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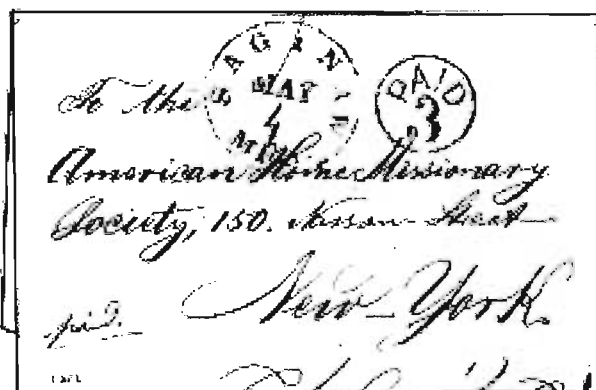
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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SAGINAW

At our MGS meeting in October, **Roselyn Ederer** spoke on the history of **Saginaw** and the influence of the **German** immigrants in its growth and development. I have in my **Saginaw postal history collection** a letter written by the **Lutheran missionary** who established one of the **first churches** in **Saginaw**. The letter, written **May 4, 1852** by the **Rev. Julius Ehrhart** contains a lengthy report on his ministerial activities. He was the **first Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church** located on the corner of Court and Bond Streets. The church was organized on **November 30, 1851**, with **22 members of German** origin.

The stampless folded envelope pictured here contains on the front the address "*To the American Home Missionary Society, 150 Nassau Street, New York*". It is stamped with a circular "**PAID 3**" and a circular "**SAGINAW Mich. MAY 4**". It also contains in the lower left corner a manuscript "*paid*".

On the back of the cover the sender wrote "*Rev. Julius Ehrhart, Saginaw City, Mich.; May 3, 1852*" and "*To Rep.*". The receiver wrote "*27,372*" and "*Due 100; Tell him to write in English; Ask sec to write about Synod*". It was sealed with red wax.



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MGS MEETING ** NOVEMBER 20

The third **Midland Genealogical Society meeting** of the fall will be held Wednesday, **November 20**, in the **lounge** of the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library** starting at **7:00 pm**.

Toni Hayes will speak on "**Genealogical Research in Romania**". Her grandparents came from what was the **Austrian/Hungarian Empire**. With help from the Internet, and a professional genealogist, plus several trips to **Romania**, she has gathered a great deal of data regarding her ancestors. She will show her first attempt at making a video as well as the value gained from hiring a professional genealogist.

The normal business of the society will be conducted. Special reports will also be made. Refreshments and conversation will follow the program in the lounge.

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From the President

A few members expressed an interest in having a one-day genealogical seminar in the tri-cities. No date or subject has been set. Seven of our members signed up at our September meeting to work on it. I would like to invite others of our society and also the Bay and Saginaw Counties genealogical societies to help. Please contact me on e-mail at massro@aol.com if you will be able to help. A meeting is tentatively set for Dec. 11 to get the process started. Our society board indicated support but will need to review the plan and economics first.

We have had a couple requests for a class on the computer use with both Family Tree Maker and the genealogical CDs. A sign-up sheet for an informal class will be placed in the Midland Room.

My wife, Kate, and I are now in Florida where a new grandchild named Finn Padhraig Brooks was born Oct. 21 – one day after we arrived. We are having a good time and helping a bit with baby sitting and errands. It has been hot like Midland last summer.

On earlier trips to Florida I found the large genealogical collection at the Selby Library of Sarasota easy to use. The library uses the Dewey Decimal system and a computerized catalogue like Midland but they have modified it to allow materials to be shelved by location or major topic: e.g. Connecticut, Ireland, Civil War, Passenger, Census, etc. Collecting our Midland County genealogical items (or duplicates) into a patron friendly and well-marked shelf section would be a significant improvement to our library.

Bob Mass

PS - I will not be at the **November 20th MGS** meeting. However, I hope you will attend.
Bring a friend!

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

It has been a while since we have had space (or made space) to add a few editorial comments in the **PR**. We would like to apologize to **Dick Smeltzer**, last year's Program Committee Chair, for misspelling his name in the last **PR**. We also apologize to **Dave Russell** for somehow omitting part of his Treasurer's Report. The stress of publishing the **PR** for mail delivery prior to our meetings sometimes results in errors. Despite frequent proof reading, errors seem to occur. We'll keep trying, but these will probably not be the last.

We hope you noticed the new **MGS logo** in the **PR** heading on the front page. Our Membership Co-Chairs, **Mary & Sheldon Levy**, have been very busy throughout the summer and fall. They are responsible for the design of the new logo. They have also spearheaded the revision and publication of a new **MGS** brochure that provides information about the **Society** for potential new members. Copies are available in the **Midland Room** of the Library.

We wish to commend a new member, **Bob Snyder** for volunteering to contribute his time in the **Midland Room** of the Library. He has joined a cadre of "Old Timers", **Bob Mass**, **Mary Lou Hayes**, **Mary Grace Lenz**, **Jo Brines**, **Nancy Lackie** and **Maxine McCullen** who each volunteer one afternoon per week assisting others in doing their genealogical research in the Midland Room.

Mary Branson, also a very new member, stepped forward and volunteered to serve as Chair of the **Program Committee** with **Ken Schweitzer**, **Joan Sommerville** and **Mary Lou Pease**. We welcome and appreciate their enthusiasm and willingness to share their time and talents with fellow members.

We have found that **active involvement** in our society has enhanced our genealogical experiences. It has opened new doors, provided increased opportunities to interact with other genealogists as well as increased our personal workload. We would like to **encourage** as many **members** as possible to become **actively involved** in our **MGS** activities. As of this writing, several members have volunteered to assist in the planning for a genealogy seminar during the coming year. This seminar may be co-sponsored by the **MGS**, **Bay County** and **Saginaw County Genealogical Societies** or by our **Society** alone. We would like to encourage **YOU** to also become involved. You may be surprised to find that once "**You try it, you may find you like it**".

IT STARTED WITH THE ROOTSWEB MAILING LISTS -- DAVE RUSSELL

The **RootsWeb** mailing lists for the surname **Foust** and for the location **Knox County, Tennessee** have been of particular value to me for researching my wife's family. It was through these two mailing lists that I learned of the **East Tennessee Cousins Homecoming/Reunion** that was held in July of this year in **Powell, Tennessee**. The organizers asked everyone interested to e-mail them with their e-mail address and the surnames they were researching. The **Homecoming/Reunion** has its own website and everyone on the Reunion mailing list received a copy of what people sent in.

One e-mail that caught my attention was from a lady in Madison, Wisconsin named **Mona Everett**. In her list of surnames was **Bayless**. My wife had a **3rd great grandmother** named **Rachel Bayless**. All we knew about Rachel was that she was born about 1794, married a **Robert Kirkpatrick**, and their daughter, **Eliza Jane Kirkpatrick**, married **Isaac Foust** in 1851 in Knox County, Tennessee.

At the **Reunion**, we found the lady from Madison, Wisconsin. When she showed us her notebook on the **Bayless** family, my wife and I could hardly believe our eyes. We found **Rachel Bayless** and her husband, **Robert Kirkpatrick**, and then Rachel's ancestors six generations back to my wife's **9th great grandfather, John Bayley (Bayles)**.

The "**Bayless Cousins**" are pictured on the right. On the left is **Sue Lewis** of Knoxville, Tennessee; in the middle is **Mona Everett** of Madison, Wisconsin; and on the right is **Shirley Russell** of Midland, Michigan.



We learned that **John Bayley** was born in 1617 in Norwich, England. He left London on 10 June 1635 on the "**Truelove**" bound for the Bermudas and New England as the indentured servant of William Wells of Norwich. The "**Truelove**" reached **Boston** in 1635. John Bayley and William Wells moved from Boston to **Lynn, Massachusetts** in 1638, then to **New Haven, Connecticut** in 1639. In 1640, John Bayley and William Wells were part of a group lead by a Reverend John Youngs that traveled by boat from New Haven to settle in **Southold, Long Island**.

Even before this **Reunion**, I had an interest in **Southold, Long Island** because my 7th great grandfather, **Ensign John Booth**, also settled there in the mid 1600s. We knew that he was involved in the purchase of Shelter Island in 1652, and purchased a lot in **Southold** in 1656.

The Historian for the community of **Southold** was kind enough to send me a map of Southold showing the original lots platted in **Southold** and the list of owners. **John Booth** and **John Bayley** are both listed.

What a revelation - the **John Bayley** family and the **John Booth** family both lived in **Southold, Long Island** at the **same time**, and owned lots upon which they both built houses on the same street at the same time. They lived about 8 lots apart or about 3500 feet.

**Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
During Period - September, 2002 - October, 2002**

**A Genealogical Dictionary of Westchester
Co., NY Families** 929.3747277

**Passenger & Immigration Lists Index -
2003 Supplement** --Filby 929.373

Vital Records of Kingston, NH 1694-1994
Arsen 975.37426

NOTE: There have been many CDs purchased or donated to our collection in the Midland Room for use with our Computer. A complete list of all our available CDs will be included in the next issue of the **PR**.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL REPORT

Kathy Bohl, MGS Delegate

The **Council**, in cooperation with Wayne State University Press is offering a new book **Michigan's Early Military Forces: A Roster and History of Troops Activated Prior to the American Civil War** by LeRoy Barnett and Roger Rosentreter. It is expected to be released in February, 2003. Included in this hardcover book are rosters of Michigan men and histories of Michigan militia activations of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Blackhawk War, Toledo War, Patriot War and Mexican War. A copy has been ordered for the **Midland Room**. Individual order forms will be prepared and offered to Midland Society members when the book is closer to release. Purchase **price** will be \$34.95, plus \$4.00 shipping/handling if mailed.

The **Michigan Genealogical Council** will celebrate it's **30th anniversary** November 14th at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Included in the program will be the announcement of the **Lucy Mary Kellogg Award** designee for 2002. The award is given annually by the **Council** to honor an outstanding genealogist member of a member society of the Michigan Genealogical Council. Members of the Midland society are cordially invited to attend the celebration, which will commence at 2:00 PM following the delegate's business meeting.

LOOKING FOR A NEW GIFT IDEA

Are you looking for a family gift idea for adults and children alike? A new picture card game is now available that involves an ancestor hunt that is both fun and informative. The game focuses on finding the parents of three linked descendants. In the process it encourages an increased understanding of family relationships. It provides a wonderful opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to search together for family members. It is available for a cost of \$12.00 and can be ordered online at:

www.FunStuffForGenealogists.com

on the puzzles and games page or call 877-259-6144.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2002-2003

The collection of **MGS membership dues for 2002-2003** will conclude at the **November MGS meeting**. The **MGS** Treasurer and Membership Chairs have been collecting dues since last May, 2002. If your dues are not paid by the end of November, this may be the last **Pioneer Record** you will receive. Dues may be paid by mail to: Membership Chair, **Midland Genealogical Society**, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640. Dues for an **individual** are **\$14.00** ; for a **family** they are **\$17.50**

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85	Parsons	Virginia	508 E.Ashman	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-5248		
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90	Root	Judy A.	4475 E. Tyler Rd.	Breckenridge	MI	48615	989-875-4463	ljroot@rural-net.com	2002
91	Rupprecht	Walter & Joanne	6109 Thornberry Ct.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-8945	wrupp@concentric.net	2002
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99	Sirrine	Patricia C. (Pat Worden)	3800 Shamrock Dr.	Charlotte	NC	28215-3298	704-532-7268	wppat1@chartermi.net	2002
100	Skelton	Eugene	P. O. Box 21, 5285 N. M-123	Paradise	MI	49768	906-492-3571		2002
101	Skochdopole	Richard E. "Dick"	2525 Lambros	Midland	MI	48642-4034	989-835-6433	reskoch@aol.com	2001
102	Smeltzer	Richard W.	6021 Swede Ave.	Midland	MI	48642-7147	989-832-7887	richardsmeltzer@aol.com	2002
103	Snider	Robert M. "Bob" & Glenna L.	318 Mayfield Ln.	Midland	MI	48640-2958	989-631-3121	bobglenna@aol.com	2002
104	Snyder	Robert C. & Gwen A.	312 W. Collins St.	Midland	MI	48640-5729	989-839-9644	rcsnyder2@earthlink.net	2002
105	Snyder	Ronald "Ron"	3 Robin Ct.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-0765	resnyder1@chartermi.net	2002
106	Somerville	Joan	3217 W. Wackerly St.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-6654	none	2002
107	Syverud	Alan	2612 Schade West Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-6942	989-631-2112	ansyver@jnsi.net	2002
108	Theaker	Linda S.	204 Spruce St.	Bay City	MI	48706-0366	989-684-6819	theakergen@chartermi.net	2003
109	Tomlinson	Donald	26 Doncaster Dr.	Brampton	ONT	L6T 1S7 CAN	905-793-2070	tomlins1@netcom.ca	2001
110	Tomlinson	Ruth M.	1111 E. Chippewa River Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-1747	rtomlinson@tm.net	2002
111	Tripp	Jan E.	3260 Bluett	Ann Arbor	MI	48105	734-996-8079	jan_trip@compuserve.com	2001
112	Vincent	Blrd J.	2775 Smith's Crossing Rd.	Freeland	MI	48623	989-695-5290	bjvincent@chartermi.net	2002
113	Voelker	Clarence & Elaine	300 Sinclair St.	Midland	MI	48640-	989-835-5718		2001
114	Ward	Gilbert J.	2325 Rockwell Dr., Apt. #214	Midland	MI	48642-9325	989-835-6292		2002
115	Waters	Loretta J.	4110 Washington Ave.	Midland	MI	48642-0000	989-832-1611	ljh20@chartermi.net	2002
116	Wikerson	Ray	6108 Tittabawassee River Rd.	Midland	MI	48642-7331	989-832-8269	none	2001
117	Williams	Carol A.	P.O. Box 5306, 3001 Redwood Hwy.	Grants Pass	OR	97527	541-479-9413		2002
118	Winterbottom	Juanita	1210 Dilloway Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-2705	989-835-2459	jbw24@aol.com	2002
119	Zager	Jean M.	4230 Rosewood Dr.	Saginaw	MI	48603-2053	989-793-9397	zagerjm@yahoo.com	2002
120	Zorsch	Jody L.	386 Brewstertown Rd.	Sunbright	TN	37872	423-6285471	jzorsch@highland.net	2002

MGS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Mary & Sheldon Levy, Membership Co-Chairs

For Fiscal Year 2002 the **Midland Genealogical Society** (MGS) has **93** memberships — compared to 95 this time last year. The membership composition is: 72 single, 21 household, two complimentary and 16 new. The new memberships include three spouses that joined at a later date. The single-to-household membership mix is about three single for every one household.

To those who have not yet re-joined our happy ranks: it is **NOT TOO LATE!** Dues are payable in full by the end of the **MGS General Meeting** on Wednesday November 20, 2002. Those who have not paid by then will be dropped from the MGS membership rolls and no longer receive the **Pioneer Record** (PR) newsletter.

This issue of the **PR** includes the **membership list**. Please carefully read the line with your name for accuracy and completeness of the information. Note, we are missing several e-mail addresses — let us know if you do not have an e-mail address.

Welcome to the following new members who have joined MGS since the last issue of the PR.:

George Bork	Midland, MI
Jan Dennett	Sanford, MI
Roger & Virginia Gohrband	Midland, MI
Niki Hoyle	Midland, MI
Glenna Snider	Midland, MI
Loretta Waters	Midland, MI
Carol Williams	Grants Pass, OR
Jean Zager	Saginaw, MI
Jody Zorsch	Sunbright, TN

Editor's Comments:

The complete **MGS** membership list is published in this issue of the "**Pioneer Record**" on pages 5, 6 & 7. Those members who have not yet paid their 2002-2003 dues are indicated in the last column with "2001" shaded. Most have been members for many years. Some may just be forgetful until reminded personally. Let's all get together and help our Membership Chairs, Mary and Sheldon Levy, by contacting those we know and asking them to continue as members of the **MGS**. We, and they, have much to gain by their continued participation.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave Russell, MGS Treasurer

Income for **MGS** 2002-2003 fiscal year to date (October 31, 2002) is **\$1645**, made up primarily of dues (\$1130), interest (\$41), research (\$124) First Family (\$15), and book sales (\$296), versus a budgeted income total of **\$2682**. **Expenses** to date are **\$901**, made up primarily of meeting rental space (\$200), Pioneer Record (\$278), MGS mileage (\$40), Membership Committee (\$322) misc. operating expenses (\$24), versus a budgeted expense total of **\$2682**.

The account balances (as of 31 October, 2002) are: Operating Checking: **\$2420.12**; Money Market: **\$3805.33**; and CD: **\$2500.00**. The total assets are **\$8725.45**.

IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES

MGS WEB SITE	http://www.rootsweb.com/~mimgs/
MIDLAND COUNTY GenWeb SITE	http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/midland/
MICHIGAN GenWeb SITE	http://www.rootsweb.com/~migenweb/
LDS Church Family History WEB SITE	http://www.familysearch.org
National Genealogical Society	http://www.ngsgenealogy.org
Social Security Death Index	http://www.ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SAGINAW

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The cover contained a **3 page letter** written in **German** by the **Rev. Julius Ehrhart** describing his need for money, his activities and his frustrations with the German congregation. The translation, by parishioner Walter Neuman, follows.

**From Pastor Julius Ehrhart
Saginaw City Michigan, May 3rd 1852**

To the esteemed Committee of the American Home Missionary Society, in New York:

Through your welcome letter of April 8th I am informed, that you agree to give me a support sum of \$200 per year, this being retroactive to Nov. 20th, 1850, the day of the founding of my congregation.

You will receive my thanks not in words but in my deeds, and I will give it my best effort. I received your esteemed letter last Friday evening, April 30th, otherwise I would have reported earlier.

From the following notes you can draw your own statistical conclusions. Aside from the daily worship I hold a regular weekly service. After the sermon or instructions we have some worthwhile togetherness.

Worship service, from Nov. 20th until Febr. 29th was held on Wed. eve from 7 to 8:30.

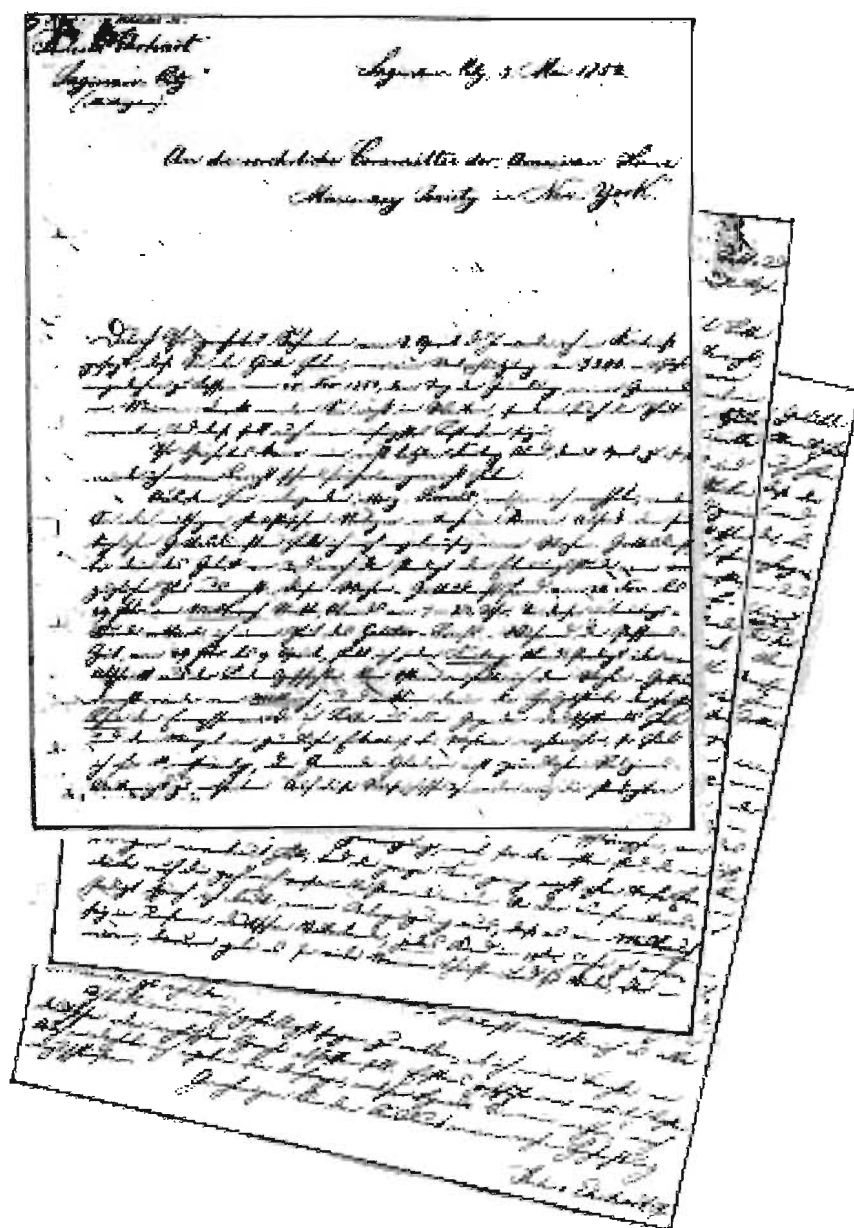
During that time I explained the Epistle to the Galatians. During Lent from Febr. 29th to April 9th I held sermons every Friday, teaching the Passion story.

From Easter on we again had weekly service on the subject of the major parts of Christian doctrine.

Since we have here people from all parts of Germany, I found in many a lack of knowledge, it was therefore necessary to give much basic religious instruction. In this way my sermons will be better understood. Praise and thanks constitute an important part of these lessons.

Through my efforts I received more members during December.

Four boys and two girls receive School lessons, in the first month, from 8 to 12 and in the afternoon from 1 to 4. Second month only from 8 to 12. I would otherwise not have enough time for my sermon preparations. This schooling took place without interruption from Dec. 1st to April 30th, in other words, a full 5 months. From 11 to 12 o'clock I taught the confirmation candidates and kept the other children busy with their writing and arithmetic.



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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SAGINAW

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For confirmation class I taught two boys and two girls. The last mentioned had already religious instruction in Germany. These children gave me much pleasure with their eagerness and attention.

People were astounded in their answers to questions, when they took part with the adults. Surely many of the grown ups would not have been able to reply likewise.

In the beginning these children gave me a lot of trouble. I thought it was difficult to continue, especially with the girls. But the presence of the Holy Ghost, was apparent from the beginning.

Sunday after Easter on Quasimodogeniti (low Sunday) night, April 18th three of the children were confirmed and were accepted by me as members of the church. A change of heart began in these as they experienced the grace of God in Christ. I surely believe that the good Lord will protect them, and fulfill his promise.

I view these plantlets with special affection, since God transplanted them and the Lord put them in my care. The whole festivity left a deep impression on the numerously gathered congregation.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan

In my Confirmation Sermon I emphathized, what a malpractise it is in our German Fatherland, to confirm a child matter of factly in it's 14th year. That is why it produces so many "in name only" Christians. When one questions them and reminds them of their Baptismal renewal, they reply impudently; the state made me a Christian, and in my stupidity I just followed the others. This shall never be our practise. I shall never confirm a child, who does not understand about the crucified Lord. (he goes on another 7 lines in stilted German, he ends with the wrath of God, if not done properly etc)

On major festive days, Christmas, Good Friday and Easter, many people come who otherwise want nothing to do with Christ. There are a great number of Germans who seldom go to church, and make fun of those who go. I said to them you dummies, you are starting the German churchgoing again, don't you know that you are just exchanging one prison for another, by making fun of the clergy. They do not know real freedom, and think all it takes is fun and easy going. Sorry to say that the greater part of Germans who live here are such people. But they can be saved, the Lord works miracles.

To close correctly, I want to point out, that the stipend of \$200, granted me, as of Nov. 20th 1851, ends this year. I take the liberty to ask for part sum of \$100, since I am quite down on money. In the future I would like it quarterly.

Further, I ask, if I should write in German or English, the first is easier for me. Also I again I ask, which synod you want me to join?

Respectfully Julius Ehrhart, Pastor

This is a **very rare** and **unique** postal history cover and letter. Historically unique in that it describes the **founding in 1850 of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Saginaw** when Saginaw was just beginning to be developed as a major city in Michigan. It provides backup for the information given by **Roselyn Ederer** in her October MGS presentation.

The frustrations and problems of **Pastor Ehrhart** are evident. The request and questions at the end of the letter are answered on the back of the cover described on page 1. Someone at the **American Home Missionary Society** wrote – "**Send \$100**" - "**Write in English**" - "**Tell secretary to write about which Synod**". This technique of writing on the back of envelopes was part of the bookkeeping of the period.

OCTOBER 16, 2002 MGS MEETING REVIEW

Mary Lou Pease, Program Committee member, introduced our speaker, **Roselyn Ederer**, Saginaw historian, who spoke on "**Saginaw's Interesting and Varied History**".

Roselyn is a **writer** with a series of five books to her credit. As a child, both her grandmother and father were **savers/collectors**. Her grandmother saved all of her **valentines** and her father saved **postcards**. She grew up believing that saving things was the thing to do. Now those collections have provided historical background for her writing.

Roselyn started writing for the **Saginaw County Historical Society Newsletter**. She began as a volunteer and continued for more than 10 years. She used her grandmother's and father's collections as the stimulus for writing articles about **Saginaw** history. These articles eventually evolved into researching and writing the books about Saginaw.



She discussed her family history as it related to the growth and development of **Saginaw**. All eight of her great grandparents emigrated from **Bavaria, Germany**. 1840 marked the time the first **Germans** settled in **Saginaw County**. These **Germans** were **Lutheran** and the clergy designed a plan to build missions to maintain the Lutheran religion amongst the German settlers and also to seek to convert the Chippewa Indians. **Frankenmuth** was started in 1845 as a German farming community of Lutherans and their clergy.

Roselyn asked the question "Why did these Germans emigrate to N. America?" and gave the following reasons:

1. to become **missionaries**;
2. the great potato **famine** which began in 1829, caused by a fungus which affected mostly Bavaria, not all of Germany;
3. Germany was at peace and families were **growing**; the land could not support the population;
4. the government **paid** citizens to emigrate to N. America;
5. in 1869, lumbermen convinced the government to recruit Germans from Bavaria to come to the Saginaw area and **build** a town that would support a lumber industry.

Roselyn concluded her talk with a number of interesting stories about the history of **transportation** and **communication** in **Saginaw**. Initially Saginaw **rivers** were the major highways. The **Tittabawassee** was known as the "**log river**". **Bridges** over rivers were privately built and owned and anyone using a bridge had to pay a **toll**. In 1850 the **Genesee Plank Road**, the forerunner of the Dixie Highway, was built. Plank roads were also privately built and owned and **tolls** were charged for their use. The first **paved roads** were built by Governor A.T. Bliss (a Saginaw native) in **1902** using crushed stone. In 1906 the Michigan Supreme Court **abolished** all bridge and road **tolls**. **Railroads** were first built in Saginaw in **1859**. As the railroads grew and prospered, river traffic declined. Saginaw had the unique presence of streetcars in both Saginaw City and East Saginaw. The first **streetcars** appeared in 1862 and were **horse drawn**. During the 1890's streetcars were converted to **electric power**, and remained a major form of transportation for over 50 years.

Roselyn Ederer's series of published books about the history of **Saginaw** is as follows:

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| BOOK I: | <i>On the Banks of Beautiful Saugenah</i> |
| BOOK II: | <i>Where Once the Tall Pines Stood</i> |
| BOOK III: | <i>Once Upon a Lumber Town</i> |
| BOOK IV: | <i>In Sickness and in Health</i> |
| BOOK V: | <i>Industry Makes the World Go Round</i> |

During the business portion of the meeting, **Kathy Bohl** reported on the latest **Michigan Genealogical Council** meeting. She also reported that the **Midland Chapter of the DAR** is presenting a Genealogy Research Workshop on October 26 at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge. Admittance is free.

Membership Committee Co-Chair Sheldon Levy presented their report. The Committee has prepared a new brochure which provides information about the MGS for potential members and other persons.

MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ** MEMBER PROFILES

Last year the **Program Committee** asked the **MGS** members to fill out a **member profile** survey. The purpose was to recognize and record each member's experience in genealogical research, and by sharing such experiences and skills, our members could make their next research step with more knowledge, confidence and greater ease. **Forty-three** (43) members (or families) filled out and returned their forms. **Bob Dostal** and **Mary Eichhorn** have tabulated the results, which are presented here in spreadsheet form.

Of interest are the following (based on the 43 returns):

- a - **18** members use **Family Tree Maker** software - 4 use Master Genealogist, 4 use Reunion, 3 use PAF, and 12 use 7 other miscellaneous software.
- b - **36** members use **computers** of which 31 are PCs and 5 are MacIntoshes.
- c - **15** listed **Canada** for Foreign Searches - **13** listed **Germany**, **11** listed **England**, 5 listed Scotland and 4 listed Ireland.
- d - **6** members have **published** their Family History.
- e - **11** members have utilized **Professional Genealogists** in their research.

MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBER PROFILE 2002								
Member	Software	State Searches	Foreign Searches	Libraries Used	Records Used	Member of Other Gen. Societies	Publish Family History	Used Paid Prof?
Doug Applegath	FamRoots 4.4 Master Gen FamTreeMaker	NH PA	N. Ireland UK Canada	Midland LDS-Mid & SLC Toronto PA & NH	Govt. Archives Church Archives Fed. & State Census County Newspapers	Ontario Gen Soc OGS Branches Hamiltkton Kawartha Quinte	no	yes
Walter G. Bennett	FamTreeMaker 9	OH, IN, IL, MI, PA, KY, TN	Canada	Midland, Bay City, Saginaw, & Muskegon; Internet	Fed. & State Census; Tax, Land, Wills Newspapers Church, Cemetery	none	no	no
Neva K. (Kathy) Bohl	FamTreeMaker 8	CT		Midland LDS-Mid & SLC Lib of Mich	Fed. & State Census County, Land Records Town Records in CN Scotch Parish	Grand Traverse Gen Soc	no	no
Marcia Kay Brandle	FamTreeMaker	KY, OH, MA, VA	Scotland Russia Ireland Romania	Midland, CMU, Ft. Wayne, IN LDS-Mid & SLC	Fed. & State Census County, Military Newspapers Church	Germans from Russia, Gen Soc of N.E. KY, KY, New England, Scotland	no	no
Mary M. Branson	FamTreeMaker	none	none	new	Family	none	no	no
Jo Brines	none	NE, VA, TN, GA, PA, OK, IA	Germany England Scotland	Midland, CMU, Ft. Wayne, IN LDS-Mid & SLC	Fed. & State Census County, Military, Land Newspapers Govt. Archives	Saginaw Gen Soc; St Clair, MI Gen Soc; Orange Cnty, NY Gen Soc	no	yes
Dick Burow	FamTreeMaker	MI		Midland LDS-Mid	Fed. & State Census	none	no	no
Ruth Ann Casadonte		MI, NY, IA, OK, WI, MA, NH	Canada Germany Italy	Midland, CMU, Ft. Wayne, IN LDS-Mid & SLC Internet	Fed. & State Census County, Military, Land Newspapers Govt. Archives Church	none	no	no
Phyllis Cronkright	Brother's Keeper Ultimate Fam Tree	MI, NY, IN		Midland, Ft. Wayne, IN LDS-Mid Internet	Fed. & State Census County, Military, Land Newspapers Govt. Archives	none	no	no
Yancey Jack(son) Dickert	Brother's Keeper	Southeast USA	Germany	Houston, TX LDS-Mesa AZ	Fed. & State Census	Clapin, SC G. S.; Newberry, SC G. S.	yes	no
Wilma Diesen	FamilyOrigins 10	IL, KY, NC, VA, MI, VT, NY	England Germany	Midland LDS-Mid & SLC Lib of Mich Ft. Wayne, IN	Fed. & State Census County, Military, Land Newspapers, Church Govt. Archives 4 State Govt. Arch.		no	yes
Bob Dostal	Legacy Fam Tree 3	NE, WI	Germany Czech.Rep.	Midland Saginaw	Fed. & State Census Land, Church	Czech Soc Internatnl Eastern NE	no	yes

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Faye & Earl Ebach	Reunion	MI, UT, MN	Canada Germany England Netherlands	Midland, Saginaw, Muskegon, LDS-Mid & SLC	Fed. & State Census County, Land Newspapers Church Archives	none	no	yes
Mary Eichhom	FamTreeMaker 9	MI, NY, VT, OH	England Canada	Midland, CMU, Ft. Wayne, IN LDS-Mid & SLC Saginaw, 3 NY Lib of Mich	Fed. & State Census County, Military, Land Newspapers, Church Vital Cemetery	Am Hist Soc of Germans from Russia	no	no
Mary Ellen Fike		MI		Midland, Saginaw, Owosso, Lansing LDS-Midland	Fed. & State Census County, Military Newspapers	Saginaw Gen Soc	no	no
Barbara Fox		OH, IL, MO IA, KS, WV, IN, UT	Ireland	Midland, Ft. Wayne, IN LDS-Mid & SLC West Res Cleveland OH	Fed & State Census County, Military, Land Newspapers Govt Archives Church	none	no	no
Bruce A. (Bud) Geisert		Most States	62 Countries	Midland LDS-Mid Ft Wayne, IN 3 IL; Vigo, IN; Hagerstown, MD	Fed. & State Census County, Military, Land Newspapers Church	Palatines to America; German Gen Soc of America; OK, TX, IA, CO	yes	yes
Mary Lou Hayes	Reunion	VT, OH	Canada	Midland, LDS-Mid, Saginaw, Ft. Wayne	Govt. Archives, Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Church, Cemetery, Funeral, Newspapers	Putnam Co., OH Muskingham Co., OH	no	no
Ralph Hillman	FamTreeMaker, Master Genealogist, Roots 5	New England NY	England	Midland, LDS-Mid & SLC, Ft. Wayne, Internet	Govt. & Church Archives, Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Adoption, Eng. Probate Tax, Parish, Manorial, Newspapers	NEHGS NGS ISGBFH MeGS Dukes Co. His. Soc.	Yes	yes
Dale Hochstettler	FamTreeMaker 6			Midland, LDS-Mid, Internet	County, Land, Newspapers	Hochstettler Assoc. OMII, Evan. Mennonite Cemetery Assoc.	no	no
Gale Hock	Ultimate FamTree	NY	England	Midland, LDS-Mid & SLC, Ft. Wayne, NY State, Internet	Gov & Church Arch., Fed & State Census, County, Land, Military, Newspapers	Schenectady Co. NY Historical Soc.	yes	no
Barbara Holsbeke	Legacy 3.0			Ft. Wayne	Church Archives, State Census	St. Louis, MO	no	no
Bill Kocher	PAF	PA		Midland, LDS-Mid, Saginaw, Lansing, Phila., Ft. Wayne, Doylestown, PA	Fed. & State Census Land, Tax	none	no	no
Gloria J. Kunding	FamTreeMaker 9	MI	Canada Germany Ukraine	Midland, LDS- Mid, Bay City, Alpena, Delta College, CMU	Fed. Census, Tax, Land, Church, Cemetery, Death, Newspapers	none	no	no

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Nancy Lackie	FamTreeMaker 9	MI, OH, NY, NH, KY, WI, IN, CT	Canada	Midland, LDS-Mid, Ft. Wayne, Many Michigan Libraries	Fed. Archives, Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Church, Adoption, Newspapers	none	no	no
Lucinda LeBel	Master Genealogy Gold	IL, MI, IN	Germany Switzerland	Midland, Internet	Fed. & State Census Land, Church, Newspapers	Champaign, IL Tallahassee, FL	no	no
Mary A. Levy	Reunion	NE, Midwest USA	British Isles	Midland, LDS-Mid&SLC, Ft. Wayne, State MI, CMU, Saginaw, 4 OH	Fed. & State Census County, Land, Vital, Military, Church, Newspapers	OGS Perry Co. OH	no	yes
Shelden G. Levy	Reunion	OH		Midland, LDS-Mid&SLC, Ft. Wayne, State MI, CMU, Saginaw, 2 OH	Fed. & State Census County, Vital, City	Jewish Gen. Soc. of Cleveland Avoytanu Geshen Galicianer	no	no
Dona McArdle	FamTreeMaker 8	MI, NY	Canada	Midland, LDS-Mid, State MI, Largo FL, Internet	Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Cemetery, Church Archives, Newspapers	DSGR - Detroit French-Can. Heritage NGS	no	no
Maxine McCullen		MI, IN OH, NY		Midland, LDS-Mid & SLC, Burton, 3 NY, Ft. Wayne, State MI, 1 OH	Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Church, Newspapers	DAR D of U	no	yes
Keith & Betty Mead	MS Word FamTreeMaker	Northern US	Canada Scotland Europe & W. Asia	Midland, LDS-Mid & SLC, Ft. Wayne, State MI, Saginaw, State NY, Tampa, FL	Govt. Archives, Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Church, Newspapers, Geol. Maps/Charts	New England Gen Soc	no	no
Richard L Miller	Master Genealogist	IN, OH, PA NJ, WV, NY		Midland, LDS-Mid, SLC, & Ann Arbor, Ft. Wayne, Internet	Govt. & Church Archives, Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Newspapers	Washtenaw Co. Gratiot Co. Shiawassee Co. Elkhart Co., IN Detroit Gen. Research	no	no
Shirley Ratell	FamTree Maker	MA, NY		Midland	Fed. & State Census Land, Military, Newspapers		no	no
Joanne & Walt Rupprecht	FamTreeMaker	IN, MI, OH	Canada	Midland, LDS-Mid & SLC, Ft. Wayne, Internet	Fed. & State Census, County, Military, Newspapers	MacLeod Clan	no	no
Shirley & Dave Russell	FamTreeMaker for Macintosh	NY, MD, VA KY, TN, OH IN, IL, IA KS, CA PA, MO	Canada England Germany	Ft. Wayne, State Lib. of WI, Gen. Lib. in MO, WI, MD, IL, KS, Milwaukee, WI	Canada Archives, Fed. & State Census Land, Military, Family Newsletters, CD ROMs	Allen Co., IN Ontario Gen. Society Ont. Gen. Soc. - Kawatha Branch	no	no
Ken Schweitzer	PAF	PA, OH, IL IN, VA, WV MA, NH, NY NJ, MD, KY	Germany Nova Scotia	Midland, LDS-Mid&SLC, Ft. Wayne	Fed. & State Census Govt. and Church Archives, Land, Military, Adoption, County, Newspapers	Ohio Gen. Soc. Columbia Col. Branch	yes	no

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Quita Shier	FamTreeMaker	KY, MI, VA	Germany N. Ireland Croatia	Midland, LDS-Mid & SLC Ft. Wayne, Internet	Govt. & Church Archives, Fed. & State Census County, Land, Military, Newspapers		no	yes
K Eldon & Jayne Shrier	PAF 3.0	NY, PA MI, OK	Canada	London, ONT., Arkona, ONT., Univ.W.Ontario	Toronto Archives, Govt. Archives		yes	no
Richard Skochdopole	Family Roots	New Eng. NY, NJ, NE KA, IN, IO	England Scotland Czech. Rep. Germany	Midland, LDS-Mid, Saginaw, State MI, Davenport IA, Ft.Wayne, Internet	Govt. Archives	Czech. Gen. Soc.	no	yes
Richard Smeltzer	FamTreeMaker 7 Generations FamTreeMaker 6	MI, OH		Midland, Cleveland, OH, Internet	Fed. & State Census Govt. Archives, Military, Funeral, Cemetery, Vital, Newspapers	Ohio Gen. Soc.	no	no
Robert C. Snyder	Family Origins	NY, VT, CT, MI	Germany England Switzerland	Midland, LDS-Mid&SLC, Ft.Wayne	Fed. & State Census County, Land, Church, Newspapers		no	no
Alan Syverud	Reunion 6	SD	Norway	Midland, LDS-Mid, Internet	Church Archives, Fed. & State Census County, Land, Newspapers, Govt Archives- Norway		no	no
Gilbert & Alice Ward			Canada	Midland, LDS-Mid, London, ONT.	Federal Census Cemetery	none	no	no

The **Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC)** will be celebrating it's **30th Anniversary** on November 14, 2002. As part of that celebration, **Eunice Pines**, Archivist of the MGC, wrote the following article which appeared in the **MGC Newsletter**, Volume 26, Issue 4, Fall 2002. It is reprinted here with the author's permission.

MY MEMORIES OF THE MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

The **Council** began in **1972** with **10 societies** and the **Library of Michigan**. From the beginning, there has been a partnership. At one time, the Library of Michigan supplied us with an office and a person to run it. **Marlene Thayer** was the liaison. She was indispensable to the **MGC** serving for 13 years on various working committees as well as coordinator of the Sesquicentennial Certificate Committee. I had the pleasure of working with Marlene when I was President. In fact, Marlene asked me to run for Vice President in 1985.

How many remember the **old Michigan State Library at 735 East Michigan Avenue?** When I went to the **MGC** as a delegate from my local society, this is where we met. It was an old warehouse and not the ideal library setting. I can remember attending meetings in a room so small the table took up most of the room - we scrounged for chairs and sometimes people had to stand. The building was way too small and in March of **1985** a new **\$38 million Library-Museum** was approved. The Michigan State Library collection was housed in rented quarters on East Michigan Ave., much in storage. The State Historical Museum was in crowded rental quarters in the basement of a former insurance office on Capital Avenue. The State Archives on North Logan was more than two miles from downtown. We really needed this new building.

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The Council grew too big (for the small room) so while the Library complex was being built, we met at the **Pilgrim Congregational Church** in Lansing. It had a kitchen and one of the fun things we did was to have a spring potluck before our meeting. In May of **1988** we held the first **MGC Genealogy Show and Sell** with many societies participating.

The new **Library and Historical Center** was dedicated March, **1989**. I will never forget the dedication. Mayor **Terry McKane** gave the welcoming address and invocation. Governor **James Blanchard**, Secretary of State **Richard Austin**, Senate Majority Leader **John Engler** and Lt. Governor **Martha Griffiths** officiated at the ribbon cutting. Red, White and Blue balloons were released and Dortheia Barnes sang "Lighting the Light That All May See", which was written for the occasion.

The Library administrators, **James W. Fry**, Head Librarian and **Jeffrey Johnson**, Deputy Librarian, invited the **Council** to again meet at the Library of Michigan. We looked forward to our first meeting. I'll never forget that meeting, it turned out the Forum was not ready and we met in the **cafeteria**. There was no sound system and you know how well I do without a mike. It was very crowded, **BUT** we were meeting in the **Library-Historical Center**. Not too long after that we were actually meeting in the **Forum**.

The **Sesquicentennial Certificate Project** of the Library and the **Council** was a huge undertaking. The final deadline was January 1, **1988**. There were some **7900** applications. This was the first time we had paid employees. Thousands of Certificates were signed during the reign of three **MGC** presidents – Marianne Cox, Eunice Pines and Kim Harrison.

Earlier, in **1976**, we had the **Michigan Centennial Family Certificates** for those families who settled and lived in the state of Michigan on or **before 1876**. In **1982** the **Genealogical Society of Utah** filmed the enormous amount of genealogical material from the **9,337** applications for the Michigan Centennial Certificate. The completed film was placed in the collection of the Society of Utah; a duplicate film was deposited in the Library of Michigan. The Council also opted to put the applications and index on Microfiche.

The **Council** has had many projects and publications: eg., the **1850 Census Index**; the **Surname Index, Vols. 1 & 2**; the **First Land Owners Series**; and (due to the efforts of **Dr. Donald DeZeeuw**) the many **microfilm rolls** which were given to the Library (before the Abrams Foundation). In **1988** the **MGC Newsletter**, under editor **Phyllis Thwaites**, won the NGS Newsletter competition in class 3 (over 1000 members).

The **Council** even had a hand in the selection of the first **National Archivist**. President Reagan had someone in mind who did not have the qualifications. The NGS, the MGC and genealogists from all over the country **lobbied** for the appointment of **Dr. Robert W. Wilson**, then Director of the **Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum**. This action did influence the Governmental Affairs Committee and Dr. Wilson was the first archivist appointed under the 1984 law granting the NARA independent status.

One of the funniest things happened when we gave Dr. Wilson a **luncheon** just before his leaving for Washington. My secretary made the reservation at Clara's Restaurant which was located near the old Library. I don't know what the restaurant was told but when we got there we had decorations, table cloths and many waitresses assigned to our group. This was not the ordinary luncheon procedure for this restaurant. Later we found out they thought **Gerald R. Ford** was the honored guest.

When **Marlene** became ill and left the **Library of Michigan**, our **MGC files** were supposed to be placed in two storage files at the Library. After several days I had them ready for transfer. This did not happen and the files ended up on the floor; eventually they were placed in boxes and taken to storage. In the meantime, I had gotten permission to place our Council files in the **State Archives**, where they were eventually placed..

Since **1991**, I have been constantly gathering **MGC** material. We have a retention schedule stating which items are to be stored in our file at the **Library of Michigan** and which records are to be placed in the **State Archives**.

Thank you for letting me go down the **Michigan Genealogical Council Memory Lane**.

MGS PROGRAMS FOR 2002-2003

Meetings will be scheduled at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month in the Lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Programs for the fall will be as follows:

Nov. 20, 2002 –

Toni Hayes will speak on “Genealogical Research in Romania”. She will show her first attempt at making a video and explain how and why she hired professional genealogists.

No MGS Meeting in December

Jan. 15, 2003 –

“Learning From Our Mistakes”. Panel discussion.

Feb. 19, 2003

“Preparations For Publishing”. Panel discussion.

March 19, 2003 -Researching Land Records

April 16, 2003 -Helen Eichstaedt

May 21, 2003 -Mystery Night

Refreshments & conversation will follow the program at all meetings

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UPCOMING SEMINARS

Michigan Genealogical Council
2002 ABRAMS Genealogical Series

The MGC has sponsored a series of 6 Saturday workshops, each with a special subject, that focus on genealogical resources available at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. The first five meetings have been held and two remain.

December 7 Naturalization Records & Resources

Cost is \$10 per workshop. The 90-minute sessions begin at 9:15 am. For more details go to www.rootsweb.org/~mimgc~

Conferences, Workshops & Seminars

January 19-26, 2003 NGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City. Trip Directors: Dereka Smith, MLS, NGS Librarian & Shirley Langdon Wilcox, CG
Contact 800-473-0060 for details & registration

May 28-31, 2003 NGS Conference in the States
Celebrating 100th Anniversary

Pittsburgh, PA

Patron Training Sessions – Library of Michigan –
Free Lansing, MI

Nov. 16, 9:30 AM - US Government on the Internet

Nov. 20, 3:00 PM - US Government on the Internet

Nov. 23, 9:30 AM - Ancestry Plus: An Online Gen.Res

Nov. 27, 3:00 PM - Ancestry Plus: An Online Gen.Res

Dec. 14, 9:30 AM - Michigan Fiction

Dec. 18, 3:00 PM - Michigan Fiction

BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books, published by the Midland Genealogical Society, are available for sale at any MGS meeting, at the Midland Genealogy Room, Grace A. Dow Public Library or by mail. Price of each book is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling.

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The **MGS** meets on the **3rd Wednesday** of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr. & May at **7:00 P.M.** in the lounge of the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640. Visitors are always welcome. Watch the **Midland Daily News** or local **Midland MCTV, Channel 5** for upcoming speakers, dates and times.

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