



The Four Corners

Society News

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The first meeting of SAGHS was held on September 17, 2002 with 20 people in attendance. The founders were introduced and officers elected. The speaker was Carole Callard from the Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries. Carole gave a wonderful presentation on the holdings in both the state archives and the Library of Michigan.

In October bylaws were passed and our own Milt Charboneau spoke regarding duties of a historical society and a genealogical society. Cynthia Grostick spoke in November and December on beginning your genealogical quest.

The society has currently raised over \$1,000 for the microfilm reader/printer for the Friends of the Stockbridge Library. See the story on page 4)

SAGHS is now part of the Michigan Genealogical Council. The Council helps to raise awareness of genealogical concerns at the state level as well as provide assistance to genealogical societies throughout the state. (continued on page 8)

The Michigan Genealogical Council has awarded the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award to our very own Kernie King. Our society now has two members who hold this prestigious award: Kernie and Milt Charboneau.

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Carole giving her presentation.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Richard Ramsdell

Well, we are up and running. Our much anticipated first membership meeting, at least to those of us involved in planning for it for these many months, took place September 17th. There were about 18 of us there, which is a pretty good turn out. We were delighted and honored to have Carole Callard who holds the Abrams chair for genealogy at the State Library of Michigan as our speaker. I can't remember being as nervous for an upcoming meeting and being as happy for how well it went afterward.

As we look forward, though, challenges abound. We still have a long way to go to make this society work. One of the things we have to do in the near future is to get our committee system off the ground. The three big ones are: genealogy, historical, and fundraising. I've stated my feeling that these three committees should be chaired by people outside the Board of Directors. That means we are depending on people to step forward to serve and chair these committees. If you would like to talk to me about these committees, grab me at a meeting, or e-mail me at the society's address (stockbridgeareaghs@hotmail.com).

Finally, it is that time of year when we pay attention to family. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years are upon us. Our plans are laid out. A trip to Remus on Thanksgiving Day with Mary Ellen's parents to visit her brother, a trip to Georgia to see our daughter in December, and Christmas with our daughter's and Mary Ellen's parents. Not, however, New Years. That comes much too late at night for me.

The society wishes you and yours a happy holiday season filled with the blessings of family and friends.

Do You Recognize These People?

Each newsletter will have a picture of an unknown person from this area. If you recognize these people, please contact the society.

This edition's picture is from a collection donated by Kathi Rafferty. Do you recognize these people?



SAGHS

Acting Officers

President	Richard Ramsdell
Vice President	Randy Gladstone
Secretary	Cynthia Grostick
Treasurer	Betty Turner
Trustees	Ruth Wellman
	Vacant

Acting Committee Chairperson

Genealogical	Vacant
Historical	Vacant
Fundraising	Vacant
Newsletter	Cynthia Grostick
Historian	Bruce BeVier
Social	Vacant
Membership	Betty Turner

Are The Spirits Watching By: Bruce BeVier

Since discovering the intrigue of family history, I have sought the assistance of three nearby genealogical societies by becoming a member. These groups are loaded with talented people who can't do enough for you to assist (free of any charge) in your search. Some of them are real experts in how to get through a brick wall that you think you might have run up against in your search. They are also just plain "Good People."

Early in September 2002, the Ingham County Genealogical Society received an inquiry which in essence said, "we have information on the Bevier family that might be important, could you have your member, Bruce BeVier, call or e-mail us?" The party making this inquiry was from Flat Rock, Michigan. She appeared to be a student of family history as well and may have seen the name in connection with a project reported to other societies in the vicinity, the microfilming of the Stockbridge newspapers dating back to the mid to late 1800's.

Contact was made, and we were informed that this lady's daughter and son-in-law had found a gravestone leaning against a tree in the Waterloo Recreation Area. This is state land — probably a few thousand acres — very marshy, wooded, and inaccessible for the most part except by four-wheel drive vehicles or by hiking in. The son-in-law had hunted in this area for several years, and the gravestone was something he had not seen in previous years. The inscription, which they could read, was the name Jonathan Bevier, died January 8, 1848 (see picture).

Using an all terrain vehicle, the marker has been recovered. Conversations with the sexton of the

cemetery have been held and it has been decided that the marker will be returned to the burial site and cemented into the ground in a flat position, even with the contour of the earth. Jonathan Bevier is buried in the North Waterloo Cemetery near Stockbridge, Michigan, about two miles as the crow flies from the spot where this marker was found, as it turns out, near an old abandoned dump site. Probably this was the work of vandals at some time in the past.

It really makes one wonder sometimes whether providence is at work or there are spirits reaching out to make contact. Why did this lady contact me in the first place? I don't have all the answers, but I know this man, Jonathan Bevier. He was my great great grandfather.



Happy Holidays From SAGHS

BATTLEFIELDS HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE

Oct. 1, the US House of Representatives passed legislation that will aid in the preservation of thousands of acres of historic land. The Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002 allots \$10 million a year to safeguard and maintain the sites of some of America's bloodiest and most memorable battles. California Congress member Gary G. Miller introduced the bill, which passed unanimously in the House. "I believe by preserving history, we teach future generations not only where we are from, but also what we are about and where we are heading," Miller said. "These battlefields are living classrooms to remind future generations of our national history." A bill similar to the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002 is pending in the Senate. For more about the impact of this act, visit the Civil War Preservation Trust's Website at <http://www.civilwar.org/>.

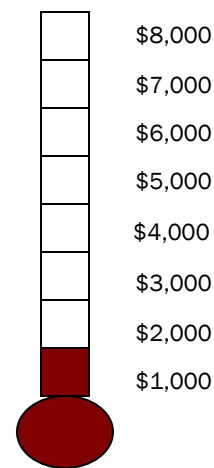
ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY

In Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Allen County Public Library's Historical Genealogy Department has announced that it will close for relocation Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. and will remain closed during the month of January 2003. As reported last month, the library will undergo an \$18.5 million renovation that will expand the facility and make improvements to the current building. Renaissance Square in Fort Wayne, Ind., will house the library and its valuable genealogy collection for about three years, while construction is being completed. The materials that make up the genealogy department will be available to researchers once the temporary quarters open. More information is available about the library's genealogy department on the Web site <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

SAGHS has a special thank you to those of you who donated towards the microfilm reader/printer. They are: Willa Weddon, Agnes Dikeman, Linda Dault, Bruce BeVier, Milt Charboneau, Glen & Shirley Marshall, and Tim Childs II. Thanks to their efforts, we now have reached the \$1,000 mark. If interested in donating to the reader/printer for the Friends of the Stockbridge Library, please make your check out to the society, Attn: reader/printer in the memo section of the check, and mail the society at PO Box 966, Stockbridge, MI 49285.



Web Sites

Ellis Island Research	www.ellisland.org
Historic Newspapers	http://theoldentimes.com/
Dutch Genealogy	http://www.dutchgenealogy.com/
Veteran's Forum	http://veterans.historychannel.com/
Headstone Hunter	http://www.headstonehunter.com/
Great Britain Genealogy	http://www.genuki.org.uk/
Migration Project	http://www.migrations.org/
US Patent Office	www.uspto.gov/patft

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17, 2002	SAGHS , Stockbridge United Methodist Church, Beginning Genealogy, Part 2, speaker: Cynthia Grostick
January 9, 2003	Livingston Co. Genealogical Society , Howell, Speaker: Kathy McFadden from Livingston Center Historical Village
January 21, 2003	SAGHS , Stockbridge United Methodist Church, Speaker: Jeff Charnley on Oral Histories
February 6, 2003	Livingston Co. Genealogical Society , Howell, Speaker: Barbara Snow regarding GENTECH Conference
February 13, 2003	Ingham County Genealogical Society , Vevay Township Hall, Mason, speaker Kris Rzepczynski on 1930 Census
February 18, 2003	SAGHS , Stockbridge United Methodist Church, Speaker: Dutch Ramsdell on Skeletons in the Closet
March 6, 2003	Livingston Co. Genealogical Society , Howell, Speaker: Mary Griffes regarding Early Handwriting
March 18, 2003	SAGHS , Stockbridge United Methodist Church, Speaker: Shirley Hodges will speak on a topic to be determined.
April 15, 2003	SAGHS , Stockbridge United Methodist Church, Speaker: Mary Griffes on the Census.

News In Brief

Taken From the 12/22/1910 Edition of The Brief-Sun

NORTHWEST STOCKBRIDGE

Lee Binding is home from the M.A.C. for the holiday vacation.

Clyde Howlett and family visited his brother, Elmer, Sunday.

There will be a box social at the home of Frank Grimes on Thursday evening, December 29 for the benefit of the Northwest Stockbridge church.

A baby boy was welcomed at the home of Fred Leinhart last Wednesday.

Frank Binding and family spent Sunday with her folks in White Oak.

School let out Monday afternoon for the children to go to town and select Christmas presents.

The next Ladies' Aid meets with Mrs. Edith Jessie.

The Sunday school was re-organized last Sunday with new officers as follows: Frank Grimes, Supt.; Francis Jessie, Asst. Supt.; Lela Townsend, Sec. and Treas.; Iva Grimes, Organist; Elsie Jesse, chorister; D.S. Townsend, librarian.

The social at Frank Bindings was a success, the receipts being \$15.70.

Claude Phelps and wife visited here Sunday.

Etta Binding spent Saturday afternoon in Dansville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Usher went to Leslie last Saturday to visit Dell Keitchen and family.

LYNDON

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the schoolhouse in district No. 5 on Friday evening December 23. Everybody invited.

Margie and George Goodwin spent Monday afternoon at the Busy Bee school.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the 1st M.E. church Monday evening, December 26.

Miss Margie Goodwin spent part of last week with friends in Stockbridge.

Will Roepcke and George Boyce were in Ann Arbor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Boyce spent Saturday and Sunday on the farm while Wirt was visiting friends in Detroit.

Will Bott has purchased the Blake place of Wirt Boyce.

Anne Young taught the Busy Bee school Wednesday.

NORTH WATERLOO

E. Hill and wife visited at J. Palmer's near Waterloo Tuesday.

Addie Bott is working at F.M. Bowdish's.

Ralph Teachout has moved to Unadilla, where he will run the blacksmith shop.

The Aid Society at D. Rockwall's was well attended.



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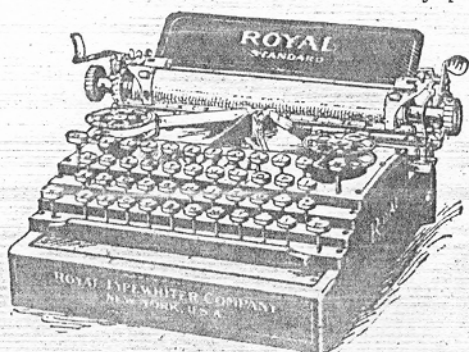
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SOCIETY NEWS

(News From Different Local Groups)

Kernie King wins the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award



◀ L to R: Janet Rohrbacher, Kernie King, and Milt Charboneau

▶ Lucy Mary Kellogg award



The Livingston County Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that member Kernie King won the Lucy Mary Kellogg award from the Michigan Genealogical Council in November. Kernie, who is also a member of SAGHS, was nominated for his contributions to the society and the genealogy community. Kernie joins the ranks of fellow Lucy Mary Kellogg awardees from LCGS, Milt Charboneau and Janet Rohrbacher.

Michigan Genealogical Council Update

Council Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The Michigan Genealogical Council met on Thursday, November 14 at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Our society was welcomed as a member.

The Abram's Genealogical Series will continue holding classes in 2003. There is a \$10.00 fee for each class. The schedule is as follows: February 1—Genealogical Resources in the Library of MI; April 5—Using Vital Records; June 7—Female Ancestors; August 2—Federal and State Land Records; October 7—Genealogy and the Internet; and December 6—Polish Records. If interested, please contact the Library of Michigan for further details.

The Library of Michigan will also be holding free training sessions next year. For further information, please contact the Library.

The Council then had a ceremony to celebrate their 30th anniversary. The Council began in 1972 with a membership of ten societies and the Library of Michigan. The Council helps to preserve records and stays on top of legislation. The latest piece of legislation that was passed and signed into law was Senate Bill 0794. Michigan's birth records are now accessible at 100 years instead of 110.



Other News

Recent Acquisitions:

Kathi Rafferty recently sent the SAGHS several pictures that were in an album. One of these pictures is in the "Do You Know This Person." These pictures will be on display in our display case at The Town Crier.

Death Notices From Stockbridge Paper

Cynthia Grostick is currently working on compiling the death notices that appeared in the Stockbridge newspaper that was microfilmed over a year ago. The year 1910 has just been completed. If interested in a search, please contact the society by either snail mail or email at: stockbridgeareaghs@hotmail.com. If interested in receiving a copy, the cost is \$5.00 for the first name and \$2.00 for each name per order form. Half of the proceeds will be put towards the microfilm reader/printer for the Friends of the Stockbridge Library.

501(c)3 Status

Work progresses on the tax exempt status. Paperwork has just been sent to the IRS. We are waiting for their response. We will keep you posted as we progress.

Speakers

In order to better serve you, our members, please give us ideas of speaker topics. Please email the society or send us snail mail at: PO Box 966, Stockbridge, MI 49285. We always enjoy hearing from you.

Genealogy Classes

If you need some suggestions regarding your genealogical research, the society will be holding classes beginning at 6:30 p.m., just before our meeting. This will give you a chance for some one-on-one help with your research as well as a chance to stay and hear a speaker on a variety of different topics. We look forward to seeing you.

We Are Now On The Web

Check us out on the internet at: www.rootsweb.com/~misaghs



Do you know the history behind this piece? This was purchased at an antique store in Ann Arbor and the owner would like to know the history.

If you know, please contact the society at: PO Box 966, Stockbridge, MI 49285 or by email at stockbridgeareaghs@hotmail.com.

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_____ Book Bags - \$10.00

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If you just wish to make a donation to the reader/printer, please make note of that in the memo section of your check.