

President's Message

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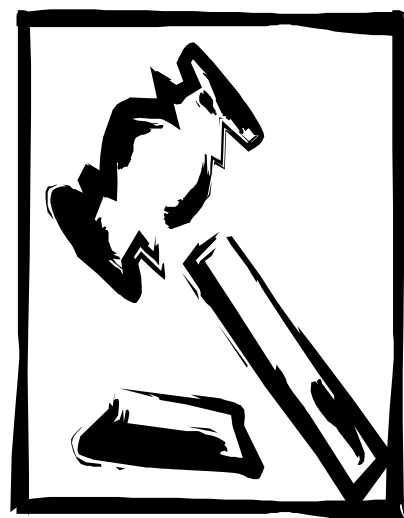
It was my intent to talk about my trip to Washington, D.C. with other genealogists - telling you about the bus trip, the good food, and the time spent at the DAR Library, the National Archives, and the Library of Congress. Thanks to the government shutdown, it will have to wait until next year!

For those of you that were unable to attend the meeting at the Albion Public Library last month with Jennifer Wood (the library's new historian), you missed a great presentation and tour and some really great 25th anniversary cake! If you are looking for information on Albion (some on Jackson as well) and the surrounding small towns, it would be worth your time to take a trip over there to meet with Jennifer.

On Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00, we will be meeting at the old Grand Trunk Railroad Station in Battle Creek which is now the Calhoun Community Action Agency. The address is 175 Main Street. This holds special interest to me since my grandfather, Adamson Bell worked for Grand Trunk from 1909 - 1912 when he first came over from England. He soon decided those steam engines were too hot and heavy to work on and he got a job with Kelloggs. This meeting should

prove to be very interesting - so bring a friend!

As a reminder, there are no meetings in December. In January we will have our "show-and-tell" at the LDS Church in Marshall. We hope to see all of you at the upcoming meetings. Please don't hesitate to invite a friend that might be interested in becoming a part of the 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 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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CCGS 25th Anniversary

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS) celebrated our 25th anniversary on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. during the regular meeting. We celebrated at the Albion District Library. The Albion Library has been an important part of the society's history. Seminars and meetings have been held there throughout the past twenty five years.

The Calhoun County Genealogical Society's (CCGS) early history is tied to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah when six Albion researchers met while doing research at the library and decided that Calhoun County needed a genealogical society. CCGS was founded in 1988 with 11 founders and incorporators. There were 98 charter members of the CCGS.

Our October program informed participants about the local and family history resources available at the Albion Public Library, including a tour of the local history section.

Jennifer Wood gave us a behind the scenes tour of the archive rooms and shared with us the information that was available at the library. The Local History room is open on Tues. from 1:00 until 7:45pm, Wednesday from 2-4 pm and Saturday from 1-4:45 pm. They are always looking for more volunteers so if you are interested contact Jennifer at the library.



We all enjoyed the cake and refreshments along with some memories of the history of the club. Jim Jackson brought in old editions of the newsletters to share with those who may have missed them.



CCGS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Use this form to pay annual CCGS dues. Your membership expiration date is printed on the top line of your mailing label.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Email address _____

Alternative email address _____

Surnames researching _____

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The membership year is September 1 through August 31, but new members are welcome at any time. Dues received between June 1 and August 31, 2013, will cover membership through August 31, 2014.

Your name, contact information and the surnames you are researching will be published in this Annual Membership and Surname Directory. To opt out of sharing your information with CCGS members, you may contact Membership Chair Marcie Telfer.

Please make a check payable to Calhoun County Genealogical Society or CCGS and send it to Membership Chair
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City, State, ZIP _____

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To request a searchable PDF file of this 2012-2013 Annual Membership and Surname Directory, please email Anita Stuever at MichiganCalhounGene@yahoo.com.

Add these surnames I am researching _____

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Some items mentioned at the recent Michigan Genealogical Society meeting:

Dell discounts for FGS Society members. Go to www.dell.com/mpp/FGS or call 1 (800) 695-8133 for a list of discounts. Not all systems offer savings but there is a good selection across all platforms (laptops, desktop, hand-held). The savings range from about \$25 to several hundred dollars, just in time for the holidays. This is a type of 'Friends and Family' discount for all members of a member Society, such as ours.

At <http://www.seekingmichigan.org/> they have added some county guides, including the lower counties of Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Ottawa, Shiawassee, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. These are in addition to the Vital Records guides, Military guides and others. On the home page, click on SEEK at the top of the page, select GUIDES, then COUNTY RECORDS. These are PDF files that may be downloaded or printed. I asked the archivist at the desk and the link, or any or all of the PDF file may be republished in our newsletter.

Also on <http://www.familysearch.org/> they have uploaded the index to the Michigan death records from 1921 to 1952. ONLY the DATA is available for these years. They are in the process of adding the images from 1921 to 1938 that should be available at the beginning of 2014. These images are considered private for 75 years, so each year another year's worth of images will be uploaded on <http://www.seekingmichigan.org/> available through <http://www.familysearch.org/> to go with the existing data.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 269-288-1655.

Jim Jackson

MGC Delegate

Annual Membership List and Surname list.

Our next issue will include the annual membership list and surname list. As we started last year, we will not publish the list the actual newsletter but will have it as an attachment. This is for privacy reasons so that our addresses will not be available outside of the membership. If you have any additions or changes you wish to make to this list, please fill out the form enclosed.

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

November 26 - Tour of Battle Creek former Grand Trunk Railroad Depot at 175 Main St.

December—No Meeting

January 28, 2014 Show and Tell by our members. Back to our regular location and a chance to share success stories and break-down brick walls in your research.

February 28 Lock-in at the Helen Warner Branch of the Willard Library in Battle Creek.

March 25- Making the Most out of Family Tree-Learn about Family Search's Family Tree. Presenter: Glenda Peckham

April 22-What's in Your Genealogist's Research Bag?-Our panel of experts will share their must have research tools for a trip to a cemetery, library, archive, family interview or genealogy road trip.

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