



OSCEOLA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# THE OSCEOLEAN

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## Critically low funds!!!

We have been experiencing very low funds for 2 years. Our committee is very concerned and have found ways to cut expenses where we can. We started the OCGS website 2 years ago hoping to generate more income by offering research services and selling publications pertaining to local family history. This reaches people world wide, but we are still coming up short on funds. There are some expenses we cannot control. Here is a list of some of our costs:

Rental for our research room	\$25/month
Annual Dues to Mi Gen council	\$20/year
Website	\$40/year
Maintenance of Microfilm reader	\$50/year
Microfilming Reed City paper	\$150/year

This equals \$520 a year in expenses. Our society currently has \$220 in our account. We have 48 members, however only 16 members have paid for this year which is about 34% of our membership. According to our records the following members have paid for 2012: Larry & Karen, Anthony, Janice, Betsy, Jack, Theresa, Aloha, Marilyn, Steve & Geri, Lois, Linda, Pete, Debra and Elna. If your name is not listed then we are asking to please pay your dues for 2012. If you are not interested in remaining a member, please let us know so we can remove your name from our list. If you did pay for 2012, please contact us via email.

Please see the back of this newsletter for dues amount and where to send it.

Please help us out by keeping your membership current and renew today.

**THANK YOU!**

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

After a winter that did not seem like winter and a spring that has been equally strange, the members of the OCGS are ready to get back to researching. Several of us had problems during the winter that prevented us from working on our projects, but we had an enthusiastic response at our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Museum in Reed City. We hope you read the preceding sentence carefully and note the change of meeting day!

At our November meeting, we agreed that the decreased attendance showed us that Saturday mornings did not work (we had changed to that day from Thursday nights when five people had permanent conflicts). So, our regular meeting day will be **THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**. As we discussed what we wanted to do for the year, it was agreed that we should finish our present projects, namely CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY and the 1884 and 1894 STATE CENSUS RECORDS FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY. Everyone was supposed to think about how we should go about the veterans' project- we have completed about 200 of the over 1,000 veterans who either lived and/or died in this county - and make a decision at the May meeting. So, we will have work meetings to complete the VETERANS... and try to do the CENSUS RECORDS in teams at the Courthouse.

The discussion then turned to our next exciting project: Geri (Kienitz) Johnson is going to lead us on a trip to SALT LAKE CITY with a week of research at the Family History Library!!! This is planned for the fall of 2013, and we will have some "training" sessions next spring. We will stay at a hotel next to the Library and make it as stress-free as possible. We will invite all genealogists in the area to go with us - watch for more information.



## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT... CONTINUED...

### SCHEDULE:

**Tuesday, June 12th, 7:00** - Evart Library/Museum  
(carpooling from ORCH Museum at 6:30)

### No meetings in July and August

The fall meeting schedule will appear in the late summer newsletter.

We need lots of help to finish these projects, so bring a friend to the work meetings, or work at the Courthouse with a partner (Betsy Randall has the census books that we are copying into - 832-9525).

Two other changes: Geri Johnson is now our vice-president and Dianne Phelps is our publicity chairman. New brochures are being printed. Check the website, [www.ocgs.info](http://www.ocgs.info) for details each month.

New catalogs at the Archives (Old Rugged Cross Historical Museum, Reed City) from Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA, [www.higginsonbooks.com](http://www.higginsonbooks.com). #8 Civil War Books, #13 Local History Catalog, #20 Family History Catalog, and Historic Map Collection.

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*

Hope to see you at the meetings!!



## School Teachers in Osceola County in 1923

Twtnshp	Dist. #	School Name	Teacher
Burdell	1	Town Corners	
Burdell	2	Mud Lake	Beatrice Carlson
Burdell	3	Tustin Village (HS)	W. H. Block, Supt.
Burdell	4	Smith	Mrs. Nettie Hoover
Burdell	5	White	Myra Russell
Burdell	6	High Bridge	Hugh D. McLachlan
Burdell	7	Wadle	Mary Huffman
Cedar	1	Slabaugh	Flossie Reedy
Cedar	2	Robinson	Mrs. Myrtle Gugle
Cedar	3	Moffitt	Alice Schmidt
Evart	1	Hoover	Mrs. Nora McMullen
Evart	2	Robbins	Ethel Owen
Evart	3 fr.	Evart Public (HS)	F.H. Kinney, Supt.
Evart	4	Alexander	Mrs. Laura Davis
Evart	5	Brown	Mrs. Harriet Alexander
Evart	6	Ingersoll	Lelah Hall
Evart	7	Happy Hollow	Mrs. Myra Ballantyne
Evart	8	Smith frl/Orient	Percy L. Wood
Hartwick	1	Avondale	Mrs. Leah Arndt
Hartwick	2	Davis	Mary Cusick
Hartwick	3	Sawyer	Jessie Gerberich
Hartwick	4	Bennett	Mrs. Minerva Alexander
Hartwick	5	Shore	Catherine Minchin
Hersey	1	Riverside	Ruth Hooker
Hersey	2	Johnson	Rose Kailing
Hersey	3	Jennings	Discontinued
Hersey	4	Cat Creek frl/Cedar	Mrs. Natalie Root
Hersey	5	Hersey Village (HS)	W. J. Burkett, Supt
Hersey	6		
Hersey	7	McKay	Kathleen Cody
Highland	1	Pioneer-Moored	Helen E. Green
Highland	2	Highland Corners	Frank E & Ada Cooper
Highland	3	Butler or Crocker	Alma Adams
Highland	4	Beebe Creek/r Frantz	Mildred Butler
Highland	5	Nash or Fralick	M.C. Kister
Highland	6	Maple Crest	Ruby Peterson
Highland	7	Keys	Waneta Johnson

			School Teachers (Continued)...		
Highland 8	Cleveland or Maple Ridge	Beryl Rogers			
Highland 9	Park Lake frl	Gertrude Gibbs			
Highland 10	Freelingville		Osceola 5	Pierson	Florence Stipek
LeRoy 1	Town Corners frl	Beatrice Oley	Osceola 6	Peters frl-Hartwick	Forest Howell
LeRoy 2	Johnson	Ethel Gregory	Richmond 1	Crapo	Frances Fralick
LeRoy 3	Hall	Lottie M. Bittner	Richmond 2	Morris	Kenneth Carpenter
LeRoy 4	Randolph		Richmond 3	Hewitt	Lilian Morlock
LeRoy 5	LeRoy (HS)	O.J. North, Supt.	Richmond 4	Schmidt	Minnie Berger
LeRoy 6		Mable Coon	Richmond 5	First school (Gooch)	
Lincoln 1	Hearns	Mary Pontz	Richmond 6	Holdenville	Anna Johnson
Lincoln 2	Pine Grove		Richmond 7	Reed City (HS)	M.J. Crawford, Supt.
Lincoln 3	Maple Hill	Caswell Price	Richmond 8	Trimner	Mrs. Ethel Mitchell
Lincoln 4	Fuller	Mable Robson	Richmond 9	Faist	
Lincoln 5	Ashton	Mrs. Evelyn White	Rose Lake 1	Sawerville	Myrtle Werner
Lincoln 6	Rehkopf	Esther Lindell	Rose Lake 2	Rose Lake/Sherman	Mrs. Effie Williams
Lincoln 7	Burt	Willard Duddles	Rose Lake 3	Hinkley	Phyllis Randall
Lincoln 8	Wilson	Mayme Lindell	Rose Lake 4	Shingletown	Mrs. Margaret McDonald
Marion 1	Chapin	Mrs. Cassie Gibson	Rose Lake 5	Shield	Garnet Nelson
Marion 2	Brooks or Watson	Mary Rennells	Sherman 1	Shank	Bessie Gerberich
Marion 3	McClung	Mrs. Lutie McClung	Sherman 2	Dighton (HS)	H.B. Gibbs, supt
Marion 4	Harding	Coral Cadwell	Sherman 3	Rees	Hazel B. Huffman
Marion 5	County Line	Marion Eberhardt	Sherman 4	County Line	Linnea Kilgren
Marion 6	Richardson		Sherman 5	Noggle	Margaret Schmidt
Marion 7	Marion (HS)	L.D. Randall, Supt.	Sherman 6	Kidder	Aerthur Johnson
Marion 8	Sessionville		Sherman 7	Hillcrest or Brehm	Kenneth Sprau
Middle Branch 1	Walsh	LaVere Storey	Sylvan 1	Dearing	Thelma Meyers
Middle Branch 2	Gormer or Underwood	Pearl Cadwell	Sylvan 2	Sylvan or Eddy	Wanda Smith
Middle Branch 3	Clark	Mrs. Addrienne Sample	Sylvan 3	Brooks or Hall	Mrs. Bernice Gibbons
Middle Branch 4	Williams	Frank Berry	Sylvan 4	Maple Grove/Allen	Beryl Cadwell
Middle Branch 5	Kipp		Sylvan 5	Martin	Hazel Freeman
Orient 1	Sears	Elvie Collins	Sylvan 6	Dean	Velma Schofield
Orient 2	Tule	Leona Wellman	Sylvan 7	Hanson	Virginia Steig
Orient 3	Chippewa	Arthur Brackett			
Orient 4	Covert	Ada. B. Clapp			
Osceola 1	Warson	Ralph L. Taylor			
Osceola 2	Cherry Grove	M. Signa Ruby			
Osceola 3 frl	Evart Pub	F. H. Kinney			
Osceola 4	Ogilvie	Mrs. Rose Henry			

Contributed by Elna Wilder,  
Thank you Elna.



### Future Calendar:

**Tuesday June 12th at 7 pm Location: Evert Library/Museum –Carpooling from Old Rugged Cross museum in Reed City at 6:30**

**No July and August Meetings!**

**Tuesday September 11th at 7pm Location:** Check Website and/or Summer newsletter for Detail on what project we will be working on.

**Tuesday October 9th at 7pm Location:** Check Website and/or Summer newsletter for Detail on what project we will be working on.



## Research in Salt Lake City, Utah

We will be planning a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah to the Family History Library in the Fall of 2013. Geri (Kienitz) Johnson will be organizing this trip. Geri has been to Family history library twice and is a very knowledgeable person to organize this trip. If you have never been to the Family History library, now is your chance. Please view our website and future newsletters for more details this fall.



**STAY TUNED!!**

## Old Rugged Cross Celebration, August 10, 11 and 12th 2012

We know that genealogists are usually interested in local history, so we are enclosing a brochure about THE OLD RUGGED CROSS CENENNIAL CELEBRATION. Rev. Bennard (1873-1958) was a traveling evangelist, writer of over 300 gospel hymns, and publisher of religious music. THE OLD RUGGED CROSS was written in Albion, Michigan one hundred years ago this year, first sung in Pokagon, Michigan, and published in 1913. It continues to be one of the most popular hymns in the world. His connection to Reed City is that he married, as his second wife, his secretary assistant accompanist, Hannah (Dahlstrom) Bennard of rural Ashton in 1944. After spending vacations and retirement years at her parents' home, the Bennard's left all of their personal possessions to THE OLD RUGGED CROSS HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Through an article about the Museum in the Detroit Free Press, we were contacted by the descendants of Rev Bennard's sister, Jenny Hinkins. They have inherited the musical gene of the Bennard family and will be participating in the Sunday program. There will be lots of publicity after the first of June, but we are enclosing a copy of the brochure that will be sent across the country.




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### From the Michigan Genealogical Council newsletter...

The Michigan Genealogy council delegates will be holding their September 13th meeting at the Traverse City Family history Center. The address for the Traverse City Family History center is: 3746 Veterans Drive.





### Old Rugged Cross Centennial Celebration Schedule

Museum Open Friday, Aug. 10, 1-8 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012

° 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

° OPEN HOUSE at the MUSEUM  
Featuring display of the life of  
Rev. George Bennard & Hannah  
(Dahlstrom) Bennard

° 7:00 p.m. - Gospel Music Program  
at Rambadt Park in Reed City, MI

- ° Sweet Wind
- ° Crossroad Singers
- ° Jack Burton's Band

Followed by a Group Singing of  
° "The Old Rugged Cross"  
directed by some Old Rugged Men

**Sunday August 12, 2012**

- Requesting all churches across the U.S. to sing "The Old Rugged Cross" during their services.

• **2:00 p.m.**

Musical Program at the United Methodist Church of Reed City

The Family of Rev. George Bennard (Great grand nephews & nieces) will present musical numbers & biographies of Rev. George Bennard and his wife/ accompanist Hannah Dahlstrom with a video, a CD in Rev. Bennard's own words and other songs of his by several local groups.

A coffee hour will follow in the Fellowship hall.

For Questions Please Call: 231-832-5431



Reverend George Bennard

## Historical U.S. County Boundary Maps

(Lisa Atherholt, Newport News, VA newsletter—article in the Cheboygan Rivertown Roots newsletter)

<http://randymajors.com/p/maps.html>

This Website is a VERY helpful tool for genealogical research. Type in the name of a city, state and timeframe and the map does several useful tasks. The two primary functions are;

- 1.) it will show the location on the map depicting county lines
- 2.) it allows one to change years and the program will tell when county lines changed and what legislative action caused it to happen.

The program shows a map pin on the desired location and pre-sent day roads that can be driven if one so desires. One especially nice feature also allows one to display churches, cemeteries, courthouses, and libraries on the map. The maps are shown as an aerial view so one can readily get a good understanding of the land and waterways.

From the Newaygo County Society of History and Genealogy...Quote form Mark Twian

"WHY WASTE YOUR MONEY LOOKING UP YOUR FAMILY TREE ? JUST GO INTO POLITICS AND YOUR OPPONENTS WILL DO IT FOR YOU"



## **Evart Library/Museum research material**

The Evart Museum/Historical Library in Evart Michigan has plenty of items for your research, especially for the east side of Osceola county. Here are some of the items they have at their location:

- Various Family charts for the Evart area.
- Several Civil War veterans (on-going project).
- World War I and World War II Newspaper article binders.  
(these are articles that have been compiled and printed in the newspaper about individuals that going off to war during WWI and WWII)
- Compiled Family histories from the Evart area and the East side of the county.
- High school yearbooks 1920– 2010

For detail information on the items that are at the Evart Museum/Historical Library email our society at [osceolagen@gmail.com](mailto:osceolagen@gmail.com)

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## **A Website for Military Records...Fold3**

Fold3, formerly known as Footnote.com, continues to add new online records even after being acquired by Ancestry.com. The newest addition is part of the company's Civil War Collection: the alphabetical card index to compiled service records of Union troops. The first four states to go live are Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Quoting from the Fold3 blog:

Each index card gives the name of a soldier, his rank, and the unit in which he served. Anyone looking for a Union soldier in the Civil War will find these cards useful in identifying the state and regiment in which a man served and how his name appears in the military records. You can then locate his records to learn about his service in the war and the battles in which his regiment fought.

**This is a paid subscription sight, but you can try it for free for 7 days**

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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**Membership Application**

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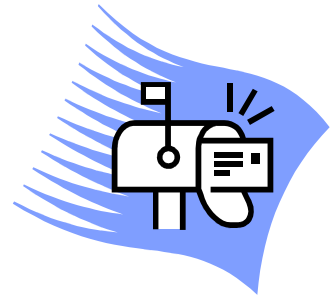
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