



**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**P. O. Box 85**  
**Mason, MI 48854**

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**2007 ICGS**

**Officers and Committees**

President- Harry Warner  
Vice President- Dave Held  
Recording Secretary- Cathy Morse  
Treasurer- Marge James  
Membership Secretary- Jean Crawford  
Librarian- Isabelle Wells  
Trustee- Delores Monroe  
Trustee- Pete Phelps

**Appointed Committees**

Publications- John Castle  
Computer and Web Master- Greg James  
Historian- Alice Raatz  
Michigan Council Delegate- Tammy Parsons  
Michigan Council Delegate- Sam Pardee  
Newsletter- Cindy Hawkins  
Social Arrangements- Barb Smith  
50/50 Drawing- Norm Osborne  
Merchandise Sales- John Castle  
Publicity- Dave Held

**Web site:**

<http://www.IngCoGeneSoc.org>

**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

**Programs For 2007**

**January**

NO MEETING

**February 8, 2007**

**Kris RZEPZYNSKI** , “MICHIGAN GENEALOGY RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET”

**MARCH 8, 2007**

**CINDY GROSTICK** , “MILITARY RECORDS OF WWI & WWII”

**APRIL 12, 2007**

**MARY GRIFFITHS**, “OLD HANDWRITING”

**MAY 10, 2007**

**JIM MOSES**, “OLD PHOTOGRAPHS”

**JUNE**

NO MEETING

**JULY**

NO MEETING

**AUGUST 9, 2007**

ANNUAL PICNIC AND OPEN DISCUSSION

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2007**

**SHIRLEY HODGES** , “TRACING FEMALE ANCESTORS”  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**OCTOBER 11, 2007**

TO BE ANNOUNCED  
INDUCTION OF OFFICERS

**NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

TO BE ANNOUNCED

**DECEMBER 13, 2007**

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Minutes  
ICGS Executive Board Meeting  
Sept. 17, 2006

The Ingham County Genealogy Society Executive Board met Sept. 17, 2006 at the Castle Res'd in Mason at 3pm. Present were:

David Held	Jean Crawford
Harry Warner	Delores Monroe
Pete Phelps	Marge James
Greg James	John Castle
Isabelle Wells	Lynn Castle

Minutes had been e-mailed previously.

Treasurer Marge James submitted a budget update as of Sept. and reported a current balance of \$17,365.00. She also reported that a \$7,000 certificate of deposit was purchased at 5.25%.

Officer Reports:

Jean Crawford reported that dues are coming in and a reminder will go out to those who do not have e-mail.

Isabelle Wells reported that the genealogy room has been busy and the new hours are working fine. The Mason Library had a leak in there roof and water in the basement. They are currently drying out.

Pete Phelps reported that the audit of the books had been completed satisfactorily and a written report given to the president.

Committee Reports:

Michigan Council- Tammy Parsons and Sam Pardee were both absent so Isabelle Wells reported that the Kellogg award had been awarded to James Johnson author of the Michigan List.

Publications- John Castle reported that Meridian Twp. is completed and Lansing Twp. will be scheduled for the spring. In the mean time we will be working on some of the villages in the county to microfilm their records.

Web Master- Greg James reported that the bill was due for the host of our web page "HostMySite.com" at approximately \$107.

Action: Moved by Wells. Second by Phelps to authorize the treasurer to pay the bill for our web site. Passed unanimously.

All agreed that the site was successful and James is doing a great job with it.

Old Business:

The society brochure has been updated and copies reprinted and are available for everyone to distribute.

More visitors' packets are needed and will be assembled and given to visitors to the meetings. New member packets were discussed and it was decided that it might be expedient to send the material in an envelope with out the folder to new members when contact is by U.S. mail.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding the need to reduce our costs where we can and it was suggested to send the society newsletter to members with Internet connection by e-mail thus saving postage and printing costs.

Action: Moved by Phelps. Second by Warner that society officers proceed with action to put out our newsletter electronically. Persons without Internet connection will still be mailed a hard copy. Approved unanimously.

A lively discussion was held on the entire by-laws. There was unanimous support for the majority of the by-laws as written and only one change was suggested.

Action: Moved by Wells. Second by Phelps that the following change be submitted to the general membership at the October society meeting for consideration as required by by-laws Article XIV.

The change being – Article X: Meetings. Current wording in Section 1 be stricken and the following wording substituted. “There shall be at least eight (8) meetings of the Society General Membership per year at the direction of the Executive Board.” Approved unanimously.

Further the president was instructed to contact Sam Pardee for permission to continue his name as “Resident Agent” on the by-laws.

Next Meeting: Moved by Wells. Second by Phelps to hold the next executive board meeting November 9, 2006 at Castle Res'd in Mason. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted David Held.

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### **DAVID R. CATERINO COLLECTOR'S SHOWCASE**

The Ingham County Genealogical Society will again participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual David R. Caterino Collector's Showcase, Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Capital Area District Library, 401 S. Capitol, Lansing, Michigan. This Collector's Showcase is sponsored by the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. Collectors from throughout Ingham County and the immediate area gather to share their collections of photographs, memorabilia and more. Please volunteer to work at our table or just come down and visit the various displays. There is no charge.

# INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Ingham County Genealogical Society".

## ARTICLE II: OBJECTS

The objects and purposes for which this Society is formed are to do any and all things herein set forth:

Section 1. To preserve and make available for research the genealogical records of our members.

Section 2. To encourage and assist the study of family history, to promote the exchange of knowledge, and to encourage the deposit of genealogical records.

Section 3. To cooperate with other genealogical groups and societies and to assist the area libraries in expanding and publicizing their genealogical holdings.

Section 4. To publish materials of interest and use to genealogists.

Section 5. Any other legal educational activity.

## ARTICLE III: BASIS OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Ingham County Genealogical Society shall be conducted as an independent non-profit organization.

Section 2. The operating expenses of the Society shall be covered by membership dues, service charges, donations, and fund-raising activities approved by the Society.

Section 3. All facilities of the Society shall be available equally to members in good standing.

## ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person interested in genealogy, history, or biography, either amateur or professional, may become a member of the Society.

Section 2. Membership shall be either Active, Honorary, or Associate.

Section 3. Active members only shall vote, hold office, and serve on committees.

Section 4. Active membership (open only to individuals) shall be obtained by the payment of dues, the amount of which shall be determined by vote of the Society. Annual dues shall be payable at the Sept. meeting of the Society, and any member failing to pay the dues following the expiration of the paid-up membership shall be notified in writing of the delinquency. If the dues are unpaid by December 31, the member shall be dropped from membership. Dues from new members paid after June 1 will apply to the new fiscal year.

Section 5. Honorary membership (without dues) shall be conferred by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active membership present at a regular meeting of the Society.

Section 6. Associate membership (without vote) shall be available to organizations upon payment of regular annual dues.

Section 7. All records and data compiled by the Society shall be accessible to members. Members using such data in publications shall make acknowledgment of the source. The Society is entitled to authorize publication of any material in its holdings.

**ARTICLE V: FISCAL YEAR** - The fiscal year shall begin October 1, and end September 30 of the following year.

## ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and two Trustees. Any additional officers as may be deemed necessary shall be elected by a majority vote at any regular business meeting.

Section 2. The President will appoint a nominating committee June 1. This committee will nominate candidates for the offices to be filled for the next fiscal year, and report to the members in August. Additional nominations from the floor will be permitted with approval of the persons so nominated.

Section 3. All officers shall be elected annually at the September meeting and shall take office as of October 1, and continue in office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualify.

Section 4. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election.

Section 5. No member shall be elected to the office of President or Vice President for more than two full consecutive years.

Section 6. Vacancies in office, other than the President, shall be filled by appointment of the President to fill out the unexpired term, with the approval of the Executive Board. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall become President.

## ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Current elected officers and the immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the society except as limited herein. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the Society.

Section 3. The Executive Board will meet at the call of the President.

## ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of officers shall be such as are indicated by their respective titles, and such as are specified in these by-laws.

- Section 2. The President shall, upon election to office, appoint all standing committees. The President shall be ex-officio as a member of all committees without right to vote. The President shall be authorized to sign checks in case of absence or disability of the Treasurer. The President presides at all general, special, and Executive Board Meetings.
- Section 3. The Vice-President shall act as chairperson of the Program Committee and in the absence of the President shall assume all the duties and authorities of that office.
- Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall conduct general correspondence of the Society and record minutes of the regular and Executive Board meetings.
- Section 5. The Membership Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all members, give due notice of all meetings, and act as chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive all dues and other monies, attend to all disbursements, and keep all the account of the society.
- Section 7. The Librarian shall be responsible for the contents and operation of the Society's Reference Room.
- Section 8. Trustees shall review bills, and audit the accounts every six months.
- Section 9. All officers, upon retiring from office, shall deliver to their successors, all records and other property belong to the Society.

#### **ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL OFFICERS**

- Section 1. There shall be standing committees, namely Computer, Social, Program, Publicity, Fund-raising, Publications, and Newsletter.
- Section 2. The chairperson of each standing committee shall, by November 1, file with the President an annual report of the committee's activities for the preceding membership year.
- Section 3. The President shall appoint special committees as necessary.
- Section 4. The President shall appoint a Historian (to collect and file documents and other material pertaining to the history of the Society), and Michigan Genealogical Council Representatives and Alternates (to attend meetings of the Michigan Council and make reports thereof at the regular meeting of the Society)

#### **ARTICLE X: MEETINGS**

- Section 1. There shall be at least eight meetings of the society per year, at the direction of the Executive Board.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request of three members of the Executive Board.
- Section 3. The practice of absentee or proxy voting shall not be followed by this Society.

#### **ARTICLE XI: QUORUM**

A quorum at any meeting for business transactions shall be composed of not less than twenty (20) active members.

#### **ARTICLE XII: ORDER OF BUSINESS** - The order of business of all meetings shall be as follows:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. Call to order           | e. Unfinished business             |
| b. Approval of the minutes | f. New business                    |
| c. Reports of officers     | g. Election of officers (annually) |
| d. Reports of committees   |                                    |

#### **ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the society.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, providing proposed amendments shall have been submitted to the membership in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which voted upon.

#### **ARTICLE XV: DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of this Society, its assets, both financial and material, shall be transferred to another 501(c)(3) organization as may be decided at the last general meeting or the last meeting of the Executive Board, provided that items on loan to the Society will be returned to the owners or lenders; but such assets shall not in any event be divided among the members of the Society at any time.

**RESIDENT AGENT** - Ernest Pardee

#### **INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Founded** - August, 1995

**Incorporated** - October 25, 1996

**These By-Laws, as above written**

**Adopted** - November 8, 1995

**Revised** - July 8, 1999

**Revised** - October 12, 2006

## **ICGS RECOGNIZED**



(From L to R) Jim McClain, Historical Commission,; Harry Warner, President ICGS; John Castle, Chair of ICGS Microfilm Project; David Held, Vice-President ICGS; and Craig Whitford, Chairperson of the Ingham County Historical Commission.

## **ICGS Receives Heritage Award**

On November 14, 2005 at the Ingham County Board of Commissioners meeting, Craig Whitford, Chairperson of the Ingham County Historical Commission awarded the Commissions Annual Heritage award to John Castle and the Ingham County Genealogical Society. It was granted for the completion of microfilming of Historic County Newspapers and Township records in Ingham County. Included in the work were: The Ingham County News, The Ingham County Democrat, The Williamston Enterprise, The Stockbridge Sun and the Holt Recorder. Township records from 1837 to 1972 have been microfilmed for 15 townships. The last township will be completed this spring.

Special thanks to John Castle and his volunteers for their extensive work on the Ingham County microfilming project.

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### **New Members:**

Robert & Susan Herner, 1535 Sherwood Rd, Williamston, MI 48895 [herner@msu.edu](mailto:herner@msu.edu)  
HERNER, McCORD, SPENCER, BENNETT

Paul D. Howard, 6860 Aurelius Rd. Lansing, MI 48911 [Paulhwr3@aol.com](mailto:Paulhwr3@aol.com)  
TRAYER, HUFFMAN, BUFFINGTON

Paula Boerema, 4639 Bond Rd, Onondaga, MI 49264 [Krysta\\_jade@lycos.com](mailto:Krysta_jade@lycos.com)  
TRAYER, HUFFMAN, BUFFINGTON

### **Change in email address:**

Bartlett Smith: [b17bart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b17bart@sbcglobal.net)

Jo Glasgow: [JimCJoG@aol.com](mailto:JimCJoG@aol.com)

Jim Collins: [senioremail663@aol.com](mailto:senioremail663@aol.com)

James Shellberg – please delete him. He died earlier this summer.

**FARMER'S MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Mason, January 18, 1873**

Dear Sir:—You are hereby informed that losses by fire upon property insured by this company have been sustained by the members of the Company as follows, to-wit:

Andrew A. Diamond of Vevay, loss of dwelling-house-----	\$200.00
Andrew A. Diamond of Vevay, loss of contents of dwelling-house-----	250.00
Also, by the authority vested in them by Section 22 of the charter, the Board of Directors, at their meeting on January 12, A.D. 1873, have ordered an assessment for the Reserve Fund of-----	1,000.00
Directors' fees-----	21.60
Fees for collecting-----	<u>44.15</u>
Total for losses, expenses, and Reserve Fund-----	\$1,515.75

Yours, etc.,                      L. C. Loomis, Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE FARMER'S MUTUAL INSURANCE CO  
OF INGHAM COUNTY  
Lansing, Aug. 16, 1875**

**Dear Sir:**—You are hereby notified that the liabilities of the company, audited since last assessment to July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1875, amount to \$2,970.99, as follows, viz:

Fees of committee appointed at last annual meeting to examine into the books and accounts of the company, viz:

A. M. Chapin, Chairman-----	\$5.50	
E. D. Rumery-----	\$7.10	
John Blakley-----	\$4.70	
		\$17.30
Clement Laxton, damage to house-----		11.00
A. E. Smally, loss of dwelling-house-----		800.00
A. E. Smally, loss of contents of house-----		300.00
Philo Otis, damage to house-----		10.00
Philo Otis, loss of contents of house-----		21.50
Directors' fees settling losses of Messrs. Smally and Otis-----		15.70
Joseph Speers, damage to house-----		30.50
Joseph Speers, loss of contents of house-----		80.75
Directors' fees settling Mr. Speer's loss-----		3.60
G. Willis Peek, damage to house-----		34.25
Directors' fees for settling Mr. Peek's loss-----		3.20
*Jacob Baumgrass, loss of dwelling-house-----		1,000.00
Jacob Baumgrass, loss of contents of house-----		500.00
Director's fees for settling Mr. Baumgrass' loss-----		25.60
Fees for collecting this assessment-----		<u>117.59</u>
TOTAL-----		\$2,970.99

\*The loss of Jacob Baumgrass was the work of incendiarism,—the house was robbed and burned while the family were at church.

Yours, etc.,                      L.C. Loomis, Secretary

**BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES 2007**

**HELD AT CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BRANCHES**

**CALL FOR RESERVATIONS**

**SAM PARDEE, INSTRUCTOR**

SPONSORED BY THE CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY & INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY – MARCH 6, 2007

**WILLIAMSTON BRANCH CADL, 2 P.M., CALL 655- 1191.**

TUESDAY – MARCH 20, 2007

**SOUTH LANSING BRANCH CADL 6:30 P.M., CALL 272-9840**

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 21, 2007

**FOSTER BRANCH CADL, 6:30 P.M., CALL 485-5185**

THURSDAY – MARCH 22, 2007

**HOLT-DELHI BRANCH CADL, 7 P.M., CALL 694-9351**



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