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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

Attention Members: Open positions

If you are interested in the Social Arrangements or Merchandise Sales position, please contact Dave Held, president@IngCoGeneSoc.org

2009 MEETING AND PROGRAMS

January – No meeting
February 12 – Color Your Ancestors Alive – Karen Krugman
March 12 – Ingham County New Microfilm Project – John Castle
April 9 – The Lynching of John Taylor in Mason – Jesse LaSorda
May 14 – Utilizing Footnote from the Library of Michigan and from home – Kris Rzepczynski
June - No meeting
July – No meeting

NEW GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL AT LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

New Michigan and genealogy materials are being added to the Library of Michigan's collection. Listing of these materials can be accessed through the internet. A researcher can use the Library of Michigan's online catalog called ANSWER at www.answercat.org. By clicking on the "Check for New Books" button at the bottom of the ANSWER menu page new material can be viewed..

Many genealogical materials are part of the non-circulation collection and can only be viewed at the library. The ANSWER catalog does not provide access to periodical articles, microforms or CD-ROMS and Internet databases. It does include the location and call number of these items so they can be found in the Library of Michigan.

Information from Michigan Genealogist, Volume 4, Number 4.

Courthouse Clock Mason, Ingham County, MI

The following entries were transcribed from the City of Mason Common Council Minute Books:

December 4, 1911, Page 16

Council met and was called to order by Mayor **Thorburn**. Present **Olds, Dean, Longyear, Milburg, Rayner** and **Watkins**.

“Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Mason that the clock committee consisting of **L. C. Webb**, **F. E. Densmore** and **A. J. Hall**. Be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a clock to be properly installed in the courthouse in said city. The sum of money now on hand and to be expended by said committee for said committee for said clock and the installation thereof for and in behalf of the City of Mason is twelve hundred dollars.”

Moved and supported that the above resolution be accepted and adopted. Carried, Yeas: **Dean, Longyear, Millbury, Rayner**, and **Watkins**.

Ernest B. Kelly, City Clerk

April 22, 1912, Page 56

“Moved and supported that the clerk be instructed to draw an order for five hundred dollars, payable to the Seth Thomas Clock Company of New York City, as the first payment on clock contract.”

Carried. Yeas: **Olds, Dean, Longyear, Millbury, Rayner, Watkins** and **Whitmore**.

James C. Quick, City Clerk

April 22, 1912, Page 54.

A claim was submitted by and paid to **L. H. Minnis** for \$5.55 for materials and labor on clock.

May 6, 1912, Page 60

“Moved and supported that the Council accept \$200.00 from the County in payment of its share of the cost of the clock.”

Yeas: **Olds, Dean, Longyear, Millbury, Rayner, Watkins** and **Whitmore**.

James C. Quick, City Clerk

June 10, 1912, Page 70

Council met and was called to order by Mayor **Bergman**. Present: **Olds, Dean, Millbury, Longyear, Rayner, Watkins** and **Whitmore**.

The finance committee reported claims and recommend their allowance, last item being:

“Seth Thomas Clock Company. Balance on contract. \$891.00

James C. Quick, City Clerk

This was the last entry in the Common Council Minute Books regarding the purchase and installation of said Courthouse Clock.

Transcribed by **Lynne Castle** on September 1, 2008
Member of the Ingham County Genealogical Society

**LOCKE TOWNSHIP SOLDIERS
WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR I**
Compiled by Mae Tuttle
(From the Locke Township, Ingham County, Michigan Microfilm Project)
(Typed as written)

RICHARD EARL BRIGGS, No. 1062975

Richard Earl **Briggs** was single, color white, an American. He was born in Gregory, Livingston County, Nov. 21, 1898. He being the first child of Richard and Rose **Briggs**, he having three sisters and three brothers, namely, Evelyn, Elnor, Leone, Rodney, Robert, Edon.

When three months old he with his parents moved to Locke Township where he lived until he enlisted. After graduating from Williamston, Mich. high school, June 1917, he wished to attend college and, in Oct. 1917 went to Detroit and began a course in Business College, but feeling the call for Volunteers gave up his college work and enlisted.

He went to Columbus, Ohio, but was not physically able to pass the examination and returned home still listening to the call of duty, and as soon as he was able he enlisted at Lansing, Mich. Feb. 7, 1918 going to Columbus, Ohio.

Feb. 20, 1918 went to San Antonio, Texas where he was assigned to 42nd. Ballon Co.

May 1918 went to Camp John Wise A.S.S.C. 42 Ballon Co.

July 1918 Camp Morrison, VA.

July 21, 1918 sailed overseas.

May 10, 1918 promoted to 1st class pvt.

He was in St. Miheil Sept 12 to Sept. 20, 1918.

Duty with 1st Corps, at Ville An Val Argonne Meuse Sept. 22 to Oct. 23, 1918.

In field West of Meuse duty with 3rd Corps Oct. 24 to Nov. 11, 1918.

Received his honorable discharge at Camp Custer, May 19, 1919.

Received by Mrs. G. W. **Tuttle**

CLAIR BROWN

Clair **Brown** was single, color white, an American. Was born May 5, 1897 in Locke Township. He was son of Byron, deceased, and Anna **Brown**, he having 3 sisters, namely, Grace, Hazel, and Mae.

His occupation previous to war was farming.

He entered his first Camp, Aug. 30, 1918 at Camp Custer. He was assigned to 44 Co. and Infantry.

October 25, 1918 was taken with influenza. Was in Base Hospital until April, 1919.

December 1, 1918 transferred to Co. L, 3rd Battalion, Demobilization Detachment.

March 1919 was promoted to Corporal

April 1919 promoted to Sargent.

April 1919 Demobilization detachment 160 depot Bridgade.

July 24, 1919, H. I. Camp Dodge, Iowa, Demobilization Group.

Received his discharge Sept. 30, 1919.

Received by Mrs. G. W. **Tuttle**

LANSING CREDIT EXCHANGE
BULLETIN #474, June 2, 1930
(Typed as written)

BIRTHS:

	Mr. & Mrs.	
April 16, 1930	Chas. Brown , 1610 Blair St.	Girl
May 08, 1930	Charles Lott , 3004 S. Cedar St.	Girl
May 10, 1930	Theodore W. Klabunde , 2109 Ray St.	Girl
May 11, 1930	Fay C. Franklin , 912 N. Jenison Ave.	Girl
May 12, 1930	Jos. E. Gould , R. #2	Boy
May 14, 1930	Harold L. Placer , 515 S. Clemens St.	Girl
May 16, 1930	John W. Wright , R. #50	Boy
May 17, 1930	Gerlad Hyde , 123 Island	Boy
May 17, 1930	Harvey Bachman , 1840 Bradley St.	Boy
May 17, 1930	Verl C. Meredith , 1129 Kingsley Ct.	Girl
May 17, 1930	Harvey H. Poikey , 709 N. Larch St.	Boy
May 17, 1930	Garfield M. Benedict , 506 S. Pine St.	Boy
May 17, 1930	John O. Wetzel , 416 University Dr., East Lansing	Girl
May 19, 1930	Frank Dorr , 709 Princeton Ave.	Boy
May 19, 1930	Clio S. Sanborn , 901 E. North St.	Boy
May 20, 1930	Arthur M. Post , DeWitt, Mich.	Girl
May 20, 1930	Fred C. Shirey , 521 Liberty St.	Girl
May 20, 1930	Geo. L. Brown , 625 E. Mich. Ave.	Boy
May 22, 1930	Leo W. Simmons , 1128 Case St.	Boy
May 22, 1930	Edward Land , 1517 Redwood Ave.	Boy
May 22, 1930	Basil A. Simpson , 710 Cawood Ave.	Girl
May 22, 1930	Roy Cornwell , 610 Clifford St.	Boy
May 23, 1930	Garner J. Boase , 2115 Lyons Ave.	Girl
May 23, 1930	Edw. E. Medcoff , 1018 Porter St.	Boy
May 23, 1930	Samuel Smith , Lansing	Girl
May 23, 1930	Walter A. Moss , 226 S. Foster St.	Girl
May 24, 1930	Russell C. Yeakey , 1224 Hickory St.	Girl
May 25, 1930	Chas. E. LaBelle , 309 S. Sycamore St.	Girl

DIVORCES GRANTED:

May 24, 1930	Jennie Salmonson Vs Ernest Salmonson Nelle M. Coons Vs. Frank E. Coons Coral V. Noe Vs. Claude L. Noe
May 26, 1930	Estella Strobel Vs. Geo. E. Strobel
May 28, 1930	Ruth E. Gunn Vs. Geo. F. Gunn

DEATHS:

May 15, 1930	Teresa E. Wixon , 829 N. Chestnut St.	5 months
May 15, 1930	Hubert D. King , 619 S. Magnolia Ave.	19 years
May 15, 1930	Barbara Kline , 819 S. Butler St.	68 years
May 16, 1930	Arthur K. Potts , 415 Albert Ave., East Lansing	60 years
May 16, 1930	Carlton J. Beaumont , R. #5	21 years
May 17, 1930	Jane E. Howe (Thomas), 579 Mt. Hope Ave.	53 years
May 17, 1930	Marge H. Farlin , 510 Clifford St.	4 days
May 18, 1930	Gerald W. Moore , 814 Clare St.	no age given
May 18, 1930	Christina A. Miller (Chas), 436 Leslie St.	63 years
May 18, 1930	Henry Johnson , 324 N. Clemens St.	37 years
May 18, 1930	Harry F. Manwaring , 906 W. Lenawee St.	50 years
May 19, 1930	Florence E. Johnson , W. Main St.	43 years
May 19, 1930	Mary S. Epley (J.A.), 1424 Jerome St.	72 years
May 19, 1930	Ester Fowler (John), 1112 Farrand Ave.	70 years
May 20, 1930	John M. Fox , Potterville, Mich.	79 years
May 20, 1930	Oren Nelson , R. #3	36 years
May 20, 1930	Mavis Hayes , R. #50	3 years
May 21, 1930	Wm. A. McCurdy , 434 Cowley, East Lansing	10 years.

MARRIAGE LICENSES:

Myron **Myers**, 53, Lansing-Lena M. **Quick**, 43, Lansing
Boone **Gross**, 25, Lansing-Adelaide S. **Herron**, 19, Lansing
Nelson **Hair**, 69, Holt-Millie **Webb**, 69, Holt
Lloyd K. **Greenameyer**, 23, Lansing-Helen E. **Olwell**, 18, Everett
Victor **Abrahansen**, 35, Big Rapids-Grace **Bruhn**, 28, Lansing
Edwin R. **Abenroth**, 25, Lansing-Helen **Gietzel**, 19, Lansing
J. Corwin **Morden**, 27, Lansing-Eileen **Graham**, 26, Niles, Mich.
Harvey **William**, 24, Manceolna, Mich.-Alice **LeClear**, 25, Holt, Mich.
Raymond **Raby**, 23, Meridian-Helen **Smith**, 18, Meridian
Lewis E. **VanBlaricon**, 26, Lansing-Thelma I. **Marcy**, 23, Lansing
Thomas M. **Ellefson**, 26, Lansing-Bertha M. **Engen**, 19, Lansing
Robert **Reeser**, 21, Mason, Mich-Francis I. **Nellis**, 21, Mason
Archie **Gibbs**, 45, Lansing-Clara C. **Cheney**, 37, Dimondale
Carl **Hedberg**, 22, Lansing-Isabel **Elliott**, 18, Lansing
Elton **Woodruff**, 24, Lansing-Geraldine **Gage**, 24, Lansing
Alfred E. **Seyfired**, 20, Lansing-Gweldolyn L. **Walker**, 18, Lansing
Wm H. **Hathaway**, 43, Lansing-Lucille M. **Callo**, 42, Lansing
John **Kline**, 24, Lansing-Esther **Badder**, 18, Ionia, Mich.
Geo. E. **Trimm**, 26, Lansing-Thelma C. **Page**, 23, Lansing
Seaverns **Rider**, 28, Lansing-Myrtle **Gleason**, 24, Lansing
Albert E. **Larabee**, 24, Lansing-Frances L. **Rumpsa**, 21, Haslett
Richard E. **Horsch**, 23, Lansing-Kathleen **Pritchard**, 19, Lansing
Carl **Sanborn**, 20, Lansing-Wanda **Sanford**, 18, Lansing

MICHIGAN DEATH RECORDS, 1897-1920

Word has been received from Kris Rzepczynski, Library of Michigan, Michigan/Genealogy Coordinator, that the Michigan death records, 1897 to 1920, microfilm reels are back at the Library of Michigan and available for researchers to use at the Library of Michigan.

Work still remains on the newly digitized death records and on Seeking Michigan, the web site where the death records will be available. It is suggested to check the Library of Michigan Web site, www.michigan.gov/hal for further updates on the launch date of Seeking Michigan.

PROQUEST OBITUARIES DATABASE NOW AVAILABLE

From the creators of Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest comes ProQuest Obituaries. ProQuest has tapped into its massive archive microfilmed newspapers to provide 10 million obituaries, available online at the Library of Michigan.

Always seen as a cornerstone of genealogy, obituaries sometimes offer the only source of certain details about individuals, such as proper names, maiden name, spousal information, names of parents, siblings and children, occupation, religion, and at times, cause of death. The Collections of notices that ProQuest provides are from uninterrupted historical runs of top national newspapers dating back to 1849. While more papers will be added, the initial content comes from newspapers in major centers of immigration:

- New York Times, (1851 - 1994)
- Los Angeles Times, (1881 - 1984)
- Chicago Tribune, (1852 - 1984)
- Boston Globe, (1872 - 1922)
- Washington Post, (1877 - 1950)
- Atlanta Constitution, (1868 - 1922)
- Chicago Defender, (1921 - 1975)

This new database is available on the Library of Michigan's electronic resource machines, just behind the genealogy reference desk. Individuals can search for records by name, date and keyword.

This article was taken from the Michigan Genealogist Volume 4, Number 4, Genealogy news from the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. It was written by Edwina Morgan, special collections librarian.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP – APRIL 4

The Library of Michigan will hold its Learning Move at the Library workshop on Saturday, April 4, 2009, 1-4:30 p.m.

The workshop is free. It will introduce researchers to specific topics and highlight resources available at the Library of Michigan.

A complete program schedule and registration form will be available in early February. Registration is recommended due to limited seating.

More information will be posted on Learning More at www.michigan.gov/familyhistory

Information taken from the Michigan Genealogist newsletter, volume 4, number 4

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Ingham County News newspaper article of May 04, 1950

Military Rites of WW-2 Fighter Pilot:

“Recommittal services for Lt. Richard **Hunter**, will be held May 11, 1950 at the Ball Funeral Home in Mason, with rites and burial in Maple Grove Cemetery. The remains are scheduled to arrive in Mason from New York City under military escort.

Lt. **Hunter**, piloting his P-47 fighter, was shot down over Germany on October 7, 1944. Dick was born in 1921. He was a Mason High School graduate, Class of 1939.

Ingham County Democrat 17 November 1898

Aurelius – Jack **Scutt**, one of the early settlers of Aurelius, died at his home Thursday, Nov. 10th, after a lingering illness with heart and throat trouble. Mr. **Scutt** was born in Stuben county, N. Y., and when a young man moved with his parents to the farm where he died. He was married to Nancy **Hopkins** and they were blessed with four children, all of whom survive him. Funeral services were held at the M.E. Church on Saturday, conducted by Rev. **Close**

John **Johnson** and his help leave for their homes in New York this week having shipped all of their dried fruit and green apples to their cold storage.

James **Hunt** has sold his 40 acre farm to Lester **Jewett** and has purchased 600 acres five miles west of Clare, Mich., which he will fence and use for a stock farm.

Mrs. **Andrews**, an old and respected resident of this township, died at her home in West Aurelius last Tuesday.

Ingham County Democrat, Thursday, 28 December 1893, page 8

Stockbridge – Merrill **Fox** and Marlie **Haire** of Detroit spent Xmas with the latter's parents here.

Miss **McPherson** who has been employed in Mrs. **Kellogg's** milliner ship, has gone home to spend the Holidays.

Geo. A. **Haire** went to Bay City Saturday to spend the Holiday vacation with his sister Floy.

Miss Anna **Kellogg** will spend Xmas and New Years with friends in Detroit.

Barney **Commiskey** is visiting at Howell.

Mrs. A. **Reeves** of Jackson is visiting friends here.

Katie **O'Neil** visited at M. **Farret's** a few days last week.

Frank G. **Baker** of Lansing called on friends here last week.

Rev. Washington **Gardner** will speak in the town hall for the benefit of the G. A. R. boys January 20th.

Wm. **Norton** of Alba, Antrim county, is visiting friends here.

The Stockbridge shooting club had a season of sporting with blue rocks at the fair grounds Monday.

Andrew **Allen** and family of Jackson spent Xmas with O. **Sayles** and wife.

Ye scribe was privileged to attend a family Xmas tree at the residence of W. B. **Gildart** Christmas night. An interesting program was arranged and well rendered, music and recitations and views from a magic lantern, after which the presents were distributed. (Continued on next page)

News From the Past continued:

Ingham County Democrat, Thursday, 28 December 1893, page 8

Died, at Charlotte, on Dece. 20th, 1893, infant daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Linus **Cook**, little Myrtle, of membranous croup. All was done that loving hands could do, but the dread disease refused to yield to all endeavors and at last she fell asleep. Funeral was held at Joseph **Edgar's** on Friday at 2 o'clock, Rev. **Mills** officiating.

Died at Jackson, Dec. 24th, infant daughter of Mr. And Mrs. J. J. **Freeman**. The remains were brought here for burial.

Isaac **Russell** is improving from the grip.

Geo. **VanArsdill** and wife are in New York on a two month's visit.

Died, Dec. 25th, 1893, at her daughter's Mrs. Cynthia **Lacox** of Onondaga, Mrs. Maria **Hazelton**. Miss Maria **Barber** was born in Canada, near Bancroft in 1811. She was married at the age of 15 years to Benjamin **Hazelton**. In the summer of 1838 they moved to Ingham county, where she has since made her home. She was the mother of 11 children, four boys and seven girls. She was converted while in her youth was a charter member of the Baptist church at Leslie, and ever lived to adorn her profession. She survived her husband by 40 years. Eight children, three boys and five girls are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother and one who endured many privations incident to pioneer life. The funeral was held at the Baptist church in Aurelius, where she has had her membership for many year, Rev. **Mills** officiating.

MALCOLM X DEATH RECALLS MASON DAYS

Malcolm X (**Little**), a former Mason school pupil who went on to international fame as an advocate of militant Negro supremacy activity, was shot and killed in New York Sunday afternoon.

Little, 39, was felled by a barrage of shot while addressing a Negro audience at the Audibon ballroom in Harlem. Police apprehended 2 suspects, both Negroes.

Little attended the 8th grade while in Mason and served as class president. He is remembered by many classmates and school administrators as alert, energetic and popular. Though in recent interviews and statements he complained of his lack of acceptance while in Mason, those who remember him don't agree.

The shooting followed only by one week an attempt on the life of **Little** with fire bombs. Four bombs were tossed through a living room window of his home in Queens and routed his wife and 4 children. Transcribed from Ingham County News, Wednesday, 24 February 1965, page 1, column 8

SOCIETY RECORD, COMPUTER ACCESS PROJECTS

by Dave Held, President

At an earlier meeting the ICGS membership voted to redirect our efforts and funds for a microfilm printer/reader to computerizing our records for CD's or placed on our website. Recently the board of officers revisited this question as we were about to expend funds for conversion of records to computer. A subcommittee was formed. They contacted other societies and libraries that had recently purchased printer/readers for their comments and to compare costs. They reported after having done their research and made a presentation to the board. After review of the subcommittee's report the board decided it was appropriate to proceed with computerization as approved by the membership.

Current society action on this project includes computerizing the Ingham County News from 1869 to 1934 that has already been microfilmed. This action will put images of each page of the paper along with a search capability on DVD. It is currently underway at our vendor CSC of Lansing. In addition, CSC will be converting our microfilmed records of the City of Mason and Maple Grove Cemetery records to computer disc. These records include death records from 1897 to 1912, cemetery deed books from 1897 to 2008 and burial records from 1849 to 1884. Grant funds are currently in our possession to pay for this project.

Our next effort will be to microfilm the remainder of the Ingham County News papers from 1935 to 1975. This will require help from society members to unbind these issues and perhaps iron some to insure good microfilm copies. Grant funds have been approved and will be received in March 2009.

Accomplishments of the computer access project to date include: the Ingham County Democrat Newspaper Index from 1876 to 1915 placed on our society website, along with the Dobie Road cemetery tombstone readings. These records are now available for searching worldwide from our website. We also have placed on computer disc the following records and they are available for sale:

- Aurelius Township Records 1897 – 1952
- Village of Dansville and Ingham Township Vital Records 1897 – 1952
- Vevay Township Vital Records 1897 – 1952
- Wheatfield Township Vital Records 1897 - 1952
- White Oak Township Vital Records 1897 – 1952
- Unlocking Locke Township with Name Index
- Jewett Funeral Home Burial Records 1939 – 1986
- Ball-Dunn Funeral Home Burial Records 1951 – 1986
- Williamston Enterprise Newspaper 1886 – 1899
- Leroy, Locke and Williamston Township Cemetery Readings

Our future work will be to continue to place our computer records on the web to make them available to researchers worldwide. While most of our society members have donated time and funds to these projects special thanks must go to publications chairman, John Castle and his wife Lynne, who have dedicated many years and many hours to microfilming and computerizing Ingham County records.

We look forward to the support and help from our entire membership and encourage your participation. If there are any questions about how you might help or support this project please talk to John or any current officer. John is available at 676-6791.



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RESEARCH QUERIES

Genealogy queries for Ingham County may be directed to the Society Librarian at research@ingcogenesoc.org or mail to ICGS, P.O. Box 85, Mason, MI 48854. Society volunteers will check available resources in the Ingham County Genealogical Society Collection. A donation of \$5 for the research and, if applicable, \$.25 for each page copied, will offset cost to the society.

ICGS does not have resources to do extensive Genealogy Research. A list of professional Genealogists for the area is available at the Michigan State Library web site at

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635_18647-50986--,00.html

Genealogists may order Death Certificates from the Ingham County Clerks Office at:

www.Ingham.org/cl/genealogy.htm

MEMBER PASSES

Clifford L. Eshelby of Mason, 85, passed away on Nov. 25, 2008 in Delhi Township. He was born Feb. 26, 1923. Cliff retired from Fisher Body in 1986 as an electrician supervisor, he served in the Army Air Corp as a B-17 tail gunner and photographer, stationed in England, and was a member of the Mason First Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; four daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Elaine; and son, Phillip.

Funeral services were held at noon on Dec. 1, 2008 at the Mason First Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev Mark D. Rigg officiating.