

Researching your ancestors in Calhoun County, Michigan

Archives of Michigan • 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48915-1609 • archives@michigan.gov (517) 373-3559 x 3 • <http://www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi> *Naturalization records, federal and state census including several federal schedules, military records, tax assessment rolls, land records, Family Heritage Collection, historic photographs. Digital collections hosted at Seeking Michigan* <http://SeekingMichigan.org> *Michigan death records, Civil War service records, blog, K-12 educational lessons, programs, events.*

Calhoun County Clerk and Register of Deeds
County Building, 315 W. Green St., Marshall, MI 49068-1518 • (269) 781-0718
<http://co.calhoun.mi.us/docs/documents.html>
Land deeds and marriage records since 1833, birth and death records since 1867.

Calhoun County Probate Court • 161 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014-4066 • (269) 969-6794
http://www.calhouncountymi.gov/government/probate_court • *Wills, estate inventories, guardianships.*

Calhoun County, Michigan, USGenWeb Project
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou> *Message boards; links to libraries, archives, vital records and county history publications; historical information; early county photos; county DiBean marriage database.*

Family History Center, 1312 Capital Ave. SW, Battle Creek, MI 49015-3604 • (269) 964-0878
mi_battlecreek@ldsmail.net • <http://www.familysearch.org>
Microfilm access to world's largest genealogical database.

Helen Warner Branch, Willard Public Library
36 Minges Creek Place, Battle Creek, MI 49015-4295
(269) 968-8166 x 602 • <http://www.willard.lib.mi.us> (click Local History) • *Federal and Michigan censuses; local newspapers from 1852; vital records; probate records; deeds; plat books; historical photos; Battle Creek city directories; access to American Ancestors, Ancestry and Heritage Quest.*

Library of Michigan • 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909-7507 • librarian@michigan.gov (517) 373-1300 • <http://www.michigan.gov/familyhistory>
Most Michigan newspapers on microfilm, city and county histories, vital records, cemetery transcriptions, plat maps.

Contact us

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On the web:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou/ccgs.htm>

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CCGS mission

- To gather and preserve information of genealogical value.
- To encourage the deposit of such information in suitable depositories.
- To aid genealogists in the study of family history through the exchange of knowledge.
- To publish and promote Calhoun County and other genealogical materials.



*Searching for
your ancestors?*

**Join the Calhoun County
Genealogical Society.**

We can help.



*Connecting Calhoun County, Michigan,
family history researchers since 1988*



Who were your ancestors? Where did they come from? How did they get here? How can you learn about their lives? The rich mosaic that is the United States includes countless personal histories just waiting to be uncovered. How can you begin to uncover your family's stories?



Join the Calhoun County Genealogical Society

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned genealogist, join the Calhoun County Genealogical Society (CCGS). You will learn, explore and share the adventure of uncovering your family's personal histories. Our mission is to help people researching family history. We exchange knowledge, publish genealogical materials, gather and preserve information of genealogical value, and encourage its deposit in suitable repositories.

CCGS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

Membership is open to anyone interested in family history. You don't have to live in Calhoun County or have ancestors here. We have members in several states – and local members whose roots are not in the county.

Benefits of belonging

Network with like-minded individuals. Meetings are typically held the fourth Tuesday of each month, but not in July, August or December. Meetings offer outstanding programs of interest to general family history researchers, as well as those who have ancestors in Calhoun County. You'll have the chance to meet experts, gather with new friends and find answers to your questions.



Join us for **special events** such as a research trip to one of the nation's largest genealogical libraries.

Members receive a 10 percent **discount** on CCGS publications, as well as workshops and research trips the society sponsors.

Members enjoy a subscription to **Generations**, the newsletter filled with research tips, educational opportunities, a calendar of activities, free queries, information about history, statistics and records. The newsletter includes an annual membership directory and surname index, giving you an opportunity to get in touch with others researching your surnames.

The society carries out **worthwhile service projects** for the benefit of genealogists, such as microfilming historic records.

If your ancestor lived in the county before 1921, you can honor him or her by applying for a **Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate**.

Members may join our **email list** to stay up to date on society events.

Membership cards are available on request.

CCGS is a member of the Michigan Genealogical Council, the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS).



A wealth of information

The CCGS **website** has a wealth of information including facts, photos, transcriptions, links to publications and information about our educational activities.

The society has published several **books** related to Calhoun County family history, including local cemetery transcriptions. For ordering information about the titles currently available, see <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/publications%20order%20form.pdf>

A name index of **Generations** newsletter is at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/generations.htm>

Many back issues of **Generations** newsletter are at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/generations_images.htm

Find information about each of the county's 20 **townships**, including history, clerks, funeral homes, libraries, historical societies, churches and cemeteries (some with tombstone transcriptions), at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/twpinfo.htm>

Instructions and application forms for the **Calhoun County Pioneer Certificate** are available at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~micalhou/pioninst.htm>

How to join

A low annual fee gets you membership with a subscription to **Generations** by email. For a little more, you can get the newsletter by postal mail. For the current dues rate and link to a membership form, see <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/ccgs.htm>



Genealogy is addictive, like putting together pieces of a puzzle and solving a mystery. There's nothing like the thrill of finding a long-lost ancestor. Join us as you search.