IONIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Fonia County Genealogical Society is a non-profit volunteer group whose mission is to create awareness and nreserve family histories within the Fonia County area. The focus of this group will be to develop genealogical resources and to assist all those seeking local history.

- We still have a few four generation charts that do not have surname index cards to go with them. Please get them turned in so that others may benefit from your research.
- We have a new secretary for our organization. Lori Fox has taken over the position, replacing Lisa Klutman who was unable to fulfill her duties. We would like to say Thank You to Lisa and Welcome to Lori. Lori is also the correspondence secretary for the First Families of Ionia County Society committee.
- Thank you to the Lake Odessa Historical Society for purchasing a new bookcase for us to use for our library materials.
- The bake sale was a huge success. We took in over \$124.00. Many thanks to those of you who baked items and to Marilyn Steward who organized and sat at the sale all day.
- At our June meeting, we were pleased to be able to browse through the fruit of the labors of our members at our Show and Tell on the deck of the Depot Museum. The members certainly have been working hard collecting and putting together their histories. It was interesting to view each persons technique for organizing and recording their information.

The <u>Sugham County Genealogical Society</u> recently were given the funeral home records of the Jewett Funeral Home in Mason. They cover the time frame from 1939 through 1986. The funeral home is no longer in business and the owner is dead so they were given permission to extract and publish whatever they want. What a nice genealogical find!

How to Write a Query: A query is the genealogical equivalent to placing a classified ad. It is important to give specific information about your request. Give enough information about your project to encourage others to contribute their research.

...Use a separate article for each surname to avoid clutter. The first line draws the attention to the reader and whether they continue to read the rest of your message.

...Always include - name, place, and date near the beginning. If you don't have exact dates, estimate. Include counties whenever possible. Towns change names and location over the years. Counties are more consistent and better recorded.

...Always put surname in capital letters to attract readers who are scanning for familiar names.

Recent Aquisitions:

The Handwriting of American Records for a Period of 300 Years by E. Kay Kirkham Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor, Revised Edition by James C. Neagles and Lila Lee Neagles Dutch Immigrant Memoirs and Related Writings, Selected and arranged by Henry S. Lucas. Revised edition.

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together!

From June A. Jones: I am interested in the family name of FONT. I believe Isabell Font married an O'BRIEN. Font may not be a maiden name. Isabell died sometime between 1965 and 1975. I do believe she had 11 natural children along with 10 or so adopted and foster children. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. grhythm@aol.com

~From David Whelpley: Dr. Jeremiah H. WHELPLEY was born in 1814 in New York. He died on 14 May 1860 in Portland, Ionia Co., Ml. He is present in the Champion, Jefferson County, NY 1850 census. He was married to Susanna P. TWINING on 15 Oct 1833. Susanna was born on 14 Feb 1811 or 1814 in New York or Holland, Massachusetts. She died 16 Oct 1900. Their children were Dr. Jerome Twining WHELPLEY, b. NY; Dr. Solon Rosco WHELPLEY, b. NY; Ferdinand A. WHELPLEY, b. NY; Cecilia R. WHELPLEY, b. 17 May 1845 Portland, Ionia Co., Ml; Byron I. or L. WHELPLEY, b. 16 Jan 1851, Portland, Ionia Co., Ml. Any help will be appreciated. whelpley@micro-net.com ~From Cheryl Haysmer: I have done extensive research on the Edward HAYSMER family from Ionia County. I would like to exchange information with anyone who is also working on that family line. e-mail: chehaze@aol.com. Address: 8751 S. 29 Road, Cadillac, Ml 49601.

~From Mildred Cottrell Moellers: Researching the family of Frederick A. COTTRELL who was listed in an obituary as living in Ionia County in 1930. Anyone having information on this family can contact her at: - 8250 Hemlock Street,

Fayette, IA 52142-9144.

~From Jeffery R. Bennett: I am searching for information from the Clarksville area. The family records of Amelia E. Bennett b. 1913, d. 5 Aug 1964; Bradley J. Bennett b. 1908; d. 1967. Other names include Edgar BENNETT, Grace TAPPIN, William H. BENNETT, Minerva BENNETT, Charles W. BENNETT, Edney BENNETT, Helen BENNETT, Earl BENNETT, Myrtle BENNETT, Cashiss BENNETT, and Mable BENNETT. Contact by e-mail:jbenn97649@aol.com or 103 John Street, Dwight, IL 60420.

~From Patricia Hines Bravender: Researching HINES, HINDS, RISING, COSSEY/KOZZEY. E-mail:brav@iserv.net

or 300 Paris SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4717. (616)454-3154

~From Sue Swasey: Seeking information on Marion YOUNG. He is listed on the Veterans Schedules: US Selected States 1890 as follows: Young MARION, State MI, county: Ionia CO, Location Iona Township. Microfilm: page 1. If Marion is our GGreat Grandfather, I have information to share. SSwasey100@aol.com

~John Donaker: Looking for information on James JACKSON, his wife, Caroline, and her children, Charles and Alemeda DONAKER. They lived in Ferris Twp., Montcalm Co., in 1880. Both men worked in a sawmill. The family moved to Ferris Twp from Ionia Co., and earlier from Ohio. Charles descendants have lived in Lowell and Grand Rapids

since this time. Will exchange data on the Donaker family. jondonaker@aol.com

~Carmen Keys: COLE, Louise - FOSTER, Jonah, Montcalm Co., Greenville, MI married in Greenville, 1856. MI 1860 census living in Greenville. Jonah & Louise listed NY as birth place. Louise died in 1889, Jonah in 1910. I am looking for information on Louise & Jonah. One of Louise & Jonah children, Nirum FOSTER is my great grandfather. Nirum married Gertrude NEARE in 1889. My grandmother Leona FOSTER was born in 1890 in Ionia Co. Contact carken@infolite.com

~Jerry Harrison: I am looking for the following members of the LOCKE family who lived in Berlin Twp and North Plains in the mid to late 1800's. Sons of Bezaleel LOCKE, of Jefferson County, NY, who moved to Gratiot Co., MI were: James William LOCKE, Philander C. LOCKE, and Herbert Robert (he may have been a grandson of Bezaleel). I have virtually no other information about them. What were their vital dates? Did they marry and have children? Thanks in

advance. iroots@aol.com

~Bonnie: I am a descendant of Richard and Polly DYE and have done much research of the DYE line. Many of this line still live in Ionia. I have many contacts in other states also looking up this line. I am looking for the stories of their lives and of their children's lives especially from newspaper archives. I have a copy of the History of Ionia and Montcalm Co. and looking for any other printed sources available of these lines. KH448997@aol.com

~Melinda Hayes: I am looking for any information on Rubuen TEFFT or Nettie LAFULER, MERRITHEW, TEFFT, ANDERSON. I know that Nettie was married in Ionia Co. more than once and she is buried at the North Plains Cemetery in Muir. Any further information would be of great help. Birth, Marriage or Death. Contact: moneypit@ismi.net ~Elaine Bennett-Sharp: I am interested in finding information about the FROST surname in Ionia Co. My great-aunt, Leola (Paxton) FROST was married to Maxie FROST. He died not long after they were married, many years before I was born. I was told that he was a builder, and that he had built the home in Dearborn where my "Aunt Leola" lived. She died in 1970, at age 71, I think, and is buried in Belding, though I do not know the name of the cemetery. I basically know nothing about her husband's family, and am curious about his background. Contact: Musician@bushnell.net or at Elaine Bennett-Sharp, 569 W. Main, Bushnell, IL 61422

~HELP!! We have the ANSWER to a query about ABRAM EDDY of Ionia Co, MI, but cannot find the person who made the query. He is in the Eddy Family in America book on page 560 as follows: #4324 Abram Eddy (Peleg, Abraham, Peleg, Peter, Joshua, Zachariah, Samuel, William) b. Mar 23, 1859; m. Elizabeth Frantz. They lived in Ionia Co., MI.

Children: 6751 Jay Eddy; 6752 Anna Eddy, m. Willis Horax. The book doesn't have any further information about this family.

NOTE: For those of you who do not have computers, if you have any information that will help these people, send it to ICGS and it will be forwarded via the internet. All information received will be printed in our newsletter and also be placed on our web--site. If you do not want your information published, please let us know.

SPOILEGHT ON THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFECE: THES MONTHS FEATURE - MONTCALIN CO CLERKS OFFECE

The Montcalm County Clerk's Office is located at 211 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 368, Stanton, MI 48888. Phone 517-831-5226, Ext. 239. Fax 517-831-8863. Genealogy research hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Identification requirements are drivers license, state identification or social security number.

Certified copy/Addition: \$5.00/2.00. Genealogy Record Copy: n/a
Other Copy Fees: \$.25 per page (other than county records)

Comments: No Monday or Friday searches. Counter space permits only one genealogist doing research at one time. Children are allowed but discouraged from attending. City of Stanton White Pine Library, about 1-1/2 blocks from the courthouse, also has indexes of Birth and Deaths.

Birth: 1867 to present. Birth records are available only to the individual named on the birth record (registrant), the parents of the registrant, a legal guardian of the registrant, a legal representative of the registrant or an heir of the registrant. An heir is defined as any relative of a deceased individual. Heirs must supply the date and place of death of the registrant when requesting a copy. This policy is in accordance with MCL 333.2882

Deaths: 1867 to present. Marriage: 1867 to present. Divorces: 1867 to present Other: Naturalization: 1865 to 1955. Located at the State Archives in Lansing. Census Records: Located at the State Archives in Lansing.

...Internet News: Did you know that five million rare items from the Library of Congress are being transferred to a web-site? On-line access is available through http://www.loc.gov. Then click on "Our Nations's History. " Check it out! FGS Forum, Vol. 9, No. 2

Researching Dutch Ancestors??? Check out the following two resources!! Dutch Genealogy Links hoitink/links.html

Dutch Research Corner http://www.ristenbatt.com/genealogy/dutch_rc.htm FGS Forum,

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IONIA COUNTY GENWEB PROJECT by Beth Wills

The GenWeb project is continuing to grow by leaps and bounds! The USGenWeb Project is a year old now and Ionia County has been on-line for 10 months. Many exciting things are going on with the project now! People are organizing to get all of the Federal Census records on line. This will be a project that will take a long, long time, but will be well worth it. We have also started a Tombstone project in an attempt to organize all of the cemetery records in the country. There are literally hundred of cemeteries from all over the United States available through theGenWeb project. All this information without ever leaving your computer! The Ionia GenWeb currently has almost half of the available cemetery records transcribed and on-line. A big thank you to those of you that are helping me to get these all typed up. I hope that there is enough interest in the cemetery project to actually "walk" these cemeteries again to update the available information. The last time that most of the cemeteries were updated was in the middle 70's. I have been in contact with most of the cemetery sextants in the county. (They are unbelieveably hard to get in touch with) - and most of them are willing to augment any records that we have with what is in their books.

I have made arrangements with the Hall-Fowler Memorial Library in Ionia to hold computer "internet" classes for those of you who would like a "tour" through the GenWeb project. I would like to hold these classes in the evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. I am shooting for some dates in September. The classes will have to be limited to about 5 persons per class so that everyone gets a chance to really see what the project is all about. I will give you the dates as soon as I get the schedule confirmed.

I hope that all of you have given your genealogy queries to Pam to post on the internet. Many people have written me with their "Success" stories. I would love for the next success story to be yours. Happy Hunting!

GRANDMOTHER'S JOURNEY By James Eli Shiffer, Staff Writer

Every day, hordes of tourists scramble up the wide marble steps of the National Archives on Constitution Avenue to gaze upon the holiest documents of the American republic; the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

I came to look for my grandmother.

Not that I had every had any trouble finding her before. She's an eighty-something woman with a taste for fricassee and gin rummy who lives in a small apartment smack in the middle of New York City's Greenwich Village.

But I went to Washington to join the growing horde of genealogists, professional and amateur, looking for official records of their own family's past in the gigantic paper trail of America. Among the millions of documents stored at the National Archives are census records, ship passenger lists, military service records, and other bureaucratic documents used by genealogists to reconstruct their families' past.

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My grandmother had to be in there somewhere, though she was born on the other side of the world.

She had raised me on bittersweet tales of her native Poland, where she was born in a small town caned
Janow on the White Russian border. She played near the Bug River and grew up through discrimination, pogroms,
and world war.

"Things were very bad, for the Jewish people especially," she told me a few years back in her Yiddish drawl. "So all the young people tried to get out of Poland, and they went to America, to South American, to Cuba, all over the world, and just to run away."

My grandmother was 9 when her mother died. A few years later, she came to New York City alone, still a child, to rejoin a father who had abandoned his family 10 years earlier. She had told and retold the story of her passage countless times for all who will listen.

"It was a big experience," she said.

An experience befitting the enormous Archives building on the Mall in downtown Washington, where a marble Titan sits over a slogan in stone that orders everyone to "STUDY THE PAST."

Entering the rear door, I passed the guard station, climbed a few flights of stairs and found myself in a modest lobby. A woman behind the desk gave me a piece of paper assigning me to one of the 100 or so hand-cranked microfilm machines.

In the microfilm room, I found myself in the midst of genealogy at its most frantic. Fast moving people of all shapes, sizes, creeds and colors, from retirees on bus tours to graduate students with laptop computers and professional family sleuths, hunched over the maws of glowing machines like submarine navigators. Many wielded magnifying glasses. Loops of microfilm seemed to be slithering everywhere. Researchers' hands were blur as they cranked through thousands of names, looking for the family needle in history's haystack.

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The process of searching in the thousands of ship manifests for a passenger starts with reducing an ancestor's name to its Soundex code, an indexing method developed by the Archives. My grandmother's maiden name, Sklarsh, became S246. I then retrieved the microfilm showing the code S246 for the Port of New York: from 1902-43.

I mounted the film in my machine and began to crank. Lines and lines of "Sekulars," "Sekelers" and "Scaleros" flew by my eyes so quickly that I began to get dizzy. There was an "Anders Sklar," but not a single "Sklarsh."

Without a Soundex hit, I was lost. Surely my grandmother's memory had not faltered. I wondered whether her name had some hidden letter, or if she had invented her entire past. Her absence from the official National Archives listing of names seemed unusually disturbing. It questioned our family's patriotism or even our very existence.

I decided to call my grandmother up "S-K-L-A-R-S-H," she spelled it out for me, as if I were stupid. "My brother used to spell it Sklarz." That wouldn't change the Soundex code, however. I tried one last tactic. "Do you remember the exact date you came over?" I asked.

"Of course. How could I forget?" she answered, as if I asked her whether she knew how to make potato pancakes. "November 9, 1923, on the Aquitania."

That's all I needed. I rushed back into the microfilm room, skipped the Soundex files and went straight to Row 5, where the passenger manifests are indexed by port and date of arrival. Nov. 9, 1923, had two whole reels of microfilm. I grabbed the first one (you're allowed only one reel at a time) and loaded it onto the machine.

Thus began the true world of genealogy. This is not instant gratification. It took me the better part of a half hour to crank through all of the Poles, Russians, Hungarians, Bosnians, Italians, Swedes and other Europeans jammed onto the S.S. Aquitania and categorized them into oversized typed pages. The names made my head swim, but I saw no Sklarsh or anything like it. I began to lose hope and wondered if I would suddenly run out of names. One more crank could be devasting.

Then my eyes stopped on "Szklamz, Leja." Age 11. Profession: scholar. Nationality: Polish. Race or people: Hebrew. Last permanent residence: Janow. Final destination: New York. She was neither a polygamist, nor an anarchist, nor a person who believes in or advocates the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States or all from of law, etc.

For 72 years, my grandmother's name, certified by ship's surgeon B. Sydney Jones, had waited unread while the real person had gone to discover a new language and a new world, marry, give birth to a daughter and a son, lose dozens of relatives and friends in the Holocaust, travel around the country inspecting textile factories and witness the birth of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A grainy photocopy of the passenger list in my hand, I called her up again. "Grandma," I said with triumph. "I found you."

She seemed more peeved than anything else that some forgotten civil servant misspelled her name back in But the piece of paper brought back some memories that justified all the searching and cranking. "When my father came over to the boat, I didn't know him and he didn't know me," she told me. Before my grandmother was allowed to set foot on America, immigration authorities detained her for a short time on the Aquitania. She remembers looking down from the tall ship's railing as her father waited on the dock.

"He asked one of the girls with me, 'Is she big?' Then two Russians picked me up and said, 'Oh, yes, she

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SCRAPBOOK OF EVA (AUNGST) AUSTIN: by Debra Eddy

This old scrapbook was put together by my mother's great-aunt, Eva (Aungst) Austin. It was given to my mother by Beulah Daniels, daughter of Eva Aungst Austin. The book has many obituaries of quite a lot of people primarily from Sebewa, Boston Twp., and Lake Odessa, covering the years roughly from 1920 through 1960's. None are documented, as far as newspaper name and date, but some have a year hand-written on them.

Obituaries:

Shindorf, Thomas Carpenter, Claude D. Smith, Wilbur Jason, Charles Bliss, Mrs. Harriet Compton, Perry J. Terwilliger, Mrs. Genevieve Peckins, Fred

Aungst, Don Bulling, Fred W. Pew, Harry Stephens, Mrs. Myrvil

Frey, Mrs. Catherine Peabody, Dr. Charles Baker, Mrs. Gertrude J. Daniels, Tillotson O. Strothers, Mrs. W.J. Smith, Mrs. Eliza

(Mrs. Clyde Francis' Mother)

Aungst, Abram Chapple, John G. Buche, Mrs. Caroline Lane, Adelbert

Russell, Mrs. Clayton

Crane, Joe Getz, Wendell W. McCorriston, Edmund G. Taft, William Howard Fisher, August

Patrick, Mrs. Amanda Ainsworth, Mrs. Thomas Emmons, Charles C. Aungst, Mrs. Emma Jane Smith, Mrs. Raymond Vetter, Jerome Paul Shumway, Edith Rae

Hart, Dr. W.S. Pickens, Orvin Martin Dalzell, Fred A.

Unger, Daniel Lowrey, Mrs. John Hurt

Emmons, Charles C. Smith, Wilbur Erwin Pierson, Mrs. Grace Wilson, Wayne

Bywater, Mrs. Eva Klahn, Mrs. Myrtie Elzey, Mrs. Dayton Koutz, Charlotte

Smith, Mrs. Edith Waite, Mrs. Hannah E. Lowrey, Dr. Harvey H.

Sedore, Mrs. Fred Clark, Roy W. Daniels, Sylvester C.

Johnson, Mr. & Mrs Royal - 4 children killed Taylor, Dick K. Follett, Mr. Harry

Aungst, Sarah M. Musgrove, Mrs. James Branson, Miss Nevah Rising, Benjamin Lane, Andrew Morrison Amassa Knapp, Mrs. Zelma

Peer, Ardella Cain, William & Isabel

Torpy, Lewis E. Fisher, James Ainsworth, Robert Sr. Ballard, Mrs. E.E.

Lowrey, Frank Lapo, Mrs. Jacob Green, Roy E. McArthur, Melvin

McMullen, Uncle John Snyder, Solomon Chase, Kenneth D. Hubbell, Nathan T.

Rogers, Mrs. Clark

Heintzelman, William Peacock, Sheldon Haller, Charles Bell, Wilson

Wilson, Miss Merla Mae Shindorf, Leopold Enjart, Grace

Aungst, Mrs. Minnie

Lydyd, Lyle

Winkler, Mrs. Luta M. Winkler

Bywater, Carl D. Mapes, Mrs. Ethel M.

Casner, Ray

Steinman, Dr., Designer of Mackinac Bridge Crane, Ralph J.

> Johnson, Walter Brisbin, Mrs. Ella Jane Parker Youngs, William Henry Lowrey, Mrs. E.N. Garfield, Mrs. Harry

Butler, Jennie E. Arnold, William E. Watkins, John E. Smith, Chester Hampel Caesar J. Carpenter, Miss Gertrude Aldrich, Laura J. Eddy, Dallas G. Eddy, Douglas G.

> Ainsworth, Thomas Reed, Mrs. Clara Harwood Lowrey, Bruce Hammond, Orin Darnell, Frank

Guernsey, Mrs. Maude Heath Torpy, Mrs. Sybil Davis

Thomas, William Hough, William

Merrell, Verne

Nelson, Mrs. Zella Bennett

Henderson, John Skelding, Robert Steele, Mrs. Margaret North, Carroll

Kimmel, Mrs. Rose Jepson, K. Dale Kephart, Rev. Quinter DeCamp, Forest

McLaughlin, Nellie VanHouten, Minnie M. VanHouten, Jay B. Anderson, Mrs. Esther "Molly" of Fibber McGee & Molly Brodbeck, Mrs. Alice L.

Hinderleider, Emerson Dooley, Dr. Thomas, Medical

Missionary

Henney, Lloyd Aungst, David

Slowinski, Mrs. Minnie (partially Earle, Mrs. Frank gone)

Badgley, Lewis Butler, Benjamin Topp, Mrs. Jennie Bippley, Fred Caswell, Orr Krieger, Louis

Chapman, Fred A. Gilliland, Charles Erastus

Bliss, Mrs. Eugene Lowrey, John V. Seter, John Henry Adgate, Mrs. Silas Lowrey, Earl E. Luther, Olin C. Engeman, Hubert M. Demaray, Lavern Cooley, Mrs. E.E. Reahm, John Henry

Torpy, L.E. Russel, Mrs. Fanny Goldring, William

VanHouten, Henry Baker, Emery J. Gardner, Fred Lanc Roush, Mrs. Edna Jarstfer, George Fox. Forrest Majinska, Mrs. Joe Mitchell, Mrs. Elva Schnable, Roman Cotton, Boston F. McCaul, Anthony Bennett, Mrs. Sophia Walter, Frank J. Dirr, Andrew Theobald Lindley, Stephen McVeigh, Mrs. Dennis O. Welch, Ray Rudd, George M. Campbell, Carlton M. Knoll, Mrs. Isabelle Endres, Howard & Virginia Metzger, Henry Shellenbarger, (Pfc) Roy Oatley, Mrs. Barney Adgate, Mrs. George I Austin, Mrs. Kitty Pierce, Carl J. Gray, Chester E.

Myers, Frank Butterfield, Harold Brownfield, George Myers, Murray G. Lane, Edward James Gilliland, Ed Endres, John Taylor, Henry Charles Goodemoot, George Alyn Lowrey, Ed N. Heintzelman, Miss Velma Westbrook, Prindle H. Hummell, John Aungst, Thomas H. Harper, Mrs. Howard Rodgers, Burt Smith, Mrs. Wilbur Smith, Eugene Lapham, Mrs. lda Branh, Forrest E. Slowinski, Herbert C. Klahn, Cora Bachelder, Bert Baird, Mrs. Lidia M. Vandecar, Florence E. Pew. Mrs. Rannie

Ellis, Adolphus A.

Warner, Miss Lily VanHouten, Beulah Belle Shindorf, Mrs. Leo Shupp, Milton Aungst, Mrs. Jack Leak, Mrs. Leona Koutz, Benjamin Franklin Kimble, Joseph Troyer, David Burling, Walter A. Jordan, Henry H. Schelter, George G. Rogers, Alpha Eugene Aungst-Myers, Mrs. Jennie Oatley, Barney Steward, Mrs. Edna E. Dillenbeck, Mrs. J. W. Shaw, Carl Stadel, Joan Kay Austin, Alice M. Dysinger Pew, Harry Reghi, Joseph Johnson, Frank A. "Dick" Miske, Mrs. Walter O. VanHouten, Archie L.

Smith (Major) William Alden, Jr Crane, Dr. Marion Moore, Bert Kimble, Frank Koutz, Benjamin Franklin Fisher, Mrs. James J. Ferency, Mrs. Mildred Moe, Charles F. Baldwin, Lee Ralston, Charles Brownfield, James Patrick, Hal Banash, Thomas Ull, Mrs. Emerson Aungst, Andrew J. Durkee, Gordon Goodemoot, Donald Johnson, Miss Alta Carter, Glada Lowrey, Vira Bishop (First Lt) Robert (partially missing) Rush, Leo V. Shreib, Lawrence (partially missing) Stadel, Berwin Banker, Hazel Rodgers

FUNERAL CARDS:

Patrick Daniel

Cook, Robert D.

Hazzard, Benjamin

Milross, Albert James Lola Riblet Aungst, Don Warner, Eva D. VanHouten, Minnie M. Goodenough, Arthur Dillenbeck Abbie Casner, Martha Strauser, Mrs. Leatrice Joy Aungst, Thomas Shetterly, Lillie C. Miske, Walter O. Moes, Catherine Daniels, Ethel V.

Aves, Lloyd L. Billeadeaux, Danie North, Sara A. Goodenough, Arthur G. Baker, George Aungst, Andrew J. Hunt, John S. Austin, Mercy A. Daniels, Dortha Augst Wilson, Neil Grand Dillenbeck, Orvie Becker, George F. Aves, Lloyd L.

Cook, Reuben B. North, Carol C. Myers, Murray Heintzelman, Grace May Holbrook, Edna Mae Dexter, Leonard Q. VanHouten, (Rev) Clyde F. Beckhold, Lulu Kauffman, Samuel L. Reeder, Mrs. Sarah Louise VanHouten, Archie L. Bippley, Ruth E.

Austin, Charles Truman

Hawley, (Judge) Royal

Reeder, Oren D.

Cook, Gladys V.

Peer, Ralph Peacock, Eunice E. Gray, Mary Florilla Hunt, Walter M. Mitchell, Frank C. Harper, Mrs. Minnie Hosey, Myron Aungst, Mary H. Shetterly, Ozra B. Smith, Milo B. Austin, Linna Mae Daniels, Jay B. Aungst, Ernest R.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS:

Veldman, Donna R. to Kiel, Wayne, Engagement Veldman, Lois J. to Rev. Fred Dickinson, Engagement Peckins, Francis-Barry, Dolores, Marriage Goodard, Lola-Cheetham, George, Wedding Bever, Edna-Vernon Klingman, Wedding Merrell, Lena-Follett, Harry, Wedding Demaray, Ethel-Philip Wolcutt, Wedding Demaray, Claybornn-Hyde, Pearl, Wedding Rogers, Millie-Shaw, Robert, Wedding Koutz, Pearly Belle-Ireman, Alger, Wedding Blickerstaff, J.W.-Lapo, Veda, Wedding

Fender, Grace-Lepard, Hale Garlinger, Waldo-Showerman, Ruth, Wedding Woodard, Queenston-Hulet, Roe H., Wedding Velte, Cora-Klahn, Howard, Marriage (25 years ago column) Johnson, (Corp) Kenneth-Demaray, Rose Marie, Shower Given Newlyweds

Austin, Daniel-Aungst, Eva, Marriage Morse, (Dr) Georege L.-Hatch, Marie, Wedding McCaul, Mr. & Mrs. Robert, Wedding Holbrook, Virginia-Burgess, Elton L., Married Schrey, Sarah-Myers, Clarence, Wedding

Holt, Blanche-David, Alpha A., Wedding

Demaranville, Edna & Grace to Blakely, Lewis & Roberts, Lawrence (double wedding)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Cook, Clifton, 50th Anniversary

Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Oren, 40th Anniversary

Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. A.E., 50th Anniversary

OTHER:

Wilson, Mrs. Matilda R. Appointed Lt. Govenor of Michigan

Dickinson, Gov. Luren, 1940 Reelection Ad

Robinson, Dr. Martin B. Sentenced to Prison

Sturm, Gerald & Robert of Lyons, Cattle Killed by Lightening

1955 Lake Odessa Trojans Football Team Picture

Morlok Quadruplets Birth

Liquor Raid in Ionia Elks Lodge

13 Son & Daughters of Leo Shindorf all together for first time

Morlok Quads are 5

Collins, Floyd, Trapped in Sand Cave in Kentucky

Vandenburg, Cornie, Sebewa Farmer Invents First Spinach Cutter

Velte, Lawrence, of Woodland, Barn Burns

Madden, John, Sevewa Farmer Set Onion Record for Ionia Co.

McCaul, (Lt.) Owen Richard Bags Jap Flyer Fri.

Aungst, Leon, 18, of Evart, Builds Dad's Cottage

Johnson, Sam, 73, Keeps (Horse) Racing

Souvenir Booklet of the Centennial Anniv. (1858-1958), First Bapist Church of Sebewa, MI

Palmer, Edna, Body of Woman Mangled by Dogs

McCarthy, Willis, Accused of Murdering His Wife Madigan, Mary Jane

Austin, Beulah Wins Trip to Chicago

Cramer, Glenn, [Judge]Dismisses Case Against Farmer

NOTE: Debra Eddy has graciously offered to do look-ups for us from the information in her scrapbook! Thank you Debra!

Calendar of Events: November 8, Ann Arbor, Michigan: The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan will sponsor Desmond Walls Allen on Creative Problem Solving, 20 th Century Research, Getting the Most from Death Certificates, and Map Resources for Genealogists. Vendors will be on hand. For more information contact: GSWC, P.O. Box 7155, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-7155 or phone Marcie McCrary, (313) 483-2799 or 3-mail bertailen@provide.net>

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 89TH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 1997

Introduced by Senators Geake, Koivisto, McManus, Gast, Steil, Emmons, Stille, Stallings and Gougeon

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 128

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 2882 (MCL 333.2882), as amended by 1996 PA 307.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 2882. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 2890, upon written request and payment of the prescribed fee, the state registrar or local registrar shall issue the appropriate 1 of the following:

- (a) A certified copy of a live birth record, a certificate of registration containing the items indicated in section 2881(2), or a certified copy of documentary evidence on file in the office of the state registrar that is not sealed under section 2832 and that served as the basis for a change of a live birth record to 1 of the following:
 - (i) The individual who is the subject of the live birth record.
 - (ii) A parent named in the birth record.
 - (iii) An heir, a legal representative, or a legal guardian of the individual who is the subject of the live birth record.
 - (iv) A court of competent jurisdiction.
 - (b) If the live birth record is 110 or more years old, a certified copy of the live birth record to any applicant.
 - (c) A certified copy of a death record, including the cause of death, to any applicant.
 - (d) A certified copy of a marriage or divorce record to any applicant, except as provided by rule.
 - (e) A certified copy of a fetal death record that was filed before September 30, 1978, to any applicant.
 - (f) A certified copy of an acknowledgment of parentage that was filed after January 1, 1997, to any applicant.

- (2) Upon written request of an adult who has been adopted and payment of the prescribed fee, the state registrar shall issue to that individual a copy of his or her original certificate of live birth, if the written request identifies the name of the adult adoptee and is accompanied by a copy of a central adoption registry clearance reply form that was completed by the family independence agency and delivered to that individual as required by section 68(9) of the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.68.
- (3) Upon written request of a confidential intermediary appointed under section 68b of the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.68b, presentation of a certified copy of the order of appointment, identification of the name of the adult adoptee, and payment of the required fee, the state registrar shall issue to the confidential intermediary a copy of the original certificate of live birth of the adult adoptee on whose behalf the intermediary was appointed.
- (4) A copy of the original certificate of live birth provided under subsection (2) or (3) shall have the following phrase marked on the face of the copy: "This document is a copy of a sealed record and is not the active birth certificate of the individual whose name appears on this document".

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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LETTERS TO JAMES DODDS, AN 1850 RESIDENT OF AVON TWP., IONIA CO., MI by Debra Stadel Eddy

James Dodds was born about 1805-1810, a son of John Dodds and Nancy Larimer. The Doddses may have lived in Bedford Co., Pennsylvania, at the turn of the nineteenth century, but firm documentation is lacking. Nancy, James' mother, was from Donegal Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania, a daughter of Irish emigrant Hugh Larimer. James grew to manhood in the vicinity of Deavertown, York Twp., Morgan Co., Ohio, one of at least six children. His known siblings were: Hugh L., a traveling Methodist preacher; Mary "Polly," the wife of James Longstreth; Isaac; Prudence, the wife of Joseph McCuskey; Margaret, the wife of Robert Holcomb, a Deavertown merchant; and John.

From page 26 of the book, "Register of the Longstreth Family," we learn that "Much of the country was unsettled in the vicinity of the family home at that time and James [Longstreth] later told his children of his trips to the home of John Dodds, along an Indian path thru the woods. Many times hearing the Indians and not infrequently meeting them."

In the mid 1830s, the Dodds brothers and sisters began to marry and spread out across the country. The only way they kept in touch was by occasional letter or by verbal messages relayed by someone. The mail service wasn't reliable and countless letters never reached their destination. Long periods of time often went by without knowing to where the recipient might have gone or even if they were still alive.

James Dodds was married on 5 Feb. 1829 in Morgan Co., OH, to Elizabeth Hollinshead, a daughter of Richard and Catharine Hollinshead, of Crawford Co., Ohio. Elizabeth had at least four brothers and one sister: John who married Susan; Nathan, who married Catharine Feasel; Philip, who married Keziah Teel; Jesse, who married Christena Feasel, and Mary Ann, who married John Hamler. There may also have been another brother, James. Jesse, who wrote some letters to James and Elizabeth, was nearly illiterate. His letters are among my favorites, since he spelled words just as they sounded and explained that he "wrote just as I think."

The young couple lived a migratory life, never staying in one location more than a few years. According to the addresses written on old family letters, they lived in the following counties in Ohio: In 1830, Morgan; 1834, Seneca; 1835, Sandusky; 1838-55, Seneca; 1847, Crawford Co. In 1849, they moved their family to Avon, Ionia Co., MI. Avon was settled in 1845 and ultimately removed to Easton [History of Ionia Co., MI, pg.232].

James and Elizabeth had eight surviving children: Hugh (my great-great-great-great-grandfather), of Boston Twp., who married Margaret McDonald, a.k.a. Margaret Monks (she was raised by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Monks of Ionia Co.); Catherine who married Edward or Nathan Field and later a Mr. Vorhees (no further information); Nathan (no further information); Phillip of Belding, MI, who married Eleanor Green; Nancy, who married a Mr. Clark of Minnesota; Millie, who married Jerome "Pony" Duffey (no further information); Harriet 'Hattie' of Ionia County and Lowell. Kent County, the wife of Civil War veteran Allison Knee.

James and Elizabeth were notoriously poor correspondents and were often chided for not answering letters. These treasured keepsakes, dating from the 1830s through 1850 were passed down to James and Elizabeth's grandson, Hugh Dodds of Saranac, MI, who died in 1994. Before Hugh's' death, he allowed me to photocopy the letters, as well as many old documents. The transcribed letters are verbatim, poor spelling and all. I have inserted some words within brackets for clarification.

April 5th, 1835 [date on envelope]

Mr. James Dodds York Crop Road Sandusky County, Ohio

Pendleton, Montgomery Co., Mo., March 31, 1835

Dear and Esteemed Brother-

I suppose you have heard that I took a notion last fall and deserted bed and board in Ohio and started for the far west. I arrived in Mo. on the 11th day of September. We were fourteen days on the way, the distance we supposed to be about 600 miles, nothing strange happened [to] us on the way. but as I passed through Illinois I was looking all the way for the fine country I have heard talk of, but alas I never found it. We were told afterwards that we passed too far to the south, perhaps this was the case, for we found some as poor land as the barren mountains of Marietta. The soil of this state is about like Ohio. Timber is poor and scarce, and a large portion (perhaps half) is prairie, through some of which we have to travel from 12 to 20 miles without seeing more than one or two houses. Water is poor, their wells are almost all overshot. Very few springs. Water mills are scarce. They grind almost all on horse.

My health has been good except about one week last fall was the most distressing time I ever saw, with bilious fever and chills and fever. The winter has been healthy, and no wonder if cold weather preserves health, for on the 6th of February the thermometer stood at 22 1/2 degrees below zero.

I received a letter from Brother Isaac a few days ago from which I was sorry to learn that you had not done one days work from Nov. to June and that your family had all been sick. I can sympathise with you but I cannot relieve you, in any degree, without you will take my advice and if you will do this I will promise you happiness in the midst of affliction. If you want it, it is easy to obtain do as the Publicans did. When he went up into the Temple to pray, or, as blind Bartemius did, when Jesus was haping by cry, God! be merciful! to me a sinner and keep on interceeding until you shall that faith will bring Jesus from the skyes, and place him in thy heart the hope of glory, with him comes, as St. Paul tells the Romans first -justification, second, peace, third, glorying in tribulation, fourth, Hope, immortal Hope! of which we are not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Isaac tells me that Margaret has written to you to come here and live on the farm. I would be willing and glad if you would do this. If you think it [would] better your situation, but of this I want you to be the judge. I cannot advise you very strong for fear you would not do as well as I think you would to go back, but I do think I would not stay where I expected to be comforted by chills and fever all my life. I prise my health above gold or silver, and all the rich lands of Sandusky could not buy it.

Give my best and warmest love to Sister Elizabeth. Tell her I have not forgotten her, and although the wide Mississippi runs between us, yet my good wishes for you both are not lessened.

Tell Hugh to be a good boy and if Uncle lives to see him he will take [him] a present. Give my best wishes to your father in law and family. Tell them I hope they are still on the way to Rest, and if I never meet them in life I shall look for them there. Write soon and let me know how you are doing. Direct your letters to Pendleton Post Office, Warren County, Mo.

Yours in love,

Hugh L. Dodds
To James Dodds

Calendar of Events

- -September 13, 1997 Regular meeting 1:00 p.m. at the Depot
 - "Clerks and Genealogists Working Together" Barbara Trierweiler, Ionia County Clerk
- -September 15, 1997 Deadline for this year's applications for the First Families of Ionia County Society
- -September 25, 1997 Board of Directors meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Depot
- -September 27, 1997 Lake Odessa Depot Museum open to public 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- -October 11, 1997 Regular meeting 1:00 p.m. at the Depot "Preservation of Documents"-Dick Harms, Grand Rapids Public Library Archivist.
- -October 23, 1997 Board of Directors meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Depot
- -October 25, 1997 Lake Odessa Depot Museum open to public 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- -November 8, 1997 Regular meeting 1:00 p.m. at the Depot "Researching Odessa Township" John Waite
- -November 20, 1997 Board of Directors meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Depot
- -November 29, 1997 Lake Odessa Depot Museum open to public 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- -December NO MEETING Merry Christmas!
- -January 1, 1998 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!
- -January 10, 1998 Reg. meeting 1:00 p.m. at the Depot "Berlin Twp. History & Resources" Patricia Bravender
- -January 22, 1998 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Depot.
- -January 31, 1998 Lake Odessa Depot Museum open to the public 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- -February 14, 1998 Happy Valentine's Day! Reg. meeting 1:00 p.m. at the Depot "Sebewa Twp. History" Grayden Slowins
- -February 26, 1998 Board of Directors meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Depot
- -February 28, 1998 Lake Odessa Depot Museum open to the public 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

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