

The Four Corners

Society Holds First Open Meeting

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The Stockbridge Area Genealogical/Historical Society held its first public meeting September 17, 2002 at the Stockbridge Methodist Church in Stockbridge. The speaker for the evening was Carole Callard from the Library of Michigan. Carole spoke on the holdings in the State Library and Archives in Lansing. (Of local note is the George Hammel collection. Mr. Hammel came out to this area in the 1940s and documented the families of the pioneers. Included are family group sheets and notarized bible records. A definite must for anyone researching their family in this area.)

A reception was held at 6:30 p.m. where refreshments were served. Carole answered questions regarding genealogy.

Future meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held October 15.

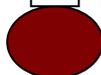
The society is still raising money for a microfilm reader/printer for the Friends of the Stockbridge Library. If interested in contributing, checks may be made out to the society. Please put "Stockbridge reader/printer" in the memo section of your check and mail to the society at: PO Box 966, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Richard Ramsdell

Our newsletter editor informed me that there is a military theme to this newsletter. I am no big fan of war, but nevertheless, this is one of the areas where genealogy and history definitely collide. When we talk about the Civil War, for example, it is hard to find a family that had adult males in the 1860's that wasn't effected, usually adversely.

One of my heroes, Jane Bollinger, wrote a column in the *Town Crier* a little over a year ago based on the Civil War letters of Donald McIntyre. The column contained notes on two ancestors of mine: my Great-Great-Great Uncle Corridon Bowdish and my Great-Great-Great Grandfather William Bowdish (called Ferd). Ms. Bollinger went on to wonder if this Ferd Bowdish was a relative of the Ferd Bowdish who was a blacksmith in Gregory for a number of years.

I responded to Ms. Bollinger's column and now might be a good time to share that response with the world. I dealt with five Bowdish brothers in the order of their birth. They are:



William F. Bowdish (Ferd) enlisted in Co., D, 27th MI Inf. He was taken prisoner near Petersburg, VA on the 21 August 1864. He was taken to Libby, then Pemberton Tobacco House, then Belle Isle, and finally Salisbury, NC where he spent seven months. He was one of 1,200 prisoners out of some 10,000 who survived the ordeal, but not for long. His health destroyed, he died in 1867 and is buried in Derby Cemetery a few feet from his brother, Corridon.



Lucius L. Bowdish enlisted in Co. B, 7th MI Inf. Lucius lost his right arm at the Battle of the Wilderness and was discharged on account of disability the 30 August 1864. The story is that he rode the train home sitting on his brother Corridon's coffin. Despite the loss of his arm, Lucius farmed successfully just south of Stockbridge.



Wellington W. Bowdish, enlisted in Co. B, 7th MI Inf. Wellington deserted 24 September 1862 but eventually received an honorable discharge on 25 March 1863 on account of disability. Wellington was a farmer in the area, dying in 1926. He is buried in North Waterloo Cemetery. The Ferd referred to in Jane's column as a blacksmith in Gregory is Wellington's son, named after my ggg grandfather.



Carlton L. Bowdish, enlisted in Co. D, 27th MI Inf. Carlton deserted and wound up in California, dying in 1916.



Corridon Leonard Bowdish, enlisted in Co. B, 7th MI Inf. The Corridon of Jane's column. Corridon died 19 May 1864 at Frederickburg, VA. This is indeed the date on his stone, not 19 November 1864 as mentioned in Jane's column.

(Pictures from the State Archives in Lansing.)

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History of the Monument—Stockbridge Brief—June 8, 1905

The history of the monument as read by C.E. DePuy
Decoration Day.

“Mr. Commander, Members of G.H. Ewing Post; G.A.R. and Woman’s Relief Corps: As chairman of the committee appointed for the purpose of securing the soldiers’ monument which we are dedicating today, it devolves upon me to review the efforts and influence which have contributed to securing this beautiful tribute to the defenders of our country.

The proposition to erect this had its origin with the W.R.C. as early as July, 1894, when the president of this organization urged the corps to start a fund for this purpose. No definite action was taken until May 1896, when \$15 was placed in the bank as a nucleus for the fund. The proceeds from entertainments, rummage sales, Socials, dinners, and such like, were added until August, 1904, by which time the fund had grown to \$400.

Now the post became encouraged and appointed a committee, consisting of E.B. Parks, A.G. Miller, and E.G. Pierce, with authority to solicit subscriptions. A paper was prepared with a subscription of \$100 headed by Mr. Miller. This example was followed by other citizens and State Treasurer F.P. Glazier, each with \$100. F.E. Ives, of the Stockbridge Agricultural Association, contributed funds remaining in their society which was a little more than \$100. Now there was a total of \$1,200, and the post and a number of citizens got together in January, 1905, and formal action led to the purchase of this monument.

A committee consisting of C.E. DePuy, representing the citizens, A.G. Miller, representing the Post, and Mrs. L. Soules representing the W.R.C. was appointed to carry on the negotiations. Mr. Soules became a member in place of his wife.

Proposals were solicited and designs submitted. Then the firm of Leslie & Mitchell, the well known artists and sculptors of Jackson, were given the work, the price being \$1,300.

This is the history of this beautiful piece of stone sculpture which I now turn over to your post and the W.R.C. to be preserved and maintained as a testimony of that patriotism which defended our country in its time of trial not only on the battlefield, but which contributed the means with which to carry on the wars in defense of liberty.”

THE MONUMENT ITSELF

The monument is made of what is known as Barry granite, which is found in quarries in Vermont, and is most enduring in point of time and wear. The inscription reads: “In memory of our soldiers and sailors of Stockbridge and vicinity. 1861-1866.”



Photos courtesy of Ruth Wellman.

President's Letter (cont)

I do not know who the Ferd Bowdish who died in Alabama might be. Ferd served in Mississippi and Tennessee among other states, but never was in Alabama, and did not come back from the war. A diary Ferd kept that he "have (sic) a visit from Welch and Jim Butler to day (sic) they had heard (sic) I was kild (sic) came to see if it was so." So, perhaps Mr. McIntyre was passing on a rumor that turned out to be not true.

I think it is important that we remember our ancestors, and perhaps, especially those who served their country. I tell the story of the five Bowdish brothers, knowing it is not unique, and perhaps not even unusual. I look forward to hearing the stories you all will have to tell of your ancestor's as this society goes on into the future.

Local Family History Library Burns

One of the biggest genealogical collections is the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Access to the collection locally is through the Family History Centers scattered throughout the state. One of the bigger centers was the one located in East Lansing. However, an arsonist set fire to the church, and the firemen were not able to save the Family History Center. There are plans to rebuild, but for now they will be housed on MSU's campus. The center will open as soon as replacement film has been sent from Salt Lake City. For further information regarding their hours of operation, please call their number at (517) 332-2932.

Do You Recognize This Person?

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

This edition's unknown person is again from a collection of tintypes from this area. Do you recognize this person? We think he might be a Ramsdell.

Do you have an unrecognizable picture? If you are a member of the society, you may have the picture scanned into our newsletter with a query.



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Military Web Sites

Revolutionary War

<http://www.snowcrest.net/jmike/amrevmil.html>
www.si.umich.edu/spies
www.dar.org
www.sar.org

World War I

www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/index.html
www.worldwar1.com
www.cfanet.com/mlewis

War of 1812

www.militaryheritage.com/1812.htm
www.galafilm.com/1812
www.multied.com/1812/

World War II

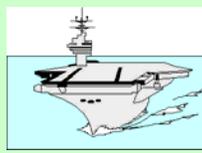
www.tankbooks.com
ww2.vet.org
www.armyairforces.com

Civil War

<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/>
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/cwmhtml/>
<http://www.civilwararchive.com/unionmi.htm>

Vietnam

www.nara.gov/nara/electronic/korvnsta.html
www.2649.org/html/2649.htm
http://www.archives.gov/research_room/research_topics/vietnam_war_casualty_lists/mi_by_town.html



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 12 | French Canadian Resources , Library of Michigan, Cost is \$10.00. For more information, please call (517) 373-1300. |
| October 13 | Pioneer Days , Waterloo Historical Society. October 13, 2002 from 12–5. |
| October 26 | Genealogy Workshop , Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Speaker is Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. Cost is \$25 plus \$7.50 for lunch. For more information contact the Society at (734) 482-8029. |
| December 7 | Naturalization Records and Resources , Library of Michigan, Cost is \$10.00. For more information, please call (517) 373-1300. |
| December 7-8 | Victorian Christmas , Waterloo Historical Society. |

Stockbridge Brief—February 1, 1906
Summary of Marriages, Births, and Deaths
as appeared in the Brief for the year 1905

Marriages

Mabel Lindsay to R.C. Remick,
March 7.

Alta Skidmore to W.E. Alexander,
March 8.

Lizzie Hammock to Emery Rowe,
March 15.

Delia Mayer to Charles Runciman,
March 26.

Martha Card to George Derby,
May 10.

Mabel Kellogg to E.R. Ydung, June 8.

Louise Scringer to Hudson Weeks,
June 16.

Harriet Deming to Claude E.
Haviland, June 28.

Helen Caskey to Norman Wilson,
June 29.

Grace Hall to John Hubert, July 6.

Minnie Beeman to L. Clair Backus,
August 2.

Esther Miller to Birney E. Brower,
August 16.

Grace Bowdish to Richard P. James,
August 16.

Ena Cantrell to Will Dill, August 16.

Belle Knight to Floyd Berry,
August 16.

Katie Frinkel to W.C. Lewis,
September 2.

Kittie Barnes to Horace Hodge,
September 8.

Florence Force to Daniel Van Buren,
September 29.

Mrs. Hattie Stephenson to Gilbert
Jacobs, September 21.

Lulu Wemple to Bert Allen,
September 27.

Agnes Ellsworth to W.J. Robb,
October 3.

Anna Kellogg to E.E. Quirk, October
11.

Ina Elliott to W.J. Nichols, October
25.

Lotta Snyder to Mr. Carr, November
8.

Bertha Collins to Fred Oakley,
November 8.

Mrs. Minnie Gillespie to Jacob
Surbeck, November 12.

Katie O'Neil to E.F. Fagan,
November.

Births

Harry Sharp and wife, a daughter,
January 19.

Willard Wing and wife, daughter,
January 20.

Fay Reason and wife, daughter,
January 29.

Owen Otto and wife, son, January.

Ira Christian and wife, daughter,
February.

A.J. Sawyer and wife, son, February
4.

Charles Atwood and wife, daughter,
February.

Arthur Howlett and wife, daughter,
February 9.

Ed Proctor and wife, son, February
22.

James Heeney and wife, daughter,
February 27.

Norris Evers and wife, daughter,
March 1.

Fred West and wife, daughter, March
2.

Dan Wilson and wife, daughter,
March 2.

Clarence Meloling and wife, son,
March 17.

Henry Howlett and wife, son, March
26.

Guy Grimes and wife, daughter, April
6.

George Meabon and wife, son, April
14.

L.B. Titus and wife, son, May 15.

Frank Williams and wife, daughter,
May 15.

Will Cantrell and wife, daughter,
June 2.

Clarence Blood and wife, son, June
5.

A.S. Williams and wife, son, June
11.

A. Kinney and wife, daughter, June.

Ralph Cobb and wife, daughter,
June 27.

C.L. Bowdish and wife, son, June
30.

Charles Clinton and wife, daughter,
July 4.

Charles See and wife, daughter, July
14.

Will Quinn and wife, daughter, July
18.

Robert Garner and wife, daughter,
July 25.

Claude Eno and wife, daughter,
August 4.

H.E. Austin and wife, daughter,
August 11.

John Brogan and wife, daughter,
August 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartig, son, August 15.

Henry Evers and wife, son,
September 1.

Elsie Milner and wife, son,
September 3.

Matthew Duffey and wife, son, Sep-
tember 10.

Irwin Ewers and wife, son,
September 18.

G.O. Clark and wife, son, September
16.

John Lewis and wife, son, Septem-
ber 25.

L. Peterson and wife, daughter,
October 6.

Fred Williams and wife, daughter,
October 8.

Fred Nims and wife, daughter,
October 11.

Article from newspaper continued

Charles McGee and wife, daughter, October 11.

Ned Townsend and wife, daughter, October 16.

Nelson Bullis and wife, son, October 16.

Dr. E.V. Howlett and wife, son, November 14.

A.C. Collins and wife, daughter, November 26.

John Rockwell and wife, son, December 1.

Milo Smith and wife, daughter, December 25.

Deaths

Benjamin Judson, January 3, aged 65 years, 10 months, and 15 days.

Ada Watters, January 16.

Mrs. George Lord, January 17, aged 65 years.

John Wesley Hayner, January 18, aged 51 years.

Bennett Green, January 22, aged 66 years.

Mrs. Hamilton Clements, February 3, aged 62 years.

Mrs. George Sellers, February 12, aged 63 years.

Mrs. Francis Coatsworth, February, aged 69 years.

Mrs. Edgar Dickinson, February 26.

Dr. R.A. Wasson, February 26, aged 52 years.

Mrs. Rosa O'Brien, March, aged 78 years.

Patrick McCann, February 28, aged 80 years.

Martin R. Foster, March 10, aged 90 years lacking 10 days.

Mrs. John Cain, March 14, aged 43 years.

Infant son of B.J. Sutton and wife, aged 3 months on March 13.

Mrs. John Marshall, March 12, aged 73 years, 5 months, and 6 days.

Clarence S. Mills, March 23, aged 44 years, 9 months, and 23 days.

Myron H. Wasson, March 24, aged 84 years, 1 month and 7 days.

Jonathan Dean, March 27, aged 70 years.

Alfred Cobb, March 31, lacking 10 days of being 63 years.

Grandma Wilson, April 2.

David VanSyckel, April 17.

Phillip Farnum, April.

Mrs. Jane Bullis, April 16, aged 71 years.

George Liable, May 7.

Mrs. John Daniels, May 11, aged 36.

David Bush, June 2, aged 54 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Mrs. Fidelia F. Giddings, June.

Charles Springman, June 16.

John Ackerson, June 22, aged 82 years.

Mrs. James Babcock, June 22, aged 91 years, 3 months and 16 days.

Mrs. David Westfall, July 11.

Archie Witaker, July 15.

Mrs. Clappia Bunker, July.

Christopher Brogan Sr., July 15, aged 78 years.

Mrs. John Collins, July 30, aged 37 years.

Mrs. Harry Saddleson, August 6, aged 23 years, 9 months, 5 days.

Two months' old daughter of Will Cantrell and wife, August 4.

Nicholas Wemple, August 5.

Rev. S. Windrem, August 9.

Mrs. Daniel Lantis, August 19, aged 78 years, 11 months, 2 days.

Dyer Wickham, August 24.

James O'Brien, August 14.

Mrs. William Ellsworth, September 2, aged 71 years, 7 months and 4 days.

Mrs. E.B. Bancroft, Sept 2.

Fred Douglass, September 8.

Mrs. Jannette Watts, Sept. 9.

Dr. Albert Powell, September 21.

J.C. Willmore, September 23.

Bert Goodwin, September 26.

Mrs. Robert Chappel, Sept. 25.

James Mills, September 28.

Hattie Oakley, September 28, aged 23 years, 5 months, 6 days.

Leon Musbach, October 15, aged 8 years.

Edgar VanBuren, October 20, aged 62 years, 6 months, 25 days.

Eli Stevens, October 20.

Nina Wing, October 26, aged 9 months.

Mrs. Wirt McCloy, November 11.

Orlando Topping, November 24.

Abel McCloy, December 1, aged 62 years, 3 months, 1 day.

Mrs. W.J. Hicks, December 3, aged 47 years, 3 months, 19 days.

Infant daughter of A.C. Collins and wife, November 30.

SOCIETY NEWS

(News From Different Local Groups)

WASHTENAW SOCIETY TO HAVE SEMINAR

The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County will be holding a genealogical workshop on Sunday, October 26, 2002 at the Washtenaw Community College. The speaker is nationally known Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, FUGA, Editor-in-Chief of FGS "Forum" and co-editor of "The Source." Registration starts at 8:00 and the seminar ends at 3:30. Ms. Luebking's topics are: Fire and Brimstone, From Note to Narrative, Trails and Tribulations, and Circumventing Blocked Lines. There will also be several vendors selling genealogical products. The cost of the workshop is \$25 if registered before October 5 with an additional \$7.50 for a boxed lunch. For more information, please contact the society by email at clgriffiny@aol.com or by phone at 734-482-8029.

WATERLOO PIONEER DAYS

Pioneer Day takes place on Sunday, October 13, 2002, 12–5 p.m. This fall festival is a cornucopia of activities, including: rug-hooking, quilting, spinning, wagon rides, and much more. Fall produce and baked goods are offered for sale. The forge is fired, the bake over spews out molasses cookies, and cool butter is sampled. The house and all the outbuildings are open for tours. Dewey School has special activities for children. This is the most exciting afternoon of the season. Admission fee to grounds.

NARA FORMS By Lyla Spellbring

Taken from the Livingston County Genealogical Society Newsletter Summer 2002

The National Archives and Records Administration offers a free genealogy packet. Write to: National Archives and Records Administration Publication Distribution, Room G9, Dept. P, Seventh St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington D.C. 20408; or call the toll-free phone number 1-800-234-8861.

The National Archives website is www.nara.gov. Note: Using the website address, I received the packet within a week. The packet includes booklets, sample forms for ordering records from the National Archives and other government offices and a variety of bookmarks. Whether you are an experienced genealogy researcher or a beginner, you are bound to find something useful.

BRIGHTON HISTORY BOOK

Taken from the Brighton Area Historical Society Newsletter March 2002

Brighton History Book

Proofreading is underway as is the captioning of pictures. Contact Carol McMacken, 231-2957, if you'd like to help. The list of reserved copies is growing. Is your name included? Sponsors for printing are also needed. Can you help sign them up?

Archives

Compiling the historical record of various sites in the area is continuing. Irene Ellis contributed several boxes of local press clippings recently. These have been filed appropriately. Without those kinds of contributions the record will be less complete.

Word Find—American Revolution



WORD LIST

- Betsy Ross
- Boston
- Boston Massacre
- Boston Tea Party
- Concord
- Cornwallis
- Dolly Madison
- Howe
- John Burgoyne
- Lexington
- Peace of Paris
- Saratoga
- Thomas Paine
- Valley Forge
- Yorktown



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