

# GENERATIONS



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***The next meeting of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society:***

## **The Willard Library Local History Room**

- ▣ **Presented by Kathleen Strang**
- ▣ **Tuesday, Sept 28, 1999**
- ▣ **7:00 p.m.**
- ▣ **at the B.E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall, Marshall, MI**

Special guest speaker for the evening is Kathleen Strang, Head Librarian of the Local History Room. Willard Library is located at 7 West Van Buren in Battle Creek, MI. (616) 968-8166. Kathleen will be speaking to our society on these recent projects the Local History Room has undertaken:

### ***The Collier Collection***

The Ross Collier Collection is a virtual treasure trove of invaluable information for the historian and genealogist alike. The collection has been photocopied, enlarged and darkened to improve legibility and *indexed!* The collection will be available on a computer database like the Battle Creek Enquirer index.

### ***The E. W. Roberts Photo Collection***

Fortunately for area historians, among photographer E. W. Roberts' favorite subjects was the city of Battle Creek. Entitled *Rambles Around Battle Creek*, there are nearly 1,300 shots in this collection. Additionally, the library has pulled over 4,200 photographs from their vertical files to make a grand total of 5,500 photographs. Kathleen has nearly completed the intensive task of captioning each photo. The long term plan is for the photos to be available on CD-ROM.

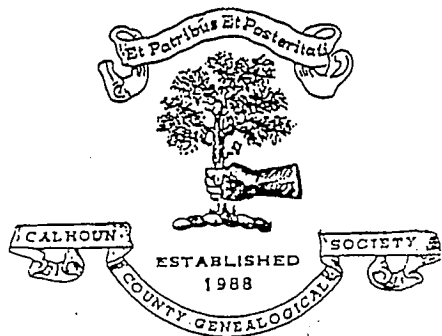
### ***The Battle Creek City Assessor's File***

In 1940 the City Assessor's office made a photographic record of all of the buildings within the Battle Creek city limits. Each photograph is mounted on a card with descriptive information about the property. It's a great way to see what Grandma and Grandpa's house looked like years ago. This collection is also being transferred to CD-ROM.

These projects are made possible due to grants from the Miller Foundation, the Battle Creek Foundation and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

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Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the VFW Hall located at 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI *unless otherwise specified*. Programs are free and the public is invited.

## Research Materials Available from the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

The 1877 History of Calhoun County, MI (reprinted)  
Over 350 pages, printed on acid free, archival  
paper, and is hard-cover, library-quality bound,  
includes every name index. \$55.00

Cemeteries of Eckford Twp. Calhoun County, MI  
(110 pages, over 2,100 names) \$10.00

Clarence Township Cemeteries in Calhoun Co., MI  
(Clarence Center, Dyer, Hunt, Krenerick and  
Nichols) (66 pages, over 2,100 names) \$7.00

Transcriptions of Cemeteries of Convis Twp.  
Calhoun Co., MI (35 pages, over 1,000 names)  
\$6.00

Every Name Index for Generations, the Newsletter of  
the Calhoun County Genealogical Society  
August 1988 - June 1995 (48 pages, over 2,800  
names) \$5.00

Beginner's Guide to Family History Research by  
Desmond Walls Allen and Carolyn Earle Billingsley  
(46 pages) \$9.00

Bentley Comers Cemetery, Clarendon Twp.,  
Calhoun Co., MI (14 pages) \$6.00

Marriage Records of Calhoun, County, MI 1836-  
1890 (248 pages, indexed) \$18.50

St. Joseph Cemetery, Clarendon Twp., Calhoun Co.,  
MI (25 pages) \$6.00

Transcriptions of the Gravestones in the Rice Creek  
Cemetery, Lee Twp., Calhoun Co., MI (49 pages)  
\$6.00

MI residents must add 6% sales tax. All prices  
include shipping. To order the above publications  
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**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS**  
**Calhoun County Genealogical Society**  
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## president's ponderings

No, your postman has not been holding on to your copy of *Generations*! Sincere apologies from your overwhelmed newsletter editors as life has gotten in the way of writing the newsletter. Nancy has been very involved with her four-legged "children," showing her dogs at agility trials and visiting nursing homes and rehabilitation centers with her certified therapy dogs. I have been digging for antiques (my profession) and restoring my 90-year-old garage (a necessity!). I also took two weeks to drive to Florida, through the beautiful Smokies, and back, via the eastern seaboard, to visit my eldest daughter who is now living in St. Petersburg, FL.

The long journey gave me the chance to visit a few Civil War battlefields. In Georgia we stopped at Kennesaw Mountain. Important to the defense of Atlanta, a fierce battle was waged here. Now you can drive a wandering road up to the top, and enjoy some incredible views while pondering how they ever moved troops and artillery up the heavily forested mountain. In Virginia, we stopped at Petersburg, where a 9-month siege took place. Petersburg was important to the defense of Richmond, the capitol of the Confederacy. Finally, on the way home we toured Gettysburg. Even non-Civil War buffs can't help but be moved by what happened here. Want to make history *and* genealogy come alive for you and your kids? Go to where a significant event happened in the life of an ancestor. For my eight-year-old Caitlin and me, we learned whether or not our cousin General William Tecumseh Sherman was at the battle fields we visited. On the other side of the conflict was our great-grandfather John Newton Shirley of the 48<sup>th</sup> Alabama. While the two ancestors never actually faced each other in battle, it was very interesting for both of us to gain an intimate perspective of what they experienced. Gettysburg in particular was impactful. The 48<sup>th</sup> Alabama was involved in fierce fighting at The Slaughter Pen and Devil's Den, where John Newton Shirley took a minnie ball through the elbow. To climb among the rocks at Devil's Den was an incredible experience. While there we talked with another visitor who was dressed in full (wool) Confederate uniform. He looked tired and overheated – the heat index that particular day was 114°, not unlike the weather on July 2, 1863. "I just wanted to see what it was like for the men here that day," he said. Indeed.



*View of Devil's Den, on the battlefield at Gettysburg, PA, from a period photograph.*

## **"STUFF" TO SEE AND DO**

**Michigan Genealogy Council 1999 Seminar**, October 28, 29, & 30<sup>th</sup>, Traverse City, Michigan. Featured speakers are Cyndi Howells (of the Internet's "Cyndi's List"), Hank Jones (Psychic Roots), Roger D. Joslyn, and Leland K. Meitzler (Heritage Quest). Contact Gayle Grice, Registration, 3188 N. Three Mile Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686.

**1999 Michigan Renaissance Festival**. Men in mail, damsels in distress, and all around good medieval fun! Weekends and Labor Day, August 14 through September 26 in Holly (Flint), MI. Contact 1-800-601-4848 or write Michigan Renaissance Festival, 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442.

Special exhibit: **"Becoming American Women in Michigan: The Jewish Immigrant Experience, 1880-1920"** at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. This special exhibit runs from March 22 – September 15, 1999 at the Center, 213 W. Main Street, Lansing, MI 48933. Contact 1-517-484-1880.

**War of 1812 Reenactment** in Rockford, MI, August 21-22. Contact 1-313-379-5020 or 1-800-477-3189.

**Native American Arts Festival and Exhibit**, Museum of Ojibwa Culture, St. Ignace, MI, August 27-28. Contact 1-906-643-9161 or 1-800-338-6660.

**Polish Festival**, Grand Rapids, MI, August 27-29. Contact 1-616-897-4211.

**Traditional Summer Pow Wow**, Climax, MI, Timberlake Campground, August 28-29. Contact 1-616-964-1506.

**Civil War Muster**, Jackson, MI, Cascade Falls Park, August 28-29. Contact 1-517-788-4320.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION SPONSORED BY WILLARD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Willard Library and the Local History/Genealogy Department are pleased to present a program entitled **Family History: Writing Your Life Story... For You, Your Children, and Your Grandchildren**, on **Thursday, September 9 at 7:00** in the Miller Stone Building, across the street from Willard Library.

What games did you play as a child? Do your children and grandchildren know where you met your spouse? Where was the first house you lived in and what was it like?

Barbara Garypie will be the presenter. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She is a certified Journal Consultant and an Elderhostel Lecturer on Life Story Writing.

"Family trees are important; tombstones are important," Barbara comments, "but the stories...and the ones we haven't told yet...are what we need to give, too."

She will present many ideas on how to begin recording and organizing memories, events and significant people. She makes it easy to remember your stories and to get started in writing down your own family history. "The more you write, the more you remember." Her presentations are full of practical pointers, enthusiasm, humor, and even a song! As always, this Willard Library program is free and the public is invited.

## History of Sheridan Township

*Below is a synopsis of the Sheridan Township history as found in the 1877 History of Calhoun County. Originally published in 1877, the Calhoun County Genealogical Society had the History republished in March of 1998. See page 70 of this newsletter for information on how to order a copy.*

Reuben ABBOTT, of Erie, New York, was the pioneer of Sheridan, to which he came with his family, September, 1831, and entering eighty acres on sections 29 and 30, built a log house sixteen by twenty-two feet, and later, kept therein a house of entertainment for travelers. In time, the structure enlarged and was known as "Abbott's Tavern," and, as Waterbury post-office on Abbott's appointment as postmaster. Orris CLAPP came in and settled on land now owned by H. C. BAKER, shortly after Abbott. In 1833 Chandler CHURCH made permanent location, and at the first town election was chosen supervisor. M. J. LATHROP the same year settled on land now the property of D. BILLINGHURST. In 1835 Martin TICHNOR entered two hundred acres on sections 26 and 35. Joel DOOLITTLE, Phineas SPAULDING and John O. COONRAD were settlers of the same year. The year 1836 was marked by the influx of many settlers. Among these were Elijah GREEN and William C. WHITE, Daniel ROSSETER, Seth DEAN, Benjamin HARDING, James HICKS, M. C. WILES, William M. PEARL, John GAY, H. STEVENS, Enos DUTTON, Chauncey VIETS, Levi and John E. WILES, Caleb LEWIS and Mark CRANE. In October, 1838, Rufus BURR and family settled on Section 21. This farm is still the possession of the original purchaser, and is the only one in Sheridan which has not changed hands. During the fall of 1838 Cyrus DUTTON and James NICHOLS moved in. Robert B. SHIPMAN settled in 1839, on land entered by his father in 1835. A log house was built, and improvements made during the year, and in 1840 he went as far as Plymouth to meet his mother and two sisters.

Primitive schools were started at an early date. The first of these was kept in a board shanty which stood on the farm of Howell BIDWELL, whose daughter Ursula was the first teacher. Coeval with this school another was opened in 1832, by Henry BEEKER, in a log house near the southern part of the town. A third school was commenced by James HICKS, on the CHURCH place. The pioneer schoolhouse of Sheridan was erected in 1838. It was of round logs, and was located on section 26, south of the road, and nearly opposite the present brick schoolhouse site. Exclusive of the village graded schools; there are six schools in the township.

In a log house located on the Territorial road in the west part of the town Reuben ABBOTT started the first tavern, long a trademark for westward-bound travelers. The hostess was active and obliging. More than once she set off on foot in the early morning and traveled miles to obtain material for the breakfast of her guests. Another tavern in the east part of town, on the same road, was kept for several years by Julius CHAMBERLAIN. In 1844 the advent of rail facilities marked a decline in travel on the old post-roads, and the taverns losing patronage closed their doors to the public. Pleasant hours were passed by old travelers sitting at evening time before the huge fireplaces, while the time sped swiftly under the charm of song and story. Newspapers were a rarity, and eager perusal followed when a chance paper was thrown from a passing stage.

It has elsewhere been remarked the prevalence of bear, and their fondness for the flesh of hogs. The following is related by John GAY: he was called up late one night by neighbors who had treed a bear near his house. A young man residing with the family took the only gun in the house, and GAY, in passing the logging-ground of the previous day, armed himself with a handspike. A fire, kindled to restrain the untimely descent of the bear, brazed brightly at the foot of the tree, about which the gun-less settlers kept guard. The gun was brought into requisition, and following the report the bear fell crashing through the branches, to the ground with a shattered shoulder. Gay, advancing, struck heavily with the handspike, but was caught by the arm and a close encounter followed. The settler, despite powerful effort, was unable to free his arm. An unsuccessful attempt was made by a neighbor to get in a blow with an axe, which narrowly escaped injuring GAY. The bear suddenly rising to its hind feet, with a supreme effort threw his antagonist several feet and made for the woods. A second shot closed the contest. The arm caught was badly lacerated, and clothing was rent in shreds.

## PETER AND SALLY DUBOIS

Peter Dubois was born in Saratoga County, New York on 5 May 1800. He married in New York. In May 1836, he and his wife Sallie, started westward, leaving Greenfield in Saratoga County, and traveling by wagon through Buffalo and Canada, probably by the route called "Mohawk Trail". Three children, born in New York were with them, Harvey J., James G., and Esther May. They arrived in Calhoun County, Michigan in June 1836, having traveled four weeks. A fourth child, Anthenette, was born in Michigan five years later.

Peter's first land purchase in Michigan Territory was on 28 June 1836, and recorded 11 July 1836. He purchased 40 acres from Royal Cooper in Section 25 of Battle Creek Township. On 9 December 1837 he purchased 120 acres in Sections 26 and 35 of Battle Creek Township from William and Mary Langley, recording it on 11 December 1837. Purchases recorded on 1 October 1851 from Joseph L. Paine (made 17 October 1836 for 40 acres) and Samuel S. Jennings (made 22 March 1851 for 100 acres) increased his acreage to 300 acres. From these properties Peter sold 1 acre to the South Battle Creek Baptist Society on 2 May 1843 with a five year limitation of building a meeting place on the acre. The sales deed for the cemetery property's metes and bounds was written 11 December 1839 but was not recorded until 18 May 1852 by the Trustees of the Board of Health of Milton, it's purchasers.

Dubois Cemetery is located in Section 36 of "the Town of Milton"...now Battle Creek Township... south of the section line and East of the Southwest corner of the section. It has been increased in size according to the DAR Index of 1941.

DUBOIS CEMETERY is the final resting place of Peter and Sally Dubois and most of their immediate family. The youngest daughter, Anthenette McCollum, resided in Lawrence, Michigan at the time of her brother Harvey's death in 1893.

DUBOIS, Peter	died 10 August 1875	age 75 yrs 3 mo 25 da
" Sally	died 25 February 1869	age 61 years
DUBOIS, Harvey J.	died 25 August 1893	age 68 years
" Cynthia J.	died 30 Sept. 1897	age 72 years
" Clayton H.	died 29 Sept. 1885	age 21 years
" Charlotte E.	died 27 Oct. 1867 (1869)	age 13 years
DUBOIS, James G.	b. 30 April 1827, d. 12 June 1895	
" Martha A.	b. 28 July 18 , d 21 (28) Sept 1873	
" Herman P.	b 11 Sept 1856, d. 21 June 1862	
" Myron J.	b. 14 June 1858, d. 31 Mar., 1868	
" Alice (2nd wife of James)	b. 18 Feb 1850, d. 17 June 1896	
MASON, Esther	d. 16 Sept 1866, dau. of P.& S.Dubois, wf of J.S.Mason	
	age 36 years	

YOUNG'S CEMETERY has several DUBOISs buried there, probably related:

Daniel, d. 2 Nov 1898, age 62

Emma 1849-1927

Frank, d. 9 May 1871 age 4 yrs 3 mo

Johnnie, d. 12 Feb 1879 age 3 yrs

## 'NET NEWS

Here are a couple of Internet sites to explore. The first one is <http://www.usgenweb.org/census>. This site is an archive of *transcribed* census records. Census records are so vital as primary genealogical evidence. It's great to be able to search a census from home.

A second spot to check is <http://www.rootsweb.com/~maillist/>. This will provide you with an index of mailing lists hosted by Rootsweb. There are hundreds of mail lists you can subscribe to, from regional, by county or state, to surname. Check to see if one of your surnames has a mail list. This is a great way to share with other genealogists.

Which brings me to, JUST WHAT IS A MAIL LIST?!? A mail list is simply a way to organize messages between fellow genealogists based on topic. Any list user (subscriber) can post a message to the mail list – be it shared information or a request – and a fellow list user is free to reply. There is no cost to subscribe. I located a mail list for my maiden name, Shirley, and found several archived posts specific to my family. The following comes straight from the Rootsweb informational blurb on mail lists:

**About Mailing Lists.** Mailing lists are remarkably simple beasts: you send a piece of e-mail to the list's address, and the list retransmits that message to everyone who is subscribed. You must be a subscriber to post to any list hosted by Rootsweb EXCEPT for ROOTS-L.

**All Lists Have Two Addresses.** Every mailing list really has two addresses: the list name, where posts should be sent, and the list name followed by -request, where commands to the listserver software should be sent. For example, posts to ROOTS-L should go to [ROOTS-L@rootsweb.com](mailto:ROOTS-L@rootsweb.com) while "subscribe" and "unsubscribe" requests should go to [ROOTS-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:ROOTS-L-request@rootsweb.com).

**List Modes Affect How You Receive Posts.** Mailing lists can operate in any of three modes:

MAIL mode, where every post is sent to subscribers as a separate piece of e-mail. MAIL mode requires a great deal of effort by the listserving computer. MAIL mode lists are often named listname-M.

DIGEST mode, where about twenty posts are batched together and then sent to the subscribers. Digests produce less clutter in your mailbox, but replying to an individual message may require a little extra effort. Digest mode lists are often named listname-D.

INDEX mode, where a list of the Subject: and From: lines for each post is sent daily to the subscribers. Subscribers can then request only the messages they want to see. INDEX mode lists are often named listname-I.

Besides those lists, the default mode for a list is sometimes called listname-L. For example, the default mode of ROOTS-L is DIGEST, so ROOTS-L really is three lists: ROOTS-L, ROOTS-M, and ROOTS-I. Be aware, though, that many lists (especially small ones) do not adhere to these conventions.

**How to Subscribe and Unsubscribe.** It's easy -- just click on the list you want. When the "mail-to" window pops up, write just the single word "subscribe" in the body of the message. That's all. If you want to unsubscribe from a list, click on it and write just the single word "unsubscribe" in the body of the message.

CEMETERIES TO DO: June, 1999

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP	PENNFIELD TOWNSHIP: Carolyn Bush	CONVIS TOWNSHIP
Hutchinson, M37 & U Drive N	Hicks, Capital Ave NE on M66	\$6 (35 pages, 1000+ names)
Harmonia, 1 Mile N (M96 & M89)	(North of Huntington)	Austin, 15 Mile between P & Q north
Holiday, O Drive N (east of M37)	Mulvaney, 12 Mile north of V Drive	Porter, N Drive N, west of US27
<b>BATTLE CREEK TOWNSHIP</b>	West Pennfield, 1961 Capital NE	<b>MARSHALL TOWNSHIP</b>
Reese, W Dickman & Helmer	<b>EMMETT TOWNSHIP</b>	Oakridge, Homer Rd (SE side of city) city records
Youngs, W Territorial near airport	Ceresco, 12 Mile south of Mich Ave	St Mary's Catholic, Centennial
Dubois-Beckley, B Drive N	Newbre, B Dr S @ 9 Mile	Hotchkiss, J Drive N, west of 16½
(east of 3 Mile & Airport)	Sandstone, 11 Mile, south of Mich Ave	<b>FREDONIA TOWNSHIP: Pherson &amp; Potts</b>
<b>LEROY (DAR 1941)</b>	<b>NEWTON TOWNSHIP</b>	Lyon Lake, Old 27S & G Drive S
E Leroy/Mather, 5 Mile (between H & K)	Newton Methodist, F Dr S, east of 8 Mile	ready for map check
Morgan - Robinson, 5 Mile (north of B Dr S)	Meda Francisco, 616/979-2791 (cards w/ obits)	Lutheran, 13 Mile, north of L Drive S
W Leroy, C Drive (east of 1/2 Mile N)		ready for map check
S. Leroy, 2 1/2 Mile (Joppa Road)		Houston, D Dr S, between 15½ & 16½
(west of M66)		
<b>ATHENS: Willard, 1942 DAR + Young</b>	<b>BURLINGAME TOWNSHIP: Printed by</b>	<b>TEKONSHA TOWNSHIP</b>
Burr Oak, V Dr S, 1/2 mile west of blinker	Union City Genealogical Society 1992	Kaiser to check map
village clerk		Windfall, Jackson Dr, south of M60
N Athens, M Drive S (east of 2 Mile)		transcribed, VR & map to do
sexton's records	Abscota, 7 Mile & N Dr S	Riverside, s/ St Joseph River, e/old 27
Holcomb, V Drive S, east of M66	Barrington, N Drive @ 9½ MI	transcribed, VR & map to do
Simpson, 2 Mile & O Drive S	Burlington Twp, M60, west of city	McFadden, 17 Mile & P Drive S
Walker, M66 south of O Drive S		transcribed (3 markers, 1 inscription)

Thanks to those who worked faithfully through last summer on cemeteries in Fredonia, Pennfield and Marengo Townships, your project chair has had plenty of material to put onto a database. The helpers included Carolyn Bush, Brenda Cornish, Virginia Hart, Julia Miller, Joan Pehrson, Verla Potts, Val Radee, Dave & Cheri Ruble, Lewis and Ruth Simmons, Ramona Short, Ilene Woodman.

We were able to cover much ground because the volunteers work in pairs or with a small group on their own schedule. It takes two to determine what is the best transcription. I have written instructions for any who wishes to volunteer. The diagram above indicates the western 2/3 of Calhoun County and the cemeteries involved. If you are interested in preparing the transcriptions this summer, please call me and I will arrange to assign you a cemetery near your home or in the area where your interests lie. You will be assigned an experienced partner to get you started.

It is interesting to learn about the history of the individual cemeteries and the township. I attempt to include whatever I can locate. Anyone who likes to do this kind of research would save my time for checking all our information for accuracy.

The volunteers spent the winter and bad weather days checking the material on my database. This can also be done by those who don't feel able to work in the cemeteries. Contact me if this interests you.

Clarendon Cemetery is ready for the printer and available by the June society meeting. Lee Township will be ready shortly. The Marengo, Fredonia Tekonsha and Pennfield Township are nearing completion. I will be verifying the map diagrams this summer.

Ruth Kaiser, Chair (517/857-2747)



# Standards For Using Records Repositories And Libraries

*Recommended by the National Genealogical Society*



Recognizing that how they use unique original records and fragile publications will affect other users, both current and future, family history researchers habitually—

- ✦ are courteous to research facility personnel and other researchers, and respect the staff's other daily tasks, not expecting the records custodian to listen to their family histories nor provide constant or immediate attention.
- ✦ dress appropriately, converse with others in a low voice, and supervise children appropriately.
- ✦ do their homework in advance, know what is available and what they need, and avoid ever asking for "everything" on their ancestors.
- ✦ use only designated work space areas, respect off-limits areas, and request permission before using photocopy or microform equipment, asking for assistance if needed.
- ✦ treat original records at all times with great respect and work with only a few records at a time, recognizing that they are irreplaceable and that each user must help preserve them for future use.
- ✦ treat books with care, never forcing their spines, and handle photographs properly, preferably wearing archival gloves.
- ✦ never mark, mutilate, rearrange, relocate, or remove from the repository any original, printed, microform, or electronic document or artifact.
- ✦ use only procedures prescribed by the repository for noting corrections to any errors or omissions found in published works, never marking the work itself.
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- ✦ use only the method specifically designated for identifying records for duplication, avoiding use of paper clips, adhesive notes, or other means not approved by the facility. Unless instructed otherwise, replace volumes and files in their proper locations. Before departure, thank the records custodians for their courtesy in making the materials available.
- ✦ follow the rules of the records repository without protest, even if they have changed since a previous visit or differ from those of another facility.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

While your local warehouse club store may not be the first place you think of for genealogy software, you might be surprised at what they offer. For instance, the Sam's Club in Battle Creek, Michigan, carries genealogy titles, many of them offered for less than the mail order cost. Many of these titles also have mail-in rebates, bringing the cost down even further. Here's what is currently in stock at the Sam's Club in Battle Creek:

**Family Tree Maker Version 6 Deluxe** 15-CD set by Broderbund, \$69.97 with \$20 mail-in rebate. Includes book Genetic Connections, 6 months membership to Genealogy-Library.com, birth & marriage records index, military and Social Security Death Index (SSDI), index to immigration, actual family trees and family histories, census records, and more.

**Ultimate Family Tree Platinum** bundled with **Ultimate Scrapbook Creator** by Paladium, \$49.97. Includes a CD ROM version of Evidence! as well as Evidence! templates, tutorials, 1,800 World Photo Studios pictures, SSDI, Ultimate Family Data Library Index, 30 day subscription to Ultimate Family Data Library, U.S. Gazetteers, and "\$100 in special offers."

**Generations Family Tree v 5.2 Grande Suite** by Sierra Home, \$49.97. Includes the book Netting Your Ancestors, 12 CD's w/ 200,000,000 names and resources and a World Name Index. Includes the photo software "Snap Shot" and a recipe collection called "Master Cook."

Confused about which genealogy software to use? Try consulting Genealogy Software Guide by Marthe Arends, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1998.

So, once you've decided which of the dozens of good genealogy software programs is right for you, check the warehouse club store in your area for potential savings.

## NOW WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

Place musty books in a brown paper sack along with some clean cat litter. Close the bag tightly and leave for a week. When you take the books out, there will be no odor. (From the *Saginaw Genealogical Society*, Vol. 21, No. 9, June 1999)

## COPYRIGHT PROTECTION BILL PASSES

President Clinton signed a bill, which retroactively extends copyright terms for another 20 years to 95 years. This means that materials written in 1923, which would have entered the public domain on 1 Jan 1999, will now enter the public domain 1 Jan 2019. The extension of the copyright terms has a tremendous impact on genealogists. Newspapers (obituaries), old genealogies, county history books, historical materials, etc., published in 1922 cannot be transcribed and reprinted for another 20 years. People who produce free online databases and/or sell CD-ROMs are prohibited from reproducing materials printed after 1922. For a description of the impact, look at: <http://www.public.asu.edu/~dkarjala/> (From *Twigs & Branches*, N. Central Ill. GS, June, 1999)

## AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to our past president Jo Peck on her award-winning newsletter. Jo is President and Newsletter Editor of the Temecula Valley (California) Genealogical Society. Recently their newsletter was awarded first prize in a contest sponsored by the Odom Genealogical Library and Family Tree in Moultrie, Georgia. "A great deal of credit must go to our fine contributors who are all members of the society," Jo said. Congratulations, Jo!

## WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Visit the web site of the Association of Personal Historians (APH) at <http://www.personalhistorians.org> to find pointers on recording your life story.

INGHAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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A GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1999, 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

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Newspaper Research!

Where: Mason City Community Hall

201 W. Ash St. at Park St.

Mason, Michigan

Seminar Questions: Sam Pardee: 517-374-8178

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Confirmation of registration and directions to the Seminar will be mailed to you.

Ingham County Genealogical Society - Genealogical Seminar - Saturday, November 13, 1999 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\$15.00 Per Person

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for the ICGS Seminar (Registration Fee includes Lunch)

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**Future Functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society**

Programs are always free and the public is welcome.  
For more information call Nancy Hibiske at 616-962-3498

***All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.***

- September 28 Kathleen Strang, head of the Local History Room at Willard Public Library in Battle Creek, will present to the Society on the recent projects the Local History Room has undertaken. *Meeting to be held at the B. E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall St., Marshall, MI*
- October 26th Heritage Quest Genealogy Road Show featuring Mr. Leland Meitzler. More details of his presentation topics to follow in next month's newsletter. *Meeting to be held at the Burnham Brook Center, 200 W. Michigan, Battle Creek, MI*
- November To Be Determined
- December No Meeting – Happy Holidays!

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