

MGS MEETING ** APRIL 16, 2003

The fourth **Midland Genealogical Society meeting** in 2003 will be held Wednesday, **April 16**, in the **lounge** of the Grace A. Dow Memorial **Library** starting at **7:00 pm**. **Helen Eichstaedt**, author of the book "**ALLA LIZZIE**", will relate the struggle to start a new life in early twentieth century America for her **German/Russian ancestors**. Her presentation should be very interesting and informative.

Ralph Hillman, chair of the **MGS** Nominating Committee will present the slate of proposed officers for the year 2003-04. The normal business of the society will be conducted.

Refreshments and conversation will follow the program in the lounge.

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MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY March 19 MGS Meeting

Gary Skory, Director of the Midland County Historical Society presented a well-attended program regarding the history, both past and present, of Midland and the Midland County Historical Society.



Originally begun as a lumbering town **Midland** has grown significantly ever since. The area has passed through a farming stage into an industrial stage with the advent of Dow Chemical.

Gary talked about the significant contribution of the "Save the Bradley Committee" that raised \$35,000 during the 1960's to preserve the Bradley House, originally located on the corner of Ashmun and Larken Streets in downtown Midland. In 1969 the house was moved to it's current location in upper Emerson Park where it serves as a major part of the Midland County Historical complex. In 1975 the Midland Historical Society and Bradley House organization merged to form the Midland County Historical Society. In 1988 the Dow Museum was built adjacent to the Bradley House.

Gary stated that approximately 3000 school children visit the Bradley House and Dow Museum every spring.

In 1999 a large multi-purpose addition was added to the Carriage House. This area is available to community groups as well as to members of the Historical Society for meetings, banquets, receptions, etc.

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Sketch of new MCHS Building

From the President

We have **great news** from the nominating committee. **All** of the offices have candidates. To accommodate our candidate's desires and absent times due to travel, we will be having more shared offices. Currently we have co-membership chair and co-editors for the Pioneer Record. The slate is presented in this issue in a nominating committee report. We all need to thank Ralph Hillman (Chair), Harriette Miller and Jo Brines for completing this key job.

Great progress has been made on the **obituary project**. **Virginia Parsons** has spent years extracting obituary information from the *Midland Daily News*. She has now completed the thirty-two years from 1951 to 1982. **Six members** are currently working on entering the data into computers so, after proofreading, they can be combined into an alphabetical index. Envelopes with two years of data, a disk with a formatted file to show how to begin the process, and an instruction sheet for the remaining eighteen years have been prepared and are waiting for volunteer typists.

As the current officer's terms draw to a close I wish to thank the members who made the society run for the last year (and in many cases years of service). Earl and Faye Ebach co-editors of the *Pioneer Record*, Wilma Diesen, secretary; Dave Russell, treasurer; Sheldon and Mary Levy with Loretta Waters, membership; Mary Branson with Ken Schweitzer, Joan Somerville & Mary Lou Pease, program; Joan Rupprect, historian; Kathy Bohl and Colleen Bennett, Michigan Council Delegates; Janet Crozier and Marcia Brandle, hospitality; and Jo Brines, advisor. For me, it has been an interesting, educational, and enjoyable three years as your president.

Bob Mass

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

As you read this issue you will realize that it is "people" oriented. We have tried to recognize all those who have actively participated or who will participate as officers of the Midland Genealogical Society. We have missed many who participate in many other ways, and to those we apologize. One such group is the MGS Library volunteers: Maxine McCullen, Nancy Lackie, Jo Brines, Mary Lou Hayes, Bob Mass, Bob Snyder and Mary Grace Lenz. And we cannot forget Virginia Parsons who does so much for the Society and others researching their genealogy. Another group is the Hospitality Co-Chairs, Janet Crozier and Marcia Brandle, and all the volunteers who prepare and serve refreshments at our monthly meetings. We also

recognize the **spouses** of our volunteers, who either join in our activities or put up with our involvement. We also want to thank all the members who support the Society by **attending our monthly meetings**.

This has been an interesting and challenging year. Some "new faces" have become actively involved and provided new insights into pursuing our goals. Their efforts are appreciated. We are hopeful that more and more members will come forward in the future to assist this Society in maintaining it's vibrancy and enthusiasm.

We are very fortunate to be located in a community with an interesting history and variety of resources that are conducive to genealogical research. We need to "**show off**" these benefits to our colleagues throughout the region and state. How can we do this? Let's "get behind" **Ralph Hillman** and his Seminar Planning Committee and seriously begin plans to host a **seminar/or workshop** that will be a drawing card to



fellow genealogists throughout the state. The benefits to our society will be more than words can describe.

Have a great summer. See you in September!

Faye & Earl

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The new **Midland County Historical Museum**, currently under construction, has been in the planning stage for more than 3 years. Local foundations have provided \$5 million for this project. The building will have 25,000 sq. ft. It has been designed to have facades which will compliment the architecture of the Midland County

Court House. Because of the location of the building along the Tittabawassee River, the ground level had to be raised 3 1/2 feet prior to the beginning of construction. The completion date for the new museum is September 1, 2003. however it is anticipated that it will take more than a year to move and set up the Society's extensive collection prior to opening to the public.



Gary concluded his presentation by complimenting members of the community who have donated



more than \$520,000 in contributions, via the "Make History – Commemorative Brick Program", for the 4500 sq. ft. Historical Gallery located within the new museum. "Installation of this Historical Gallery is contingent upon a successful public fund-raising campaign to raise \$1.5 million. The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation and an anonymous donor will match each dollar given on a 2-to-1 basis" in order to meet the goal

Following the above program, a brief business meeting was presided over by **President Bob Mass**. **Colleen Bennett** and **Kathy Bohl** reported on the recent Michigan Genealogical Council meeting in Lansing. Three members of the newly formed Gladwin Genealogical Society were introduced. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, **Ralph Hillman**, was introduced along with committee members **Jo Brines** and **Harriette Miller**. Ralph requested that members seriously consider volunteering their time and services when asked by any member of the Nominating Committee.

Ralph Hillman is also Chair of the **Seminar Planning Committee** and he requested that "willing workers" are needed if the **MGS** is serious about hosting a genealogy

seminar in the near future. Please contact him if you have ideas, time and the desire to promote an exciting opportunity to add to our Society's outreach programming.

Pres. Bob also requested that volunteers are needed to assist with the computer entry of Midland County obituary data. Currently **Mary Grace Lenz** is entering the data as a "one-person-effort" and she needs assistance. There are 28 years of data left to be entered. If you have some time, please contact Bob and volunteer for this important job.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Kathy Bohl & Colleen Bennett, MGC Delegates

The Library of Michigan has recently acquired Non-population schedules for Michigan farms & industrial sites for the period 1850-1880. It was also announced that Christopher Pensky has been named the new library Genealogy Coordinator.

Additional announcements:

Senate Bill 59 has been reintroduced to create an heirloom VR certificate program which will allow anyone to obtain a birth and marriage certificate suitable for framing from the Michigan Department of Community Health. Please contact your senator and encourage passage.

Beaverton Centennial is scheduled for August 15-17, 2003.

The Jewish Genealogical Society is collecting yearbooks from Detroit for a spread sheet project. Ingham County Genealogical Society has started a "Save the Township Records" project. They discovered that many townships have too many records and a minimal amount of storage space. As a result they get rid of old records any way they can, including disposal in a county dump. The society discovered that prior to disposal of county records, written permission must be obtained from the State Archives. Therefore the Ingham County Genealogical Society stepped in and began having County records microfilmed. They contracted with the Veu Com firm to microfilm records onto reels. One reel contains 1000 sheets at a cost of about \$130. The reels cost \$30 each.

Gladwin County Genealogical Society was recognized as a newly organized society. Their new President is Sharon Thurston, and their new delegate to the MGC is Judy Grant. Judy can be contacted via e-mail at: < jagrant@ejourney.com>.

HISTORY of the MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

Founded in **1972**, The **Michigan Genealogical Council** is an organization composed of **two delegates from each member society**. It's **objectives** are to initiate activities which encourage and assist those who are involved in genealogical research and to locate, preserve, publish and deposit in suitable repositories records of value to genealogists. Meetings are held at the **Library of Michigan** in Lansing on the second Thursday of September, November, January, March, May, and July. Membership is open to any Michigan genealogical or family history **society**, amateur or professional, with a primary interest in genealogy. Delegates are appointed to **Committees** which have responsibilities for **MGC projects**.

Materials relating to the **Council** are preserved and periodically turned over to the **State Archives**, which is located adjacent to the **Library of Michigan**. The **MGC** works closely with the **Genealogical Section of the Library of Michigan**. Publications of the **Council** include a Directory containing information regarding member societies dues, brochures, flyers, websites and publication lists. A sampling of other council publications includes "A **Guide** to the Michigan Genealogical and Historical Collections at the Library of Michigan and the State Archive", "**Family Trails**" (five volumes), and "**Surname Index**" (Vol. I & II). In the past few years the **Abrams Foundation** has supported the Library of Michigan with large grants to promote and provide genealogical research.

The **MGC** through it's member societies has worked with the MDCH to transcribe the microfilmed death records for the years 1867-1882. These are now contained in a five-volume set, **Michigan Death Index**, 1867-1882.

The MGC sponsors seminars periodically, normally every two years, which are hosted by local genealogical societies. The Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society hosted the 1999 MGC Seminar and the Oakland County Genealogical Society hosted the 2001 MGC Seminar. The MGS sponsored the 1982 MGC Seminar.

The **Midland Genealogical Society** joined the **MGC** in **1980** and has two voting delegates who attend council meetings and report back to our society. The Midland delegates have recently been members of the **Public Information** and **Internet/Gen Web** Committees.

(Revised and reprinted from original 1999 article by Kathy Bohl)

THANKYOU !

Most of the MGS officers on the Board will be retiring this June. The Midland Genealogical Society wants to **THANKYOU** for the time, effort, and experience you have given the **Society**.

Bob Mass has served as MGS President for the past three years. He has also served as one of the MGS library volunteers assisting others in their genealogical research. He has promoted the installation of the **computer** and CDs in the Midland Room of the Library and encouraged their use by others. The MGS has published it's 6th book, "Midland County Obituary Index - 1928-1950" and successfully promoted it's sale. The Society is presently transcribing more recent obituary summaries into computer spreadsheets for future publications. Bob and his wife Kate have utilized their vacations to research their families in both the USA and Europe. Bob has served as speaker at MGS meetings and written several articles for the *Pioneer Record*.





Mary Branson has served as Program Chair the past year. Although new to the **MGS** and inexperienced in its operation, she volunteered her services willingly. This has been an interesting and challenging experience for her, particularly since she has been hampered by two knee operations during the year. With these limitations, Mary and the Program Committee have presented a year of very interesting, enjoyable and informative programs.

Mary and Sheldon Levy have served as Membership Co-Chairs for the past two years. They have done an excellent job maintaining a high level of membership by

recruiting new members while many They have been present at every meeting) welcoming members and recovering the new MGS name distributed new green MGS promote the Society. They are pin for members with the purpose of Society. They have assisted the by submitting numerous "filler"



older members have faded away. MGS meeting (and Board efficiently distributing and badges. They printed and brochures which explain and presently promoting a MGS lapel identifying and promoting the publication of the Pioneer Record articles.

Wilma Diesen stepped forward last year to serve as MGS Secretary. She has long been involved in

the MGS serving as President, Program Chair, MGC Delegate and program speaker. Her family history has also led to much involvement with the area chapter of Daughters of the Union. Her Board Meeting minutes have been timely and complete. Wilma is also recovering from recent knee surgery.



Dave Russell has served as MGS Treasurer for the past two years maintaining excellent records and control of the Society's income and expenses. The members of the MGS have been well informed of our financial status through his timely and complete reports in the Pioneer Record. His understanding of the MGS financial picture has resulted in well prepared and informative budgets.

Joanne Rupprecht has served as MGS Historian for the past five years. She has

redefined the role of the Historian in our operations. She has collected, organized and archived MGS records. The Genealogical Section in the Midland Library now has a special

cabinet for our historical records due to her efforts.

The Midland Genealogical Society owes each of the above retiring Board members a large measure of gratitude for the volunteer services they have provided. We will not say "GOODBYE" because we hope and expect that they will all stay involved in one way or another, not only with their own family histories, but with the MGS as well.



MGS Nominating Committee

Ralph Hillman chairs the **MGS Nominating Committee** in the search for **officers** for the **year 2003-2004**. **Henriette Miller** and **Jo Brines** are members of the Committee and participated in the challenging search for volunteers. The task has proved more difficult than usual since almost all the members of the present board planned to retire.

The Committee relates that this is a strange report, for they have people sharing office responsibilities. This is the slate as it stands at press time:

For Co-Presidents: Fran Longsdorf and Jo Brines

Fran will carry the primary responsibilities during the months she does not travel Jo, with all her experience, will work with Fran and take responsibility when Fran is traveling. They will both be members of the Board.

For Program Committee: (there is no Vice President)

Floyd Andrick, Terry McKane, Walter Bennett, Jr. and **Joan Somerville**. Each person will be responsible for two programs during the year.

Floyd Andrick will get the group together to decide who will take which months and make sure there is no program overlap (in other words coordinate the Program Committee).

The person responsible for the next meeting would attend the Board meeting, however Terry cannot attend meetings on a Wednesday because of a prior commitment.

For Co-Secretaries: Jan Crozier and Gloria Kundinger

Jan will have primary responsibility except for the months she travels (Jan-Mar). Gloria will substitute for Jan during the months of Jan-Mar.

For Treasurer: Ron Snyder

For Membership Chair: Loretta Waters

For Historian : Gale Hock

For Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates: Kathy Bohl and Colleen Bennett

The Committee does not know what the impact of the sharing of offices is with regard to the By-Laws (most recently revised 21 March 2001). We may have to suspend the By-Laws, which is illegal according to Robert's Rules of Order. Alternatively and preferably, we can publish the above information in the Pioneer Record, discuss this at the April meeting, and ask in May that the By-Laws be amended for the year 2003-2004 to enable the above persons to serve as indicated. The Committee's interpretation is that the latter procedure would be acceptable. (Editor's comment; Sharing of offices is not new. The office of Program Chair and Membership Chair have often had two people sharing the responsibility. However, this would be the first time for a Co-President).

BIOGRAPHIES OF MGS OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2003-04

The **Nominations Committee** has proposed a slate of **MGS officers** for the year **2003-04**. The elections will be held at the **Annual MGS Meeting** on **May 21, 2003**. Because we thought it would be appropriate to know more about the candidates, the *Pioneer Record* asked each to provide a short biography (emphasizing genealogical interests) and a picture. Many of our members travel and were unable to provide the requested information and picture. The following is an attempt to introduce the candidates who have **volunteered** their time and talents to the **MGS**.

Fran Langsdorf and her husband Charles have been MGS members since 1992. This will be Fran's baptism as an officer although she has been involved in projects before. She and Charles assisted Ora Flaningham in the publication of the Pioneer Record by doing the mailing of issues for many years. They also offered their home as a meeting place for the short lived Computer Interest Group of the MGS in early 1999. During the past year they have often been seen utilizing the research books and microfilms in the Midland Room.

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Jo Brines has been a MGS member for more than 25 years and is one of the great stalwarts of our

Society. She has served as Treasurer (11 years), President (3 years) and Advisor to the Board (5 years). She has been one of the MGS volunteers in the genealogy section of the Library since 1981. She has participated in and led MGS trips to the Family History Library in Salt lake City, UT. Jo has presented programs at MGS meetings and regularly contributes articles to the Pioneer Record.



Floyd Andrick has been a MGS member since 1994. His family history research includes the surnames: Andrick, Schlegel, Boroff and Mann; areas of research have been Ohio, Switzerland and England. He is a very active member of the Midland County Historical Society serving as leader of the group doing oral



Midland County Historical Society serving as leader of the group doing oral histories of long time residents of Midland. Interesting side hobbies have included studies of the Titanic sinking and the Canadian Dionne quintupelets.

Terry McKane is a new member to MGS although he and his wife have been very active in genealogical research through their involvement with the "Mayflower Society".

Joan Somerville has been a MGS member since the early 1980s. She served as our MGC Delegate for two years in 1996 and 1997. In addition she has participated in many MGS committees, projects and activities.

Ron Snyder has been a MGS member since early 1990s. He and Doug Applegath promoted the establishment of the Computer Interest Group in the MGS in early 1999. This did not come about but the computer interest by the Society has continued. Ron has assisted Delta College with their Outreach Program in Kenya by checking and preparing computers for shipment.

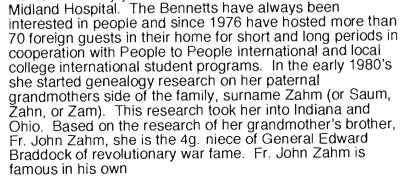
Gale Hock has been a MGS member since 1990. She served as MGS Treasurer for three years, 1993-95. She is researching the surnames: Hock, Williams, Scott, Hillsinger and Rodgers. The areas of research have been MI, NY, PA and England.

Walter Bennett, Jr. has been a MGS member for about seven years. He was born in Midland and lived in and around Midland most of his life. He, along with his mother, are researching the surnames: Zahm, Braddock, Thurlow, Haskins, Sly, Bennett, Lacrouix, Ladouceur, Desjardins, and others. They have taken some of the family lines back to the early 1600s. Locally (around Michigan), they use the public libraries and county clerk offices as well as cemeteries. They have utilized available CDs and also searched the Internet. They have also done research in Canada



Colleen Bennett, Walter's mother, was born in Midland in 1935. She also has lived in and around Midland most of her life. When she was 38 she

went to Nursing School and worked for many years at the



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right in that he traveled with Teddy Roosevelt on the Amazon in 1913 on the "River of Doubt" journey in which Roosevelt almost died. In addition, another brother of her grandmother, Albert Zahm, was an inventor of many things, most notably the wind tunnel (about 20 years before the Wright brothers first flight).

Jan Crozier has been a MGS member since 1992. She and her husband have lived in Midland since 1969. She became interested in genealogy during her college years when she took an anthropology class. One assignment was to record a family tree which she really enjoyed doing. Jan did not resume this interest for about 25 years, but now she is hooked. Her research destinations include the Library of Michigan, Detroit Public Library Burton Collection, Allen County Library in Fort Wayne and the LDS Family History Center. She has participated in several genealogy conventions and one related Elderhostel. She is originally from Commerce Lake in Oakland County, Michigan, and is a member of that county's society. Jan is a descendant of John Langdon (born in England), an early settler of Highland Park, MI and Civil War Veteran. Langdon was her maiden name. Her mother's parents (Gall, Fruhstuck) were of German descent, immigrating from Lithuania in 1908. Obtaining genealogical information on those ancestors is a challenge. Other family names include Harland, Appel(Apel), Kalpin, Fletcher & Moeller,



Gloria Kundinger has been a MGS member since 1998. She is a Michigan native and has been interested in genealogy for some time. She is researching the surnames: Kundinger, Schlicker, Gettle, Beyer, Trapp, Blankenburg, Johnston and Adam. Research areas are Michigan, Germany and Ukraine. Gloria was MGS Secretary in 2000-01. Conflicts with studies at Delta College caused her to reduce her MGS involvement. It is nice to have her active again.

Loretta Waters is a transplant from central New York. She got into genealogy about two years ago and joined the MGS in 2002. She is

researching the surnames Addabbo, Albino, Driscoll, Elbery, Murray, O'Donnell,

O'Connell, Richer, Valentino, and Waters. Only the Irish surnames are hers, the rest are her husband's family. She is doing most of her research on the Internet at this point, but has researched records in New York State. She has reached the point, in researching the Italian surnames, where research in Italy will be necessary. She hopes that immigration records in Boston may provide valuable information related to her Irish ancestors. Loretta has lived in Midland since 1977 with her husband Peter and their three children. Her son is planning to marry in the fall, and should his fianc'e become interested in genealogy, she will

start researching that branch also.





Kathy Bohl has been a MGS member since 1992. She has served as our MGC Delegate for the past six years starting in 1997. She enjoys going to the MGC meetings in Lansing and regularly reports back to our membership about their programs and activities. Her genealogy research has been extensive covering many areas of the US including MI, OH, NY, WI, IL, CT, MA, KS, IA and TN. The surnames she has been researching include: Bohl, Weeks, Culver, Orr, Case, McPhail, Friedlance, Farnsworth, Eyestone, Brockway and Lawrence. Her husband Roger keeps her company during her research travels.

HISTORY of MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY by Joanne Rupprecht, Historian updated by the Editors

Thirty-two years ago on **June 17,1971**, the **Midland Genealogical Society** was born as a **unit** of the **Midland County Historical Society**. **Judith Wiley** became acting president of the small group. In 1972 there were twelve members: Kathryn Cummins, Jan Erratt, Bernice Freer, Bonnie Kennett, Ruth Klump, Kaye Lorton, Karen McKellar, Dorothy VanArsdale, Dorothy Virgil, Harry Walker, Dorothy Wilson and Pat Worden. **Jan Erratt** became the first elected president.

The fledgling unit met for six and one half years in Studio 7 at The Midland Center for the Arts where they maintained a small genealogical library for research. As the number of members and the library continued to grow, there was a need for more space and to have the library available to members and the public for longer time periods. In **1978**, the MGS unit left the MCHS and became the **Midland Genealogical Society**. Their library was added to genealogical materials available at the **Grace A**. **Dow Memorial Library**. In addition, the MGS began to hold meetings at the Library.

The officers of the **unit** of the MCHS and subsequently the **MGS** are summarized in the table on the facing page. In the 32 years, **MGS** has had more than **86 individual** members serve as officers. **Seventeen** individuals have served in more than **5 offices** and 6 of those have served in more than 9 offices. All these officers have been the backbone of the Society.

The **MGS** has been and is an active, innovative organization of enthusiastic and dedicated members. The programs at each meeting cover a wide variety of genealogical topics presented by members and outside speakers. Many genealogy workshops have been sponsored, beginning as early as 1972. The **MGS** joined the **Michigan Genealogical Council** in 1980. Shortly thereafter, in September, 1983, the **MGS** hosted the annual **MGC Seminar** entitled "Canadian Research". Throughout the years the **MGS** has held many workshops, seminars and book exchange days, all geared to help each other in genealogical research.

In 1980 the "*Pioneer Record*" was started as the MGS newsletter. Pat Worden was the first editor. There have only been 5 other editors. Ora Flaningam served as editor for ten years from 1989-1999. Fave and Earl Ebach have published the "*Pioneer Record*" for the last four years.

The MGS has published six books: "Midland County Cemetery" in 1981, "Midland County Census" in 1983, "Midland County Naturalizations" in 1983; "Midland County Obituary Index: 1872-1927" in 1994, "Midland Pioneers" in 1999; and "Midland County Obituary Index: 1928-1950" in 2000. Each of these publications have involved thousands of hours of work by many society members, but the completed results offer invaluable data to Midland County researchers.

In 1988 Pat Worden organized the first **MGS** group trip to the **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City, Utah. Since then, ten more groups have followed.

One of the more successful **MGS** projects was the "First Families of Midland County" which lasted four years, being completed in 1994. This project was revived in 1999 as a continuing program with "First Families of Midland County" being recognized annually.

The **MGS** has from the beginning donated books to the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library** genealogy section. It was a happy day when the Genealogy Section was moved from its cramped location downstairs in the Library to the expansive **Midland Room** in 1994. It now appears that the Genealogy Section will be moved to another location in the Library. Five or more **MGS** volunteers spend each afternoon helping novice and experienced genealogists locate information in the library. These volunteers also answer inquiries doing genealogical research for others for a small fee.

From little acorns great oaks grow. From the 12 original members in 1972 the **MGS** has had as many as 150 members. In 2003 we presently have 120 members. More importantly, the **MGS** has provided for its members and **Midland County** an atmosphere rich in interest and history.

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Year	President	VP Program	VP Membership	Secretary	Treasurer	MGC Reps	Historian	PR Editor
1971	Judith Wiley							
1972	Jan Erratt	Dorothy Virgil		Dorothy Wilson	Pat Worden			
1973	Jan Erratt	Fran Charters		Ruth D. Owen	Pat Worden		Dorothy Van Arsdale	ļ
1974	Pat Worden	Bernice Freer Karen McKeller Richard McKeller		Helen D. Lee	Ralph Hillman		Dorothy Virgil	
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1976	Karen D. McKellar	Ralph Hillman						
1977	John D. Moyer	Ralph Hillman	Diane Hebert	Diana D. Butcher	Shirley D. Schweitzer		Marjory Davis	
1978	John D. Moyer	Ratph Hillman		Audrey D. Pomranky	Shirley D. Schweitzer		Marjory Davis	
1979	Ken D. Schweitzer			Ruth Ann Casadonte	Audrey Nuechterlein	=	Helen Lee	
1980	Ruth Ann Casadonte	Maxine McCullen	Cheryl Hoffman	Harriette Miller	Audrey Nuechterlein	 Wilma Diesen	Do Johnson	Pat Worden
1981	Ruth Ann Casadonte	Ed Birkhimer	Audrey Pomranky	Harrjette Miller	Audrey Nuechterlein	Pat Worden Wilma Diesen	Do Johnson	Pat Worden
1982	Ed Birkheimer	Les Berry	Nancy Lackle	Sandra Cassidy	Jo Brines	Pat Worden Marian Berry	Nancy Humphrey	Pat Worden
1983	Les Berry	Nancy Humphrey	Nancy Lackie	Dolores Rouse	Jo Brines	Wilma Diesen Norma Furlo	Rose Marie Anderson	Pat Worden
1984	Les Berry	Quita Shier	Nancy Lackie	Nancy Humphrey	Jo Brines	Esme Gehoske		Norma Funo
1985	Wilma Diesen	Audrey Pomranky	Esme Gehoski	Evelyn Fagley	Jo Brines	Carolyn Bacon Nancy Lackie	Lucille King	Norma Furlo
1986	Wilma Diesen	Ralph Hillman	Esme Gehoski	Evelyn Fagley	Jo Brines	Carolyn Bacon	Lucitle King	Pat Worden
1987	Marian Berry	Quita Shier	Ruth Ann Casadonte	Evelyn Fagley	Jo Brines	Nancy Lackie Carolyn Bacon	Nancy Burd	Nancy Humphrey
1988	Beverly Keicher	Mary Card	Maxine McCullen	Esme Gehoski	Jo Brines	Nancy Lackie Carolyn Bacon	Nancy Humphrey	Merilyn McGinnis
1989	Florence Wise	Norma Schneider Wilma Diesen	Maxine McCullen	Barbara Fox	Jo Brines	Nancy Lackie Quita Shier	Judy Anderson	Ora Flaningam
1990	Bill Worden	Norma Schneider	Maxine McCullen	Barbara Fox	Jo Brines	Nancy Lackie Quita Shier	Harriette Miller	Ora Flaningam
1991	Bill Worden	Gayle Hanna	Rose Mary Laur	Barbara Fox	Jo Brines	Nancy Lackie Quita Shier	Harriette Miller	Ora Flaningam
1992	Ralph Hillman	Beverly Keicher	Rose Mary Laur	Betty Bellous	Jo Brines	Nancy Lackie Quita Shier	Harriette Miller	Ora Flaningam
1993	Ralph Hillman	Jo Brines	Bill & Pat Worden	Marcia Brandle	Gale Hoch	Nancy Lackie Ouita Shier	Virginia Florey	Ora Flaningam
1994	Jack Dickert	Jo Brines	Bill & Pat Worden	Marcia Brandle	Gale Hoch	Nancy Lackie Quita Shier	Virginia Florey	Ora Flaningam
						Nancy Lackie		
1995	Jo Brines	Joann Rupprecht Walt Rupprecht	Bill & Pat Worden	Marcia Brandle	Gale Hoch	Quita Shler Nancy Lackie	Maxine McCullen	Ora Flaningam
1996	Jo Brines	MaryLou Hayes Bill Kocher	Marge Anger Marie Bebeau	Marcia Brandle	Bill Worden	Joan Somerville Nancy Lackie	Beverly Keicher	<u>Ora</u> Flaningam
1997	Jo_Brines	Doug Applegath Ron Snyder	Marie Bebeau	Marcia Brandle	Bill Worden	Kathy Bohi Joan Sommerville	Kay Bredeweg	Ora Flaningam
1998	Bill Kocher	Joanne Brausch	Mary Lou Hayes Alice Lund	Beverty Keicher	Bill Worden	Kathy Bohl Shirley Renwick	Joanne Rupprecht	Ora Flaningam
1999	Joanne Brausch	Roland Crane	Bill Kocher		Bill Worden Jeri Shangle	Kathy Bohl Beverly Keicher	Joanne Rupprecht	Fave Ebach Earl Ebach
2000	Bob Mass	Shirley Renwick Mary Lou Pease	Bill Kocher	Gloria Kundinger	Jeri Shangle	Kathy Bohi Beverly Keicher	Joanne Rupprecht	Faye Ebach Earl Ebach
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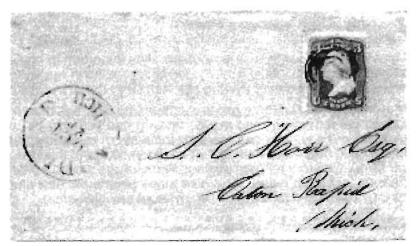
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1868 MIDLAND CITY LETTER Farl Ebach

In my postal history collection of **Midland County** I have a very early, interesting envelope and letter. The letter describes some of the beginnings of the **City of Midland**.

The letter, dated "Midland City, Oct. 21st, 1868" was written by J. D. Horr to his cousin Stephen. The envelope is addressed to "S. E. Horr Esq. Eaton Rapid Mich." And bears a Scott # 94 3 cent Red Washington postage stamp grilled issue of 1867 cancelled with a target grill. The envelope also is stamped with a cds "MIDLAND MICH OCT 21". The year 1868 is determined, as was the case during that period, either by writing on the back of the envelope or the letterhead.



The letter itself is a very interesting piece of **Midland** history. It discusses

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the building of the **Presbyterian Church** in 1868, the second **Midland Fair** and the politics of the day. A copy of the first page of the letter is pictured to the left, but because it is somewhat difficult to read, the transcription is also included. Both the envelope and letter are reduced in size in order to print them reasonably. The letter reads as follows:

" Midland City, Oct.21st, 1868 Cousin Stephen,

I hope you do not think we have forgotten our promise to answer all of your letters. With great pleasure, I will not weary your patience with any excesses, for I do not believe in many. I have been very busy since we received yours & have been so tired some night that I do not feel much like writing. I have been at work most of the time on the Church since we left your place. We have it now nearly completed with the exception of painting the inside. They are intending to finish the joiner work next week. The bell came yesterday from Troy, New York. We completed hanging it this forenoon & have rung

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

Midland Genealogical Society membership is now up to **112**. That includes eight out-of-state members.

Our newest members are:

Judy A. Hoag Grant	Gladwin
Joy Rae Hunter	Midland
Gary Skory	Midland

Nancy Humphrey	Midland
Carol Porterfield	Midland
Sharon Thurston	Gladwin

Please make a point to **welcome** them. It is important to note that Gary Skory is the Director of the Midland County Historical Society and is interested in reactivating his earlier work on his family's history. Some of us may want to talk with Gary about the Historical Society.

We wonder if our new lime green membership flyer has drawn more attention to the **Midland Genealogical Society**, and maybe encouraged some to join. If you know former members, please give them our new flyer and talk with them about **rejoining to revitalize** their interest in their family's history. You may have friends that have talked about their genealogy or have an interest in preserving their family's history for future generations, or are working independently but could use encouragement, guidance and fresh ideas. Also give these people our new lime green membership flyer and suggest that they come to a meeting or two, without any obligation.

MGS PIN - Mary & Sheldon Levy, Membership Co-Chairs

The **Board's Pin Committee** continues to explore the feasibility of a **Midland Genealogical Society** lapel/hat pin to raise money for MGS and to give the Society ready **identity** at genealogical functions. Contact has been made with McCreadie Sales in Midland to work on design specifics, pricing and quantities.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave Russell, MGS Treasurer

April 3, 2003

Income for MGS 2002-2003 fiscal year to date is **\$2628**, made up primarily of donations (\$239), dues (\$1477), First Family (\$80), interest (\$92), NARA (\$79), research (\$226), and book sales (\$422), versus a **budgeted** income total of **\$2682**.

Expenses to date are **\$1700**, made up primarily of Membership Committee (\$367), MGC mileage (\$101), Pioneer Record (\$891), program expenses (\$75) and rent (\$200), versus a **budgeted** expense total of **\$2682**.

The account balances are: Operating Checking: **\$2549.02**; Money Market: **\$3851.32**; and CD: **\$2500.00**. The total assets are **\$8900.34**.

IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES

February 19, 2003 MGS Meeting

MGS member **Ken Schweitzer** presented an interesting program on "**Preparing for Publishing Prior to Printing**". He has had several experiences writing and publishing collected family history data and shared much of what he has learned from his publishing experiences. To begin, he posed the question "Why bother publishing?" He answered his own question with the following:

- to share what you know
- to help others in their research
- to occupy your idle time
- to reduce contents of your files/briefcase/purse

Example formats for published material along with various rationales for use were discussed:

Pamphlets are simple, quick and inexpensive. You can use a computer, a genealogy software program, make a dependency chart, and have it easily printed. These are great for family reunions.

Books are more complex, time consuming and expensive. However, books can include a great deal of material. They take more time to get published after a manuscript is completed.

Many more questions need to be answered when considering publishing a book. What style should be selected? Two frequently used styles are **freeform** and **automatic narrative**. To make **freeform** successful he recommended presenting data according to a timeline – beginning from the earliest known data and working toward the latest available material. As a writer you need to remember that you are telling a story and repetition is rarely interesting to the reader. An **automatic narrative** is something that can be done via available genealogy computer software. An outline story can be produced directly from a genealogical database. However, this needs to be amplified to be interesting to the reader.

Preparing a manuscript can be done in a variety of ways. Hiring a ghostwriter can be expensive. Using a computerized report generator such as Personal Ancestry File available from the LDS is easy to use but boring to read. Doing it yourself is time consuming, and often frustrating, but also the most satisfying.

Page design is another factor that must be considered when considering book publication. What **font style and size** should you select? Commercial publishers will usually advise the type of fonts that are compatible with their equipment. The size of the font will influence the number of pages but care must be taken that it is not too small to enable ease of reading. He recommended nothing smaller than a 9 point font. Other considerations must be given to margin size, special pages, i.e., footnotes, and number of non-text pages.

Additional decisions that need to be made regarding book publication relate to type of **binding** and **cover**. Should the binding be glued or sewn? Should the cover be hard or soft? Depending upon the choices made, the cost of publishing can become more or less expensive.

For a "budding writer" finding help can be a challenge. "Professional assistance comes with a price." Editing, printing, binding, publishing, and marketing all take time and come with a price tag. Some or all of these can be done by one business or all can be done separately.

Ken completed his presentation with some specific references and comments regarding book **publication**. GateWay Publishers limit the minimum number of books for a press run to 50 at a cost of approximately \$50/book. Binding is an additional cost. GateWay also provides a videotape entitled "Prepare to Publish" which Ken has used and plans to donate to the Library. Ken also said that including pictures, maps, and drawings require special handling by a publisher. Although they add special interest to any book on family history, including them will increase the cost of publication

In summary **writing a family history is worthwhile**. Children and grand children will appreciate the value of the kind of information included. Maybe not during your lifetime, but sometime in the future.

Death of a Genealogy Society

(from Genealogy Bulletin, Jan-Feb 1998)

Want to kill your local genealogy society? Here are ways to do just that:

- Do not volunteer. Do not participate.
- If volunteers are asked for, don't raise your hand or sign the passed clipboard; get sore later if you are not appointed, nominated or asked; if you do volunteer, complain loudly about the leadership and policies of the group.
- If you get to a meeting, keep quiet until it's over; then tell everyone how things should be done.
- After you are elected or named, don't attend the board meetings or do much of anything to fulfill your obligation.
- Do not work if you can help it; if someone does volunteer, tell them they are wasting their time, or they are not gualified.
- If things do not go the way you want, threaten not to cooperate, or just silently guit attending.
- Oppose all extra functions like picnics, luncheon meetings or banquets as a waste of members' money, time and effort.
- If anyone has a new idea or a new project, be sure to oppose it; always give the reason that "we have done it THIS way for 23 years!".

The Good Old Days...from our English ancestors

12 months for taking a dead chicken? You think that's kinda harsh...note below:

Dec 1861 Qtr sessions: Thomas DAVIES a boatman charged with stealing 2 fowls valued at 12 shillings the property of Jenkin JENKINS of Caerau was found guilty and sent to ---the lunatic asylum.

1862 Midsummer Qtr sessions: Mary COVE aged 24 and single charged with stealing a pewter pot the property of Edward JARVIS at Cardiff on 17th April 1862 was found guilty of larceny and having a previous conviction was sent to prison at Swansea for 18 months with hard labour.

Same Qtr sessions: Catherine KELLY aged 41 a widow was charged with stealing a waist coat and other articles the property of John DAVIES at Cardiff 10th May 1862. She was found guilty of larceny and having a previous conviction was sentenced to 4 years penal servitude.

Oh yes and there also in December 1850 was poor old John DAVIES aged 14 his crime was stealing bread, he had been sentenced on 17th July 1850 and was awaiting transportation for a 10 year service.

However, when you look at the real bad crimes stabbings and shootings oh boy they got to go down big time you would think. Uh Uh no way Jose.

Dec 1861 Qtr sessions; John KELLY aged 47 a labourer was charged with feloniously cutting and wounding William JOHNSON at Roath on 7th December 1861. He was found guilty of assault and sent to prison for "7" days at Cardiff prison.

In Cardiff prison In December 1850 was one John JENKINS his crime was shooting with intent to kill. He had been sentenced at the Summer Qtr sessions of 1850 to --- 12 months hard labour and was due to be released on 8th July 1851.

HELPFUL HINTS

Help is available for those who are trying to track down specific surnames. The

January/February, 2003 issue of "Family Chronicle" magazine has an interesting article titled "Mapping Surname Distributions From Census CDs". The article describes a technique developed by **Harry Wykes**, from England. Wykes has developed a computer program which will allow for the display of surname distribution maps using CD census data. He has established a readily available website (www.wykes.org/dist/) which describes the process in detail.

The **Family Chronicle** article explains the value of surname distribution maps, and describes how useful Wykes' technique can be. This technique can be applied to areas other than the British Isles – as long as census data is available on CDs. The **Family Chronicle** magazine is available in the genealogy room at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT -- The higher you climb in your family tree, the more you realize that the tree is not really a tree. For as its branches divide again and again, more and more of them reconnect with one another, as well as with the branches of the family trees of everyone else on Earth. The further you look into your own genealogy, the more you're struck by the fact that we're all related to Dante and Mozart and Churchill ... and to one another. That's the ultimate lesson of genealogy: a lesson not in snobbery or self-importance, but in fact that we're all members of one large family.

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1868 MIDLAND LETTER

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it several times. The Meth, have not got there church completed & probably will not this season for they have but just commenced to lath. The ladies got up a supper in the Pres. Church last Tuesday causing from which they realized eighty dollars. The Midland County Fair met here last Wednesday & Thursday but it did not look much like old Oxford fairs. It was the second fair they ever had here, so we must make some allowance, although they said it was not near as good as it was last year. The Democrats are feeling very, very bad over the elections that have been maid. They think now their last hope is gon for they were expecting to cary the last four states. They had a speaker here last Tuesday night & also received news, or pretended they did that Indiana had gon seventeen thousand Democratic majority, & when they found it had gon Rep., they dared not yelp, no more than a child after receiving a sevear whipping. The Rep. rep. for congress was here last night & delivered about as smart a lect., as I ever heared. I must now draw to a close hoping to hear from this soon & also to hear you are prospering finely with your school is the sincear wishes of your friend, 6

J. D. Horr

According to Dorothy Langdon Yates in her book "Salt of the Earth", the first Presbyterian Church of Midland City was founded in 1867. The first building, 1868, corner Larkin and Townsend Streets, housed a bell that was rung as a fire alarm and also a mark of death. When a man died the bell would give three preliminary tolls, for a woman, two. Then the bell would toll the years of the person's life. The bell was melted in the big fire of 1876, which took out the church along with 51 other buildings between the river and Grove Street. Another church was eventually built on the same site (sometime in the 1880s).

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Several upcoming workshops and seminars are scheduled that may be of interest to MGS members.

- Ohio Genealogical Society 2003 Annual Conference, 24-26 April 2003 at the Hilton Columbus Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Focus of conference will on 200 years of Ohio heritage. Featured speaker: Kip Sperry. Registration information available via email to: conference@ogs.org; or in the Midland Room at the Library.
- Saginaw Genealogical Society Spring Seminar, 3 May 2003 at the Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock St, Saginaw. The Speaker will be Shirley J. Hodges. Topics will be: Tracing Your Ancestors Through Military Records; The Role of Women in History; The Internet: Blessings & Curses. The seminar is scheduled from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00 prior to 20 April, and \$20.00 after 20 April. For information contact Eugene D. Mossner, President, SGS, at 989-793-5210.
- Family History (Genealogy) Seminar, Saturday, 10 May 2003, 9:00 am 3:15 pm sponsored by the Lansing MI Family History Center, LDS Church. Seminar location will be at the temporary location for the LDS Church – 4910 Hagadorn, East Lansing, tele 517-332-2932. There is no charge for this seminar. A Syllabus of collected materials for listed classes is available for \$10.00. Topics to be discussed are: A Trip Through a Courthouse; Irish Research; Scandinavian Research; Personal Histories & Journals; Military Records Research; German Research; Census Helps; Where to Begin & FHC Helps; and two presentations by Shirley J. Hodges re: Research Facilities of Great Lakes Area and Directions, Maps & Gazetteers. Early registration may be made to: Lansing MI Family History Center, Att: Mary Griffes, Director, P.O. Box 1610 431 E. Saginaw, East Lansing, MI 48826.

Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library During Period - November, 2002 - March, 2003

Washington Co., Maryland –Church Records 929.3752	Woodbury Connecticut, History of Ancient 974.61			
Indiana Roster of Soldiers & Patriots 973.34	Wailsfield, Utah – History of 974.3			
<i>Belmont Co., Ohio before 1830</i> 929.3771	In Search of Our Ancestors – Companion to the PBS Series 929.1			
Adams Co., Ohio – Illustrated Historical Atlas 912.771	Declaration of Independence, Descendants of the Signers – Vol 2-7 973.313			
Columbiana Co., Ohio –Atlas 1870-1902 912.771	Barbour Collection – Vol 44-46 929.3746			
Rockingham Co., Virginia – Atlas of 912.755	Northern & Central New York – Genealogical and Family History of 974.75			
1930 Michigan Census, 15 microfilms				

How the Nation Has Changed Since the 1930 Census

Submitted by Mary & Sheldon Levy

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	1930	2000
Total U.S. Population	122.8 million	281.4 million
Leading country of birth of foreign born	Italy (1.8 million)	Mexico (7.8 million)
Life expectancy	59.7 years	77.1 years
Median age	26.5 years	35.3 years
Population of California	5.7 million	33.9 million
Number of people age 65 or older	6.6 million	35.0 million
Proportion of women in the labor force	24 %	61 %
Percentage of households consisting		
of people living alone	8 %	26 %
Average number of people per household	4.1	2.6

NEW RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGISTS

** The Michigan Genealogical Council announces the publication of a new book titled "Michigan's Early Military Forces - A Roster and History of Troops Activated Prior to the American Civil War". This is a 518 page hard-cover volume published by Wayne State University Press with assistance provided by the MGC.

The dust-jacket summary begins:

"Michigan has long been proud of its military service, but many of its early accomplishments are unknown to most of the state's residents. This book fills that void in our knowledge by bringing together an impressive array of information on Michigan's armed forces from 1775 to 1860. Here we find the name, rank, unit and dates of service for all known Michigan men who served in the Revolutionary War, Indian Wars, War of 1812, Black Hawk War, Toledo War, Patriot War, and the Mexican-American War. Accompanying histories explain the reasons behind the conflicts and include maps showing all theaters of operations for Michigan troops."

Copies may be ordered from the Michigan Genealogical Council at a cost of \$39.95 plus \$4 postage and handling. Orders may be sent to: MGC Publications, c/o Miles Church, 9642 Holland Rd., Taylor MI 48180-3068.

** A reprint of the Shiawassee County Atlas Books and Maps from 1859, 1875, 1895, & 1915 with every name index will soon become available. This hard-cover volume is being published by the Shiawassee County Historical Society. Prepublication price is \$65.00 including tax and delivery charges. Orders may be sent to: Shiawassee County Historical Society, P.O. Box 526, Owosso, MI 48867

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:

April 16, 2003 -Helen Eichstaedt, author of the book "ALLA LIZZIE", will relate the struggle to start a new life in early twentieth century America for her German/Russian ancestors.

May 21, 2003 -Mystery Night, annual meeting and election of officers

Refreshments & conversation will follow the program at all meetings

Next issue of the *Pioneer Record* will be published and mailed

About September, 2003

MGS NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

Jo Brines

Does anyone have in their personal library copies of "THE CONNECTICUT NUTMEGGER" that could be donated to the genealogy collection at the library? We are in need of the following issues:

Vol. 4	# 2,3,4	Vol. 7	#4
Vol. 11	# 1	Vol. 12	# 1
Vol. 16	# 1,3	Vol. 19	#4
Vol. 20	# 4	Vol. 23	# 1,4
Vol. 25	# 1,3,4	Vol. 26	# 1,3,4
Vol. 28	#4	Vol. 29	# 1.2

If you have any of these issues, please contact one of the MGS volunteers in the Midland Room (Mon. – Fri., 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm), or by phone to Jo Brines, 832-8312.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Michigan Genealogical Council 2003 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.

April 10 – Federal & State Land Records June 7 – Researching Your Female Ancestors Aug. 2 – Using Vital Records for Genealogical Recearch

Oct. 4 – Genealogy & the Internet Dec. 6 – Polish Genealogy

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

Conferences, Workshops & Seminars

April 24-26 – Ohio Genealogical Society 2003 Annual Conf. At Hilton Columbus Hotel, Columbus, OH - "200 Years of Ohio Heritage" – Speaker: Kip Sperry

May 3 - 9:00 am to 2:00pm, Saginaw Gen. Society Spring Seminar at Butman-Fish Library, Saginaw "Military Records; Role of Women; Internet",; Speaker – Shirley Hodges, Reg.Fee: \$15.

May 10 – 9:00am – 3:15pm - Family History Seminar at LDS Church, East Lansing – sponsored by Lansing FHC, LDS Church – 8 classes + Shirley Hodges 2 presentations - No Fee, but Syllabus for classes cost &10

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

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.

MIDLAND COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX (#1) -- 1872-1927. The book consists of 16,000 abstractions covering 55 years from the Midland Times (1872-1875), the Midland Sun (1892-1924) and the Midland Republican (1881-1927). The soft bound 238 page book is 8 1/2 by 11 inches. (35 copies remaining)

MIDLAND COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX (#2) -- 1928-1950. The book consists of 16,000 abstractions covering 22 years from the Midland Republican (1928-1937) and the Midland Daily News (1937-1950). The soft bound 238 page book is 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Note: Both Obituary Books (#1 & #2) are available in as a package for \$35.00; plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling. (70 copies remaining)

MIDLAND PIONEERS, edited by Ora Flaningam. This book is a compilation of the most interesting genealogical, historical and humorous reprints from newspapers published in the Pioneer Record. The book is 6 by 9 inches, soft bound, 259 pages. (0 copies remaining, but orders being compiled at Genealogy desk)

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INFORMATION ABOUT MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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.

Membership dues are \$14.00 for single and \$17.50 for a couple and can be paid after July 1, but must be paid by Nov. 25, to continue receiving the *Pioneer Record*. Dues may be paid at any MGS meeting or may be sent to the Membership Chair, Midland Genealogical Society at the MGS Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640.