

## President's Message

by Brenda Leyndyke

Calhoun County Genealogical Society is concluding our year with our June meeting. I thought this would be a good time to look at what works and doesn't work within our society. I created a six question survey to help with this analysis. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZCR7RG> and fill out the survey, if you haven't already. If you don't have access to the internet, feel free to send a note to CCGS, PO Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068 before June 15<sup>th</sup> or email me at [brae957@gmail.com](mailto:brae957@gmail.com). All results will be used to plan for next year. This is your society and I believe the board should provide its members with what they want and need. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns.

The six questions are:

- a. What does our society do really well?
- b. If you could make any changes to our society, what would you change?
- c. What special projects would you like to see our society do?
- d. What programs would you like to see presented at our meetings?
- e. What type of information would you like to see published in our newsletter?
- f. Where do you currently get your news about society meetings?

The board is looking for ways to contain costs and a newsletter review was held. The board decided to make some changes to the newsletter publishing schedule. During the 2016-2017 year, the newsletter will publish three issues: May-August; September-December; and January-April. The board will relook at this decision in the spring. If you have any thoughts or concerns about this decision, please let me know.

This issue will be the last one until September. The membership form has been included and we hope you will consider joining before the September meeting. Any memberships received will be good for the 2017-2018 program year.

I hope you have enjoyed the programs we presented this year. Thank you for attending our meetings. Next year's schedule will be announced when it becomes available. I hope everyone has a great summer and don't forget to come to our May and June meetings.

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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## Save the Date

2-5 May 2018 National Genealogical Society 2018 Family History Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is the first time a national genealogical society conference has been held in Michigan. For more information: <http://www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

## You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream and More

Please join us for an ice cream social at our meeting, Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at Marshall LDS Church, 16036 Old 27 N-our usual meeting place. Come rain or shine, and if shine, please bring a lawn chair. If rain, it will be held indoors. This is an opportunity to get to know your fellow members and start your summer off with an ice cream social. The hospitality committee will be providing this social opportunity for your benefit.

Also, how many of you have genealogy related materials that you would like to donate for others to use? We will have a gently used genealogically related sale. Please bring any books, magazines, forms, etc. to the June ice cream social and we will display them. Cash donations will be accepted for any materials you are interested in taking home with you. This is a great way to put those materials you are done with to good use. If you have materials, but are unable to attend, please let Brenda Leyndyke know at [brae957@gmail.com](mailto:brae957@gmail.com) or 269-275-0462 and she will arrange a pick up.

## Calhoun County Genealogical Society By-law Review

The CCGS board conducted a review of the CCGS by-laws and will be recommending a couple of changes for member approval at our June meeting. The two parts of the by-laws that the board recommends changing are:

**Current By-law Language:** *Officers may serve no more than four consecutive terms in the same office and no more than six consecutive years as an elected officer. (Article V)*

**Suggested Change:** **Delete the complete sentence and no longer have term limits.**

**Current By-law Language:** *The Standing Committees of the Society shall be: Cemetery Transcriptions, Hospitality, Membership Promotion, Newsletter, Nominating, Pioneer Certificates, Programs and Publicity, Publication, Records Preservation, Research and Website. Special committees shall be appointed as necessary. (Article VII)*

**Suggested Change:** **The Standing Committees of the Society shall be: Hospitality, Membership Promotion, Newsletter, Nominating, Pioneer Certificates, Programs and Publicity, Social Media, Special Projects, Research, and Website.**

Special Projects will encompass projects such as Cemetery Transcriptions, Publications, and Record Preservation pursuant to board approval. It will allow other projects as the society needs to be completed as well.

Social Media will be in charge of the society's social media presence. Right now we have a Facebook group page, but other social media areas could be added, i.e. Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, etc., whatever a social media chair and committee would like to pursue.

If approved, we will be looking for chairpersons and/or committee members to serve on these new committees. Also, a nominating chairperson and committee are needed. This would be a great way to get more involved in your society.

Please bring your thoughts and comments to the June meeting about these changes, or email President Brenda Leyndyke at [brae957@gmail.com](mailto:brae957@gmail.com)

## Wrapping up our 2016-2017 Year

Did you know that Calhoun County Genealogical Society was founded in Albion, in 1988? The May meeting will be held in Albion. We try to honor that history by meeting in Albion at least once a year. We will be touring The Gardner House Museum, 509 S. Superior St., in Albion for our May meeting. We will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the museum. The Gardner House Museum is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and run by the Albion Historical Society. **Note:** Superior Street is under construction in Albion. If you travel via I-94, you will take Eaton Street to Elm Street and the museum will be on your left, just past Superior.

Our last meeting, before our summer break, will be on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Western Michigan University professor, Brian C. Wilson, will be our guest speaker. Brian C. Wilson is the author of "Yankees in Michigan" and he will be presenting information on the migration of Yankees from New England and New York to Michigan. Discussion will include migration patterns, early settlements and the impact Yankees had on the history of Michigan. This meeting will be at Marshall LDS Church, 16036 Old 27 N, Marshall, MI. We will have a short business meeting to approve by-law changes at this meeting. I encourage you to attend.

We will break for the summer and meet again beginning in September. Our September meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Michigan Genealogical Council Updates

The Abrams Seminar will be held in Lansing, MI on July 21 and 22, 2017. The speaker will be Jen Baldwin. She will be speaking on New York Research and One Place Studies. There will be a lock-in Friday night, July 21<sup>st</sup> with the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan participating. Registration is required and can be completed at [SeekingMichigan.org](http://SeekingMichigan.org). Archives of Michigan through their Seeking Michigan website will be looking for user input. Check [seekingmichigan.org](http://seekingmichigan.org) for more information, including the survey. The naturalization project is open for private testing. Once this is completed it will be open for indexing. The Library of Michigan will be completing their Detroit Free Press holdings on microfilm. Currently have the run from 1831-1922; eventually will be complete through 1999.

## April Society Showcase

The April meeting was a "Society Showcase" and we had representatives from six organizations: Rosalee Griewahn from Jackson County Genealogical Society and Library; Jennifer Wood from Albion District Library Family History Room; Larry Randolph from Duck Lake Genealogical Society; Shirley Hodges from Eaton County Genealogical Society and Museum; Mark Lambert from Battle Creek Historical Society and Plough and Shear Bindery. I would like to thank the representatives from the above organizations who shared their collections with attendees. If you have ancestors from any of these areas, please visit these outstanding collections.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

### Calhoun County Genealogical Society

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New Membership ☐ Renew Membership

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Surnames you are researching (limit 8)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Feel free to attach a five-generation ancestor chart and/or a query to be published in *Generations*.

☐ Membership card requested  
(please enclose SASE)

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*Send to Membership Chair, Calhoun County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 879, Marshall, MI 49068-0879*

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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

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

May 23 - Meet at Gardner House Museum, 509 S Superior St, Albion MI

June 27 - Yankees in Michigan, WMU professor Brian C. Wilson

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