

LAKE SUPERIOR ROOTS

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Longtime MCGS Editors Pass the Pen

Editors of the Lake Superior Roots newsletter for the Marquette County Genealogical Society for nineteen years, Rosemary Michelin and Joan Kapeller, have decided to take a break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosemary and Joan for their tireless energy, their educated expertise, their curious minds and innate investigatory skills along with their ever good-natured smiles which used to publish Lake Superior Roots all these years. We are ever enriched because of their work.



Future MCGS Meetings

- ~Wednesday, March 16, 2011
- ~Wednesday, April 20, 2011
- ~Wednesday, May 18, 2011

All meetings are held in the second floor Peter White Room of the Peter White Public Library, Marquette, Michigan.

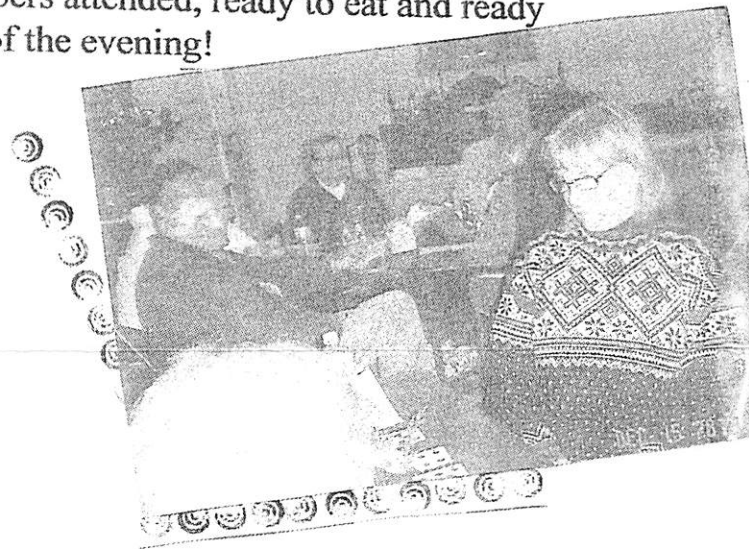


MCGS Christmas Party

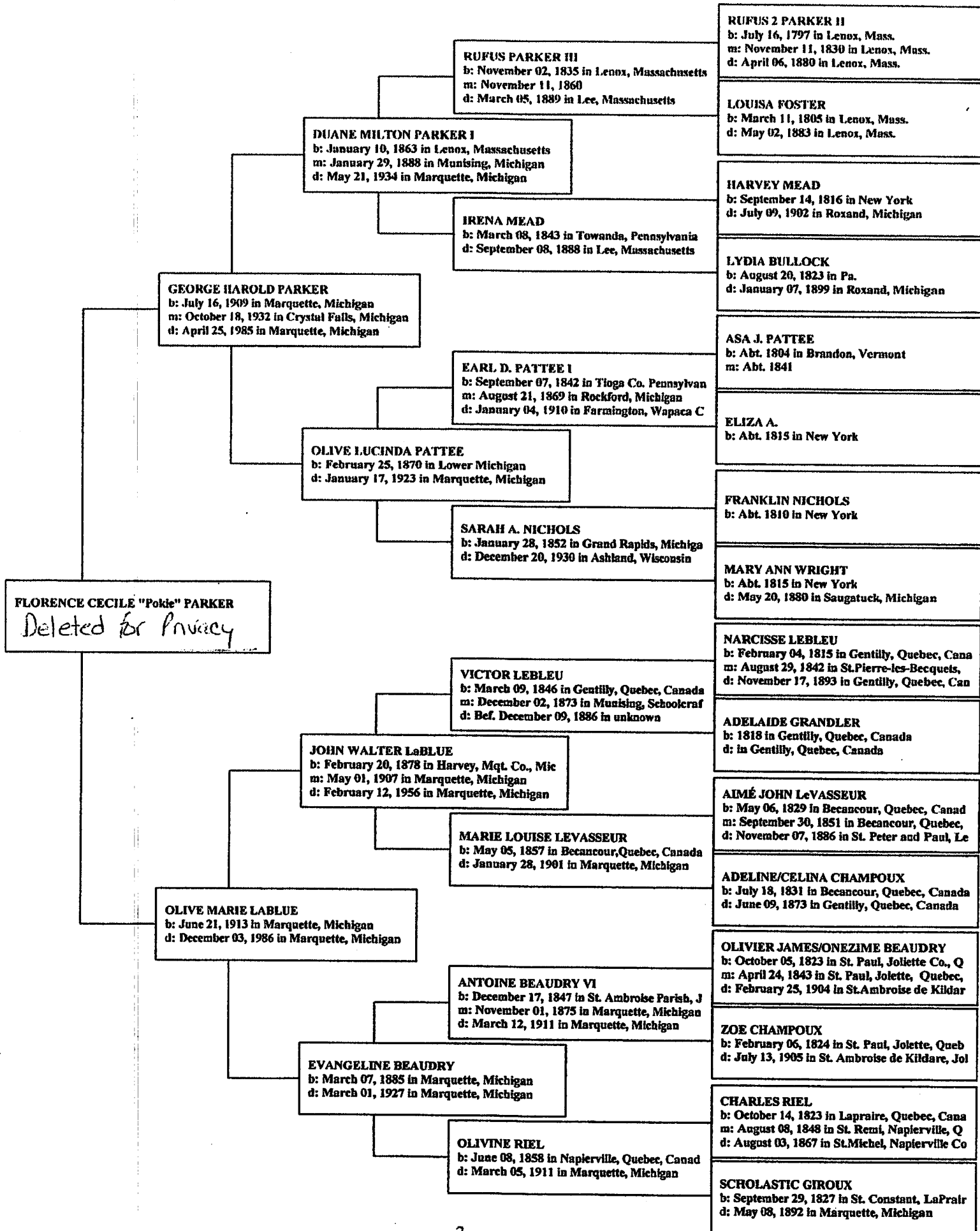
The Marquette County Genealogical Society Christmas party was held on December 15, 2010 at the Federated Women's Club in Marquette. In this homey setting, many local MCGS members attended, ready to eat and ready for Christmas. Silly Bingo was the hit of the evening!

Transcribing of Stones at Ishpeming Cemetery Begun

Two cold blustery Saturdays were spent at the Ishpeming Cemetery last September by a small group of MCGS members. The group started at the front of the cemetery, transcribing Swedish, Norwegian, German, Finnish, and English inscribed stones. This project will start again this summer and will be ongoing for several years to come. New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Rosemary Michelin at (906) 475-9308 or at Wmichelin@aol.com.



Ancestors of FLORENCE CECILE "Pokie" PARKER



Worst Photo Album Ever??

Do you have family photos stored in those "magnetic" photo albums? If so, get rid of them quickly. They are eating your photographs.

The Practical Archivist writes, "These chemical sandwiches of doom were popular from the 1970's through the 1990's. All of my childhood photos were carefully placed in this style of album. Ironically, the photos I never got around to organizing are in better shape!"

You can separate your photos from the page by using a spatula with a beveled front edge. Some people have used a hairdryer on medium heat to help loosen the adhesive. Others have used dental floss to work under a corner and carefully saw between the photo and the page. One person mentioned freezing the album or heating it in the microwave, but those methods are not recommended.

*Source: Richard Eastman, owner and editor of Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter



News from the Michigan Genealogical Council:

Submitted by Sherry Woodworth, MCGS Delegate to MGC

The Michigan Genealogical Council is happy to announce that it is partnering with FamilySearch on a new indexing project involving Michigan Marriages. Details on this project can be seen here: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/6ddveop>

The project launched January 18, 2011 with records from seven Michigan counties available at FamilySearch Indexing. The overall project will consist of four parts and includes over 240 reels of film. When completed, both the indexes and images will be available on <http://familysearch.org/> for free.

The project is open to everyone and we encourage everybody with an interest in Michigan genealogy to volunteer in the indexing. The indexing process is easy to set up and very convenient. It can be done at your home and anytime day or night and for as little or as much time as you wish.

An Indexer may also contact the administrators of the project for any type of assistance. Roger Moffat and Byron Bailey will be the Administrators for the project and can be contacted by sending eMail to: fsindexing@mimgc.org.

An MGC webpage - <http://mimgc.org/projects/> - will be available soon to provide updates, tips and other information about the project as we progress.

We have set up a group within FamilySearch Indexing called Michigan Genealogical Council. We invite anyone wishing to participate in this project to join this group. You can get started by going to <http://familysearchindexing.org/> and registering to index.

We will need the support from all of our societies. Please inform your local Societies and their members about this project and help us to recruit Indexers.

Roger Moffat
Byron Bailey
MGC Project Administrators

Ode to Midge

By Shirley J. Bergman

Christmastime rolled around this year and the idea of delving into my Swedish-cookie gene was particularly appealing to me, especially after Midge mentioned she had her Swedish mother's rosette iron.

"It's a lot of standing to make rosettes since the little rascals need to be fried one by one," explained Midge.

"How 'bout I do the standing and you do the directing?" I responded. I also had an iron that I'd bought about ten years ago but didn't know what to do with. Midge said, "Bring it and we'll use both."

So I did. Midge was waiting for me in her kitchen, at the table, thumbing through cookbooks.

"I have a small fryer we can use. Let's mix up the beer batter (a cookie with beer?) and see how that one is." Midge explained that she had many recipes, in Swedish and in English, but she had not tried the one with beer before.

The iron that had belonged to Midge's mom, Elsie, had interchangeable heads: small rosettes, large rosettes, trees, bells, stars, you name it. The desired shape is screwed onto a long thin metal rod and is dipped straight down into the batter, just short of the top. Loaded with that thin coat of batter, the iron is plunged into hot oil---whoosh!

And, as if I didn't know, the iron needs to be held while the cookie fries, so the fryer stands. Three hours later, I understood Midge's feelings about the standing but, with that first cookie, it's pretty darn fascinating to watch the frying process! We both stood there watching the crackling, bubbling oil slowly turn that once white rosette golden brown.

"That one's done," Midge said as I pulled the iron out of the oil and propped it on paper towel to drain. A sharp knife gently pried the golden brown cookie from the iron and it quickly flipped over to show a golden delicate piece of art. I gasped at the surprise of seeing something so beautiful made so simply! A sprinkle of powdered sugar made each delicate shape a final delectable.

I soon learned to never double-dip or you get Bubba-rosette (not too attractive) and to accidentally break a few rosettes as you remove the crunchy fried form from the iron---you need your just reward for standing! Hot steaming coffee is the perfect complement and, when the frying is done, you get to sit down and eat the bounty!

I looked at the table Midge had set. "Did you know that it's a Swedish custom to have seven different sweets to offer guests when they arrive? Midge asked. "Well, I made it---the rosettes make it seven."

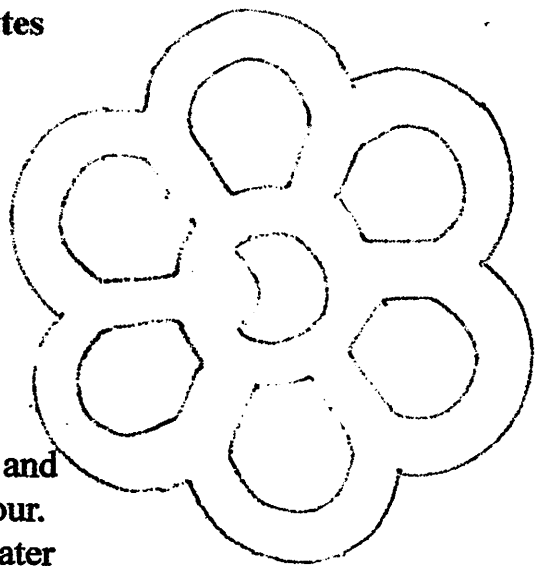
What a delicious way to learn tradition!

Midge Waters is a retired public school teacher and librarian. She then spent ten years in business and juried art shows. She now enjoys travel and genealogy.

Basic or Beer Recipe for Rosettes



1 cup flour
½ cup evaporated milk
½ cup water for Basic Recipe
Or ½ cup beer for Beer Recipe
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg, unbeated



Mix milk, water (or beer), sugar and egg together. Stir slowly into flour. Beat until smooth with rotary beater or electric mixer at medium speed.

Cardamom Cookies

This is a recipe familiar to many. Can you remember taking the little cardamom seeds from their pods and pounding them to powder?

1 cup flour
1 egg
¼ tsp. baking soda
¾ cup granulated sugar

8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter, melted
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. ground cardamom



Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and cardamom in a medium bowl. In a large bowl, whisk the egg until frothy. Whisk in the sugar and butter. With a spoon, stir in the dry ingredients to make a batter. Grease and flour baking sheets. Drop teaspoons of the batter onto the baking sheets about 2 inches apart. Bake in a 350 degree oven about 12 minutes until lightly browned. Transfer cookies to a rack to cool. Makes 5-6 dozen. *This recipe can be doubled.* Midge Waters

And, to go with your Swedish cookies, how about a little Polish Hunter's Stew?

POLISH HUNTER'S STEW

1 lb. Ground pork
1 c. chopped onion
1 (16oz) can sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
1 ½ c. shredded cabbage
12 oz. Kielbasa or Polish sausage, cut into ½ inch pieces
1 (7 1/2 oz) can tomatoes, cut up

1 (4oz) can mushrooms
¾ c. chopped peeled apple
1 c. beef broth
½ c. dry red wine
1 tsp. Salt
½ tsp. Ground allspice
1/8 tsp. Pepper
1 bay leaf

In an oven-going Dutch oven, cook pork and onion till meat is browned and onion is Tender. Drain off excess fat. Add sauerkraut, cabbage, sausage, undrained tomatoes, Mushrooms, apple, beef broth, wine, and spices. Bake, covered, in a 350* oven for 1 hour. Remove bay leaf and serve in soup bowls. Makes 7-8 servings.

MARGERY SMALL

Combustible Microfilm Forces Evacuation at LDS Church History Library

Microfilms do not last forever. In fact, older microfilms can self-destruct in the best "Mission Impossible" manner imaginable. Yesterday, a microfilm from the LDS Church History Library in Salt Lake City was taken to a landfill and detonated after patrons had been evacuated from the building.

Note: This happened at the LDS Church History Library, not at the nearby LDS Family History Library that is used by tens of thousands of genealogists.

Two floors of the LDS Church History Library were evacuated Wednesday afternoon as a precaution because of decomposing film that posed an explosion risk.

Salt Lake City Fire Captain Michael Harp said an alert archivist noticed deteriorating 72mm film inside a canister at 2:30 p.m. The film contained an unstable element called cellulose nitrate which Harp says can be flammable or even create a small explosion.

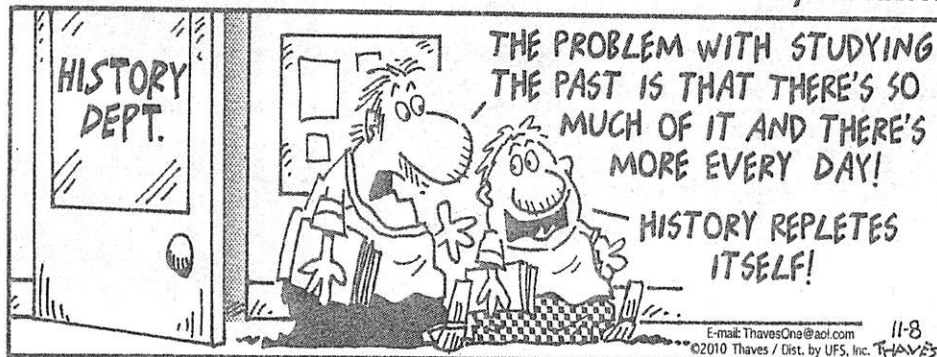
Patrons on the third and fourth floors of the library were escorted out while the film was contained in an archival room.

From there, a company specializing in the removal and transport of such materials picked up the film. After waiting several hours for downtown traffic to taper off, Harp said the film was taken to the local landfill where it was detonated.

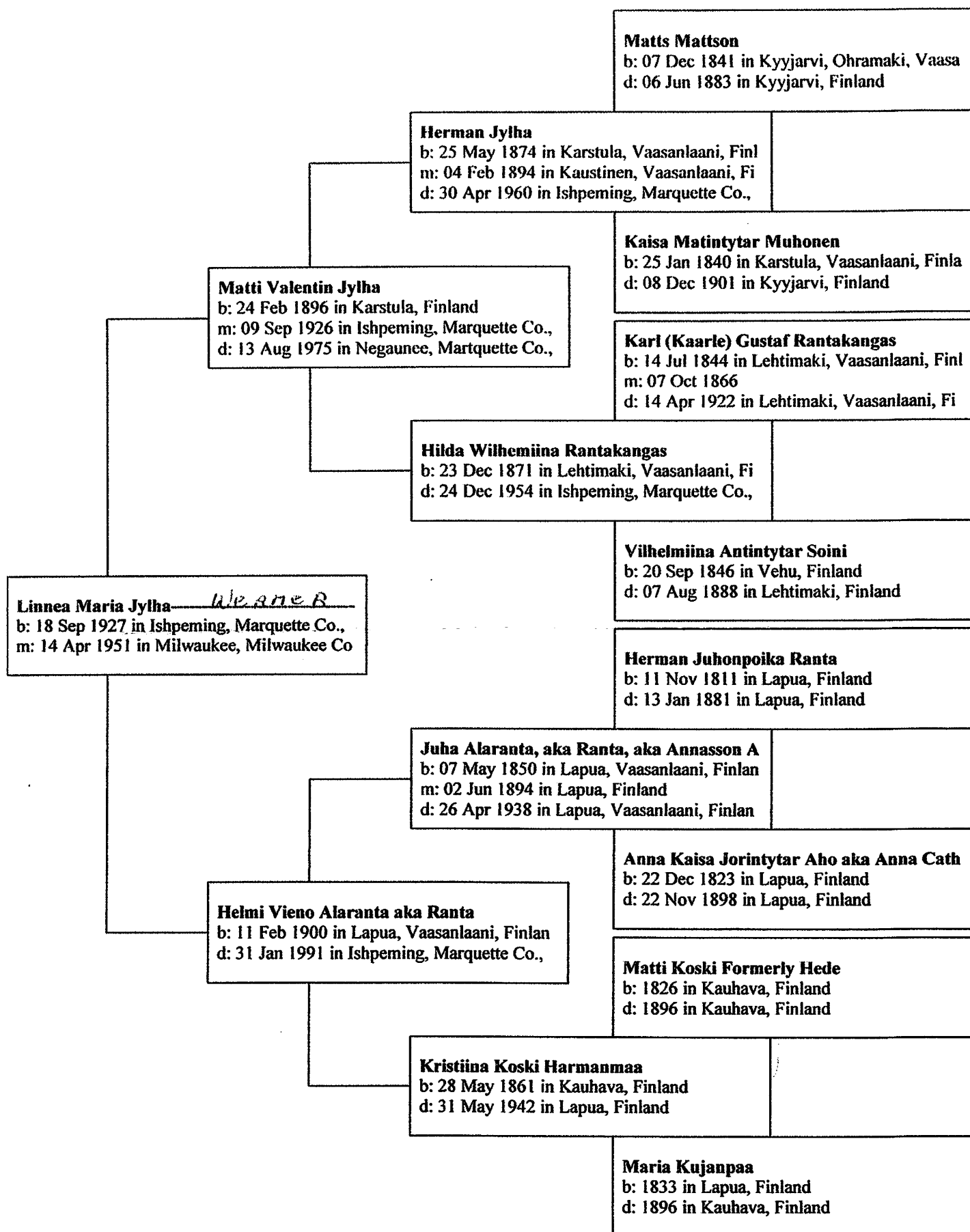
Posted by Dick Eastman, owner and editor of the Eastman Online Genealogical Newsletter, published daily, on January 20, 2011.

Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Ancestors of Linnea Maria Jylha



Marquette Regional History Center

New building, new location, new name: the Marquette County History Museum has transitioned into the **Marquette Regional History Center**.

"We can now offer better services," reports librarian Rosemary Michelin. "In our former location, we had no room to expand, no room for patron parking and the building wasn't easily accessible to all patrons.

"Our new facility, with the museum on the main floor and the John M. Longyear Research Library on the second floor, has an elevator and a wide staircase for easy accessibility. We have more room to display our collections and one large storage room with climate control for dust, light, humidity, and fire suppression to insure all our archives will be kept in the very best environment. Some of the resources in the Genealogy Collection, for instance, date back to the 1860's so we have a lot to protect.

"This new facility stands where the old Marq-Tran bus garage stood. By remodeling and redefining the Marq-Tran facility, we were able to keep our museum in the downtown Marquette area, being more visible to our community. We are now able to interpret history in new ways in this beautiful, state-of-the-art, aesthetically-pleasing, welcoming building."

The **Marquette Regional History Center, 145 West Spring Street, Marquette, Michigan 49855**, is expected to open March 7, 2011. Please call **906-226-3571** for hours; contact Rosemary at the Longyear Library for help in searching your family tree.

Marquette Regional History Center under construction in January, 2011



PRIMARY SOURCES vs. SECONDARY SOURCES

What is the difference? A primary source is usually a government or official document, which may include such vital records as birth, marriage, death, which is usually held at the county level. (Also usually copies of vital records are normally less expensive if you purchase at the county level, rather than at the state level). These documents which are filed either by the person themselves or by someone who has intimate knowledge of the event, i.e. birth, marriage, divorce, death or burial.

Church records

Church records, which can include baptisms, christenings, marriages, deaths can be very beneficial if available. Some religions have allowed their records to be filmed by the LDS (Latter-day Saints/ Mormons) who have literally millions of them available either by renting them at Family History Centers (FHC) or going to their website and looking at them online for free. (Note: Not all records are available online at this time in the year 2011...however my understanding at some point in time all records that have been filmed will be available online).

Census records

While census records are considered to be primary sources, just be aware that most census workers, while they were more educated than the general population, still they probably didn't attend college or a university (in the early part of America's history most people that attended college or a university were well off). It just meant that they knew how to read and write. Most of the general population was somewhat educated, some even knew how to read, write and sign their name. However some were illiterate and didn't know how to read and write or sign their name. So when you see your family name massaged into something that is incomprehensible, just remember....think phonetically.

Court, Probate and Property records

It seems as though this last category of records seem to be the least used and understood of all primary sources. Depending on your area of research, sometimes court and probate records are combined into one category so be sure to ask your local county offices where the information is located. Property records are another way of finding who owned the land first and subsequent landowners. Most of the time the first born son usually inherited all the property and the younger sons usually had to move elsewhere to find their livelihood.

Secondary sources

A secondary source can be a newspaper article, {i.e. birth announcement, engagement, wedding, obituary} scrapbooks, family bibles and letters. Newspaper articles are great for pointing you in the right direction for sourcing your information....however while newspapers, scrapbooks, family bibles and letters are interesting these should not be used exclusively to prove your relationships.

Excerpts from the Marquette Mining Journal 14 February 1911

Marquette

Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Bell returned yesterday, after an extended trip to Tacoma and other Pacific points.

Miss Genevieve Raymond, of Escanaba is visiting her brother William Raymond and family on West Michigan Street.

Yesterday was county clerk Jenks birthday and he showed his heart is in the right place by passing around cigars at the supervisors' meeting.

Ishpeming

Lawrence E. Barnett, son of Dr. G. G. Barnett of Ishpeming is attending the Law School at the University of Chattanooga.

Christ Presthus and his wife who were married 25 years ago were given a surprise at their home on 316 Vine St. with around 200 friends. Mr. & Mrs. Presthus were married in Ishpeming at the home of Joseph Graverock, corner of Third and Bank Streets. The home is presently owned by Mrs. John Mugfur. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wald, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. Mrs. Presthus is the former Helen Rian. Her brother Nels Rian of Buhl, Minnesota was on hand for the festivities.

The six-month old daughter of Matti Pernaa of 400 S. Fourth Street died today. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

Postmaster Thomas Connors entertained a number of his gentleman friends at his home Tuesday evening in honor of his birthday.

Gwinn

A daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Hakola.

Will Maddiford is confined to his home with an attack of the grip.

Saul Saulson is confined to the Gwinn hospital with rheumatism.

Mrs. J. P. Outhwaite has returned to her home in Ishpeming, after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Leonard.

Archie Godin, of Little Lake, spent Monday with his friends.

William Goyens is confined to his home with an attack of the grip.

Charles Warnholm is able to be at his work, after a week's illness.

Prof. Ernest Hawk has moved his family to Gwinn from Negaunee.

Peter Johnson has accepted a position as a deliveryman with Richard Quayle.

Arthur Gunville, Ole Rae, James Mathews, spent Sunday with relatives.

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. John Gensheimer.

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Peterson.

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Sam Soderman.

Spare Time?

Most people do not have any spare time, but if you find yourself in Peter White Public Library, Marquette, Michigan with a few minutes to browse, be sure to seek out the pillar on the second floor that holds recent copies of the new genealogical magazines and newsletters that we receive.

Internet Genealogy had some good articles that might add to your ability to research your family and learn more about ways to use new knowledge. Here's a sample:

- Top Ten Websites for Family Research

- Cloud Computing-about online storage

Family Chronicle has been around for a long time, and is full of good things, including:

- The 'Other' American Censuses which lists 28 state censuses in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota taken in odd years from 1896 to 1905. These are not the 10-year censuses.

- Gensoft Reviews which leads you to reviews of genealogical software.

- Let's Plant a Family Tree which may lead you to investigate a workshop for youth, since every organization needs young members to develop an interest in their family and learn how to get started.

- Writing Family History may get you off Square 1 with your resolution to write down your family stories.

Family Tree Magazine can be found in the periodicals room of Peter White Public Library, along with other recent copies. These articles caught my eye. . .

- Genealogical Fitness, a good way to rate your skills.

- Tips on Oral Interviews, can be very helpful if you don't quite know how to approach the elders in your family about their past and their memories of long-gone people. One can not do this too soon!

- The Graveyard Rabbit. . .doesn't that make you curious? It's a website: graveyardrabbit.com

- The Best Genealogy Blogs might turn you in a new direction if you haven't been using these treasuries of tips and know-how.

All back copies of these genealogical publications and others are shelved on the second floor, in pamphlet boxes, on the shelves overlooking the parking lot at Peter White Public Library, Marquette, Michigan.

ACQUISITION

Our society recently became the recipients of a large genealogy collection. Sue Mae MacGugan was a member of our society several years ago. She passed away on 13 May 2006. Her family recently donated her entire genealogy collection to us - several hundred books and binders of info! Included are binders of Native American records, French-Canadian info, cemetery records, newspaper clippings, and family histories. The collection is currently being stored and sorted at Kay Elzinga's house and is slowly making its way onto our shelves at Peter White. A list of titles will be published in a future newsletter.

Submitted by Sherrye Woodworth, Library Committee

From the Michigan Genealogy Council:
June 17, 2011 through June 19, 2011 (Friday through Sunday)
Upper Peninsula History Conference
Marquette, Michigan
Historical Society of Michigan

Library of Michigan public hours and circulation service changes

December 8, 2010 by mingc

The following changes were announced Monday, December 6, 2010 by the Library of Michigan and are posted on their website <http://michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan>. Effective with the new year, Saturday hours will be eliminated, and several circulation changes implemented.

Due to significant reductions in the Library of Michigan's operations funding and staffing, the Library is implementing the following changes:

- 1) Materials from the Library of Michigan's collections will be available for in-library use only. As of January 3, 2011, circulation of these items will be offered on a limited basis to state government employees to conduct state business. The Library of Michigan collections will be available to the general public for use in the library.
- 2) The Library of Michigan no longer will borrow materials from other libraries (interlibrary loan) for public patrons starting January 3, 2011. This service will continue to be available for state government employees as it relates to their state work.
- 3) The Library of Michigan will not be a participating MeLCat library beginning January 3, 2011. Public and state government patrons currently using MeLCat through the Library of Michigan should talk with their local library about MeLCat participation.
- 4) Beginning January 1, 2011 the Library of Michigan will be open to the public Monday through Friday and will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

GENEALOGY WEBSITES

This website contains 3 million volumes, mostly free public domain works. For books on genealogy, enter "genealogy" in the search box. <http://goo.gl/85COh>

A leading online provider of newspapers and historical documents for family research. Thousands of new U. S. Military records released recently. www.GenealogyBank.com

Directory of millions of links of genealogical resources. <http://www.linkpendium.com>

Use to search for burial locations of veterans and family members in VA National cemeteries, State Veterans cemeteries, Department of Interior cemeteries and for veterans buried in private cemeteries when the grave is marked with a VA provided grave marker. http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1

The LDS (Mormons) are planning on putting their entire catalog of microfilms and microfiche on the internet. More information is being added almost monthly so check it often. <http://www.familysearch.org>

Ancestry probably has the largest variety of records. It has census, births, marriages, deaths, immigration, military records and city directories. <http://www.Ancestry.com>

If you relatives in the Saginaw, Michigan area, the Saginaw Public Library has compiled an obituary index for the various newspapers the served the Saginaw area. Obits.netsource-one.net/

Are you looking for ancestors in French Canada? If so, this is a place to start. <http://www.genealogie.umontreal.ca>

Simplifying family history research by providing easy to use tools and resources. It has historical newspapers, immigration records, yearbooks, vital records, tax lists and military records. <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com>

A constantly evolving site. Check it out for new information. <http://www.Cyndislist.com>

Do you have ancestors the lived in Arizona? If so, you are in luck as you can see actual birth records up to 1934 and death records up to 1959. <http://genealogy.az.gov>

Gravestone pictures from across Iowa. <http://iowagravestone.org>

If you have relatives that died in Missouri between the years 1910-1958, you are in luck. You can see and print actual copies of the certificates...for free. <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/death> certificates

MCGS Publications

Genealogical Sources of Marquette County, Michigan - Third Edition

37 page booklet of local resources published in 2005. \$10.00 + 2.50 p/h

Big Bay Cemetery, Marquette County, Michigan 17 pages published in 2000. \$4.00 + 1.50 p/h

Burial and Tombstone Transcriptions of West Branch Township Cemetery, Marquette County, MI

11 page booklet published 1994. \$3.00 + 1.50 p/h

Cemetery Recordings in Turin and Wells Townships, Mqt Co., MI 28 page booklet pub. 1997.

\$6.00 + 2.50 p/h

1850 Federal Census, Marquette County, Michigan 10 page booklet published 1998. \$3.00 + 1.50 p/h

Graduates of Michigamme High School 1895-1965 Published in 1999. \$6.00 + 2.50 p/h

Kuitilahti Cemetery Recordings UPDATED EDITION Published in 2000/03. Color photos. \$15.00 + 3.50 p/h

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Green Garden Hill, Mqt Co., Michigan 16 page booklet pub. 2001.

\$4.00 + 1.50 p/h

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan published in 2003. \$20.00

+ 3.50 p/h

Humboldt Cemetery, Champion, Marquette County, Michigan published in 2005. \$8.00 + 3.50 p/h

Lake Superior Roots Backissues of society newsletter. Contact society for list. \$3.00 each

Enclose check payable to Marquette Co. Genealogical Society and mail to the society address.

MCGS Membership Form



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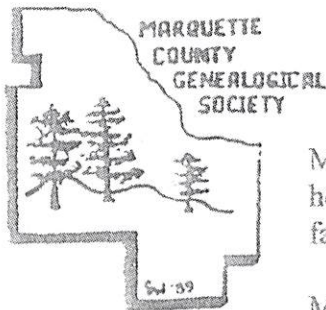
Please print and complete this form, include a completed ancestor chart, enclose a check for \$12.00 payable to the society, and mail to the above address. Please do not send cash.

NAME _____ MAIDEN _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ YEAR _____ SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED: _____



MARQUETTE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

MCGS was organized in 1988 to share a common interest in Genealogy, help preserve and organize sources and resources in the area, promote family research and maintain a collection of genealogical resources.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (September through May) at 6:45 p.m. at the Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St., Marquette, MI. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome!

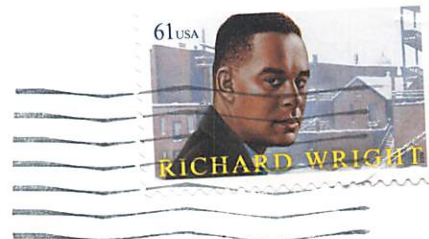
Dues of \$12.00, single or family membership, are due annually by January 1st. Yearly membership includes: monthly programs, access to Surname Index and Membership List, 3 issues of *Lake Superior Roots*, 1 free newsletter query and 1 hour of free research to non-county members.

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The Marquette County Genealogical Society held meetings on February 16, 2011 and April 20, 2011 with the following guest speakers:

Shirley Johnson Moore spoke to the February meeting audience about her participation and experiences in the Snow Queen pageant held in Marquette during the 1940's.

Marquette always had a Winter Queen. Contestants were judged on their skiing, skating, and snowshoeing abilities. As part of the festivities, an ice ship was built at the end of Front Street, a destroyer, built to specifications. During the closing ceremony, they sang the traditional "Lutefisk" song.

Sixty-nine years after the Winter Queen Pageant of 1941, Shirley received a phone call from Archie Kelly who was a captain in the Navy and was present when Shirley was crowned Queen of Marquette at the ice ship. The call was a surprise of surprises!

Photos of the Winter Queen pageant were provided by MCGS member, Judy Webb. The Winter Queen pageant ended with World War II.

At the April meeting, **Leo LaFond**, current Mining Safety chairperson from Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co. (CCl), now Cliffs Inc., spoke. His topic was and is DANGER: CAVING GROUND because it is Leo's mission to constantly remind people of the dangers of old mining areas. Leo was a mine inspector in the Ishpeming and Negaunee area, and promotes land safety.

Currently, Leo cited, there are two children and five adults missing because they broke through, for whatever reason, DANGER fences which mark old unstable mining areas.

Some mine shafts are as deep as 6,000 ft. and at one time in the U.P.'s mining history, there were over 250 different iron ore mining companies mining in the area of Ishpeming and Negaunee.

In 1966, Leo explained, eight-year-old Ruth Ann Miller fell 5,600 ft. into an abandoned mine shaft, the Tamarack Mine Shaft #4, in Calumet. Her body was never recovered and the site is now a memorial, surrounded with a cyclone fence and no gate. A sign was also erected, telling of Ruth's death. Sadly, Ruth's mother is also buried within the fence.

Leo said adults cut fencing at abandoned mine shafts so they can dump objects (refrigerators, pianos, etc.) into abandoned shafts that they would have to otherwise pay to get rid of. KEEP OUT---OLD MINES ARE DANGEROUS, Leo kept repeating. Leo himself, at the age of ten, was exploring a mine tunnel with a friend and a candle and flashlight. They heard a rumble and turned around to see the entrance to the mine caving in. The boys had to dig their way out and never told their parents what had happened. KEEP OUT: OLD MINES ARE DANGEROUS!

ISHPEMING CEMETERY

Once again it is tombstone transcribing time!! We will be working at the Ishpeming Cemetery starting late June or early July. If you are interested in helping on this wonderful project, please call Rosemary at 475-9308 or e-mail; WMichelin@aol.com

RESEARCH TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

The IGSI (Irish Genealogical Society International) is excited about offering a research trip to the National Archives, DAR Library and the Library of Congress, 18-23 September 2011. The trip includes:

- 5 nights at the Holiday Inn, Arlington, Virginia
- Welcome Reception
- Twilight Tour of Washington, D.C.
- Free ticket entry to DAR Library
- Final Night Buffet Dinner
- Welcome Gift

Transportation to Washington, D.C. is arranged and paid by participant. Registration is limited to 20 rooms, so check with Trip Coordinator regarding availability.

Submitted by Mary Skewis

ACROSS THE BORDER-CANADIANS IN THE UPPER PENINSULA

This exhibit focuses primarily on the immigration of Canadians to the Upper Peninsula during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The exhibit will be on display until 23 July 2011 at the Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center at 105 Cohodas Hall, on the campus of Northern Michigan University. The center is open Monday thru Saturday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. If you would like more information call them at (906)227-3212 or e-mail them at www.nmu.edu/Beaumier.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

17-19 June 2011 -- Upper Peninsula History Conference, hosted by the Marquette Regional History Center, Northern Michigan University, and the Marquette County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

25 June 2011-- Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, craft demonstrations, food, genealogy and vendors.

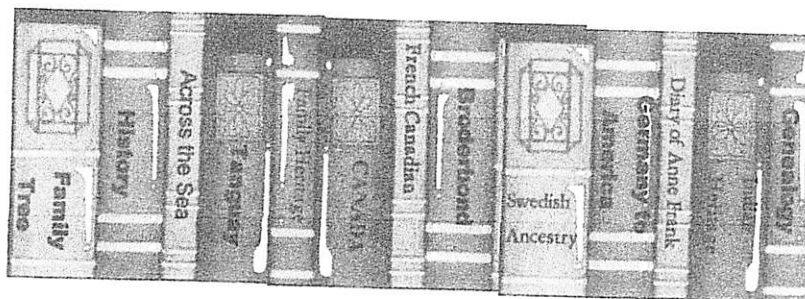
20 July 2011 --Annual Potluck Picnic at Presque Isle Pavilion at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, beverage and table ware. Please bring your friends and family for this enjoyable outing.

21 September 2011-- Meeting at the Peter White Public Library at 6:45 p.m.

19 October 2011--Meeting at the Peter White Public Library at 6:45 p.m. The newsletter will be distributed to those members in attendance.



~YOU CAN HELP~



HELP BUY BOOKS and CD'S FOR
THE MARQUETTE CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LIBRARY COLLECTION.

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FOR \$456.64. DROP RECEIPTS IN BOX BY MCGS COMPUTER
AREA AT PETER WHITE LIBRARY OR BRING TO MEETINGS
AND GIVE TO FLORENCE "POKIE" OLIVIER.



Econo Foods program aids society



Florence Olivier of the Marquette County Genealogical Society receives a check from Zach Quinnell, manager of Econo Foods in Marquette. The organization earned more than \$456 through Econo's We Share program.

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GENEALOGY HUMOR



Top 10 Indicators that you've become a gene-aholic:

10. You introduce your daughter as your descendent.
9. You've never met any of the people you send e-mail to, even though you're related.
8. You can recite your lineage back eight generations, but can't remember your nephew's name.
7. You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.
6. You've taken a tape recorder and/or notebook to a family reunion.
5. You've not only read the latest GEDCOM standard, but you also understand it.
4. The local genealogy society borrows books from you.
3. The only film you've seen in the last year was the 1880 census index.
2. More than 1/2 of your book collection is made up of marriage records or pedigrees.
1. Your elusive ancestor has been spotted in more different places than Elvis!

Genealogy without documentation is mythology.

Genealogy: where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root."
.. Chinese Proverb

"Why waste your money looking up your family tree?
Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you!"
— Mark Twain

You live as long as you are remembered
~ Russian Proverb