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Genealogy and the Web!

We will again be having series of computer classes this coming January. This will be a refresher from last winter's class plus exploring FREE genealogy websites.

You will find the details in this newsletter. So if you or someone else is interested, in attending, have them show up at the Reed City Depot. If you have a laptop or tablet bring it with you so you can navigate along. See the Calendar of events for details.

A Special story from our founding President Betsy Randall. Betsy wrote a story about her Great-Uncle Gale Kidney. This story was published in the Western Michigan Genealogical Society publication, Volume 60 Issue 2.

A note from our presidents.....

What a wonderful year for the Osceola County Genealogical Society!!!! We have several new members, interesting programs, a new ScanPro 2000 Microfilm reader and lots of new informational material and many queries that we were able to answer. We have had great attendance at our meetings!

The Historical Society held a yard sale this past summer and it was a great success! The Historical and Genealogy societies are planning another sale next June 12th and 13th. Roger Samson (of the Antique shop) has kindly offered his building for storing our stuff until the sale.

We are also collecting old cords and cables for recycling. We receive money for recycling these items. If you have cords or cables that you would like to discard, see one of the members of either the Historical or genealogy group and they can get the cords and cables from you.

Last year's "Open Research Day" was such a great success that we will be hosting another one this year. This event will take place October 18th 10am-2pm. See the calendar of events for details.

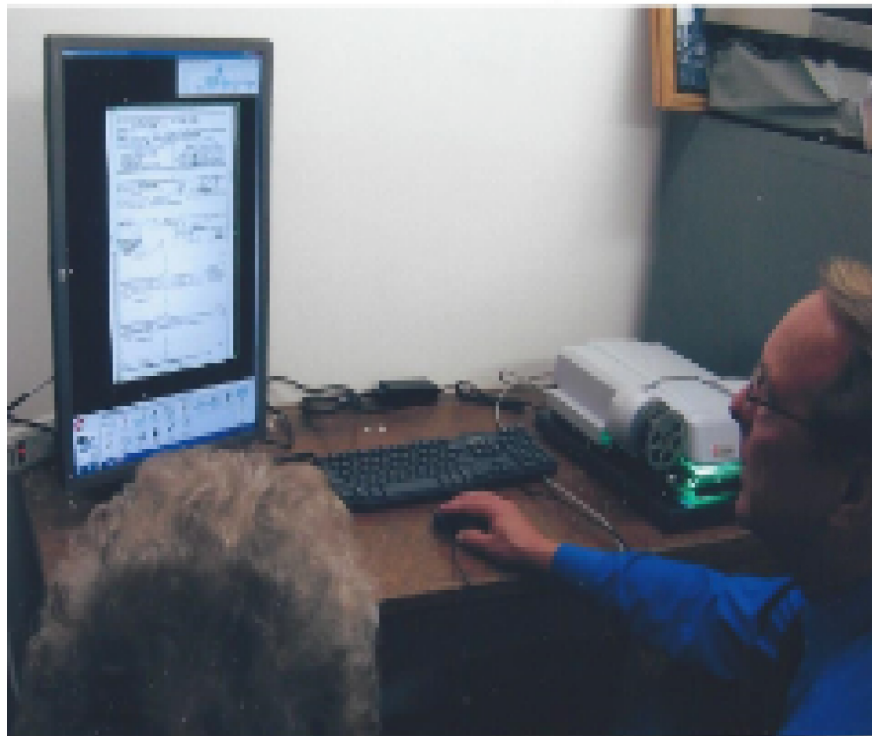
We are looking forward to another great year with many new programs and events!

If you have ideas for future topics for our meetings or have suggestions for our society you can contact Betsy at 231-832-9525 or by email at: osceolagen@gmail.com

Thank you, Betsy and Debra
Hope to see you at the meetings!!

Announcing!!! The new microfilm reader is here!!!

We have a brand new Scan Pro 2000 Microfilm reader at
The Old Rugged Cross Museum in Reed City!



The Old Rugged Cross Historical Society and the Osceola Genealogical Society have recently obtained a new ScanPro 2000 microfilm reader through the grants from the **Osceola County Community Foundation** and the **Great Lakes Energy People Fund**.

This microfilm reader will be able to read our newspaper microfilms that we have stored at the Old Rugged Cross Museum. We have 35 MM microfilms of newspapers dating back to the late 1800's and census records through 1930 for Lake, Osceola and Mecosta Counties.

The Scanpro microfilm reader is capable of saving in an electronic format such as JPEG, TIF formats and PDF as well as printing hard copies. The Scanpro 2000 microfilm reader can also read microfiche.

If anyone is looking to use the Scanpro 2000 for research whether it be from our newspaper archives or other microfilm you may bring in, there will be minimum charge of \$5 an hour. Hard copy printouts will be .25 per sheet. This will help cover any printing costs and future maintenance.

If you would like to use the ScanPro microfilm reader for research, please contact the Reed City Chamber of Commerce at 231-832-5431 for more information or email the Osceola Genealogical Society at osceolagen@gmail.com

Upcoming Computer class

Wintertime in Michigan is a great time to do family history research. So we again are going to have some computer classes in January at the Depot in Reed City. Classes will be 9:30 am to Noon all three Saturdays.

January 10, 2015

Basic Computer Operations such as Cut, Copy, and Paste. Saving to Jump (or Flash) drives. Navigating the Internet.

January 17, 2015

We will be exploring three free websites. These include: Olive tree – Immigration, Family search and the US Genweb Project

January 24, 2015

Continuing using the Internet for free websites for researching family history.

Rootsweb (Free Ancestry site)

Seeking Michigan

State Of Michigan History/Genealogy site

Cost is \$5 per session to cover use of building and projecting equipment.

Please bring a laptop or tablet with you if you have one. Computers will **not** be provided.

The public is welcome.



Membership dues is due.

Don't forget that your membership is due before December 31st, 2014.

You have benefits to become a member. You receive reduced rates for printing of vital records, and now with our new microfilm reader, you have access to our old newspapers!

See the information on the back sheet to dues amounts and location to send you check.

You help us help you. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Please note that meetings will take place on the second Monday of the month.

November through March meetings are at 1 pm (location varies)

April through October meetings are at 7 pm (location varies)

Throughout the year there may be special Saturday events so watch our website for the latest calendar of events.

Monday October 13th at 7 pm Old Rugged Cross Musuem-Reed City

Researcher training meeting to prepare for the open research day being held at the Old Rugged Cross Musuem on Saturday October 18th, 2014. This will be a training meeting for our members to learn the steps to take when helping someone doing family research In Osceola County. All members of the Genealogy and the Historical Society are urged to attend.

Saturday October 18th 10am - 2pm-Old Rugged Cross Museum

Since October is Family History Month, our society will be conducting an Open RESEARCH DAY. If you or anyone you is interested in researching any family in the Osceola County area, please plan on attending this event. Researchers and society members will be on hand to assist you in your research for FREE! Donations are always accepted.

Monday November 10th at 1 pm location -Old Rugged Cross Museum

Training on ScanPro 2000 and sharing ideas.

December – No regular meeting

Members of the Osceola County Genealogical Society are invited to have lunch with members of the Old Rugged Cross Historical Society. Dave and Betsy Randall will be presenting the Randall family and their Centennial farm. Please bring an item as a gift for the Museum, such as a box of kleenex, paper toweling, etc. Lunch will be at the H & D Chuckwagon on Thursday December 4th at 12:30.

Monday January 12th at 1 pm location County Courthouse

Tour of the County Clerks office in Reed City.

Meet at the County Clerks office at 1 pm

Monday February 9th at 1 pm Location: TBD

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Monday March 9th at 1 pm Location: TBD

TBD

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Membership Application or renewal form:

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____



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Membership Costs for one year:

\$10 - Individual

\$15 – Family

\$150 - Lifetime

Renew today and tell your friends to join us!