



Ingham County Genealogical Society
NEWSLETTER
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2010/2011 ICGS

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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

ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual summer picnic is Thursday, August 11 at Vevay Township Hall. It begins at 6 p.m.. Hamburgers will be provided. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your place setting.

OFFICIER NOMINATIONS

The following are candidates for the 2011 – 2012 election year. They will be presented at the August meeting and voted on in September.

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Note: There are two trustee positions to be filled.

ICGS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JULY 2011 NEWSLETTER

The ICGS Board has unanimously approved the appointment of Jeffery **Montgomery** to the vacant position of Trustee. He began his service to our society in that position in May.

Currently the Nominations Committee is seeking to complete a slate of candidates for ICGS officer positions for 2011-2012. To be elected are: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Librarian, and Two Trustees. Anyone interested in running is encouraged to contact Diane **Bishop** (676-7140) or Tammy **Parsons** (694-5986).

The Nominations Committee will announce the slate of candidates in August. The election will be held at the September 22 meeting of ICGS and those elected will assume their positions in October.

Summer is a perfect time to engage in genealogical research and education. Activities can include:

- >Travel to distant repositories
- >Walk and transcribe cemeteries
- >Travel to conduct interviews of relatives
- >Attend family reunions
- >Attend genealogical seminars and/or conferences

There are a number of genealogical training opportunities for you in the coming weeks.

The Abrams Foundation and the Archives of Michigan will hold a genealogy seminar on Saturday, July 16, 2011. It will be conducted at the Michigan Archives in Lansing between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Online information is available at: <http://mimgc.org><http://mimgc.org>. Online registration can be completed at: <http://seekingmichigan.myshopify.com/products/abrams-genealogy-seminar><http://seekingmichigan.myshopify.com/products/abrams-genealogy-seminar>.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will conduct its annual conference September 7-10 in Springfield, IL. Information about this conference was distributed at our May meeting. Some of our members will be attending. If you want more information or may be interested in attending please consult the website of the FGS (www.fgs.org/2011conferencewww.fgs.org/2011conference) or [contact me](#).

The Archives of Michigan and Michigan Genealogical Council will conduct a research seminar on Saturday, October 29. Details will be available at a later time.

Of course, the summer would not be complete without the ICGS Annual Picnic. This year it will take place on August 11 at Vevay Township Hall. Members will gather at 6 p.m. and eat shortly thereafter. Hamburgers will be provided and members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Any member with a question, concern or suggestion can contact me by phone at (517) 337-8925 or by email at grovesandroch@yahoo.comgrovesandroch@yahoo.com.

Have a wonderful summer!

Grove **Sandroch**, ICGS President

NEWS FROM THE PAST

(typed as written)

Ingham County Democrat, 8 February 1894, page 1

The pupils of the Mason School of Education will give an entertainment at Good Templars Hall, Aurelius Center, Saturday evening, Feb. 10th. Among those who will participate are the Misses Maude and Madge **Rhodes**, Frank **Bateman**, Miss Jennie **Clowes**, Miss Allie **Hazelton**, Mrs. G. E. **Sanders**, soloist, and Miss Maude **Bement**, organist. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Dwight **Blaisdall** is under arrest for breaking a lock and entering a dwelling north-east of Leslie. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday before justice Flansburgh and his trial set for February 12. It is expected that this case will bring to light certain irregularities that are being practiced here that will lead to interesting reading. They will receive attention in due time – Leslie Local

Died at the home of her son, W. H. **Quarry**, in the township of Vevay, Feb. 2d, Mrs Jane **Quarry**, aged 88 years. Mrs. **Quarry** was born in the county of Armah, Ireland, July 5th, 1805. She came to this country with husband and family in about the year 1838 and settled in Lucas county, Ohio, where four children of the family were buried. During the year 1842 or '43 they moved into the then wilds of Michigan, coming with an ox team from Ohio, and settled in the township of Vevay, where she has been a continuous resident for more than a half century. Since the death of her husband which occurred in 1860, she has found a home with her son, who is the sole survivor of a family of seven children. The funeral services were held at the residence on Sunday last at 2 p.m., Rev. E. H. **Brockway** officiating. She was buried beside her husband in the Hawley cemetery. An incident which occurred soon after the family came to Michigan serves to show that she was a woman of remarkable physical endurance and nerve. One of the oxen of the team above referred to, while pasturing on the creek flats got into the mire and died. Soon after the mate was missing and diligent search and inquiry failed to find him. After a time a letter from their old home in Ohio said the ox had returned there. Mrs. **Quarry** persuaded her husband that if he would remain at home and care for the children she would make the trip to Ohio and drive the ox home. She returned to Ohio, made a deal for a steer to mate the ox, also a heifer for a cow and with a little help the first few miles, she drove the three head alone through the wood from Ohio to their home in Michigan. She used to tell many reminiscences of those early days in a most entertaining manner.

Albert **Odell** cannot keep out of trouble for any great length of time. Last Friday he was fined \$3.88 by Justice **Dolan** of Lansing for being drunk and disorderly, with the alternative of 10 days in the county jail. The people of Mason and Ingham county will be much better off if this man could be disposed of with a long term of imprisonment. He is thoroughly depraved and there is hardly a crime upon the statutes that he has not committed.

Wilber M. **McCrossen**, our popular druggist, will join the ranks of the benedicts today. This afternoon at five o'clock he will be married to Miss Emma **Bertch** at the residence of her mother, Mrs. L. **Bertch**, in Bay City. Mr. **McCrossen** has rented the Dr. **Green** house on Oak street, which has been thoroughly fitted and furnished for the reception of his bride, where they will be at home after March 1st. The Democrat unites with the residents of our fair city and extends a hearty greeting to Mrs. **McCrossen** to our midst. We know she will find Mason a pleasant city for her future residence

LANSING CREDIT EXCHANGE

BULLETIN #482, July 28, 1930

(Typed as written)

BIRTHS

Mr. & Mrs.

June 01, 1930	Lloyd C. Philo , 1104 Case St.	Boy
June 26, 1930	Milton H. Foster , 2405 Rundle St.	Boy
June 28, 1930	Jos. H. Balley , R.F.D. #3	Boy
July 02, 1930	Francis G. Rultz , Grand Ledge, Mich.	Girl
July 03, 1930	Erwin A. Hazelton , 1415 Roosevelt St.	Girl
July 04, 1930	Blair Schroades , 919 S. Butler	Boy
July 05, 1930	Claud L. Croy , 1301 Ohio	Boy
July 06, 1930	Alexander T. Buchel , 629 Madison St.	Twin Boys
July 07, 1930	John H. Bell , 613 Helen St.	Boy
July 08, 1930	John B. Dickerson , 714 Willow St.	Boy
July 09, 1930	Rex B. Holt , 110 N. Chestnut	Girl
July 11, 1930	Lloyd E. Allen , Lansing, Mich.	Girl
July 12, 1930	Floyd John Smith , 833 Gier St.	Girl
July 12, 1930	Fred Penno , 1616 N. Genessee Dr.	Girl
July 14, 1930	Walter C. Bour , 1024 Morgan St.	Boy
July 14, 1930	Russell Sinclair , 429 Pearl St.	Boy
July 16, 1930	Jos. W. Planck , 227 S. Jenison	Boy
July 17, 1930	Fred Warner , 1715 Beal	Girl
July 17, 1930	Wm. J. Lybert , 815 W. Ottawa St.	Girl
July 17, 1930	Frank E. Stoll , R.F.D. #4	Boy
July 17, 1930	Paul Richards , 425 Lathrop St.	Boy
July 17, 1930	Vernon L. Clark , 750 S. Hayford	Girl
July 18, 1930	Geo. S. Small , 206 W. Harris, Charlotte	Girl
July 19, 1930	Wilfred J. Shea , R.F.D. #3	Girl
July 19, 1930	Milton Carpenter , 1825 Coleman	Girl
July 20, 1930	Lucian G. DeLong , N. Turner St.	Boy
July 20, 1930	Wilbert E. Heinritz , 915 1/2 Seymour St.	Boy
July 20, 1930	Chas. L. Woodworth , 923 Beech St.	Boy
July 20, 1930	Harold N. Metzel , 619 W. Mt. Hope	Girl
July 21, 1930	Mathew Voegeli , 1205 Berten	Boy

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Russell **Kershner**, Lansing, 21 and Gladys **Hannah**, Lansing, 20
Lawrence **Anthony**, Lansing 21 and Marjery **Cornell**, Lansing, 16
Wm. S. **Fielder**, Lansing, 22 and Erna **Rosneau**, Lansing, 21
Richard Russell **Fleming**, Holt, 21 and Lucile Nora **Peters**, Holt, 18
Everett C. **Taylor**, Lansing, 22 and Eva R. **Carrington**, Lansing, 21
Orton Everett **Watts**, Lansing, 22 and Marie Belle **Johnson**, Lansing, 23
Ralph L. **Cornell**, Lansing, 19 and Daisy R. **Nelson**, Lansing, 16
Ramson O. **Abel**, Lansing, 22 and Elizabeth **Newman**, Lansing, 19
John J. **Kelly**, Lansing, 52 and Margaret **Gallagher**, Lansing 30
Robert M. **McKinnon**, East Lansing 22 and Eva. J. **Fournier**, Detroit, 23

Lansing Credit Exchange Bulletin, #482 concluded

DIVORCES GRANTED

July 21, 1930	Louis Pilholski	Vs.	Rose E. Pilholski
July 23, 1930	Esther D. Vetter	Vs.	William B. Vetter
July 24, 1930	Elsie D. Eichorn	Vs.	Cornelius W. Eichorn
July 25, 1930	Mary Baxter	Vs.	John A. Baxter

DEATHS

July 10, 1930	Wm. Massuch , 516 E. Main St.	71 years
July 11, 1930	Laura B. Eberhart , 1308 N. Walnut St.	71 years
July 11, 1930	Ann F. Irwin , 630 Lathrop St.	35 years
July 11, 1930	Wm. F. Spence , 1610 Lyons	78 years
July 11, 1930	Lillie Ellis , 833 Williams St.	2 years
July 12, 1930	Mary Coleman , 1517 Case St.	40 years
July 12, 1930	Ernest E. Marker , 1224 Bensch St.	1 month
July 14, 1930	T. J. Croy , 1115 Case St.	82 years
July 14, 1930	Herman G. Renker , Fleming Hotel	82 years
July 14, 1930	Mary Binder , 2017 Alpha St.	10 years
July 18, 1930	Chas. W. Bennett , 219 Reo	60 years
July 18, 1930	Russell Doerr , 708 Princeton	1 month
July 19, 1930	Mrs. Lena R. Walker (Vern), 117 N. Penn. Ave.	60 years
July 19, 1930	Eva Claucherty (James), 934 Bensch St.	68 years
July 19, 1930	Arthur W. Oliver , 1100 W. Mich. Ave.	55 years
July 19, 1930	Alice Wilcox (W. A.), 2010 Mass. Ave.	53 years
July 19, 1930	Richard G. Hurley , 800 1/2 N. Cedar St.	09 days
July 19, 1930	Edith Toan (Wm.), Portland, Michigan	68 years
July 21, 1930	Pauline Rice (Oscar), R.F.D. #2, Lansing, Mich.	18 years
July 21, 1930	Katie M. Week (Allen), R.F.D. #31	60 years
July 21, 1930	Wesley C. Palmer , 812 Bancroft	45 years
July 21, 1930	Armella Sulpizio , Portland, Mich.	32 years
July 22, 1930	Wm. E. McConkey , 400 S. Fairview	51 years
July 22, 1930	Glenn W. Price , 512 W. Lapeer St.	34 years
July 23, 1930	Alice Eliz. Reade (John), 318 Clifford St.	No age given
July 23, 1930	Hiram M. Miller , 129 N. Clemens	89 years

NEWCOMERS

Brubaker, Dr. Earl W., Mason, Mich. From Detroit, Mich.

Washburn, John Dibrell, 208 W. Hillsdale St. From Little Rock, Ark.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Edwards, Mrs. Nellie 327 N. Pine St. to R.2, Box 1, Leslie, Mich

Hurd, E. H. 410 S. Howard St. to Boyne City, Mich.

Pettibone, Chas. Sr. 606 S. Capt. Ave. to 224 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Trim, Henry S. 1537 Ballard St. to 1425 E. Crughton Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Notes from the Librarian's Corner

By Diane Bishop

Summer is here! Vacations are an important part of the summer and everyone has been thinking about summer vacation since last Christmas. There are thoughts about where to go and what types of activities there are for the family to take part in while on vacation. There are thoughts about the beach and maybe an amusement park or a State Fair. Invitations to weddings, graduations and family reunions have arrived and people are trying to decide how they can include the family gatherings into the “fun” plans of vacation. Kids are out of school and parents are trying to find activities to keep them busy when they begin to whine “I’m bored!” I have an idea. Do you have some pictures of family members that you could share with the kids and encourage them to be the family detectives by doing some Genealogy Research this summer? It might be a fun way for them to design a notebook that they could use to organize their research. Then you might encourage them to practice their writing skills by sending letters to other family members asking about information for their Family Tree. The responses they receive would give them practice in reading and comprehension of the material provided to them. They could use their math skills to find out how old a person was, how long they lived in a certain place or how far they traveled when they moved to a new location. Kids could learn how to read a map by locating where their ancestor lived in relation to where they live now. They could place the picture and all of the information they were able to gather about their ancestors into their special notebook and then share it with others. In the process, they have continued to use their art, reading, writing and math skills throughout the summer.

Now that you have the kids excited about creating their special album, have you ever thought about including some genealogy into a family vacation? A trip to a Great Lake or an Ocean might include the family reunion or a wedding where the opportunity to talk to relatives would be priceless. You could explore the local area where your ancestors lived and maybe enjoy some of the same places and activities they did when they lived there. If there is a local Genealogy Society or Reference Library available, a trip there could lead to conversations about your ancestors.

Such is the case for several of the visitors to our own local Genealogy Reference Room recently. We have had visitors come from areas near here and from as far away as California and Arizona. They had each found a clue regarding an ancestor from our area. So they decided their vacation would include a visit to our area so that they could search for more answers to the questions about their family. Also, our Membership Roster includes many people that live out of our area. Summertime is a great time for family reunions and maybe some of these members might be inclined to visit us while on a vacation that includes a family reunion. With all of these thoughts ‘rolling around’ in my head, I decided to share with all of you what some people would refer to as the ‘housekeeping rules’ and the ‘where to find it’ guide for our Research Room.

The Ingham County Genealogical Society Reference Room is located at the Mason Public Library (145 West Ash Street, Mason, Michigan 48854 - for those using a GPS unit.) At this time, the Reference Room is open with volunteers to assist you from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. (However, **If you are a current Ingham County Genealogical Society member, you are eligible to use the Reference Room any time the library is open.** The library hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The library is closed on Sunday from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend and on Holidays. As a Society member you may request access to the Reference Room at the front desk of the Library by showing them your valid Society I.D. card and they will unlock the room for you or loan you the key. We ask that you lock the room when you leave and return the key to the front desk on the main floor.) The Reference Room is located on the second floor of the Library through the archway in the back of the room. As you enter the archway you will see two doors. The door to the right leads to the Newspaper Room. The Newspaper Room contains bound volumes of the old newspapers and a table to set the volumes on as you read.

(Notes from the librarian's corner continued from page 6)

As you enter the door on the left, try to envision a square which will represent the “layout” of this room. The top of the square (which will be the wall straight ahead of you as you enter the room) will be designated the **North Wall**. Hopefully, this vision you have will allow me to map out for you the location of information you will find within this room.

The North Wall - The Card File (Recipe Box) with the Society Members Names and the families they are researching. There are also small file drawers that have cards containing information on where to find information on People, Places and Things within our Library such as Ancestry Charts, Family Files, Subject Files on Important Events or Places in our area. There is also a computer which we can use to access the digital copies of the newspapers (up to 1934) and a microfiche Reader for use with any of the microfilm we have available for viewing. (Our library computer does not have internet access. However, if you bring your personal computer and your access card, you may be able to use Wi-Fi to connect to the internet at the library.)

The East Wall - Bookcases with miscellaneous books including Men of Progress of Michigan, The Life and Times of Stevens Thomson Mason - The Boy Governor of Michigan and Michigan Railroads. Jewett Funeral Home Records 1930-1986, Maple Grove Cemetery Grave Site Locations, Meridian (including the Meridian Twp. Burial Transit Permits), Onondaga, Stockbridge and Stockbridge Twp., Vevay, Webberville, Wheatfield, White Oak, and Williamston Township information. The Mason High School Yearbooks are located in a small bookcase under the window (which overlooks the parking lot). Above the bookcases are reels of microfilm for the Ingham County News from 1935 to 1969 and also the Stockbridge Brief Sun.

The South Wall - The 4 drawer filing cabinet (referred to as the VF - vertical file) which contains folders about Families, Schools and Photos. The bookcase next to the file cabinet contains The Burial Transit Permits for Maple Grove Cemetery from 1932 to 2005, Alaiedon, Aurelius, Bunkerhill, Delhi, East Lansing, Dansville and Ingham Twp., Lansing, Leslie and Locke Township information.

The West Wall - (is indented to allow for the entryway) -The portion of this wall that backs up to the entryway has a double bookcase. The right side of this bookcase contains Family Histories that have been donated to the Reference Room by fellow Researchers. There are also many other materials on the left side of the bookcase which include The Michigan Cemetery Atlas, some genealogical material for surrounding counties, an Index to the 1870 Michigan Census and the 1790 New York Federal Census. The West Wall that backs up to the Friends Book Sale Room contains many binders filed with local newspaper clippings containing listings for Marriage Licenses, Engagements, Weddings, Anniversary, Birth and Divorce Announcements, Special Birthday Announcements and Obituaries. We also have many various reference materials including The History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Pioneer History of Ingham County, Past and Present of Ingham County, Southeast Michigan Pioneer Families of Ingham County, First Landowners of Ingham County, Plat maps, and The Honor Roll of World War I Soldiers of Ingham County.

I invite all of you to come visit our Reference Room and explore the wealth of information that is available within our small area. I hope that this “map” and the general information about our facility will enable you to find the information you seek as you continue your research on your own Family Tree. I Hope to see you soon.

ANCHORA
1910 Mason High School Yearbook
THE ALUMNI (Continued)

Class of 1884

Leona **Dudley**—Mrs. George **Barr**, Mason
Nettie **Sweet**—Mrs. Thos. **McManamon**, Lansing
Kittie **White**—Mrs. Elmer **Holley**, Lansing

Class of 1885

Minnie **Lamb**—Mrs. John **Hay**, Marshall
L. Grace **Royston**—Mrs. Grace **Allen**, Mason
Edith **Fanson**—Mrs. Menzo **Cady**, Mason
J. D. **VanEtten**—Piano dealer, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Memie **Phillips**—Retired teacher, Mason
George W. **Jewett**—Minneapolis, Minn.
Hattie **Bristol**—Mrs. F. G. **Ellett**, Mason
Maggie **Burns-Shea**—deceased
W. L. **Near**—Brakeman, Jackson
S. Alice **Dyer**—deceased
Ina J. **Maine**—Clerk, Mason
Belle **Wright**—Mrs. Howard **Seely**, Ann Arbor
Ursula **Tubbs**—Mrs. Merritt **Heweitt**, Lansing

Class of 1886

Garry E. **Sanders**—Representative, Mason
Edwin O. **Miller**—Farmer, Elsie
Walter S. **Root**—Farmer, Mason
Cora E. **Price**—Mrs. M. A. **Grabiell**, Bay City

Class of 1887

Rose **Beardsley**—Mrs. Wm. **Wandell**, Lansing
Leora **Drake**—Mrs. Dwight **Cole**, Grand Rapids
Dwight **Cole**—Civil engineer, Grand Rapids
Lottie **Every**—Mrs. Lottie **Lundy**, teacher near Mason
Olive M. **Call-Tyler**—deceased
Loa **Marshall**—deceased
Nettie **Wait**—Mrs. Chas. **Baldwin**, Nanticoke, N. Y.
Blanch **Irish**—Mrs. Dr. **Gardiner**, Mt. Pleasant
Eva J. **Akers**—Mrs. Chas. **Mead**, Williamston

Class of 1888

Lizzie **Collar**—Mrs. Lizzie **Potter**, private Sec., Detroit
Olla **Fanson**--Mason

To Be Continued

Correction: In the April 2011 issue of the ICGS Newsletter under Anchora—1910 Mason High School Yearbook, The Alumni, the **Class of 1983** should have read **Class of 1883**.

QUERIES

Jane Stilgenbauer is looking for any descendants of Daniel D. Kingsbury. My gggrandmother was his brother and has 10+ generations to share. Daniel D. Kingsbury was the Ingham County Treasurer in the 1890's. "We are in "The Firelands" area of northern Ohio – land given after damages from the Revolutionary War. After several generations moving west – most of the family has stayed in this area, Huron and Erie counties. Uncle Dan was a Civil War Vet, but brothers James died and is at the cemetery in Petersburg, VA. And Romaine died at Port Republic." If you are a descendant contact Jane at jbstilge@gmail.com.

Gayla Haight is looking for "a barrel of photos that were stolen from my mother's place in Ewart, MI. The barrel contained thousands of items: black n white photos, tin photos, post cards etc... from the Ewart and Hersey area, possibly Flint and Lansing, New York, Mackinaw, Canada, also postcards from a couple world fairs, trips out west by family members, hunting and fishing photos etc... The names that would have been on the backs of the items: surnames Hunt, Root, Allan, Ogilvie, Sickles, James, and some of the first names of: Natalie, Donella or Donnie Sue, Charles, Carl, Margaret, Burt, Hattie, Mary, Marella, Alvin, Donald, Ralph, Ada, Iva, Orville, Beatrice, Albert, Fannie, Gortius Nellie,,,. Also my gggrandmother was a teacher in the old one room school housed throughout Osceola county, there would have been some of her and students.

There were people in these photos that were key in finding one of our family lines as Natalie was adopted by Charles and Margaret.

The person that took this barrel lived in the Lansing area 6 to 9 years ago. We have been unable to find any lead in finding these photos"

If you have any information please contact:

Gayla Haight
P. O. Box 53
Paisley, FL 32767

or

Donella Johnson
1621 120th Ave
Hersey, MI 49639

Michigan Council Update

State Budget / Historical & Genealogical resources

June 10, 2011

Dear genealogist,

The Michigan Legislature has completed their work on a budget and sent to the Governor, where it awaits his signature.

Funding for operations at the Library of Michigan (LM) remains almost unchanged from 2010-11 levels. This is good news, since recent budgets have cut LM operations severely. The new budget calls for a total staff of 33 full time equated positions.

The budget retains two boilerplate items that were introduced with the 2010-11 budget. One requires LM and the component programs currently within LM shall remain in state government. The second requires Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and LM to maintain custody of the non-Michigan genealogy and all Michigan specific collections. This section includes the stipulation these collections shall continue to be made available to the public.

Funding for our district, local, and neighborhood libraries otherwise known as State Aid to Libraries budgeted at \$5.4 million in the MDE budget. The School Aid budget calls for \$1.3 million for State Aid to Libraries. This is a total of \$6.75 million for State Aid to Libraries, or about \$500K less than 2010-11. The legislature restored almost all of this funding; the Governor's budget called for a reduction of \$3.8 million for State Aid to Libraries. Also in the MDE budget is a separate item for the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) at \$950K. This is in anticipation of a reduction of federal funding for MeL. With the additional funding for MeL, state spending for our local libraries will slightly increase for 2011-12.

Historical administration and services now has its own section of the Department of Natural Resources budget with \$3.96 million, and 36 full time equated employees. The Archives of Michigan is funded with an additional \$800K and eight full time equated employees

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MeL (<http://mel.org>) is the statewide portal for a wealth of content Michigan residents are able to access from home on our personal computers. Heritage Quest Online is one of the most popular MeL databases used by genealogists and historians. MeL is available for home use to all Michigan residents. Even if you are visiting Florida, Arizona, or elsewhere, all you need is to enter your library card or Michigan Driver's license number for access.

SeekingMichigan.org continues to be a fantastic resource for the lovers of history. This continues to be a joint project between the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan. There is also a subset of SeekingMichigan.org for Civil War documents, photos, and materials; even an event calendar at <http://micivilwar.org>.

We urge you to continue to use these valuable resources in your research. The Archives of Michigan remains fully committed to serving the historical and genealogical community. The Archives is open Mon. – Fri. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. <http://michigan.gov/archivesofmi>. The Abrams Genealogy Collection and Michigan Collection at the LM continue to be one of the finest historical and genealogical collections in the Midwest. LM remains open and their collections are available for researchers. The hours are: Mon. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. <http://michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan> or <http://michigan.gov/familyhistory>. LM is committed to growing and collecting materials about Michigan for the Michigan Collection. Both the Archives and Library are closed on government holidays. If you are planning a trip to Lansing to use these collections, please check their websites for the most recent hours and holiday closings.

One of the largest threats to these valuable resources is lack of use. Please continue to utilize and encourage others to use the Library and Archives of Michigan, both located at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

Happy hunting,

Michigan Genealogical Council

<http://mimgc.org>



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NEW COLUMN

We are starting a new column called “Our Veterans”. It is to honor the veterans that are listed at the county courthouse memorial. We are looking for volunteers to write up a small article about a veteran listed on the memorial. Contact Bill Carr if you are interested.

EATON COUNTY SPONSORS FORT WAYNE TRIP

Eaton County Genealogical Society is taking a bus trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana, Saturday, July 23. For more information contact Shirley Hodges (517) 629-2345 or genealogyshirl@gmail.com