Osceola County Genealogical Society

The Osceolean

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The Osceola Genealogy Website Status

We are continuing to build up the website. It will constantly being added to with links to other helpful websites and indexes that have been compiled over the years.

If you would like to see something added to our Genealogy website, let us know so we can make it helpful for all members and other users.

You can email us at:

osceolagen@gmail.com

We are saving quite a bit of money by sending out the newsletter through the email. We have about 47 members in our society and we currently have 31 members with email addresses. That is a $13.64 savings just in stamps. This also saves in printing costs. So if you have not given us your email address please do so we can save even more on costs.

REMEMBER:

You can find us on the web at:

www.ocgs.info

A note from our President...

We have had a change in our officers; adding the position of "Publicity Chairman". Dianne Phelps, who has been our Vice-President, will fill this position. Geri (Kienitz) Johnson is our new Vice-President. Elna Wilder is helping with the newsletters, sending them to members who do not have or do not wish to receive "The Osceolean" by e-mail. "Thank you" to all our officers and to other members who are always willing to help. Geri (Kienitz) Johnson organized our very well-attended June meeting. Dinner at "The Rock" at Ferris was followed by a presentation at the FSU Library computer center on "Ancestry.com" A reminder that there is no charge to use this facility and they have the library edition of Ancestry.com. Our future meeting schedule will be; September 17th, October 15th, and November will be decided in September. See the Calendar of events for details.

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Officers of the OCGS...

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Helpful Websites to aid in your Genealogy research.

Barb Place from the Mecosta County Genealogical Society listed in their newsletter "*Another site I have been impressed with the* ***www.genealogybank.com.*** *This is a paid site with newspapers and although it is $69/yr, I have found so many articles that I think it had been worth it to look at them from my home. It doesn't cover central Michigan, but many of the larger newspapers did cover stories and include them in their papers from the small towns. I'll say again that I usually don't subscribe to sites but this one's been great, and they did offer a trail period of one month for $10 to see of you like it.*"

I would like to add a free website to look at newspapers. It is from the Library of Congress and it is http:/chroniclingamerica.loc.gov . This website has almost 4 million pages of newspapers that might help in your research. Check it out the next time you want to browse around the old newspapers of days gone by.

Website help from nearby Mecosta County Michigan.

Was your family near the Osceola / Mecosta County lines, or maybe your family lived in both counties? Check out the Website for the Mecosta County Genealogical Society. You can find it on the web at ***www.commoncorners.com*** . It is always being added to so be sure to check it out.

The Osceola County Genealogical Society would like to thank all of its new and renewing members. You have helped keep this society going for over 25 years. If you know of anyone that would like to become a member of the OCGS have them send an email to our web address listed on the front of this newsletter. With your help we can keep going strong for many years to come.

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Roger	Bayak	Goshen	IN	JoAnn	Miller	Big Rapids	MI
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Future Calendar:

Saturday September 17th, 10 am The Old Rugged Cross Museum

We will be sharing our summer work, getting organized for the year and planning future meetings.

Saturday October 15th, 10 am The Old Rugged Cross Museum

Maureen (Doyle) Nelson will share her Irish research experiences and her work on the Irish Catholic families of Green Township of Mecosta County

Saturday November 19th, 10 am (location T.B.D.)

Program yet to be announced. Watch your email or check our website for an announcement.

No December Meeting

No meetings for January, February or March but we will be working at the Osceola County Court house working on our 1884 and 1894 state census.

If there is something you want to see presented at our meetings email us or call Betsy at 231-832-9525

Don't forget to check out our website *WWW.OCGS.INFO* for up-to-date events

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...CONTINUED

It has been our policy not to have a meeting in December, but that is not "Engraved in Stone" The meetings in January, February and March will be working meetings at the Osceola County Courthouse in Reed City and you will be reminded by email or note. We need to complete our 1884 and 1894 state census project and our Osceola County Civil War veterans file. If you have ideas for future topics for our meetings or have suggestions for our society you can contact me at 231-832-9525

Thank you,

Betsy Randall

See you at the meetings!!

From the Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletter...

Archives Update to the Library of Michigan...

• State Census films are still being indexed by Ancestry - should be on SeekingMichigan.org in the next 3-6 months.

• Naturalization Records - The Archives has contacted the 24 counties they don't have records for in hopes of acquiring those county records in order to have Naturalization Records from all 83 counties. Expect this project to be on Seeking Michigan in the next 6-12 months.

• Survey notes, plat maps and land state patents are the next project that will be put on SeekingMichigan.org

• Public Wireless - waiting final word and sign off before the installation can be completed

• There will be a significant cut backs in state library funding (Education Bill) which is already impacting some of the states libraries. Troy Library will close May 1st and Detroit Public Library will be reducing its staff by 20%. Due to these cuts we will see more libraries across the state closing or making significant reductions.

Also from the Library of Michigan...

Library of Michigan hours

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

Visit our Web site at

www.michigan.gov/mde -click on Library icon

For information call: (517) 373-1580

or e-mail librarian@michigan.gov

Michigan Historical Museum

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

For more information call: (517) 373-3559
Visit our Web site at:
www.michigan.gov/DNR

click on the MI Historical Museum icon

Archives of Michigan—Reference Desk Hours:

1 p.m,-5 p.m., Monday - Friday

Visit our Web site at *www.michigan.gov/DNR* click on Archives icon

For information call: (517) 373-1481 or

e-mail: archives@michigan.gov

Five Clues to pursue in the 1910 U.S. Census By Juliana Smith 03 February 2011 from the Michigan Genealogical Council Spring 2011 newsletter...

Ancestry.com has completed the project to improve the indexes and add new enhanced images of the 1910 U.S. federal census to help make it easier for you to find your family.

Locating your family in this census is just the beginning. Like other censuses, this enumeration is full of clues to pursue in other records. Here are five to get you started.

1.) Men of a Certain Age - males between 10-30 years of age, you should look for a World War I Draft Registration Card, 1917-1918. Most registration cards included the following: Full name, Home address, Date and place of birth (typically includes town names), Age, race, and country of citizenship, Occupation and employer, Physical description (hair and eye color, height, disabilities), Additional information such as address of nearest relative, dependent relatives, marital status, father's birthplace, or previous exemption from service and Signature can also be found on some cards.

Civil War Service Column 30 of the 1910 census asked, "whether a survivor of the Union or Con federate Army or Navy" (UA=Union Army; UN=Union Navy; CA=Confederate Army; CN=Confederate Navy). If your ancestor was a veteran, search for them in Civil War records. Among the Civil War record on Ancestry.com you'll find a Civil War Pension Index which includes details that will help you request a pension file from the National Archives. These files can be very extensive, filled with family details. The 1890 Veterans Schedules include names of surviving Union (and some Confederate) soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows; rank; name of regiment or vessel; date of enlistment; date of discharge, length of service; post office address; disability incurred; and remarks.

2.) Immigration and Naturalization - the date of immigration can be useful hi narrowing your search in passenger lists and border crossings from Canada (1895-1956) or Mexico (1895-1957).

3.) Naturalization status - the 1920 census provided the year of naturalization if your ancestor was naturalized prior to 1920. This is a huge help in pinning down naturalization records.

4.) Number of Years of Present Marriage -allows you to estimate a couple's marriage date and then seek out both civil and religious marriage records, wherever they're available. An-

Five Clues to pursue in the 1910 U.S. Census (continued)

other clue can be found in the marital status column. The enumerators were instructed that "if this is the first marriage, write "Ml," but if this is the second or subsequent marriage, write "M2" (meaning married more than once)." Bear in mind that M2 could conceivably be a third, fourth or any other number of marriages.

5.) Mother of How Many Children - Women were asked how many children they had given birth to, as well as how many were living. Compare this with the family structure and see if this matches up with what you know. One or more children may have been born and died between census years, and this should alert you to look for then: birth and death records. Look for gaps in the ages of other children. This could possibly be when any missing children were born.

Source: Ancestry.com Weekly Discovery Feb. 6, 2011

SeekingMichigan.org

SeekingMichigan.org continues to grow. The Michigan state censuses have been digitized and indexed. They will be appearing online at SeekingMichigan.org before the end of the year. The next set of records to be sent of for digitization will be Michigan naturalization records. Records for 66 counties have been assembled. They are trying to collect records from the remaining 17 counties as well. In the future, State Land Patent and plat maps will be scanned and made available.

Source: Western Michigan Genealogical Society Newsletter Summer 2011

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Membership Application

NAME:_____

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CITY:_____

STATE:_____ ZIP:_____

PHONE:_____

EMAIL:_____

LEVEL OF GENEALOGY EXPERIENCE:

(CIRCLE ONE)

BEGINNER

INTERMEIDATE

ADVANCED

NEW:_____RENEWAL_____

$10-INDIVIDUAL_____

$15-FAMILY_____

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Osceola County Genealogical Society

Marilyn Hoogerhyde, Treasurer

23717 Four Mile Rd

Reed City, Mi 49677

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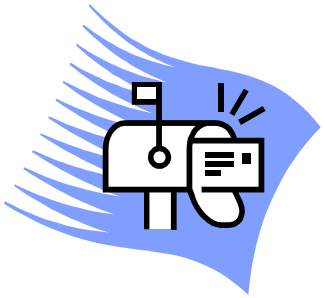

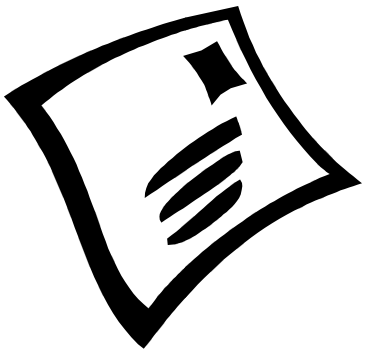

Renew today and tell your friends!