



**Ingham County Genealogical Society**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**P. O. Box 85**  
**Mason, MI 48854**

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**NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR  
PERSON SELECTED**

Please welcome, Sheri **Sleep** as our new Social Committee Chair Person. Please give Shari your help with social activities at our genealogy meetings. She can be reached at: [onlygodknwsy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:onlygodknwsy@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to working with you Sheri! - Dave **Held**, President

**MICROFILM DIGITIZING**

At the request of Jim **McLean** of Capital Area District Libraries a meeting was held between representatives from CADL and ICGS Board to discuss Microfilm Projects. Attending from CADL were Jim **McLean**, Head of Reference Services, Dave **Vota** and Richard **Hathaway**. From ICGS were President Dave **Held**, VP Grove **Sandrock**, Librarian Rod **Jewett**, Treasurer Bill **Carr** and Publication Chair John **Castle**. CADL is considering Digitizing from Microfilm The Lansing Republican Newspapers and wanted to coordinate and seek advice with ICGS. An instructive conversation was held and ICGS shared their experience and encouraged CADL to proceed with their project. - (Dave **Held**, President)

**2008 /2009 ICGS**

**Officers and Committees :**

President- David Held  
Vice President- Grove Sandroock and Isabelle Wells  
Recording Secretary- Beth Hall  
Treasurer- William Carr  
Membership Secretary- Cathy Morse  
Librarian- Rodney Jewett  
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Trustee- Pete Phelps

**Appointed Committees:**

Publications- John Castle  
Computer and Web Master- Greg James  
Historian- Alice Raatz  
Michigan Council Delegate- Tammy Parsons  
Michigan Council Delegate- Sam Pardee  
Newsletter- Cindy Hawkins  
Social Arrangements- Sheri Sleep  
Merchandise Sales- **OPEN**  
Publicity- Dave Held

**Web site:**

<http://www.IngCoGeneSoc.org>

**ICGS meets on the second Thursday of the month – except for the months of January, June and July. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.**

**Meeting Location:** Vevay Township Hall, located at 780 Eden Road, one mile south of Mason, Ingham County, Michigan

**Attention Members: Open positions**

**If you are interested in the Social Arrangements or Merchandise Sales position, please contact Dave Held, [president@IngCoGeneSoc.org](mailto:president@IngCoGeneSoc.org)**

## Publishers Report

By late spring the Publishing Committee will begin microfilming the “Ingham County News” newspapers published in Mason, MI covering the years 1935 to 1969. In preparing the newsprint each page will be “ironed” before filming. We are seeking volunteers to help in this project. Call **John Castle** at 517-676-6791 or email at [jcastle761@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcastle761@sbcglobal.net)

A few of the obituaries that appear on Thursday, September 12, 1940, Page 4:

**Charles Stephens**, age 92 , died at the Ponton Hospital in Mason and interment will be in Deepdale Cemetery Mausoleum. He was born September 13, 1848, in Sandstone, Jackson County, Michigan. Married Ina E. **Scovill** on March 31, 1891 (a brief extraction).

**James Davidson**, age 78, died Tuesday and will be buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Dansville. He was born in Canada (a brief extraction).

**N. T. Showers** died Tuesday, September 10, at his home near Millville. Burial will be in the North Stockbridge Cemetery. Mr. **Showers** was born in Jackson County, March 17, 1868, the son of Joseph and Amelia **Showers**. Married to Libbie **Martin** (a brief extraction).

**Bernadine Redman**, 57, of Eden died last Thursday. The widow of Martin **Redman**. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Lansing. She was born in Grand Rapids October 20, 1892, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arend K. **Lenderink**, both of whom were born in Holland. She was married to Mr. **Redman** in 1912 (a brief extraction).

Extra – Ingham County News  
Saturday, August 6, 1938

### **TWO KILLED IN GUNFIGHT**

Nightwatch and Drunk-Crazed Man Fight it Out.

Husband Was Jealous of Attention Given to Wife  
By Local Policeman

James Ray **Hinkley**, 52, Mason policeman, and Richard **Sandway**, 58, dueled to death at the corner of Jefferson and Ash streets at 2:25am Saturday morning. **Sandway** killed the policeman with a 12-gauge shotgun.

**Hinkley** slew **Sandway** with four shots from a 38-calibre Colt's police special revolver. The duel was fought at a range of four feet. The victims fell side by side, blood mingling on the sidewalk and oozing into the gutter.

Read the full newspaper article, which will be on microfilm in the fall of 2009 at the Library of Michigan.

## DEATH OF A FRIEND AND GENEALOGIST

Lansing State Journal - Saturday May 21, 2009

“**Parker**, Edward E., 97 of Lansing, retired parts distributor, died Friday. Services will be held in June. Funeral arrangements by Chapel in the Pines Funeral Home.”

Ed was the founder of the society fourteen years ago. A small group of seven people met in the early spring of 1995 to determine if there might be interest in organizing a genealogical society locally in Mason, MI. Six months later the membership had grown to thirty and the new organization, Ingham County Genealogical Society held their first election, annual membership dues determined, By-Laws and other duties performed.

Ed was always in the background, never served as an officer but provided the encouragement, equipment and initial holdings to move the new organization forward, he attended all the monthly meetings and loved to recall the early days, especially telling of his great grandmother who he claimed was the first white child born in Ingham County, Michigan.

He will always be remembered as a friend and a fellow genealogist.

**John Castle**  
Past President

### EDWARD PARKER MEMORIAL SERVICE

MEMORIAL SERVICE, SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH, 11:00 am, FIRST CHRISTIAN Church, 1001 Chester St., Lansing, Michigan, Pastor Rich Boyd, officiating. A luncheon will be served by the Ladies of this church following this memorial service. Phone 1-517-482-6063.

The church is in the Frandor area. Chester St runs parallel to US-127 and is accessed a block west of 127 by turning right (north) off Gr. River or Oakland Ave.

Ed was my friend. He was everyone's friend. But for the fact that my grandson is being married that very day in Chicago, IL, we would be there and I would have a story or two to relate. But, I'm sure that that department will be covered.

**GOD BLESS OUR EDWARD PARKER.**  
Bruce **BeVier**, Member

## Ingham County News newspaper article of 4 March 1937, Pg-12, Col-1

“Funeral rites held Sunday for Alfred Isaac **Bravender**, born in White Oak Township, Ingham County, MI., May 8, 1842, the son of Isaac and Maria **Bravender**. Alfred, age 93, one of the oldest residence of the county died Thursday at Dansville, was buried in Fairview Cemetery.

At age eight years of age Alfred’s father died and when Alfred was 18 he came into the ownership of a yoke of oxen. He traded the oxen for 50 acres of timber northwest of Dansville. He cleared the land and made it his home until moving to into the village of Davsville in 1903.

On May 5, 1869, Alfred married Anna **Swan**. Six children were born to them, Artie, Alva, Eva, Ada, Elmer and Carla. Mr. and Mrs. **Bravender** were married almost 60 years, she died eight years ago. Mrs. Elizabeth **Field**, a sister, of Mason survives.”

An Extraction..



David **Held**, John **Castle**, Rodney **Jewett** presenting microfilm of City of Mason records to Debbie **Cwierniewicz**, Mason City Clerk. October 2008

**LANSING CREDIT EXCHANGE**  
**BULLETIN #475, JUNE 9, 1930**  
 (Typed as written)

<b>Births:</b>	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs.:</b>	
March 9, 1930	Ira <b>Andrews</b> , 735 N. Jenison Ave.	Girl
March 27, 1930	Robert E. <b>Butler</b> , 1513 Coleman Ave.	Boy
April 22, 1930	Chas. <b>Hanna</b> , 220 Randolph St.	Girl
May 06, 1930	Geo. <b>Eaton</b> , 1016 Cowles St.	Boy
May 11, 1930	Wm. J. <b>Dargon</b> , 1219 S. Fairview Ave.	Girl
May 13, 1930	Lloyd G. <b>Gage</b> , 1610 S. Cedar St.	Girl
May 15, 1930	Bernard J. <b>Lavey</b> , 427 S. Capt. Ave.	Girl
May 17, 1930	Geo. W. <b>Morris</b> , 320 Gier St.	Boy
May 18, 1930	Donald A. <b>McCaffrey</b> , Route 2	Girl
May 19, 1930	Carl O. <b>Morlok</b> , 1715 Osband	(Quadruplets) Girls
May 20, 1930	Chester F. <b>Warner</b> , 524 Pearl St.	Boy
May 20, 1930	Ray C. <b>Brown</b> , 429 Filley St.	Girl
May 21, 1930	Alden <b>Coon</b> , 411 Spring St.	Girl
May 21, 1930	Edward <b>Drees</b> , 927 W. Shiaw. St.	Boy
May 21, 1930	Zur R. <b>Reed</b> , 415 S. Butler St.	Girl
May 22, 1930	Carl F. <b>Schultz</b> , 501 E. Main St.	Boy
May 22, 1930	Ray J. <b>Fluke</b> , 1626 Indiana Ave.	Girl
May 23, 1930	Clyde E. <b>Trout</b> , 900 S. Penn. Ave.	Girl
May 23, 1930	Samuel <b>Smith</b> , Lansing	Girl
May 23, 1930	Dell J. <b>Little</b> , 121 ½ W. Barnes Ave.	Boy
May 24, 1930	Walter T. <b>Bartlett</b> , 17211 Bailey St.	Boy
May 24, 1930	Edward <b>Schmaltz</b> , 615 Bluff St.	Girl
May 24, 1930	Victor H. <b>Forester</b> , 1016 Bensch St.	Girl
May 26, 1930	Wm. H. <b>Collins</b> , 518 W. Jefferson St.	Boy
May 26, 1930	Reuen W. <b>Everett</b> , Okemos, Mich.	Girl
May 27, 1930	Glenn B. <b>Hart</b> , 628 Lathrop St.	Girl
May 27, 1930	Anden P. <b>Clark</b> , 1102 E. Gd. Riv. Ave.	Boy
May 28, 1930	Orton M. <b>Greenman</b> , Holt, Mich.	Girl
May 29, 1930	John B. <b>Sapp</b> , 1204 W. Ottaw St.	Girl
May 29, 1930	Chester E. <b>Davis</b> , 524 Christiancy St.	Boy
May 29, 1930	Walter J. <b>Winnicki</b> , 320 Isbell St.	Boy
May 29, 1930	Walter P. <b>Coats</b> , 1512 Elizabeth St.	Girl
May 29, 1930	Wm. <b>Fuller</b> , 630 Lathrop St.	Boy
May 30, 1930	Wendell W. <b>Phillips</b> , 801 S. Penn. Ave.	Girl
May 30, 1930	Henry M. <b>Jessop</b> , Holt, Mich.	Boy
May 30, 1930	Thomas <b>Fillson</b> , 909 S. Butler St.	Boy
May 30, 1930	F. <b>Buxton</b> , 2319 Clifton St.	Boy
May 30, 1930	Edward S. <b>Marker</b> , 1224 Bensch St.	Boy

**Deaths:**

March 19, 1930	Peter <b>Gillengerten</b> , 128 Lathrop St.	75 years
March 27, 1930	Hazel M. <b>Scott</b> , 222 Shepard St.	38 years
May 05, 1930	Wm. <b>Allshouse</b> , Lansing	84 years
May 21, 1930	Orlando L. <b>Linn</b> , 229 W. Shiaw. St.	74 years
May 21, 1930	Lillian <b>Norton</b> (Wm. C.), 227 N. Magnolia Ave.	48 years
May 21, 1930	Oliver T. <b>Morgan</b> , 804 W. Hillsdale St.	68 years
May 22, 1930	Jerry M. <b>VanSickle</b> , 930 McCullough St.	01 year
May 22, 1930	Alice <b>Parks</b> (Howard), Route #4	36 years
May 23, 1930	Ida B. <b>Howland</b> , 519 Munroe St.	59 years
May 25, 1930	Mrs. Elva J. <b>Briggs</b> , (Edwin), 1817 Herbert St.	72 years
May 26, 1930	Elva E. <b>Reeves</b> , 2319 S. Cedar St.	78 years
May 26, 1930	Helen <b>Robbins</b> , 212 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> St.	16 years
May 27, 1930	Bertha M. <b>Trumble</b> (Loran), 2025 Culver St.	24 years
May 29, 1930	Joyce A. <b>Sample</b> , Route #2	23 days
May 29, 1930	Dollie <b>Tuttle</b> , Route #1, E. Lansing	62 years
May 29, 1930	Johnson <b>Treadway</b> , 210 S. Penn. Ave.	72 years
May 29, 1930	Chas. M. <b>Killam</b> , 2213 Bonora St.	69 years
May 29, 1930	Erna <b>Vogt</b> , 427 ½ W. Lapeer St.	33 years
May 29, 1930	Mrs. Helen <b>Woolley</b> , Porter Apts.	58 years
May 30, 1930	Alvin V. <b>Hessler</b> , 223 N. Chestnut St.	61 years
May 30, 1930	John C. <b>Kennedy</b> , 1120 Mich. Ave.	92 years
May 31, 1930	Carrie <b>LaMachia</b> (Frank), Route #1, E. Lansing	42 years
June 01, 1930	Dale <b>Watkins</b> , 1033 Parkwood, Ypsilanti	01 year
June 01, 1930	Thomas <b>Watkins</b> , 1033 Parkwood, Ypsilanti	45 years
June 01, 1930	Fern True <b>Barr</b> , 310 Beal Ave. E. Lansing	27 years
June 01, 1930	Steela E. <b>Lawrence</b> , 827 S. Sycamore St.	64 years
June 01, 1930	Elijah <b>Boughner</b> , 1933 East St.	75 years
June 01, 1930	Eliz. <b>Grantham</b> (Wm.), 309 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> St.	67 years
June 01, 1930	Ione E. <b>Bliss</b> , Holt, Mich.	48 years
June 02, 1930	Vern E. <b>Harris</b> , 701 River St.	51 years
June 3, 1930	Stanley W. <b>Marsh</b> , 922 Cross St.	50 years
June 03, 1930	Dean W. <b>Haker</b> , 705 Clarks St.	02 days
June 5, 1930	Thelma A. <b>Williams</b> , 123 Woodlawn Ave.	27 years

**MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS**

May 14 – Utilizing Footnote from the Library of Michigan and from home – Kris Rzepczynski

June and July – No meeting

August 13 – Potluck Picnic – starts 6 p.m. - eat 6:30 p.m. - Bring dish to pass and own place setting

## LOCKE TOWNSHIP SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR I

(Compiled by Mae Tuttle)

(From the Lock Township, Ingham County, Michigan Microfilm Project  
(Typed as written))

### LEROY CHAMBERS

Leroy **Chambers** was single, color white, an American, was born in Fowerville, Mich., Feb. 26, 1886 the youngest son of Elmer and Isabelle **Chambers**, W. Locke, Mich. He has one brother, Max. Previous to war his occupation was farming.

In June 1914 he enlisted in the Marine Corps at Norfolk, Va.

From Aug. 18, 1914 to Jan. 19, 1916 was on sea service on the U.S.S. Minnesota; June 27, 1917 he was transferred to land service in France and was at various camps in that country till the Spring of 1918, when he went into action. The four years for which he enlisted expired just before the battle of Chateau Thierry, but he was retained in service on account of the pressing need of troops. He was in action ten months and was never wounded though his company was nearly wiped out, he being one of the ten of his company to come out alive. While overseas he was transferred to 23<sup>rd</sup> Co. B Machine Gun Battalion; he served in Front line trenches in France, March 30 to May 14, 1918; Chateau Thierry Sector June 1 to June 20, 1918; Soissons Sector, July 17 to 20, 1918; St. Mihiel, Sept. 13 to 17, 1918; Naubache Sector, Aug. 7 to 17, 1918; Argonne Sector, Nov. 1 to 11, 1918. Served with American Army of occupation in advance through Belgium and Luxemburg upon evacuation by German troops from Nov. 17 to 26, 1918. He won the honor of receiving a decoration from the French Divisional Commander for bravery. Awarded good conduct medal at Washington, D. C. and received his discharge button, No. #3825 on Jan. 2, 1919.

Received by Mrs. G. W. **Tuttle**

Pvt. MARTIN J. DUNCKLE, Serial No. 259720

He was single, color white. Was born Jan. 9, 1899 at Atrim, Mich. he being the only son of Reul (deceased) and Hannah **Dunckle (Bohmer)**. He has one sister, Agnes. He being the first boy of Locke Township to enlist, he was attending high school at Williamston, Mich.; was to graduate the same year as he enlisted April 6, 1917; received his diploma at Camp Fort Myer, Va. with high honors. He enlisted as coast Artillery and as a private; June 1917 transferred to Hdq Co. 12<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery; Sept. 1917 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery, 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery; Sept. 1917 promoted to Corporal; Dec. 12, 1917 sailed from New York for overseas then was transferred to Battery F 321 Field Artillery; Jan. 15, 1918 promoted to Sargent; Feb. 1, 1918 promoted to stable Sargent. He served in Mauback Sector, Aug. 20 to Sept. 11, 1918; St. Mihiel drive Sept. 12 to 16, 1918; Argonne Meuse Sept. 26 to Nov. 7, 1918.

Received his honorable discharge from Camp Sherman, Ohio May 29, 1919.

Record take by Mrs. G. W. **Tuttle**

## NEWS FROM THE PAST

**Ingham County News** – Thursday, 2 March 1899, page 7

Marriage Licenses:

Melvin **Cornwell** – Delhi, 21

Lena **Draper**, Lansing, 30

Eugene W. **Odell**, Lansing, 41

Linda D. **Smith**, Lansing, 32

William A. **Depue**, Lansing, 40

Anna R. **Barnes**, Wanconata, N. Y., 47

Bert **Beeman**, Stockbridge, 21

Emma **Riggs**, Stockbridge, 20

Seymour A. **Rice**, Lansing, 25

Sadie J. **Delts**, Lansing, 23

Prescott **Van Marter**, Onondaga, 41

Jeannie **Favorite**, Onondaga, 43

OBITUARY

Enoch **Howe**, long a resident of Aurelius and recently living at his niece's, Mrs. Wm. **Thorne's**, died Feb 23, 1899, aged 97 years, four months and 25 days.

He was born in an old Indian fort in New Hampshire. His parents came to Ontario, Canada in his boyhood where they lived about 25 years, and then came to Michigan.

Aurelius or Howe's Corners, took its name from him. He had been a Mason for over 70 years and had long been a charge on the Lansing lodge of which he was a member. The master of the lodge, Mr. F. C. **Pinckney** wrote a letter of thanks and appreciation to S. B. **Davis**, who has been caring for him. He was a member of the Baptist church of this place where the services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. **Stone**, and his remains laid at rest in the cemetery at this place

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**Ingham County New** 20 September 1928

**MRS. CHARLES BURNHAM DIES HERE SUNDAY**

YOUNG MASON WOMAN SUCCUMBS TO ILLNESS

Death came to relieve the suffering of Mrs. Charles **Burnham** early Sunday morning at her home here. She had been ill for a about four months had had bravely fought for life. Genevieve **Farrell** was born February 22, 1895, in Stockbridge, where she spent her girlhood days. On May 15, 1926, she was united in marriage to Charles N. **Burnham** and they resided in Detroit and Ferndale coming to Mason a year ago where they have made many friends.

Besides the husband she is survived by her father, Matthew **Farrell**, who resides here with them, a fifteen months' old son, Charles, three brothers, E. E. **Farrell** of Temple, Texas, R. E. **Farrell** of Detroit, and C. B. **Farrell** of Jackson. A brother and sister preceded her in death. The funeral services were held Wednesday morning at nine o'clock at Sis. Cornelius and Cyphian church at Bunkerhill. Interment was made in the Bunkerhill cemetery.



### FAIR COMMITTEE APOLOGIZE

Through an error on the part of the printer the name of Hubert R. **Bullen**, county treasurer, was omitted from the list of county officers who generously contributed to the publication of the premium list issued by the management of the Ingham County Fair. Mr. **Bullen's** name should have appeared with the others and the management has requested the NEWS to express its regret at the error. Due apology is made.

### HILDORF BOY DIES

Lawrence Edward **Hildorf**, the ten year old son of Mr and Mrs. Frank **Hildorf**, passed away Sunday at the Sparrow hospital in Lansing, Following a three day illness. Lawrence was a member of the Presbyterian Sunday school and was in the fourth grade in school. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. He is survived by his parents and grandparents Mr and Mrs. Henry **Pratt** of Holt.

### AURELIUS WOMAN DIES

Carrie Thorn, daughter of Joseph and Melissa **Howe**, was born in Aurelius township on August 7, 1856, and passed away early Thursday morning. Her whole life was spent in this vicinity where many friends mourn her departure. On March 21, 1867, she was married to Wm **Thorn**, who survives her. Other surviving relatives are two brothers, Thomas and James, also one sister Rosetta. Funeral services were held Saturday with burial in the Aurelius cemetery.

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**Ingham County News** 25 November 1937, front page

### ON CHICAGO TRIP

Morris **Whitney**, Hardy **Whitney** and Tunis **Higdon** of Leslie, are leaving this week for the International Livestock show in Chicago.

### PLEDGED TO SOCIETY

Donald **Anderson** of Dansville was among the 10 advanced military science students at Michigan State College who were pledged to Scabbard and Blade, honor military society, last week. Pledging followed the installation of six new R.O.T.C. Sponsors in Demonstration hall. Miss Eileen **McCurdy** of Okemos was chosen honorary colonel of the entire corps

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**Ingham County News** 25 November 1937 - front page

### FORMER RESIDENT DEAD AFTER USEFUL CAREER

HAD SPENT LIFE IN AIDING CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Dr. Orlando **Christian**, 82, died at his home in Little Rock, Arkansas, November 14. Until a year ago he was head of the Arkansas Crippled Children's home. He had also been superintendent of similar institutions in Wisconsin and California. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and devoted most of his life to the relief of children.

In August he came to Mason to attend funeral services for his cousin, Miss Katherine **Henderson**. He returned to Michigan in September and then went to Ohio to visit a sister. After reaching his home in Arkansas he suffered a physical breakdown.

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**FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR AURELIUS PIONEER**

**CAME TO AURELIUS WITH PARENTS 84 YEARS AGO**

Funeral services for Thomas D. **Howe**, 85, were held at the Aurelius Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon with burial in the Aurelius cemetery. The Rev. Oral **Duckworth** of the Aurelius Baptist church officiated. Mr. **Howe** died at his home south of Aurelius Center, Saturday night.

Mr. **Howe** was born in Canada. When he was about a year old he came with his parents to Aurelius. He survived by the widow, Katie; a son, Alvin **Howe** of Aurelius; two sisters, Mrs. Warren **Isham** of Leslie, and Mrs. Chris **Crapeoff** of Battle Creek; four granddaughters and seven great grandchildren.