

## *President's Note: Getting Out of My Genealogical Rut*

*by Jim Jackson, President*

Spending many years in our shared hobby of family history research, I believe many of us get in a rut. We have our favorite types of records and start with them when working on a new line, even if other records might be a better fit.

This was demonstrated on my last trip to Washington D. C. where I spent most of my time at the National Archives researching Civil War soldiers. I'm very familiar with their military envelope jackets of muster rolls, and pension files, including invalid, widow and others.

It was announced on our bus that I was knowledgeable in military research, so I spent most of the travel day talking with someone new to genealogical research while she "picked my brain" for her research at NARA. It was probably more enjoyable for me as we all like to share what we can with newbies (I hope all of you had a mentor during your initial learning curve in this hobby), and she probably developed a headache trying to file everything thrown at her.

Later in the week I saw her working on some records that I wasn't familiar with and thought she may have moved onto other research, but after asking her, she displayed some medical records from military hospitals. This collection including major military hospitals, as well as field hospitals and first-aid tents. It included amputations, but also stomach aches, corns, social diseases, etc. I'm guessing there were very few soldiers who did not need some type of medical treatment during their enlistment.

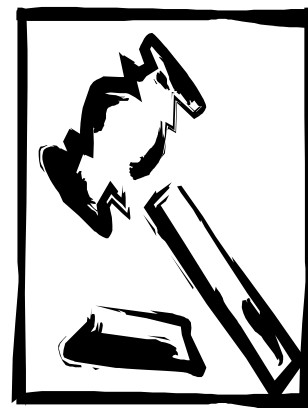
I asked her how she knew about them, and her response was enlightening. Where I would ask for the type of record that I thought would be the best source, she stated her

problem and what she was hoping to find to the archivist helping her. Perhaps the archivist asked questions, like "was he ever wounded?" but the point is, with my method (already familiar with the records), I never gave the archivist the opportunity to ask probing questions.

In the beginning, I definitely relied more on the librarians and archivists expertise. It's always best to ask the right questions so the staff who may be more familiar with the records can recommend the best source, or some obscure record that may be the best fit for your research. After using this approach I found the regimental books that included casualties, promotions, etc. I already knew some of this information but this book stated the reasons for promotions, such as death of previous members of that rank.

On this theme of stepping out of our comfort zone, I traveled with my wife to Lansing when she had a craft class on a Sunday. Of course neither the Library of Michigan nor the Archives of Michigan are open on Sunday, but the MSU Main Library is open on Sunday. I also never visited the Waldo Library on the WMU campus.

So recently I have visited both of these libraries and I've been able to research a few publications that weren't available elsewhere. Visiting a new library is always a bit daunting no matter how large or small, so this experience challenges us to practice lifelong learning. The smaller, local libraries may also have unique collections or card files that are invaluable. More importantly, these sources, as well as the knowledgeable staff are not available online.



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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 Marshall Branch 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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# Ancestral Chart

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Chart No. 1

No. 1 on this chart is  
the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_

On Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

CONT. ON CHART \_\_\_\_\_

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CONT. ON CHART 2

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<http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/ancchart.htm>

1. Mary E. Kline  
BORN 1940  
PLACE SEATTLE, Wa.  
MARRIED 1957  
PLACE Idaho  
DIED N/A  
PLACE N/A

J. P. JONES  
NAME OF SPOUSE

2. Dorothy June Kingman  
BORN 1905  
PLACE Waitsburg, Wa.  
DIED 1990  
PLACE Washington

Charles H. Kingman Sr.

BORN  
PLACE  
MARRIED  
PLACE  
DIED  
PLACE

3. Abbie Drusilla Hicks  
BORN 1864  
PLACE Pennfield, Mich.  
DIED 1958  
PLACE Waitsburg, Wa.

4. Solomon Scott Hicks

Charlotte E. Best Sanders

# Ancestral Chart

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Chart No. 2

No. 1 on this chart is  
the same person as No. 4

On Chart No. 1

CONT. ON CHART \_\_\_\_\_

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CONT. ON CHART \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Solomon Scott Hicks  
BORN 1820  
PLACE New York  
MARRIED 1853  
PLACE Kansas  
DIED 1907  
PLACE Waitsburg, Wa.

Charlotte Best Sanders  
NAME OF SPOUSE

5. William George Hicks  
BORN 1792  
PLACE New York  
MARRIED 1816  
PLACE New York  
DIED 1877  
PLACE Pennfield, Mich.

6. William Hicks

BORN  
PLACE New York  
MARRIED  
PLACE } unk.  
DIED  
PLACE

Abigail Brown

BORN  
PLACE  
DIED  
PLACE } unk.

Abby Copeeland Younglove  
BORN 1797  
PLACE Vermont  
DIED 1883  
PLACE Pennfield, Mich.

BORN  
PLACE  
MARRIED  
PLACE  
DIED  
PLACE

BORN  
PLACE  
DIED  
PLACE

# Pedigree Chart

Juanita Raymond

Chart no. 1

No. 1 on this chart is the same as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed.

- ☐ B Baptized
- ☐ E Endowed
- ☐ SP Sealed to parents
- ☐ SS Sealed to spouse
- ☐ F Family Group Record exists for this couple
- ☐ C Children's ordinances completed

Write places as Tryon, Polk, NC  
or St. Martins, Birmingham, Warwick, Eng.

Write names as Robert Thomas Myers.  
Write dates as 4 Oct 1896.

2 William Howard Langmaid

(Father of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr 6 Nov. 1910  
Place Lansing, MI  
Married 22 Nov. 1933  
Place Flint, MI  
Died  
Place Benton, ARK

1 Juanita Rae Langmaid

☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr 16 June 1942  
Place Plymouth, MI  
Married 18 May 1996  
Place Bend. OR  
Died —  
Place —

James Robert Raymond  
(Spouse of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS (#2)

3 Adah Electa Vogler

(Mother of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS  
Born/Chr 26 Aug 1913  
Place Young America MN  
Died 9 Jan. 1999  
Place Yreka, CA

Your name and address	
Juanita R. Raymond (nee Langmaid; Douglas) 1310 Shady Lane NE Keizer, OR 97303	
Telephone number	Date prepared
503-390-4384	Mar. 2012

4 William H. Langmaid

(Father of no. 2) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr 9 June 1890  
Place Cheboygan MI  
Married 8 July 1909  
Place Flint, MI  
Died 18 Aug 1955  
Place Ashville, NC

5 ALba Adeline Howard

(Mother of no. 2) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS  
Born/Chr 18 Aug 1891  
Place Albion, MI  
Died 15 Apr. 1952  
Place Flint, MI

6 Henry Stuart Vogler

(Father of no. 3) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr  
Place  
Married  
Place  
Died  
Place

7

(Mother of no. 3) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS  
Born/Chr  
Place  
Died  
Place

8 William Langmaid

(Father of no. 4) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr 1853  
Place Portsmouth, England  
Married  
Died  
Place

9 Mary Elizabeth Dutton

(Mother of no. 4) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr 1856?  
Place Canada  
Died  
Place

10 Stanton C. Howard

(Father of no. 5) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr 22 Dec 1866  
Place Albion, MI  
Married 12 Feb 1890 Jackson MI  
Died 18 Mar 1937  
Place Albion, MI

11 Ora E. LaDue

(Mother of no. 5) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr 22 Jan 1874  
Place Michigan  
Died 18 Apr. 1942  
Place Flint, MI

12 Frederick Vogler

(Father of no. 6) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr  
Place  
Married  
Died  
Place

13

(Mother of no. 6) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr  
Place  
Died  
Place

14

(Father of no. 7) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr  
Place  
Married  
Died  
Place

15

(Mother of no. 7) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no.  
Born/Chr  
Place  
Died  
Place

# Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is the same as No. 10 on chart no. 1

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed.

- ☐ B Baptized
- ☐ E Endowed
- ☐ SP Sealed to parents
- ☐ SS Sealed to spouse
- ☐ F Family Group Record exists for this couple
- ☐ C Children's ordinances completed

Write places as Tryon, Polk, NC  
or St. Martins, Birmingham, Warwick, Eng.

Write names as Robert Thomas Myers.  
Write dates as 4 Oct 1886.

2 Henry Howard  
(Father of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr 20 Dec 1828  
Place Beighton, Norfolk, Eng  
Married 1859 - Aug 10  
Place ALbion, MI  
Died 3 Sept, 1911  
Place ALbion, MI

1 Stanton Howard  
☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr 22 Dec 1866  
Place ALbion, MI  
Married 12 Feb 1890  
Place Jackson, MI  
Died 18 Mar 1937  
Place ALbion, MI  
Ora E. LaDue  
(Spouse of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS

3 Adeline Elizabeth milliman  
(Mother of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS  
Born/Chr 24 Jan 1839  
Place Calhoun Cnty, MI  
Died 20 Dec 1916  
Place ALbion, MI

Your name and address  
Juanita R. Raymond  
Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Date prepared \_\_\_\_\_

4 Samuel Howard  
(Father of no. 2) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr 22 July 1775  
Place Beighton, Norfolk England  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

5 Mary Ann Sizer  
(Mother of no. 2) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS  
Born/Chr 22 Jun 1778  
Place England  
Died 1865  
Place ALbion, MI

6 Nicholas Milliman  
(Father of no. 3) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C  
Born/Chr 1795  
Place New York, USA  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

7 Adeline Reed  
(Mother of no. 3) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS  
Born/Chr 8 May 1813  
Place Wayne Cnty, MI  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

Chart no. 2

8 Samuel or William Howard  
(Father of no. 4) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
Place England  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

9 Mary  
(Mother of no. 4) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

10 John Sizer  
(Father of no. 5) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

11 Anne Softly  
(Mother of no. 5) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

12 Nicolas/Roland milliman  
(Father of no. 6) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr 1762  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Died 1851  
Place morenci, MI ?

13 Cynthia Hodges  
(Mother of no. 6) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

14 Reed  
(Father of no. 7) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

15 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of no. 7) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

# Change in policy for requesting copies from Family History Library by Merrill White, Family Search

Please note the following change in the policy for patrons who are requesting copies from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

All requests for information copied from films, book pages, CDs, marriage, death or birth certificates, wills and/or deeds, etc. will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons in a zipped PDF or JPG file format. There is no charge for this service if we are able to email to information to patrons.

If a patron does not have an email address, we can mail the information to the patron using the US Postal Service. However, as much as possible, we will rely on emailing all requests for information through the internet. If patrons do not own a computer or do not have an email address, they can request to have the information emailed to their local Family History Center, where they can print the information at the center.

Patrons should request copies by emailing their request to [Photoduplication@familysearch.org](mailto:Photoduplication@familysearch.org). All requests MUST include the following information:

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- Name of Individual(s) referred to in the record
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- Event type (Birth, Death or Marriage)
- Complete event date and place
- Event place (county, parish, township, etc.)
- Volume or page number
- Registration or Certificate Number

Any other information that will help us locate your record.

Go to <http://goo.gl/EVMUQ> for more information (and read comments for more details).

# What's New At Willard Library for 2013

Information is on the move and your Willard Library is leading the way.

2012 was another watershed year in terms of developments at Willard Library of crucial interest to genealogists and historical researchers of every stripe.

\*Three massive digitization projects have resulted in the movement to the internet of the Library's entire Battle Creek microfilm newspaper archive 1846-2012, making 600,000 pages of local history searchable for the first time ever.

Also now digitized is our complete collection of Battle Creek public high school yearbooks, every photo-packed page from 1894 to 2002.

\*And a third treasure, our complete collection of Battle Creek city directories 1880-1960, is now also available on-line at our website [www.willard.lib.mi.us](http://www.willard.lib.mi.us).

\*The Helen Warner Branch now has the latest university-quality microfilm readers with scanning and file-saving options in addition to basic printing. These are amazing and welcome replacements for the old microfilm readers-printers.

By George Livingston  
Local & Family History Librarian  
Willard Library

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## Query:

Kenneth Petersen has written to us requesting help with his family's history.

1. Albertis Harrison "Bert" Robbins 1857-1940

2. (Wife) Mary Margaret Robbins 1860-1951.

Both are buried in the West Pennfield Hicks Cemetery in Calhoun County.

He is looking for information including any documents, death and funeral home information and burial and cemetery papers.

## Annual Membership List and Surname Directory:

As reported in the last newsletter we be sending out the annual membership as a separate publication and will not include it in the newsletter for privacy issues.

## Generations

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Next Meeting is our  
annual lock-in at  
Willard Library

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February 22nd FRIDAY Annual "Library Lock in" at the Helen Warner Branch, Willard Library. 36 Minges Creek Place, Battle Creek, MI Please contact the library to register.

March 26 - Marc Young

Jun 25, 2013 Sharon Carson, Director, Archives and Regional History at Western Michigan University will inform us

Have ideas for future programs? Please contact Vice President Alex VanZanten, whose contact information is on page 2.