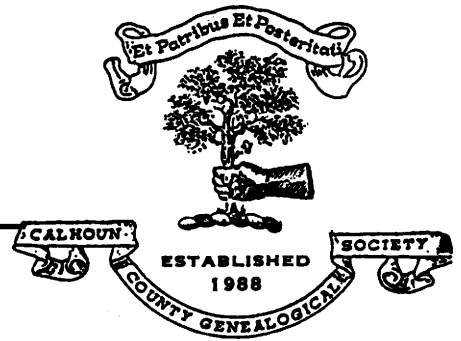


# Generations

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## Join us Oct. 24 for tour of Battle Creek's Historic Adventist Village

Part of Battle Creek's cultural history will be put on tour, Tuesday, Oct. 24, as the Historic Adventist Village welcomes members and guests of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.

The tour at the Historic Adventist Village will begin at the Meeting House at 6:30 p.m. (note earlier time). Pastor Stanley Cottrell and his wife, Ruth Ann, will portray Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Prudence Bates.

The Historic Adventist Village tells "the stories of a people who lived to honor God" and is set from 1852 to 1902. It offers reenactments, interactive activities and a spiritual emphasis.

The 1857 Meeting House, a replicated structure, allows visitors to join in the experience of the pioneers as they worshipped. Other features include the 19th Century School House; an exhibit about William J. Hardy, an African-American Adventist pioneer; the home of the French-Canadian John and Vitaline Daigneau family; the Log Cabin and more.

In Battle Creek, the village is located north of Van Buren Street between Hubbard and Kendall streets (west of Washington Avenue). From Van Buren Street turn north on North Wood Street (drive around the road-closed sign).

Pass five houses on the left, then park along North Wood Street near the Ellen G. White home and walk to the meeting house just behind it.

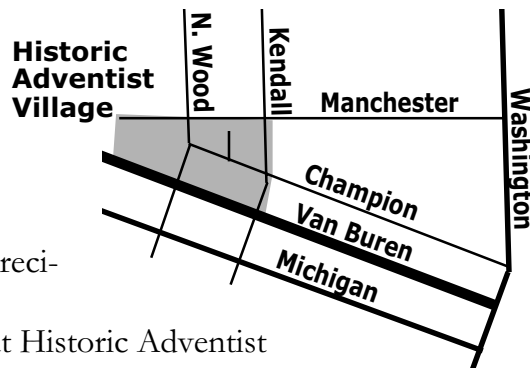
A donation to help defray the cost of the tour will be appreciated.

For more information about Historic Adventist Village, call (616) 965-3000.

### NEXT CCGS MEETING:

**Tour of Historic  
Adventist Village,  
Battle Creek**

**Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.  
(note early time)**



## Videographer to present tips and techniques at November meeting

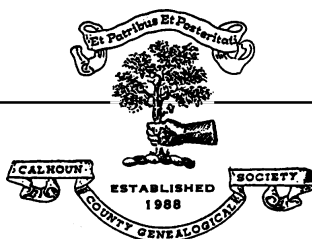
Daniel Rudd, a Marshall resident who shoots, edits and produces videos for a variety of clients, will share his tips for capturing special family memories at the Nov. 28 Calhoun County Genealogical Society meeting.

Whether you want to record your family history on videotape, a tape recorder or on notepaper, this session will give you new ideas. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the B.E. Henry Building in Marshall.

In his videos, Rudd likes to let the subjects tell the story. He'll offer ideas for drawing out family history through good interviewing techniques, including making the subjects feel comfortable and asking valuable questions. He'll also offer some technical video recording tips.

Rudd welcomes questions from the audience, so think about what you need to know to record your family history.

# Calhoun County Genealogical Society



The Calhoun County Genealogical Society is a non-profit, federally tax-exempt, state-chartered organization. Individuals, libraries or societies may apply for membership. Annual dues for the year beginning Sept. 1 are \$12. Memberships are accepted year round. All members receive the bimonthly newsletter **Generations**.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the B.E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall St. in Marshall, *unless otherwise specified*. Programs are free and open to the public.

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## Highlights of annual CCGS corresponding secretary, treasurer and membership chair reports

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society recently wrapped up its 1999–2000 year.

According to John Baker, who took over as CCGS **treasurer** mid-term last year, total income from Sept. 1, 1999, to Aug. 30, 2000, was \$4,041.11, while expenses were \$4,048.90. As of the September meeting, the society's assets totaled \$9,955.28.

The society holds \$211.92 in cash, a checking account balance of \$8,548.26 and a CD balance of \$1,195.10.

State reports for sales tax have been submitted. Baker is reviewing federal non-profit status for possible society registration. An audit of the society's books found good CCGS accounting practices.

CCGS's Ramona Short has been busy in the **corresponding secretary** position. She shipped a total of 83 society-published books last year, answered seven queries and wrote 72 letters.

Membership grew this year, from 168 as of Sept. 1, 1999, to 202 members this year, according to **membership chair** Ilene Woodman.

*For more about other society activities in the 1999–2000 year, read President's Ponderings beginning on page 16.*

# Michigan Genealogical Council affiliated events

The Michigan Genealogical Council and affiliated groups are hosting several events this year and next. For details, contact Delphine Goodwin at (734) 425-8832.

**Oct. 28** Ingham County Genealogical Society: speakers Curt Witcher and Shirley Hodges

**Nov. 4** Western Wayne Genealogical Society: "Putting it in Print"

## 2001 events

**May 5, 2001** Eaton County Genealogical Society: speaker John Coletta

**May 16-19, 2001** National Genealogical Society conference, Portland, Ore.

**Sept. 12-15, 2001** Federation of Genealogical Societies conference, Davenport, Iowa

**Oct. 18-20, 2001** Michigan Genealogical Council seminar, Troy

## Basic to advanced seminars planned in Portage

Sessions for beginning to advanced genealogists will be offered by the Portage District Library and the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society. All are on Saturdays and begin at 2 p.m. at the Portage Public Library.

The workshops are:

**Nov. 11** Migration Patterns and Knowing the Neighbors

**Dec. 9** Adding to Your Genealogy Through Travel

**Jan. 13, 2001** Getting Started on a Genealogical Project

**Feb. 10, 2001** Tracing Your Female Ancestors

**March 10, 2001** Vital Records and Church Records

**April 14, 2001** Giving Depth to Your Family History

**May 12, 2001** Helpful Hints — A Sharing Program

For more, contact the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 405, Comstock, MI 49041 or visit the web site, [www.rootsweb.com/~mikvgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mikvgs/).

## DAR chapter plans lineage workshop

The Daughters of the American Revolution's Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter plans a Nov. 4 workshop in Kalamazoo. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History Collections on Oakland Drive.

All women who are interested in the Daughters of the American Revolution and think they might have ancestors who served

in that war are welcome to attend without obligation to join.

Please bring your data and a pedigree chart if you have one. If not and you want to get started on your research, just bring yourself. You may wish to bring a sack lunch.

For information, call (616) 327-2794, (616) 343-6498, (616) 375-0343 or send e-mail to [KazooDAR@aol.com](mailto:KazooDAR@aol.com).

## Willard Library offers free Internet classes

If you'd like to move your genealogy research to the Internet, but first need some basic help using the 'net, these classes might be for you.

Holders of Willard Library cards may attend the free sessions, which provide a broad overview of each topic. The classes are not hands-on, but information is projected onto a large screen in the library's meeting room. Hands-on lab sessions may be scheduled for some of the topics after the initial class.

Call the Battle Creek library at (616) 968-8166.

**Basic Internet** Nov. 1, 10-11 a.m.; Jan. 9, 7-8 p.m.; or Feb. 7, 12-1 p.m.

**E-mailing** Nov. 8, 10-11 a.m.; Jan. 16, 7-8 p.m.; or Feb. 14, 12-1 p.m.

**Personalizing** Nov. 15, 10-11 a.m.; Jan. 23, 7-8 p.m.; or Feb. 21, 12-1 p.m.

**Searching** Oct. 30, 12-1 p.m.; Nov. 22, 10-11 a.m.; Jan. 30, 7-8 p.m.; or Feb. 28, 12-1 p.m.

# President's *ponderings*

## I'd rather be fishing

As your new president, may I first express gratitude and appreciation to our past president, Sandy Redmond, for her remarkable contribution to this society over the past two years; and to each of our board members for their tireless and commendable response to the needs of the society. Carlene, our vice president, and I are grateful to Sandy, the board and Nancy Hibiski, our past vice president, for their continuing support.

### **Kudos to our past president**

With Sandy's leadership, we have been elevated a giant step through the excellent monthly programs ranging from Native American research to learning how to read land records; the Heritage Quest Roadshow to the Expert in Residence, Lorraine Coleman, who promotes Heritage Tours. Four cemetery books were published and contributions of marriage records, microfilms and the county history were placed in judiciously selected repositories.

Our society received the Preservation Partner Award from the Battle Creek Historical District Commission, and contributed to the DAR restoration of the governor's mansion in Marshall. We became members of the barrier-free B.E. Henry Community Building in Marshall, where we hold our monthly meetings. Under Sandy's leadership, a Com-

puter Interest Group was formed. Sandy will continue to maintain our web site and e-mail list. She will also manage the Calhoun County RootsWeb page and mail list.

### **Starting a new term**

Having joined CCGS two years ago ... and having time to attend only about seven meetings ... and having yet to renew my membership for the coming year ... and vowing silently never to volunteer to accept nomination to an office because my own research would certainly come to a screeching halt ... and then mentioning to Carlene that "it really wouldn't be right to belong to an organization and not contribute" ... here we are! On the evening of Sept. 26, we were launched from a canon without a net! (I'd rather be fishing.)

Thirty minutes later, I was conducting a brand new, never-done-before strategic planning meeting. Confessing that I was a homemaker and just lucky to be able to turn out a good batch of peanut butter cookies, we forged through what became a productive meeting. Thank you all for your wonderful suggestions, every one of which we recorded. A survey to help us make action plans from those ideas will be mailed to members soon.

### **The coming year**

In the coming year, society plans include involving more

members in programs and projects. We hope to call upon many of you to become trained to help Ruth Kaiser and her intrepid team glean transcriptions of cemetery headstones. Other volunteer opportunities include creating indexes of ongoing projects, making lists of where we can publicize our activities and determining how we can help others in this labor of love.

### **Microfilming our work**

We plan to microfilm the information our society has gathered and indexed. At the Family Genealogical Society Conference in Salt Lake City in September, I learned that microfilm is still the most stable and resilient preservation medium.

We are also nearing the end of the microfilming portion of the Pioneer Certificate project, which numbers 264 certificates to date, and will continue to index and prepare them for filming. Applications for microfilming will be accepted through December.

The Every Name Index of **Generations** will be maintained and a few of our older cemetery books will appear on the Internet. We also need someone to help us apply for ISBN numbers for society publications.

### **Future plans**

We intend to apply for grants that will help us further our mission by seeking and preserving records and assuming other worthy projects. And, if all goes well, we may even host a small conference of our own, with a few nationally

known genealogists to help those who share our addiction.

Our focus and commitment remain in place for improving research skills, using record repositories and their holdings, as well as a much-needed field trip and a few mini classes to help those of us who need to learn more about how to use all that is available. We need to know what you need to know so we can help.

After attending the FGS Conference in Salt Lake City, my husband and I drove through the beautiful timbered canyons southeast of the city to fish the amazing Strawberry Reservoir ... the best of both worlds. Keep on keeping on.

*Joy Carter*

## Books offer clues to Jewish life in Poland, Ukraine and Moldova

"Since the Iron Curtain's fall a decade ago, American author-genealogist Miriam Weiner has dug up the roots of Jewish life in Poland, Ukraine and Moldova. Her books display town-by-town guides to birth records, census data and voter lists. They also hold moving photographs. 'This is not about inanimate objects in the archives; it's about discovering a family,' Weiner says."

— *National Geographic*,  
August 2000

Miriam Weiner's books are readily available to researchers. Her newest, published last summer, is *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and*



*Moldova: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories*. It, along with *Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories*, earned five out of five stars in customer reviews in the online bookstore amazon.com.

Weiner also authored *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy: Sources in the United States and Canada*.

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## Not too late to renew your membership

Individuals, libraries or societies may apply for membership in the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. Annual dues and gift dues for the 2000–2001 year, which began Sept. 1, are \$12. Although membership dues are accepted year round, you are encouraged to join or renew now to avoid missing issues of the newsletter.

### Calhoun County Genealogical Society Membership Application

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**A membership  
makes a great gift!**

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# 1934 Homer quilt embroidered with 440 names

When members of our society toured the Homer Historical Society's Blair Farm for our June 27 meeting, many admired a beautiful quilt on one of the beds in the farmhouse. The yellow-and-white pinwheel piece was embroidered with the names of Homer-area people and organizations.

Homer Historical Society members transcribed the names for us. Many thanks to them!

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Born, Leona  
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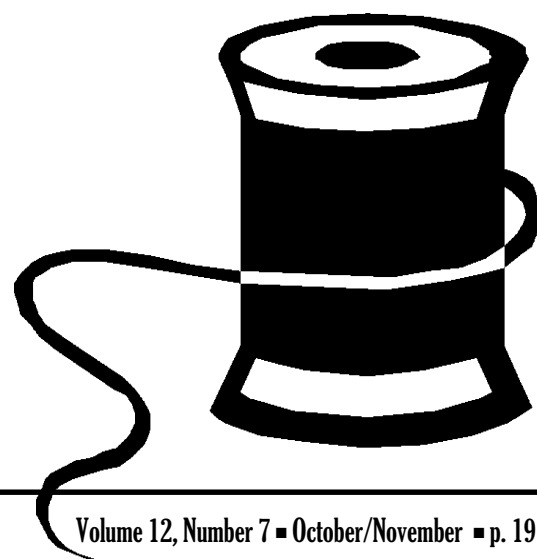
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# Letter from Andreas Jauch in Galesburg to his parents in Germany Offers glimpse of Kalamazoo and Galesburg in 1860

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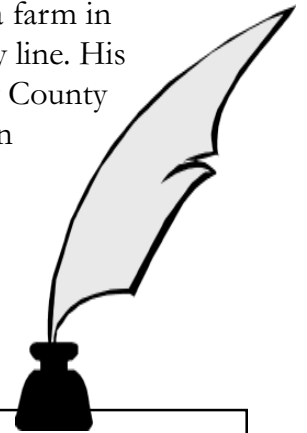
The following letter was found by a German researcher I hired to look into emigration records for Andreas Frey, an ancestor. It was written by Andreas Jauch, who grew up in Vorstetten, Baden, Germany, and emigrated to the United States.

According to the 1860 census, Jauch was 34, living in Charleston Township, Kalamazoo County, Mich., and had married Marbeth or Marbelle (another case of a poor film and difficult script) who was born in "New York, Aly" (I think Albany).

Andreas Frey had gone to Albany to live with his brother George Fry [Frey] before coming to Michigan, so there must have been several people in the area from Vorstetten. Both Andreas Frey and Andreas Jauch were involved in the 1848 German Revolution attempt and Andreas Frey was taken

prisoner, whereas Andreas Jauch escaped with a Swiss passport. At the time of the letter he was apparently trying to get official permission to "emigrate" (that is to stay in the United States) so he could obtain the money he still had in Germany.

Andrew Frey and his wife, Kathrina, received permission to emigrate, leaving between June 29 and July 13, 1854. He stayed awhile in Comstock Township and eventually had a farm in Calhoun County on the county line. His son Henry's farm was in Barry County on the other side of the line. In 1860 they were both listed as living in Comstock Township; Andrew Frey was 48 years old with a wife Catherine, 46, and son Henry, 21.



Galesburgh  
February 19, 1860

Dear Parents,

I have received your letter dated 14th of last month and I was very glad to see that you all are healthy and well. Me too and mine are, thank God, healthy.

Dear Father, when you receive this letter I want you to go to the Grandduchal Office in Emmendingen and apply for my emigration permission as I am willing to stay in America. When brother Friedrich is willing to come to here, I think this is better for him than to work in France as the earning here is higher than in France. When he works first in France for awhile and then comes to here, then he has to learn two languages. ...

There are some German butchers in Kalamazoo and American, as well, where he can easily get a job. When he is known enough here he will earn 25-40 guilders. ...

Tell Maier Andreas he should write to Andreas Frey by himself, as nobody does like to hear such things, and I don't like to tell him this. I told Frey what the letter said. I think he will answer him by himself. If the Maier Andreas wants to write him, his [Andreas Frey's] address is the same as mine. Concerning the Black Forest Andreas Maier I let you know, and you can, if you think it is convenient, tell the 'Lion'-inn keeper [Andreas Meier] in Falkensteig that he [Andreas Frey] had squandered on drink his script two years ago at the German innkeepers' in Kalamazoo and therefore I had to pay not him, [Andreas Frey] but a man named Nofer. Meier



## Top tips *from our members*

### What tips have helped in your genealogical research?

Just when you hit a roadblock in your family research, a genealogy friend suggests a source you hadn't thought about. Or maybe you've discovered a trick for organizing your records. What are your best research tips? Send your tip and name to Sue Stuever Battel at 21174 F Dr. S., Marshall, MI 49068 or [suebattel@aol.com](mailto:suebattel@aol.com).

**This issue's tip, from Ramona Short:** At every family reunion you attend, ask people to keep their ears and eyes open for any newspaper clippings, letters, pictures, diaries, etc., that would be helpful in your research.

### Have you subscribed to the CCGS e-mail list?

We'll automatically send you meeting notices and other important information about the society. Send an e-mail message to [calhouncountygs@onelist.com](mailto:calhouncountygs@onelist.com) with the word "subscribe" in the subject line. It won't overload your mailbox — just a few messages a month.



will not receive half a Kreutzer (penny) from this. Now I see him [Andreas Frey] occasionally in Kalamazoo blind drunk as often as he has money. But the inn-keepers like more to see him go than come because he is the most repulsive man who can be found.

Kalamazoo is a town, three hours from here, about as big as Freiburg. It is a very good business place. Here are six churches or more, four banks, one county hall. It is the seat of the county (or Grafschaft or Amt) with the same name. The city is now 18 years old. The inhabitants are mostly born American, about 1/10 are German. Galesburgh is a little town not so big as Emmendingen, it lies one hour from here. There are about 10 merchants of every kind, one mill, one steam saw-mill, craftsmen of every kind, three churches and one school. Also there is a railway station. There are also three little villages, located less than quarter of an hour from my home. If you can please send with the next letter Kohlrabi seed. ...

Next year a new President will be elected. It will be a hot time then. Maybe this will lead to dividing of the United States of North America. I will write more about that in my next letters.

Please write soon whether Friedrich will come and when. I think if he comes with a steam ship it will be as comfortable as with a sailing ship; with a sailing ship it can last 40 days or more, while with a steam ship it lasts only 10-12 days. And when he comes to New York he should go to the German Society and ask how much it is to come to here. He shouldn't take the emigrant train but the Express train, second class. It will cost a little more but it is faster. With the emigrant train it will last about 10 days whereas the Express train takes only two days. ...

My wife send a lot a greetings to you all and so do I to you, the siblings and the relatives. I remain your loving son.

Andreas Jauch

# What you'll find in each federal census

The federal decennial census schedules contain a wealth of information for genealogists and historians. As a rule, information gathered in each successive census is progressively more detailed.

Schedules for 1790–1840 show names of enumerated heads of families only, other members of the family being simply tallied by age groups, sex and race. All subsequent enumerations, however, list each individual in a household by name. An exception is the slave schedules for 1850 and 1860, which show only the name of the owner and the number of slaves by age group and sex. The 1850 census was the first to record each person's age, occupation if over age 15 and place of birth. If the parent of a person enumerated in the 1870 schedule was of foreign birth, that is indicated. The 1880 census adds the relationship of each person to the head of the family, and gives the birthplace of parents.

Most of the 1890 population schedules were destroyed or badly damaged by fire. The few surviving segments have been micro-filmed. The 1890 special census of Union veterans and widows of Union Civil War veterans gives information about the military service of each veteran named and the post office address of each listed person living at the time.

The 1900 census consisted of seven schedules. Two population schedules were prepared, one for native Americans and one for other residents. These are the

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schedules reproduced as micro-film publication T623. The five remaining schedules, containing information on agriculture, manufacturers, mortality and crime, are not available from the National Archives or from Heritage Quest at this time.

The 1900 census schedules give for each person: name; address; relationship to head of household; color or race; sex; month and year of birth; age at last birthday; marital status; if a wife is listed within the household, then number of years married, number of children born of that marriage and number of children living; birthplaces of each individual and their parents; citizenship; if individual is foreign born, then year of immigration and number of years in the United States; citizenship status of foreign-born individuals older than 21; occupation; whether or not the person can read, write and

speak English; whether the home is owned or rented; whether the home is a farm; and whether the home is mortgaged.

The 1910 census schedules record: name; relationship to head of household; sex; color or race; age at last birthday; marital status; length of present marriage; if a mother, number of children and number of living children; birthplace; parents' birthplace; if foreign born, year of immigration and citizenship status; language spoken; occupation; type of industry; if employer, employee or self-employed; if unemployed; number of weeks unemployed in 1909; if home is rented or owned; if home is owned free or mortgaged; if home is a house or a farm; if a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy; if blind in both eyes; and if deaf or dumb. The forms used to survey Indians also recorded tribe and/or band.

— *Heritage Quest*

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# GENEALOGISTS NEVER DIE, *they just lose their census.*

## and 25 other phrases for addicted researchers

1. My family coat of arms ties at the back.  
Is that normal?
2. My family tree is a few branches short.  
All help appreciated.
3. My ancestors must be in a witness protection program.
4. Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall.
5. My hobby is genealogy; I raise dust bunnies as pets.
6. How can one ancestor cause so much trouble?
7. I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.
8. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.
9. I'm searching for myself. Have you seen me?
10. If only people came with pull-down menus and online help.
11. Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!
12. It's 2000 ... Do you know where your great great grandparents are?
13. A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.
14. A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.
15. A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
16. After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.
17. Am I the only person up my tree? Sure seems like it.
18. Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.
19. Can a first cousin once removed ... return?
20. Floor: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
21. Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it.
22. Genealogists are time unravelers.
23. Genealogy is like playing hide and seek:  
They hide, I seek!
24. Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
25. "Crazy" is a relative term in my family.

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## Calhoun County research materials available

*The 1877 History of Calhoun County, MI* (reprinted). More than 350 pages, printed on acid-free, archival paper, and is hard-cover, library-quality bound, includes every-name index, \$55.

*Cemeteries of Eckford Twp. Calhoun County, MI.* 110 pages, more than 2,100 names, \$10.

*Clarence Township Cemeteries in Calhoun Co., MI.* Clarence Center, Dyer, Hunt, Krenerick and Nichols, 66 pages, more than 2,100 names, \$8.

*Transcriptions of Cemeteries of Convis Twp., Calhoun Co., MI.* 35 pages, more than 1,000 names, \$6.

*Every-Name Index for Generations, the newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.* August 1988–June 1995, 48 pages, more than 2,800 names, \$5.

*Marriage Records of Calhoun County, MI, 1836–1890.* 248 pages, indexed, \$18.50.

*Clarendon Twp. Cemeteries, Calhoun Co., MI.* Bentley Corners (East Clarendon), West Clarendon, St. Joseph and Cooks Prairie, 188 pages, \$15.

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Making connections is what genealogy is all about. CCGS allows members to connect with each other through this newsletter. In the next issue, we'll print a *list*

*of the surnames* members are researching, so send in your names! The deadline is Nov. 10.

Mail to CCGS at P.O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068 or send

e-mail to Ilene Woodman at [iwoodman@home.com](mailto:iwoodman@home.com).

We'll also print a *five-generation ancestor chart* for a member in each issue, so submit one of those, as well.

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# *Calhoun County Genealogical Society* **CALENDAR**

*Programs are always free and the public is welcome. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the B.E. Henry Building, 615 S. Marshall St. in Marshall, unless otherwise specified.*

- Oct. 24, 2000     **Tour of Battle Creek's Historic Adventist Village.** Meet in the village's meeting house, 6:30 p.m. (note earlier time).
- Nov. 28, 2000     **6 p.m. Computer Interest Group.** Internet mail lists, bulletins boards and "netiquette." Held in the B.E. Henry Building *lower level*.
- 7 p.m. Recording Family History.** A professional videographer will share tips for capturing special memories and recording your family history.
- December        **No meeting.** Enjoy the holidays with your family!
- Jan. 23, 2000     **Hints & Anecdotes.** Special help for genealogists.

**Computer Interest Group.** Learn tips for using technology in genealogy research. Meets before every regular meeting in the B.E. Henry Building (upstairs conference room unless otherwise noted) at 6 p.m.

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