

President's Message

A while back, my son, Mike, was the speaker at one of our meetings that Dr. Vernon Potts attended. I was happy to introduce Mike to Dr. Potts. You see, Dr. Potts, or Mr. Potts as I used to know him, was my high school U.S. history teacher. While Mike, Dr. Potts and I were talking, he asked me if he or his class had an influence on my new interest in genealogy. I told him, "No, but, now I wished I had paid more attention in his class." We all laughed. Since then, I have thought about the answer I gave him, and you know, I must have paid attention in his class, because his history class is one of the very few classes that I remember so much about, so very long ago. Things that I learn about my ancestors now bring back from the recesses of my memory many lessons that I learned from Dr. Potts. Things like the causes of Revolutionary War; the battles of the Civil War; some of the different Presidents who served during those trying times in our history; all help me to picture how many of my ancestors must have lived. What knowledge I do have of history helps me to feel very connected to these wonderful ancestors of mine, many of whom were in this country at the very beginning of its struggle to become the United States of America. So, Dr. Potts, I owe you an apology. My answer now is, "Yes, you and your U.S. history class did have an impact on my new found interest in genealogy, and I find I am always picking up books on history to read, and I thank you."

Maybe we all have someone who helped spark our interest in genealogy. I would like to hear some of your stories.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you all on September 28th as we begin a

new year of wonderful programs to keep you interested in your search for your family history.

Judy Groat, President

CCGS Matching Funds

The campaign held by Willard Library for active book donations (or funds) by the public to partially replace funds cut off by budget crunches and which the Calhoun County Genealogical Society supported with a Matching Member Donation Fund was very successful. Our members were very generous. Claire Ott, Program Coordinator has supplied us with a list of genealogically oriented materials purchased with these funds. These materials are in addition to CCGS's donations of the Pioneer Certificate microfilms, the Battle Creek City Directory microfilms, and the continuing Calhoun County Probate File microfilms.

Masterson, Josephine. County Cork, Ireland: a collection of 1851 census records.

Rowland, O. W. A History of Van Buren County, Michigan...2 vols.

Coolidge, Orville W. A 20th Century History of Berrien County, Michigan

Pieters, Aleida J. A Dutch Settlement in Michigan
Higginson Book Co. History of Muskegon County, Michigan

Hoffman, Frances. Across the Waters: Ontario Immigrants' Experiences, 1820-1850

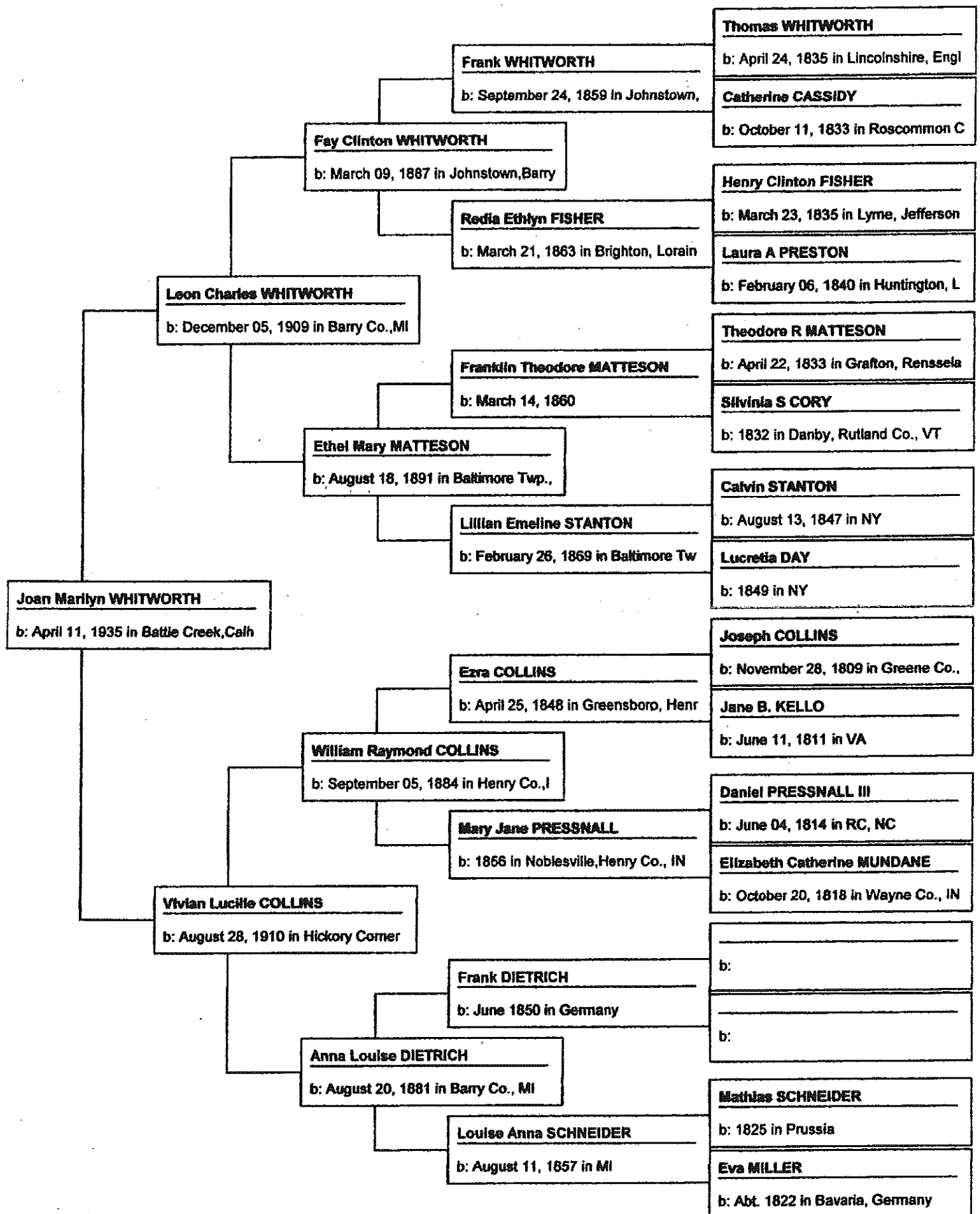
McGinnis, Carol. West Virginia Genealogy: Sources & Resources.

Dundurn Press. Canada from Afar: the Daily Telegraph book of Canadian obituaries.

Stratford-Devai, Fawne. Province of Ontario Immigration Records: an Overview

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Standard Pedigree Tree



Joan Glasgow

MGC July 8th Meeting Report

The 2004-2005 officers of MGC were installed at the July 8th meeting as July is the beginning of the fiscal year of the council.

Randy Riley gave the Library Update. Ontario Vital Records are now on the shelves. Purchases for the Michigan Collection continue at a slower rate. Pro-Quest of Ann Arbor now has the partnership to provide services. Remote access will probably not be available. The Burton Collection now charges a fee of \$100 for non-residents to use the collection. Single day user fee has not been decided. October is Family History Month with 35 events planned.

Dave Johnson gave the State Archive Update. Fifty county's Naturalization Records are now at the archives, with complete indexes for 25 counties. Also on the website and eight counties are ready to be put on the website. The actual record for Deaths 1867-1897 are now on microfilm. He gave a progress report on the grant from Abrams Foundation for the microfilming of the State land patent records—scanning the actual record and the index. Also in process is the World Property project done by WPA 1936-1942 which is indexed by geographical coordinates, not alpha.

The Lucy Mary Kellogg Award will be presented at the September 9th meeting.

The November meeting will be Nov. 4th due to the closing of the Library on Veterans Day. It will be held in the Ontario Room.

MGC is holding a Workshop on October 16th as part of the Family History Month events. REGISTRATION FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.



- I'm not stuck..... I'm ancestrally challenged.
- My ancestors are in a witness protection program!
- Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!
- It's 2004... Do you know where your Great-Great Grandparents are?
- A cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
- Genealogists are time unravelers.

Matching Funds, continued

Strassburger, Ralph. Pennsylvania German Pioneers: a Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals.

In the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808. Vol. 3.

Marshall, William F. Ulster Sails West: the Story of the Great Emigration from Ulster to North America in the 18th Century.

Starr, Emmet. History of the Cherokee Indians and their Legends and Folk Lore.

Bristol Cemetery records, Genesee County, MI
Annals of Fort Mackinac

Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America, part 3
Field Guide for Genealogists, 2nd Edition

The above materials totaled \$615.06.



INTERNET TIP OF THE DAY

While searching on the Internet, are you afraid you will miss the one name you're hunting on a page? Solution: In many programs look at the top left of the computer screen (monitor) and click on EDIT, which will provide a drop-down menu. Select FIND ON THIS PAGE, (or find in top window), which gives you a small box with a search window. Enter the search word or words in the window and hit ENTER. The search will find all the words on that page that you requested — one by one.



TOMBSTONES

While researching at the Albion History Room your temporary editor was asked if anything was known about tombstones at the Squaw Creek area. It seems a few years ago the inquiring gentleman was told about tombstones behind a house there, but didn't make a note about who told him or exactly where they were located. He would like to have information about this small cemetery.

If you know about these tombstones we would be happy to relay the information to him and to our Cemetery Committee chairman.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society wishes to update their 'Surnames currently researching' list. Please enclose a new list with your member application. Names do not have to relate to Calhoun County. Also please update your Family Group Sheets. Two forms are being requested this year...one form for the Treasurer and one for the Membership Committee for mailing labels. Both forms are needed. Mail forms to the and check to CCGS, P. O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068-0879 or give to Ilene Woodman, Chairman, at the September meeting.

MAILING FORM Calhoun County Genealogical Society	TREASURER'S FORM Calhoun County Genealogical Society
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number (____) _____	Phone Number (____) _____
E-Mail address _____	E-Mail Address _____
SURNAMES you are CURRENTLY RESEARCHING: _____ _____	Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Other SURNAMES I wish to have on the list: _____ _____ _____	Are you willing to work on a committee _____ Are you willing to volunteer for a project _____
Do you wish to have a membership card: _____	

Election of Officers in September

September is the beginning of our Fiscal Year and as such requires election of officers. The members listed on the ballot at right have been nominated. For each office, one member will be elected to a one-year term beginning in September. A member may hold the same office for no more than three terms, and can serve no more than six years in all offices combined.

If you will not attend the 28 September meeting, please complete the ballot and mail it to arrive before the meeting. Feel free to write in another candidate's name. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Mail to *Election Committee, Calhoun County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068-0879.*

BALLOT	
<i>Check one choice for each office. You may write in a name on the line.</i>	
President	<input type="checkbox"/> Judy Groat
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Co-Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Vire
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Co-Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Debby Wilson
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Corresponding Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheri Ruble
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Recording Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Marcie Telfer
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Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Ruble
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