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Midland Genealogical Society Programs for 2012 - 2013

Meetings are scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted..

Programs for the meetings are as follows.

April 17—St John's Episcopal Church 7 pm. Jessica Miller—Archival Research-You Can Do It!

May 15—Annual Meeting with potluck supper at the Carriage house on Cook Road 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be Quita Shier—"Rev David Haegle-Gods Man in the Civil War".

Zane's Trace, a Historical Frontier Road

Written by Yvonne Ashworth

Zane's Trace was built between 1796-1797. It was a 230 mile frontier road extending from Wheeling, VA, now known as Wheeling, WV to Limestone, KY now known as Maysville, KY which passed through the Northwest Territory part of which is present day Ohio.

After multiple petitions by Ebenezer Zane to Congress, a petition request was finally granted in 1796 for the construction of a road to open a new frontier to settlers and to reduce the risk of danger caused by river travel which was particularly dangerous in the winter and early spring months.

Zane, with the assistance of Indian guide, Tomepmehala, plotted the road which was interrupted by three rivers, the Muskingum, the Hocking and the Scioto.

Crudely built, this road was passable on foot or by horse in its original state, and carried with it, its own dangers via tree stumps and other natural obstacles.

While accounts differ as to whether or not all segments had been surveyed prior to the construction of the road, it is known that Zane chose to utilize former trails and footpaths established by the Moxahala, Mingo and Coshoctan Indians.

Ferries were built to transport travelers from each of the three river crossings to the next segment of road, with the toll rates determined by two of the three Northwest Territory judges. Initially, the ferries were constructed by lashing together two canoes, lending to cramped and uncomfortable travel and a great deal of difficulty in guiding those canoes during periods of swift currents.

Zane's Trace would eventually undergo transformation when, in 1805, the Ohio Legislature approved funding for improvements which widened the trail to twenty feet, allowing for wagons to travel which opened up the frontier to all.

As part of his compensation for building the roads, Zane was awarded three 640 acre tracts along each of the three rivers. These tracts would be settled and would later become Zanesville, Ohio, Lancaster, Ohio and Chillicothe, Ohio.

Zane's plan was to divide each acreage into lots to be sold for profit, while offering free land to tradesmen with the agreement that they would remain for a minimum of four years to practice their trades. For each 640 acre tract, five lots were set aside for churches, schools and community use. Zane's Trace would also be a major route for German settlers and the Welsh en route to Licking County.

This frontier road had a major impact on the development of southern Ohio, with the construction of inns, taverns, and businesses which catered to travelers and settlers.

It became a mail route, a road which allowed farmers to transport their crops and it would eventually be used for military purposes to transport troops and military supplies.

People traveling the route often called it by other names such as Limestone Road, Wheeling Road or Wheeling-Limestone Road. Most politicians would call it the "New State Road".

On horseback, 40 mile sections of the road could be traveled in five days, when weather

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The President's Letter

It hardly seems possible that this is mid-April and our 2012-2013 year will soon be coming to a close. Our Book Committee has been hard at work identifying titles of books to add to the growing genealogy collection housed at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. The Library has indicated the books have been received and after processing will soon be on the shelves.

The Nominations Committee will be presenting a slate of candidates for election at the annual meeting on May 15 at the April 17 Society meeting.

The Board has been evaluating how successful we as a Society have been in accomplishing goals set for this year. The survey that the Membership co-chairs conducted in August provided a great deal of information about member needs/wants and willingness to participate in various activities. The data

revealed numerous areas of interest, several of which we have tried to accomplish, as well as how individual members can participate. A field trip was made in November to tour the newly renovated Michigan Archives where the former Library of Michigan Genealogical Collection now resides. The Program co-chairs have successfully increased advertising MGS Programs with fliers, and notices in the Midland Daily News. A Bylaws committee has been formed to review our current Bylaws. Contacts have been made with the Midland Historical Society regarding co-hosting a program honoring the significant role Michigan played in the War of 1812 during this bi-centennial celebration. Members agreed to send this year's NARA donations to the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) to support their project to preserve the pension records of veterans of the War of 1812. These records are currently housed at the National Archives (NARA) and are in desperate need of digitization to salvage their historic value. Ancestry.com has committed to paying 50 percent of this project's costs. Donations from state and

local societies can help to match this significant contribution.

Thank you to all who have willingly volunteered this year. You are indispensable to the functioning of the Midland Genealogical Society.

Faye Ebach

President

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



It only took ten minutes to find him, and I love the search!

From The Editor ● ● ●

This is the last issue until fall. I hope that you have enjoyed the articles that were presented.

If there is a topic that you would like us to write about for the next year, please send to my email address located on the back.

The programs at our meetings have been informative with some great attendance. I hope to see many of you at the programs next year. If you haven't done so yet, please check the itinerary for the FGS conference in Fort Wayne this year. I see some topics that interest me concerning the website. I am hoping to add more features and information to the website this summer. Please check it when you get a chance. The website is mim.gs.org and is printed on page

ience. I am looking to add articles on the site that I find useful or when some new resources become available online. There is a big gap between this issue and the fall issue and I can fill that gap with the website.

I am planning on taking some day trips to travel for some research this summer and photograph some cemeteries. I hope you get the opportunity to do likewise.

If you haven't visited the gene room at the library lately, you may notice that we are starting to get some newsletters from other societies. That is due to an effort that I have taken to get these by exchanging electronically via email. Please come check them out.

Walt Bennett

Editor

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2012-2013

Statements for the 2013-2014 dues will be sent out in early August 2013 and will be due by the first meeting in September 2013. Dues are not expected to change and can be sent to the following address:

**Midland Genealogical Society,
P.O. Box 2421, Midland,**

MI 48641-2421. Dues for an individual are \$14.00; for a family they are \$17.50.

MEMBERSHIP

Besides bringing April Showers this month brings the last newsletter of the season. It has been encouraging to find more faces turning up at the monthly meetings. Thanks to the program committee for great speakers which have brought in a few guests who may become members in the future. One reminder: the MGS pins are still just \$5.00 and available at every meeting. Have an enjoyable summer.

Marion Berry and Betty Bellous

Programs

April 17, 2013

Jessica Miller from the Archives of Michigan will be here to present a program on Doing research in the Michigan Archives.

May 15, 2013

MGS member, Quita Shier will be presenting a program on Rev. David Haegle—God's Man in the Civil War". This is our Annual Meeting which includes a potluck. It will be held at the Carriage House at 6 p.m.

Slate of Officers to be elected at the annual board meeting

President—Faye Ebach

Program Chairs—Bob Snyder and Linda Kennedy

Secretary—Mary Eichhorn

Treasurer—Fran Longsdorf

Council Delegates—Jo Brines and Faye Ebach

Historian—Nancy Humprey

Hospitality Chair—Linda Fisher and Thora Goodnight

Membership Chair—Currently Open.

Janet Crozier was going to take this position but has decided not to at this time. If anyone is interested, please let one of the officers or nominating committee persons know.



BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books, published by the Midland Genealogical Society, are available for sale at any 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 ½ by 11 inches.

Midland County Obituary Index (#2) – 1928-1950. The book consists of about 8,000 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 ½ by 11 inches. Note: Both Obituary Books (#1 & #2) are available as a package of \$35.00.

Midland County Obituary Index (#3)-1951-1982 This book consists of 30,900 entries including about 4000 maiden names covering 22 years extracted from Midland Daily News. The 387 page, 8½ by 11, soft bound book consists of two volumes A through L and M through Z. The set costs \$40 plus \$5 postage and handling.

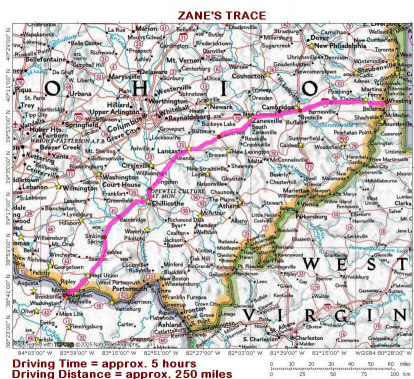
Midland Pioneers, edited by Ora Flaningham. This book is a compilation of the most interesting genealogical, historical and humorous reprints from newspapers published in the Pioneer Record. The book is 6 by 9 inches, soft bound, 259 pages. (Out of print, but orders being compiled at Genealogy desk.)

Midland County, Michigan Marriage Records 1855-1910 including Groom & Bride Indexes. The book is 8.5 by 11, soft bound, 320 pages. \$30.

A collection of "Some Midland Michigan County Records" have been compiled and extensively indexed by Ora L. Flaningham. It is available in PDF format on a compact disc from the Midland Genealogical Society. The collection is mainly out of print books from our society, Harold Moll, and Ora Flaningham. Included are: "Midland County Cemetery Records" 1981, "Midland County Michigan Census 1850-1894 (1983)", "Midland County Michigan Obituary Index 1872-1927 (1994)", "Midland Pioneers", vol 1 (1999) & vol 2, "Midland County Michigan Probate Index 1850-1900", Early Saginaw Valley History", Bethany Indian Mission 1843-1855", Bethany Indian Mission 1851-1868", "In the Wilderness With the Red Indians", "Account Book of Charles H. Rodd", "Indian Build a Birch Bark Canoe", and Index to First Families of Midland County". The cost of this CD is \$25 shipping included in US.

To ORDER A BOOK write: Midland Genealogical Society BOOK: P.O. Box 2421, Midland, MI 48641-2421.

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conditions were such that there was no flooding or excessive ice and snow.

Taverns were spaced about every four miles for those who could afford them.

Most people traveling would often camp out at night, seeing few creatures but deer and the occasional fox or squirrel.

Wagons encountered difficulties, even after the road was improved. Often they would become trapped between high or closely positioned stumps. Travelers would then use the expression "getting stumped" on the trail, a term which still exists today when one becomes "stuck on something".

Eventually, stagecoaches were able to make the trek without difficulty and the Wylie Inn, a frequent stop for weary travelers, was also made a stagecoach stop.

Many of the travelers came from the East, mainly from Lancaster and Burks Counties in Pennsylvania, with plans of establishing small towns along the trace.

East and West Rushville, Hamburg and Tarlton were the result of the efforts of these travelers. Fairfield and Hamilsbourg were proposed settlements which were plotted on paper, but never established.

Many of the original homes built along the trace have been long abandoned or seem unusually far from the original road, and are in dilapidated condition.

To follow the trail start at Wheeling, WV taking US 40 west to Zanesville, Ohio where US 22 is followed southwest to Lancaster, Ohio turning onto S.R.159 and proceeding southwest to Chillicothe, Ohio

where US 50W is then taken to Bainbridge, Ohio and S.R.41 is followed southwest to Aberdeen, Ohio, on the Ohio River, a trip traveling through eleven Ohio counties.

Writers note: Ebenezer Zane (7 October 1747- 19 November 1811) was a distinguished Colonel in the American Revolution, a delegate to the 1788 Virginia Assembly and a land speculator. His marriage to Elizabeth McCulloch produced ten children, with two only surviving less than 24 hours.

Ebenezer was the Great Grandfather of famous Western writer, Zane Gray.

He, his wife Elizabeth and son John, who passed away in 1805 at the age of twenty five years, are at rest at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Martin's Ferry, Belmont County, Ohio.

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Casting PBS "Genealogy Roadshow" in Detroit

Hello,

I am a producer working on a great new series for PBS called "Genealogy Roadshow." Like "Antiques Roadshow" this series will have a team of experts traveling all over the country. Instead of helping people learn the history of their family heirlooms, these experts will help people learn their own family history. We are looking for people in Detroit and the surrounding areas who believe that they may be tied to our rich American history in some way or maybe reunite families with long lost relatives and answer questions about their past, their history and their lineage.

I came across your organization in my research and wanted to reach out to you in hopes that you would be willing to pass my information along to your community. Perhaps you or someone involved in your organization would be interested in our show? If so, you can email me directly at grshowcasting1@gmail.com.

One thing we all have in common is that we have a family history. We want to meet people who have questions about theirs!



A Local Farmers Family

By Walter Bennett

George Moore was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania 15 Sept 1862, the son of Albert and Mary (Meehan) Moore. His mother Mary had emigrated here from Northern Ireland. His wife, Ida Francis Zahm, was born 4 June 1870 in Huntington, Indiana, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Ellen (Braddock) Zahm.

Ida Francis Zahm was the sister of famed brothers Fr. John Augustine Zahm, who served as President of Notre Dame University and who talked Theodore Roosevelt into travelling with him down the Amazon river. The travels were documented in the books, "Through South America's Southland" by John Augustine Zahm and "Through The Brazilian Wilderness" by Theodore Roosevelt. Her other famous brother was Albert Zahm, inventor of the wind tunnel and other things. He also was awarded the Laetare Medal. He was interested in flying and would fly gliders off the science building at Notre Dame. He too would write books about aircraft. Ida had three sisters who became nuns. There were 14 children in all of Jacob and Mary. Ida's mother was noted to be the great grandniece of General Edward Braddock.

Ida went to Philadelphia to study to be a nun like her sisters. While there, she met George Moore who was working there as a silver smith. They soon married and lived a short time in Philadelphia. Their first born child was Mary Angela, born in 1893. Mary died in 1894 of Infant Cholera. Joseph (1894), Paul (1896) and Teresa (1898) were all

born in Philadelphia. Soon after Teresa was born, they moved to Huntington, Indiana and lived with Ida's father Jacob and his second wife Agnes. Their next children, Michael was born in Huntington in 1900 and Ida in 1902 and Patrick in 1905. They soon heard of good ground and place to live in Midland, Michigan so they moved to raise their children.

George had heard from a D. E. Malone of Midland who had explained that there is sandy land that is of little use but there is also plenty of fine farming land with a good market. The county is well drained. There is heavy clay land, medium loamy land and light sandy land. The farmers had an exceptionally fine season last year harvesting a great deal of beans and sugar beets besides the general crops. Some farmers making \$30 an acre off of their beans.

Malone also stated that they have a nice little church here with mass every Sunday except one in the month and expects to have a school in the near future. There are five Catholic teachers in the schools in the city.

It was the Spring of 1907 when they boarded a train with Ida and the children and furniture in one car and George and the animals in another car. When they arrived in Midland, the Tittabawassee River was over the banks and they had to ford the river in rafts with the animals and furniture. Their large home was built on a piece of ground in Mt. Haley Township. It had two stories and several bedrooms. They raised cattle, horses, chickens and pigs. They had a large garden and they lived off of what they had raised.

The house had a heating stove in the sitting room and most of the time was spent there in the cold winter months. She lost her hearing late in life and the family had to use a megaphone to talk to her. She was afraid of electricity as she had a bolt of lightning come into the house and it went through the kitchen into the sitting room. Because of that, she never allowed electricity to be installed in the house. She lived to be 83 years old. After George died in 1937, she was alone and hired a man to do the chores and lived on the premises.

After moving to Midland, three more children were born. My grandfather Albert (1908), Emma (1910) and Catherine (1913).

Joseph did his time in the war. He was at the border under General Pershing and was stationed at El Paso, Texas. During the World war he served with the rainbow division (42nd) and was overseas for 18 months. He had been gassed during the war and never was quite right after that. After the war, he served as a deputy sheriff and constable of Mt. Haley Township. My grandfather called Joe, a fancy dancer and liked the girls. He had trouble getting a date with them. He would pick fights with the boys. He bought a small piece of land connected with his parents and planted apple trees. He died in 1930 after committing suicide by gun in the yard of the family home.

Paul also served in the World War in the 125th Infantry of the 32nd Divi-

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sion. He lost his left arm in the battle of the Argonne, which was the final major battle of the war. Joe was in the same regiment as Paul and Joe was assigned the duty of picking up the injured. Joe became shell shocked at that time. Paul was awarded the Croix de Guerre which is a medal given by the French Government. After the war, he worked several years for General Motors in Flint. He later owned and operated a gasoline service station in Flint. Paul had an artificial arm but never wore it. People could pump their own gas and he trusted them to pay for it. Paul married Loretta Fitzpatrick

and had two children, Marja Lou and Michael P. Paul died in 1971 in Genesee County.

Teresa married Abe Badour, Jr. at the age of 35. They lived in Mt. Haley Township. I never met her, but she was known to have a dirt floor in her kitchen up to the time she died in 1988. She had chickens that ran through the house. Her husband frequented the bars. They had raised 4 daughters, Joan, Mary Ann, Marjorie, and Patricia.

Michael also served in the War serving with the 27th Infantry. Following the war he worked as a mechanic and welder at the Dow Chemical company. He married Eleanor (Brewer) Hatch who had a daughter by a previous marriage. No children were born of this union. Mi-

chael died in 1966.

Ida married Ray Schaefer of Hampton Township, Bay county. When looking at the census for Hampton twp., I learned that Ray Schaefer and Abe Badour lived next door to each other. I found out that Ida and Teresa would double date the boys and traveled together. Ida and Ray set up their home in Hampton Township. They divorced in 1946. They had 4 daughters and a son, Emma, Loretta, Margaret, Bernice and James. Ray served in the Army in the World War.

Patrick served with Company A of the 30th Infantry, serving in the Philippines. Before going into the ser-

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The George Moore Family

vice, he also worked in Flint at GM. He was a frequent guest of the Hostels there and became infected with a STD. He died at the Letterman Hospital in San Francisco. His obituary stated that he died of an infection following an operation. He died from the STD. He is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio. He never married.

My grandfather, Albert, was too young to join the war. He was athletic in school and played on many sports teams. He graduated as salutatorian from Midland High in 1925. He went to Flint to work for two years in the Spring Works plant. He graduated from County Normal in 1928 and began teaching school, 8 grades in a one-room school in Homer Township. He married my grandmother Marilla (Franklin) Moore who also worked as a school teacher near Oil city. My grandfather had continued his studies at what is now CMU and received a BS degree. He then worked in the metallurgy lab at Dow Chemical. Albert was often called Pat by friends and family. He purchased 92 acres of land in Ingersoll Township and began farming, growing hay and apples. He would grow sweet corn to sell. I helped him with the corn, hoeing and picking. He was generous and made sure that the bushel basket was very full for his customers. He always had a large garden, growing a variety of vegetables and fruits. After retiring from Dow, he went to a wild game farm and purchased a few wild turkeys. They

soon spread through the county as many can be seen all over the place. They had 5 children, Phyllis, Colleen, Terry, Dennis and Patrick.

Emma headed to Indiana to become a nun. She left there after being told that she couldn't watch calving. She soon contracted TB and was put in the Sanitarium at Howell, Michigan and was there three years. She died in 1936 at the age of 26, death being attributed to an acute heart attack.

Catherine was a school teacher and married Gordon LaVeque of Hope who also worked as a school teacher before he worked for Dow. Gordon retired from Dow early for health reasons and they both moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. Gordon died in 1957. Catherine loved to ball room dance and met many men on the dance floor. She married a couple times following the death of Gordon. They never had children. Catherine also had a lot of artistic ability and painted a lot. While living in Florida, she had a table at the flea markets, where she bought and sold a lot of things. She was the last of the children to die in 2003 at the age of 89.

The whole family worked hard on the farm while they were home. There were problems some years. They ate an awful lot of beans, my grandfather would say. They would get black rot in the potatoes and the beans got pretty wet and would have to be culled. Every night after supper, they would take a bushel of beans and sort them out. The real dark brown and black ones went to the pigs and cattle, the red ones they would eat, and the white ones they sold. They sort-

ed them all winter long. The elevator charged for this sorting, so they saved money.

Because they couldn't afford to hire labor, they would hoe the beans by hand. Before they had a bean puller, they would pull them out by hand, roots and all. That was a lot of work humped over, pulling 5 acres by hand. In the fall, they would get a permit to stay out of school until the beans were brought into the barn.

Farming was difficult in those early years, as much of the land was wooded. If you wanted to grow crops, you had to clear the land. You needed firewood for heat, so you would cut wood for your own heating/cooking and sell what you could. The stumps had to be removed and there were also many rocks in the soil. Rocks were used to build homes. The courthouse downtown was built with local rocks.

**This packrat has learned
that what the next generation
will value most is
not what we owned, but
the evidence of who we
were and the tales of
how we loved. In the end,
it's the family stories that
are worth the storage.**

**-Ellen Goodman,
The Boston Globe**

RootsMagic Certified to Share with FamilySearch Family Tree

FamilySearch recently opened full access to everyone in the new Family Tree. Family Tree is a free, single, large database available at www.FamilySearch.org that everyone can see and can also enter new data or can correct previously-entered data that contains errors. You can see family tree information entered by others, even those who might be your distant cousins. You can also enter information about your family tree manually, using a web browser. However, the FamilySearch programmers also created an API (application programming interface) so that other programs could communicate directly with the FamilySearch Family Tree. RootsMagic is the first program to be certified by FamilySearch to share data with the FamilySearch Family Tree. If you use a program that uses such an API, your workload required for enter and/or retrieving information to and from Family Tree will be decreased dramatically.

You can use RootsMagic as your primary genealogy program. It runs on all modern Windows systems, and I have also used it on a Macintosh by using [Parallels](#) and also with [VirtualBox](#). If you are not familiar with RootsMagic, you may want to try the free program [RootsMagic Essentials](#) first as it, too, lets you share data with the FamilySearch Family Tree. With any of these you can keep your data in RootsMagic. However, you can send whatever segments you select from your database to share with others. (A segment might be one person or all the ancestors of one person—in other words, one branch of your family tree.)

Best of all, you also can find potential new ancestors that are already listed on FamilySearch's Family Tree while you are still using RootsMagic. If you find new ancestors, you can transfer those records directly into RootsMagic in your computer without having to re-type everything.

You can read a lot more about the new capability of RootsMagic in the latest RootsMagic Newsletter at <http://goo.gl/KniKp>

NOTE: I feel it necessary to insert a warning here. While I am a big fan of collaborative databases available to all, such as FamilySearch's Family Tree, I also have to advise everyone to use these databases with caution. Luckily, that is easy to do.

Never, ever import unverified data directly into your primary database! You need to verify all information first to make sure it is accurate. After all, you wouldn't want to import some other family into your records just because someone else had the same name, would you? Even worse, maybe it is your family, but the person who placed the information online was careless and included many errors. (It happens all too often.)

I would suggest creating a new, temporary database in RootsMagic or whatever program you choose; then you can import all the new records from FamilySearch's Family Tree into that temporary "working database." Spend some time verifying the information for each person in this new, temporary database to make sure each record is correct. When you have verified the information, the process is easy to move or copy each person's information into your primary database. Once you have moved all the verified information into your primary database, you can delete the temporary database.

Unlike many online genealogy databases, FamilySearch's Family Tree allows anyone to add sources and explanations that can help others to verify that the information is accurate. When you import new information, always look at the included source citations. If there are none, you can assume the information is inaccurate. (The phrase "fairy tale" pops to mind.) If the new records include source citations, look at the information referenced to see if you agree. Also, if you already have source citations that are not listed in an individual's record on FamilySearch, you can add the citation(s) to FamilySearch's Family Tree to help benefit others who look at the same records in the future. If we all work together to create VERIFIABLE INFORMATION, we all benefit.

Family Tree has some nifty new features, including the ability to edit and delete most any information about a person, a detailed history of changes made to people, and the ability to add sources to back up your conclusions. I'd suggest you use these new features for your own benefit and for the benefit of others.

Archives.com Publishes Millions of Lutheran Church Records

The following was written by Archives.com, a division of Ancestry.com:

Archives.com is thrilled to announce the release of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(ELCA\)](#) birth, marriage and death record collections! These three collections total nearly 4.6 million records. Archives.com, in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Archives, digitized and indexed approximately one thousand rolls of microfilmed records from churches now affiliated with the ELCA. These records have never before been online. The records in these collections date from the mid-1800s through 1940 and include births, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, and burials. Details vary from church to church, but often include parents' names, dates and places of the event, and other biographical details.

Many of the churches were founded by immigrants from Norway, Sweden, and Germany and had immigrant families as their members. These records could hold the key to finding your origins in the Old World.

Researching in church records can be challenging, as you often don't know exactly which church your ancestors attended. With the ELCA collections, you don't need to know the specific church your ancestors belonged to. These collections brings together all of the pre-1940 records for churches affiliated with the ELCA.

The ELCA collections add to the 2.5 billion records that are currently available to Archives.com members. Not a member? Sign up today for a [seven day free trial](#)! Archives.com makes family history simple and affordable.

Google makes decision on high speed city.

"Today the Google Fiber team is in Provo, Utah, where Mayor John Curtis just announced that we intend to make Provo our third Google Fiber City."

In fact, Provo has had fiber optic connectivity for a while from a company called iProvo. Google is purchasing the company and is promising to "upgrade the network to gigabit technology and finish network construction so that every home along the existing iProvo network would have the opportunity to connect to Google Fiber."

Note: It was announced by Google a couple years ago that it would select a city to become a high speed network. Many cities were in the running for this.

Coming Events

Apr 27, 2013 “Nab and Grab Your Ancestors Using 21st Century Techniques”. Monaghan Council K of C Hall on Farmington Rd south of 8 mile in Livonia. Presented by the Farmington Genealogical Society and the Northville Genealogical Society. This is an all day seminar which includes a continental breakfast and hot lunch. Ann Staley will be the guest speaker. 8am—4pm.

Apr 27, 2013 “Honoring our Ancestors: Genealogy Talks with Megan Smolenyak”, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix, MI 10am—4pm. <http://mimgc.org/pdf/20130427Charlevoix.pdf>

May 8-11, 2013 NGS 2013 Family History Conference. Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada.

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

July 12-13, 2013 Abrams Genealogy Seminar. Archives of Michigan, Lansing. <http://seekingmichigan.org/events/2013-abrams-genealogy-seminar>

Aug 21-24, 2013 FGS Annual Conference, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

<http://www.fgsconference.org/>

Aug 24, 2013 Michigan Breakfast at FGS.

There will be a Michigan Breakfast on the final Day of the FGS Conference, August 24, at the Allen County Public Library. If you have ancestors, research, or can find Michigan on a map of the US you are welcome to join us. The breakfast is sponsored by the Michigan Genealogical Council. Pre-registration will be required so we will know how many to expect. The cost of the breakfast is \$15 and any profits will go to the FGS War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions Project.

Oct 26, 2013 MGC Fall Seminar. Archives of Michigan.

<http://mimgc.org>

Michigan Genealogical Council Report

By Jo Brines

The March Michigan Genealogical Council meeting was a short one; maybe the winter months have slowed down some projects. Kris Rzepczynski from the archives/Abrams Foundation Historical Collection mentioned that 700 Michigan City directories have recently been added to the collection. The Seeking Michigan website has been updated and improved and presently contains info, a schedule, and registration form for the annual Abrams seminar to be held Friday-Saturday, July 12-13 at the Historical Center. There will be a lock-in at the Archives on the Friday evening 6-10 pm. It is free, but limited to 30 people.

The brochure for the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference at the Ft. Wayne Wednesday-Saturday August 21-24 is out. www.FGSConference.org will give you info on speakers, schedule, cost, etc. Cost for 4 day conference only is \$190 if registered before July 1, \$240 after that date. Day rates are possible, luncheons and special workshops are extra. Registration can be done online at above mentioned site or FGS 2013 Conference, PO 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. A brochure is on the bulletin board and a few available in the gene room. A Michigan breakfast is being planned for Saturday am, \$15. As of March 14, about 1,000 people had already registered.

The program on Preserve the Pension Project (War of 1812) was given by Kris. The details were the same as given by our speaker in January. Digitizing has begun (alphabetically). The records are going online as completed – <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>. Site is free. Faye Ebach received an email on March 18 that 500,000 images are now online. The MGC and about a dozen societies have already donated funds. You will recall that at our February meeting and

the March board meeting there was a consensus of opinion that the NARA jar become the Pension Project jar for the next year or so. Individual, tax deductible contributions are also very welcome. Faye says our MGS contribution to NARA last year was about \$165. If that amount had been applied to the 1812 Pension Project, it would be matched by Ancestry, so \$330 would have digitized 733 images (at 45 cents an image). As I mentioned at our January meeting there are 7 million plus images to be digitized. It was announced that NARA hours in Washington had been reduced to 10 am – 5:30 pm. A law has been passed in NY State stating that an adoptee upon reaching adulthood can access their birth record for health info. Will this become a trend in other states? The closing of the social security index bill had to be reintroduced with the new Congress.

A gentleman from the Jewish GS in Detroit has started, maybe been working on it a long time, to collect and abstract school records, school yearbooks, and coordinating the old and new street addresses in Detroit. He will provide some web sites later, so don't throw away your old yearbooks, maybe someone in Midland could do the same type of project.

**Genealogy:
Where you confuse the dead
and irritate the
living.**

FGS Annual Conference

The FGS 2013 Conference Committee is almost ready to launch the conference website, online registration and the conference brochure. But we know that you can't want to see what is in store for the Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2013 Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 21-24. Below you will find an overview of the week of conference activities, including extending hours at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center.

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2013 Conference Week Overview

Monday, August 19

- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center open 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20

- Librarian's Day (all day)
- Q&A panel and genealogy consultations in the afternoon, 2-5 p.m.
- Onsite registration begins, 3-7 p.m. (additional hours each day – see conference website)
- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center open 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21 (Focus on Societies Day)

- Plenary session
- Lecture sessions all day (27 sessions + 1 workshop)
- FGS Opening Social Evening sponsored by findmypast.com

- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center open 9 a.m.-Midnight (extended hours!)

Thursday, August 22

- Keynote session
- Grand opening of Exhibit Hall
- Lecture sessions all day (31 sessions + 2 workshops)
- Vendor Demonstrations
- GenSpiration Sessions
- 3 luncheons
- Extended Exhibit Hall hours until 7:30 p.m. (with door prizes!)

- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center open 7 a.m.-Midnight (extended hours!)

Friday, August 23

- Lecture sessions all day (47 sessions + 2 workshops)
- Vendor Demonstrations
- GenSpiration Sessions
- 3 luncheons
- "Journey Through the Generations with Our Veterans" local host societies evening event at the Allen County Public Library sponsored by FamilySearch
- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center open 7 a.m.-Midnight (extended hours!)

Saturday, August 24

- Lecture sessions all day (47 sessions + 2 workshops)
- Vendor Demonstrations
- GenSpiration Sessions
- 3 luncheons
- Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center open 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (extended a.m. hours!)

Sunday, August 25

- Farewell Brunch 9-11 a.m. (with door prizes!)

NEW FAMILYSEARCH FEATURES

SALT LAKE CITY - FamilySearch International, a nonprofit, volunteer-driven genealogy organization, announced the release of significant new enhancements to its web services that allow visitors to collaboratively build their family tree online, preserve and share precious family photos and stories, and receive personal research assistance-all for free. Find out more at FamilySearch.org.

"Every person who has ever lived has a right to be remembered and is a story waiting to be told," said Dennis C. Brimhall, CEO for FamilySearch. "Every family is a story in progress." Brimhall explained that the new FamilySearch.org features help move family history beyond research to appeal to a larger audience of people who are very interested in their family's stories, but who don't consider themselves genealogists or researchers. "We all treasure memorable family photos and ancestral stories that inspire, amuse, or connect us. Families can now share and preserve for posterity those social heirlooms that help vitalize their family history," Brimhall added.

The enhancements include Family Tree, an online application where users begin by adding information about themselves and then start to add information about their ancestors to collaboratively build, manage, and share their family history. The tree is already populated with over 900 million records contributed by patrons. And there are billions of historic records that can be searched for free to help further expand your family tree.

The Photos and Stories feature lets you preserve favorite family photos of ancestors and share them through social media. You can tag people in a photo to identify who they are and connect them to respective ancestor profiles in the Family Tree. The photos can then be easily shared with the online community. You can also upload your favorite stories about an ancestor to preserve them for future generations.

Julie Lowe from Missouri is the proverbial photo archivist of her family. She has albums of ancestral photos. Between her and her siblings, they are also walking libraries of countless stories and memories of their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, some great-grandparents, and other ancestors. They will be using the Photos and Stories feature to begin preserving

their favorite photos and stories for future generations. Each person can save and share up to 5,000 ancestral photos in Family Tree.

"When a parent or grandparent takes the time to tell you a story, there's a bonding that occurs there," Brimhall said. "Likewise, a family photo and story preserved and shared in the context of one's family tree, in an instant, can personally touch us and teach us time-honored principles by those who have gone on before us, like the value of hard work, dealing with life's ups and downs, and the impact of choices."

Other features added include the interactive Fan Chart, a tool used by millions to create a colorful fan chart of their ancestry; the Family Tree Wizard, a tool that asks questions to help you begin to build your personal family tree and get you started; and Live Help, a global online community that provides free product help and personal research assistance by phone and web chat 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The help website and services are available in 10 languages.

Books Needed

HELP: Have any member found, while doing research, a particular book(s) that we don't have in our collection and that might make a good addition to it? The book committee is beginning to search for new books to purchase. I would like to widen the Michigan selection, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. We try hard not to get individual county books unless it is a big, important one. I need title, author, where published, ISSN number (if possible).

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Looking Back in Midland County

(Taken from *Portrait and Biographical Album of Midland County Michigan 1884* p. 324)

Stephen D. Trowbridge

Stephen D. Trowbridge, farmer on section 36, Hope Township, was born in Arcadia Township, Ontario (now Wayne) Co., N. Y., June 15, 1813, the son of Eli and Anna (Dunwell) Trowbridge. His father was of English-German descent, and died in Solon, Ohio, aged 84; his mother was of mixed English, Scotch and Welsh blood, and died in Warrensville, Ohio when 69 years old. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are living. Their names are Stephen, Phoebe, Cornelia V., Samuel A. and Lucretia V. Of these Stephen is the eldest.

He was reared on the paternal farm, and lived with his father until of age, moving when 19 years old with his father to Solon, Ohio, where they settled on a farm of 100 acres. On attaining his majority, he endeavored to improve his mind by attending school, teaching in the winter seasons. He attended the academy in Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y. for a time, but most of his education was received in the common school. He planned a thorough course of study for himself, but owing to feeble health was forced to abandon this.

He purchased a farm of 44 acres in Solon, Ohio, soon after he was of age. His wife yet owns 15 acres of that same tract. James A. Garfield (late President) gave her \$1,000 to build a house on the same. On this farm Mr. Trowbridge kept a small dairy of 15 cows, and dealt in cheese. He was financially unfortunate, and lost all his land except the 15 acres mentioned above. He lived on this place from 1834 to 1861.

In the year last mentioned he enlisted in Co. K, 2d Ohio Vol. Cav. His regiment was on duty near Fort Scott, in Eastern Kansas. He was mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, in 1863. His son Melvin M., was in the same company, but was mustered out previous to the close of his term of enlistment, on account of sickness.

Returning from the army, Mr. T. cultivated for one year the little farm in Solon, and then, in 1864, came to Midland County. Here he filed his claim to a tract of land under the Homestead Act. He then went back to Ohio. Returning to this county in the spring of 1865, he made some maple sugar, and then set about making a permanent home. He has since resided here, with the exception of occasional visits to Ohio.

July 30, 1837, was the date of his marriage, in Solon, Ohio, to Miss Mehitabel B. Garfield, daughter of Abram and Eliza (Ballou) Garfield, and sister of the late martyr President. She was born Jan. 28, 1821, in Independence, Ohio, and was the eldest of four in her father's family, whose names were Mehitabel, Thomas, Mary, and James A.

Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge have become the parents of four children, as follows: Anna E., born Sept. 12, 1838, in Orange, Ohio; Mary E., March 4, 1840, in Solon, Ohio; Melvin M., Nov. 14, 1845, in Solon, and died March 9, 1864, in Bridgeport, Ala., having re-enlisted in the 1st

Mich. Mech. and Eng; Alta Estella, Sept. 11, 1860, in Solon, and married to John Hawkins in December, 1880.

Mr. Trowbridge is in political faith a member of the National party. He is very progressive in his views, and has always taken a brave stand for what he believed to be right. He has been Township Clerk and School Inspector, and was elected Justice of the Peace, but did not qualify. He is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and his wife of the Disciple's Church. Mr. T. was the tutor of Gen. Garfield when the latter was 16 years old.

(Taken from *The Midland Republican* Thurs. April 17, 1884)

Coleman

The sale of J. & F. L. Post's saw and shingle mills to J. E. Embury was completed Wednesday. Mr. Embury returned at once to his home at Millington to make preparation for an immediate removal, and arrived here with his family Sunday afternoon, having come through with a team. He will take possession of the mill in a few days. Mr. Booth has leased his cleared land on the south side of the railroad, with eight dwelling houses, to Mr. Embury.

Mr. Bicknell, of Clare, set men at work last week clearing his lots near the Deuel House, preparatory to building a business house.

Floyd Post has purchased lots near the Episcopal church and has been having them cleared. Will soon be ready to build.

The work has commenced on Bowdish's building.

Mr. Horton, recently from Canada, has purchased 50 acres of land from Mr. Booth for \$600.

The lumber is on the ground for Chamberlain's new dwelling

Williams, agent for Coleman, has sold two lots to a Mr. Dolf, also two to Lon Miller on block 47. They will build soon.

Miss Muscott, of Clare, was in town last Tuesday, and with the assistance of Mrs. Dr. Taylor, succeeded in securing a class for music, which she will instruct every week.

George Fanning, of Loomis, has moved his family and goods to Coleman, and will be here himself soon, as he is to have a position in Mr. Bowdish's store.

Mr. Baskerville, our new merchant from Gladwin, is to have a grand opening tomorrow and the next day.

John Deuel, recently from New York, has located at Delwin and on the Mt. Pleasant road. Will go into the mercantile business.

The new engine in Post's mill seems to give satisfaction. The shingle mill has been running several days. I understand Post will soon get his planing mill in order unless he sells it, as there is considerable talk of his doing.

Horace Knight had the misfortune to have the nails of two fingers on his right hand taken off by the shingle saw the other day; fortunate that it was not more.

Mr. Ripenburg was out walking Sunday, and about a mile up the narrow gauge road, he came across a bear about a year old. Ripenburg had no weapon but a jack knife, but he tackled the bear and brought it home on his back.

Mr. Tivy and his sister, Mrs. Koch have moved and are now boarding at the Exchange.

Miss Koch has gone to Saginaw for a few days.

Mrs. Ball still remains in poor health, and has been worse for a day or two past.

I hear that Mr. Booth is sending hop poles to New York.

Mr. Pierce has been building fences around the blocks on the south side of the railroad, cleared and occupied by him for Seymour Coleman; but I understand that portions of it have been torn down by persons who are, or consider themselves quite prominent, and it appears from what I hear that we shall probably soon have plenty of good roads if tearing down a few rods of board fence is all that is necessary. I would advise all persons who may have any idea that their fences are any annoyance to anyone else, to have them removed at once.

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

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