

President's Note: Volunteers Welcomed and Needed

No, it's not a Civil War sesqui-centennial notice. Our Society still needs volunteers to step forward and fill some key positions. Please see page two for details. This is in part because our bylaws limit the time spent in specific offices. This was meant to 1) encourage participation by ensuring that volunteering doesn't become a never-ending commitment, 2) guarantee a continual turnover of leadership by bringing new blood into the society, and 3) avoid burn-out by our volunteers. So far, this is all good and I think we can all support the concept of term limits.

The reality is that for this to work, we need new members to step forward. All officers serve for one-year terms; genealogy expertise is not a requirement. We are a non-profit organization and the board is made of volunteers who possess administrative experience, office skills, minimal computer knowledge — or none of the above (notice family research wasn't mentioned as a requirement of running your society). If you are interested in serving,

please contact me or Sandy Redmond, our Seeking Leadership Chair. See page two for contact information. We will find a position where you can put your talents to good use.

We also need volunteers to work with the board in revising our bylaws to better reflect how we do business. We will meet at the CISD (same building as our regular meetings) on **Thursday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m.** I invite new members and past officers to join us for revising the bylaws. I would really appreciate the insight of members who were active in the past on topics that may be amended and the historic rationale for their current use. This is a one-night commitment, and your society will be better for your participation. Please contact me so we will be expecting you. ■

- Jim Jackson, President

A copy of the current bylaws is available online at www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou/ccgs.htm

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Newsletter Editor needed

With the passing of Ann Heisler, the CCGS has been without a permanent newsletter editor. I have prepared the last three newsletters, but given my other tasks with the Society I really need someone to take over ASAP. *Training provided!* Please contact me to learn what is involved, and many thanks for stepping forward and participating in your society. ■

- Sandy Redmond

Membership Renewal and Election of Officers

On page seven of this issue are two very important documents — your membership renewal form as well as the ballot for the election of your 2011–2012 officers. Please note that per our bylaws you do not have to cast your ballot.

You may chose to receive your newsletter via email rather than U.S. postal mail. For \$15, we will email *Generations* in a .pdf format document. If you would rather receive a paper copy in the mail, membership dues are \$18. **Please return your membership renewal as soon as possible. Dues should be paid by September 1st.**

Your membership renewal should be mailed to Calhoun County Genealogical Society, PO Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068-0879.

CCGS Election of Officers: *Leadership Positions Still to be Filled*

CCGS has room on its board for more leaders. We thank those that have recently stepped forward and agreed to fill some open slots, including Tom Peckham, our new Hospitality Committee Chair.

The **Making Connections Committee** provides research and aid to genealogists. The **Promotion of Genealogy Committee** carries out projects that promote genealogy, such as the Pioneer Certificate project.

Officers and committee chairs attend monthly board meetings to make important decisions for the society. It's rewarding to have a hand in carrying out worthwhile projects, meeting people and having fun in the process. The board meets in Marshall on the third Thursday of the month. Please consider sharing your time and talents. Please contact President Jim Jackson at (269) 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com. ■

We are urgently seeking someone to take over as editor of our newsletter, Generations.

Calhoun County Genealogical Society

The purposes of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS) are:

- To gather and preserve information of genealogical value.
- To encourage the deposit of such information in suitable depositories.
- To aid genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge.
- To publish and promote Calhoun County and other genealogical materials.



CCGS is a nonprofit organization recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. Individuals, libraries or societies may join. Annual dues for the year, beginning September 1, are \$18 for members choosing to receive *Generations* through postal mail or \$15 for members electing to receive the newsletter via e-mail. Memberships are accepted year-round; dues received after May 1 will pay for membership for the following year. Members receive *Generations* newsletter six times per year. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Gifford Schultz Educational Service Center—CISD building, 17111 G Drive North, Marshall, *unless otherwise specified*. No meetings are held in July, August or December. Programs are free and open to the public.

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The Stancers: From England to Athens

By Pat Teachout

On March 12, 1854, James Stancer married Susanna Armstrong Sigee in Lincolnshire, England. On the very next day they set sail for America. They settled in Nottawa Prairie.

They had six children, of which two died in childhood. The third child, John Jarvis Stancer, was born 8 December 1858 in Leonidas. He married Mary L. Wisner on 1 January 1879 in Athens, Michigan. They had a son, John Lawrence Stancer, on 3 May 1886 in Athens. John Jarvis Stancer died 20 February 1886 in Athens.

The fourth child, David L. Stancer, was born 12 February 1860, also in Leonidas. He married Nettie Farman on 8 February 1881; she was the daughter of Myron and Mary E. [Vanetta] Farman. They had two children, Clyde T. Stancer, who married Ethel Walling Lake, and Letha Stancer, who married Robert Arey; they had a son Richard D. Arey.

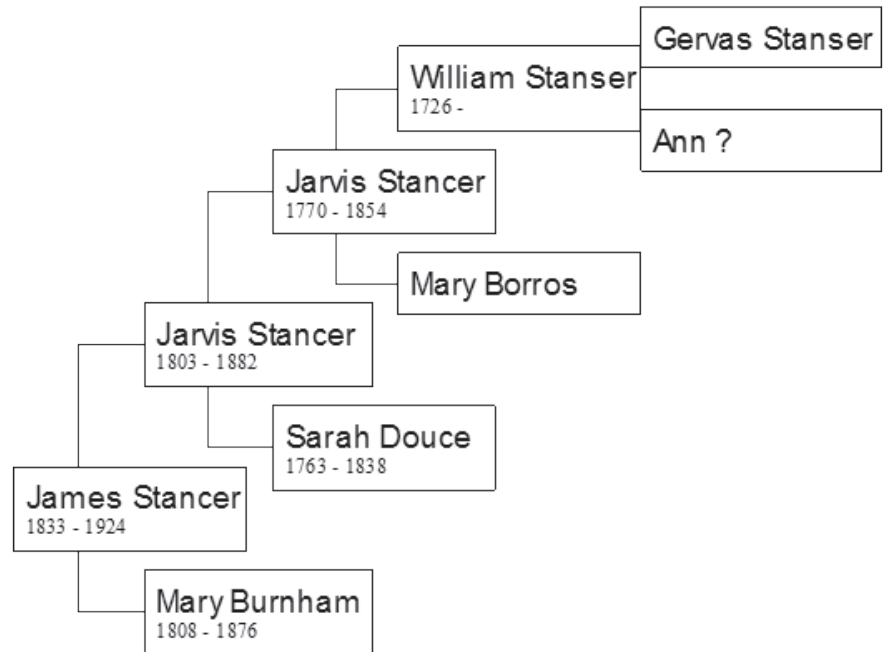
The fifth child was William Henry Stancer, born 24 May 1862 and died 9 April 1939 in Athens Village. He married Ida A. Pierce on 2 March 1886 in Athens. They had a son Ovid P. Stancer born 2 October 1889 and married 15 May 1926 to Elizabeth McAlpine.

The sixth child was Mary Ann Stancer, born 8 June 1867 in Leonidas. She married Thomas Goodman on 3 July 1903 in Marshall.

James died 29 December 1924 in Athens and is buried in North Athens. Susanna died 5 September 1903, also in Athens. ■

Standing: Mary Ann, William and David Stancer.
Seated: James and Susanna Stancer. Circa 1886.

Ancestors of James Stancer



Colgrove Post #166, Grand Army of the Republic

Contributed by Jim Jackson

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was founded in 1866 as a fraternal group for all "Soldiers and Sailors of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps who served between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865." National membership reached 7,626 posts and more than 400,000 men. GAR efforts included lobbying for pensions, proper medical care for veterans and a guarantee that the soldier's widow and orphans would be cared for. The motto was "Friendship, Charity and Loyalty." During the heyday of GAR, no Republican was elected president of the United States without the support of the GAR.

Michigan's first GAR post opened in 1867. Membership peaked in 1893 with 21,000 members. In all, 462 GAR posts were chartered in Michigan. Marshall's GAR post was named after the first local man to die in the war, Private Calvin Colgrove, killed in the Battle of First Bull Run in 1861. Its official name was *Colgrove Post No. 166*. The post was started in October 1883 and continued for 41 years.

Following is the first installment of a list of members of the Colgrove Post No. 166 in Marshall, along with their computed year of birth, date of death, military unit and final resting place. For more information on some of these soldiers, see the Colgrove GAR Post #166 link at camp22.suvcwmi.org.

Name	YOB	Died			Unit	Cemetery	Township	County
		M	D	Y				
Acker, Orange F.	1836	10	8	1899	MI 20, I	G. Rapids Soldiers Home	Grand Rapids	Kent
Aley, Lucius	1832	3	5	1904	OH 7, B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Armstrong, John	1826	1	17	1903	NY 189, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Assenheimer, Godtfried					PA 47, B	Lyon Lake Cemetery	Marshall	Calhoun
Bailey, James H.	1822	4	11	1895	MI E&M, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Bailey, Samuel S.	1837				MI 28, A	Unknown		
Baker, Charles	1835				MI 1 Art, G	Sampson Cemetery	Marengo	Calhoun
Baker, Henry	1841				MI 9, D	Sampson Cemetery	Marengo	Calhoun
Baker, Jacob	1843				MI 7 Cav, L	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Barhite, William O.					OH 56, C	Porter Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Baugham, Hiram F.	1839				MI 9, F	Unknown		
Binder, John J.	1837				MI 3 Cav, G	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Bolt, Clarence S.	1844	10	2	1906	MI 6 Cav, E	Oak Hill Cemetery	Battle Creek	Calhoun
Boughton, Charles					MI 20, I	Marengo Village Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Bowers, John S.					OH 135, G	Evergreen/Oakgrove Cemetery	Girard Twp?	Branch Hillsdale
Brand, Benjamin E.	1843				MI 25, A	Oakridge/Tekonsha Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Brownell, Henry	1841	5	20	1899	Merrill H, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Brukner, Conrad					MI Art	Lyon Lake Cemetery	Marshall	Calhoun
Buck, William L.	1827	10	11	1889	MI 8 Cav, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Buckingham, Orestes	1842	8	5	1910	MI 20, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Caffery, James	1847				MI 24, E	St. Mary's Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Chesnut, William A.					PA 148, A	Riverside Cemetery	Lockport	St. Joseph
Church, William B., Dr.	1837	2	19	1916	IA 32, B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Clark, Alexander A.	1830				MI 9, G	Unknown		
Clayborn, William J.	1846	6	19	1884	MI 9, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Clute, Henry A.	1840				Merrill H, F	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Coleman, Charles	1843				MI 10, I	Mt. Morris	Mt. Morris	Genesee
Collins, Albert S.	1842				MI 1, I	Unknown		
Collins, George	1842				MI 6, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Considine, Sylvester	1839	6	4	1895	MI 12, C	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Cooper, Simeon S.	1841	7	28	1911	MI 4 Cav, C	St. Mary's Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Counterman, John	1838	3	25	1905	MI 13, A	Oak Hill Cemetery	Battle Creek	Calhoun

Colgrove Post #166, GAR *continued*

Name	YOB	Died			Unit	Cemetery	Township	County
		M	D	Y				
Crandall, William M.	1816				MI 8 Cav, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Crawford, Edward	1843	1	31	1899	OH 21, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Culver, William O.	1839			1897	NY 19, B	Ceresco Cemetery	Emmett Twp	Calhoun
Cushman, George	1842	3	27	1923	MI 25, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Darling, Charles W.	1843	2	28	1907	IL 1 Art, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Dickey, Franklin W.	1838	4	28	1917	MI 2 Cav, M	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Donelson, John W.					CT 5, K	Unknown		
Doty, Zebulon L.	1840			1912	MI 20, I	Austin Cemetery	Ceresco	Calhoun
Dowding, Solomon	1836	11	14	1901	MI 28, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Dunn, Richard	1841	3	23	1898	MI 2, G	Grand Rapids Soldiers	Grand Rapids	Kent
Durand, Samuel M.	1837	6	27	1910	MI 6, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Edgerton, Sidney H.	1841	7	4	1910	MI 1 E&M, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Engleter, Leonard	1833				MI 28, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Failing, Sidney W.	1841				MI 12, H	Mt. Evergreen	Jackson, MI	Jackson
Farrar, William C.	1840	9	20	1913	MI 1, B	Grand Rapids Soldiers	Grand Rapids	Kent
Fenton, Warren J.	1833	9	17	1909	MI 20, H	Oakridge	Marshall	Calhoun
Fish, Charles L.	1843				MI 6, I	Marengo Village Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Fisher, Eugene					NY 76, D NY 91, F NY 147, G	Unknown		
Fountain, Charles E.	1843	3	17	1904	MI 9, B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Frenberg[er], Nathan					NY 129, H	Woodland	Jackson	Jackson
Frink, Norris J.	1842	5	2	1890	MI 25, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Garrison, Samuel B.	1842	3	17	1917	MI 12, F	Unknown		
Getchell, John M.					MN, 6, B	Austin Cemetery	Ceresco	Calhoun
Goodwin, George H.	1846				MI 9, I	Unknown		
Gorham, Selden H.	1840	10	25	1902	MI 1, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hallock, Henry H.	1825				MI 19, I	Unknown		
Harrington, Charles	1832	12	22	1893	MI 2 Cav, M	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Harrington, George	1845	6	17	1914	US Navy	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hatch, James W.	1831	8	19	1892	MI 18, B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hewitt, William F.	1835	10	6	1889	Merrill H, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hill, Goundry	1838				MI 2, F	Glenwood Cemetery	Flint	Genesee
Hinman, Rensalier W.	1828	3	21	1903	IL 2 Art, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hodgeman, George W.		1	1	1912	Merrill H, K	Grand Rapids Soldiers	Grand Rapids	Kent
Hornbeck, Norton					NY 105, D NY 94, K	West Eckford Cemetery	Eckford Twp	Calhoun
Howe, George W.	1813	9	14	1898	MI 7 Cav, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hoyt, Samuel P.					MI 1, D	Houston Cemetery	Fredonia Twp	Calhoun
Hubbard, DeVille	1829	12	30	1884	MI 1, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hungerford, Cyrus B.	1844	11	14	1931	MI 13, C	Riverside Cemetery	Albion	Calhoun

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An Unexpected Find: A Black Sheep in the Family

By Sandi Hartnell

Do you have a black sheep in your family? I have at least one, although until today I didn't know the facts. Some years ago, while perusing census records for a distant relative, I found him in prison in the 1871 England census. (England gathers census records in the second year of each decade, usually about April 1.) There was Job Hartnell, a butcher, in the St. Thomas, Hampshire, District Prison, his wife Martha in Fair Oak, St. Thomas parish, Bishopstoke, Hampshire, England, with 3 children and a nephew, ages six to 16. What, I wondered, has put Job in jail? Neither Martha nor the eldest child had a listed occupation, but they were not in the Poor House.

An e-mail message in the Dorset, England, list-serve happened to mention some new databases available through Ancestry.com, so I decided to see what I could find. Looking in the Court, Government, and Criminal Records for England, I did a name search for Job, and was surprised to find two records!

The second entry caught my eye because it was dated 1870, and I thought it might explain his imprisonment in 1871. I discovered that he was convicted on 4 April 1870 in the Winchester, Hampshire, England, court, and sentenced to two years imprisonment (no fine, no whipping) for...

stealing sheep! (Do you think they may have been black?) Then I went back to the first record, which documented Job's acquittal of larceny in the Dorchester county seat, Dorset, England, 27 February 1850. I guess Job didn't go straight after his first encounter with the law!

Discovering new databases can be very exciting. A *free* newsletter that announces new databases, and tells you whether access is free or by subscription, has helped me several times. It is called GenealogyInTime and is available at this link: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/index.html>. You'll find a spot on the left side of the page that allows you to subscribe to a *free* weekly e-mail newsletter alerting you to the latest databases.

I was so excited to see in this month's listing that my Hartnell family's home county, Dorset, England, has new records on Ancestry.com that previously were available only by going to England, or ordering microfilm through the local LDS Family History Center in Battle Creek.

As I said at the January 2011 membership meeting, "Never give up!" What you don't know today could be answered tomorrow. With new databases and digitized images added weekly, what you need may be coming soon to you via your computer! Maybe you, too, will find a black sheep. ■

County of <i>Southampton</i>						
Returns of all Persons Committed, or Bailed to appear for Trial, or Indicted at the <i>Easter Quarter Sessions</i> held at <i>Winchester</i> on the <i>4th</i> day of <i>April</i> 18 <i>70</i> , showing the nature of their Offences, the Result of the Proceedings, and the Number of previous Convictions in each case						
No.	NAMES	Offence of which those Tried were Convicted or Acquitted, and of which those discharged without Trial were charged on Indictment or Commitment.	Convicted and Sentenced			
			Death	Penal Servitude	Imprisonment (state if also Whipped or Fined)	Whipped, Fined or Discharged on Bail
1	<i>William Luscombe</i>	<i>Larceny - 3 times before convicted of felony</i>			<i>1 year and 7 years Police Supervision</i>	
2	<i>James Parsons</i>	<i>Larceny - twice before convicted of felony</i>			<i>1 year and 7 years Police Supervision</i>	
3	<i>Job Hartnell</i>	<i>Shopstealing</i>			<i>2 Years</i>	
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Still Available: Calhoun County Genealogical Society Pioneer Certificates

by Verla Potts

Do you know that CCGS still awards Pioneer Certificates for those who prove their ancestors inhabited Calhoun County in the early years? Census records, land records, maps, cemetery records, early marriage records posted by ministers and justices of the peace are some of the information available to help verify your family was here. Visit the CCGS website (www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou/ccgs.htm) to download and print an application and the instructions for applying for a certificate. Be sure to fill in the generation blanks completely. Use more sheets if needed for children's generations. Follow right down from the ancestor to the certificate recipient on the generation blanks. Here's a snapshot of the process:

1. Prepare: Download forms and instructions; fill out papers completely — please.
2. Apply: Send completed forms *and proofs* to the CCGS Pioneer Certificate Chair, P. O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068-0879.
3. Verify: CCGS checks the paperwork against the generation information and proofs to see whether everything needed is there.
4. Success: Pioneer Certificate is awarded! ■

Election of 2011-12 Officers

CCGS officers will be elected and installed at the annual membership meeting September 27. The ballot below will be presented to members. All members in good standing (have paid current dues) will be eligible to vote. Nominations from the floor and write-in candidates will also be permitted. After a bylaws change, we no longer request members to mail in ballots. This is for your information.

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☐ Sandy Redmond

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Publication Errata:

Marengo Township Cemetery

After a careful review of the Marengo Township cemetery transcriptions book that was published last year, the CCGS board discovered corrections that board members felt should be made. The corrections are minor but do involve some changes in names and dates as recorded from the tombstones. In the interest of giving you the best information available, a set of errata sheets has been printed. The sheets are punched so they can be inserted into the books. Our corresponding secretary, Sandi Hartnell, will provide the errata to everyone who has purchased the book. If you have questions about book orders, please feel free to contact Sandi at (269) 986-3070 or hartnellsl@comcast.net

Abrams Genealogy Seminar July 16th

The Abrams Genealogy Seminar is co-sponsored by the Abrams Foundation, Archives of Michigan, and Michigan Genealogical Council. Cost of this one-day seminar is \$35 and includes a box lunch. You may conveniently register online at the Seeking-Michigan.org store <http://seekingmichigan.myshopify.com/products/abrams-genealogy-seminar>. Alternatively, a snail mail registration form is available to download at <http://mimgc.org/2011AbramsSeminar>

The 2011 Abrams Genealogy Seminar will be held at the Archives of Michigan in the Michigan Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing on Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

Include \$18 to receive Generations newsletter by postal mail or \$15 to receive an electronic copy via e-mail.

Please make your check payable to Calhoun County Genealogical Society or CCGS. Send to Membership Chair, Calhoun County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068-0879.

The membership year is September 1 through August 31, but new members are welcome at any time.
Membership dues received after May 30 will extend membership through the *following* August 31.

☐ Check if you would like to receive *Generations* newsletter by e-mail in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format instead of postal mail.

☐ Membership card requested.

CCGS use: Check number _____ Amount _____ Date received _____ Paid-through date _____

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The Haskell Home for Orphans was dedicated on January 25, 1894 and operated until 1922. Financed by Mrs. Carolyn Haskell of Chicago in memory of her husband, Frederick, the home was operated by the Battle Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church. Located at the corner of Limit and Roseneath near the present site of the Battle Creek Academy, the Haskell Home experienced a tragic fire in 1909, which took the lives of three children. The adjacent cemetery has no remaining headstones, and official burial records have been lost.



The Haskell Home—Battle Creek, Mich.

"Well-behaved women seldom make history." — Laurel Thatcher Ulrich
Who is your history-making female ancestor?

Calhoun County Genealogical Society *Calendar of Events*

CCGS monthly meetings are typically held the fourth Tuesday of each month except July, August and December, and are free and open to the public. Unless noted, meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Gifford Schultz Educational Service Center—Calhoun Intermediate School District Building, 17111 G Drive North, Marshall.

July and August, 2011 *No regular meetings*

July 21 *Special by-laws review work session*

September 27 *At Albion Public Library Annual election of officers and library tour*

October 25 *Patty Parker, Daughters of the American Revolution*

November 22 *Sandy Redmond, MIGenWeb*

December *No meeting*

January 24, 2012 *Annual Hints and Anecdotes meeting*

February 24 (Friday) *Annual Library Lock In, Helen Warner Branch, Willard Public Library*

March 27 *To be determined*

April 24 *To be determined*

May 22 *To be determined*

June 26 *To be determined*

Have a meeting idea? Please let us know what you would like to learn more about.