

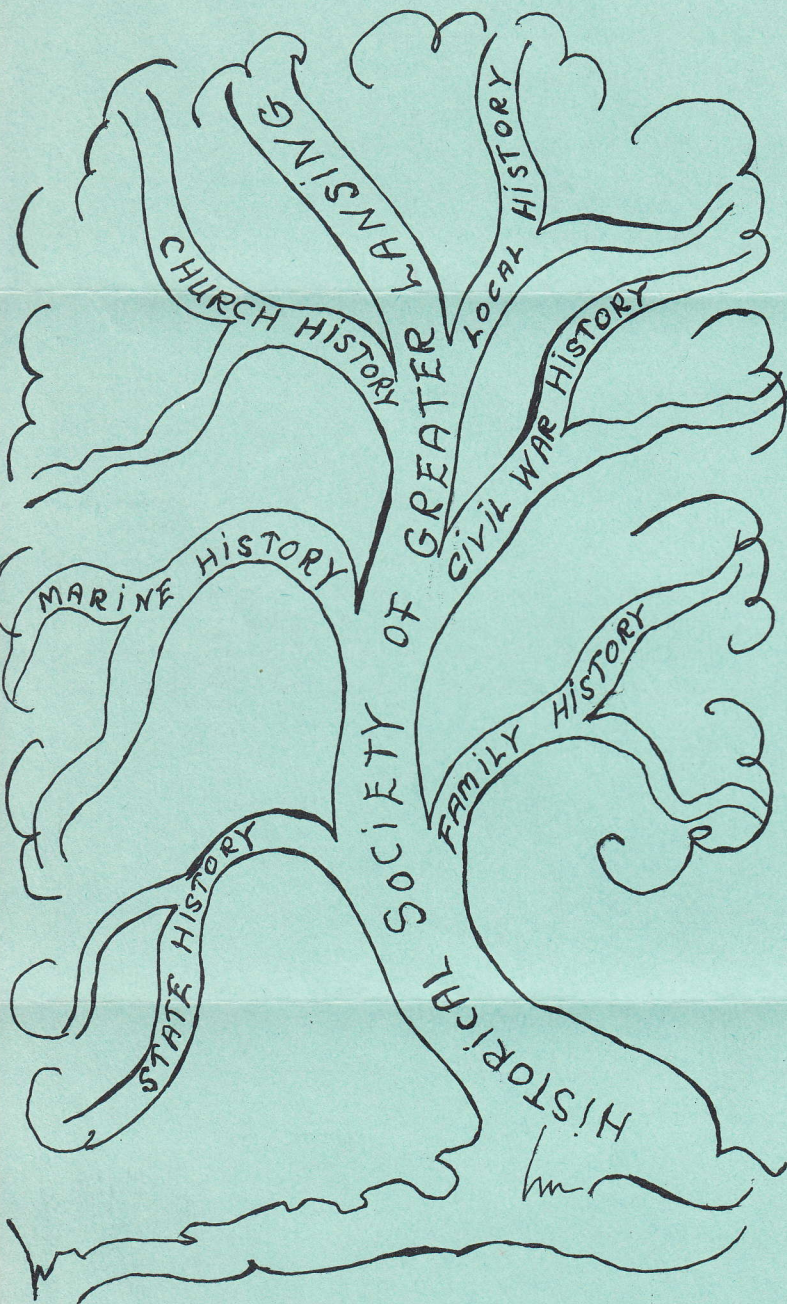
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## Meeting Dates

January 18, 1961  
February 15, 1961  
March 15, 1961

April 19, 1961 and  
the ANNUAL MEETING  
May 10, 1961

The January 18 meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be held at the State Library, 125 East Shiawassee, Wednesday night, at 8:00 p.m.

## CLIMBING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Dr. Joseph L. Druse will be in charge of the program.

Everyone's interested in his family; and what was formerly a purely personal matter is now becoming a matter of social consequence, not in the sense of snob prestige, but especially as a valuable procedure for attaching the young to the American ideal and for providing an enriching use of leisure for our senior citizens. The Historical Society of Greater Lansing takes this opportunity by courtesy of the Michigan State Library, to give its members and the general public an opportunity to join in the intriguing search for ancestors. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

1. If you are just beginning to be interested in your own family tree: Bring along ALL you know about your immediate forebears: to wit: Names and places and dates of birth, marriage, death of all, as exact as possible, but approximate, if there is no exact information.
2. If you've already started, bring along one of your problems--we'll try to give you some clues in solving it.
3. If you're just concerned about the process itself, bring along a pencil.
4. If you want to serve the cause of research--we have some projects in this area which have scientific aspects, and we'll gladly utilize your time.

## PROGRAM

1. Business meeting--this will be very very brief.
2. Welcome

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO JOE!

Dr. Joseph L. Druse has been a member of the Michigan State University faculty since September 1954. At first an instructor of humanities, he has since risen to the position of associate professor.

He was born in Racine, Wisconsin and earned the B. Ed. degree at Wisconsin State College in 1946. In 1949, he was granted the M.A. degree at Marquette University, and in 1955, he received the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago.

From 1936 to 1942, Dr. Druse was a teacher in the elementary schools of Racine County in Wisconsin. His work was interrupted by service in the United States Air Force from 1942-46. He then became an assistant instructor at Marquette University in 1948 and an instructor at St. Joseph's College at Collegeville, Indiana, from 1949 to 1953.

Dr. Druse is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, national history society; the American Historical Association; the American Catholic Historical Association and the Medieval Academy of America. He has served as president of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing and as a leader in the Great Books program of East Lansing.

His hobbies are: Genealogy, discussion clubs, local history and cooking.

Joe Druse has contributed great enthusiasm to our Society and is one of its very loyal members. He will be in charge of our Family History night program--this being his special interest.

For the past year, in connection with his work at Michigan State University, he has been

conducting a family history study group in Grand Rapids, once a week and has been most successful with it.

He brings real talent, his keen interest and his know-how to this meeting. This may not be your cup-of-tea but from Joe's previous programs we promise a lively and interesting evening and the techniques used in climbing a family tree may well be used in pursuing your special historical interest.

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### PROGRAM continued:

3. First steps in the Search
4. Basic Genealogical Tools
5. Michigan Materials
6. The Wealth in Periodicals
7. Service to Genealogy

Apart from the first two parts of the program you will be free to work at your own preference. You are welcome to attend any, all, or none of the rest of the ten minute discussions outlined above. While these parts of the program are being given, veteran genealogists will be available to help you become acquainted with the resources of the State Library, to assist you with the initial steps of the process, and to suggest procedures or clues for your problems.

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

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