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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

**Meeting place: Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**

**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 p.m.**

**Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00**

**Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library**

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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 21, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

**PROGRAM: Geology of the Pikes Peak Region, Colorado.**

**REFRESHMENTS: Bring your own snacks/beverage**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## Calendar for Spring 2022

April 7, 2022 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m Okemos Library

April 21, 2022 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 21, 2022 - Science Night at Bennett Woods Elementary

May 19, 2022 - Annual Spring Banquet, Masonic Temple

June 16, 2022 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Wed, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 21, 2022 – Steven Veatch- The Ultimate Guide to the Geology of the Pikes Peak Region, Colorado.

May 19, 2022 – Spring Banquet- John Esch, “Michigan Geology Not Taught in School”

June 16, 2022- Special Silent Auction and Work Bee for Show

## April PROGRAM

The Pikes Peak region of Colorado is well known by gem and mineral collectors for its exceptional mineral and fossil treasures. Clusters of blue-green amazonite and smoky quartz crystals, found in cavities within the Precambrian (1 billion-year-old) Pikes Peak Granite, are considered the finest in the world. The Pikes Peak Granite also yields excellent crystals of topaz, fluorite, goethite, and other minerals too numerous to mention. The Cripple Creek mining district, in the shadow of Pikes Peak, is one of the most important gold districts in the United States. Gold mining continues there today. Nearby, exquisitely detailed plant and insect fossils occur within the Eocene (34 million-year-old) Florissant Formation. These fossils represent a time in Earth's history much warmer than today's climate. Don't miss this program.

The presenter, Steven Veatch, is a member of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Club, and a 2015 National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame inductee.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

Our annual banquet will be May 19, 2022, tickets will be available at the April club meeting or the May 6 board meeting, or call Dan Sine at 517.763.2954 on weekends to reserve Tix. You can also fax him at same number Mon-Fri. Email is daniel.e.sine.civ@mail.mil Members are encouraged to

bring guests. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 children and the dinner includes: Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, dinner roll and drinks, along with fruit pie for dessert. We are also setting up an email address for reserving tickets.

Speaker is John Esch, Office of Geological Survey/Oil, Gas & Minerals Division, Topic: Michigan Geology Not Taught in School.

**Please plan on joining us for this delightful chicken dinner and presentation and help keep the banquet tradition going.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Stacy Sipes & Adam Gomoll**

**Robert & Samuel DuFort**

**Cindy & Miranda Devereaux**

**Robin, Michael & Evie Moore**

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Two winners of CML&MS's 2022 MSU student scholarships have been selected.....**

We had five applicants. They were all good candidates, making it somewhat difficult to select the two winners. However, the two selected winners are: **Ms. Shelbi M. Hughes**, from Charlotte, Michigan, and **Ms. Julia K. Radlaff**, from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, the club's 2022 Scholarship Committee, consisting of Lyle Laylin, John Juroszek and Milt Gere, interviewed the five candidates for this year's two \$2,500.00 Geology student scholarships.

With the help of Dr. Susannah Dorfman, and Ms. Elizabeth McElroy, both from MSU's Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, the 'Geology' related department, the committee obtained the five applicants and were provided video ZOOM meeting connections for the interviews.

Both winners have rock and mineral collections and enjoy collecting specimens in the field. Also, both have agreed to give short talks about their studies and interests at one of our future club meetings.

As a side note, Ms. Hughes said her rock and mineral interest was gained in part from her Grandfather. Guess what, he turns out to be a retired geologist, and club member, **Dr. Dave Westjohn!**

The two winners have each been mailed their \$2,500.00 checks from our club. On Saturday, April 29, 2022, Lyle Laylin will represent CML&MS and attend the MSU Awards Ceremony and present the winners with a 'Certificate of Accomplishment' regarding their scholarships.

Milt Gere ....

**Outreach Committee:** We are always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact Theresa Hubbard, [thrshubbard@yahoo.com](mailto:thrshubbard@yahoo.com) to lend a hand.

### **Science Nights:**

**APRIL 21:** Bennett Woods Elementary in Okemos is having a Science Night April 21, from 6:30-8pm. This is the first school to have a science night since 2020 and may be a good sign that schools are beginning their outreach activities again.

**Field Trip reminder for the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022** field trip to Fishermen's Island State Park. Petoskey hunting and beach combing. **Reservations ARE NOW OPEN** for those planning on camping for the weekend. Michigan State parks are very popular so make your reservations now if you are thinking about coming on this trip. You can always cancel your reservation further down the road, however please note that the DNR now charges a \$10 cancellation fee.

### **June 11, 2022: Day trip to the Fossil Park in Sylvania, Ohio.**

Nearly 375 million years ago, northwest Ohio was a great sea teeming with life. Now, Fossil Park is rich in fossilized brachiopods, coral and more than 200 species of prehistoric life. You're going to dig exploring for these buried treasures, and the best part is, you get to keep whatever you find! Fossil Park's 5-acre, ADA accessible rock quarry allows you to search for world-renowned fossils in a safe, controlled environment. The fossils come from Hanson Aggregate Midwest's large working quarries, located just a mile south of Fossil Park. The specimens are already in shale that is soft enough to break with your bare hands, making this an activity nearly anyone can enjoy.

Cell phone **517-599-1882** or [cmenn@yahoo.com](mailto:cmenn@yahoo.com). Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

If you have been on any trips and would like to pass along field trip ideas or good locations, please email Carl so he can put together a list of future field trip spots- thanks

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**March 18-20: Jackson, MI** MGMS Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Fri. Mar 18 10am-7pm, Sat. Mar 19 10am-6pm, Sun. Mar 20 11am-5pm, Keeley Park, 200 W Ganson St, Jackson MI 49202

Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Thurs./Fri 9:30-9; Sat 9:30-7. Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972 - 28th St. SW, Wyoming. Contact: Kreigh Tomaszewski, (616) 243-5851

**April 29 to May 1: KALAMAZOO, MI** Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show. Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Contact: Writton Graham, (269) 615-7073; [writton@greatlakesgeneralstore.com](mailto:writton@greatlakesgeneralstore.com)

**May 1-2: SHARONSVILLE, OH** Cincinnati Mineral Society Annual Show. Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville. Contact: TerryHuizing, (513) 574-7142; [tchuizing@fuse.net](mailto:tchuizing@fuse.net)

**May 15-16: NORTH OLMSTED, OH** Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show. 11-5 each day. Soccer Sports Plex, 3515 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted. [parmalapidaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:parmalapidaryclub@gmail.com); [www.parmalapidary.com](http://www.parmalapidary.com)

**May 22: WATERFORD, MI** Livingston County Gem & Mineral Rock Swap. 9-5 Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Rd., Waterford. *Flyer*

**June 11: GRAND RAPIDS, MI**, Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Rock Swap, 9am-12pm Woodland Drive-In Church, 2600 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, Contact: Kreigh Tomaszewski, (616) 243-5851; [kreigh@gmail.com](mailto:kreigh@gmail.com); [www.indianmoundsrockclub.com](http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com)

## **A Michigan Shoe Salesman Heads West: A Profile of William James Hosley**

By  
Steven Wade Veatch

Looking for a fresh start, William James Hosley came to the goldfields of the Cripple Creek mining district in Colorado at the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He brought his young bride with him, set up a home in the thin mountain air, and went to work in one of the celebrated mines of Cripple Creek in the summer of 1900. This is his story.

On a wintry Christmas night in 1869, William Hosley was born in a log cabin—across the road from the Hosley family farm—near Howell, Michigan, to Elijah B. and Nancy M. Lawther Hosley. Hosley was born in the cabin because the original farmhouse had burned down and was being rebuilt. The Hosley family farm was in Livingston County, Oceola Township, Michigan, about 4.5 miles from Howell, the county seat.

The young William Hosley attended the Kneeland school, a country school about a mile north of their farm, where his mother taught school. After Holsey graduated from Howell High School, he attended the Cleary Business School in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Following his business school classes, Hosley worked as a shoe salesman for a short period with his cousin, Frederick Hosley. That job did not pan out; so in 1897, he left Howell and traveled out west to Colorado, where he visited his second cousin, Eva Lawther Parker and her husband, Clarence E. Parker. Clarence Parker lived in Ward and worked as the hoistman at the Modoc mine near Ward. Eva lived in Boulder so their two daughters could attend high school. Both Eva and Clarence Parker were also from Howell, Michigan.

William Hosley stayed with Clarence Parker in Ward. After Hosley arrived there, Parker talked him into becoming a miner. Parker helped Hosley get a job at the Modoc mine, and this was the start of his mining career. During Hosley's stay in Ward, he met Parker's daughter, Jennie E. Parker (Hosley's third cousin) when she came from Boulder to help her father with housekeeping.

Hosley didn't court Jennie for very long. It was summer, and their romance swept them along to their wedding day. Hosley and Jennie were married in Denver on July 6, 1900. Jennie was 17; Hosley was 30. He was an energetic young man with a sharp sense of his future.

While working at the Modoc mine, Hosley would surely have heard the news coming from Cripple Creek, the "World's Greatest Gold Camp." As Hosley thought about the exciting tales of gold mines, jobs, and limitless opportunities, he grew restless. He could not resist the call of the glittering gold fields of Cripple Creek, and soon after his wedding, he and Jennie moved to the gold camp.



Figure 1. Modoc gold mine and mill near Ward, Colorado. Clarence Parker worked in this mine, and his stories of mining encouraged William Hosley to become a miner. Photo date 1894. Unknown photographer. Photo courtesy of the Carnegie Library for Local History/Museum of Boulder collection.



Figure 2. William Hosley on his wedding day, July 6, 1900, in Denver, Colorado. Unknown photographer. From the private collection of Kathleen Liddy.

William Hosley and his wife settled in the town of Independence, one of more than a dozen camps in the Cripple Creek mining district. Hosley then started work as a miner at the nearby Vindicator mine. He quickly fell into the routine of his job, and each day brought him a sense of purpose.

At 17 years old, Jennie Hosley set up housekeeping with immense pride—she had a home of her own and a husband with a steady job at the Vindicator. In the winter of 1900, she was pregnant with her first child when she contracted smallpox. Despite her health struggles, she gave birth to a healthy boy, Sterling Elijah Hosley, on August 12, 1901. The arrival of little Sterling crowned her happiness.



Figure 3. Jennie and William Hosley stand on the porch in front of their home in Independence. William holds a cigar in his right hand and a miner's lunch bucket in his left as he gets ready for a shift at the Vindicator mine. Photo date circa 1900. Unknown photographer. From the Kathleen Liddy collection, courtesy of the Cripple Creek District Museum.



Figure 4. Sterling Elijah Hosley, born August 12, 1901, in the Cripple Creek mining district. Unknown photographer. From the Kathleen Liddy collection, courtesy of the Cripple Creek District Museum.

Independence was platted in a ravine in 1894 and soon became a popular place for miners and their families to live (Taylor, 1966). By 1900, when Hosley arrived, 1,500 people lived in Independence, mainly in roughly built, one-story lumber houses (Sprague, 1953). Montgomery Avenue was the main street, and 11 other streets filled the roughly square boundary of the town (MacKell, 2003).

The bustling town's business buildings were made of wooden boards with false fronts. Businesses included an assayer, jeweler, photographer, and one physician. They also included a drugstore, a grocery, a meat market, one restaurant, two saloons, and a lumber mill. The town had a boardinghouse and two hotels (MacKell, 2016). Mrs. Mamie Crook ran the Hotel Montgomery, and she advertised a "nice home for miners, good board and clean rooms at reasonable rates" (MacKell, 2016).

Independence was the site of a major ore loading rail yard. Locomotives made it a noisy place with their pistons chuffing, whistles blasting, and brakes squealing. Switch engines and crews traveled around to the various mines and mills and switched ore cars out—pulling the loaded ore cars away and replacing them with empty cars. The switch crew would then assemble loaded ore cars into a train that delivered the ore to a mill. Hosley surely would have felt the deep rumbling of a train pulling loaded ore cars as it rolled by. He no doubt noticed locomotives belching plumes of thick black smoke, soot, and cinders and the smell of coal and hot valve oil as the trains passed through town. And then there was the odor of freshly applied creosote that covered the wooden railroad ties. The Midland Terminal Railway provided passenger service and stopped at the depot on First and Montgomery (MacKell, 2003).



Figure 5. The town of Independence, Colorado looking northwest. Photo date 1897, by Webster and Yelton, photographers. Courtesy of the Cripple Creek District Museum. CCDMA82.

The Vindicator mine, where Hosley worked, was next to the town of Independence. He worked at shaft number one, or the main shaft. The Vindicator was the fourth largest producer in the Cripple Creek mining district, and its underground workings reached a depth of 2,150 feet (Sprague, 1953).

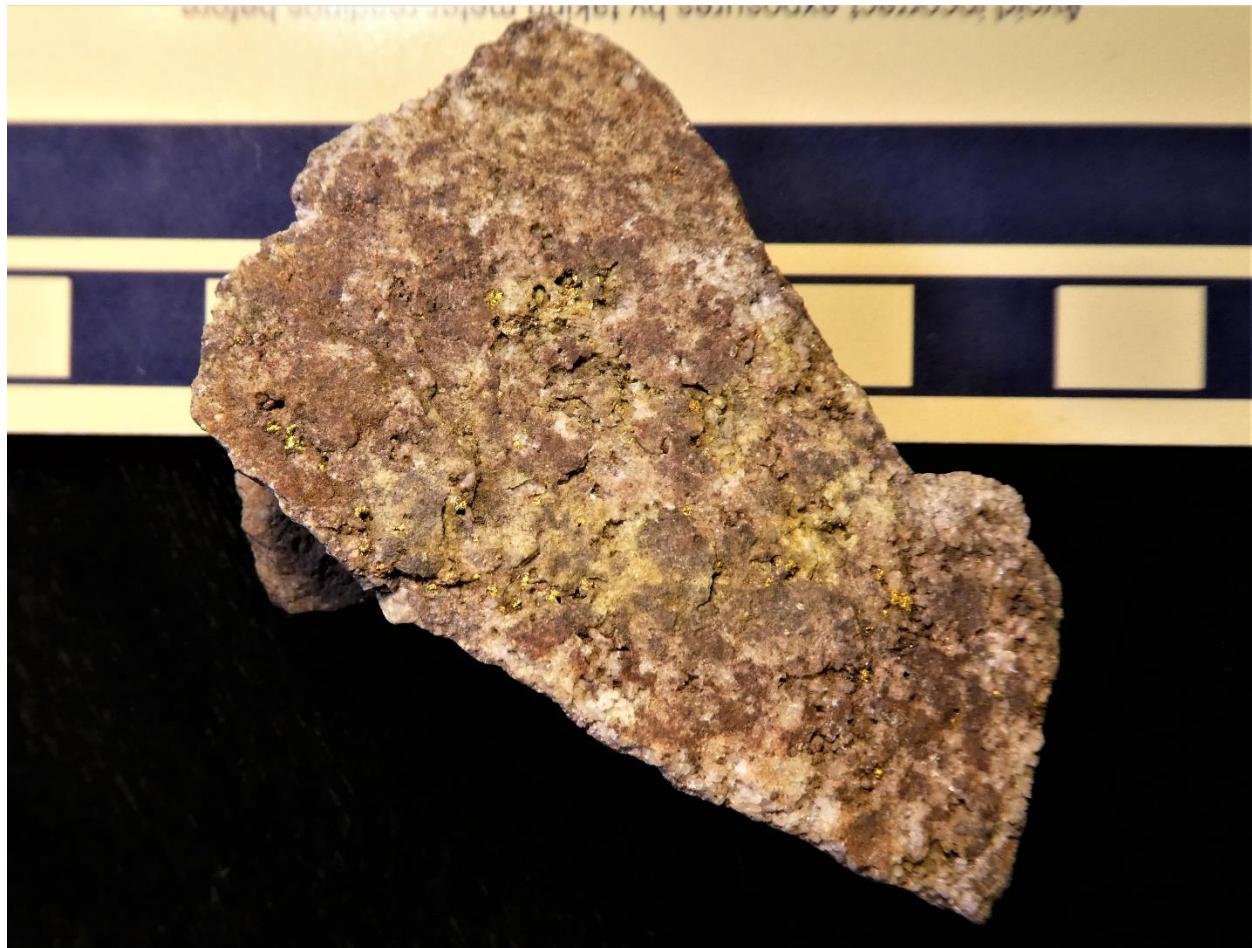


Figure 6. Gold ore specimen that William Hosley collected from a tailings dump near the Vindicator mine. Visible gold, from roasting the sample, appears on the specimen. Ruler in centimeters. From the private collection of Kathleen Liddy. Photo date 2021 by S. Veatch.



Figure 7. Another Vindicator mine gold ore specimen that William Hosley collected and roasted. Note the gold bubbles indicated by the red arrow on the surface of the rock. Field of view is 2.5 cm. From the private collection of Kathleen Liddy. Photo date 2021 by S. W. Veach.



Figure 8. Map of the Cripple Creek mining district. A red arrow points to the town of Independence. The Vindicator mine is directly below the arrow. From Jameson, 1998.



Figure 9. Vindicator shaft number two in upper left foreground and shaft number one, the main shaft, in the background. The town of Independence is below the Vindicator property. False-fronted businesses are built into the mine tailings. Photo date circa 1900. Unknown photographer. From the Lodi Hern collection, courtesy of the Cripple Creek District Museum.

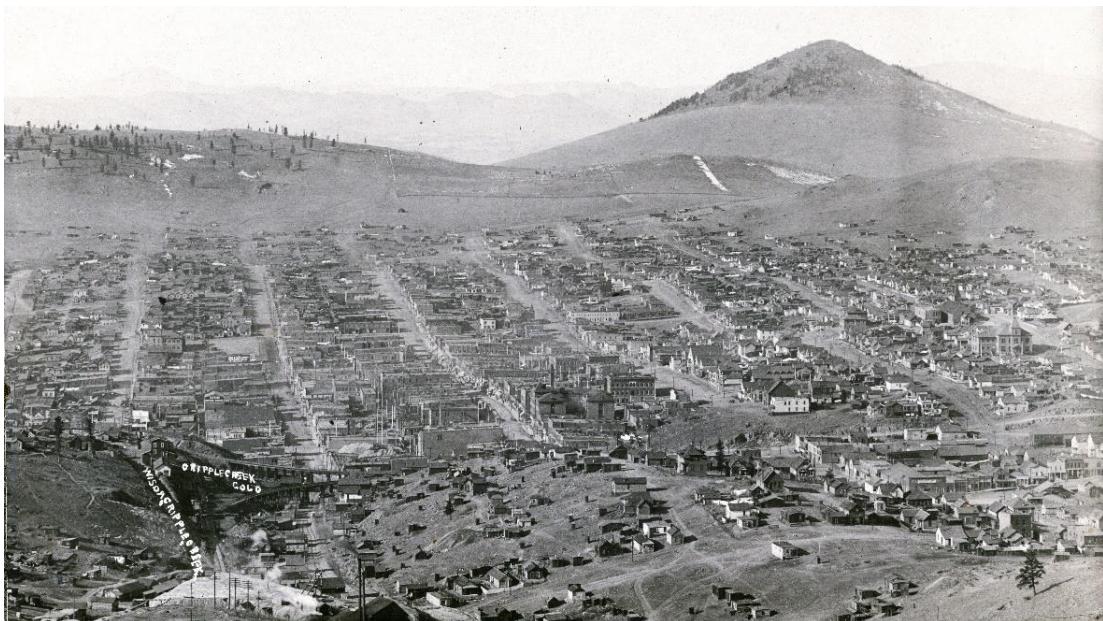


Figure 10. A Cripple Creek panorama circa 1900. Photographer unknown. Courtesy of the Cripple Creek District Museum CCDM A82 5.

Gold production in the Cripple Creek mining district peaked around 1900—the year that Hosley came to the district—with production valued at \$18 million for that year (Taylor, 1966). *The Cripple Creek Times* reported that 55,000 people were living in the district in 1900. Cripple Creek had 25,000, Victor had 12,000, and 11 other towns scattered around the district had populations that ranged from a few hundred to over 2,500 people (Sprague, 1953). On Sunday mornings, the district's churches were full, and during the week, nearly 4,000 students attended the district's 19 schools. Men worked the mines day and night; merchants were busy selling their wares while papers were printing the news. Saloons filled with miners who bet on spinning roulette wheels and played faro or poker. Outside entertainment included boxing, horse racing, and baseball (Taylor, 1966). The Fourth of July ran for three days—the third, fourth, and fifth. There were parades each day. Men exploded boxes of dynamite to celebrate, while rock drilling contests went on in some towns in the district.

Sometimes the exciting gold rush days of Cripple Creek turned into violent nights. Hosley surely read the headlines about Sam Strong, a district mining millionaire, who owned a mining claim near the Independence mine. On August 22, 1901, there was a disturbance in the Newport Saloon on Bennett Avenue in Cripple Creek. Grant Crumley, co-owner of the saloon, was tending bar when he quarreled with Sam Strong. Crumley then blasted Strong in the face with a sawed-off shotgun. Strong fell to the floor and blood pooled around his head. The stinging smell of gun smoke filled the room as men gathered around the body in somber silence. The Sheriff charged Crumley with murder. Crumley pleaded self-defense, and a jury acquitted him. Grant, and his brothers Sherman and Newt, were thought to have been members of the notorious Dalton gang before they came to Cripple Creek (Sprague, 1953). Once in Cripple Creek, the Crumleys robbed trains, jumped drunks in dark alleys, and took part in other criminal activities (Sprague, 1953). Hosley must have thought about the dangers of raising his children in the district's wild gold-rush atmosphere.

And there were perils underground. Hosley worked 100s of feet below the surface of the Vindicator mine, where he trudged through claustrophobic tunnels. He toiled amid creaking timbers and dripping water. Grime stained his clothes from the damp and muddy places he worked. The blackness of the mine swallowed the flickering light of his candle. The roar of blasting and the deafening racket of pneumatic drills shook him. The acrid fumes of dynamite blasts and rock dust from drilling filled the air, making him cough. Despite these conditions, he came to work to earn his paltry pay of three dollars a day.

Cripple Creek mines were dangerous, and there were many ways to be killed or injured, both underground and on the surface. There were rock falls, cave-ins, explosions from unignited rounds of dynamite, and accidents with machinery. Toxic gases brought death. Hosley risked his life daily in one of the most dangerous of all occupations. He likely wondered from time to time whether he would make it out of the mine alive.

In the spring of 1902, at the end of a long day digging gold in the dim light of the mine, Hosley decided he wanted to move back to his home state of Michigan. He quit his job at the Vindicator, packed up, got on the train with his wife and son Sterling, and moved to the green fields of his parent's farm near Howell, Michigan. Hosley no doubt struggled with raising a family in the gold camp, and he must have been relieved to return to his home in Michigan.

The days of mining were behind Hosley as he stepped off the train in Howell. With Jennie and Sterling, he traveled down a country road, with corn fields on either side, on his way to his family's farm. He became a farmer and helped his father. The Hosley family had named their place the Spring Valley Farm because there were springs on the property. They piped cold water from a spring into a long trough that went inside the milk house. Hosley and his father put cans of

milk in the trough to keep them cold until the milk truck arrived to pick the cans up. Hosley and his father worked the 330-acre farm, raising crops of hay, oats, corn, and beans, along with livestock such as shorthorn cattle, horses, Shropshire sheep, hogs, and chickens. It was a busy place.



Figure 11. The Hosley family farm, known as the Spring Valley Farm, on Fisher Road, Oceola Township, Livingston County, Michigan. Photo date circa 1920s. Unknown photographer. From the private collection of Kathleen Liddy.

By 1915, William and Jennie had nine healthy children, five boys and four girls. All except Sterling were born on the family farm. Hosley said to his friends he had enough children for his own baseball team—the “Hosley nine.” All the children had chores to do on the farm. Jennie’s father, Clarence Parker, stayed in Colorado for the rest of his life. Jennie’s mother, Eva, worked as a housekeeper in Boulder, until she moved to California where she lived out her remaining years.

William and Jennie celebrated their 25th anniversary July 6, 1925, at home on the Hosley Farm. Some of the children who were there became ill with scarlet fever, so they quarantined everyone for the summer.

In January 1927, Hosley suffered from his annual attack of pleurisy. He treated his illness by swabbing iodine on his side. However, he became sicker, developed pneumonia, and died on Jan. 27, 1927, the same year two of his children graduated from Howell High School. Jennie died Jan. 25, 1972, at a retirement home in Chelsea, Michigan. She was 89 years old.

Sterling, born in the goldfields of Colorado, was an insurance agent for Citizens Mutual Insurance Company in East Lansing. He contracted tuberculosis and suffered from its debilitating effects. In those days, there was no cure for tuberculosis. The treatment was fresh air. Sterling returned to Howell to stay at a sanatorium. Life and energy drained away from him, and he died in 1944 at the age of 43.

Roger Hosley (third child) was the last Hosley descendant to own the Hosley farm, which had been in the family for over 100 years. Roger sold the family farm in 1967, and the farm was subdivided into lots. Private homes now break up the old farmland.



Figure 12. William and Jennie's nine children posing in an undated cyanotype. From left to right in the back row: Roger, Katherine, Clarence, Sterling, Robert (sitting on a small table) Margaret, and Martha. In the front row is Henrietta and Wilfred. Photo date 1916, Emile Bode, photographer. From the Kathleen Liddy's private collection.

William Hosley's days in Cripple Creek are gone, like pollen scattered on a breeze. He was there during the last part of Cripple Creek's golden age. Today, the district would be unrecognizable to him. With his wife's help, Hosley went on to become a successful farmer and raise nine children. Work on the farm planned his life like a railroad timetable and defined the rest of his days.

The artistry of time, family memories, archival records, and old photographs have revealed an intriguing story of William Hosley, who shared for a time in the brotherhood of hard rock miners in Cripple Creek, "the World's Greatest Gold Camp."

### **Acknowledgments**

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## CMLMS MINUTES

### **Board Meeting, March 3, 2022,**

**Board Members Present:** Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, Robin Smith, Chuck Taricska, Fawn Dunbar, Ruth Lehner.

**Board Members absent:** Sue Casler, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Steve Smith, Sally Hedin

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

The Kalamazoo Rock Show is April 29-May 1. They could use volunteers to help (can we send 3 to 4 people?)

Should we do kid's contest and kid's programming? Do we have volunteers?

Do Fawn and Ruth not want their phone numbers in the newsletter? Under officers and chairs (give to Chuck if OK). The club needs to decide on May 19th banquet. Nate will talk to Roger to see if the Masons are serving food again. Dan Sine usually does the tickets. Sue Casler usually does door prizes. Should we have a banquet committee?

**Vice-President:** Steve Smith, absent; Currently no speaker or program for the March membership meeting. The speaker was able to do February or April of this year. Fawn mentioned that maybe we can do a show and tell or bring your favorite rock for the March Membership meeting. We could also have a recorded video.

**Past-President:** Sue Casler, absent, no report

**Field Trips:** Fay and Carl Mennare; May 21, 2022-Fisherman's Island, MI

**Publications:** Chuck Taricska-Items due to Chuck by Wednesday.

**Treasurer:** Fawn Dunbar- Wrote a check to Ruth to reimburse her for her 2021 show costs. Do we have a tax id number? Fawn will set a bank appointment that will include Fawn, Sue, and Nate. Fawn cannot electronically access the savings account currently for the club. She will get this issue resolved soon.

**Recording Secretary:** Jessica Clark, no report, board and membership meetings were canceled in February.

**Director 1:** Sally Hedin, absent, no report

**Director 2:** Jessica Clark, no report

**Director 3:** Ruth Lehner -She has printed and will be sending out packets about our 2022 show to other clubs. The fliers should be ready Monday. She plans to take some to the Jackson Show (March 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>). Fliers cost \$207 for 3,000 fliers. She is hoping they will be printed as tax exempt. She started a new contractor folder.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard-Theresa has sent cards to three deceased member's families and has rewritten the family memorial bequest. We discussed further edits to the document. The document has been unclear to the recipients. She also mentioned that our website needs updating. For example, the link to send email messages to officers on the board does not work.

**Liaison Officer:** vacant position

**Education and Community Outreach:** Theresa Hubbard, nothing currently due to Covid. No plans for education and outreach this school year.

**Library:** Jessica Clark

Currently looking for the card catalog file box. This is still missing.

**Display:** Vacant position, Need Volunteers.

**Finance:** Milt Gere-The MSU scholarship committee is composed of Milt, Lyle, Chris and John Juroszek. On March 16th they are meeting to review the applicants. He also asked MSU geology if they would like to set up a display at our show.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin, absent, no report

Board would like to have several folks updating info on our website. Will ask for volunteers.

**Show:** Robin Smith-New vendor contracts have been sent out. The Ingham County Fair Board letter has not been sent out yet.

From Ruth: Co-Chair/Dealer Coordinator: She already has one dealer on the books and contracted.

**Roster Secretary/Membership:** Robin Smith-Two new applicants (John and Sally Hoskins, Cindy Deveraux and daughter Miranda); Reminder to be placed in the newsletter that dues are past due, and you may be dropped from the directory.

**Old business:** None

**New Business:** Website needs a lot of work. Permissions didn't work for others to get in. Ask for volunteers at membership meeting. We need to get our show on the site.

We need to answer our banquet questions (What date? Can we still have food?)

**Adjournment:** Fay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Carl and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

### **Membership Meeting, March 17, /2022**

**Call to Order:** President Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:**

Robin and Evie Moore, Stacy Sipes and Adam Gommel

**President's announcements:**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>-Banquet** Tickets are on sale now. Nate is looking for a new speaker. \$10 for adults, \$8 for a child (12 and under).

Sandy Mooney from Florida wants Petoskey stones to be donated from the group-we have decided to pass on this. Nate will forward to Theresa who will give her internet sources.

We need volunteers for the Kalamazoo Show (April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1). We are looking for 2-4 people.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Fawn Dunbar now has access to the online savings and checking account. She can't access the CD. We need to vote at the board meeting and get the vote in the minutes so she can access the CD.

She transferred \$5,000 from savings to checking to cover the two MSU scholarships. The checking account did not include the money moved to cover the scholarships. Still looking to add Nate and Sue to the account at the bank. The account at the bank is sitting okay.

Alan is still on the bank account.

Fawn has Midwest Federation membership cards available if you would like one.

**Field Trips:**

Carl reported that on May 21, 2022 a Fisherman's Island State Park trip is planned. There is camping still available. They may make a side trip on Sunday (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) to look for Leland blue glass slag.

June 11, 2022-Fay and Carl will be at Fossil Park in Sylvania, Ohio. This is right across the Michigan border into Ohio. This trip is free picking.

**Education & Outreach:**

Bennet Woods Science Night-Theresa and Fawn said they would go.

We are thinking about maybe having a canned display for education outreach and science nights. Theresa will be inviting members from the surrounding clubs to come to our banquet.

**Officer and Chair Announcements:**

Annual membership dues are now due to Robin Smith.

Milt Gere mentioned that the MSU Scholarship winners have been chosen. Out of 5 applicants there were 4 good candidates. 2 students were selected. Milt will send letters to both the winners and the losers.

It is time to start putting fliers out for our October show. Pick up a few and take them with you if you will distribute them.

**Show:**

Robin reported that dealer contracts have been sent out. 3 vendors have already submitted their

paperwork.

Membership cards are available at the meeting to pick up.

The club may want to consider smaller booths for clubs (such as MSU geology club).

Ruth has had our fliers printed. Ruth will take some to the Jackson show and Theresa will take some to the Kalamazoo show to distribute.

We should begin liking and sharing our October show on Facebook.

**Door Prizes:**

9 door prizes were available and distributed. We talked about the rocks we brought for show and tell.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Fawn motioned to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded.

**Program:** None. Show and tell.

**Fun Rock Stores to check out:**

Main Street Rocks-Durand, MI

Maple Street Maple-Mason, MI

World of Rocks-Ypsilanti, MI

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Clark, Recording Secretary.

Happy Easter