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## Midland Genealogical Society Programs for 2013 - 2014

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

*Programs for the meetings are as follows.*

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE LOCATIONS\*\***

**Sept 18:** Library Lounge 7 pm. Bob Snyder. Looking at English Quebec—Searching the Eastern Townships

**October 23:** St. Johns Episcopal Church. 7 pm. Gary Skory. Midland Historical Society Updates.

**November 20:** Library Lounge, 7 pm. Floyd Andrick. From Switzerland to Michigan.

## Rediscovered--Joara and Fort San Juan

Yvonne Ashworth

On July 22, 2013 archaeologists announced that they had unearthed evidence of the remains of Fort San Juan, which had been the subject of many previous searches and digs. This site is located near Morganton, North Carolina, in present day Burke County, almost 300 miles from the Atlantic Coast.

Joara was the former settlement once occupied by the Mississippian culture of Native Americans. During the late 16th century it was the most dominant town in what is now the Piedmont and western North Carolina.

The Native Americans had established Joara in about AD 1000. In 1540, Hernando De Soto, the now famous conquistador, encountered the Mississippian culture upon his exploration of the area northwest of Morganton. He noted that this area was a hub for travelers and a center for trade. This same general area would later be settled by the Cherokee and English, Scots-Irish and German immigrants.

After the departure of De Soto, the area of Joara was still thriving upon the arrival of Captain Juan Pardo and his expedition in 1567. Pardo and his men would establish a base and sev-

eral months later, construct what would be known as Fort San Juan. This fort would have thirty men attached for the purpose of security and to serve as a base for further exploration, serving as a halfway point.

According to expedition records, a wooden fort was constructed at the north end of Joara. This would become the first European settlement in what is now North Carolina, and predate the settlements of Roanoke Island and Jamestown, Virginia by eighteen and forty years, respectively.

Unfortunately, Captain Pardo, nor his scribe, left any written records with regard to the description of the fort. However, since five other satellite forts had been constructed within the same time-frame, there are records of general construction type, including the bastions and tall palisades. These forts were built from what is now known as Beaufort, South Carolina to western Tennessee during Pardo's search for an overland route to Mexico. A palisade was uncovered recently at the Fort San Juan site. It is worth noting that

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## The President's Letter

Two thirds of 2013 is now history and fall is almost upon us. It is early evening and as I look out the window the streetlights are on, the sun has set, and it is very dark outside. Seems like only yesterday daylight was until 10:00 PM. Change is never ending and always with us.

Two dedicated board members, Betty Bellous and Marion Berry, Membership Co-chairs, retired as of June 30, 2013. They were instrumental in managing our society's membership committee activities for several years. Their persistence and volunteer services are appreciated. We are thankful for their hard work, creativity and commitment.

We are appreciative of four new members who have agreed to serve as members of our Society board for the current 2013-2014 year. They have been involved with the board during the summer as we plan for the upcoming year. Bob Snyder and Linda Kennedy have arranged interesting programs for our scheduled monthly meetings. We have also been able to schedule a shared program with the Midland Historical Center to co-host a program in May, 2014 about "Michigan's Role in the War of 1812". This program will be a fascinating event during the current bi-centennial celebration of the war that began in 1812 and culminated in 1815.

Please look further in this issue of the PR for topics and dates for various events and programs.

Faye A Ebach

# Genealogy: Life in the past lane!

## GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Some cemeteries are heavily overgrown.

### From The Editor ● ● ●

Welcome to another year of the Pioneer Record. Again, we are working hard to bring you interesting articles. If you have an article that you wrote and want it published here, please email it to me. Please include sources with the article.

Some members made it to the FGS convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I had wanted to attend, but had another obligation that weekend. Set your sites on another conference taking place next May in St. Catharines, Ontario near Niagara Falls. This is from the Ontario Genealogical Society. This could be a vacation and a conference in

one. I will provide more details as available.

As a reminder, remember to keep back-up's of your genealogical data. A good plan of action is to copy your digital information onto a thumb drive or cd and store the copy in a safe deposit box or someone else's house. You want to be protected in the event of a fire or theft. Thumb drives fit easily into even the smallest safe deposit box.

Those of you that were following "Who Do You Think You Are" should know that the show will return for another season next year. Also be aware of another new show on PBS starting Sept. 23 titled "Genealogy Roadshow". Check your local listings.

Walter Bennett, Editor

### MEMBERSHIP DUES 2012-2013

Statements for the 2013-2014 dues were sent out in mid 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

I have processed twenty-nine returns for membership so far. There are four new memberships. Three are out of the Midland area.

Please make a notation if you have a change in phone, address or email. This helps to make sure we get the updated information to the Pioneer Record chairman Walt Bennett.

See you September 18.

Beverly Keicher

Membership Chair

## Fall Program Notes

The Midland Genealogical Society will open the 2013-2014 program season by exploring the history of, and genealogical research in, the Eastern Townships of Quebec. There is a unique history to this region of Quebec, and there is now access to some important tools for researchers who may have family ties to the area. Program co-chair Bob Snyder will make this presentation and lead this discussion in the lounge at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library at 7:00 pm

In October, the society will meet at St. John's Episcopal Church at 7:00 as Gary Skory, Executive Director of the Midland County

Historical Society, will bring us an update on the activities of the Society. Gary is always an interesting and entertaining presenter for our meetings.

Floyd Andrick will join us again in November to share with us the adventure of tracing his family from Switzerland to Michigan. This will be the only program this season that will focus on a specifically researched family, and it should give us all good insight into the tools Floyd used in his work. For this meeting, we will be back in the Library Lounge.

Midland Genealogical Society meetings are always open to the general public.



## B O O K S F O R S A L E

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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Fort San Juan remains the only discovered fort out of the six which were constructed by Pardo and his men.

Eighteen months after the construction of Fort San Juan, the Na-



tive Americans, upset and angered by demands of the Spaniards and the loss of lives of their peoples due to the effect of European diseases, set fire to and burned Fort San Juan and the other forts, killing all but one of the 120 soldiers manning the garrisons. There is no written record of what became of the one surviving soldier.

Proceeding this event, the country of Spain ceased all efforts to colonize the southeastern interior. Joara and its immediate area would be abandoned by the Native Americans for about sixty years, when the immigrants would begin to arrive.

Multiple excavations have taken place which have unearthed olive jar fragments, the jars which would have stored Captain Pardo's wine (which was on a located supply list) lead shot,

wrought iron nails as well as glass beads. A total of four burned buildings have now been located underground, including Spanish huts which were fire damaged and what is assumed to be the soldiers quarters, also heavily damaged by fire. The timbers showed definite evidence of notching with metal tools in European style common to that day and age.

A line of burned posts located suggests that a wooden stockade may have encompassed the compound, as was common of the other forts. Interestingly, this site has not yielded any 17th or 18th century artifacts, in spite of the fact that North Carolina's upper Catawba River Valley was the site of many mound explorations in the 19th century. Renewed interest in the travels of Hernando De Soto in the 1980s sparked further archaeological digs.

This summer, while archaeologists were attempting to learn more about the mound at Joara, they uncovered sections of the forts defensive moat and a graveled section leading into the fort itself. The moats dimensions were found to be 5.5 feet deep and 15 feet across. These discoveries were accidental but have proven to be very important.

Fort San Juan is deemed as an epitome of the colonial experience across the continent, and for Native Americans, a tragic reshaping of their pre European colonization world.

It is also worth noting that had the Spaniards located gold in the surrounding rivers and mountains, a full scale colonization and mass habitation of the area would have occurred. England would have had difficulty establishing Jamestown and the entire southeastern part of what is now known as the United States may very well have become Latin America, as a result.

The site itself is demonstrative of the extent to which the Spanish attempted to establish a foothold and subsequent domination of colonization in the southeast.

With the newest announcement of ongoing excavation procedures, it is hoped that further clues will be found as to insight into the interactions between the settlers and the Native Americans, and that further artifacts will yield further information relative to the lifestyle of the soldiers manning the garrison known as Fort San Juan.

Sources:



<http://www.pasthorizonspr.com/index.php/archives/07/2013/oldest-inland-european-fort-found-in-appalachians>

<http://exploringjoara.org>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort\\_San\\_Juan\\_\(Joara\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_San_Juan_(Joara))

## Summer Research in Indiana

By Walter G. Bennett

In June of this year, I decided to do some research on my Zahm family and planned a trip to Indiana. On this trip, my goals were to reconnect with family members that I had not seen in many years and also to locate the cemeteries and obituaries of the Zahm family members. My ultimate goal was to find some really interesting family history in the archives of Notre Dame University.

I found a hotel in Huntington, which is where my relatives lived. From there, I could carry out my research to Huntington and Wabash counties. My first day there was spent at the library in Wabash, researching the Zahm family that lived in that county. The library was a good place to start with books relating to surrounding counties including Huntington. After finding a few obituaries that I needed, I then located some cemeteries, one in the town of Wabash, which was a very large cemetery and a couple of cemeteries in Lagro, which is between Wabash and Huntington. The Lagro I.O.O.F. cemetery contained the tombstone of Malinda (Hamilton) Zahm, the wife of Lewis G. Zahm. She died of tuberculosis in 1909 at the age of 36. Her husband moved to Texas soon after her death and was not buried there. I could not find her other family members there. I had my tombstone cleaning tools with me and cleaned her stone, as I believe this was one family member long forgotten. The other cemetery in Lagro was St. Patrick's cemetery. This belonged to the local Catholic church, and contained many family members. This was a terrific find as I needed some of the dates that were here. I frequently get a chill when walking near the graves of relatives as if they are letting me know they are there.

My next stop was back at Huntington. I did not get to the library at Huntington on this visit but will return there in the future.

I went to the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Huntington, where my GG Grandparents graves were located. They are Jacob and Mary Ellen Zahm. It took me several hours to walk this cemetery, and take photos of all the stones of names that I recognized as being related to the Zahm's family. Cleaning stones took additional time but was worth it in acquiring a legible photo.

The cemetery contained a celebrity of sorts. An Indian chief by the name of Francis LaFontaine, the last chief of the unified Miami tribe. Lafontaine oversaw the split into the western and eastern tribes.

I spent a good day with family members, reacquainting with them and gaining some history information from them. The next day, I began my trip to Notre Dame University, near South Bend.

I had a map of campus that I found online that showed the archives being located in the library building. After locating the building on campus, I began looking for a parking place. It seems that the majority of the parking on campus is gated with access only to staff and students. There are a few small public parking areas on campus, but I had to wait for someone to pull out of the lot so that I could have a parking spot. The parking was at the far end of the student parking from the building. The archives were on an upper floor. There are computer terminals for looking at the index of the collections, but I was able to do this beforehand at home. I had to fill out sheets requesting each collection that I was interested in looking at. After doing so, I was brought a huge box containing letters written by family members and colleagues sorted out by collections.

The next step was going through the box and read the letters. If I wanted a copy of the letter, I had to fill out another form and clip it to the letter. All copying is

done by the staff at a charge. You are not allowed to copy anything yourself. I could not fathom there being so much personal letters in this collection, that I did not allow enough time to get through everything.

The archives contained collections of both of my GG uncles, Fr. John Zahm and his brother Albert Zahm. What I wanted to look at that day was the family correspondence of Albert Zahm.

I managed to get some copies of letters that were written by my great grandparents and my great aunt Emma Moore who died of tuberculosis in 1936. Emma was in Howell at the Sanitarium when she wrote the letters and had explained about her condition. Other letters from my great grandparents were equally interesting. I found it amazing that all of these letters still existed, and that families kept them for so long.

On the campus, is a cemetery for priests and brethren. In this cemetery, I found the graves of both John and Albert. Although Albert was not a priest, he was a teacher there for several years and gave part of his fortune back to the school that he loved.

Across the street from Notre Dame University is Saint Mary's College, which was a school for the women studying to become nuns. On the grounds, there is also a cemetery for nuns. John and Albert had 3 sisters, Theresa, Emma, and Julia who graduated from there as well as an aunt of John and Albert, Susan Braddock, who served as mother superior for Saint Mary's. All of them are buried there.

I left Indiana, having gained much information about the family that I did not have. I also have determined areas of research that I need to further investigate on my next trip to Indiana.

## California Great Registers

by Yvonne Ashworth

In 1866 rather than utilizing poll lists, a new process via voter registers was used and became known as the "Great Registers". This was originally enacted in an effort to prevent voter fraud with each voter required to register with the county clerk.

The Registry Act resulted in requiring county clerks to register the names and information on all voters in books which were strongly bound with necessary ruled columns and appropriate headings and labels. In 1872 California law then required county clerks to create printed copies of the registers to be distributed to libraries, election precincts and other depositories.

Highlights of some of the major legislations include:

\*Early manuscripts listed voters by the initial letter of the surname chronologically as they were registered.

\*The voter's precinct name or number was added to each ledger.

\*If a voter moved to another precinct, his name was "red lined" in the register with the new precinct penciled in.

\*Deaths were noted, often with date and place. Anyone removed from the register due to insanity or infirmity were also duly noted in the registry.

\*Alphabetical lists were also required every other year when poll lists were abolished. These abol-

ished poll lists were replaced by affidavits of registration.

\*In 1895, the information on the affidavit of registration was required to include height, complexion,

hair color and eye color and whether or not English was spoken, read and written to be able to mark a ballot without an "X".

\*In 1899 information about complexion and eye color was discontinued.

\*In 1912, after women were granted the right to vote, affidavits then included the place of marriage and the person to whom married if they were naturalized via a spouse.

\* African Americans were not included in the registries until the 20th century

\* Native Americans first appeared in the registries in 1924

\* Natives of China first appeared in the registries after 1926

These registries are useful as a census substitute, most especially the 1890 Census which was destroyed by fire. For genealogists, they may help identify an ancestor's residence over time and place as well as indicate moves between precincts, physical traits, political party affiliation and a myriad of other miscellaneous information not found elsewhere.

Unfortunately, many early affidavits were destroyed, but some still remain archived by counties.

For registries preceding 1870, there is some success in searching for Anglo and Hispanic male ancestors over the age of 21 since they were required by law to register.

Due to the many changes to the political code over the years, the registration pro-

cess was affected which in turn, changed the nature of the records and how they were preserved.

Affidavits were also used early on to register new voters. An amendment in 1909 discontinued

the practice of keeping the Great Registers, so instead, the affidavits were to constitute the official record.

Several genealogical sites have some of the California Great Registers information available.

FamilySearch.org has some online collections dating from 1866-1910, Ancestry.com has California Voter Registers for 1866-1898 and 1900-1968 and several counties such as Yuba County and San Luis Obispo County via the San Luis Obispo Genealogical Society have affidavits from 1867 to the early 1930s and in some cases up to 1944.

Sources:

<http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/sfgreat.htm>

<http://blog.californiaancestors.org/2008/02/great-registers-of-voters-sf-1890.html>

### WANTED

Seeking Coordinator for Trip Planning Services for Midland Genealogical Society.

Candidate must be member of Society, be capable of planning and overseeing a group trip to **Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana** during fall of 2013 or winter/spring of 2014. Trip can be for approximately 1-3 days for group of 6-12 members.

Apply to Midland Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2421, Midland, MI 48641 or to [faeae@charter.net](mailto:faeae@charter.net).

## Genealogy Books

\*\*“A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.” By Brian Mitchell  
“Emigrants from France to America, Part 1(1837-1844) & Part 2(1845-1847)” by Smith  
“Scots-Irish Links 1575-1725, Part 3”, by David Dobson  
“Guide to Quebec Catholic Parishes and Published Parish Marriage Registers”, by Jeanne S. White  
“Searching for Flemish Ancestors”, by Goethals & Denys  
“French in the Americas, 1620-1820”, by David Dobson  
“How Justice Grew (Virginia Counties Development)” by Martha Hiden)  
“State of Vermont: roster of Soldiers in the War of 1812-14”, by Adjutant General  
“Guide to Chicago and Midwestern Polish-American Genealogy”, by Jason Kruski  
“North America’s Maritime Funnel: The Ship that Brought the Irish, 1749-1852”, by Terrence Punch  
“Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada, Volume 1”, by Terrence Punch  
“Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada, Volume 3”, by Terrence Punch  
“Ships from Scotland to America, 1628-1828, Vols. I & III”, by David Dobson  
“Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina in the American Revolution”, by DAR  
“Tennessee Soldiers in the Revolution”, by Penelope J. Allen

“Virginia Militia in the War of 1812 (2 vol set)”

“Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812”, by Adjutant General

\* “German Element in the Ohio Valley (OH, KY, IN)”, by Koerner/Tolzmann

“Cincinnati Germans after the Great War”, by Don Tolzmann

\*\*\*\*“Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War 1861-1865 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry”, by Adjutant General

\*\*\*\*“Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War 1861-1865 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry”, by Adjutant General

Also on shelves

“Immigration of German Colonists to Denmark & their Subsequent Emigration to Russia in Years 1759-1766”, by Dr. Alexander Eichhorn, Jacob & Mary Eichhorn.

“Mission Accomplished(Robt & Metta Silliman’s Missionary Work in the Philippines, 1924-1966”, By Tawny Ryan Nelb.

“Faith in the Forest”, by Charles F. Luckhard (pioneer Lutheran Missionaries Among the Chippewa Indians in MI, 1833-1868)

“The Chisholm Experience, (From Strathglass to MI) 1749-2003”, by Kenneth E. Shrier

Notes:

\*In memory of Bruce Geisert

\*\*In Memory of Joe Rogers

\*\*\*In Memory of Gerry McCullen

\*\*\*\*Donated by Ellen Price

## Genealogy Room Statistics

July 2012 – June 2013

Volunteer hours: approximately 670 (many days in winter not staffed)

Room count by volunteers (at 2 pm & 4 pm) approximately 700 (same explanation)

Sign-in sheet count: approximately 1100

Visitors from about 15 cities from Midland, Bay, Saginaw, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Clare counties.

Additionally from:

Alger, Alpina, Ann Arbor, Caro, Caspian, Clarkston, Fulton, Highland Twp., Jackson, Kalkaska, Lansing, Lawrence, Madison Heights, Manistique, Northport, Petosky, Plainwill, Sears, Shelby Twp., Traverse City, Troy, West Branch.

From other states:

Alaska, California, Colorado, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Florida, Montana, Texas, Utah, Virginia

Jo Brines

July 5, 2013

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**"Who Do You Think You Are?" US  
Version Renewed for Second Season  
by TLC**

The Digital Spy web site reports that another ten episodes of the genealogy program have been ordered by the network. This speaks well for the ratings of "Who Do You Think You Are?" after the show was originally canceled by NBC last year.

The new season is due to air in 2014, although the celebrities taking part have yet to be confirmed.

**Volunteers Needed to Help Transcribe Scotland's Places**

Thousands of volunteers are being sought to help transcribe historic archives in the largest crowdsourcing project of its kind in Scotland. They are being asked to help transcribe information in more than 150,000 pages of historic archives dating from 1645 to 1880 - reading old handwriting, identifying local places and pinpointing people in Scotland's history. There are more than 1 million records, written in Scots, English and Gaelic that cover land taxation; taxes clocks, watches, windows and farm horses; and Ordnance Survey "name books", which formed the first official record of Scottish places and place names.

**Ancestry.com and FamilySearch to  
Make a Billion Global Records Available Online**

This may be an earth-shaking announcement for genealogists. The following was written by Ancestry.com and FamilySearch International:

Groundbreaking Agreement to Deliver  
Valuable Historical Content Over the  
Next Five Years

PROVO, Utah, September 5, 2013 – Ances-

try.com and FamilySearch International (online at FamilySearch.org), the two largest providers of family history resources, announced today an agreement that is expected to make approximately 1 billion global historical records available online and more easily accessible to the public for the first time. With this long-term strategic agreement, the two services will work together with the archive community over the next five years to digitize, index and publish these records from the FamilySearch vault.

The access to the global collection of records marks a major investment in international content as Ancestry.com continues to invest in expanding family history interest in its current markets and worldwide. Ancestry.com expects to invest more than \$60 million over the next five years in the project alongside thousands of hours of volunteer efforts facilitated by FamilySearch.

**"Genealogy Roadshow" premieres  
Sept. 23 on PBS**

*Genealogy Roadshow*, based on the hit Irish series of the same name, is scheduled to debut at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, on PBS. The following announcement was written by PBS:

From Presidential progeny to felonious forebears, family secrets are uncovered this fall across the U.S. in PBS' surprise-filled new series *Genealogy Roadshow*. Part detective story, part emotional journey, the show uncovers fascinating stories of diverse Americans in Austin, San Francisco, Nashville and Detroit. Each individual's past links to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America.

**The 1921 Canadian Census is now  
Available Online**

Images of the long-awaited 1921 census of Canada appeared this afternoon on Ancestry.com. Best of all, the images are being offered free of charge. You might want to note, however, that this

offer is for the **IMAGES ONLY** as they have not yet been indexed. Indexes are expected to appear on Ancestry.com later this year.

Quoting from the Ancestry.ca web site:

With the recent release of the 1921 Census of Canada by Statistics Canada, it is now available for browsing on Ancestry.ca through a partnership with Library and Archives Canada!

The 1921 Census of Canada is the most recent census available to the public and its records cover Canada's peak immigration period, the rise of aboriginal and women's rights and the formation of this country's modern identity.

Indexing all 8.8 million records is keeping us busy here at Ancestry.ca, but you won't have to wait long to get a first look at the collection. You can browse the images of the entire collection for FREE now via the link below! Be sure to return often for updates — the entire collection will be indexed and ready to search later this year.

You can access the census records at <http://www.ancestry.ca/census>.

**Search Historical Newspaper Archives  
with Elephind.com Search Historical  
Newspaper Archives with Elephind.com**

Elephind can be a great **FREE** resource for anyone who wishes to search old newspapers. The purpose of elephind.com is to make it possible to search all of the world's digital newspapers from one place and at one time. The database does not yet contain **ALL** of the world's newspapers but it does have a lot. Elephind.com allows you to simultaneously search across thousands of articles using key words and phrases.

Elephind presently contains 1,205,603 individual newspapers with a total of 1,141 titles. You can find a list of libraries that have contribute their archives on the site by clicking on "List of Titles." Clicking on any library's name displays the newspapers in that collection.

## Coming Events

Sept 22, 2013 "Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center.", sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan. Held at the Education Center Auditorium of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus, 5305 Elliott Dr., Ypsilanti, Michigan. 1:30 pm. Take a virtual tour of the second largest genealogy center in the U.S. see [http:// www.washtenawgenealogy.org/](http://www.washtenawgenealogy.org/)

Sept 28, 2013 “Family History Festival at the Detroit Public Library”, hosted by the Burton Historical Collection. Held at the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI. Lisa Louise Cooke has presentations entitled, Ultimate Google Search Strategies and Tips, and getting the Scoop on your ancestors with newspapers. The festival is free and no pre-registration required. [http://dsgr.org/upload/events/FHF\\_brochure\\_print-2013.pdf](http://dsgr.org/upload/events/FHF_brochure_print-2013.pdf)

Sept 28, 2013 “Genealogy Seminar”,  
hosted by the Plymouth Historical Mu-  
seum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, Mi.  
9:30—3:30. [http://  
www.plymouthhistory.org/](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/)

Oct 5, 2013 "The OGS 2013 Fall Seminar features the Genealogy Guys Drew Smith and George Morgan", The Ohio Genealogical Society, Quality Inns and Suites, Bellville, Oh.

For more info: [www.ogs.org/  
fallseminar2013.php](http://www.ogs.org/fallseminar2013.php).

Oct 12, 2013 "Tracing your German Ancestors with Freida Hirschenberger", hosted by Huron Shores Genealogical Society, in Oscoda, MI. Registration is required. <http://www.huronshoresgs.org>

Oct 19, 2013 "2013 Annual Polish Research Seminar", hosted by the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. At the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Mi. <http://pgsm.org/seminarFeatured.htm>

Oct 26, 2013 “MGC Fall Seminar”,  
Archives of Michigan. [http://  
mimgc.org/pdf/2013mgc\\_fall\\_family\\_  
history\\_event.pdf](http://mimgc.org/pdf/2013mgc_fall_family_history_event.pdf)

May 1-4, 2014 “Genealogy without Borders—Ontario Genealogical Society Conference”. This will take place at the Brock University in St. Catherine’s, Ontario (near Niagara Falls) .

## More Digitized Newspapers

## Appear Online

Chronicling America, the free newspaper site from the Library of Congress, reported this summer that over 600,000 pages from over 1,100 newspapers were added to its database. Among the new additions are papers from Michigan, Iowa and West Virginia. More papers were added from Hawaii, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

## More Digital Newspapers

Another source I found for digital newspapers is Elephind.com. It searches multiple archives of the worlds newspapers in one place.

## 1921 Canadian Census Released

The 1921 Census was released by the Library and Archives Canada on the Ancestry.ca genealogy site., Canada has a 92 year waiting period for release of census info.

Between 1911 and 1921, Canada added 1.5 million people with the biggest gains being in the prairie provinces. The records are expected to be indexed later this year.

Information contained in the 1921 census includes Tenure and class of home, marital status, country or place of birth, country or place of birth for each parent, year of immigration to Canada, racial or tribal origin, religion, can read and write, chief occupation or trade and total earnings for the past twelve months.

The census is available at <http://www.ancestry.ca/cs/ca/census>.

FORM 1

SIXTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1921.

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—BUREAU FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQUE.

# POPULATION.

SIXIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1921.

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Province Ontario

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District No. 32

Enumeration Sub-District  
(Sous-district de recensement)  
Windsor

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(No. 1 of 1 sous-districts)

(City, town, village, township or parish)  
(Ville, ville, village, canton ou paroisse)

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## **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Annual Convention Report**

Faye Ebach

From August 21-26 the FGS held it's Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Located at the Convention Center in downtown Fort Wayne, across the street from the Allen County Public Library, attendance was several thousand from all over the country. Michigan was well represented, not only by attendees but by various societies with exhibit booths, e.g. Michigan Genealogical Council, Seeking Michigan/Archives of Michigan, and Western Michigan Genealogical Society.

The theme was "Journey Through the Generations". Programs covered various technologies to search through the generations, where and how to find the data you are looking for, plus what to do with all the documents, pictures, stories, etc. you have collected so these efforts are not lost for future generations.

Some of the fascinating aspects of attending such a large conference are not only hearing speakers such as Cyndi Ingle Howells, Curt Witcher, Josh Taylor, John Colletta and Robert McLaren discussing their areas of expertise, but meeting genealogists from all over the country. Listening to their stories, picking up clues to enhance your own research, and simply making contacts with those with similar in-

terests is a major benefit. Major organizations such as Ancestry.com, Family Search, findmypast.com, Family Chronicle, Fold3.com, were present in the exhibit hall and many presented brief demonstrations of their technology during exhibit hours.

During the conference the Allen County Public Library was open until midnight for 3 nights for conference attendees. A phenomenal opportunity to do research in the library's vast genealogy collection.

On the final conference day, Michigan Genealogical Council Past President and current Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Grostick was presented with the FGS Award of Merit for her vision and leadership in guiding the MGC during the Library of Michigan turmoil in 2009 and 2010. Many of you will remember her talking on the steps of the Capitol Building in Lansing as well as the "Hands Around the Library" demonstration during the summer of 2009. Her dedicated involvement helped keep the Michigan genealogy collection intact and eventually transferred to the Archives of Michigan.

*Like branches on a tree, we all*

*grow in different directions yet*

*our roots remain as one.*

## **OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY-LAWS AMENDMENT**

**This article is the official publication of an amendment to the By-laws of the Midland Genealogical Society concerning the establishment of a policy for setting the date of the Annual Meeting of the Society. The second publication of this notice will occur at the September 18 meeting of the Society, with a final vote to be taken at the October 16 meeting.**

In conversations about the program schedule for 2014, it has come to the attention of Faye Ebach, president, and Bob Snyder, program chair, that we have some schedule conflicts coming in the Spring.

The normal third Wednesday meeting night in April falls during Holy week. Faye and Bob have agreed to postpone that meeting until April 30, at St. John's Episcopal Church at our usual 7:00 hour.

Because the May meeting will feature a joint program on the War of 1812, with the Midland Historical Society, it seemed inappropriate to hold our Annual Meeting in May. Moving the Annual Meeting is contrary to the dictates of the Constitution and By-laws of the Society. Such a schedule change for the annual meeting will require an amendment to the by-laws of the society.

On Friday, August 16, 2013, after an exchange of e-mails between Bob Snyder and Faye Ebach, Bob moved, and via telephone contact, Mary Eichhorn seconded, the following motion:

**That the By-laws of the Midland Genealogical Society be amended to allow the Annual Meeting of the Society to be held, upon proper notice, anytime between April 1 and May 31 of any given year.**

This motion was unanimously approved by the Board in an e-mail and telephone vote.

## Looking Back in Midland County

### LOCAL CIVIL WAR VETERANS

*Midland Republican, May 31, 1928 -*

**GEORGE O. ROCKWELL** - Prominent in civic projects and twice mayor of Midland, George O. Rockwell, is another distinguished local pioneer and Civil war veteran. On August 29 he will reach his 80th birthday, having been born in 1848 at Cambridge Springs, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He became a soldier of the Union forces at the age of 16, enlisting in Company E, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, on February 25, 1864. The record of participation in many battles is accredited Mr. Rockwell. He fought first at Ashland Station, then Hanover Ferry, Old Church Tavern, Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, the historic Stony Creek episode, and lastly the final battle before Petersburg. He was mustered out of service at Philadelphia on July 26, 1865. Two years later he came to Midland county with a cousin, Charles Herrick. He made the overland trip from Ashtabula County, Ohio with a two horse team. Many years later he was elected mayor of the city of which he was one of the earliest pioneers. He served two terms. Fraternally, Mr. Rockwell is a prominent Mason and Oddfellow. He lives on Rodd Street.

**CHARLES GUNN** - The second oldest Civil War veteran in Midland, Charles Gunn was born at Arcadia, Wayne County, New York,

on August 21, 1845 and this summer he will pass the 83rd milestone. As a pioneer of Michigan, he enlisted in the Army in 1864, being assigned to the 30th Michigan Infantry, Company I at Tuscola County. Mr. Gunn was mustered out of service at Detroit in June 1865 and five years later, came to Midland county. For nearly sixty years he has lived in this county, spending the past several years in this city. At one time Mr. Gunn was in business here, conducting a music store. His house is in Ashman Street.

**THEODORE F. TUTTLE** - Another Michigan pioneer who fought in the Civil War, watched the progress of the great lumbering industry, and today lives in the joys of past memories is Theodore F. Tuttle of Sanford. Mr. Tuttle born in Clinton, Jackson County, Michigan on December 29, 1844 will this coming winter be 84 years of age. He enlisted at Brooklyn, Jackson County on December 12, 1863 and was assigned to Company H, Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. His principal points of actual battle were at Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia, Bentonville, North Carolina, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was mustered out of the army at Nashville, Tenn. on September 22, 1865.

**GEORGE BRADSHAW** - Of the many, but now diminishing number, who fought for the stability of the Union in the Civil War only one from this county engaged in the fa-

mous Battle of Gettysburg. George Bradshaw who resides in Geneva township not only possesses this honor, but in addition he is the oldest Civil war vet in this county, and probably one of the very few survivors of the Grand Army who has lived to approach the 100 mark. Mr. Bradshaw, born in Hilton(?) Derbyshire, England in 1834, passed his 93rd birthday recently. Besides the Battle of Gettysburg, Mr. Bradshaw served his adopted country in the Battle of the Wilderness and numerous other conflicts of the Civil War. He was mustered out at Buffalo, N.Y. in 1865 and today leads the survivors of Midland county's contribution to the Grand Army of the Republic.

**SAMUEL D. SHAFFNER** - Honors of being a survivor of four brothers, all of whom fought in the Civil War, is accorded Samuel D. Shaffner of this city. Now residing on West Ellsworth Street. Mr. Shaffner formerly claimed Ingersoll as his adopted home after migrating from Pennsylvania back in 1880. For nearly a half century he has been a well known figure in the history of Midland County. He served as county Drain Commissioner and as school director for many years. Mr. Shaffner was born in Jefferson Co. PA on Dec 19, 1836, and next Dec. will be 82 years of age. In July of 1864, he entered the service, enlisting in Co. F, 1st Batt., PA State Inf. For nearly a year he was drawn into several important episodes of the war.

*Pioneer Record*

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### Information about Midland Genealogical Society

The MGS meets on the 3rd Wednesday of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr. & May at 7:00 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.

Membership dues are \$14.00 for single and \$17.50 for a couple and can be paid after July 1, but must be paid by Nov. 25, to continue receiving the Pioneer Record. Dues may be paid at any MGS meeting or may be sent to the Membership Chair, Midland Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2421, Midland, MI 48641-2421.