

# IONIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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### ANNUAL ELECTIONS HELD

The Ionia County Genealogical Society recently held its annual election of officers for the New Year.

Marilyn **STEWARD** has been the vice-president since the society was formed in 1997, and she stepped down from the position at the end of her term as of December 31, 1999. **STEWARD**, of Ionia, is a charter member of the society and will continue to work on other committees with the society. One of the projects **STEWARD** is heading up is the recording and indexing of the cemeteries in Ionia County. She and a team of 11 other people are walking the cemeteries, recording the inscriptions and compiling them into a book format. The book will be available from the society when it is completed.

Teresa **LEAK SWEET** has been elected to fill that position and will begin her duties immediately. **SWEET**, originally from the Lake Odessa area, resides in Sheridan with her husband and children. **SWEET** brings with her years of leadership experience as a PTA leader and other youth groups in her community. **SWEET**, also a charter member, has been an active member of the society and the board

members are pleased to have her on their team.

Another newly formed position for the board is the research committee chairperson. That position was formed in 1999 and Bonnie **JACKSON** of Lake Odessa organized it. The new chairperson for 2000 will be Dale **JACKSON**. Dale and his family recently moved to Lake Odessa from Aurora, Ohio after they built a new home in the area. **JACKSON** brings with him lots of experience in the research field and will be a welcome asset to the society.

Bonnie **JACKSON** was also re-elected as Trustee for the society. Bonnie has been with the society since its formation and was elected as trustee in 1998. Bonnie's dedication and commitment to the society is evident in everything she does. We are so lucky to have someone like her serving on our board.

There are several committees available for our members to serve on. If you are interested in taking an active part in our society - contact the people below.

...Cemetery Committee - Marilyn **STEWARD**

...Computer Interest Group - Gary **VEALE**

...First Families Committee - Jim **MOSES**

...Fundraisers - Marilyn **CAHOON**

...Research Committee - Dale **JACKSON**

...Publicity - Pam **SWILER**

...Surname Directory - Lois **CURTISS**

...New Member Handbook - Leora **SLOSSER**

...Library Committee - Sharon **KISELA**

...Newsletter Committee - Pam **SWILER**

...By-Laws Committee - Need a volunteer!

...Nominating Committee - Need a volunteer!

...Depot Day Committee - Pam **SWILER**

...Ionia Women's Festival - Lori **FOX**

...Ionia Co. Tax Records Committee - Lori **FOX**

...Funeral Home Projects - Sue **CARPENTER/Dottie**

**PIECHOCKI/Teresa LEAK SWEET**

As you can see, we have lots of projects that require lots of people - near and far away. Don't let the fact that some of you live out of state stop you from being an active part of your society. We need you, too!!

Thank you to all of you who already signed up to help - someone will be contacting you soon - If they don't - let me know!!

Pam **SWILER**, President

### CONNECTIONS??

I have an invitation to the 1929 graduation ceremony of Pewamo High School for Harold C. **HILLABRANDT**. Any connections out there?

Pam **SWILER**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

...In the Civil War 400 women enlisted as men?

...Boys that had not reached the age of 18, which was the required age for enlistment, would write the number 18 on the bottom of their shoes so that they could honestly state they were "over the age of 18".

...Many of the farm boys that enlisted in the Civil War did not know their left foot from their right foot. In order to teach them how to march, they would put a piece of straw in the right shoe and hay in the left shoe. Farm boys knew the difference between hay and straw! The cadence would follow: Hay foot, straw foot..."

...More soldiers died by dysentery than by being shot.

...One in 12 soldiers got venereal diseases during the war.

..."Billy Yanks" were big drinkers - 180 proof whiskey was the usual drink of choice.

...Gambling dice and cards were a favorite.

..."Lice racing" was a form of entertainment. They would put two lice on their tin plate and then bet which would win! Lice were readily available on nearly every soldier.

...A "well-trained" soldier could get three rounds of ammunition off in one minute.

Source "A&E's "Foot Soldier"  
aired on October 13, 1999

**Receipt for Dues**

No. 254 Hubbardston, Mich., Feb. 2, 1920.

Brother Lee WINANS has signed his name in the margin is a Master Mason in good standing, a member of Tuscan Lodge, No. 178 and has paid

his dues from Dec. 27, 1918 to Dec 27, 1919. Signed J. I. PECK, Acting Secretary

Class Roll of the Hubbardston High School Class of 1917.

- Martha M. DUFFER
- Alice B. LANGDON
- Lottie B. STUCK
- Henry O. GRILL
- George B. CHICK

Motto: "Labor Conquers All"  
Colors: Red, White and Blue  
Flowers: Red, White and Blue Roses

Commencement exercises were held on Friday evening, May 25, 1917 at the M.E. Church at 8:00 p.m.

**EASTON TOWNSHIP INVENTORY**  
October 8, 1999

1. Assessment Rolls - 48 books of approximately 100 pages each 1877 to 1940's. Pictures #1 & #2
2. Tax Record - 4 books of 100 pages each 1930, 31, 32. Pictures #3 & #4.
3. Highway Assessments - 6 large books - Names, Dates, Highway Districts, etc. and "Roads" - 4 books beginning in 1843. Pictures #5 & #6
4. Treasurer's records - 1843 - 1874 and 1891-1912
5. Register of Accounts - 1 book - 170 pages 1870-1890
6. Voter's Lists - Alphabetical list in binder - 1859-1917
7. Birth Records - 10 books, 100 pages each 1906-1939
8. Death Records - 12 books 100+ pages each 1897-1939
9. Itemized Statement - 16 books 1901-1955
10. Records of Officers of the Township - 85 pages 18771-1920, Picture #7
11. Record of Chattel Mortgages, Marks & Estrays & Boundry fences - 200 pages 1843

12. Board Meeting notes beginning April 1843 - Various years 1885-1893, 1897-1950
13. Township Treasurer's Book for 1876
14. County Drain papers for Easton Township, Ionia County, Michigan 1875-1915
15. Several Plat Maps of Subdivisions on canvas backed paper
16. Meeting proceedings - 1897-1956, 119 pages, 1896-1953
17. Township officers lists 1922-1957
18. Register of School Officers 1929-30-31-32-34. Record of school inspections 1843-1911
19. Plus other Miscellaneous Papers and a total of 86 books.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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WARNER, CARTER, HOLLAND,  
DANIELS
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& Lydia, George WILKINSON

#### Welcome Back Members

We invited past members to renew their membership and join us again. We have been very pleased with the results and would like to welcome back the following members.

- ♦ Patricia ZANDER  
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- ♦ Helen SALZMAN  
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Researching: DARBY (Charles and  
Nancy Bassett DARBY), and is also  
interested in the history of Campbell.

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It's hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living!

GenHumor Mailing List

## QUERIES

If you have information that may help someone, but you are not on the Internet, please send the information to Pamela K. Swiler, President, ICGS, 13051 Ainsworth Rd., Route 3, Lake Odessa, MI 48849

♦ I am looking for information on James SAGE who was in the Civil War. He was Secretary/Treasurer at the Ionia Pottery. He was a Republican, Registrar of Deeds, and a friend of the DEXTERS. Mr. SAGE is buried at Highland Park Cemetery in Ionia. He had a daughter, Lettie, born in 1864 (?). She graduated from Ionia High School in 1884. She might have had a sister, Hattie. I would like any information of SAGE and PURDY surnames.

Evelyn CRAWFORD, 533 B Lakeside Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49506

♦ I would like to exchange information with anyone concerning my ancestors, several from Keene Twp. Ionia County. My great-uncle, Royal J. HAWLEY, my great-grandparents, Willard HAWLEY and Caroline MARBLE, great-great grandparents, Harold HAWLEY and Elizabeth LIKENS, Philip Dudley MARBLE and Vashti Rebecca POST and my great-great-great grandfather, Philip MARBLE.

Anne GONZALES, 8921 Rhea Avenue, Northridge, CA 91324

♦ I would like information on the Marble family of Keene Township. Thomas H.P. IRWIN married Lucinda WELLER and lived on Marble Road in Keene Township during the Civil War. Lucinda was the daughter of Obediah WELLER and Nancy. I believe that Nancy was a MARBLE and probably the daughter of Dudley MARBLE.

June RAYMOND GORMAN, 965 Hess Lake Drive, Grant, MI 49327  
First Family Member 62

♦ I would like to hear from anyone descended from the families of Stephen J. LINDLEY, b. 1814 in Boston, Portage Co., OH; married 1836 at Loraine Co., OH to Elizabeth "Betsy" DICKESON, b. 1817 in England, sister to Thomas DICKESON, b. 1821 England.

Pat CURRIGAN, 1932 Dean Ave., Holt, MI 48842

♦ Seeking information on John D. LOMBARD, born in Ionia, attended Olivet College; in the Army Air Corp in the China Theatre in WWII.

Contact: Greg GORECKI, 8218 Brock Rd., Ft. Washington, MA 20744; PH: (301) 248-9404



#### LIBRARY NEWS

REMEMBER YOU DON'T NEED A PERSONAL COMPUTER TO ACCESS WEB-SITES. MOST PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAVE COMPUTERS FOR PUBLIC USE.

The Library of Michigan has the following Michigan Department of Community Health Records available:  
**Births**

Index (Microfilm F565.15 1960)  
1867-1915

#### Marriages

Index (Microfilm F565.154 1960)  
1867-1921

Index (Microfilm F565.154 1950)  
1950-1969

Returns (Microfilm F565.154)  
1867-1925

#### Divorces

Index (Microfilm F565.D58 1960)  
1897-1969

Summary (Microfilm F565.D57  
1897) 1897-1922

#### Deaths

Index (Microfilm F 565.I53 1960)  
1867 - 1914

Index (available on Ancestry.com)  
1971 - 1996

Returns (Microfilm F565.I53 1868  
1867-1897

To obtain other Michigan records contact the Department of

Community Health, Vital Records Office, P.O. Box 30195, 3423 Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, MI 48909 or phone (517) 335-8656. Forms for ordering records are available on the World Wide Web at <<http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/PHA/OSR/vitframe.htm>>

#### LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN NEWS

What do you do if you're buried under 5,500 new reels of microfilm? You shelve 'em! The new genealogy materials will replace all of the Library's worn-out reels for the Michigan Census and the 1850 Pennsylvania Census. Genealogists will enjoy access to census records for 24 states and U.S. territories, 268 reels of passenger list information; death, marriage and divorce indexes for Alabama; mortality schedules for New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"Our collections will also include such outstanding information for African American researchers as Southern Plantation Records," said Special Collections Supervisor Randy Riley, who oversees the Library's special collections. "Many of our new records focus on states west of the Mississippi River. In the past we've focused on states east of the Mississippi, so this is a new turn of events."

Microfilm records were purchased with a combination of donations from the Abrams Foundation, and funds from the Library.

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE "CELEBRATING THE CENTURY" July 20-22, 2000

Sponsored by Allen County Public Library and the Allen County Public Library Foundation. "Genealogy in the New Millennium". The conference will be held at the Grand Wayne Center in Ft. Wayne, IN. More than ninety lectures will be offered covering research methodology, technology in genealogy and research sources.

The Allen County Public Library will have extended hours for the convenience of researchers.

For a registration brochure send an e-mail message to Curt WITCHER putting "Millennium Conference" in the subject field with your name and address in the message. Or send a post card with your name and address to "Millennium Conference", c/o Historical Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270

#### WOMAN SLUGGER

**Knocked Down Frail Neighbor Lady and Pounded and Kicked Her.**

Mrs. Helen CRAMER and Mrs. Amanda COLLINGHAM are neighbors on the Danby side of the road at Sebewa Corners. Last Thursday, Mrs. CRAMER, who is a very large woman, went to the home of her neighbor, who weighs but about 100 pounds, and accused her of putting in circulation reports that she had been stealing peaches from another neighbor's garden. Mrs. COLLINGHAM said she had done no such thing, but Mrs. CRAMER did not believe the denial and proceeded to slug the little woman, knocking her down and then when down pounding her head on the floor and kicking her. The difference in the size of the two women made resistance out of the question and Mrs. CRAMER simply quit when she got ready.

Mrs. COLLINGHAM swore out a warrant for her assailant's arrest in Justice HOLCOMBE's court and October 18th set for the day of the hearing. In the meantime Mrs. CRAMER had pleaded guilty to assault and battery but the justice would not accept it before the day of the hearing, when doubtless the same plea will be entered and the fine imposed.

From The Portland Observer,  
Wednesday, October 10, 1906

**Board of Election Inspectors  
and Poll List of the  
Village Election for the  
Village of Lyons, County  
of Ionia, State of Michigan  
Held at Halsted Building on  
Monday, the 11th Day of March,  
A.D. 1901**

The following was indexed by Louise COOK. The list is alphabetized and the numbers are the number by which they signed in on the polling list. Thank you Louise for all your hard work!

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|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 119. John ABRAM        | 160. Jerome CONROY     | 133. William HENDERSHOT    |
| 131. E. ALDRICH        | 154. Walter CORNWELL   | 170. John HENDERSON        |
| 74. James ALLEN        | 166. George CRAIG      | 51. G. A. HENDRICK         |
| 7. William ARNOLD      | 71. William K. CRITES  | 162. Walter HERRICK        |
| 159. Herbert ASHLEY    | 13. Joel CROSS         | 150. Charles HERRICK       |
| 39. John ASHLEY        | 211. George CULL       | 49. Thomas HICKOK          |
| 196. John BAKER        | 75. John CURRIGAN      | 200. George HITCHCOCK      |
| 12. I.A. BALCH         | 93. Thomas CURRIGAN    | 16. Henry HITCHCOCK        |
| 114. J. BALDWIN        | 120. William CURTIS    | 149. Herbert HIZOR         |
| 25. Fitch H. BEACH     | 169. A. A. CURTIS      | 132. Lyman HIZOR           |
| 26. Fred S. BEACH      | 208. David CURTIS      | 19. Ransom HOWE            |
| 97. E. BEALS           | 204. Henry CURTIS      | 65. Addison HOWE           |
| 179. F.K. BENEDICT     | 175. Clarence CURTIS   | 192. William HUSTON        |
| 14. Frank BENEJAMIN    | 209. R. E. DAVIS       | 161. Herbert D. HUTCHINSON |
| 188. D. W. BILLINGS    | 102. George DAVIS      | 24. Hubert ISHAM           |
| 15. Charles BLOWEN     | 99. William DEAN       | 60. J. D. JEWELL           |
| 123. Will M. BOWMAN    | 111. R. P. DE VORE     | 59. J. C. JEWELL           |
| 69. D. BOYDAN          | 122. B. L. DILLON      | 195. Edward JOHNSON        |
| 193. Guy BRADLEY       | 28. William DORGAN     | 46. Moses JOHNSON          |
| 72. Arthur E. BRADT    | 67. James DORICE       | 21. Lewis JOHNSON          |
| 146. Myron BROWN       | 165. Pat DUHIG         | 163. Alex R. PRINGLE, Jr.  |
| 145. J. Prescott BROWN | 3. E. A. DURYEA        | 36. John PFEIFER, Jr.      |
| 138. Fred BROWN        | 187. C. M. ETON        | 9. Hugh D. KELLEY          |
| 35. Arthur BUCHANAN    | 113. Norman ETON       | 40. Rufus KELLY            |
| 90. Winfield BUCK      | 66. W. C. ETON         | 32. Theodore KING          |
| 34. Henry BURCH        | 130. William FISHER    | 29. Walter E. LATHROP      |
| 56. Albert BURCH       | 182. John FORDHAM      | 79. Albert LAUNTZEN        |
| 80. Charles BURCH      | 134. William FORDHAM   | 185. Thomas LAWLESS        |
| 88. A. S. BURNELL      | 147. James FRAZER      | 118. James LAWLESS         |
| 10. George CANFIELD    | 105. E. S. FULLER      | 142. Austin LINCOLN        |
| 197. A. J. CARTER      | 186. John E. FULLER    | 48. Frank LINDSEY          |
| 100. William CHURCH    | 45. Arthur FYFE        | 62. Albert LINK            |
| 143. William CLARK     | 92. William FYFE       | 27. Charles W. LUCE        |
| 55. Fred CLEMENTS      | 47. William GEARHART   | 201. Fred B. LUDWICK       |
| 91. W. H. COLE         | 84. Ira GILMORE        | 89. H. A. MAGEE            |
| 23. Edward CONROY      | 129. F. T. GLEASON     | 110. Frank MANNING         |
|                        | 158. W. R. GRANT       | 144. Frank MARCEY          |
|                        | 86. John GREEN         | 108. S.S. MARCEY           |
|                        | 151. Clarence GREENHOE | 172. F.L. MARKER           |
|                        | 63. Elmer B. HALE      | 43. Howard W. MARSH        |
|                        | 82. Jonathan HALE      | 203. C.S. MARSH            |
|                        | 127. L. H. HALE        | 126. John MASON            |
|                        | 125. Edward HALLEN     | 54. Thomas MATHEWS         |
|                        | 5. Wallace HALSTED     | 176. Dorman MAUS           |
|                        | 38. Marshal HAMLIN     | 4. Julius L. MAY           |
|                        | 2. Albert HAMLIN       | 198. Charles MAY           |
|                        | 181. William HAMMOND   | 85. Frank MCDONALD         |
|                        | 210. A. W. HAMMOND     | 83. George MCGILLVRAY      |
|                        | 139. Henry HAMMOND     | 6. John MCQUILLIN          |
|                        | 121. Fred HAMMOND      | 202. George MCQUILLIN      |
|                        | 205. Thomas HARDEN     | 109. William MCSHEORN      |
|                        | 42. Charles M. HATCH   | 58. Bert MILLER            |
|                        | 180. T. U. HAWLEY      |                            |
|                        | 107. William C. HAWLEY |                            |
|                        | 191. Charles HEALEY    |                            |

1. Charles M. MOORE
44. Albert S. MORSE
73. L. E. MORSE
53. William NEWMAN
124. Charles NORTH
20. W.E. OGDEN
174. Lyman PARKS
22. Darwin PARKS
101. Dan PATTERSON
31. W. D. PENNINGTON
30. John PFEIFER
77. John POOLE
184. J. S. PRESTON
140. Alex R. PRINGLE
128. George PRINGLE
190. Chester A. RANDALL
68. Howard A. RANGER
215. Harry RANGER
78. Albert K. ROOF
148. James ROOT
153. A. J. SCOTT
213. M. F. SCOTT
104. Guy SEARING
207. Henry SEARING
87. Elmer SETTLE
33. Eli SHAW
164. Albert SHAW
178. Leon SHERWOOD
155. N.B. SHERWOOD
199. W. H. SHERWOOD
98. John SHOEMAKER
194. Hallet SHOEMAKER
8. Lewis SIMMENS
52. David C. SPALDING
94. E.L. SPALDING
152. Roy SPENCER
76. C. A. SPERLING
103. L. G. STEARNS
17. Frank STEELE
141. Dell STRIKER
137. Frank STRONG
117. L. A. TAYLOR
18. Ezra N. THAYER
64. W. P. THOMPkins
177. Charles TILLISON
183. Floyd TUBBS
70. H. W. TUBBS
156. E. A. TUBBS
115. Vern TUCKER
206. Alonzo TUCKER
212. Robert TUCKER
171. John UNDERHILL

11. V. F. UPTON
50. Delos UTTER
167. W. D. VANANTWERP
173. Frank VANANTWERP
168. Emmett VANCE
135. B. R. VAN PATTEN
116. Elmer WANDELL
81. Jessie WARD
37. Levi WARFIELD
106. S. W. WEBBER
95. S.W. WEBBER
112. E. H. WELCH
61. C. F. WHITE
57. Albert WHITE
136. Dan WILCOX
157. F. O. WILLIAMS
96. J. E. WOLFORD
214. Harry WOOD
189. M. S. WORDEN
41. Charles A. YOEMANS

**JANUARY SPEAKER**

by Jim Moses

Joe MC CORD, the Easton Township Supervisor, was the guest speaker at the January 8, 2000 meeting of the Ionia County Genealogical Society. He brought a treasure-trove of books from the township office on Bellamy Rd. First, Joe showed us a copy of the fairly rare 1875 Ionia County Atlas. Immediately after this, he talked about the record book for Easton Township, which started on April 3, 1843, and had the minutes of the township meetings preserved for our generation. This book has meeting notes until the 1870's and gives a detailed history of the township from its earliest days.

The Easton Township Hall houses other pieces of history, some of which are as old as the record book. Joe mentioned lists of the highway commissioners, the treasurer's book, the assessment records (which give such valuable information as the section where someone owned property, as well as the acreage, value and other things), and the tax record books. There are also voter's lists, birth and death records, lists of township officers and plat maps. One thing I found very interesting is the

fact that, although Easton Township is close to Ionia, there are no towns in the township at the present time. Potter's Corners and a few others existed earlier but now they are not large enough population centers to be called towns.

Joe told us a few stories about life in the olden days of Easton. We all enjoyed his story of the wilderness. He told us about his grandfather and the hen house. His grandfather KINGSTON was very lucky when he went to protect the hen house and found a bear inside. It must have been quite a fright for both of them.

Joe says that there are no normal hours for business at the Easton Township Hall, but he invites anyone who might wish to do some research into the records to contact him and he will arrange a time for the records to be searched.

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**Change of addresses and e-mails  
(Continued from page 3)**

**New E-mail for:**

- ♦ Elizabeth CONNELLY  
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- ♦ Jacob FACE  
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**New address for:**

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**Please notify us of any changes in mail, phone and e-mail. Also winter addresses for "snow birds"**

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Teresa LEAK SWEET reports that a list of names of persons that received purple hearts in the military is available at <<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~sebring/index.htm>>. You may also add if you know someone not on the list.

**IN MEMORY**

Our Society was saddened to learn of the death of Jean PIXLEY on January 11, 2000. Jean was a Charter Member of the ICGS.

We also learned of the passing of the mother of our member Marjorie SHELTON on January 16, 2000. Our sympathy to Marjorie and her family.

We received word that William COLLEY, an active member of ICGS, had passed away January 31, 2000, following a short illness. Bill was inducted into the First Families of Ionia County in October 1998 and was active on several of our committees. He will be missed for his inquiring mind and helpfulness. Our sympathy to his wife, Beulah and family.

**STRANGERS IN THE BOX**

Author Unknown

Come, look with me inside this drawer

In this box I've often seen,  
At the pictures, black and white  
Faces proud, still, and serene.

I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box,  
Their names and all their memories,  
Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like,  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special time?  
I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken the time,  
To tell, who what, where and when,  
These faces of my heritage,  
Would come to life again.

Could this be the fate,  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories,  
Someday to be passed away?

Take time to save your stories,  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
Or someday you and yours,  
Could be strangers in the box.

**MEDICAL TERMS FOR GENEALOGISTS**

From the Society Page Newsletter,  
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**Auge:** Fever

**Bilious Colic:** tortuous pain in the belly

**Bloody Flux or Dysentery:** inflammation of the large bowels; colitis

**Brain Fever:** intense headache; fever, vertigo, intolerance to light or sound.

**Chilbains:** a painful sore or swelling on the foot or hand caused by exposure to the cold.

**Dropsy:** anasarca or edema; a collection of water in a large cavity.

**Fits:** convulsions.

**Lumbago:** rheumatic pain in the back.

**Milk Sickness:** also known as trembles; a disease contracted by eating a plant which grows in level, heavily timbered, wet oak land (mainly in the West), or by eating meat wherein the animal has grazed upon such plants; Symptoms: nausea, vomiting, general debility, peculiar odor to the breath.

**Mortification:** complete death of a part of the body changing it to a black, stinking mass.

**Phlebitis:** tenderness or hardness of an infected vein treatment with leeches or lotion.

**Pleurisy:** inflammation and mucus in the lungs

**Saint Vitus' Dance:** chorea; nervous disorder which creates involuntary contractions.

**Spotted Fever:** Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis

**Water-Brash:** pyrosis; similar to heartburn; belching of a thin, watery fluid.

**ICGS LIBRARY**

We have received another book for our library donated by Pam SWILER.

The book is Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Research by George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D., Sc.D.

The ICGS members would like to thank Pam for her donation of this and other books over the past years.

**NORTH PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

The North Plains Cemetery Association is seeking anyone who has an ancestor in the cemetery to write a page or two of history of that person so that the local history of the persons buried there will not be lost entirely to future generations. Let's show our support by doing our part to help with this endeavor. Kill two birds with one stone...write a history for them, and make a copy for our society's project! Send the North Plains copy to: Lana SELLER, 3208 Struble Road, Muir, MI 48860. Send a copy to us at our society address.

An additional note...The North Plains Cemetery Association has announced plans to increase their cemetery by acres to the east of the present location.

**REMINDER**

BE SURE TO FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR CENSUS FORMS WHEN THEY ARRIVE. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT WE MAKE A COPY OF OUR FORMS FOR OUR DESCENDANTS SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO WAIT 70 YEARS.

**EARLY DIVORCE RECORDS  
PRIOR TO 1880 FOR IONIA  
COUNTY, MI  
Submitted by Beth Wills**

Continued...Letters B, C  
are now available. More will be  
added as space permits.

Date/Names/Record #

- 1879 **BABCOCK**, Mary vs. Vanluyle 1527  
1868 **BADGROW**, Henry vs. Clarinda 536  
1871 **BAILEY**, Nancy vs. Frank 848  
1874 **BAKER**, Carrie vs. Melvin 1091  
1864 **BAKER**, Olive vs. Horace 376  
1875 **BALDWIN**, Mary vs. Josiah 1187  
1862 **BALDWIN**, Joseph vs. Thebe 338  
1877 **BALL**, Hannah vs. Lewis 1305  
1861 **BANGS**, D. Allen vs. Sarah 220  
1875 **BARNARD**, Ann vs. James 1221  
1876 **BARNICK**, James vs. Catherine 1294  
1859 **BARRY**, Thomas vs. Sarah 154  
1874 **BARTLETT**, Elizabeth vs. Gilbert 1047  
1857 **BEACH**, Myron vs. Eva 1891  
1867 **BEACH**, Adilia vs. Wm. 508  
1872 **BEADLE**, Mary vs. Dewitt 909  
1879 **BEEBE**, Byron vs. Laretta 1551  
1869 **BELL**, Theresa vs. Pharis 543  
1866 **BENEDICT**, Lucretia vs. Hudson 476  
1861 **BENNETT**, James vs. Catherine 222  
1866 **BENNETT**, Jane vs. Williams 458  
1879 **BENNETT**, Mary vs. Niles 1555  
1870 **BERTHOLF**, Sophia vs. Harvey Laudfere 805  
1862 **BETTS**, Mary vs. John 312  
1865 **BETTS**, Mary vs. John 429  
1877 **BETTS**, Ellen vs. John 1327  
1878 **BIDDLECOM**, Louise vs. Byron 1438  
1863 **BILES**, Olive vs. Hezekiah 351  
1875 **BINGHAM**, William vs. Coralee 1168  
1879 **BLACK**, Ida vs. Louis 1488  
1879 **BLACK**, Ida vs. Lewis 1493  
1857 **BLEMMAN**, Thomas vs. Matilda 1880  
1877 **BLIVINS**, Bernice vs. John 1346  
1876 **BLOOMFIELD**, Mary vs. William 1237  
1878 **BLOOMFIELD**, Mary vs. Wm. 1471  
1879 **BLOOMFIELD**, Mary vs. William 1552  
1865 **BOLTON**, Walter vs. Sarah 434  
1865 **BOLTON**, Sarah vs. Walter 435  
1869 **BOLTON**, Sarah vs. Walter 736  
1878 **BOMAN**, Hellen vs. John 1465  
1878 **BOWEN**, Ruth vs. Isaac 1396  
1861 **BRADFORD**, James vs. Mary 215  
1865 **BRAND**, Eleanor vs. Ezra 407  
1876 **BRIGGS**, Della vs. Samuel 1247  
1873 **BROWER**, Admira vs. Harmon 1004  
1874 **BROWN**, John vs. Honoria 1070  
1868 **BROWN**, Harmonie vs. John 1070  
1873 **BROWN**, John vs. Honoria 992  
1873 **BRYANT**, Mary vs. Martin 941  
1879 **BUCHANAN**, George vs. Minerva 1495  
1879 **BURUS**, Squire vs. Ellen 1546  
1857 **BUSH**, Melvina vs. Charles 1857  
1873 **BUSH**, Hetty vs. Charles 987  
1876 **BUSHONG**, Julia vs. James 1262  
1877 **CAHOON**, Julia vs. Washington 1347  
1878 **CAMPBELL**, Alice vs. Elwood 1479  
1861 **CAMPBELL**, Caroline vs. Frank 232  
1870 **CAMPBELL**, Charles vs. Ada 778  
1872 **CAMPBELL**, William vs. Delilah 900  
1866 **CARR**, Martin vs. Adaline 462  
1876 **CARR**, Sophronia vs. George 1272  
1871 **CASWELL**, Nancy vs. Robert 829  
1876 **CHAPMAN**, Florence vs. Ressay 1225  
1870 **CHAPPLE**, John vs. Sarah 806  
1869 **CHASE**, Amos vs. Mercey 734  
1878 **CHASE**, Mercy vs. Amos 1407  
1875 **CHICKERING**, Rosnell vs. Elizabeth 1163  
1873 **CLAPP**, Martha vs. Benjamin 937  
1879 **CLARK**, Sycia vs. Frank 1566  
1871 **COBB**, Alfred vs. Martha 821  
1862 **COE**, Samuel vs. Polly 314  
1873 **COLE**, Ann vs. Benjamin 952  
1876 **COLE**, Melissa vs. Edwin 1229  
1877 **COLTON**, Clayton vs. Jennie 1328  
1862 **CONE**, Harriet vs. Rufus 304  
1867 **CONVERSE**, Emma vs. Daniel 496  
1875 **COOK**, Harvey vs. Ida 1173  
1879 **COOK**, William vs. Emma 1547  
1873 **COOMES**, Mary vs. Jared 997  
1868 **COOT**, William vs. Esther 529  
1867 **CORD**, Sarah vs. Joseph 505  
1873 **COREY**, Benjamin vs. Parnelia 999  
1874 **COSINS**, Samuel vs. Mary 1119  
1864 **COTTON**, Zera vs. Esther 382  
1865 **COVELL**, Dwight vs. Olive 409  
1866 **CRANE**, Margaret vs. Gilbert 448  
1873 **CRIPPEN**, Elliott vs. Marian 1021  
1867 **CRITTENDEN**, Ellen vs. Barnard 51  
1869 **CROFOOT**, Viletta vs. William 717  
1878 **CROSS**, Wells vs. Eliza 1400  
1874 **CRUMB**, Lieliu vs. Charles 1042  
1879 **CRYDERMAN**, George vs. Eliza 1539  
1879 **CUMMINGS**, Frank vs. Mary 1511



**IONIA COUNTY  
WOMEN'S FESTIVAL  
April 29, 2000**

The Ionia County Women's Festival will be held on Saturday, April 29 at the Ionia High School in Ionia, MI.

from 8:00-4:00. The ICGS will have a booth there. We will be selling baked goods, along with other society items that we may have available. We are looking for volunteers to help bake items, man the booth, set up and clean up. Lori FOX will be teaching a beginning genealogy class there that day! Show your support! Volunteer to bake cookies, assist at the booth for an hour or two, or attend Lori's class! Contact Lori with the times you are available or to make arrangements to help out at the booth. It is a great time to meet people and learn at lot about what Ionia has to offer.

Lori FOX can be reached by telephone (517) 647-6262 or by e-mail <lfox@mvcc.com>

**CHALLENGE**

We have been met with a challenge! Duane STRINDEN of Sedro Wooley, Washington, recently gave us a donation of "seed" money to start up a computer fund. Mr. STRINDEN would like the society to purchase a computer so that we can make better use of the resources available to us. I share in his dream...therefore, I am offering you this challenge!

Match his donation of \$10 for our computer fund! We have over 100 members - if each of you contribute \$10, we could have that computer in no time! A computer at the depot would open up all kinds of possibilities for us...one being to better utilize resources available to us, like the 1850 census that we have on C.D., plus the one that Duane STRINDEN has sent us that contains 1800 MB of information from his

family lines. Currently, if anyone wants that information, they have to come to my house to get it. There is also the possibility of internet access for the society. Thank you, Duane and all of you for your continued support of ICGS.

Note: Make checks payable to ICGS and write COMPUTER in the memo part so that it may be credited properly.

Pam SWILER, President

**WARNING!**

With spring near, the urge to get out in those cemeteries is in the hearts of most genealogists. Here is a word of warning passed on by Ancestry Daily News, 13 March 2000.

"One word of warning--don't leave a purse or other valuables in your car when you visit cemeteries. Several local news programs here in the Chicago area issued warnings in the past weeks about thieves who were preying on visitors to cemeteries and robbing their cars while they visited graves."

**BUSINESSES**

We recently received a copy of the Pewamo Weekly News, dated January 2, 1919. We thought you might be interested in the business owners that advertised in that particular paper.

Owner - Type of Business (all businesses in Pewamo unless other indicated)

R. N. FISHER - Jeweler and Optomist

A.M. SCHULLER - Picture Framing

A.W. MUNGER - Sanitary Barber Shop - Cigars, Tobaccos & Candies

A.W. MUNGER - Cream Station from the Fox River Butter Co. of Detroit, MI

J. H. PENNINGTON - Hard and Soft Coal Dealer

George W. AMSDEN - Pewamo State Bank, Cashier

Fred DEAN - The Pewamo Harness Shop

CRABB'S Drug Store

J. W. PIERCE - Men's Clothing - Fowler, Michigan

E. J. KRAMER - Kramer's Restaurant - Fowler, Michigan

H. J. GOERGE & Son - Robbins Furniture - Fowler, Michigan

N. F. CUMMINGHAM - Barber - Fowler, Michigan

T. A. CARTEN - Carpets, floor coverings, men's goods - Ionia, Michigan

Jas. J. LONG - Pewamo Hardware

M.E. SIMPSON - Hosery - Ionia, Michigan

Henry GABLE - Pipeless Caloric Furnace - Ionia, Michigan

George H. HACKETT - John Deere Implement & Waterloo or Case Tractors, 407 West Main Stree, Ionia, Michigan

R. M. CHENEY - Clothing - Ionia, Michigan

H.T. & N.S. JOHNSON - Realtors - Saranac, Michigan

Quality Store - Women's Clothing and Furs - Ionia, Michigan

Thos. R. BUCK - The Home Hart Shaffner & Marx Clothing - Ionia, Michigan

MARSHALL-WRIGHT Lumber Co., Ionia, Michigan

A.E. BRADT - Furniture - Lyons, Michigan

Frank A. BURTRAW - Dry Goods - Muir, Michigan

G.N. SHAW & Son - Furniture & Undertaking - Muir, Michigan

Paul STAMSON - Optician - Ionia, Michigan

R.W. BRANYAN - Kerosene Lamps - Muir, Michigan

C.M. STOTT - Elevator - Muir, Michigan

LUDWICK'S Cash Store - Grocery

Melvin BURTRAW - Automobile Repairs - Muir, Michigan

Note: in this ad it talks about what needs to be done to make your car ready for winter...remember, this is 1919! 1) Curtains and top should be put in order; 2) Tire chains should be added for snowy and slippery weather; 3) The crank case should be drained and cleaned and filled with different oil; 4) Batteries should be tested, and 5) Radiators should be cleaned and filled with antifreezing mixture.

**OOPS!**

Our story in the last newsletter on First Family #2, Wayne **SWILER**, contained an error. The birthday of Mildred **LEAK AVES** should read October 6, 1897 and that of Arlow **AVES** should be October 16, 1897.

We also omitted the first page of the Philander **HINDS** family written by Patricia **BRAVENDER**. In this newsletter we have included that page which is Page 10, January-March 2000. Please insert this in your copy and re-number your pages accordingly. Our apologies to Patricia.

**FEBRUARY SPEAKER**

by Jim Moses

Linda **MARSH**, from Durand, was our speaker for February. Since she works for the third generation of monument builders in her family, and since she is past president of their national association, Linda has a lot of knowledge of monument building, and she shared some of that with us.

Linda started her talk with a brief history of monument building, noting that 'man is instinctively a monument builder'. We have built monuments to remind the present and future generations of some significant event ever since we have had the idea that we could do so. At first, however, the monuments were just piles of stones, since we didn't have the tools or knowledge of stone-cutting, or, in many cases, we didn't have good stones to be cut. These monuments, even through there is no writing on them, still attest to the acts of those who built them (like the stone cairns in Scotland or the pyramids). Not all monuments have been made of stone, but most of those that have endured have been. Some of these stones were carried from far away places.

Linda talked mostly, therefore, about stone monuments and, after speaking of the early monument builders, she started talking about tombstones. She mentioned that most grave markers today are made of granite, whereas those of earlier days were often made of limestone, which is easier to cut and engrave. Unfortunately, limestone also tends to weather and so we have many stones that can no longer be read. Granite is hard and durable, and we now have the knowledge and the tools to be able to shape these stones into beautiful monuments.

All monuments will become dirty or partly covered by lichens as they age. Linda told us about cleaning. She said granite stones should be washed every few years to prevent the lichens from growing. Soap should NOT be used--wetting the stone with a bucket of water and then scrubbing with a soft brush, followed by a rinsing should be enough for most stones.

She said that with stubborn stones a harder brush (not a wire brush) could be used carefully. She strongly cautioned against harsh measures as these can cause more damage than good.

She also said that a broken stone should not be set in cement as this will cause more damage because of the chemical composition in the cement. She recommended the use of fiberglass pins. Linda was asked about the faint scratchings that appear on stones today. These are done as pictures on the stones, and are not very deep at all, not like the deep-cut lettering commonly seen for names and dates. She said that this has not been around for a really long time but the evidence so far is that these pictures will last as long as the stone. She ended her talk by telling us the different types of granite used today, and where they come from.

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**JAMES M. HINES and MARY MATILDA HEATH  
(CAMPBELL TWP., IONIA CTY, MI)**

**James M. HINES** was b. ca. 1821 in Ohio (cen), the son of Joseph and Ann. (dc). He married **Mary Matilda HEATH** 01/04/1844 in Harrison Cty, OH (IGI), dau. of John Heath (dc). Mary was b. ca. 1828 in Ohio (1870 cen.). The family moved to Ionia Cty. between 1863 and 1869.<sup>1</sup> James was a farmer. (1870 cen., dc). James d. 9/19/1886 of kidney disease in Campbell Twp (dc). Mary d. 4/4/1896 of pneumonia in Campbell Twp. (dc). They are buried in Clarksville Cemetery. (cem) James M. Hines' will was filed in probate court on 10/2/1886. Mary M. Hines was the executor. (#1952, Ionia Probate Court).

Their children were:<sup>2</sup>

1. **Joseph Finley** b. ca. 1849 (1870 cen). He farmed with his father. (1872 cd) (No death or burial record found in Ionia Cty.) He married first:

Lucinda (Lucinella) (**JUSTICE**) b. Ohio. (daughter's bcs). Lucinda was probably the daughter of Susannah **JUSTICE** of Campbell Twp.<sup>3</sup>

Their children were:

Susannah b. 11/22/1871 or 1872 (bc)<sup>4</sup>  
James b. 1875 (1880 cen.)

Lucinda and Joseph were divorced in 1880 (dr). In the 1880 census, James was living with his paternal grandfather, James M. Hines, and Susannah was living with her maternal grandmother, Susannah Justice.(who is buried in Clarksville Cem).

Joseph married second Lettie **SNOW** in Ionia. (mr).

Their children were:

Herbert b. 1887 d. 06/10/1889 (abscess of the brain) (dc)

Arthur D. b. 1889 (cem). He married Velma M. **EGGERMAN** 12/03/1914 in Ionia (mr). Velma b. ca. 1896 (mr) the dau. of Ransom Eggerman (1920 cen.)

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<sup>1</sup> Determined by census information on place of birth of children; also, family not found in Ionia in 1860 census.

<sup>2</sup> Children's names determined from 1870 census and James M. Hines' will.

<sup>3</sup> Lucinda's daughter, Susannah was living with Susannah Justice, her grandmother, in 1880 census.

<sup>4</sup> Two identical birth records are filed in Ionia,, exactly one year apart..

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Arthur d. 1/13/1967 (dc). Velma d. 1944 (cem). They are both buried in Clarksville Cem.

Emery Fred (also Fred Emery) Married Lena R. **HEAVEN** in Ionia on 10/28/1916. He was a farmer and she was a teacher (mr). Emery d. 11/28/1973 (cem). Buried in Clarksville Cem. (cem)

2. **Mary Catherine** b. ca. 1856 in OH (1870 cen). She married Zebulon T. **NORCUTT** on 7/2/1874. in Ionia (mr). Zebulon was b. 1/2/1855, Litchfield, Hillsdale, MI, son of Milo Tristum **NORCUTT** and Dorcus A. **TOWNSEND** (IGI).
3. **Sarah Annis** b.5/26/1860 in VanWert Co., OH (IGI). She married Elisha **STRONG** on 11/4/1878 in Ionia. (mr). She died. 5/27/1949 and is buried in Clarksville Cem. (cem).
4. **John Wesley** b. ca. 1863 in OH (1870 cen). He married Jennie (Jincy, Jindy) **HARR** in Ionia (mr). She was b. 1869 (cem) in Indiana (daughter's bc) and d. 7/7/1891 (cem.) John d. 4/4/1937 (cem). Both are buried in Clarksville Cem.

Their known child was:

Edith, b. 6/22/1887 in Ionia (bc)

5. **James Grant** b. 6/15/1869 (bc), d. 1889 of consumption (dc) He was unmarried. His will was filed in probate court in Ionia on 6/4/1890 (#2484).
6. **Ann Amanda**<sup>5</sup> The only mention of Ann is in her father's will. She married \_\_\_\_\_ **BROWN** before 1886. It is possible she was already married in Ohio when the family came to MI. No record found for her in Ionia Cty.

Note: The will of Joseph F. Hines was filed in probate court in Ionia on 1/8/1874. This is probably James M. Hines' father.

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<sup>5</sup> There is an IGI marriage record for Ann Amanda Hines m. 1/31/1867, William R. Brown of Somerset Co., PA (no location of marriage given). This may be James M.'s daughter.



Cynthia M.  
Whipple  
Thompson  
Born 8 Mar 1826  
Died 8 Oct 1907

Ruth S.  
Edwards  
Wise  
Born 20 Apr 1900  
Died 25 May 1924

Ida Belle  
Spencer  
Edwards  
Born 7 Sept 1879  
Smyrna, MI  
Died 22 Nov 1952  
Ionia, MI

Marian E.  
Edwards  
Steele  
Born 14 Aug 1901  
Died 4 Jan 1979

Eva M.  
Thompson  
Spencer  
Born 22 Oct 1855  
Died 1919

The above photograph taken November 18, 1902.  
Submitted October 1999 by Philip Gordon Smith , Certificate number 43.  
Ambrose Spencer, Mrs. Margaret Spencer, Albert Spencer, Eva M. Thompson,  
Zebulon Whipple, Mrs. Phebe A. Whipple, Sylvester Thompson, Cynthia M. Whipple



**Highlight on  
First Family No. 3  
Karen Lucy June Remington**

Karen was born in Portland, Michigan **Lucille June Remington**. In 1986, she had her name legally changed to **Karen Lucy June Remington**. She is the daughter of **Harold Jay Remington** and **Loretta June Johnson**. Karen's First Families materials covers a whole range of her family history. She followed both her father and mother's lines back to 1880 and has provided the society with a wealth of materials which give a detailed outline of the life and times of these people.

Harold J. Remington is the child of **Lawrence Lewis Remington** who was born in Iowa in 1892. He died in 1959 in Portland, Michigan. In 1918, he married **Doris Russell Grinnell**. She was the daughter of **Albert E. Grinnell** (b. 1874 d. 1961) and **Alta Adell Place** and was born in Michigan in 1878. She died in 1941 in Lansing, Michigan.

Lawrence L. Remington was the son of **Johnson E. Remington** (b. 1848) and **Alice Kirkland** (b. 1859 d. 1893). Johnson was born in 1848 in Iowa. They were married in 1885 in Vinton, Iowa.

Karen has included the Kirkland line back several generations, taking them eventually back to Ireland. More information on the Kirkland line is available at the depot museum in Lake Odessa, Michigan, for anyone who is interested in pursuing that line.

Harold's mother's line is the family that first was proven as being in Ionia Co. prior to 1880. **Albert E. Grinnell** was the son of **Benjamin A. Grinnell** and he was born in 1852 in Ionia Co., Michigan. He was married to **Edith Saunders** on February 29, 1872 in Ionia Co. He died there in 1919.

Benjamin's parents were **Zachariah Grinnell** and **Sarah Bethany Selden**. They were married February 18, 1848 in Ionia Co. Zachariah died October 26, 1897 in Danby Twp., Ionia Co., MI. Sarah was born in New York on February 22, 1828. She died in 1909 in Ionia Co.

Sarah was the daughter of **Ira Azariah Selden** (b. 16 Mar 1799) and **Locelia Spark** (b. 11 Apr 1801). Ira and Locelia were married in 1819 in New York. Locelia died 13 Dec 1872 in Danby Twp., Ionia Co., MI. Ira died three years later on September 12<sup>th</sup> in Ionia Co.

Sarah was the daughter of **Samuel Sparks** and **Mary Colegrove**. Ira was the son of **Benjamin Seldon** – mother is unknown at this point.

Karen's mother's line takes us to another line of the Grinnell family. **Loretta June Johnson** was the daughter of **George Thomas Johnson** and **Margaret (Maggie) Della Darling**, both of Danby Twp. George's mother was **Mary Jane Grinnell** who was born 25 Apr 1874 in Danby Twp., Ionia Co. She died in Mecosta Co in 1950. She was the daughter of **Samuel T.** and **Alivna E. Grinnell**. Margaret was the daughter of **Benjamin F. Darling** and **Charity L. Slaght**. Benjamin Darling was born in 1854 in Orange Twp., Ionia Co., MI. He died in the city of Ionia in 1926. Charity died in 1945 in Traverse City, MI.

Space does not allow for the wealth of information provided in book 3 of the First Families of Ionia Co. Society. This is just a sneak preview of what is available in our library or by contacting Karen Remington. Thank you, Karen!

## **2000 Calendar of Events - Ionia County Genealogical Society**

### **APRIL 2000**

- 4 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 8 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Suzanne Carpenter, How to Plan and Pack for a Research Trip Abroad
- 27 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 29 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers
- 29 8:00-4:00 Ionia County Women's Festival at Ionia High School

### **MAY 2000**

- 2 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 13 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Speaker Heide Nagle, The Ionia Public Library - Where We've Been and Future Plans
- 25 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 27 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

### **JUNE 2000**

- 6 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 10 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Dawn Mackety will speak on Native Americans in the U.S.
- 22 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 24 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

### **July 2000**

- 8 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Dale Jackson, author of Jackson Family History speaking on Publishing Your Family History
- 10 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 27 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board of Directors meeting at Swilers
- 29 DEPOT DAY (details to be announced at a later date). Not open for research

### **August 2000**

- 1 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 12 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Bill Atkinson will speak on Salt Lake City Research
- 24 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board of Directors meeting at Swilers
- 26 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

**\*\*All regular membership meetings are held on the second (2nd) Saturday of each month, except December, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Odessa Historical Society Museum Depot on Emerson Street, Lake Odessa, MI. The public is welcome, and refreshments will be served.**

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**TO:**

**Depot Museum  
Open last Saturday  
Of each month  
For Researchers  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Those interested in becoming a member of the I.C.G.S. complete the form below and send it with \$15.00 annual membership fee made payable to the Ionia County Genealogical Society. Mail it to: ICGS c/o Pam Swiler at 13051 Ainsworth Road, Route 3, Lake Odessa, MI 48849.

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List Surnames you are researching: \_\_\_\_\_

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