

## President's Message

by Brenda Leyndyke

Summer is upon us and it is a great time to take a genealogy related trip. Have you taken, or plan to take, any genealogy trips this summer? I have. The biggest trip I have planned is one where I get to add another family member to my family tree, a daughter-in-law. My son, Travis, is getting married, in July, and I look forward to adding his wife, Alayna, to our family tree.

Summer is a time to travel to cemeteries, archives and libraries, places ones ancestors lived or family reunions. A little planning will help make your research trip a success. Mocavo has a free summer genealogy research guide for you. It can be found at [http://blog.mocavo.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Mocavo\\_Summer\\_Genealogy\\_Research\\_Guide.pdf](http://blog.mocavo.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Mocavo_Summer_Genealogy_Research_Guide.pdf) This 23 page .pdf guide has articles on packing essentials, creating a research plan, traveling tips, accessing resources from home, if unable to travel, and more. The guide includes a pedigree chart, family group sheet, research log, and travel checklist. Whatever your plans are, I wish you success this summer.

Speaking of success, I would like to thank everyone who joined our society this year. Your membership allows the Board to plan awesome speakers like we have had this past year. Our attendance numbers are growing and I hope we can continue this success into next year. Memberships will be up for renewal in September and I hope you will renew your membership.

We finish our year with a very popular speaker, Shirley Gage Hodges. Shirley will be presenting, "Using Computers in Genealogy". Her talk will show attendees how to use the computer to enhance their genealogical research, including tips for better searching on websites. I hope to see you, Tuesday, June 23 at 7 p.m. It is sure to be another great program.

Enjoy your summer,

*Brenda Leyndyke,*  
*President*



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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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**Bad Weather Policy:** If Marshall Public Schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather then the Calhoun County Genealogical Society meetings will be cancelled.



Top Ten Most Popular Free Genealogy Websites

10. EllisIsland.org
9. GeneaNet.org
8. GenealogyTrails.com
7. FamilyTreeDNA.com
6. RootsWeb.com
5. WikiTree.com
4. USGenWeb.net
3. AncientFaces.com
2. FamilySearch.org
1. Findagrave.com



Look For The Calhoun County Genealogical Society

This Summer!

August 8<sup>th</sup>- International SummerFest and Black Arts Festival, McCamly Park (across from Burnham Brook), Battle Creek, MI from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

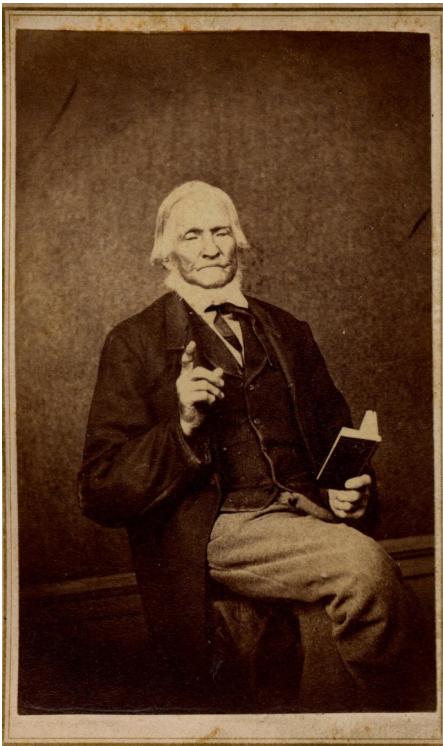
August 30<sup>th</sup>-Helen Warner Branch of Willard Library Lock In, 36 Minges Creek Place, Battle Creek, MI from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration is required and can be made by calling (269) 968-8166.

## Calhoun County Farm Family Since 1850

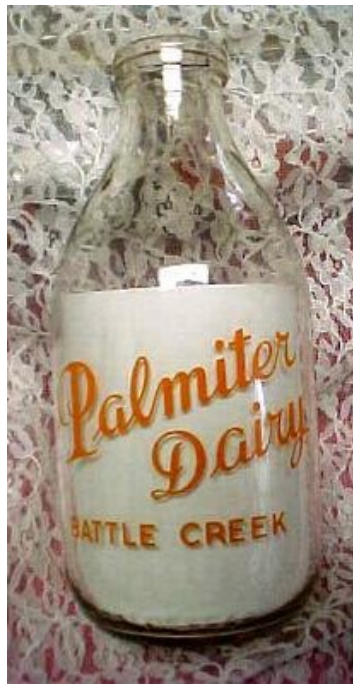
Darlene Stange wrote about her family in our January-April Issue of Generations. The pictures below go along with that article. Enos Palmiter was her first ancestor in Calhoun County. He brought his family from Ohio and farmed in Convis Township. He was also a Methodist Episcopal Minister and Justice of the Peace. This picture was a card picture that he gave when preaching. We believe he preached in Bellevue.

Darlene's great-grandfather, Charles Palmiter, and her grandfather, Harrie Palmiter, operated Palmiter & Son Dairy from the basement of their home in Battle Creek at 553 Maple (Capital Avenue, N.E.) from about 1919 to 1946, when Charles sold the business with 8 routes to Ashley Dairy.

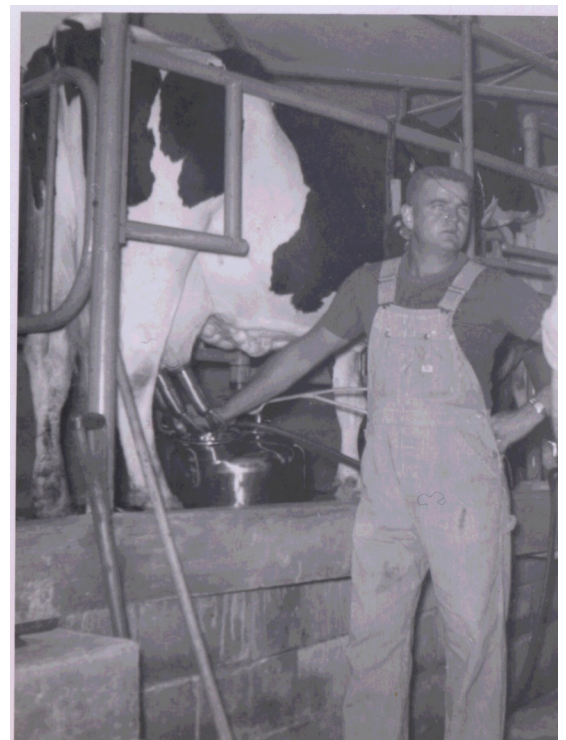
Harrie Palmiter bought a farm in Athens in 1939. He and his son, Norman, built a milking parlor and commenced milking their own herd, transporting the milk to the Battle Creek Dairy. The Palmiter farm has grown to about 800 acres and is owned and farmed by Norman's sons, Dennis and Lonn, and Lonn's son, Jason.



Enos Palmiter, 1794-1883



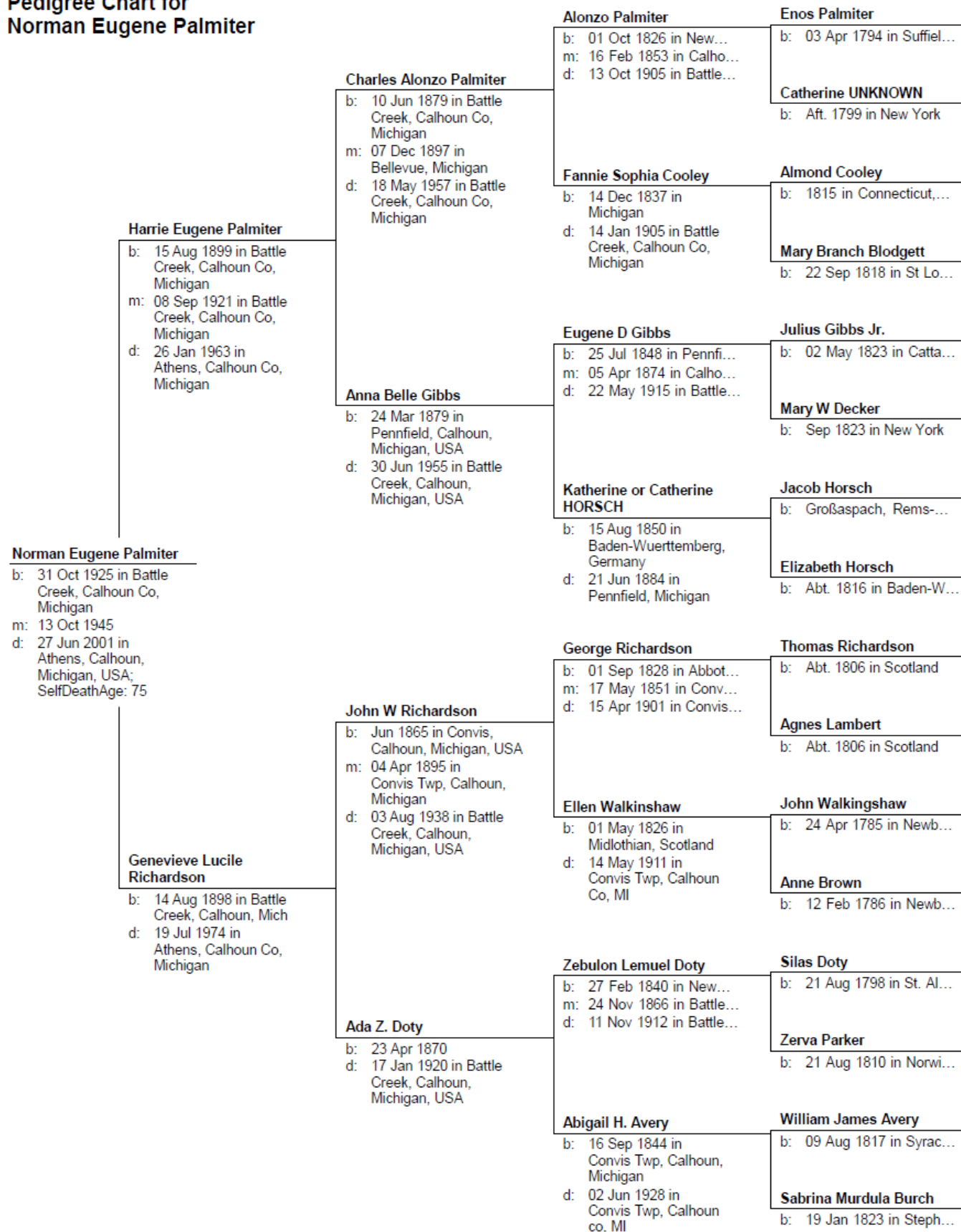
Palmiter Dairy, Battle Creek



Norman Palmiter, 1925-2001

"From the farm to your home in 24 hours"

## Pedigree Chart for Norman Eugene Palmiter



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Don't forget our annual  
Willard Library Lock-in  
August 30!

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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

June 23 - Computer Genealogy with Shirley Hodges

July—No Meeting

August 30—1-5 Willard Library Lock-In. Don't forget to register (269) 968-8166 (Note the day Change)

September 22 Annual Meeting.

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