 1930 Albert D. **Turner** Vs. Martha M. **Turner**
 April 30, 1930 Mabel G. **Kirk** Vs. Burl E. **Kirk**
 April 30, 1930 LaVerna **Hunnell** Vs. David H. **Hunnell**

DEATHS

February 06, 1930	Jos. Everett	236 Woodlawn	77 years
February 09, 1930	Bertha Carpenter (Dexter)	614 Homer St.	69 years
February 09, 1930	Eliza DeBolt (C-W)	317 Riber St.	77 years
February 10, 1930	Napoleon B. Flanders	306 S. Butler	70 years
February 10, 1930	Fern L. Stabler (Elmer)	201 E. Mt. Hope St.	37 years
February 12, 1930	Geo. Bunline	Lansing	49 years
April 20, 1930	Alfred H. Chubb	1012 Parker	54 years
April 21, 1930	Thomas Carmody	204 E. Main St.	59 years
April 23, 1930	John L. Steinbower	R. #5	77 years
April 24, 1930	John B. Pearke	Grand Ledge, Mich.	36 years
April 24, 1930	Hiram W. Stark	420 ½ N. Wash.	67 years
April 24, 1930	Adelbert Kiefer	333 S. Capt. Ave.	65 years
April 25, 1930	Anna B. Overakder	513 Isbell St.	3 years
April 26, 1930	Mary Leedy	1715 N. East St.	83 years
April 26, 1930	Emily E. Goodin (Seymour)	1018 Walsh St.	63 years
April 26, 1930	Mrs. Lula Walker (Frank)	Sunfield	56 years

NEWCOMERS

Atkinson , B. P.	1208 Comfort St.	From 2138 Borteau St. Ohio
Clark , R. L.	524 Rulison St.	From So. Bend, Indiana
Denison , J. N.	601 Bartlett St.	From 104 E. Wheeler Three Rivers, Mich.
Edwards , S. L.	Lansing Stg. Co.	From 12016 Mendola, Detr.
Heagy , C. T.	1407 W. Shiaw.	From 233 Cecelia, Butler, Pa.
Shanley , Mrs. E. L.	2109 W. Main St.	From Kalamazoo, Mich.
Smith , Dr.	1353 Glenrose St.	From Ortonville, Mich.

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAMES FILED

April 21, 1930Lans. Business University W. M. **Dowden**, 1519 W. Kalamazoo

April 25, 1930Nichol-Ford & Co.- Frank D. **Nicol**, Northville

Frederick C. **Ford**, Grosse Point, Mich.

Howard **Bennett**, Grosse Point, Mich.

Kirland B. **Alexander**, Ontario

Harold F. **Andrews**, Jackson, Mich.

John C. **Wright**, Grosse Isle, Mich.

FREE GENEALOGY SEMINAR

The Library of Michigan will be offering a free half day genealogy seminar on Saturday, March 29, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.. It is about online resources and other Web-based collections. The seminar will highlight a number of free Web sites and subscription databases (including HeritageQuest Online and Footnote.com), introduce genealogy researchers to the breadth of material available online and emphasize specific genealogy resources available at the Library of Michigan.

Exact program times and registration information will be available soon. Additional information to be posted at <http://michigan.gov/familyhistory>. If you have any questions contact the library of Michigan's Special Collection Services at (517) 373-1300.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rod Jewett, librarian, is looking for volunteers for indexing material. This is work that can be done at home. See Rod at the next meeting or email him through the society website.



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