

# **GENERATIONS**

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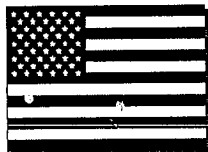
**August, 1995**

***Featured topic at the September meeting of the  
Calhoun County Genealogical Society:***

- ***The Draper Manuscripts***
- ***Tuesday, September 26, 1995***
- ***7:00 pm***
- ***VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI***
- ***Presentation by Ann & Conrad Burton***

Lymon C. Draper decided at the age of 15 that his life's work was to investigate and document the Revolutionary War as it was fought in the south and on the "western frontier". Born in New York in 1815, he began interviewing war veterans in 1830 and continued his interest throughout his life. In the process he became fascinated with the American frontier, especially Daniel Boone. Draper died in 1891 and his material, which includes almost 500 volumes was left to the Historical Society in Madison, WI. His interest was primarily in the periods 1740-1830. His records are also available to us through the Archives at Western Michigan University.

Ann and Conrad Burton have been doing genealogical research since 1979 and are the authors of several southwestern Michigan books. They have indexed the 1860, 1870 and 1880 federal census of Cass County, the 1860 census of Van Buren County, the book Born in Ohio, Living in Southwestern Michigan in 1860 which covers the two named counties plus Berrien County. They are currently at work indexing the 1880 census for all southwestern Michigan counties.



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## From Your Editors

We are very pleased to have taken on the exciting challenge of editing *Generations*, the newsletter of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society. Thank you for your warm welcome, and we look forward to providing a quality newsletter that hopefully will meet your needs and exceed your expectations. We look forward to receiving your requests, your suggestions *and your articles!* Our goal is to direct the newsletter toward the purpose of the Society itself:

- 1) To gather and preserve information of genealogical value.
- 2) To encourage the deposit of such information in suitable depositories.
- 3) To aid genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge.
- 4) To publish and promote Calhoun County and other genealogical materials.

We are especially committed to publishing material that will be of the greatest assistance and interest to people researching their Calhoun County families. Articles of general genealogical interest and "how to" articles are also welcome. Please submit your family Bible pages, case studies of early Calhoun Co. pioneers, your five generation charts, *ETC!* Committee chairs - use this newsletter as your forum and a way to communicate your hard work to the rest of the membership.

Any lengthy articles that you have written on your own computer we encourage you to submit on a disk (we use WordPerfect but most word processors are compatible). Write your name on the disk, and we will return it to you.

We also plan on publishing *Generations* on a bimonthly basis, and it is not necessarily limited to 12 pages. Expect your next issue the beginning of October. Any submissions should be received by September 1.

Please feel free to contact either of us at any time.

Nancy Hibiske and Sandy Redmond

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are nearing the end of those "lazy, hazy, crazy, days of summer" right now, and it's time to seriously think about vacations -- and to us as genealogists, that means a trip planned to find new relatives, cemeteries, court houses -- and those wonderful little local libraries in our family's old home town or our own.

My latest genealogy class couldn't believe it when I told them to explore those local libraries. They hadn't thought of it. So I thought I should remind the rest of you of this important research facility in our ancestors' or our own back yard.

Most local libraries have most, if not all, of their state censuses on microfilm. Use that important tool while you are right there with the people who could answer any questions about where to find the land records, etc., described in the census. Where the wills and probate records are, if not right in the library, in the nearby court house. Check the newspaper files for birth, death, and marriage dates of your families who lived there. There are wonderful birth announcements, obituaries, and wedding information. Make copies of everything you find.

These libraries will have the old county histories. Maybe one you didn't know was available, and for the years your families lived in the area. Check for local genealogical or historical society records included in the library archives. Someone in a local society just might be doing your families, too. See if there's an old plat book, and find the family farm. You might see if they have any cemetery records, too. Many libraries have copies done by local organizations, as we do, and often these are indexed. A gold mine of material right there locally.

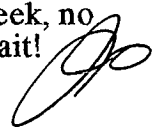
Next, go to the libraries in the county seat, and the state capitol, and research in them. See what resources they might have in the areas you just researched at the local level. They might have some duplication, but you are sure to find something you didn't find before. Be thorough, and look in each library for all your families who might have lived in the area. And maybe even for some you've lost, just on the chance there might be records there.

One thing I always do when I visit a new library, and something you might want to do, too, is to ask for a little tour. Explain you are a genealogist -- be brief about this, hard though it is -- and are new to this library. They will know just what to show you, and be pleased to share their knowledge of their holdings with you when they know where your interests are. Gives them a chance to brag a bit on the accomplishments of their staff in sorting and identifying all of their material.

The obvious next step, whether you are on vacation, or just "doing" libraries for your genealogical research, is to check out the bigger genealogy libraries around the area. In our location, I think of Willard Library, with its collections, if you have Battle Creek or Calhoun County people. Next would be the Library of Michigan in Lansing, which has an awesome collection on Michigan, and a lot of the rest the country. Then Detroit Public Library with its Burton Collection, the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Newberry in Chicago, the list is endless.

And sometime, when you've explored a lot of libraries and been in genealogy for a while, plan your trip to Salt Lake. But save it until you're completely familiar with libraries. Save it -- until you've built a firm family foundation and done all the census and any other research you can do locally -- so you don't waste time.

Then go to that great library. My suggestion is to plan to spend a week, no more, no less. A week is about all you can stand. And it's worth the wait!



## QUERIES

### GATES/HYDE

I am trying to trace the family of Solomon and Sarah (GATES) HYDE who are listed in the 1860 Michigan Census Records as living in Calhoun Co., Emmett Twp. Solomon, b. 18 May 1816 NY and was alive in 1880, had three sons: Edwin HYDE b. ca 1844 in N.Y., Herbert HYDE b. ca 1846 in N.Y., and William HYDE b. ca 1852 in MI. Moved to Michigan 1850-1852.

-- Mrs. Georgina HYDE, 285 W. Keystone Ave., Coupeville, WA 98239

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### PAUL

Searching for info on Frank PAUL, a lifetime resident of Battle Creek who passed away January 1995. His parents came from Hungary in the early 1900's. I have his mother's alien registration card and her address in Battle Creek. Any info or research ideas would be appreciated.

-- Mrs. Betsy PAUL 520 N. Green Circle McDonough, GA 30253

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### LOOMIS/SEWARD/MC DOUGAL/MESSNER WINES

Looking for info on William Wolcott LOOMIS and his wife Phebe SEWARD, m. 24 March 1808. William, b. 26 September 1788 in Scipio, Cayuga Co. N.Y. died in 1873. Phebe was born 1788 in N.Y. and died 8 July 1842. Both died in Albion, MI and are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Albion, MI. Three sons were all b. in N.Y.: William S. LOOMIS b. 3 December 1810 m. Nancy Ann MC DOUGAL, Seth LOOMIS b. 11 September 1821 m. Lydia Newton MESSER in 1845 and Alonzo Samuel LOOMIS b. 28 September 1831 m. Clarissa WINES in 1858.

-- Janet ROSENBACK 388 Monte Brady Rd. Montesano, WA 98563-9517

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*Please note on pg. 46 of your May 1995 issue of Generations that "The Elusive Civil War Soldier" should be credited to Marlene Steele. The book History of the Easel Shaped Monument can be found at Willard Library in Battle Creek.*

### KIPP/DE KYPE/KIP

The Society of Descendants of Reuben KIPP are pleased to invite anyone who has the KIPP name or who has an ancestor with such a surname. If your name is DE KYPE, KYPE, KIP, KIPP, or an ancestor appears in historical records with one of the name variations or if you are interested in family history and genealogy and you are a descendant of one of these people, we want you in our Society! Newsletter subscriptions are open to any interested persons or society.

-- For more info contact: Robert M. SMITH, 1436 S. Argonne Circle, Aurora, CO 80017

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### PHELPS/KIMBALL

I am searching for the marriage record of my gr-gr-grandparents, John PHELPS and Lucretia KIMBALL m. in 1836 in Michigan - possibly Calhoun Co. Does anyone have any info?

-- Jane L. JONES, 445 Owen St., P.O. Box 447, Tiskilwa, IL 61368-0447

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### RICKNER/SIXBERRY

I am researching the RICKNER and SIXBERRY families, residents of Calhoun Co. from the 1840's to possibly the present. I would appreciate hearing from anyone else who is researching these families.

-- Mrs. Corrine RICKNER, 2967 17 Ave., Columbus, NE 68601

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### KELLEHER/ALVORD/AMIDON/O'BRIEN

Researching Timothy Joseph KELLEHER and his wife Grace ALVORD. Also Minerva (ALVORD) AMIDON and Bartholomew KELLEHER and his wife Margaret O'BRIEN.

-- Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.) Ervan L. AMIDON, 3782 Incochee Trail, Traverse City, MI 49684-1410

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## QUERIES, Cont.

### **FOX/PRYER/SINE/GUENTHER/GRIFFIN**

Seeking information on the FOX, PRYER, SINE, GUENTHER families of Calhoun County. Thomas FOX and Mary Elizabeth PRYER FOX moved to Calhoun County around 1848. Son George Henry FOX m. Adelia GRIFFIN around 1850. After her death he m. Catherine Ann SINE in 1861. Daughters Mina, Emma, Elsie, Georgia, Rena b. in Marengo, LeRoy Townships. Catherine's parents William Henry SINE, Mary GUENTHER b. Germany. Did they also live in Ohio, Indiana? Will gladly share info.

-- Suzanne BEEKLEY, 75 Reservoir Road, Atherton, CA 94027

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### **TAYLOR/SMITH/LANGS**

Mrs. Frank TAYLOR b. & d. not known. Last known address 1934 was Scotts, MI. She was a half sister to Anna (SMITH) LANGS, whose parents were Oscar and Anna SMITH from Ashtabula Co., OH. They moved to Climax, MI when Anna was very young. When or where Mrs. TAYLOR entered this family not known. Anna SMITH b. 24 Nov. 1862. Time of her d. 14 Feb. 1934. She m. Phineas H. LANGS, lived near Joppa, MI. Any info about Mrs. Frank TAYLOR would be appreciated.

-- Eloise (VOYCE) STORMSHAK, 107 25th St., Battle Creek, MI 49015, (616) 963-4941

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### **WAGNERS/WALKERS/PECK**

Researching WAGNERS, WALKERS, PECK in Morengo Township, Calhoun Co. MI and KINNIE in Allegan Township, Barry Co. MI.

-- Alice WARD, 531 St. Francis Ave., Lansing, MI 48912-3815



*Here's the address of the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan from Jim LaLone's presentation at our June 27, 1995 meeting:*

**French Canadian Heritage  
Society of Michigan**  
P.O. Box 10028  
Lansing, MI 48901-0028

### **VOICE/VOYCE/BRISK/LANGS**

Peter M. VOICE or VOYCE, b 18 Sept. 1865 p.b. Longhurst Hill Cramley, Surrey, England d. 5 April 1954 p.d. Battle Creek, MI, burial in Leroy Congregational Cemetery. Eleventh child of Benjamin and Hannah (BRISK) VOICE. Left the Somerest House, London, then from Training Ship, Goliath Crays Essex. Landed in Sarnia Ontario, Canada. Lived on a farm near Climax, MI. Became a U.S. Citizen October 1892 in Montana. He worked as a telegrapher with Grand Truck, Olivet, Cassopolis and Southern Pacific railroads. Retired from Michigan Carton Co. in Battle Creek, MI. Married Agnes May LANGS 25 Dec. 1899. Last residence 38 E. Goguac, Battle Creek, MI. Know there were relatives in the U.S. There were 13 children. Any info. of Peter's relatives would be appreciated.

-- Eloise (VOYCE) STORMSHAK, 107 25th St., Battle Creek, MI 49015, (616) 963-4941

### **Marshall Historic Home Tour**

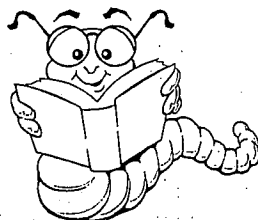
On Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10th, the city of Marshall opens its beautiful, historic doors for its 32nd Annual Historic Home Tour. Fifteen structures, including eight private homes, are on this year's tour. The Honolulu House Museum, the Capitol Hill School, the G.A.R. Hall, the Governor's Mansion and the U. S. Postal Museum are featured.

There is also a Juried Arts and Crafts Show including "Occassion for the Arts", snack booths, lunches, bake sales, a Civil War encampment, musical entertainment, a parade and the Marshall Antiques Market/ Country Peddler Show.

Tickets are \$10 purchased by Aug. 31 or \$12 during the tour. Children under 12 are free. Write to the Marshall Historical Society, P. O. Box 68, Marshall, MI 49068, or call the Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-877-5163

Don't miss this opportunity to see some of the country's finest Victorian architecture in this National Historic Landmark District.

## New On The Bookshelf!



In the Local History and Genealogy Collection Room at **Willard Library** in Battle Creek you'll find the following recent acquisitions:

Glorying in Tribulation: The Lifework of Sojourner Truth by Erlene Stetson and Linda Davis, Copyright 1994. 921.Truth

The Alsace Emigration Book, Vols. I & II compiled by Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler, Copyright 1989. 929.Sch

Quaker Census of 1828: Members of the NY Meeting, The Religious Society of Friends at the Time of the Separation of 1828 edited by Mr. Loren V. Fay, Copyright 1989. 929.1 Qua

Cherokee by Blood: Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry in the U. S. Court of Claims 1906-1910: Vols. 2 thru 8 (Willard previously acquired Vol. 1) compiled by Jerry Wright Jordan, Copyright 1988. 970.5 Jor

Local Sources for African-American Family Histories Using County Court Records and Census Returns by Joan w. Peters, Copyright 1993. 929.1 Pet

Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide With Case Studies by David H. Streets, Copyright 1986. 929.1 STR

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The **Library of Michigan** reports the following recent acquisitions:

All Canadian Censuses from 1851 - 1891 in book form.

Passenger arrival lists for NY 1897-1902.

## **Library of Michigan, Cont.**

Out-of-State City Directories for all large cities in the mid-west (states of IN, IL, WI, OH) from 1882 -1935.

Federal census and soundex films for 1880, 1900 and 1910 for the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia (1900), Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky (1910), Maryland (1900) and Massachusettes (1880).

They also report that they have on order the Compiled Military Service Records for the Revolutionary War (544 reels).

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New additions to the Local History Room at the **Albion Public Library** are:

1870 Michigan Census Index, Vols. 5 & 6 (covering the thumb region and southeastern Michigan)

New York Marriages Previous to 1784, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1984

The History of Clarence Township: Then and Now, The Clarence Township Historical Society, 1994.

Grandpa, Tell Me More! A Colorful Portrait of a Country Lad, Stephen Mead, 1995

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## **Cemetery Transcribers Needed**

Ruth Kaiser reports that cemetery transcriptions are going well, and that the next cemetery on the list is **Clarence Center**. The cemetery is on 28 Mile Road (also known as Duck Lake Road). Helpers are enthusiastically welcomed, and the group meets on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Call Bob Sechrist 616-964-0092 or Ruth at 517-857-2747 for more information and to confirm dates and times.

## FAMILY BIBLE COLLECTION



The basement of Michiana Antiques, located in "downtown" Allen, MI on U.S. 12 boasts a collection of over 50,000 old books. The books are grouped by topics, including several county histories (a 1904 Calhoun County edition sells for \$110). Most fascinating, though, is a small genealogy section that holds a treasure trove of about a dozen family Bibles. It's sad that these ever parted ownership from their original families, but maybe you'll find *your* family listed below. Here is a brief sketch outlining the primary families found in each Bible. Prices run between \$25 and \$35.

| <u>Published</u> | <u>Family Names</u>   |
|------------------|---|
| 1824             | Canrike and Davis, including Daniel Davis b. 29 Dec. 1804, Schuyler, NY   |
| 1832             | Carpenter, John b. 1745 and his wife Abigail More b. 29 Aug 1764 and all their children. Winans, John b. 10 Mar 1787. Wilkinson, Johnson.   |
| 1872             | Swift, George W. b. 19 Jun 1822 and his wife Mary J. Cheeseman, b. 11 Sep 1828. Nellis, Edwin S. b. 21 Aug 1849.  |
| ?                | Ingalhart family  |
| ?                | Eash, Samuel of Haw Patch, IN m. Amanda Schrock in 1889   |
| 1851             | Kneeland, Isaac m. 4 May 1788 to Kezia Mills b. 28 Jan 1767. Kneeland, Sherman m. Francis Smith 8 Dec 1858. Smith, Sterling m. 21 Oct 1832 to Lucy Ann Langworthy                 |
| 1845             | Foskell, John b. 13 Jan 1785 and Mercy Edwards his wife, b. 18 Nov 1785   |
| 1830's           | Bennett, including Daniel b. 12 Nov 1818  |
| ?                | Parent, Benjamin 1814-1881. De Les Dernier, Charles b 11 Oct 1842 Fulton Co., OH. They also have a second Bible that appears to be a continuation of the (De Les) Dernier family. |
| 1863             | Vaun, A. F. b. 7 May 1816; McCarty, including Alexander m. 18 Dec 1851 to Harriet Vaun  |

And the real "jewel" of their collection is a Bible in excellent condition, published in 1855 covering the Jewell, Hood, Kennedy and MacKenzie families. Most wonderful are the pieces of paper stuck in between the pages. One in particular is a hand-written chart outlining the descendants of "John Hood the Martyr", who lived a relatively brief (1638-1668) but apparently fascinating life. This chart was signed "A. H., Albany, 1828". The most expensive in the store, it carries an \$85 price tag.

They also have the following family histories: Surdam; Thomas Durfee of Portsmouth, RI; Ashley Genealogy; Adams; Edward S. Butler 1853-1928; and Thomas and Anthony Thacher Settled in NE 1635. At their store in Harley's Antique Mall, 13789 Donovan Rd. Albion, they have two other Calhoun County histories; one is a two-volume history, the other, a single volume edition.

Michiana Antiques in Allen is open every day except Tuesdays from 11:00 to 4:00, but call ahead to make sure they are open (517) 869-2132. Enjoy!

## REED FAMILY CEMETERY

On May 20th Ruth Kaiser, Nancy Hibiske and Sandy Redmond had the privilege of watching Boys Scouts in action. Matt Lykins and his fellow scouts from Troop #172, armed with weed-whackers, saws, rakes and a lot of elbow grease went to work on the tiny Reed family cemetery just north of Albion (see the transcription on the next page). This cemetery is on property currently owned by the Collier family.

According to Chapman's 1891 *Portrait and Biographical Album of Calhoun County*, Asa W. Reed was the son of Ephraim and Sarah (Hayes) Reed, and came to Sheridan township with his family in 1840 when a young man of 15. In 1848 he married Fidelia Gay, who was the daughter of John and Lodicia (Pierce) Gay. The "Gay School" was so named because of this family. Asa and Fidelia were the parents of 11 children, nine of whom were mentioned in the sketch: Mary Lodicia, who married Abram Hoag; Frank, who married Inez Smith; Alfred, who married Alma Shipman; Julian, who married second Agnes High; Milton; Willard, who married Maude O'Hara; Lewis, who married Ona Davis; and Alice.

Asa was apparently a civic minded citizen, serving as "School Director, Highway Commissioner, Justice of the Peace and other official capacities, always winning a good report as a servant of the public". According to Calhoun County death records he died in 1891 at the age of 68, and his wife died in 1893 at the age of 64.

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### DeLano Kindred

The DeLano Kindred will hold their Annual Meeting and Reunion on 12 August 1995 at the Radison Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, MI. For more details contact:

George DeLano  
521 Buffer Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Before the "scout attack" this cemetery had been terribly neglected - so overgrown it was barely passable and the stones were broken, toppled and half buried. After just a couple of hours the ground was cleared enough to walk through and uncover the grave markers. Soon the stones were "foamed", read and recorded. A huge, three piece monument to Asa and Fidelia was gingerly re-assembled with the help of a tractor.

These young men and their scout master Dan Lykins are to be commended for their hard work, and thanked for choosing a cemetery restoration as Matt's Eagle Scout project.

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### Genealogists in Action!! Volunteers Needed in Albion

The Albion Public Library is looking for volunteers to help staff its Local History Room on weekends. Currently the Local History Room is only open 15 hours a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12pm-5pm) because of funding limitations.

In response to requests for more hours of service, especially during the summer months, the library is extending its hours of service through the use of volunteers during the following time slots:

**Saturday & Sunday      1:00 pm-5:00 pm**

Join a friend and volunteer as a team. You can commit to one day or several. This is a great opportunity to be a volunteer without making a long-term commitment plus you can browse through the Local History Room's holdings while you are there!

No previous knowledge or experience is required. Volunteers will receive brief training and forms will be available for people to write down any questions you cannot answer.

Everyone interested please call:  
Karen Bartels, Archivist  
Local History Room, Albion Public Library  
(517) 629-3993 (1pm-5pm Tues-Thurs.)



**REED CEMETERY  
CALHOUN COUNTY  
ALBION, MICHIGAN**

*Transcribed by the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, May 1995*

The Reed Cemetery is located in Section 12 of Sheridan Township, east of 29 Mile Road on H Drive and consists of approximately 60 stone markers. The following is a transcription of the readable markers which have inscriptions.

**BOYD, Ella**

Died Oct 13, 1871  
Aged 5 yrs 1 mo & 23 d's  
Dau of Wm. J. & J. Boyd

**ELLIS, Amelia L.**

Died Feb 10, 1863  
Aged 24 yrs 10 m & 27 d  
Dau of C. & A. M. Ellis  
Gone from our home  
but not from our hearts  
God is love

**HALL, Milo**

Died Feb 15, 1864  
Son of A. & C. J. Hall

**HENTY, Adelbert**

1855-1883

**HENTY, Henry**

1823-1875

**HENTY, Emley**

1830-1906

also second stone for Henry:

**HENTY, Henry**

Died Jan 31, 1875

Aged 51 yrs 11 mos & 13 ds

**HENTY, John B.**

Died Mar 13, 1866  
Aged 2 yrs & 10 mos  
Son of M. & E. Henty

also second stone for John B.:

**HENTY, John B.**

1863-1866

**LANGRIDGE, Ida**

Died July 6, 1857  
Aged 8 yrs & 11 ds  
Dau of (?) S. & F. Langridge

**REED, Asa W.**

Born Feb 5, 1825  
Died Aug 8, 1891

**REED, Fidelia,**

His wife

Born Nov 19, 1828

Died Feb 14, 1893

**REED, Fredric**

Born Dec 18, 1862

Died Aug 4, 1863

Son of A. W. & P. Reed

**REED, Nelson**

Died Nov 11, 1859

Aged 6 days

Son of E. & L. A. Reed

**REED, Sarah A.**

Died June 10, 1853

Aged 2 yrs & 11 ms

Dau of A. W. & P. Reed

**SPAULDING, Martha**

Died Feb 18, 1845

Aged 96 yrs & 10 months

Wife of Wright Spaulding

**TIBBITS, Lilly Minerva**

Died Jan 25, 1857

Aged 23 d's

Daughter of J. T. & M. C. Tibbits

Beneath this stone in soft repose,

Is laid a mother's dearest pride,

A flower that scarce had waked

To life and light and beauty ere it died.

**WAKELIN, William**

Died Jan 26, 1871

Aged 53 years

Prepare to meet thy God

**WAKELIN, Willis**

Died Oct 28, 1865

Aged 16 yrs

Son of W. & M. Wakelin

**WELLS, Ruamy**

Died Septem'r 2, 1858

Aged 44 years 3 m's & 7 days

Wife of Caleb Wells

Remember friends as you pass by

As you are now so once was I

As I am now so you must be

Prepare for death and follow me

**WELLS, Willard**

Died March 27, 1860

Age 9 mo & 27 ds

Son of E. & M. Wells

**WILLIAMS, H. Emeline**

Died Jan 8, 1862

Aged 42 years

Wife of H. Williams

**WINES, Nellie B.**

Died Nov 16, 1864

Age 4 mo & 22 ds

Daughter of J. J. & S. R. Wines

Gone but not forgotten

# Calhoun County Genealogical Society

*It's time to renew your membership! 1995-1996 memberships are due by September 30, 1995.  
Please use the form below to send in your annual dues. New members are always welcome.*

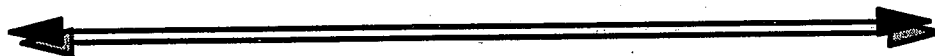
*Thank you, Tom Struble, Membership Chair*

## WHAT DOES YOUR SOCIETY DO FOR YOU?

The society is a not-for-profit group whose purpose is to foster and promote genealogical endeavors within Calhoun County. The society's goals include: the gathering and preservation of information of genealogical value, the depositing of such information in suitable depositories, the aiding of genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge and the publishing and promoting of Calhoun County genealogical materials.

We have established a group of volunteers through the society to take on specific projects for libraries and other selected agencies; to handle genealogical inquiries, to assist genealogical researchers at the county level. The county libraries are provided gifts of genealogical materials to enhance their research materials.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshall VFW hall at 800 East Michigan Avenue and will be announced in the area news media. Currently we are researching cemeteries in the county. If you wish to be a transcriber, please note on the form below.



## Calhoun County Genealogical Society Membership Application

Annual Dues \$10.00

September 1, 1995 - August 31, 1996

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive a membership card, please check here \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ballot for the Election of Officers for 1995 - 1996**

**President**

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**Vice President**

\_\_\_\_\_ John Strickland  
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**Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Ruble  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Verla Potts  
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**Corresponding Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cheri Ruble  
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Future functions of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society.

The public is welcome. For more info call Ramona Short 517-629-2384

- August 26, 1995** Day long trip to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
- September 26, 1995** "Accessing the Draper Manuscripts" presented by Ann & Conrad Burton at the Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting.
- October 24, 1995** "Cemetery Slide Show" presented by Shirley Hodges at the Calhoun County Genealogical Society Meeting

The September and October meetings start at 7 pm and will be held at the VFW Hall, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI

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