



***Ingham County Genealogical Society***  
***NEWSLETTER***  
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**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

2008 MEETINGS

April 10 – Kris Rzepczynski, “Circle of Life: Research With MI Vital Records”

May 15 - “Share Your Successes and Problems”

No meeting June or July

August 14 – Annual Picnic at Vevay Twp Hall

September 11 – Shirley Hodges, TBA

October 9 – James N. Jackson, “Putting It All Together”

November 13 – Lori Fox, “ Making Sense of the Census”

December 11 – Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Friday, July 25 & Saturday, July 26**  
**Dr. George K. Schweitzer, noted genealogy speaker**

The Ingham County Genealogical Society and the Library of Michigan are co-sponsoring the Abrams Genealogy Seminar on Friday July 25 and Saturday, July 26 at the Library of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan. The featured speaker will be Dr. George K. Schweitzer, noted genealogy speaker who presents his programs in period costume. Dr. Schweitzer will give two programs: “Tracing Ancestors Back Across The Atlantic” and “Civil War Genealogy.” The registration form at this date is not available, but look online at [www.michigan.gov/familyhistory](http://www.michigan.gov/familyhistory) later this spring. We will have the registration form at our meetings as soon as they are available. Since we are co-sponsoring this seminar, members of the ICGS will receive a discount on the price of the seminar. Look for further information online.

## FAMILY KEEPSAKES?

Where are your photographs and keepsakes? Have you checked on them recently? This is something you should do periodically in order to make sure these precious items are ok. Many of us use that space we call a basement and I am sure some of you have discovered that the keepsakes you thought were safe and sound were not as safe as you thought! Yes, new houses can get water in the basement which can lead to disposing of any family heirlooms because of mold and mildew. If you need to store your items in the basement be sure to place them in waterproof containers, and run your dehumidifiers to maintain proper humidity. Don't forget about the attic/garage – how hot does it get? Are there critters that chew? Photographs and memorabilia should be stored at 70 degrees temperature and 40% humidity and away from direct sunlight. A windowless closet away from outside walls and sources of water is an ideal place. Be sure to check on your family keepsakes to see if you may need a better place to store them.

When handling these heirlooms be sure to wash your hands with soap and water first. Washing removes the dirt and oils from our hands that could remain on these items causing damage in the future. Fingerprints on photographs can show up overtime.

Have you labeled your heirlooms? There is nothing worse than inheriting all those lovely items and not knowing the history behind them. Name people in pictures, tell when it was taken, (using a photo-safe, waterproof, fade proof pen) label other heirlooms by placing note cards inside teapots or on backs of plates etc. - telling who it belonged to, its time frame and was their any significance to the piece.

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Hotel Mason, Built in 1855, Mason, Mich.

From Hartzog (1938) Chapter 9: The only hotel remaining in Mason, which is now known as the Mason hotel, is owned and operated by Mrs. W. G. Cameron. It was built for a private residence, and in 1854 was made into a hotel by John S. Griffin. F. P. Moody, father of Dr. George Moody, was proprietor from 1869 until 1880. It was known as "The American House."

## LANSING CREDIT EXCHANGE

May 12, 1930, Bulletin #471

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### BIRTHS

	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs.</b>		
April 17, 1930	Harry <b>Herndon</b>	405 S. Jenison	Boy
April 19, 1930	Anthony <b>Foetino</b>	323 Hoag Ct.	Boy
April 20, 1930	C. LeRoy <b>Meyers</b>	2112 Sterling twin	Girls
April 22, 1930	Alan C. <b>Gibson</b>	410 N. Jenison	Boy
April 22, 1930	Howard A. <b>Donahue</b>	1513 W. Hillsdale	Boy
April 22, 1930	Clifford J. <b>Gladstone</b>	720 W. Kalamazoo	Boy
April 22, 1930	Orley <b>Weldon</b>	913 Marion St.	Girl
April 23, 1930	Lauren Bruce <b>Neal</b>	913 Jerome St.	Girl
April 23, 1930	Floyd L. <b>Hook</b>	1025 W. Barnes St.	Boy
April 24, 1930	Benj. Richard <b>Curtis</b>	417 Munroe	Boy
April 28, 1930	Burt S. <b>Mass</b>	720 Randall	Girl
April 28, 1930	Leon Martin <b>Calder</b>	R. #1, DeWitt, Mich.	Boy
April 28, 1930	Leslie Lafayette Mathew <b>Green</b>	Lansing, Mich.	Boy
April 28, 1930	Earl <b>Ewing</b>	1138 Prospect	Boy
April 29, 1930	Harry <b>Mapes</b>	Sunfield, Mich.	Boy
April 29, 1930	John W. <b>Hunt</b>	1300 W. Washtenaw	Girl
April 29, 1930	Wilbert A. <b>Risk</b>	1308 W. Ionia St.	Boy

### DEATHS

April 28, 1930	Wm. <b>Pamment</b>	122 N. Clemens	41 years
April 28, 1930	Chas. James <b>Annis</b>	616 N. Francis	66 years
April 28, 1930	Johnson P. <b>Owens</b>	Lansing, Michigan	22 years

### DIVORCES GRANTED

May 03, 1930	Mary A. <b>Holmes</b>	Vs.	Kenneth C. <b>Holmes</b>
May 03, 1930	Ellen L. <b>Travis</b>	Vs.	Leonard J. <b>Travis</b>
May 06, 1930	Perry L. <b>Wheeler</b>	Vs.	Laura M. <b>Wheeler</b>
May 08, 1930	Phyllis <b>Middlebrook</b>	Vs.	W. E. <b>Middlebrook</b>
May 08, 1930	Harriett F. <b>Russell</b>	Vs.	Leon James <b>Russell</b>

### CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAMES FILED

May 02, 1930	<b>Bakers</b> Kitchen – Harriet A. <b>Bullard</b> , James M. <b>Beeker</b> , Lansing, Mich.
May 09, 1930	The Home Folks Bureau – Francis C. <b>Crawford</b> , Erna P. <b>Crawford</b> , Lansing, Mich.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Edward **Welch**, 27, Lansing-Dorothea E. **Larson**, 23, Lansing  
Glendon **VanTassell**, 24, Lansing-Clestia **Alexander**, 18, Lansing  
Norris W. **Coffman**, 20, Lansing-Helen A. **Watson**, 19, Cheboygan  
Cecil **Endsley**, 19, Lansing-Velma **Todd**, 19, Hastings  
Clifton H. **Shaw**, 42, Lansing-Cecile M. **Corwin**, 35, Lansing  
Willis C. **Kitson**, 20, Legonier, Ind.-Marguerite E. **Coy**, 19, Syracuse, Ind.  
Linton R. **Wells**, 25, Lansing-Helen R. **Koehler**, 25, Lansing  
Loris B. **Curtis**, 24, Alaiedon-Ruth **Spanenberg**, 22, Lansing  
Bradford **Springer**, 25, East Lansing-Dorothy S. **Livernois**, 22, Monroe  
Frank S. **Drake**, 57, Pine Lake-Grace **Shilling**, St. Louis, Miss.  
Marvin C. **Henrys**, 21, Lansing-Mary J. **Parks**, 16, Lansing  
Jack A. **Whitaker**, 22, Lansing-Emma J. **Ek.**, 19, Lansing

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

NAME	FORMER ADDRESS	PRESENT ADDRESS
<b>Ansbaugh</b> , Douglas S.	Lot 87, Willard St.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
<b>Bell</b> , Frank J.	526 N. Foster St.	Barryton, Michigan
<b>Blume</b> , O. H.	501 Michigan Ave. E.	Flint, Michigan
<b>Bourne</b> , Leland C.	1110 Prospect St.	Holt, Michigan
<b>Brindley</b> , Geo. P.	902 W. Willow St.	R.F.D. #2, Bath, Mich.
<b>Collard</b> , Milburn	312 N. Magnolia Ave.	Detroit, Michigan
<b>Dillingham</b> , Vern, H.	239 Elvin Ct.	R.F.D. #2, Williamston
<b>Earl</b> , B. M.	810 Prospect St.	Laingsburg, Mich.
<b>Foster</b> , Huber F.	219 Bingham St.	R #2, Dimondale, Mich.
<b>Fredenburg</b> , Starr	747 Clayton St.	Albion, Mich.
<b>Gorman</b> , John	605 W. Mt. Hope Ave.	Olivet, Mich.
<b>Henke</b> , Hugh	1614 Weldon St.	Oshkosh, Wisc.
<b>Krowcek</b> , Dan	1101 Person Ct.	Detroit, Michigan
<b>LaValley</b> , Morris	824 Bridge St.	Grand Rapids, Michigan
<b>McClory</b> , W. P.	513 S. Magnolia	R.F.D. #2, Mason, Mich.
<b>Monroe</b> , Earnest	Stockbridge, Mich.	Webberville, Mich.
<b>Naldrett</b> , Noel E.	600 W. Allegan	Edwardsburg, Michigan
<b>Osborne</b> , Frank	R.F.D. Dansville, Mich.	Onondaga, Michigan
<b>Raines</b> , Lawrence	334 E. St. Joe St.	Abbingdon, Ill.
<b>Robertson</b> , Merrill	1625 Blair St.	Hartford, Michigan
<b>Smith</b> , Elmer O.	420 S. Clemons St.	Dexter, Michigan
<b>Stackus</b> , Ralph A.	329 Regent St.	Grand Ledge, Michigan
<b>Stiles</b> , J. H.	527 Isabell St.	Stockbridge, Michigan
<b>VanNocker</b> , Lewis G.	1109 N. Jenison St.	Gunnisonville, Michigan
<b>Wall</b> , John	321 Bingham St.	Milwaukee, Wisc.
<b>Whitaker</b> , Elmer J.	1109 W. Mich. Ave.	Flint, Michigan
<b>Wilton</b> , Mrs. Hallie	909 N. Cedar St.	Petoskey, Michigan

## Alaiedon Township World War I Veterans

(Continued from previous issues)

Records compiled in connection with a Scrap Book during the World War of Men in the  
United States Services

Copied as written – Corrections in { }

### Dart Thomas Lang (297020), Alaiedon Township, Mason, Michigan

Dart Thomas **Lang**, youngest son of Thomas Thompson and Margaret Agnes **Lang** was born in Delhi Township, March 28, 1897. He has one sister, Mrs. Viola M. **Sanderson** of Mason and one brother, J. Kieth **Lang** of Alaiedon Township. In May 1913 he enlisted as private in Battery A., 119 Field Artillery. During the Mexican trouble he served nine months on the Mexican border. He returned from there and spent his time on the farm until again called to the service on July 15, 1917 and trained with his Battery at Camp Hoague, Lansing until Aug. 18 when they were transferred to Camp Ferris Grayling for further training. Here he was made a first class private. Again they were sent to Camp McArthur, Texas where he was transferred to headquarters company 119 Field Artillery. In Feb. 1918 they left Camp McArthur for Camp Merritt, N. J. to await sailing orders. They sailed from Camp Merritt, Feb. 25, 1918 landing in Liverpool, England March 4, 1918, landing in France, March 11, 1918. From Couqueton, France he went with his company to Toul where they went in with the 46<sup>th</sup> Division. Dart said this was not very bad, "sort of breaking in." From Toul to Alsace where they saw more fighting, but the first field fight came at Soissons where they took the hill that the French said could not be taken, but which they not only took but drove the Huns back 48 kilometers. Dart very graphically described the struggle at Chateau Thirry. Here he said, "The best German troops, the Prussians guards were put against the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division and told to hold at all costs, but the 32<sup>nd</sup> broke the line taking prisoner those of the Prussian guard not killed and taking 22 kilometers of land. At Verdun the 32<sup>nd</sup> went against Point Mount Verconn, the best observation point on the western front, which both English and French said could not be taken. This was taken by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Infantry backed by the 57<sup>th</sup> Brig. F. A. {Field Artillery} with a 48 hr. barrage. The Eng. and French received a new idea of what the American army could do. "When we left Couqueton we had 1475 horses but at Point Mount Vercoum we could go no farther for lack of horses, all but 324 having been killed in action and the Division went back for rest." From Verdun they went back to Nauvages, France, staying there 3 months then to Brest, sailing for the U.S. April 21, arriving at Camp Mills, L. I., May 7, 1919. He arrived in Lansing with his comrades and marched in the parade at the celebration for the 119<sup>th</sup>, receiving his discharge May 16, 1919. Since then he married Miss **Stevens** of Mason and is working as a mechanic.

### Ivan S. Potter (2054999), Address-Mason, Mich.

Ivan S. **Potter**, whose father, J. Franklin **Potter** and mother, Alma L. **Potter**, were residents of Alaiedon Township for many years, was born July 24, 1890 and had three brothers, Orel and Herbert of Lansing and Gerald of Mason and four sisters, Mrs. Lydia **Swan** of Williamston, Mrs. Bertha **James** of Jackson and Mrs. Fern **Colby** and Miss Hazel **Potter** of Mason. Ivan was drafted May 18, 1918 and entered the service at Camp Custer as a private in Co. 9, 339 Inf. He was transferred to Camp Mills from where he took ship and arrived overseas in Aug. 1918. Here he was transferred with his company to North Russia. He was engaged in the North Russia Defense of Gora {Gori}, Nov. 18, 1918 and the Offense of Petrishina, Nov. 19, 1918. He received an honorable discharge, giving him an excellent character, July 7, 1919.

He has since married Miss Gladys **Rotnour** of Alaiedon and is engaged in farming near Mason.

**Charles F. Potter**, (438461), Address-Winnepeg {Winnipeg}, Can.

Charles F. **Potter**, oldest son of George W. and Dora K. **Potter** (deceased) was born in Alaiedon Township, Ing. Co. May 25, 1890. He has a brother, John, also in the service and one sister, Florence of Alaiedon. Charles enlisted at Winnepeg {Winnipeg}, Manitoba, Can., April 15, 1915 with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, going thence to Ottawa to training camp and being transferred from there in Sept. to Halifax, supposedly for winter, but were stationed there only one month when he was sent overseas. This battalion held the distinction of being the best trained of any in Canada, each man being trained to hold the position of an officer. After landing in France, they were very soon taken to the front. There he saw nine months of actual trench life, never missing an engagement in that length of time with his battalion of 800 men. In one engagement of four hours duration when recalled for muster and roll call, only 400 men responded. During the nine months he was blown up by shells and mines twice, the last time the records showing that he had hemorrhages for 18 continuous hours, after being carried to No. 1 dressing station. He was gassed once so severely that the effects will probably always remain with him. In May 1917, he was sent back to Canada for 6 months treatment. At the expiration of that time he was transferred into active service and returned overseas. He said, "I do not know as I will be able to stand it, but if I am any good to them, I am ready to go, for I know what they have to contend with over there." However, his health would not permit of active warfare and he was sent back to Winnepeg {Winnipeg} where he received his discharge, July 15, 1919.

### **Timothy Kauppi**

Timothy **Kauppi**, of Finnish parentage, was born in Finland in 1896. After reaching America, he drifted into Ingham Co. and was employed on farms in Meridian and Alaiedon Townships. After the outbreak of the war in Europe and hearing from his parents of the troubles through which they were passing, he decided to go back to Finland and fight with his countrymen. He had purchased his passage, but found on reaching New York, that it was impossible for him to go and returned to Alaiedon Twp. where he was at that time employed. But he constantly brooded over the condition of his people in Finland and finally enlisted Nov. 25, 1917. He was sent as private to Columbus, Ohio, then to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. from whence he sailed overseas. He was in the ambulance corps, was promoted to a doctor's first aid. He was badly gassed in August, but recovered and received the wounds which later proved fatal, the telegram stated that he died at Base Hospital No. 6. In Alaiedon, he stated that he had purchased two one hundred dollar Liberty bonds. He was a naturalized citizen and his letters said he only desired to live for his Flag, his Country and his God. What more can a man do than this—Lay down his life for the country of his adoption.



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Gertrude Brenner, Service Record Keeper for Alaiedon Township

The End of the Alaiedon Township World War I Veterans.

Coming in later issues-Locke Township World War I Veterans.

Farmer's Mutual Fire Ins. Co.  
OF INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
Amount At Risk, \$1,653,910.  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
Eden, Mich., Aug. 26, 1878

You are hereby notified that the Board of Directors of The Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Ingham County, Michigan, did, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1878, order an assessment of one and on-half mills on the dollar upon the amount at risk in said Company, to be collected in the month of September, 1878, to meet the present and future losses and adjusted claims and current expenses of said company.

The liabilities of the company at date of the last report were nothing. On April 1, 1878, W. B. **Watson**, of Delhi, had his house and contents damaged by fire \$10; March 20, I. **Chaffee**, of Delhi, had house and contents damaged by fire \$5; the house of Henry **Walker**, of White Oak, was damaged by lightning \$16; the contents of same house, belonging to W. S. **Walker**, were damaged at the same time \$25-50; the contents of the house belonging to Mrs. A. **Bell**, of Lansing, were destroyed by fire May 25, Loss, \$1,232. Mr. Jacob **Dakin** had a number of sheep killed by lightning, for which he was allowed \$37. The house and contents belonging to Wm. **Cook**, of Delhi, were damaged by fire \$30. The barn of O. V. **Tuttle**, of Leslie, was damaged by lightning \$5, he also had a valuable cow killed at the same time, for which he was allowed \$30.

O. F. **Miller**, Secretary.

Samuel **Skadan**, President

Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company  
Of Ingham County, Michigan  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
Eden, Mich, Sept. 1, 1881

You are hereby notified that the Executive Board of The Farmer's Mutal Fire Insurance Company, of Ingham County, Michigan, did, on the 3d day of August 1881, order an assessment of one mill on the dollar upon the amount at risk in said Company, to be collected 30 days alter September 1, 1881, to meet the present and future losses and adjusted claims and current expenses of said Company.

The liabilities of the Company at date of the last annual report were nothing. Amount of resources at same time, including fixtures, etc, was \$386.67. You are not assessed for any loss prior to your insurance. Number of new policies issued from Jan. 1, 1881, to August 5, 1881, 224. Since the last assessment the following losses have been sustained by the Company: April 27, a stack of hay belonging to J. P. **Smith** of Stockbridge, was burned: loss \$6.00. The house of H. E. **Bigelow** of Meridian, was damaged by fire \$5.00. Peter **Lowe's** house, Mason, damaged by fire \$5.00. October 2, J. **Frye** of Onondaga, had 14 sheep killed by lightning: loss \$42.00. Jan 10, Wm **Gilmore** of Aurelius, had clothing, etc. damaged by fire \$4.90. Paid Henry **Walker** of White Oak, \$16.00 for heifer killed by lightning. Paid John **Boardman** of Locke, \$7.00 for clothing, etc, damaged by fire. Feb. 4, the house and part of its contents, belonging to Mary A. **Goldwood** of Delhi, was destroyed by fire; loss on house, \$375; on contents of same, \$130. A carpet belonging to Sarah E. **Cook** of Aurelius, was damaged by fire \$1.50. Z.. **Makley's** house in Bunkerhill, damaged by fire \$14. The house of M. **Covert** of Leslie, damaged by fire \$15.00. The grannery of E. **Langley** of Delhi, was struck by lightning: damage \_\_\_\_\_. The house of Jay J. **Near** of Aurelius, was damaged by fire \$7.00. A hog belonging to D. D. **Bolton** of Leslie was struck by lightning; damaged \$3.00. Ira **Rolfe's** house, Vevay, damaged by fire \$1.00. The house of T. H. **Stratton** of Vevay, damaged by fire \_\_\_\_\_. L. H. **Ives** barn, Vevay, Struck by lightning; damaged\_\_\_\_\_.

Remember if assessments are not paid within the 30 days your policy stands suspended until paid.

The Board at its last annual meeting passed a by law requiring members using steam threshers to see that the smoke stack of the engine was properly screened; also that the hood or top screen shall not be opened or removed while in use. Great care should be taken in the disposal of your ashed, and all stove pipes and chimneys should be thoroughly cleaned each fall and spring.

O. F. Miller, Secretary

Sam'l Skadan, President

**From the Past**

**Ingham County Democrat 19 April 1894**

Harry **Fox** and C. E. **Hyde** were in Mason last week on business.

Robert **Dill** was called to Wheeler, Gratiot County, last Wednesday to attend the funeral of his brother William. He was the oldest of a family of ten children, the rest of whom are still living.

Philo **Lacey** and wife of Lansing are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry **Backus**. Mr. L. has been having the grip and has come out in the country to recruit up.

Mrs. Frank **Cazeer** has been quite sick with quinsy for a few days. But is better at this writing

Born to Mr. and Mrs Will **Wilbur** recently a 6 ½ pound boy

Lute **Ingalls**, who works south of Leslie, was home last Sunday for dinner

G. W. **Brewer** of Leroy was at the Corners last Saturday and Sunday.

Died, at her home ast Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, of congestion of the brain, Zetta, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis **Wetzel**, aged nine years. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

D. **Higgins** sold his span of colts last week to W. **Reasoner** for \$130.

Colfax **Carr** is going to move into Mr. **Watt's** home.

Perry **Aseltine** is getting the stone on the ground to build a cellar under his house. He will also build an addition to his house.

J. **Mills** is getting material on the ground to build an addition on his house

N. M. **James** is back on his place.

Sowing oats is the order of the day.

Robbie **Osborne** is working W. **Slough's** farm.

F. **Shriver** is working J. **Shriver's** farm



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