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1992 CEMETERY PROJECT REPORT

Rice Creek, located at the corner of L Drive North and 24 Mile Road in Lee Township, Calhoun County, Michigan was originally transcribed by the Calhoun County Genealogical Society in July, 1989. The earliest known marker is for the burial of the infant daughter of Amos and Mary Hadden; she died 22 July 1840. The cemetery is still actively used. On 13 June, 1992 members of the society updated and proofread the original transcription and it was prepared for printing by Linda Wilbur. Copies have been provided to the libraries in Calhoun County and to the current township clerk and sexton. Additional copies are available for \$5.00 at any of the CCGS meetings. If you wish to obtain a copy through the mail, please add \$2.00 for postage and handling.

Volunteers have also met one Saturday each month from July through September to record the headstones in Clarendon Township, southwest of Homer. St. Joseph Cemetery has been completed and copies will be available at the November society meeting. It is located three miles west of M99, south of Homer on the (Calhoun-Hillsdale) County Line Road. We are fortunate to have the good records of the township clerk which include many burials without headstones. In addition Donald Ely of Lansing has provided a copy of the original notebook kept by Edward Joseph Ely, who was sexton from 1889 to 1953. The cemetery land was donated by Reuben Drinkwater about 1886. Also included in the transcription is a drawing of the monument of Earl Bryant. This large stone has the names of family members engraved on it, resembling a family tree.

Bentley Corners on R Drive South has been completely transcribed and will be cross-checked and should be available in the spring. In the meantime the rough copy will be on file at the Albion Public Library History Room. The earliest burial recorded there is the infant son of James and M.R. Camburn, who died 1 Nov 1848.



My thanks to those who have helped with the '92 project: Barbara and John Bentley, Sally Bentley, Brenda Cornish, Pat Geyer, Ken Kaiser, Julia Miller, Valerie Radee, Ramona Short, Bob and Linda Wilbur.

Ken and I will be traveling in the southeast from December through February and will be ready to "dig-into" more cemeteries on our return. The spring newsletter will have a schedule of the dates planned for preparing a transcription of the Cook's Prairie Cemetery on 23 Mile Road just north of M60.

Correspondence should be sent to the Albion Public Library, 501 South Superior, Albion, Michigan 49224 (517/629-3993)

Project Chair, Ruth Kaiser,
517/857-2747, home phone



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QUERY

Seeking parents of ~~Daniel~~ and
~~Susannah (BROWNELL) HOYT~~.

Daniel born 11 Mar 1771,
possibly Fairfield Co, CT. He
died 21 Aug 1841, at
Henrietta, Monroe Co, NY. Md:
on 25 May 1779, Susannah
BROWNELL, B: 5 Apr 1771 at CT
or MA, D: 8 Aug 1847 at
Fredonia, Calhoun Co, MI.

Submitted by:
Bruce A. Julseth
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1992-3 DUES ARE DUE

--Ruth Kaiser, Membership Chair

The CCGS fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. The annual \$10 dues should be received no later than November 1. This give you a thirty day grace period. To check your membership status, note the date on the upper right corner of your mailing label. If you have paid the current year's dues it will show the date: 9-30-93.

With the publication of the November newsletter, all who have not paid their annual dues are dropped from the mailing list.

However, it is the policy of the society to exchange without charge our newsletter with all organizations who reciprocate. These newsletters are on file at the Albion Public Library History Room for your use. Copies available for the year 1992 include societies from the following towns: Adrian, Boyne City, Cadillac, Charlotte, Coldwater, Comstock, Dearborn, Detroit, Escanaba, Grand Haven, Greenville, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Midland, Milford, Monroe, Muskegon, Niles, Oscoda, Pawtucket, Port Huron, Redford, Saginaw, Traverse City and White Cloud.

From December 1 through March 15, Valerie Radee has graciously agreed to handle any membership questions while your chairperson is traveling in the south. She can be contacted by phone, 517-629-3425 evenings or weekends. Correspondence about your membership should be directed to

Calhoun Co. Genealogical Society
Albion Public Library History Room
501 South Superior Street
Albion, MI 49224



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Alonzo Kellogg Died January = 25 = 1834 Saturday
Nelson Kellogg Died July = 22 = 1836 friday
Sarah Kellogg Died June the 19 - 1851 - friday
James G Kellogg Died Feb the 20 1872 friday

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William H Pratt was born May = 29 = 1821

Nancy Kellogg was born September = 24 = 1823

Joined in Wedlock January = 25 = 1841 sun

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Frances M Pratt was born December = 25 = 1842
Charlott Pratt was born May = 26 = 1844
Franklin B Pratt was born April = 12 = 1847
Ellen A Pratt was born November = 16 = 1849

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Frances M Pratt died July = 8 = 1848 Friday

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KELLOGG FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

From loose pages found in the Biographical File at Willard Library, Battle Creek, MI. No title page. Abstracted by Carol Slattery.

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Marie
December 19 - 1852

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David C Kellogg was born February = 28 = 1819
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Joined in Wedlock March = 13 = 1849 wedn

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Adelford W Kellogg was born december = 26 = 1848

Norman Metcalf was born March = 4 = 1828
Phidelia A Kellogg was born March = 18 = 1827
Joined in Wedlock November = 7 = 1849 wed

Willis L Metcalf was born July = 27 = 1850
Willis L Metcalf Died August = 10 = 1850 =
Phidelia A Metcalf Died september = 4 = 1850 = wedn

William Nickerson was born July = 16 = 1828
Jane S Kellogg was born December = 17 = 1828
Joined in wedlock March = 24 = 1850 sun

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else.)

DEATHS

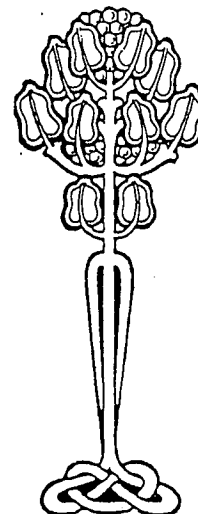
Irving L. Kellogg died aug - 11 1893
Catharin A. Kellogg Died Mar 21 1899
Lorenzo D. Kellogg died Nov 8 1915
Ella J. Kellogg died mar 23 1936 (1936 crossed out and 1946
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different hand.)

Marriages

Lorenzo D. Kellogg Was married to
Catharine A. Mapes may, 24, 1857
Alonzo W. Kellogg was married to
Vera J. Cooley June 12th. 1889
Irving L Kellogg was
married to Ollie Foster
may 18th 1892
Anice D. Kellogg was married
Dora
to Charles L. Cooley Apr. 7. 1897.



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BIRTHS

Lorenzo D. Kellogg was borne Jan 25, 1834
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Catharine M/A? Kellogg was borne June 18, 1836
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Ella J Kellogg was borne March 10 1858
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Alonzo W. Kellogg was borne May 31 1863
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Irving L. Kellogg was born march 9 1866
(different hand)
James Howard Kellogg was born Mar. 22 1890
(different hand)
Marion C. Kellogg April 7. 1895
Louise A. Kellogg April 2. 1906



TOMBSTONE MYSTERY


Some time ago a very old tombstone was left on the steps of the Albion Historical Society Museum. After researching Albion cemetery records no one by this name was found. Does anyone know about Hoppy, Wife of S. Yager who died May 21, 1864, age 54 years. Where does this stone belong? There are no Yagers in the Albion Cemetery.



WANTED

I am seeking lists of students who have graduated from Homer High School, Homer, Michigan before 1900. Someone out there may have old graduation programs which list members of graduating classes. Please send to:

VALERIE RADEE
9807 29 MILE RD
ALBION MI 49224



DIVORCE RECORDS!

Where Are They To Be Found?

The smooth and pat answers that are to be found in Ethel Williams's 1976 edition of Know Your Ancestors, Jeane Eddy Westin's Finding Your Roots (1977), Everton's Handy Book for Genealogists (various editions) and a myriad of other similar titles just do not "fit the bill" when it comes to locating our own Calhoun County, Michigan divorce records.

According to the well-defined and almost scholarly reports prepared for several Michigan counties by the Michigan Historical Records Survey Project of the Work Projects Administration and published in May 1941, the locating of most of the records should be obvious and easy. Most of the survey publications relate to an inventory of County Records (Archives of Records). These titles vary somewhat but are, for the most part, recognizable as a good source of information. Most of these reports/documents can be considered as reliable finding aids/holdings lists to the different governmental units, churches, or established institutions mentioned in the titles.

A look at the beginning of the courts and judicial system of the Michigan Territory, and afterwards the state of Michigan, will help (at least should, anyway) researchers to understand how to locate those divorce records.

In 1836, the portion of the Michigan Territory which was to become the new state of Michigan was divided into three judicial circuits, all of which were served by one presiding circuit judge and two associate judges.

The geographic areas of the Calhoun County court evolved from Michigan's first Supreme Court's annual session on this circuit of the few organized counties in the territory of Michigan in 1824 through organization with St. Joseph County in 1829 (which also included Kalamazoo County), then in 1830 it was only attached to Kalamazoo County for judicial purposes. Finally in 1833 Calhoun County was established. Also in 1833 the Legislative Council established a Circuit Court which was to hold sessions in May and November of each year. By 1835 Calhoun County exercised judicial jurisdiction over Eaton County. That combined jurisdiction lasted until 1901. At that time the Calhoun County Circuit Court was fully established and separated from the others.

An early branch of the circuit court known as the Chancery Court held hearings and determinations on various types of civil matters, which included exclusive jurisdiction of divorce.

So, narrowing this down some more, we should start with those CHANCERY COURT RECORDS! So, where are those chancery records??

An inquiry to the Calhoun County Clerk's Office relayed an answer that sends a researcher on a split trail!

1. Indexes (years not yet determined) are now kept at the office of the Circuit Court Administrator at the Hall of Justice in Battle Creek, East Michigan Ave. at North Division St.

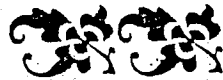
2. Circuit Court - Chancery Dockets/Files
Dockets #1-55, Jan. 1, 1847 to Oct. 1955

[Source states: microfilmed copies or originals of all Judgements or Decrees will be retained permanently (does not indicate that there are actually microfilmed copies).]

The Circuit Court - Chancery Records are now located at the Archives and Regional History Collections at Western Michigan University. That facility is now located in the EAST HALL off Oakland Drive in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Please telephone ahead for specific hours and days.

NOTE: As of press time, I had been unable to reach the employee in the Circuit Court Administrator's office to verify and outline the procedures to follow in order to search the indexes, therefore a telephone call should be made to that office for further information.

Marlene A. Steele
Willard Library
August 14, 1992



C.C.G.S. SALES DEPT.

We have purchased some genealogical supplies to aid our members in their research projects. We had sales of \$133.30 at our fall meeting in September which would indicate a need for this kind of service. We have the following items for sale: Binders, \$8.00; single issues of Genealogy Helper, \$4.00; Family Group sheets, \$3.00 per. 100; Generational Charts \$3.00 per. 100; copies of Calhoun Co. Marriage Records by Beverly Lancaster \$10.00; copies of the Rice Creek Cemetery Transcription by C.C.G.S. \$5.00. (The Marriage Records are from 1836 to 1890)

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BATTLE CREEK HISTORY

Battle Creek Sesquicentennial Committee. *Battle Creek 150: sesquicentennial, 1831-1981*. Battle Creek, Michigan: Sesquicentennial committee, 1980. [977.422 Bat]

Carson, Gerald. *Cornflake crusade*. New York: Rinehart, 1957. [977.422 C23]

Deutsch, Ronald M. *The new nuts among the berries*. Palo Alto, California: Bull, 1977. [613.2 Deu]

Durand, Eugene F. *Yours in the blessed hope, Uriah Smith*. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald, 1980. [921 Smith, Uriah]

Lowe, Berenice Bryant. *Tales of Battle Creek*. Battle Creek: Albert L. and Louise B. Miller Foundation, 1976. [977.422 Low]

Massie, Larry B. and Peter J. Schmitt. *Battle Creek: the place behind the products, an illustrated history*. Woodland Hills, California: Windsor, 1984. [977.422 Mas]

Major, Nettie Leitch. *C. W. Post: the hour and the man, a biography with genealogical supplement*. Washington, D. C.: Judd & Detweiler, 1963. [921 Post, Charles]

Numbers, Ronald L. *Prophetess of health: a study of Ellen G. White*. New York: Harper & Row, 1976. [921 White, Ellen]

Pauli, Hertha. *Her name was Sojourner Truth*. Des Moines: Meredith, 1962. [921 Truth, Sojourner]

Powell, Horace B. *The original has this signature: W. K. Kellogg*. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1956. [921 Kellogg, Will]

Schwarz, Richard W. *John Harvey Kellogg, M.D.* Nashville: Southern Publishing Association, 1970. [921 Kellogg, John]

Spalding, Arthur W. *Origin and history of Seventh-day Adventists*. 4 vols. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald, 1961. [286.7 Spa]

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Battle Creek, MI

State Archives of Michigan, 717 West Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918

The Joint Archives of Holland
Hope College Campus, Holland, MI 49423

Researchers will want to consult The Joint Archives of Holland Guide to the Collections, Larry J. Wagenaar, 1989, for information about the Civil War resources of this collection.

Researchers may want to take advantage of the holdings of the following institutions:

Allen County Public Library
Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department
900 Webster St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Library of Michigan
717 W. Allegan St., Lansing, MI 48909

Grand Rapids Public Library
Michigan and Family History Department
60 Library Plaza NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Clarke Historical Library
409 Park Library, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859

Bentley Historical Library
University of Michigan, 1150 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2113

In addition to the above institutions, interested persons should always attempt to consult libraries, historical societies, or similar organizations located in various geographical areas of their research.

August 1992

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Willard Library
Battle Creek

Katie Bell
Student Assistant



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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MARLENE A. STEELE

"Don't Ever Give Up! As our research continues to clutter our minds, let's stop and think---

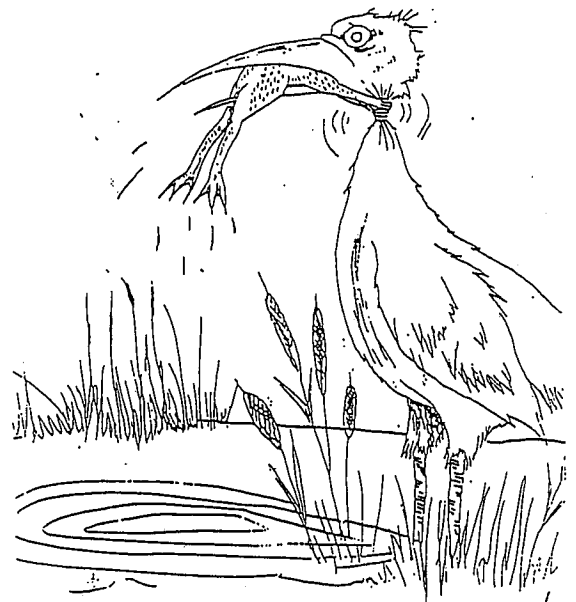
*Who are we?

*What do we want to accomplish?

*Where are we going?

Let's think about it! Both as the Calhoun County Genealogical Society and as individual researchers. We need to improve our personal skills, and we need to help each other!"

As a reminder, and to give us courage in going about our research, Marlene's cartoon to the right is to be our inspiration. We've all felt this way at one time or another.



DON'T EVER GIVE UP!



SUMMARY OF "GLORY'S GHOSTS" - 1992 CIVIL WAR SEMINAR

The seminar provided a source of information and inspiration for fifty-nine people in Civil War research. Many vendors shared possible resources as well. Attendance was somewhat less than what we had hoped - later we learned that there was a Civil War Seminar in Saginaw County the same day and that Arlene Eakle was speaking in Grand Rapids the next week. Both factors no doubt influenced our attendance.



QUERY

Would you please help me locate anyone interested in research of the GOETSCHUIS-GUTCHESS family line.

I understand a Robert Gutchess, son of Vern L. and Gladys N. Rogers Gutchess was born in Battle Creek, Calhoun County. He has a brother, John V. Gutchess and a sister Karen J. Gutchess (Mrs. Stewart) Graham. Robert has done extensive research on his (our) line and I don't know how to get in touch with him. Apparently he was in the air force in Houston, Texas but queries in that area have proved fruitless.

I would appreciate it if you could publish this in your newsletter or whatever sources you use.

Jerri LeGard
P.O. Box 325
Dufur, Oregon 97021

COMING EVENTS

24 Nov 1992

Ann Norlander, Calhoun Co. Clerk-Register will speak on "Research at the County level. VFW Hall, Marshall.

22 Dec 1992 NO MONTHLY MEETING CCGS.

26 Jan 1993

Restoration, repair, archival and conservation of our photographs and our other memorabilia will be discussed by Patrice Willey at the VFW Hall, Marshall.

23 Feb 1993

An informative and casual session for members to seek help on problem areas, to discuss ancestor charting, and to ask questions. VFW Hall Marshall.

23 Mar 1993

Our own Marlene Steele will present a program on the use of land records by genealogists at the Willard Library, Battle Creek.

27 Apr 1993

A tour of the Albion Public Library-Local History Room and its holdings for genealogists. To include a review of the CCGS files.

25 May 1993

Marshall historian, John Collins, will lead one of his famous cemetery walks through Oakridge Cemetery, Marshall.

22 June 1993

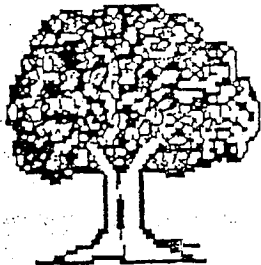
Battle Creek historian, Duff Stoltz, will take us on a walk through Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek.

July 1993-CCGS will continue its cemetery transcription project. No regular meeting. Plan now to join us.

Aug. 1993

We are planning a summer field trip for the society. Will keep you posted.

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