



OSCEOLA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Several people among our group receive publications that pertain to genealogy and genealogy research. If you receive publications and are willing to share with other members or if you are looking to give them away please contact us via email and let us know what you have to share.

I personally receive "Family Tree" magazine (not affiliated to Family tree maker) and I will be willing to share with some local people. I would like to hang on to these because I do use them as reference, but will share with others. If you would like to share, let us know at:

osceolagen@gmail.com

⚡ NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS...

It has been a productive summer for our genealogy group. To try to get more involved with all the local towns within Osceola County, and the surrounding areas, our society went visiting to the locations where research materials may be kept to aid in your research.

Since our last newsletter went out in April, we have visited the Mecosta County group, LeRoy Community Library, and the Tustin Museum. Each one of these locations had items that could aid in your research.

Mecosta County Genealogy Society has over 17,500 obituaries from in 1870 up to the current date. Some time periods are missing so be sure to ask before making a long trip there. The Mecosta county birth records from 1937-1974, Mecosta County marriage records from various dates. They have cemetery books which include Stanwood, Saint Michaels, Rodney, Pine Plains, Byers, Mount Hope, Martiny, Ladner, Highland View, and Aetna Township. There are more records and information so be sure to check the website when it is updated.

LeRoy Community Library has free access to Ancestry.com and Tim Johnson is a wealth of information on local history and families.

The Tustin Museum has many records for the Pine River area. The Pine River area covers the LeRoy, Tustin, Luther areas. Luther is actually in nearby Lake County but its border is so close to Osceola County that it may have records for people who lived in Osceola County.

The website will be updated to list the resources that we have gathered from these museums and libraries.

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS...CONTINUED...

If you know of any other locations that may assist in family research, please contact Betsy or email the society. Email address is located throughout this newsletter.

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!!

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For those of you that are researching in Calhoun County, Mi...

What's New at the Willard Library for 2013

Information is on the move and your Willard Library is leading the way.

2012 was another watershed year in terms of developments at Willard Library of crucial interest to genealogists and historical researchers of every stripe.

Three massive digitization projects have resulted in the movement to the internet of the Library's entire Battle Creek microfilm newspaper archive 1846-2012, making 600,000 pages of local history searchable for the first time ever.

Also now digitized is our complete collection of Battle Creek public high school yearbooks, every photo-packed page from 1894 to 2002.

And a third treasure, our complete collection of Battle Creek city directories 1880-1960, is now available on-line at our website

The Helen Warner Branch now has the latest university-quality microfilm readers with scanning and file saving options in addition to basic printing. These are amazing and welcome replacements for the old microfilm reader-printers.

By George Livingston

Local & Family History Librarian

Willard Library

Calhoun County Genealogical Society newsletter

From the Archives of Michigan

An exciting development at the Archives is the expansion of our volunteer program. If you or any of your society members would be interested in volunteering for the Archives of Michigan, please visit our web site:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/about/volunteer>. With so many of us contributing to FamilySearch and their indexing projects, the Archives hopes to generate similar enthusiasm for our home-grown projects, coming straight from the Archives' collections. One current project involves a prisoner card index that identifies inmates in the state prison system. Ironically one of our most heavily-used resources, the prisoner index will ultimately be posted online at Seeking Michigan. With the Archives' collections understandably vast, additional indexing opportunities for volunteers are practically limitless. Please visit our site and fill out the volunteer form, we look forward to working with you in making Michigan's records more readily accessible to the genealogical community.

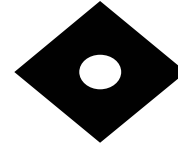
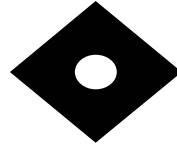
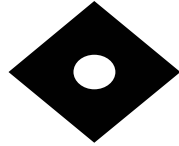
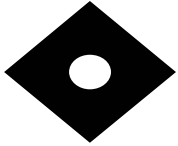
Genealogy and the World Wide Web...

Each newsletter I will try to bring some interesting family history research website(s) that may you may have an interest in looking into further. Here is one I found for this issue.

At the new, free website from Hearthstone Legacy Publications called My Genealogy Hound, you can access thousands of biographies extracted from pre-1900 county history books. Biographies from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee are available now, with more states to come. Search the site or browse biographies by surname or state and county. The site also has a selection of free, old county maps from Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma (including Indian nations) and Tennessee, with more to be added. Check it out at:

www.mvqgenealogyhound.com.

From Northville Genealogical Society newsletter



Future Calendar: (please note that meetings are now on the 2nd Mondays)

Monday, September 9th at 7:00 pm - Marion Public Library 120 East Main in Marion

(Meet at the Old Rugged Cross Museum at 6 pm sharp to car pool)

We will be meeting with Shelly Scott at the Marion Public Library. Shelly will tell us about what the Marion Library has to offer for researching your family in the Marion area, or she can direct you as to where you may find the information if it is not at the Marion Library. We will also have our business meeting.

Monday, October 14th at 7:00 pm—Old Rugged Cross Museum, Reed City, Mi

Researcher Training Meeting. 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.

Special Event!!

Saturday October 19th 10 am-2 pm—Old Rugged Cross Museum, Reed City, Mi

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 11th at 1:00pm – Old Rugged Cross Museum

Working meeting. We will be getting the Civil War research organized for individual work.

December—No Meeting

January, February and March— 1884 and 1894 State Census work.

Members are encouraged to help finishing the 1884 and 1894 State Census at the Osceola County courthouse. Any and all help is appreciated, however only four people can work on the books at one time. If you would like to help please call Betsy or email us at:

osceolagen@gmail.com

To arrange a time. Two hours of your time will help us in achieving this goal. Brenda Marsh is indexing the 1884 and 1894 State Census for Osceola County. Thank You Brenda!!!!

If there is something you want to see presented at our meetings email us or call Betsy at 231-832-9525 Or email at osceolagen@gmail.com



A "how-to" for researching in Osceola County

This is a little guide on "How-To" research family history in Osceola County.

Many people will come into the Old Rugged Cross Museum (where our archives and records are kept) and not knowing what information is available or how to obtain that information. Here are most of the sources available to aid in your research.

- 1.) Check the two books of the US Federal Census books of the East side and the West side of the Osceola county. These books are located in a box together on the shelf. If the people they are looking for are in the east side of the county, direct them to Ewart, as the material and newspapers on that side of the county are located in the Ewart Library/Museum. Phone number in the gold genealogy brochure. This will also tell you the township or village in the county.
- 2.) CHECK **OSCEOLA COUNTY TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**. This was done about 1970 - later obituaries are in Obituary File cabinet on the east side by the big bookcase.
- 3.) Check the **FAMILY FILES** in the west section of filing cabinets. Also, can check the **AUTHOR, TITLE, SUBJECT FILE** on top of the obituary filing cabinet.
- 4.) Newspapers are in the research room.. If they must use newspapers (or any other old books), use white cotton gloves. All newspapers on microfilm which has a copier. Since we now have the same newspaper as Ewart **THE HERALD REVIEW**, they will be getting the microfilm and we will have the real newspapers bound. This will begin in 2013.
- 5.) Civil War veterans files are in Research Room - file drawers labeled. **BLUE**
- 6.) Local history files are next to the family files in the main room. **GREEN**
- 7.) School files are next to the family files. **RED**. And the yearbooks are in the taller bookcase on the south wall. Scrapbooks are also on the south desk.
- 8.) Big old plat books, 1878,1900,1916 are on the flat shelves in the southwest corner of the main room.
- 9.) Birth records (real records to 1916, indexes to 1976), Livingston Funeral Home records, and Woodland Cemetery records are on the bottom shelf on the office side of the "sign-in" counter.

If researchers continue to have problems finding what they need, contact the website on the gold brochure, or leave a query in the genealogy box on top of the obituary file and we will contact that individual.

Genealogy Humor

Here lies the father of 29
 There would have been more
 but he didn't have time.
 Northville Gen. Soc. Newsletter



Pine River Area:

Quite often there is reference to the Pine River Area in our newsletters. Some people may not know what the "Pine River" area includes. Pine River area includes the towns of Tustin, LeRoy and the Luther, and is the school district Luther is located in Lake County but it is very close to the Osceola County line and may hold records of individuals who once lived there.

You may visit their website also to find more information about the area. prahs.webs.com

More from the Pine River area:

The group in the Pine River area have put together two publications available for sale.

Entrepreneurs of the Pine River area and more. This publication covers businesses in the Tustin area from past to current. Cost is \$11.

The Military of the Pine River area. This publication covers military veterans from the LeRoy and Tustin area who served in Civil War, WWI and WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq, Afghanistan and during peacetime. Cost is \$10. If you would like to order any of these publication email Janice Peterson at:

japeterson47@hotmail.com

Old Rugged Cross Museum and Osceola County Genealogy archive hours.

The Museum will be open May 1st-September 30, Tuesday through Sunday from 1-4 pm. It is closed on Mondays and holidays. Appointments can be made by contacting us by email or call the Reed City Chamber of Commerce at 231-832-5431 and they will refer you to a volunteer to schedule your research

Mapping your ancestors

A very useful and neat visual is mapping your ancestors. You can simply acquire a map of the territory you believe they traveled and begin pin-pointing the places they lived or passed through. Ways to track that information: census records, family stories, family Bibles, birth, death and marriage records. Land maps are available in various years and many times land owners are indexed for a particular county. The *U.S. Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918* on Ancestry.com are also a way to search for your ancestor's locations.

Taken from Genealogical Society of Isabella County newsletter

INITIALS

The initials after your ancestors' names may not be titles or degrees, but they might provide useful information that you may not have expected.

Here are a few of initials and meanings you may run across in your research:

A.a.s.- died in the year of (his/her) age, ie: a.a.s. 64 annoaetatis suae)

d.s.p. -died without issue (decessit prole legit-imia)

d.s.p.l. -died without surviving male issue (decessit prole mascula super-stia)

d.unm -died unmarried d.v.p.- died in the lifetime of his father (decessit vita patris)

d.v.m. - died in the lifetime of his mother (decessit vita matris)

inst- present month or time (instans)

liber- book or volume

nepos—grandson

nunc - nuncupative will, an oral will written by witnesses

relict - widow or widower (relictus or relicta)

testes- witnesses

ux or vs—wife

viz—namely (videlicet)

From the Genealogical Society of Monroe County newsletter

OSCEOLA COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 52
4918 Park Street
Reed City, Mi 49677

Membership Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Make checks payable to:

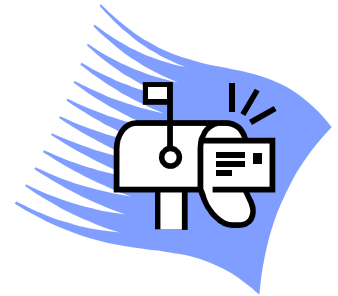
Osceola County Genealogical Society

Marilyn Hoogerhyde, Treasurer

23717 Four Mile Rd

Reed City, Mi 49677

Surnames you may be searching :



LEVEL OF GENEALOGY EXPERIENCE:

(CIRCLE ONE)

BEGINNER

INTERMEIDATE

ADVANCED

NEW: _____ RENEWAL _____

\$10-INDIVIDUAL _____

\$15-FAMILY _____

\$150-LIFETIME _____



Renew today and tell your friends!