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FGS Meetings are always open to the public and are held the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July, & August) starting at 7:00 p.m. The FGS meetings are held at:

Burton Senior Activity Center
3410 South Grand Traverse
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The FGS Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be March 26, 2013 at the Perry Archives at 1 pm.

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Speakers Bureau



Our next meeting is Tuesday

April 2, 2013

**Were your Ancestors in
lumbering ?**

Our speaker will be Lorene Wilson. Her topic will be:

**Lumbering in Genesee County
& Michigan**



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

AT 9 AM

GREAT LAKES NATIONAL CEMETERY



Volunteers needed for headstone cleaning. If interested in volunteering with The Flint Genealogical Society for this event, please, contact Carl Pardon at Great Lakes National Cemetery by e-mail at pardoncarl@yahoo.com or call 248-328-0386.

Please tell them you are with the Flint Genealogical Society group. See our March newsletter for more information or click on the link below:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2013/02/great_lakes_national_cemetery_5.html

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... in the *Genealogy Spotlight*



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Lumbering in Michigan



At Familysearch.org here is a database on marriage:

Michigan Marriages, 1822 to 1995

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1675359>

Ancestry.com

Michigan Western, 1884 Directory

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=6072>

Lumbering in Michigan

<http://www.hal.state.mi.us/mhc/museum/explore/museums/hismus/prehist/lumber>

Lumbering in Michigan's History

list of books about lumbering at Library of Michigan

http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-50206_54518-56345--,00.html

Huron Shores Genealogical Society

Indexes related to lumbering

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/mi/iosco/3501hsgs.htm>

A Brief History of Lumbering in Michigan

<http://www.michigan-history.org/lumbering/LumberingBriefHistory.html>

Michigan's Lumber Boom

http://agilewriter.com/History/Mi_lumber.htm

Michigan Lumbering History (1868)

<http://bay-journal.com/bay/the/writings/mi-lumbering-1868.html>



Lumbering History, or One Man's Tall Tale?

My great grandfather, John Hamilton Woods Anderson, was born November 5, 1862 in Sanilac County, MI to James G. Anderson and Margaret Woods. In the 1880 census he is listed as 17 living with his parents in Oregon Twp., Lapeer Co., MI and his occupation is listed as farm laborer. On August 14, 1887 in Zion Church - Watertown, Sanilac Co., MI he married Ellen Emalena King. In his later life he became a Free Methodist Minister.

I don't have any documentation of him ever being involved in lumbering, but my grandmother told me a story that he had told her. So the story that I am about to tell you may be fact or may be fiction (or maybe a combination of both?)

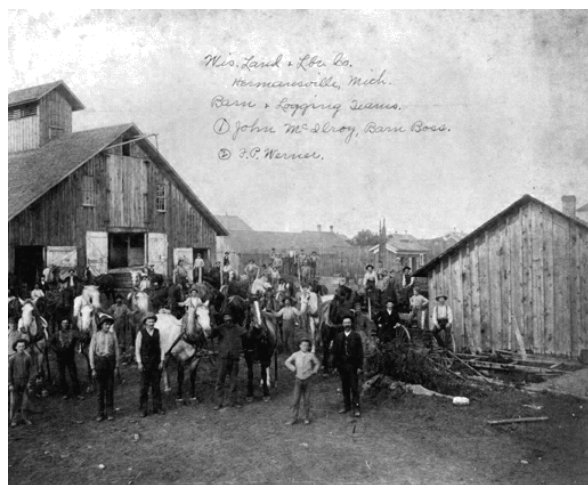
My grandmother said that when her dad was a "boy," (so, don't know how old he was, maybe he was a teenager?), that he was in the lumbering camp. The men were taking the boys one by one and having them get in the middle of a blanket. Then the men would grab an edge of the blanket and fling the boy into the air. Her dad seeing this wanted no part in this, so he edged his way over to the fireplace. He picked up the fireplace poker, and when it became his turn held out the poker and said "Any one of you come near me, and you're getting this!"

Since in his later life my great grandfather was a Minister I doubt that the entire story is false, but if this story is true it has me wondering that the ceiling in this building must have been high, unless it was an outside fireplace? It also has me wondering "what happened next?" Did my great grandfather have to go to bed with one eye open, or did the men wrestle the poker away from him make him participate even though he did not want to?

By Gerald Anderson Little Jr.

The photos below are photos that I found on the internet.

(It would really be something if my great grandfather is actually in one of them?)



Around the State ...

The St. Clair Shores Public Library Thursday, March 28, 2013 7:00 pm

Doing Research in Catholic Records. Archdiocese of Detroit Archivist Heidi Christein presents information on what types of genealogy information the various sacramental records of the Catholic Church contain and how to locate and request copies of documents. She will also discuss where to look for Catholic Military records and how to find documents from churches that are no longer part of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Heidi's program will also assist genealogists in finding sacramental records in other catholic parishes around the country.

<http://scslibrary.org/genealogy.html>

Macomb County Genealogy Group Friday, April 5, 2013 1:00 pm

"Finding Your U.S. Military Ancestors Using Alternative Records and Sources," presented by Bob McGarry.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mimcgg/meetingsmccgg.html>

Western Michigan Genealogical Society Saturday, April 6, 2013 1:30 pm

Found a Hollander in Your Ancestry? Presenter: Janet Sheeres

There's a very good chance that you have because between 1820 and 1900, 340,000 Dutch emigrated from the Netherlands to the United States, with the majority settling in Michigan. By 1880 the total number of Dutch in Grand Rapids in 1880 was approx. 4,000. By 1900 one-third of the Dutch-born in the USA lived in Western Michigan where they totaled 40% of the population.

This presentation will focus on some of the basic structures of Dutch genealogy, and the pitfalls Americans incur when researching their Dutch roots in Dutch records. We'll look at the various parts of the Dutch Civil Registry and church records and the difference; and also briefly touch on Dutch genealogical databases available on the Internet.

http://www.wmgs.org/meetings_events.htm

Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society Monday, April 15, 2013 7:00 pm

Portage District Library. Main Topic: Kalamazoo During the Civil War: Life on the Homefront.

Presented by Tom Dietz, Curator of the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

<http://mikvgs.org>

The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan Saturday, April 20, 2013 1:00 pm

Membership meeting will start at 1:00 and the DNA talk will start at 1:30 PM and last until 4 PM.

Robert Sliwinski - M.S. is a biologist & genetic genealogist researching Y-DNA and mtDNA family lineages. "Genetic Genealogy: A Polish-American Perspective"

http://www.pgsm.org/meetingschedule_1.htm

Dearborn Genealogical Society Thursday, April 25, 2013 7:00 pm

Jessica Miller. Seeking Ancestors with Seeking Michigan and Other Online Resources will focus on Michigan records and include live demonstrations and a discussion of tips, hints, and strategies to use when searching Seeking Michigan and Family Search. It will also touch on using online indexes, guides, and catalogs to prepare for visits to the Archives of Michigan.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~midgs/programs.htm>

Huron County Genealogical Society Saturday, April 27, 2013 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Will be holding their monthly research trip / meeting at the Bad Axe Area District Library in Bad Axe, MI.

The library is open 10 am to 4 pm on Saturdays.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mihcgs>

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FLINT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Jim Newman.

Reading of previous meeting minutes waived due to the excused absence of Secretary Norma Winters.

Reading of the Treasures report waived due to the absence of Treasurer Pam Smith.

Lois Revenaugh informed the members of a headstone clean up at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on Saturday April 13, beginning at 9:00am. Members are asked to bring pails and brushes if they have them.

Trudy Krueger offered for sale to the member at half price printer ink that was purchased, but not needed.

The meeting was turned over to Paul Gifford, of the U of M Flint, for his presentation on the genealogy of the Crapo family.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Pozarek