

President's Note:

by Jim Jackson, President

My position as President is coming to an end. This is my last year of conducting the CCGS meetings. It has been rewarding getting to know the members and speakers over the last few years. The board has been supportive and brought forth new ideas in keeping our costs down and improving our services to you, an on-going endeavor that will continue.

Our September meeting will include our Annual Business Meeting where we will take a few moments to display the society's accomplishments over the past year. It is also the election of our new slate of officers. We are still in need of volunteers to fill key positions and our Society is running out of time to do this to ensure the efficient running of the Society.

I put out a "call to action" letter to our membership and that resulted in several members joining the board. Now we need to act again to fill some vacant positions with willing volunteers. It's not too late to step forward if you are still thinking of helping your Society in some way. Please contact me for more information about any open slot, and of course, our committee chairs are always looking for additional members to help with the tasks to make more Calhoun records available and improve your Society. We have entertained nominations from the floor at our elections in the past, but it makes for a much better transition when the board has a chance to meet with the prospective candidates and present a unified slate before the general membership.

A common refrain is "I'm just starting in genealogy and don't know anything about running a Society" or "I'm sure someone else is more qualified than I". Both of these reasons may be justified, but if everyone has this view, no one will ever step forward. Considering the more extreme justifications of being too young, inexperienced, not having Calhoun county

ancestors, etc., it may be beneficial to hear your viewpoint in conducting our business and arranging for future speakers. If you fear you will volunteer, only to have someone more experienced also volunteer for the same position, we can work it out so both volunteers are placed in a helpful position prior to any vote. Job duties require you attend a majority of board meeting.

Keep in mind that this is an ongoing necessity, as our by-laws limit officers from serving more than four consecutive years in the same office, and no more than six consecutive years on the board. This means there will always be a regular turnover of leadership required. I believe that the purpose of this requirement is to constantly bring in fresh talent and new ideas. The reality is that unless more members step forward, our Society will limp along when we have the ability to do so much more for our community and those out-of-area members who seek our assistance in their research. If you would be interested in learning more about possible positions or would like to attend a board meeting, please contact me so that we can discuss this further, and plan to attend our next board meeting at our new location on Thursday, September 20.

Don't forget that our September meeting will be held Tuesday, September 25 at the LDS Church, 16036 Old US-27 North, in Marshall, Michigan, about a half-mile north of I-94.. With your help we can make this another great year for CCGS.



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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 the following year's membership. Members receive **Generations** newsletter six times per year. All are invited to submit articles to the **Generations** editor. Permission is granted to reprint articles unless otherwise noted. Please give appropriate credit to the source. Copies of pages from back issues of **Generations** are available for \$1.00 for the first page and \$.50 for each additional page. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LDS Church 16036 Old US -27, 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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Descendants of George Davenport

Generation No. 1

1. George¹ Davenport was born Abt. 1814 in New York, and died 10 Aug 1875. He married **Polly ?**. She was born 1824, and died 24 Oct 1912 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan.

More About George Davenport:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 2

Census: 1870, Age 56, Battle Creek Ward 1, Calhoun, Michigan

More About Polly ?:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 1

Children of George Davenport and Polly ? are:

- 2 i. Damon G.² Davenport, born Abt. 1845 in New York; died 27 Apr 1888 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan.

More About Damon G. Davenport:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 14

Cause of Death: age 43 at death.

Occupation: Mason

- 3 ii. Orville H. Davenport, born Abt. 1852; died 24 Jan 1911 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan.

More About Orville H. Davenport:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 13

- 4 iii. Charles Davenport, born Abt. 1857 in Michigan; died in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan. He married Estella ?; born 13 Sep 1865; died 08 Feb 1888.

More About Charles Davenport:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 7

More About Estella ?:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 6

- 5 iv. John Davenport, died 21 Jul 1860 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan.

More About John Davenport:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 11

- 6 v. Infant Davenport, died 21 Jul 1860 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan.

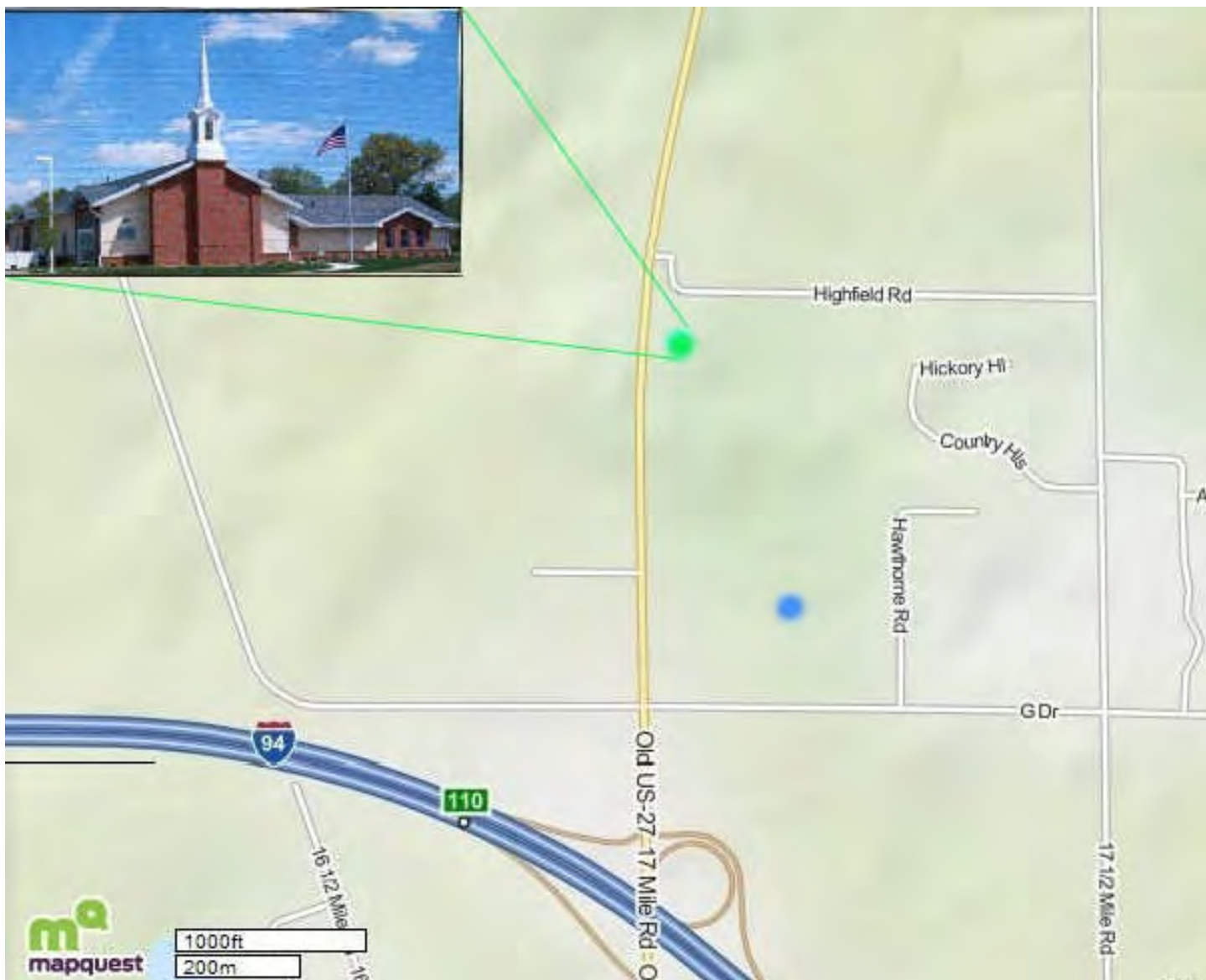
More About Infant Davenport:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 4

- 7 vi. Freddie Davenport, died 03 Aug 1864 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan.

More About Freddie Davenport:

Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan, Lot 96, Rt 3



Here is a picture of our new meeting location: Starting Sept 25th we will be meeting at the LDS Church at 16036 Old US-27 N, Marshall MI

Newsletter Focus: Bylaws

The board has been working for the past year to update CCGS bylaws for the first time since 2007. The proposed amendments were published in the most recent (March-June) issue of Generations. Unfortunately, none of the strikethroughs (to indicate text proposed for deletion) came through in the conversion from Microsoft Word to Publisher, and the garbled results didn't make sense. We apologize to those who tried to read the proposed bylaws. We are including a correct version of the proposed amendments as a separate document with this newsletter. The proposal will be discussed and voted upon at the annual meeting September 25. This publication constitutes the required notice to the membership before the vote. Feel free to contact Anita Stuever if you have questions about the proposed amendments

The Michigan 1921-1952 county death certificates are now available to be transcribed on Family Search. Please pass the word. Use the link below to find out how to help.

https://indexing.familysearch.org/projtab/viewProject.jsf?url=US_MichiganCounty_Deaths_19211952/ProjectHelp1.html



Do you know these people?

These pictures were sent to us by Shelly Cardiel of Kirkland WA. The Gentleman is Will Stevens, the middle lady is Anna Smith Wolfe and the third picture is labeled Hattie Decker. If any of these are known to be part of your family, please let me know and I will get the original photo to you.

Queries:

Query 1:

We have had a request from the family of Albertis Harrison "Bert" Robbins 1857-1940, wife Mary Margaret Robbins 1860-1951. They are both buried in the West Pennfield Hicks Cemetery in Calhoun County. The family is looking for any information on them. If you have any information that you want to share with the family, you can contact Kenneth Petersen, 2208 Churchill, Trenton MI 48183.

Another Query:

Glenn Shaw is looking for information on his ancestor Louisa Shaw born Feb 1855 in London, Ontario. She died at Otter Lake, Lapeer County on May 11, 1925 and is buried in Battle Creek, Marshall County MI per her family records. She married Charles Rich who died in 1919 and then she married S.C. Root. Her names would have been Louisa Shaw Rich-Root. Glenn is searching for her obituary, but he cannot locate where she actually lived and died. He would appreciate any help we can give him. He can be emailed at glennshaw@alaska.net or by mail at Glen E. Shaw at 329. Edby Rd. Fairbanks AK 99709-2657.

If anyone is able to assist these with these queries please let the board know as we would like know if we were able to help them out with any information.

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CCGS Annual Meeting set
for September 25

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 LDS Church at 16036 Old US-27 N, Marshall MI.

NOTE: We will be moving to new location for the September Meeting. New location is LDS Church at 16036 Old US-27 N, Marshall MI.

September 25 Family Search by Glenda Peckham

Have ideas for future programs? Please contact President Jim Jackson, whose contact information is on page 2.