



Sources of information that are being featured in some of the Michigan Genealogical publications are the **FEDERAL NON-POPULATION CENSUS SCHEDULES (1850-1890)**.

There are many categories listed - to give some examples:

1)name; 2)acres of land -improved; 3)acres-unimproved; 4)cash value of farm; 13) value of livestock; 27)value of orchard products; 45)value of home-made manufactures. These schedules can be found at the Library of Michigan, Clarke Historical Library at CMU.

Allen County Public Library (Ft. Wayne), National Archives (Washington D.C. and branches), and others. Further explanation of the Agricultural Schedules can be found at

census.gov/history/pdf/agcensus_schedules.pdf. As you can see, these would be of great help in rounding out information on your ancestors that is not usually included in family information.

Check it out!

A note from our presidents.....

Our spring meetings were very well attended with a high of 20 members present. The programs were geared toward sharing information and sources, different ways of organizing materials, an in-depth look at what we have in our own archives, and more practice on the ScanPro. There were no meetings in July and August. However, several members attended the Historical Society Picnic in July to share a potluck and the presentation and demonstration by Tedd and Donna Wheeler on their antique bicycles.

Since we do not have a public telephone at the Museum, the phone number of the Reed City Area Chamber of Commerce(231 832-5431) is listed in our brochure, and that office directs genealogical queries to Betsy Randall (231 832-9525). Among the interesting requests that we received during the summer was one that turned out to be an ancestor of Betsy's in Hartwick Township, Morgan Thompson, a Civil War veteran. Another was from a member of the Spears family whose ancestor had left Chase and migrated to Saskatchewan. Later, the family moved to Oregon, and sent us pictures of the Reed City area that had been sent to them. An interesting donation to the Museum were six pictures from the Charles Johnson family, including a commemorative picture for Lewis Schawe who was killed in World War I, a beautiful advertisement from a local grocery store (1880's), a funeral picture of the previous owner of the Johnson Centennial Farm, a horse picture from the Reed City Race Track, and two family pictures, all in lovely old frames in mint condition.

We want to especially thank the members of the society who served as docents at the Museum over the summer. Not wanting to name them, as we might miss someone. We want you to know that it would be impossible to keep the Museum open as many days as it is without their help. We are open more than any small Museum that we know in the state that relies on volunteers! And, also thanks to all Genealogical Society members who helped with the garage sale, Despite two days of rain and some other problems, there was a profit of \$935.00!!! This money was put in the building fund (and we all know how crowded the Museum is and how much we need an addition)!

We are looking forward to another interesting and successful year.

Local Family History.

In this issue we are featuring a local family history of one of our members, Marilyn Hoogerhyde. Here is her story...

Johnson/Noreen Family Story

In the spring of 1894, Erick Johnson and his wife, Christina, along with their children, moved to Pinora Township, Lake County. Over the past century the Johnson descendents have enriched the area with their presence, friendship, and involvement in the Reed City area. Erick and Christina were both raised in Alvsborg Land, Grinstad's Parish, Dalsaland Sweden. Like many Swedes, they embarked for America to find new opportunities away from the harsh, impoverished realities of Sweden in the 1800s. Erick was born Sept. 19, 1847, to Johannes and Kajsa Andreason. Erick's last name was shortened to Johnson (Johannes' son). Erick came to the Centerville, Michigan area in 1873, and he found employment working for the railroad. He advanced to section foreman by the time he married Christina Dahlberg, on May 31, 1877. Christina Dahlberg Johnson was born Dec. 26, 1853, to Andrew and Kajsa Dahlberg in a small home built by her father. The Johnson descendents still have a journal that was kept by Christina in her older age which opened with, "I will write something of my life's history perhaps, perhaps all my dearly loved children can read it and remember all God's ways are purely goodness and truth, and that whoever puts their trust in Him shall never be ashamed." Aug. 26, 1926. She wrote about her joys and hardships growing up in Sweden. She recalled long winter evenings her family would read and sing. Summers were their "greatest delight" with long days and nights that were, "too light for the moon and stars to be seen".

Christina moved with her father, Andrew Dahlberg, to Centerville, Michigan. In America Christina took a job as a maid. It was a struggle to learn English, but she studied familiar passages to learn words, particularly the Lord's Prayer. A few months after Christina married Erick, her father Andrew Dahlberg died Sept. 3, 1877 and was buried in Centerville. Erick and Christina moved to Michigan City, Indiana, where eight children were born to them between 1878 and 1893, August, Anna, Ellen, Ida, Mathilda, Carl, Emma who died as a baby; and Albert who died at birth. Two more children were born to them after they moved to Pinora Township, Oscar in 1895, and Ruth in 1898. Even with small wages and a family to support, Erick was still able to save enough to purchase a farm in Pinora Township, Lake County. In April, 1894, Erick loaded his household goods onto an ox cart and he and his oldest son, August, drove the team up to Reed City. Christina and the other children rode the train to the Reed City Depot where they were met by the Noreen family; who they knew from Sweden. When the Noreens drove the Johnsons from the depot to their farm, the team rushed toward the train tracks just as a train was coming and Jonas Noreen couldn't get them to stop, He had to jump out of the cart and whip them to make halt just as the train sped past them.

Ruth remembered fond times of playing for hours in a nearby creek with her brother, Oscar, and neighbor, Roy Gingrich. They built dams and dug caves on the banks to watch the water fill up.

The Johnsons were very active with the Zion Lutheran Church in Reed City and later St. Paul Lutheran Church after the two congregations merged. For many years services were conducted in Swedish. There wasn't room for all the children to ride to church, so only four went and four stayed home and had their own scripture lessons and sang hymns.



Left to Right top: Anna and Ida

Left to Right bottom: Matilda, Ruth and Ellen

On Sundays when the family didn't make it to church they had their own home services with reading scripture, verses of Martin Luther, and had Bible history and Catechism lessons.

August married Edith Reed, daughter of James Reed the founder of Reed City. Anna married Albert Anderson, son to Charles Anderson and Anna Lisa Noreen. She is remembered by descendents for her kindness, great sense of humor, her deep faith and love of her family. She found great joy in playing her upright piano and tending to her flower and rock gardens. She was a great cook, famous for her homemade dumplings, and any who visited the Anderson farm, left very well fed. Ellen worked at the lunch counter at the restaurant at the Reed City depot. She married Erick M. Noreen. Ida drew patterns for a millinery and married Harry Lundborg.

Mathilda was a teacher for many years and was fondly remembered by her former students. She married Otto Johnson and after he died she later married Oscar Albin Noreen. Carl married Christina M. Klump. He died at age 39. Oscar became a teacher and principal in Jackson, Michigan, where he lived with his wife, Anna, and family. He was among the early founders of the Michigan Education Association. He died at age 43. Ruth taught school and later became clerk of Osceola County for many years. She married Louis Noreen.

If Erick and Christina could look upon their descendents and see how their legacy is honored, they could be very proud and they would know all their struggles to provide a better life for themselves and family, and the values and faith they instilled, have shaped the generations of today.

Excerpt written by Shanna Avery from the Weekly Voice paper.

If you would like your family featured in our spring newsletter, please let Debra know. It must be in electronic format or scannable text and also include a photo. Have the information to Debra by February 2016.

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 September 14th 7pm at 601 Chestnut Street Suite B

“Visit the Wexford County Genealogy Group”

We will meet up and drive to the Wexford County Genealogy Society location at the Old Naval Reserve building in Cadillac at 601 Chestnut Suite B. We will look over their documents and facilities and get to know their members.

Carpool: Meet at the Old Rugged Cross museum by 6:15 we will leave from there.

Thursday October 12th at 1 pm at the Old Rugged Cross Museum

“Archives in West Michigan”

We want our members to decide if we want to go to Grand Rapids or if we would like to go to Michigan Library State Archives on a Saturday in October or November.

Monday November 9th at Reed City Depot at 7 pm (Note: that this is an evening program)

“Changing borders in Europe, why come to Michigan?”

Nancy Burmeister will present the changing borders of Europe during the 1800's, and why people settled in Michigan. Nancy is retired Social Studies educator and is quite knowledgeable in European geography.

Autumn snacks and beverages will be provided.

(Donations accepted to help cover costs of the facility)

No December Genealogy meeting

Thursday December 3rd at 1 pm at the H & D Chuckwagon on US 10

Old Rugged Cross Historical annual meeting and Luncheon with a program about Anna Howard Shaw.

Monday January 11th at 1 pm at the Old Rugged Cross Museum

“Work Session”

We will be working on our projects such as indexing and organizing files. Working with the scanpro as our tasks require it.

Monday February 8th at 1 pm at the Old Rugged Cross Museum

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Monday March 14th at 1 pm at the Old Rugged Cross Museum

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YARD SALE UPDATE!!!

We did not have very nice weather for the Old Rugged Cross yard sale that took place on two different weekends. The Historical Society was able to make about \$900 between the two days. This will help in expenses of operating the Museum where the family history files are housed. Thank you everyone for all of your help!

Computer Classes have helped members

If you missed the Family History computer classes this last January, Debra and Geri will be among the presenters at a workshop in Cadillac on September 12, sponsored by the Wexford County Genealogy group. The location of the class will be at the Haring Township hall, 515 Bell Ave, Cadillac, MI 49601 from 9:30-12 noon.

Bring your laptop or tablet to follow along and donations are appreciated.

Indexing projects!

We have been starting to take on more indexing projects and thanks to our members we are going strong.

Geri Johnson and Debra Miller-Tossey have completed indexing all of our family files that we have on file at the museum. The index will be posted on the website and updated periodically.

Other indexes that are being done include scrap books that have been put together by other members of the historical and genealogy societies.

We are still indexing the 1884 State census for Osceola County and Dianne Phelps and Terry Worrel are continuing working on the more townships.

We still have several indexing projects that folks can help at home with and it would be a big putting it on the computer. These projects will be discussed at our meetings in January, February and March.

So if you have a computer, you can help out on your own free time.

ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN UPDATE

On the heels of adding THE DETROIT NEWS clipping file to the Archives collection that is also available on SeekingMichigan.org, it was announced that the LANSING STATE JOURNAL has donated their archival photo and clipping files, not indexed but arranged alphabetically by the primary subject.

Also being donated are the city directories and run of microfilms of the JOURNAL. The JOURNAL is also part of the newspaper collection at the Library of Michigan. These items are being processed at the present time.

Archives of Michigan hours of operation are Mon-Fri 1pm-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm and will be closed September 7th, November 26 & 27, December 24, 25 and 31. For information call 517-373-1481 or go to website www.michigan.gov/statearchives.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL NEWS

(summarized from an account by Pam Epple for the Oakland County Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol.36, #3, 1015)

MGC assisted the State Archives in hosting the Abrams Foundation Seminar on July 10-11, 2015. The Archives staff will assist MGC in hosting a Family History Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 with Paul Milner as featured presenter. See MGC website at <http://mimgc.org> and/. and/or SeekingMichigan.org for topics and registration details, when they become available.

It was announced at the July 10th meeting that the Library of Michigan has six new patron computers in place and six new microfilm scanners ordered. The Library is moving to centralized printing, replacing the current separate printer for each computer. A number of city directories are being rebound, so some gaps on the shelves.

The September MGC meeting will be the 3rd Thursday, Sept 17 at the Gladwin District Library, 401 James Robertson Drive, Gladwin at 12:00. Check the MGC website for more details.



A little bit of history of Reed City, Michigan

The picture above is from the 1930's (??) and is on Upton Street on the Southeast corner of present day Chestnut and Upton street. These buildings were across from the King Hotel (also known as the Osceola Inn to some).

From left to right are the buildings . . .

Do you have Irish Catholics in your family line?

The National Library of Ireland is to digitize more than 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilms and publish them online for free. In what is being described as the most significant ever digitization project for Irish genealogy, the microfilms will be available online for free by the summer of 2015. Details may be found at

<http://www.irishcentral.com/>

Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records.

WMGS summer newsletter

The Dilemma of Old Photo Albums

We want to thank our friends at the Indiana Genealogical Society for calling our attention to an article on the National Archives website about how - or whether - to remove photographs from old photo albums. According to the National Archives, though older albums probably are not archival and it may be better to leave the photos intact than to risk worse damage by removing them. Read more here:

www.archives.gov/preservation/family-archives/

(Genealogy Gems April 30, 2015 newsletter, Fort Wayne, Indiana submitted by Pat Allen)

Northville Genealogical Society Newsletter



Thank you!

We would like to thank Roger Samson at the Chestnut Antique Shoppe for all of his assistance in this years Old Rugged Cross Historical yard sale.

Without Rogers help and expertise would not have made as much as we did.

So again **THANK YOU ROGER!!!!**

Welcome new Genealogy Members!

We would like to welcome new members to our group. Welcome Judy Nelson of Reed City and Helen Radtke also of Reed City.

This brings our membership to 47 members in total. **Welcome everyone!!!!**

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Membership Application or renewal form:

Name: _____

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Membership Costs for one year:

\$10 - Individual

\$15 – Family

\$150 – Lifetime

Beginning January 1, 2017 only 1 rate
will be offered at \$15 annually

Renew today and tell your friends to join us!