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President's Note: What's a Genealogist to Do?

by Jim Jackson, President

Our society has no meetings during July and August, so what's a genealogist to do? At our June meeting, we discussed some coming events, and for our members who were unable to attend, I'll repeat some of them below.

The Civil War sesquicentennial in Michigan is very active, and will be for the next few years. For a schedule of events and meetings, go to www.seekingmichigan.org/civil-war.

Summer is also a time for family picnics and reunions. If you don't have one scheduled, why not start your own tradition? Family reunions are a great opportunity to share your research and gather new information, especially recent additions to your family tree. For ideas on planning reunions, see www.reunionsmag.com. You may subscribe to the magazine or go to the many free areas of the website. There are helpful ideas for planning family, military and class reunions.

For information on learning vacations, see www.roadscholar.org to choose your next adventure in lifelong learning. Choices range from discovering rustic areas to classes on local history and the way people lived. Select a region or state and chose from many options.

Several genealogical cruises are offered. Just entering "Genealogy cruise 2011" in the search box of your favorite search engine will produce thousands of links with many destinations. These cruises have become so popular that recent cruises have sold out early.

If you are traveling to ancestral areas, it's always a good idea to plan your trip in advance. That library or court house may not be open on the day you visit, so plan ahead to make sure your trip is constructive.

Have a great summer and I'll see you in September. ■

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Membership Renewal due September 30

On page seven of this issue is your membership renewal form for the 2011–2012 membership year. **Please send in your renewal by September 30.** You may choose to receive your newsletter via e-mail rather than U.S. postal mail. **For \$15, we will e-mail Generations in a .pdf format document.** For those who would rather receive a paper copy of Generations through the mail, membership dues are \$18. The form may also be downloaded from the society's page within the Michigan GenWeb project at www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou/ccgs.htm. Mail your membership renewal to Calhoun County Genealogical Society, PO Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068. We look forward to welcoming you to another year of membership. ■

Newsletter Editor Needed by Jim Jackson

Don't you hate those commercials that repeat themselves, back-to-back, and sometimes again after a few minutes? Do advertisers think our attention spans are really that short? Unfortunately, this is a repeat message from your society in our search for an editor of Generations newsletter. This valuable publication is provided to members, and it has even more value to out-of-town members seeking news about our society and Calhoun County history.

For those who are too busy, consider the old saying, "if you want something done, assign it to a busy person." We have proofreaders who can help with final editing, and there really is an endless source of information yet to be printed. Consider this your personal invitation; your society needs you now.

The editor needs to be a member of CCGS and should attend board and regular meetings to harvest ideas for articles. The newsletter is published six times per year. Training and direction will be provided, and the role can be shared. Not sure about taking on the editor's position? Articles for the newsletter are always appreciated. Contact Sandy Redmond or Jim Jackson for more information. ■

CCGS Leadership Positions Still to be Filled

CCGS has room on its board for more leaders. In addition to a newsletter editor, we need committee chairs. 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 to discuss how you can contribute. ■

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

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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Oak Hill Cemetery: Battle Creek's Oldest Burial Ground

by Dave Eddy

Each year hundreds of people from all over the world visit Oak Hill Cemetery to pay homage to such notables as Ellen G. White, Seventh-day Adventist founder; Sojourner Truth, temperance leader; Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, famous as the head of the Battle Creek Sanitarium; W.K. Kellogg, founder of the Kellogg Company and the Kellogg Foundation; C.W. Post, cereal and marketing pioneer; Erastus Hussey, a stationmaster for the Underground Railroad; Medal of Honor winners; veterans of all of our nation's conflicts; at least forty former Battle Creek mayors; and ordinary citizens, many of whose stories are told in the 1989 book, *Beyond These Gates: 1994–1989*. The book by Georgene Barnes and Constance White is out of print, but available in Willard Library's reference collection.

As one walks through Historic Oak Hill Cemetery you see reminders of Battle Creek's pioneers, war heroes, the famous and the infamous, bankers, merchants, farmers. Today Oak Hill Cemetery remains steeped in the history of the city and the people it serves.



Dedicated to its purpose, "to be and continue to be organized, not for profit but for charitable purposes and services to the people," it continues to provide a resting place for the deceased and solace for the living. Oak Hill Cemetery, a combination of the new and the old, is the common ground shared by all.

According to *Beyond These Gates*, "When space was needed for a burial ground for the first settlers who had died, Sands McCamly had given a plot of land on the edge of the town, for a cemetery. Soon the small cemetery was in the way. The town needed the space for shops and houses. In 1844, Oak Hill Cemetery became a part of Battle Creek history. It was born out of necessity and was started on 10 acres of land on South Avenue. After it was platted, the cemetery officials were permitted to remove all the bodies of the deceased from the old cemetery and re-inter them in Oak Hill. Many of the original families bought lots in the cemetery for their families. The Quakers, who had found it necessary to twice move their burial grounds, at last found a permanent place for their dead in Oak Hill in 1899–1900. By that time, the young men of Battle Creek had already fought in two wars and those that did not survive were brought home to be buried in Oak Hill. As the years passed, and the city became more populated, more land was purchased for the cemetery. As the city continued to grow so grew the cemetery until it became the size it is today. In given times and circumstances, growth and change became inevitable. The cemetery and the city were inter-woven in a continuous pattern of growth and change."

Between 1843 and 1844, several residents purchased ten acres of land south of the city for \$12 per acre. In 1844 Oak Hill Cemetery was organized under the Act of 1840. Esther Ann Cox, wife of Dr. Edward Cox, was the first burial, on May 21, 1844. Between 1850 and 1860, 14 additional acres were purchased. Burial lots were selling for \$20. Between 1890 and 1900, construction began on the familiar cobblestone fence and gate entrances. The old Quaker Cemetery (now Quaker Park) was abandoned in 1899. The city authorized removal of all remaining burials, transferring them to Oak Hill.

In 1911 William Hamilton proposed a public mausoleum in the cemetery. The board approved the erection of a 338-crypt mausoleum at a cost of \$3,000. Because of structural problems, the Oak Hill Abbey was abandoned in 1979. A monument was placed in memory of those who had been interred there. In 1927 a beautiful English Gothic-type chapel designed by Lewis J. Sarvis was opened to provide for small funerals and memorial services. In 1979 a crematory was built; a second crematory was added in 1999. Many hundreds of cremations are done each year.

Anyone having Internet access can visit Oak Hill Cemetery virtually via Find a Grave. Go to FindaGrave.com and click a search link. On the Cemetery Search page that results, enter "Oak Hill Cemetery," choose Michigan from the dropdown list of states, then click the SEARCH button. Click the link to the Oak Hill Cemetery in Battle Creek (it's a common cemetery name), and you'll be able to search the database of the nearly 29,000 interments online.

Many believe Oak Hill is full, but actually many more acres are available for future use. The cemetery offers numerous services. You are invited to contact the cemetery office on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for information. The office is at 255 South Avenue in Battle Creek.

Oak Hill sustained tremendous damage to its trees in the windstorm of May 29 this year. The cemetery board is doing its best to obtain financial support from various sources to fund recovery, but it will take considerable time. The cemetery lost about 80 very large old trees, which has forever altered the appearance of the cemetery.

Whether they scare you or fascinate you, cemeteries hold our past, and ultimately, our future. ■

Colgrove Post #166, Grand Army of the Republic

Contributed by Jim Jackson, and continued from May-June 2011 issue



The May-June issue of Generations contained the first installment of a list of members of Colgrove Post No. 166 in Marshall. This is a continuation of that list. It includes the soldiers' computed year of birth, date of death, military unit and final resting place. For more information on some of these soldiers, go to camp22.suvcwmi.org and click the Colgrove GAR Post #166 link.

Name	YOB	M	Died		Unit	Cemetery	Township	County
			D	Y				
Hunt, William C.		11	3	1924	MI 24, U	West Eckford Cemetery	Eckford Twp	Calhoun
Hunting, George F.	1837	4	6	1901	US 3 Art, A US 12	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hutson, Edward R.	1841	1	2	1905	MI 13, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Hyser, John					IL 11, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Juckett, James H.					MI 4 Cav, I MI 9, I	Raesley Family Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Kidney, Chester					MI 1 Cav, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Kidney, William					MI 2 Cav, M	Lyon Lake Cemetery	Marshall	Calhoun
King, Joseph P.	1842	1	4	1918	MA 46, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Kocher, Peter	1813	9	26	1897	MI 12, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Kreiger, Charles H.	1836				MI 28, C	Sheridan	Sheridan, MI	Montcalm
Landridge, Thomas					MI 12, D	Unknown		
Law, Charles E.					IN 44, H	Unknown		
Leland, James H.		8	14	1896	MI 1 Cav, K	Riverside, Cemetery	Albion	Calhoun
Lester, John W.	1841	3	22	1925	MN 5, B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Lindsey, Darius		8	4	1911	NY 23, H	G. Rapids Soldiers Home	Grand Rapids	Kent
Link, Martin	1843	5	17	1920	MI 1 Art, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Lodholz, John		12		1894	MI 1, K US 37 VRC	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Long, William H.					MI 13, H	Townsend Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Lull, James					NY 76, D	Unknown		
Lynn, Silas H.	1837	8	27	1931	MI 25, A	Sunnyside	Long Beach, CA	Los Angeles
Marble, Ephriam	1826	10	3	1917	MI 9, F	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Marsh, John					MI 2 Cav, M	Hotchkiss Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Mason, Frederic E.	1828	4	5	1896	MI 28, B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
McFadden, William J.	1836	11	8	1914	MI 20, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
McNutt, Emmet	1821	2	19	1896	MI 9, F	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Mead, Watson B.	1825	6	3	1896	MI 25, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Megesse, Donald		6	17	1910	NY 13, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Miller, Henry H.	1837	9	13	1915	MI 3 Cav, C USCT 4 HA, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Minot, William H. H.					WI 22, B	Unknown		
Moore, Alonzo S.	1803	10	2	1898	US Navy	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Moore, Charles B.	1836	9	3	1903	MI 1, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Morey, Thomas	1821	9	9	1899	MI 25, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Morrison, Daniel A.	1837	3	26	1891	NY 10 Art, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Morton, Marcus C.	1844	4	1	1925	MI 24, C	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Nelson, Horatio					MI 12, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Newton, Herman I.					MI 9, F	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Newton, Warren I.	1843	4	19	1927	MI 9, G	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun

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Name	Died				Unit	Cemetery	Township	County
	YOB	M	D	Y				
Nichols, Ira					IL 1 Art, I	Unknown		
Nover, Conrad	1845	6	29	1910	MI 20, I	St. Mary's Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Nutting, James W.	1835	8	8	1890	NY 1 Art, G	Mountain View	Altadena, CA	Los Angeles
Oberlin, Aaron	1836	6	22	1899	MI 12, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
O'Brien, Peter					MI 9, G	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Ogden, William H.					IL 66, D	Unknown		
Park, Stuart J.	1824	10	25	1902	MA 53, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Pealing, Robert M.	1845	9	19	1895	MI 12, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Perkins, John B.					OH 166, B	Woodlawn	Norwalk, Oh	Huron
Peterman, Hiram A., Dr.	1823	2	26	1906	MI 9, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Pryor, Charles J.					MI 6, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Raven, Charles H.	1842			1907	MI 20, I	Ceresco Cemetery	Emmett Twp	Calhoun
Riley, Stephen J.		3	14	1922	MI 28, D	St. Mary's Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Roberts, Peleg Y.	1835	7	13	1916	MI 1 E&M, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Roe, John R.	1847	4	28	1920	US 1 SS, B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Ross, Daniel	1831	2	16	1895	MI 1 E&M, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Rothrick, Ruggles					MI 8 Cav, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Rowley, Otis B.	1834	3	20	1892	MI 1 E&M, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Ryan, William, Jr.	1827	5	2	1905	MI 25, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Sauressig, Peter	1832	6	21	1893	MI 28, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Saxton, Nelson A.	1831	8	21	1890	MI 8 Cav, M OH 10 Cav, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Schley, Robert T. F.	1833	12	7	1910	NH 12 B	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Schneider, Gottlob	1836	12	19	1902	US 15, C	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Sexton, George W.					MI 11, B	West Eckford Cemetery	Eckford Twp	Calhoun
Seymour, George	1841	2	12	1912	MI 1 Art, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Shellenberger, Daniel	1836	4	11	1921	MI 8 Cav, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Shipley, William J.					WI 31, A	Unknown		
Short, Enos					NY 98, F	Unknown		
Showers, Jacob, Jr.					MI 12, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Shumway, Charles E.	1843	4	30	1914	USMC	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Smiley, James F., Dr.	1835	10	2	1899	US Hosp	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Smith, George S.	1843	9	28	1918	MI 16, F MI 20, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Smith, Seneca B.	1824	9	30	1913	NY 111	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Stelle, Abel C.					WI 31, A	Unknown		
Stewart, Elias	1831	12		1894	MA 31, A	Austin Cemetery	Ceresco	Calhoun
Stout, John S.					MI 17, K	Hotchkiss Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Swartout, Stephen					NY 20, C	Newton Cemetery	Newton Twp	Calhoun
Thwing, Franklin L.					MI 17, D	Unknown	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
Tilton, James R.	1831	1	26	1901	MI 9, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Town, Richard	1841	7	28	1924	MI 12, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Townsend, Jerome B.					MI 11 Cav, A	Townsend Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Townsend, William H.					MI 9, H	Unknown		
Upham, Wilbur					MI 6, E	Unknown		

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	YOB	M	D	Y				
Van Arman, John H.	1838	12	24	1912	MI 9, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Van Meter, John					MI 1 Art, A	Unknown	IL	
Van Ness, Jacob H.	1840	4	3	1917	MI 20, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Van Vliet, Alfred H.					MI 2, E MI 11	Unknown		
Van Zandt, Bornt					MI 9, F	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Vrooman, David		6		1894	MI 7 Cav, D	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Walters, Charles F.		8	24	1910	MI 2 Cav, M	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Waltz, George Fred	1841	4	26	1917	MI 8 Cav, A	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Walz, John G.	1838	4	11	1916	MI 8 Cav, E	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Walz, William A.	1842	7	15	1884	MI 2 Cav, M	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Ward, Charles T.					MI 13, F	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Ward, James					NY 157, B	Townsend Cemetery	Marengo Twp	Calhoun
Warner, Hiram S.					MI 1, I MI 20	Unknown		
Wells, Thomas W.	1833	1	29	1898	MI 8 Cav, H MI 17, H	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Wicks, Chauncy C.					MI 25, A	Unknown		
Wicks, James D.					MI 25, A	Unknown		
Wilber, Silas	1834	9	29	1906	MI 16, K	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Wood, James W.	1839	10	23	1919	MN 2, I	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Wright, Myron W.		4	16	1917	MI 8 Cav, A	Lyon Lake Cemetery	Marshall	Calhoun
Wright, Thomas N.	1843	11	7	1904	US Navy	Oakridge Cemetery	Marshall Twp	Calhoun
Young, Tilghman D.	1841	6	3	1915	PA 1	Oak Hill Cemetery	Battle Creek	Calhoun

News from Willard Library: Bringing History Home

Willard Public Library has announced two new major resources accessible via the Internet, "Tales of Battle Creek" and "Yearbooks from the Past."



Location: willard.lib.mi.us, click on "Local History" menu

Access: No limitations, Heritage Battle Creek granted permission to digitize and provide access

Format: PDF, searchable

Purpose: To preserve and access Battle Creek history

YEARBOOKS From The Past

URL: willard.lib.mi.us/yearbooks

Coverage: 5 public high schools:

- Battle Creek Central Paean
- Harper High School Beavers
- Lakeview High School Spartans
- Pennfield High School Panthers
- Springfield High School Rams

Access: Requires a valid Willard Library card

Format: PDF, searchable

Limitations:

- Past 10 years not accessible
- Missing some yearbooks and yearbook pages

Purpose: Preservation / condition of books



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National Archives Exhibit at The Henry Ford: Commemorating the Civil War

A new exhibit, Discovering the Civil War, is on display at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn until September 5 this year. A traveling exhibit from the National Archives, it's been described as "the most extensive exhibition ever assembled from the incomparable Civil War holdings of the National Archives."

The exhibit takes a fresh look at the conflict through little-known stories, seldom-seen documents and unusual perspectives. Visitors walk in the shoes of researchers, unlock secrets, solve mysteries and uncover unexpected events. The exhibit combines original treasures and interactive touch screens. Letters, diaries, photos, maps, petitions, receipts, patents, amendments and proclamations all become powerful tools to let visitors take a new look at a conflict that still touches our lives.

This exhibition peels back 150 years of analysis, interpretation and opinion to reveal a Civil War that is little known and even more rarely displayed. The exhibition is unconventional in every way. Rather than trying to re-create 1860, activities let visitors see the war through the lens of 21st-century technology. Passing over the traditional chronological approach, the exhibition is arranged by themes such as "Spies and Conspiracies," "Prisoners and Casualties," "Emancipation," "Global War" and "Raising Armies."

Visitors will discover

- the original Louisiana ordinance of secession.
- a "substitute book" listing names of men who were paid \$300 to replace draftees.
- original pension records of a Michigan woman, Emma Seelye, who served in the Union Army as Frank Thompson.
- a telegram from a Southern governor rejecting Lincoln's call for troops.
- film of the 75th reunion of Battle of Gettysburg veterans filmed by the Army Signal Corps.
- an original Freedmen's Bureau record documenting thousands of murders and outrages committed against African Americans.
- innovative wartime patents, including a multipurpose device that could serve as a tent, knapsack or blanket.
- the similarities between the Constitution of the Confederacy and the U.S. Constitution.

See the website, www.thehenryford.org/CivilWar, for prices, parking, directions, and ways persons who need accommodations can navigate the large museum. The website also includes information about free lectures about the Civil War. ■

Source: The Henry Ford



Michigan's Emma Seelye served in the Union Army as Frank Thompson.

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Harley Inman, grandfather of CCGS member Jerry Inman, was born 24 Nov 1882 in Kankakee, Ill., and died 22 May 1958 in Battle Creek, Mich. The next issue of *Generations* will feature a fascinating story of “The Thing,” an unknown animal that attacked Harley in Athens in 1926, and the subsequent adventures to track down the beast and rid the town of its mysterious predator!

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	<i>No regular meetings</i>
September 27, 2011	<i>Annual membership meeting, election of officers and library tour at Albion District Library</i>
October 25, 2011	<i>Patty Parker, Daughters of the American Revolution</i>
November 22, 2011	<i>Sandy Redmond, Michigan GenWeb project</i>
December 2011	<i>No meeting</i>
January 24, 2012	<i>Annual Hints and Anecdotes meeting</i>
February 24, 2012	(Friday) Annual Library Lock-In, Helen Warner Branch, Willard Public Library
March 27, 2012	<i>To be determined</i>
April 24, 2012	<i>To be determined</i>
May 22, 2012	<i>To be determined</i>

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