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## TOWNSHIPS OF MIDLAND COUNTY

The boundaries of **Midland County** and the **Townships** within it were changed many times during the first 45 years of its existence. During this initial period townships were formed and organized – reformed and reorganized. The **first** was **Midland Township** in **1853** and the **last** was **Mills Township** in **1894**.

When townships were first organized, homes were probably used for meetings and maintaining records. Townships were formed when a group of individuals made application to form a local government. Elected officials were normally the Supervisor, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Justice of the Peace and Board of Trustees. Homes, schools or buildings with large meeting rooms served as the center of government. Soon **township halls** were built,



**Original Jerome Township Hall**

normally centrally located within the boundaries. These halls were the center of township activity – utilized for meetings, elections, record keeping and picnics. Of the original township halls, few remain. One of the **oldest** is the **Jerome Township Hall** preserved in the historical **Sanford Centennial Museum**. It was built in late **1890s**, used until **1983**, and moved to the museum in **1984**.

Many of the **township halls** are relatively new, large and functional. They have offices, record areas, meeting rooms, halls and

outside activity areas, some with playground equipment and ball diamonds.

In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Indians occupied the area surrounding the junction of the Pine, Chippewa and Tittabawassee Rivers known as "the Forks". Following the Treaty of Saginaw in 1819 venturesome settlers began to move into the area. The first permanent settler was **John A. Whitman** in 1836. Michigan

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## MGS MEETING \*\* APRIL 28, 2004

The fourth **Midland Genealogical Society** meeting of 2004 will be held Wednesday, **April 28**, in the lounge of the **GRACE A. MEMORIAL LIBRARY** starting at **7:00 pm**. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of April – NOT the normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Date was changed due to Library scheduling.

**Agnes Schmidt**, author of the book "History of Auburn and Williams Township" will be the speaker. She will discuss the history of the area revealing many interesting stories of early settlers. Williams Township in Bay County borders just east of Midland Township.

The normal business of the society will be conducted following the program. Refreshments and conversation will follow the meeting.

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**From the President**

I'm sitting in the sun, relaxing in California, writing what is probably my last president's letter. Fran Longsdorf and I were very fortunate in obtaining three willing volunteers for the Nominating Committee: Maxine McCullen, Chairman, Nike Hoyle and Dona McArdle. The latter two are relatively new members to the MGS. A number of you, including some new to MGS, stepped up to volunteer to be part of the proposed slate of officers for 2004 (see Maxine's report elsewhere in this issue). Thank you all for offering to serve. There are job descriptions to help you learn and "old timers" to call upon for advice. Please don't hesitate to "pick our brains".

I have been remiss several times at the meetings to not thank people who have brought and served refreshments. The Hospitality Committee was co-chaired by Marcia Brandle and Nancy Humphrey. Those providing cookies for our monthly meetings were: Bev Keicher, Nike Hoyle, Gloria Kunder, Joanne Rupprecht, Gale Hock, Pat Beasley, Shirley Russell, Colleen Bennett, Walt Bennett, Dona McArdle, Barb Fox, Lois Baker, Wilma Diesen, Elva Blymyer, and Nancy Humphrey. In February we even had a birthday cake for Colleen Bennett minus the candles and singing. I believe this half hour period after the program is a great fellowship and sharing time.



Fran and I want to thank all the officers and committee people who have worked to make this past year run smoothly: Nancy Lackie, Program Committee coordinator and her committee Floyd Andrick, Walt Bennett, Terry McKane and Joan Somerville. Jan Crozier and Gloria Kunder, who shared their role as co-secretaries; Ron Snyder, treasurer; Loretta Waters, membership chair; Gale Hock, historian; and Kathy Bohl and Colleen Bennett, delegates to the Michigan Genealogical Council.

I think Fran and I have worked well together and hope we've shown that two people can share an office. It is not an ideal solution, but it is a solution that can work.

Thank you to Faye and Earl Ebach for their five years of very devoted service to MGS with the publication of the Pioneer Record. They have made our society's newsletter one of the best. It is very informative, it is interesting, and it is attractive in its layout. I hope they intend to stay active and that their "well" has not run dry after these past five years.

The society has received a request, as have all other genealogy societies in Michigan, from the Library of Michigan Foundation regarding financial support to help keep the Library going and to add new resources. Kathy Bohl has informed us of budget cuts because of our state's financial condition. One of the areas where a contribution can be directed is the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection, which in the past has added resources worth millions of dollars to the genealogy collection. This issue was mentioned at the March board meeting and will be discussed in more detail at the April meeting. We could decide to do nothing, we could make a donation part of our 2004-05 budget, or we could change the NARA jar (individual contributions) to a Library of Michigan jar. Comments to board members are welcome before the April 21 board meeting when the new budget will be discussed.

Either at the April or May MGS meeting, I would like to ask members, on behalf of the present board and the incoming board, how they would like the MGS to proceed. What are you taking from the society? What can you individually do for the society? What is important to you? The program committee particularly is looking for "input" re programs for the future.

Officers: remember the next scheduled board meeting on Wednesday, April 21, at Loretta's, to discuss and prepare a budget for 2004-05.

*Jo Brines*

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The **Midland Genealogical Society** extends its condolences to the family of Marilyn "Jan" B. Erratt, who passed away on March 28, 2004. Jan was a **founding member** of the **Midland Genealogical Society**. She was the **first elected President** in 1972 and served two terms. Jan was involved in many community organizations. She actively researched her family histories and remained a member of the **MGS** until the year 2000 when illness forced her to reduce her activities.  
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**MGS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Loretta Waters, Membership Chair**

As of this writing, for Fiscal Year 2003-04 the **Midland Genealogical Society (MGS)** has **109** memberships. There are 85 single memberships, the balance being family, for a total of **133 members**.

For those of you who like to keep your membership list up to date, there are a few changes.

New Addresses: Jack Dickert 400 E. Main St., #323, Midland, MI 48640  
Phone: 837-8768

Joan Somerville 3405 Boston, Midland, MI 48642

Due to a new job, this **Membership Chair** cannot continue to serve into the next year. If you are looking for a way to get to know more of the **MGS** members, and serve the organization without too much work involved, please consider this position. If you are interested, but wish to know exactly what duties are involved, please call Loretta at 832-1611.

**Midland Genealogical Society PINS** will continue to be sold at each meeting throughout the year. Although we are not allowed to put a sign up in the Library, we do have some pins available there. Just ask the volunteer behind our genealogy desk. **PINS** have our **MGS** logo on them, and are only \$5.00.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT - Ron Snyder, MGS Treasurer**

**Income** for **MGS** 2003-2004 fiscal year to date (1 April, 2004) is **\$1934.25**, made up primarily of dues (\$1143), interest (\$26), research (\$93), book sales (\$164), Pins (\$120), NARA (\$58), and Donations (\$294), versus a budgeted income total of **\$3563.00**. Expected significant income for the balance of the fiscal year is: Donations (\$95).

**Expenses** to date are **\$1874.99**, made up primarily of meeting rental space (\$175), Pioneer Record (\$834), MGC mileage (\$107), Membership Committee (\$160), Pins (\$557), and Misc. Expenses (\$42), versus a budgeted expense total of **\$3506.00**. Expected significant expenses for the balance of the fiscal year are: Pioneer Record (\$300) and Library Books (\$600).

The account balances (as of 7 March, 2004) are: Operating Checking: **\$1313.06**; Money Market: **\$4621.60**; and CD: **\$2500.00**. The total assets are **\$8434.66**.

The **Budget for 2004-05** will be presented at the next **MGS Board Meeting, April 21, 2004** and a Board approved budget will be presented and voted on in the **May 19, 2004 Annual MGS Meeting**.

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**REPORT OF THE 2004-05 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The **Nominating Committee** appointed by Presidents **Jo Brines** and **Fran Longsdorf** has done a tremendous job in obtaining candidates for offices of the Midland Genealogical Society for the fiscal year 2004-05. Members of the Nominating Committee were **Maxine McCullen**, **Niki Hoyle** and **Dona McArdle**. Maxine served as chair. Niki and Dona are relatively new members of the **MGS**. The slate of officers are:

President:	Robert C. Snyder
Program Chair:	Katherine Redwine
Membership Chair:	???
Co-Secretaries:	Janet Crozier & Jayne Shrier
Treasurer:	Ron Snyder
Historian:	Gayle Hock
MGC Representatives:	Kathy Bohl & Colleen Bennett

The following have volunteered to serve on the Program Committee:

Pat Beasley	Elva Blymer
Nancy Humphrey	Joan Sommerville

In order to acquaint you with some new and some old faces, we are printing the following biographies and pictures.

**President: Robert C. Snyder**

**Robert** is the friendly, helpful, enthusiastic **volunteer** in the Midland Genealogy Room of the Library every **Friday** afternoon. He and his wife Gwen retired from forty years of active ministry in the **United Church of Christ** in October of 2000 and moved to Midland (Gwen's hometown). Their

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

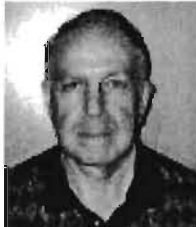
Several days have passed since we started working on this final issue of the *Pioneer Record*. **Final**, that is, for **Earl** and **I**. Despite the fact that preparing an issue involves a great deal of work as well as time, it has been a very rewarding experience. We have become very interested and involved in the activities of the **Midland Genealogical Society**. We have researched many articles and have learned a great deal about the people and history of **Midland**. We also have had a very good resource in Earl's postal history collection of Midland and Saginaw. We have had numerous opportunities to interact with as well as get to know **members** of the Society. Obviously we have enjoyed these past five years and publishing the **PR** has become a labor of love. We have consistently received the support of members, and the board, and their contributions to the newsletter have both assisted us and benefited the membership. It is actually with a **little bit of sadness** that we put this final issue "to bed". This does not mean that this will be the end of our interest or involvement with the MGS.

We are very **grateful** for the many **officers** and **members** who responded to our requests for reports, articles, pictures, tidbits of humor, information, etc. We're also thankful that, when called upon, members assisted us in picking up the printed copies from the printers and mailed the issue out to members. Whenever asked, **members came through** to help make our PR newsletter a valuable communication tool. Our **MGS** group has a large number of interesting, committed, willing people who support the work of our Society. We will forever be grateful for the guidance and assistance from members, such as, Jo Brines, Bob Mass, Dave Russell, Kathy Bohl, Bill Kocher, Pat Worden Serrine, Walt Bennett, Mary Branson, Wilma Diesen, Mary Eichhorn, Ora Flaningam, Mary Lou Hayes, Ralph Hillman, Bev Keicher, Bob Dostal, Linda Theaker, Gloria Kunder, Nancy Lackie, Sheldon & Mary Levy, Colleen Bennett, Fran Longsdorf, Virginia Parsons, Marcia Brandle, Joanne Rupprecht, Ken Schweitzer, Quita Shier, Gary Skory, Richard Smeltzer, Ron Snyder, Joan Somerville, and more. We probably have missed someone in the above list and to them we apologize and thank them also.

Several members have said to us "**When are we going to make another trip to Salt Lake City?**" The Society's 2002 trip to SLC was a wonderful opportunity to do a great deal of research in a short amount of time, as well as spend some time getting to know fellow members. Being there allows one to obtain instant response to research leads at minimal cost. The **Family History Center** has not only the facilities but also the personnel to assist in one's genealogical research. We would like to propose that the **Midland Genealogical Society** begin to make plans for another trip to SLC, either in the fall of 2004 or the spring of 2005. We know several people who are ready and eager to go. We are very interested.

Faye would be willing to chair such a project if enough members are also interested.

Following John Castle's program in January about preserving, via microfilm, Ingham County's township records, Earl has become very



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interested in pursuing such a project in **Midland County**. The article in this issue about **Midland County Townships** is a start. This could be a very important project for our Society to commit to and participate in. The **Midland County Historical Society** would also be very interested in this project. Primary purpose would be preserving the township records for posterity. Many townships have lost their original early records or have had difficulty storing them properly. Locating these records may be a problem. The township would have to cooperate by allowing the records to be filmed. One question of the many that have arisen is "Why not use modern technology and store the records on CDs rather than microfilm?" The MGS would need to seek outside funding to pursue such a project, as has the Ingham County Genealogical Society. These records are of both historical and genealogical value. Reading those old records is very rewarding, exciting, informative, and holds a tremendous amount of value for genealogical research. Many of those documents are more than 100 years old and will not be available for future use if not preserved.

Much of the information in the article "Townships of Midland County" was taken from two resources: 1) "Portrait & Biographical Album of Midland County Michigan" published by Chapman Brothers, Chicago in 1884; and 2) "The Salt of the Earth" by Dorothy Langden Yates, published by the Midland County Historical Society in 1897. Information on the construction and length of use of the township halls is not readily available and the individual townships have not yet been contacted. This information could be a part of the township record preservation project.

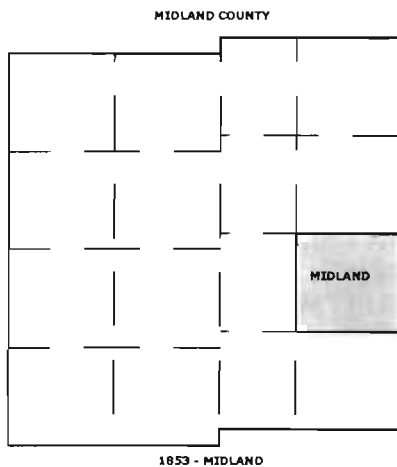
Next year the **Pioneer Record** will be published by a Committee chaired by **Walt Bennett**. As in the past, the Editor will need a lot of cooperation from the officers and members of the **MGS**. Walt plans on organizing, formatting and printing the newsletter. He is depending on other members of the Committee to write and type the articles. **Gloria Kunding** has volunteered to assist by writing articles for the newsletter. **Others are needed**. For example, if the Editor desires, someone should summarize the programs presented at the **MGS** meetings so that members who cannot attend will realize what the Society has to offer. **Bill Kocher** has volunteered to prepare the printed newsletters for mailing and take them to the post office. We wish our best to Walt, Gloria, Bill, and all of you who step forward and volunteer to be responsible for preparing, editing, and mailing future issues of the **Pioneer Record** next year and in the future.

Hopefully they and you will find it to be as rewarding an experience as we have.



## TOWNSHIPS OF MIDLAND COUNTY

became a state in **1837** and the area was then part of Saginaw County. Gradually settlers moved into the area and in **1850** the Michigan State Legislature designated the area as **Midland County**. The boundaries initially included the counties now known as Midland, Gladwin, Arenac and upper Bay. However, it was not until **1855** that **Midland County** was officially organized because the Legislature had omitted provisions for the election of officers. The boundaries of **Midland County** were changed by the Legislature several times and it was not until **1875** that the boundaries were set as we know them today.



Early settlers traveled up the Tittabawassee River and settled along its banks and also the banks of Bullock Creek. The first township in Midland County was **Midland Township** as **T14N R2E**. It was organized in **1853** prior to the official organization of

Midland County. The first Supervisor was **Henry C. Ashmun**. The City of Midland now occupies most of the township. The present **Midland Township Hall** is located at 1030 S. Poseyville Road (near Miller Road).



Midland Township Hall

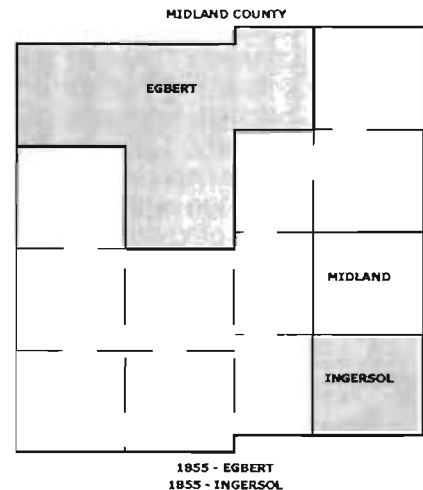
In **1855**, the year that Midland County was organized, both **Egbert Township** and **Ingersol Township** were also organized. **Egbert Township**, located in the northwest corner of the County, consisted of what is now Jerome (T15N R1W), Warren (T16N R2W), Edenville (T16N R1W), Hope (T16N R1E) and a township in Gladwin County (T17N R1W). Gladwin County was part of Midland County in 1855. Egbert was

named for **Abraham Egbert**, who was the first settler in the area, erected a sawmill and was Justice of the Peace. The forests made it a primary lumbering area.

**David Burton** was the first Supervisor of Egbert Township.

The first Supervisor of **Ingersol Township** (T13N R2E),

located in the southeast corner of the County, was **Martin P. Crampton**. Areas where people settled were LaPorte, Smith's Crossing (Mapleton) and the "Ghost Towns" of Sly, Lockport, Poseyville and Crane. The **Ingersol Township Hall** is located at southwest corner of Freeland and Sasse Roads.



Ingersol Township Hall

In **1856** **Jerome Township** (T15N R1W) was carved out of Egbert Township. **Charles Perkins** served as first Supervisor. The Tittabawassee River flowed through the



Jerome Township Hall

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northeast corner and the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad crossed the township. The town of Sanford is located where the Salt River flows into the Tittabawassee with the railroad and highway passing through. "Ghost Towns" of Egbert and Wright's Bridge are the remains of the lumbering past. The present **Jerome Township Hall** is located at 3243 N. West River Road.



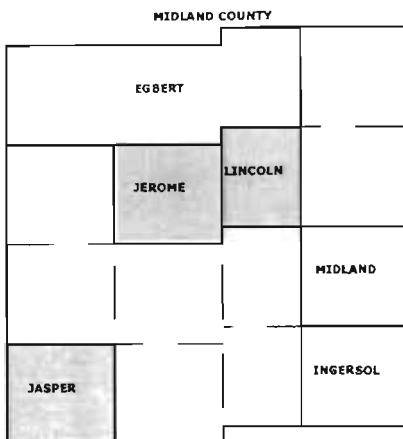
New Lincoln Township Hall

In 1861 **Lincoln Township** was organized as **T15N R1E**. **Charles Inman** was elected first Supervisor. Averill, through which the Flint &



Old Lincoln Township Hall

Pere Marquette Railroad ran is the only village. The notorious Red Keg Saloon of lumbering days was located in Averill. The **new Lincoln Township Hall** is in Averill on the east side of Hope Road just off US 10. The **old Township Hall** is on the opposite corner.



1856 - JEROME  
1861 - JASPER  
1861 - LINCOLN

In 1861 **Jasper Township (T13N R2W)** located in the southwest

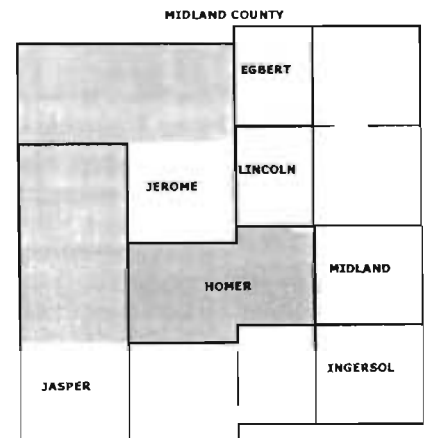
corner of Midland County was organized. It was primarily a farming community. **William T. DePue**, whose father, Nicholas DePue, was the area's first settler in 1854, was chosen first Supervisor. The **Jasper Township Hall**, built in 1911, is located on Kent Road east of the intersection with Coleman Road in the "Ghost Town" of Pleasant Valley. The Salt River flows northeast through the township. Bush was another Jasper "Ghost Town".



Jasper Township Hall

**Homer Township** was organized in 1862. Initially it consisted of the present Homer Township (**T14N R1E**) and neighboring Lee Township (**T14N R1W**).

**Charles Cronkright** was the first settler in the area. **William Kelley** became the first Supervisor. It is split in half by the present M-20 highway. The intersection of M-20 and Meridian Road, known as Dice Corners, has been an important business area. The first Homer Township Hall was located at the Homer Center, at the intersection of South



1862 - HOMER  
1862 - JASPER ADDITION  
1862 - JEROME ADDITION



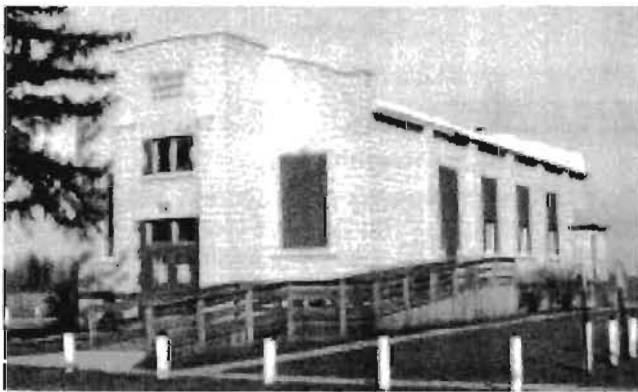
Homer Township Hall  
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Homer and Chippewa River Roads. The Chippewa River Road was the early primary route to Mt. Pleasant. The present **Homer Township Hall** is located at the corner of East Olsen and N. Homer Roads.

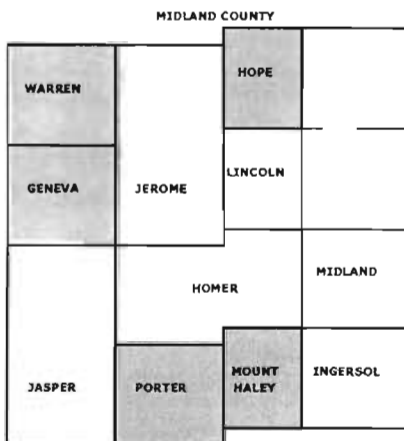
The Midland County Board of Supervisors in **1862** added to Jasper Township what is now known as Greendale and Geneva Townships.

In **1868 Porter Township (T13N R1W)** was organized with **W. E. Wilson** elected as first Supervisor. The area was initially lumbering utilizing the Pine River for transfer of logs. The **Porter Township Hall** is at the corner of LaPorte and Nine Mile Roads.



Porter Township Hall

**Mount Haley Township**, named after **John Haley** a pioneer settler, was organized in **1871** as



1868 - PORTER  
1871 - MOUNT HALEY  
1871 - HOPE

1871 - WARREN  
1873 - Geneva

**T13N R1E.** **P.H. Murphy** was elected first Supervisor. Gordonville near the Pine River on Meridian Road is the largest settlement. Bullock Creek also runs through the township. The **Mount Haley Township Hall**, built in 1935, is located at the

intersection of Freeland and S. Homer Roads.

The second township organized in **1871** was **Hope Township**, the last of the area initially known as Egbert Township. Hope was in the midst of flourishing lumber camps. **Ethelbert J Brewster** served as Hope Township's first



Mount Haley Township Hall

Supervisor. The **Hope Township Hall**, built in 1881, is located at the intersection of Hope and Hull Roads, and still serves as the community meeting place.



Hope Township Hall

**Warren Township (T16N R2W)** was separated from Jerome Township and also organized in **1871**. It is located in the northeast corner of Midland County with the F & PM Railroad cutting through it. The City of Coleman, platted by **Seymour Coleman**, was built around the railroad. The township was a primary lumbering area with numerous mills in Coleman. The township's first election was in 1872 with **Samuel W. Hubbell**, sawmill owner, chosen as Supervisor. The township and Coleman used



Warren Township Hall

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the same town hall until 1904 when the **Warren Township Hall** was built at the corner of Baker and Geneva Roads, the exact center of the township.

In **1873 Geneva Township** was separated from Jasper Township and organized as **T15N R2W**. It's principle community was North Bradley, located on the Salt River and PM Railroad. It was founded by **William R. Button** from Geneva, Ohio. Lumber and sawmills were the primary business. **Cyrus T. Carr** was elected first Supervisor. The **Geneva Township Hall** is located in the town center on Barden Road near the corner of N. Saginaw Road and M-18.



Geneva Township Hall

**Edenville Township (T16N R1W)** was separated from Jerome Township in **1874**.

MIDLAND COUNTY			
WARREN	EDENVILLE	HOPE	
GENEVA	JEROME		
		HOMER	MIDLAND
JASPER	PORTER	MOUNT HALEY	INGERSOL

1874 - EDENVILLE  
1876 - HOPE Addition (Mills)  
1877 - HOPE Addition (Lincoln)

Edenville was initially a notorious lumbering town in the heart of the pine forests along the Titabawassee River. The township's first Supervisor was **Sylvester Erway** who ran a shingle mill. The present Edenville Township Hall is located in the heart of Edenville



Edenville Township Hall

County Board in 1876 added what is now Mills Township and in 1877 what is now Lincoln Township to Hope Township.

In **1878 Lincoln Township (T15N R1E)** was separated from Hope Township and reorganized with **H.B. Hamilton** chosen Supervisor.

In **1879 Larkin Township** was organized as **T15N R2E**. It was named for **John Larkin**, lumberman, hotel keeper and entrepreneur.

**David P. Waldo** was elected first Supervisor. Many settlers moved from Lincoln Township to temperate Larkin Township around 1876. Lumbering was followed by agriculture in the area. "Ghost

Towns" were Larkin and Hubbard. Parts of the southern area are now in the City of Midland. The **Larkin Township Hall** located at 3027 N. Jefferson Road was used for many activities. Recently a new Township Hall was built across the street.

MIDLAND COUNTY			
WARREN	EDENVILLE	HOPE	
GENEVA	JEROME	LINCOLN	LARKIN
	LEE	HOMER	MIDLAND
JASPER	PORTER	MOUNT HALEY	INGERSOL

1878 - LINCOLN (reorganized)  
1879 - LARKIN  
1880 - LEE



Old Larkin Township Hall



New Larkin Township Hall

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**Lee Township** was separated from Homer Township in **1880** and organized as **T14N R1W**. The first election, held at Mallory School, chose **Henry P. Yates** as Supervisor. The main settlement was Olson, now a "Ghost Town", as is Floyd and St. Elmo. In the early years the hall was moved from building to building in Olson. The **Lee Township Hall**, built in 1907, is located at 1485 W. Olson Road near Nine Mile Road.



Lee Township Hall

In **1882 Greendale Township** was separated from Jasper Township and organized as **T14N R2W**. **Harry L. Voorhees** was elected first Supervisor. The area was sparsely settled with the first being **Truman Gibbs** in 1864. Initially lumbering was important – farming was poor in the sandy soil. Eventually oil became of prime importance. The Salt and Chippewa Rivers flow through the township. Oil City became the main settlement with "Ghost Towns" of Stearns, Greendale and Matlock. The **Greendale Township Hall**

MIDLAND COUNTY

WARREN	EDENVILLE	HOPE	
GENEVA	JEROME	LINCOLN	LARKIN
GREENDALE	LEE	HOMER	MIDLAND
JASPER	PORTER	MOUNT HALEY	INGERSOL

1882 - GREENDALE

is located in the woods on Geneva Road just north of the Salt River.

The last organized township in Midland County was **Mills Township**, separated from Hope Township and organized as **T16N R2E** in **1894**. The area was heavily forested and had several logging camps. The Ogema State Forest still runs through much of the northwest section. **John O'Connell** was elected first Supervisor. The



Greendale Township Hall

township was probably named after **Sam Mills** who had a large farm, shingle mill, lumber business and was active in local government. The center of activity was the Township Hall corner at the intersection of East Shearer and N. Jefferson Roads. The new **Mills Township Hall and Fire Station** was built in 1979.

MIDLAND COUNTY

WARREN	EDENVILLE	HOPE	MILLS
GENEVA	JEROME	LINCOLN	LARKIN
GREENDALE	LEE	HOMER	MIDLAND
JASPER	PORTER	MOUNT HALEY	INGERSOL

1894 - MILLS

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Mills Township Hall

**REPORT OF THE 2004-05 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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**President: Robert Snyder** (continued)

pastorates were mostly in Michigan communities except for 8 years in Toledo and six years in Buffalo. They joined the **MGS** in 2001. They started their genealogical research in the mid 70's and have visited much of the northeast quadrant of the country. They have family roots in Michigan, New York, Vermont, Connecticut and in Germany, Canada and Switzerland. Family surnames include: SNYDER/SNIDER, RARICK, HUNT, BURT, COVELL, COOLBAUGH, HILL, BUMP, SMITH, OLER, and STANSBURY, amongst many others. Between them, they have five Mayflower families, and their earliest ancestor so far is Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor in Germany on Christmas day, 800 AD. They utilize "Family Origins" computer software for their research.

**Program Chair: Katherine Redwine**

**Katherine** is a relatively new member of the **MGS** having joined just last year. She and her husband are from North Carolina and moved to Midland about 15 years ago. They presently live in Coleman. Katherine is employed at the Midland Library, primarily at the reference desk. She is the Library's liaison with the MGS Genealogy Room. They have been researching their family histories for several years following the surnames of Taylor, Summerlin, Edmunson, Redwine and Sinclair located in North Carolina, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee. Their research has yet to take them overseas.

**Secretary: Janet Crozier**

**Jan** 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, Fruhstick) 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,

**Secretary: Jayne Shrier**

Jayne's mother was a natural oral historian, and Jayne believes she was the first to chart her memories and data when she was young. Her mother's lineage was IRWIN and JOSCELYN. Her father's lineage was DOUMA and RUTGERS. Her husband, Kenneth Eldon Shrier, added his mother's CHISHOLM family to his search as well as the Shriers. The Shrier book is on the shelf of the Midland Public Library. Jayne and Ken were both intensely interested in "searches and history", resulting in multiple families being added to their files. Scotland, Canada and many U.S. states have been visited during their travels and research.



While living in Kansas City, she found that they were about ten minutes from the National Archives located there. While looking for her G-G-Grandfather, Nelson Irwin, in Pawnee, OK, she was pleased to learn the 1890 U.S. Census for Indian Territory did exist! She found him in the census, but three years after the death date she had for him.

Her goal, at this later time in her life, is to master the computer family tree program and complete the Irwin printing. She thinks the "most valuable way to share our work, is to place family histories in public libraries where the families have lived".

Jayne states "Perhaps I can now give a small portion back to MGS for the many years of benefiting from programs that have helped my research".

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## REPORT OF THE 2004-05 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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**Treasurer: Ron Snyder**

**Ron** grew up in Traverse City, graduating from TCHS in 1948. He served in the army as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., Infantry, during the Korean War. Following his army service, he attended Kansas State University, graduating with a BS in Chemical Engineering. He moved to Midland after graduation in 1958.



He became a member of **MGS** after retirement from Dow in 1993. After a couple of years he co-chaired the Program Committee with Doug Applegath. Later, in order to escape from being tabbed again for a tougher assignment, he volunteered to serve as Treasurer.

He has been doing genealogy research since about 1990. He is researching the following surnames: Snyder, Smith, Lawrence, Hollenbeck, and Houseknecht. He states he has "Hit the virtual wall with Snyder in PA, 1789". He has not ventured out of state with respect to genealogy but has spent a great deal of time in the Library of Michigan in Lansing.

Genealogy has not been a high priority for the past couple of years, but recent circumstances may give him the push he needs to get "back in gear". His daughter and son-in-law recently purchased a home in Park City, Utah, about 30 minutes from the LDS Family History Center in downtown Salt Lake City.

**Historian: Gale Hock**

**Gale** was born in Schenectady, New York and lived there until she moved to Midland with her husband Randy in 1965. She began researching her family history in 1990 and became a member of the **MGS** that same year. She previously served as Treasurer for three years.

Her genealogy research has taken her to Bridport and Dorchester, Dorset, England in 1990 and again in 1998. She has been able to collect information and pictures for her recently completed Scott and Gale family history books. She has also researched records of her ancestors, many times, in Albany, Schenectady and Delaware County New York, as well as in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. The main surnames that she is researching are Scott, Gale, Gard and Williams. Additional surnames are Todd, Hillsinger, Rodgers, and Lowman.

**Michigan Genealogical Council Representative: Kathy Bohl**

**Kathy** and her husband Roger have lived in Midland almost fifty years and have raised their family of three children here. She started tracing some of her family lines after receiving a family genealogy and copy of a SAR application from a cousin about eleven years ago. After joining the MGS about the same time she was later elected as a delegate to the Michigan Genealogical Council. She has continued as a delegate since that time and was elected Corresponding Secretary of the council in April, 2003.



Surnames Kathy is researching are Lawrence, Bigelow, Spencer and Case. All these families emigrated from England in the 1600's to Massachusetts and Connecticut. She is also researching the additional surnames: McPhail, emigrated from Scotland; and Farnsworth, emigrated from England to Virginia in the 1600's.

Her research has primarily been conducted by reading vital records available on microfilm through the LDS Family History Library and the Library of Michigan. As a further extension of her genealogical interests, she became a member of the John Alden Chapter, NSDAR, currently serving as Registrar. She has initiated and chaired several public genealogy workshops for that group.

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## REPORT OF THE 2004-05 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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## Michigan Genealogical Council Representative: Colleen Bennett

Colleen began her genealogy research during the 1970's. Her ancestors emigrated from Ireland, Scotland, England and Germany. Her German ancestors came from Oldsberg, located in what was once a part of Germany and now is part of France. She is a fourth generation native of Midland. The focus of her current research is Perry County, Ohio and Huntington, IN.

Colleen's paternal great grandmother was a great grand niece of General Edward Braddock, who trained Gen. George Washington, and then fought against him during the Revolutionary War. Gen. Braddock forgot about the role the Indians would play and ended up fighting for the losing side.

Colleen currently serves as one of the MGS delegates to the Michigan Genealogical Council. She has been very active in the People to People International organization, serving as past secretary and chairman of the state council.



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## LOOKING ABOUT MIDLAND

In coming to **Midland**, that place of renown,  
Where jewels are scattered all over the town  
For fear that things might get dreary,  
Just get your dinner with **Wm. McCreary**.

Next comes **Atkinson's** barn that stand on the spot,  
Ninety feet long covers the lot,  
That's built for horses as all of you know,  
But out on the street the buggies must go.  
Who pets the people, so good and so nice  
And from each pocket takes out a nice slice?  
Who handles his business particularly well?

**Thomas Atkinson** we think there none can excel.

But then there's one man we've forgot,  
He keep out on the corner lot,  
Who is selling his goods right down at hard pan,  
And is commonly known as **Jimmie McCann**.

A veterinary surgeon we also declare  
His habits are good, his services rare,  
His patronage big, because he does not kill them,  
And where he's best known they call him **Dave Gilman**.

Next comes **J. L. Buzzard & Son's** barn,  
And he furnishes his feed right from his own farm,  
It's managed by **Cross** who don't pretend to be nice,

And he's feeding the horses at any old price.

The Champion machine man shall not be left out,  
He works hard each day without a reasonable doubt,

And when he is done, he's happy as a lark,  
And on Sunday they call him **Uncle True Hart**.

Our well known **Dick Richardson** it will be hard to break in.

It's like mending teakettles, copper and tin,  
But when you know how, it's easy as pie,  
And he's the new agent for the Buckeye.

The man I'm going to mention is a friend to you all

And I as a writer his name will recall,  
The friendship formed in this county is stronger than iron

And everybody knows him by the name of **Mike Ryan**.

The man who took the copy of this poem is counted very nice

Because he like other attorneys does not take out a big slice,

And in my dealings with him I never heard boast  
And he's well known in Midland as **Floyd L. Post**.

The writer of this poem lives under the hill  
And keeps the feed barn next to **Chas. Brown's** mill,

And does some other business but not at a loss,  
And the way he spells his name is **Matthew Henry Cross**.

Written in 1890s

Printed in Unknown Newspaper about 1901

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Editor's note: In our **first PR issue, Sept. 1999** we said "Please enjoy this, our **first** issue of **Pioneer Record**; like a good wine, we hope it will improve with age". In this, our **last** issue of **Pioneer Record**; we hope each glass has been enjoyable and interesting - the carafe is almost empty - we will miss not refilling it.  
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**REVIEW FEBRUARY 18, 2004 MGS MEETING**

President Fran Longsdorf conducted a brief business meeting prior to the program. She announced that a Nominations Committee was being formed to prepare a slate of officers for the annual election. Fran also announced that many current officers have volunteered to serve for another year.

Kathy Bohl, MGC representative, reported that the MGC Board approved \$13,000 to purchase birth, marriage and death records prior to 1909. The MGC Newsletter is available per subscription for \$10/year. She also reported that the MGC is co-sponsoring with the Library of Michigan a Seminar scheduled for October 18, 2004.

Joan Summerfield, Program Committee member, introduced Quita Shier, MGS member and speaker for the evening. Quita has been researching Michigan Indian Sharpshooters for the past 15 years. She spoke about her research into the active service of Native American Indian Sharpshooters during the Civil War.

Quita stated that Native Americans have been in Michigan for more than 2000 years. Historically, treaties were made from 1795 – to the mid -1800's with white men for deeding tribal Indian land to the white man.



The Chippewa, Ottawa and Pottawattamie tribes were located in Michigan. In 1861, Indians were not subject to the draft. They were considered "off limits" for military service. In 1862, the first regiment of Michigan Sharpshooters came into being. In 1863 their numbers increased and later that year Company K, composed of Native American Indians, was formed.

The main duty of Company K Sharpshooters was to eliminate/pick-off the officers of opposing forces. Company K was the only company from Michigan composed of 100% Native Americans. Many Indians were recruited as substitutes by settlers and were paid \$300 to join the army in lieu of a settler.

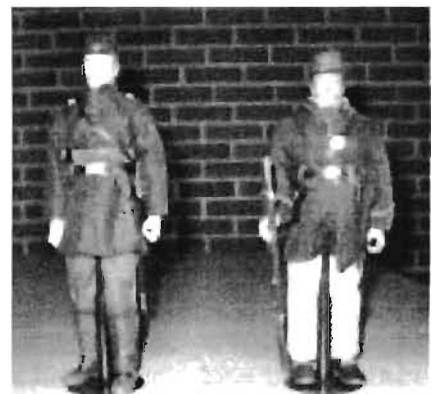
Quita talked about two Indian service men who served gallantly: Lt. Garrett Gravierette, and Thomas Chitago. Lt. Garrett entered as a second lieutenant. He actively served during the war, eventually sustaining shrapnel wounds to his left shoulder. His left arm was amputated and he succumbed to infection 10 days after his injuries occurred. He is buried in St. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Thomas Chitago was in the Ninth Corp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

He was raised in Zilwaukee, and grew to be a big man, more than 6 feet tall. He was a lumberman. While in service, he carried a stick with him and carved a notch in the stick whenever he killed someone. He advised fellow soldiers how to camouflage themselves with dust and corn stalks. He was well liked by his fellow soldiers and officers. After the war, he received an army pension of about \$30/month.

Thomas's wife Mary made baskets and sold them to make money for the family. Thomas died in April, 1916, and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Quita has studied more than 140 Native Americans of Company K. She is writing a book about the role these Native Americans played in the Company K Sharpshooters during the Civil War. Lt. Gravierette and Thomas Chitago are only two of the many Native American Sharpshooters from Company K she has researched. Their stories are begging to be told. She stated that these men provided a significant service to their country, despite the fact they were considered "off limits" for draft into the Army.



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## REVIEW MARCH 17, 2004 MGS MEETING

**Floyd Andrick** spoke on one of his favorite subjects – “**Oral Family Histories**”. This is a project of the **Midland County Historical Society** which began in 1999. Initially a group of individuals completed a training program on how to conduct an oral interview. Presently only 3 are continuing the project: **Floyd Andrick**, **Alice Sias**, and **Carlotta Brooks**.

They began interviewing the histories and reminiscences of **Midland** county natives who must be physically and mentally able to relate the story of his/her life, be **more than 75 years old**, and lived in **Midland County** most of their lives.

Recording an oral history takes a great deal of time and work – a total of **20 hours minimum**



Alice Sias

Floyd Andrick

per interviewee. The interview process has many steps and requires pre-planning. You must pick a good candidate, contact them (perhaps sell the project), set an appointment time, and recheck the date and time just prior to the interview. You must **go prepared** with proper equipment and list of specific questions. One needs to make sure the recorder to be used is in good, working order and is recording the interview properly. It is also beneficial to take written notes during the interview. Two hours is a good limit. Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to schedule another session in order to complete the interview.

Once the recording process is completed, the tapes are transcribed into a written copy. It is ideal if the transcripts can be reviewed by both the interviewer and interviewee. A signed release (informed consent) is necessary. A completed copy is then stored along with the original tapes, in the **Oral History Office**. Copies of the tapes and transcripts are also given to the interviewee along with a “Thank You” letter.

If there are no restrictions by any interviewee, the oral histories are available. Interested individuals may have access to these tapes and transcripts for research and genealogical purposes by making an appointment with the **Midland County Historical Society**. Tapes and transcripts cannot be removed from the archive location.

A complete **listing** of the individuals who have been interviewed is available in the Genealogy Room of the Grace A. Dow Library. The binder is titled “**Oral Histories of Midland County**”.

This project preserves the life stories of individuals for future generations and is a valuable resource. **More than 70** Midland area oral histories have been recorded.

Prior to the program a short business meeting was held. The Nominating Committee and the MGC delegates made reports. Refreshments followed.

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### Midland Family History Center

of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

The **Family History Center** is located in the **LDS Church**, located at the corner of Sugnet and Eastman Roads. **Open hours** are as follows:

**Wednesday & Thursday**  
**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The **Midland FHC** has vital statistics on all **Michigan counties** except Wayne County. They have many worthwhile **data bases** available with a **volunteer** staff willing to assist researchers. We should all make more use of this wonderful research facility.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES 2004-2005

The collection of **MGS membership dues for 2004-2005** will begin at the **May MGS Meeting**. The **MGS** Treasurer and Membership Chair will begin collecting dues for the coming year. If your dues are not paid by the end of November 2004, you will no longer receive the **Pioneer Record**. 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** .

## GAMES CHILDREN PLAY

Have you noticed how busy, not only we retired folk are, but our children and grandchildren are? It seems like they (and we) are on the go all the time with little time for those fun things we used to do when we were growing up. I remember how we created our own games (once our chores were done) which occupied a lot of our spare moments when we were young. And they were great fun!

Now that we are older, and maybe somewhat wiser, we have learned how important our families are – and how exciting it is to delve into our ancestors' histories. During the past few years, Earl and I have researched a vast number of ancestors and met many distant family members that we would never have known without our involvement in genealogy. We've traveled in the U.S., Canada and to several countries in Europe. We've located where parents, grandparents, great grandparents, etc. lived, worked, played and emigrated from. Now, how do we share that information, and hopefully that interest with our children and grandchildren?

Our grandchildren love to play games. They also love to solve word puzzles. I recently came across an interesting news article about creating games for children. Included in the article was a short list of web sites that encourage children to be creative with words and make their own word puzzles.

Since I also enjoy various types of word puzzles, I accessed the web site to see what was available. Wow, was I surprised. In a matter of a few seconds, I had a word puzzle that would intrigue any elementary age child.

I asked myself, why couldn't I create a word puzzle for our grandchildren that might stimulate their interest in their family histories. So I tried it. I created a list of names of some of my ancestors going back 6 generations. I identified who the individuals were and what their relationship was to a grandchild on a separate form. The list contained fifteen (15) names, but there are choices for the length of a list.

Maybe some questions will be asked, some stories can be told, and grandchildren will find out a little more about their family histories. Also, maybe we might actually stimulate one or more of our children or grandchildren to become interested in genealogy.

The Web site cited in the news article is: [puzzlemaker.com](http://puzzlemaker.com) \* This site generates custom word puzzles from vocabulary lists.

\* Parade Magazine, August 17, 2003

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## ONLY THE MEN HAD BABIES

My ancestor **William** had children  
all named, and with birth dates and places  
But his **wife** is not even mentioned;  
Of **her** there are not even traces.

Surely **she** must have existed,  
was born, was a child and had dreams;  
Grew up and learned how to keep house,  
Was a person – but **nameless**, it seems.

**She** had parents and, someplace, a home.  
**Her** brothers are listed, no doubt.  
But **she** was only a **girl**  
So not really worth telling about.

**She** was half of my ancestor's heritage;

Without **her** he wouldn't have life.  
His genes are half **hers**, but I find  
**She** was only his father's **wife**.

Once a **girl** was first "**da**" then was **wife**.  
**She** belonged to her father, till married.  
And then **she** belonged to her husband.  
And beside him, unnamed, **she** was buried.

How awful to think My descendants  
Might search for a name for me,  
be unable to find my identity,  
And wonder just who I might be.

Author Unknown

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**Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**  
**During Period: January, 2004 -- April, 2004**

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<i>Genealogist's Companion &amp; Sourcebook</i> Croom 929.1	<i>They Called It Nappanee, Indiana</i> Melzer 977.281
<i>History of Ionia &amp; Montcalm Co., Mich. (+Index)</i> 977.45	<i>First Families of Tennessee</i> E. Tenn. Hist. Soc. 976.8
<i>Hemlock in the Headlines, the Daily Newspaper Articles Chronicling the Early Years of Hemlock, Mich.</i> 977.446	<i>Researching British Probate 1354-1858</i> Pratt 16.929
<i>History of Orange Co., New York</i> Eager 974.731	<i>Sanilac Co. Marriage Index 1849-1012</i> Sanilac 929.377443

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### DID YOU KNOW

That **EASTER**, in common with most other Christian feasts, has its roots in pagan festivities. In the Christian Church, the resurrection of Christ has been celebrated since 31 AD in springtime. The ancient Saxons had their own pagan rites of spring, celebrating with an uproarious festival devoted to the fertility goddess **EASTRE**. Second-century Christian missionaries adapted the pagan celebrations of rebirth to celebrate the resurrection, and even adopted the name **EASTER**. Until the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, **EASTER** was celebrated on or just after the Jewish Passover, as proposed by the Apostle John.

But from 326 AD it had to be on the Lord's Day and not determined by Jewish observance of the Passover. Henceforth, **EASTER** was to be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Northern Hemisphere Spring equinox. This means that **EASTER** must always be on a Sunday between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Just in case you need to know, **EASTER** falls on:

27<sup>th</sup> March in 2005

16<sup>th</sup> April in 2006

8<sup>th</sup> April in 2007

23<sup>rd</sup> March in 2008

12<sup>th</sup> April in 2009

4<sup>th</sup> April in 2010

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### SUBSCRIBE TO FORT WAYNE NEWSLETTER

Addicted to Genealogy? Love libraries and research? Interested in learning about new resources?

The Allen County Public Library Historical Genealogical Department in Fort Wayne Indiana is pleased to announce their electronic newsletter "Genealogy Gems: News From the Fort Wayne Library".

If the above describes you, sign up for our newsletter and read about one of the major genealogical research libraries in the nation.

Each month, learn about new collections, department special events, source highlights, new acquisitions, websites...and much more! Learn what is going on in the Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library. We will keep you up to date on our outstanding temporary location, where the books are on open stacks, available for your perusal. Information about the construction at the old library site, and our plans for moving back in 2-3 years will also be included.

To subscribe to this mailing list send a message with ACPL NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBE in the

subject line to:

[kspears@acpl.lib.in.us](mailto:kspears@acpl.lib.in.us).

You will NOT receive a confirmation message; you will just begin to receive the newsletters, which are scheduled to be published approximately once a month.

Sue Kaufman, Librarian  
Allen County Public Library

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### A GENEALOGICAL CODICIL TO MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

To my spouse, children, or guardian:

Upon my demise it is requested that you **DO NOT** dispose of any or all of my **Genealogical** records, books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify **one or more persons** who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the **responsibility** of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. (List of these organizations and addresses at bottom.)

Remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money; therefore, **please honor my request**.

Signature

Date

Witness

Date

Witness

Date

Source: Cleveland Gen. Society, Cleveland, Ohio  
"The Certified Copy", Vol 30 No 3 Fall 2001

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### PENSION RECORDS

Your ancestor's pension records might be among the 105 boxes of pension records recently found at the National Archives and apparently overlooked when military record series for the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Seminole War were indexed and microfilmed. Arranged by account number, the files are being published in the American Genealogy Column, by Georgia Dent, Orange County Register.

Source: "The Sequoia Genealogical Society Newsletter"  
Tulare, CA; Vol 21 #6; March 1995; page 6

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## VIRGINIA PARSONS

Almost every time I have gone to the **Genealogy Room** of the Grace A. Dow Library in the afternoon I have observed an individual researching the records. She is probably peering into a reader searching a microfilm for information. Her name is **Virginia Parsons**. The **Midland Genealogical Society** owes a great deal to Virginia for all the research she has done for the Society. Her desire is to work in the background receiving little, if any, recognition.

The **MGS** has published two **Midland County Obituary Index** books: #1 1827-1927, and #2 1928-1950. It is in the process of publishing a third index, #3 1951-1982. Each of these issues contain approximately 16,000 abstracts of obituaries published in Midland area newspapers covering 166 years. Most of the searching of microfilm for these abstracts has been done by **Virginia** – some say as much as 90%. Can you imagine the time that **Virginia** has spent peering into the microfilm reader for all this information? She must have the eyes of an eagle and the perseverance of a lion.

Many of the earlier MGS newsletters, the **Pioneer Record**, contained **reprints** of articles taken from the early **Midland** newspapers. Most of these were located by **Virginia** and passed on to the editors. The **MGS** has also been preparing an index of **marriages** in Midland County. Much of this research has also probably been done by **Virginia**. She has also assisted others in their research and review for the First Families of Midland project.

It is a difficult to get to know **Virginia**. She seems gruff on the surface, but has a heart of gold. Her friends know, love and respect her. She grew up in Midland County, married in Midland and lived in Homer Township, Midland County. They had one son and two daughters. Her husband, Lloyd R. Parsons, passed away in 1985. Her son died in 2003. She presently lives in Midland. **Virginia** has lived and knows more about Midland County than most historians.

**Virginia** has often helped Faye and I in researching Midland history and information for publication in the **PR**. The article on the Reardon Brothers comes to mind. Five years ago, when we first started publishing the **PR**, I recognized the importance of **Virginia Parsons** to the **MGS**. I asked if I could write an article about her with a picture. She replied: "If I did, she would cut my liver out". I now answer: "**Thanks** for all your assistance. I am a better person for having known you. And, Virginia, I hope I can run faster than you".



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### CENSUS TIPS

If you have trouble locating certain ancestors, it could be because of the following census facts:

- 1790** Washington DC is with Montgomery & Prince Georges Counties in Maryland
- 1820,1830** Wisconsin is with the Michigan census
- 1830** Iowa Territory census includes Minnesota
- 1840** Montana is with Clayton County, Iowa
- 1860** Colorado is with Kansas census  
Montana is with Nebraska census under "Unorganized Territory"  
Nevada is with Utah census  
Oklahoma is with Arkansas census, which was then "Indian Land"  
Wyoming is with Nebraska census

**Prior to 1880**, "IA" meant Indiana, NOT Iowa

**Virginia** covered many thousands of square miles more than it does now. A reference made to a person having been born in Virginia could mean that he/she was born in part of Illinois (1781-1816); Missouri (1775-1863); North Carolina (1728-1803); Ohio (1728-1803); Pennsylvania (1752-1786); Tennessee (1760-1803); West Virginia (1796-1863).

Source: Genealogical Society of Carlton County MN April 1994

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## 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 2003 and spring 2004 will be as follows:

**April 28, 2004**

Program - "Why I Wrote A Book "Auburn & Williams Township" by Agnes Schmidt.

**May 21, 2003**

**Annual Meeting – Election of Officers & 2004-05 Budget Approval**

Program - "Whither Thou Goest: Tracing Your Female Ancestors" by Shirley Hodges.

**Refreshments & conversation will follow the program at all meetings**

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**Conferences, Workshops & Seminars**

**April 17, 2004 Eaton County GS Workshop**

Fawne Stratford-Deval - primary speaker

More information at [www.rootsweb.com/miecgsl](http://www.rootsweb.com/miecgsl)

**April 17, 2004 Kalamazoo Valley GS Workshop**

Amy Johnson Crow - primary speaker

Contact: [sanders@net-link.net](mailto:sanders@net-link.net)

**May 8, 2004 Family History Seminar, F.H.C. Lansing,**

**MI - Classes 9am-3pm - Registration**

More information at (517) 332-2932

**May 19-22, 2004 NGS Annual Conference**

"A Golden Prospect" Sacramento, CA

More information at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)

**Sept 8-11, 2004 Federation of Gen. Societies –**

**Austin, TX - Legends Live Forever**

More information at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

**Michigan Genealogical Council  
2004 ABRAMS Genealogical Series**

The **MGC** & Library of Michigan are again sponsoring 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 two meetings have been held and four remain.

**June 5 Genealogical Resources at the Michigan Library & Historical Center**

**August 7 Dutch Genealogy**

**October 2 Ships' Passenger Lists**

**December 4 Finding Your 20<sup>th</sup> Century Ancestors**

Cost is **\$15** per workshop or **\$75** for the entire series. The 90-minute sessions begin at 9:30 am. For more details go to

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mimgc~>

or <http://www.michigan.goc/hal>

or **phone: (517) 373-1300**

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**Effective 1 June 2003, the State Archives of Michigan** began charging for research services. The **fee schedule** takes into consideration both the time of researching a given request, the cost of photocopying materials, and postage & handling. Fees have been deemed necessary due to budget restraints and staff reduction. For more details refer to: <http://www.michigan.gov/hal>

or e-mail: [archives@michigan.gov](mailto:archives@michigan.gov)

## 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. ( 30 copies remaining )

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