

Generations

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WHAT: Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday Evening, May 24, 1994, at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Marshall's VFW Hall, Marshall, Michigan

WHO: Barbara Garypie - Singer, Teacher & Journalist

Our May speaker is a very talented woman. A professional singer, Barbara will sing and speak to us in her inimitable style as she tells us how to write biographical stories from the fascinating bits and pieces we all have gathered about our ancestors.

A Certified Journal Consultant, she teaches classes on Journaling at Kellogg Community College, has sung professionally all over the world, and she mixes these talents wonderfully in her presentations. This is a program you won't want to miss!

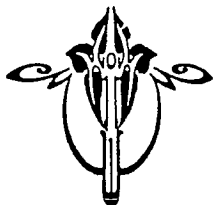
Mark your calendar with this important date in May. And --

At our June 28 Meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Duff Stoltz will show us his collection of Old Battle Creek Memorabilia.

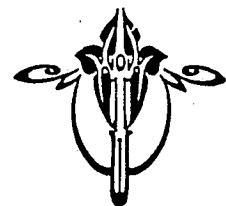
This extensive collection includes Kellogg memorabilia from both brothers, W. K. and John Harvey, memorabilia from the early Adventists, and from the old Battle Creek Sanitarium, and much much more.

It is housed in The Heritage Museum at 169 Emmett Street in Battle Creek. That's the old Sanitas Building, or later the B. C. Sanitarium Hospital on Aldrich, before it became Emmett Street. There is an ample well-lit parking lot behind the building.

Mark your calendar now so you don't forget these important dates,
And we'll see you there!



Jo Peck
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NOTICE

Items for the AUG 1994 NEWSLETTER must be received by Jul 15, 1994. Send items to Pat or Val, our addresses are found listed under officers. Please, we need material to put into the Newsletter. Send in queries and other items of interest. We do not have a Journal for the CCGS so we like to publish articles concerning families too.

NOTICE

The Family History Center, JACKSON-ALBION MICHIGAN, has the CALHOUN COUNTY BIRTH RECORDS, 1867-1923 on indefinite loan. There are seven films. Directions from Albion; via I-94, exit business 94/60 into Jackson, follow Michigan Ave. to first light, (airport will be to the left) turn right on Robinson Road, travel this road for about a mile (will pass; houses, apartments, churches, single dwellings and a tiny woodsy area all on left hand side of road). Morrell Street is just past this area on the left. Turn left, you will travel a short ways on this winding road and the church will appear on your right. Turn in driveway and go all the way around the church ending on the left back side of church. You will see handicap parking available too. If door is locked you will ring the bell and someone will let you in.

HOURS: Tues. 2PM to 9PM
Thurs. 9AM to 2PM
6PM to 9PM

Sat. 9AM to 1PM

PHONE: 517-784-6306

SOUTH ALBION SCHOOL
Albion, Michigan
Teacher, Mrs. Emma Miller

Published every two weeks in
The Albion Evening Recorder by
the students. Marian CUATT,
Editor.

Visited School
Mrs. Fred Hoaglin visited
school Friday, October 26.

Drawing
Every Friday afternoon- we
have drawing. From the fourth
grade up most of the children
are making health posters.

Spell Down
Friday night, October 26,
the fifth, sixth, seventh and
eighth grades had a spell down.
Lorraine HOAGLIN and Hilbert
PAHL chose up sides. Nathalie
ROMANS and Marian CUATT, both
on Lorraine's side, stood up
the longest.

Current Event
Thursday, October 25, our
school was divided into two
sides for the telling of
current events. Louise HAKES
and Nathalie ROMANS were chosen
captains. We are doing this to
see who can tell their's best.

Memory Gems
We have memory gems
Tuesday and Friday. The
beginners, second, third and
fourth grades have them on
Friday. The older one have
them on Tuesday.

Marshmallow Roast
We celebrated Halloween by
the beginners making pumpkins,
cat faces and Jack-o-lanterns.
At noon we had a marshmallow
roast. It was too cold to
roast them outdoors so we
roasted them in the furnace.

Absent and Tardy
Out of twenty-three the
following have been neither
absent nor tardy during the
month of October: Nathalie
ROMANS, Hilbert PAHL, Helen
MILLER. Oliver FRANK, Edwin
POWERS and Francis SMITH.

Digging Potatoes
October was the potato
digging month. Most of the
children that were absent were
excused from school to pick
potatoes. The little ones have
been absent on account of
sickness.

The above appeared in The
Albion Recorder Tues. Nov. 6
1923.

QUERY

Need information on any
descendent of George VAN SICKLE
b. 1829 Lyons NY, son of Daniel
and Mary (Meyers) VAN SICKLE.
Md. 4 Jul 1858, Emeret PHILLIPS
at Baltimore, Barry Co., MI, by
Milo Williams, Justice of The
Peace. Marriage registered 12
Jul 1858. Died in Barry Co.,
and his death is registered in
the Court House in Hastings MI.
Where is he buried? Did he
have children? George would
have been by husband's Great
Uncle.

Submitted by:
Mrs. Lorain Van Sickle
21210 J Drive North
MARSHALL MI 49068

UPDATE

The obituary file at the
Local History Room of the
Albion Public Library continues
to grow day by day. Most of
the obituaries were published
in the Albion Recorder during
the years of 1930-1986.
However, we are adding others
as they are found and later
Albion Recorder death records
are being abstracted.

Submitted by Julia Miller

From your editors: The August
issue of Generations will
feature some of Julia's
interesting findings.

QUERY

Seek family info. Marcus SMITH, B. 28 Oct 1809, NJ?; d. 19 Sep 1880 Orleans, Ionia, MI; m. Sarah Ann CARMICHAEL 28 Mar 1833 "at or near" Marengo, Wayne, NY. Chn: Burton Welles SMITH (1833-1902), Lydia Ann H. SMITH (1825-1859), Silas C. (1836-1902), George (1838), Squire T. (1840-1842), Adelaide E.R. (1843-1924), Stoel Jefferson (1846-1925), Helen D. (1852-1942), William Wheaton (1856-1934).

Burton m. Sarah LOWE; Silas m. Mary McVEIGH; Adelaide m. Nathaniel SESSIONS; Stoel m. Sarah NEEP, Nellie BENTLEY and Mrs. Alice SCOTT; Helen m. Fred CUTLER and possibly Edwin HAWES; William Wheaton m. Julia GAVITT.

Marcus possibly had brothers; George Adams SMITH and William W. SMITH (m. Lydia Ann HOPE). By 1835, Marcus and family were in Michigan; 1840-Marshall; 1850- Jackson County; 1860- North Plains, Ionia County; 1870-80 Orleans, Ionia County.

In 1840, he purchased land in Marshall from William W. Smith (wf Lydia Ann HOPE). In 1842, he purchased lots 95 and 96 of Homer Village (NE Corner of Webster and Hamilton) from John and Caroline DRURY. These he sold in 1849 to Charles Imus.

Related family names may be HOPE, WELLES, DELOS, WHEATON. Any information at all would be appreciated.

Send to: Kathy CLEARY, 121 Elm St. PORTLAND MI 48875-1442.

QUERY

Would like to correspond with anyone who has information on the McNARY surname, will gladly exchange. Especially Henry McNARY and family who was listed on the 1850 Census index for Michigan.

Bobbi HEIDENRICH, 2115 Ditty Rd, SMITHS CREEK, MI 48074

CEMETERY PROJECT UPDATE MAY 94 Ruth Kaiser, Project Chair

It is time to renew our efforts to transcribe more cemeteries within Calhoun County. Our goal for this summer will be to complete the gravestone check for Clarendon Township, starting with Cook's Prairie, followed by West Clarendon. If enough help is available, we will also do Clarence Center which will complete the Clarence Township cemeteries.

Beginning May 4th, Ramona Short and I will be working every Wednesday, if the weather and personal commitments permit. In May and June, we will begin at 1 p.m. and in July and August, when the weather is warmer, we will begin at 9:30 a.m.

If you can join us, please call one of us to confirm the scheduled time. (Ramona at 629-2384 or Ruth, 857-2747)

Each one who has indicated an interest in helping will be contacted to see what their preference for other days of the week might be. At present the volunteer list

includes: Betty Baker, Sally, John and Barbara Bentley, Mary Lou Crandall, Pat Geyer, Virginia Hart, Jacqueline Morris, Barbara Murdock, Cora Rosenau, Dave and Cheri Ruble, Jeanne Sidnam, Shirley Stepp, Ken Stone, Gayle Tabiaddon. Keith Adams has also volunteered to help with the computer input. If there are others who wish to be included, please call Ramona or Ruth.

Cook's Prairie is on 23 Mile, 1/2 mile north of M60. West Clarendon is on M60, east of 18 1/2 Mile Road. Clarence Center is on 27 1/2 Mile at the east end of R Drive North.

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LOIS	ELLISON	19006 V DRIVE NORTH	OLIVET	MI	49076
EDWARD	ESTEY	85 YALE ST	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49017
ROBERT	FEATHERSTONE	67 HOLMES ROAD	RIDGEFIELD	CT	06877
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JOHN W	FORD	11131 SOUTHBROOK DRIVE	CERESCO	MI	49033
MEDA	FRANCISCO	10343 F DRIVE S	CERESCO	MI	49033
PATRICIA	GEYER	601 MANOR DRIVE	ALBION	MI	49224
MARY JANE	GLATHART	418 DARROW	ALBION	MI	49224
NAN	GLOBENSKY	611 BURR OAK	ALBION	MI	49224
JOHN	HAMMER	235 W HAMILTON LANE	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49015
VIRGINIA	HART	107 MAPLE TERRACE	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49017
MARY HELEN	HART	412 FITCH	ALBION	MI	49224
WINIFRED D	HARTUNG	724 FOREST	MARSHALL	MI	49068
W JERRY	HATCH	657 W MELROSE	CHICAGO	IL	60657-3415
WARREN B	HAYNES	22435 BEDFORD ROAD	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49017-8841
BETTY J	HICKS	4289 KIM DRIVE	HILLSDALE	MI	49242
GENEVIEVE	HIND	324 WENTWORTH AVE	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49015
ROBERT A	HOFFMAN	3573 NORTH DEARING	PARMA	MI	49269
BETTY J	HOPKINS	350 CORNELL DRIVE	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49017
MONICA	HOPP	306 SOUTH BURGESS	HOMER	MI	49245
BRUCE A	JULSETH	1305 YUBINARANDA CR	CARY	NC	27511-5628
KEN & RUTH	KAISER	16526 DEVEREAUX	ALBION	MI	49224
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DORIS	LITTEBRANT	201 STEWARD AVE	JACKSON	MI	49201
PEGGY	LUGTHART	6091 WESTERN DRIVE #61	SAGINAW	MI	48603
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GEORGE A	MERRIAM	59 PIPER AVE	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49017
PHILLIP	MERSHON	213 N MULBERRY	MARSHALL	MI	49068
PHYLLIS	METZGAR	124 NORTH 19TH STREET	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49015
BARBARA HILL	MEYER	3 LOCUST COURT	ALBION	MI	49224
HAZEL M	MILLER	67 SOUTH UNION	BATTLE CREEK	MI	49017
JAMES	MILLER	2803 12 MILE ROAD	BURLINGTON	MI	49029
JULIA	MILLER	901 EAST BROADWELL	ALBION	MI	49224
JACQUELINE LINN	MORRIS	1314 O'KEEFE	MARSHALL	MI	49068
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These are the business size
#11-- are 11 inches long

If you use the #11 envelope for your outgoing letter, the #10 or smaller will fit nicely without folding. If you are mailing several pages of material, use the 9/12 envelope. Be sure to check the amount of postage for the 9/12 envelope, because of its larger size it will not go for 29 cents.

FROM: SGS Newsletter, Jan 1994, which also appeared in TGS Newsletter, Jul, Aug, Sep 1993 (Suggestions from Bluegrass Roots V 20 #1).



HANDBFAST

Do you know the meaning H/F after a person's name? This maybe found in marriage and birth records. The letters stand for "handfast". It is basically a sign of confirmation of a form of uncanonical, private or even probationary form of marriage. Handfasting was a form of announcing a union between a man and a woman who wished to live together as husband and wife before receiving the blessing of the church.

The couple would stand before a group of their peers, holding their clasped hands above their heads and then state their intentions. The agreement was good for a year and a day, or until the preacher came to perform the rites of the church. If at the end of the specified time both parties wished to go their own way, they could do so with no ties. No matter what happened, children born of a handfast were considered legitimate and would be entitled to inheritance.

From: Jackson County Genealogical Society March/April Newsletter
1992

SCHOOLS

Once again we are featuring students who attended school in Homer, Calhoun Co. Michigan. After the Homer Academy closed the School became a graded school and was known as Union School. The first list of students are for 1863. This list comes from the Diary of George French (1863-1872) which was compiled by Mary Althaver, Homer, Michigan. George French called the students, the Scholars of Union School.

BOYS 83

Stephen R. Allen
Frank M. Shattuck
Frank Leach
Willie Mahany
James Hill
Albert Parks
George J. French
Irving Pryor
Henry Davis
Charles Worthington
Timothy Letts
John Perry
John McCartney
Mark McNitt
William Webster
Samuel Robinson
Horace Chase
Ludlie Dorsey
David Mitchell
Willie Linton
Oliver Allen
Henry O. Cook
Wells Swart
Albert McCartney
Peter Arthur
Ebenezer Perry
John Shaw
Jasper Hopkins
Frank Ladow
Charles Waterman
Albert Ogden
Willie Baxter
Charlie Baxter
George Baxter
Willie French
Harvey Potter
Charlie Davis
Eugene Leach
John Raby
John Maynard
Enice Maynard
Munson Maynard
John Adams
Edwin Blair
Charles Redfield
Lewie Debow

Charles Debow
Willie Jones
Albert Blair
Stephen Thorne
George Ogden
William Dodge
Phineas Dodge
Charles Babcock
Ethan Allen
James Burt
William Peppet
Willie Raby
Ellery Potter
Joseph Hull
Charlie Dorsey
Charlie Mahany
Henry Lawrence
Frank Woodbury
Hermy Ladow
Willis Ladow
Frank Huffman
Jimmy Cook
Marvin Seger
George Segar
Eddy Woodbury
Merrit Wright
Warren Juckett
Orson Hatch
Charlie Hatch
George Lewis
S.P. Bryant
Oliver Hopkins
Andrew Dorsey
John B. Dorsey
Irving Parker
Cyrus J. Howard
Risty Percival

GIRLS 52

Sarah Lewis
Juliette Mitchell
Francis Burt
Florence Shattuck
Florence Shaw
Ann Raby
Delia Champion

Docia Johnson
Florence Woodbury
Jenny French
Emma French
Phebe Dorsey
Ida Humphrey
Minnie Smith
Emma Mitchell
Martha Wright
Alcena Auld
Jenny Hill
Caroline Walden
Cornelia Hopkins
Mary Hopkins
Sarah Henderson
Sarah Fancher
Eva Gregg
Ida Wells
Alice Curtiss
Phebe Curtiss
Francis Walden
Mary Mahany
Ella Parks
Ella Deming
Hattie Cook
Ida Hooker
Mary Burn
Ella Perry
Hattie Snider
Mary Snider
Mary Peppet
Mary Holmes
Mary Wright
Jenny McCartney
Eliza Potter
Alice Peppet
Emma Auld
Myra Hoffman
Jane Waterman
Myrtis Hazen
Laura Juckett
Lucetta Babcock
Mary Thorne
Sarah Debow
Rebecca Debow

THE SCHOLARS OF UNION SCHOOL, HOMER, CALHOUN CO., MICHIGAN 1864

Boys

James Umsted
 Oliver Allen
 Charles Worthington
 David Mitchell
 Lewis Debow
 Charles Debow
 Webster Sanger
 Peter Arthur
 Samul Robinson
 Albert Blair
 Henry O. Cook
 Geo. J. French
 Elver Rogers
 John Raby
 William Raby
 Willie French
 Harvey Potter
 Ellery Potter
 Henry Curtis
 Eugene Leach
 Preston Mitchell
 Willis Ladow
 Herman Ladow
 George Sanger
 Ethan Allen
 Phineas Dodge
 Charles Dodge
 Enice Maynard
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 Charles Maynard
 Charles Hatch
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 Toomy Hooker
 Alonzo Snider
 Charles Waterman
 Wells Swart
 David Sinclair
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 George Ogden
 Charles Davis
 Charles Mahany
 Edward Woodbury
 Frank Woodbury
 Albert Ogden
 Willie Garland
 James Cook
 Charles Imus
 Scott Ward

Charles Redfield
 Leander Sanger
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PURPOSE

In order to do research successfully in Gothic German records you must learn to read the old Gothic alphabet. This paper includes a chart which shows English letters with handwritten and printed German equivalents. It also includes tips on how to distinguish the letters in actual German documents.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

European handwriting developed gradually over the centuries from the old Latin. Gothic script, also called black letter, was a style of handwriting used throughout Christendom for about 500 years from the early ninth century until the 1500s. The Gothic style became the dominant writing style of German. When printing by moveable type was invented, typefaces were based on the handwriting styles of the time. Two major type styles emerged; Gothic with pointed, heavy-bodied letters and Roman with lighter, simpler-shaped letters. In western Europe, Roman style eventually became the standard type throughout most of Europe. But the Gothic style prevailed in Germany, Scandinavia, and the Baltic. The Gothic style was the predominant style for printing and handwriting in Germany until 1941, when Adolf Hitler ordered its discontinuance. The Gothic style type was also used in writing Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Lithuanian, Estonian, Faroese, and Icelandic. The Roman style gradually replaced the Gothic in these languages by the end of the 1800s. Czech also used the Gothic style up through the end of the 1700s.

There are several variations of Gothic typeface. These include Schwabacher and the more formal German Fraktur.

The Gothic handwriting is sometimes used with Latin handwriting in the same record. Often names will be written in one hand and the text in another.

GERMAN LETTERS

German sometimes uses marks over certain letters.

Umlaute: Two dots placed over a, o, or u indicate a sound change. The letter ä can also be written as ae. The letter ö can also be written as oe. The letter ü can also be written as ue.

U-Bogen: This mark is used only in handwriting. It is used to distinguish the u and the n. Occasionally it was also used over the y to distinguish it from a g.

German has an additional letter not found in English. This is the Eszett (ß). It is actually a double s and derives from old German sz.

ALPHABET CHART EQUIVALENTS

The chart on page two shows both the printed and handwritten forms of all the German letters. Every individual, of course, has his own style of writing and actual records may vary somewhat from the forms shown on this chart.

German handwriting tends to run together so that is not easy to tell where one letter ends and the next begins. Also many of the letters have similar shapes. This can make it difficult to tell one letter from another.

Don't just study the letters on the chart. Practice writing with them also. Practice writing your name and other words in the German alphabet. This will help you to develop a "feel" for the way they are written and help you recognize them when they are written differently.

Distinguish carefully between the following:

n and u
s and t
w and v
s and f
d and b

When the handwriting is quite difficult to read there are several things that are helpful in distinguishing letters.

Notice how some letters extend below the line and other extend above. Some letters extend both above and below. Some letters do not extend either above or below.

Locate the same letter or word in another part of the document. It may be more clear, or the context may make it easier to figure out.

Since every individual's handwriting differs, you should prepare your own a custom handwriting chart for the particular style you are reading.

Even in printed material certain letters are easily confused. Note the following:

A and U
B and V
C and E
G and S
K and R
N and R
b and v
c and e
k and t
n and u
r and x
s and f
v and y

Notice that there is no distinction between capital I and capital J. Some of the Gothic printed letters are quite similar to the Roman style print. Others are quite different. Note especially the G, the H, the S, and the T. The k and the x are also quite different from their English versions.

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Modified Vowels (Umlaute)

ROMAN TYPE	GERMAN TYPE	GERMAN SCRIPT	ROMAN TYPE	GERMAN TYPE	GERMAN SCRIPT
A a	Ä ä	Ä ä	N n	Ń ń	Ń ń
B b	ß ß	ß ß	O o	Ŏ ŏ	Ŏ ŏ
C c	Č č	Č č	P p	Ť ť	Ť ť
D d	Ǧ ǧ	Ǧ ǧ	Q q	Ŧ ŧ	Ŧ ŧ
E e	Ǝ ɛ	Ǝ ɛ	R r	Ŗ ŗ	Ŗ ŗ
F f	ƒ ƒ	ƒ ƒ	S s	Š š	Š š
G g	Ɠ Ɠ	Ɠ Ɠ	T t	Ț ț	Ț ț
H h	Ĥ ĥ	Ĥ ĥ	U u	Ț ț	Ț ț
I i	Ț ț	Ț ț	V v	Ț ț	Ț ț
J j	Ț ț	Ț ț	W w	Ț ț	Ț ț
K k	Ț ț	Ț ț	X x	Ț ț	Ț ț
L l	Ț ț	Ț ț	Y y	Ț ț	Ț ț
M m	Ț ț	Ț ț	Z z	Ț ț	Ț ț

Adapted from Beginning German by
Schinnerer, Otto P., 1935

Compound Consonants

ch	ch	ss	ff	tz	tz
sch	sch	ß, sz, ss	ff	ph	ph
ck	ck	st	ff		

Distinguish carefully between **B** and **B̂**, **C** and **Ĉ**, **E** and **Ê**, and **M**, **f** and **f̂**, **n** and **n̂**, **r** and **r̂**.

The German capital form **S** stands for both **I** and **J**. When followed by a vowel it is read as **J**; when followed by a consonant, as **I**: *der Sult, der Sunge; die Sbee, die Snel*.

The so-called final **S** is used only at the end of words or syllables.



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COMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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- 26 Apr - Elizabeth Neumeyer, who teaches history at KCC, and who wrote her thesis on the Indian Removal from Michigan, told us about our Michigan Indians at our last meeting.
- 24 May - Barbara Garypie sings, teaches a writing class for KCC's Elderhostel program, and is a Certified Journal Consultant, to mention a few of her many talents. She will talk and sing to us about how to write the stories of the lives of those ancestors we know so much about, but don't know how to put on paper.
- 30 May - MEMORIAL DAY - When the rest of the country does what genealogists do all year - Visit the cemeteries and graves of our ancestors.
- 28 Jun - Duff Stoltz will give us a tour of his Health and Heritage Museum at 169 W. Emmett Street, Battle Creek.
- 4 July - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
- 26 Jul - No Monthly Meeting - CCGs will continue its Cemetery Project - Plan to join us in our worthwhile project. Call Ruth Kaiser for details.
- 23 Aug - No regular CCGS meeting
- 27 Sep - FALL KICK-OFF MEETING

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