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Midland Genealogical Society Programs for 2014 - 2015

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

Programs for the meetings are as follows.

****PLEASE NOTE LOCATIONS****

Sept 17—"This is How We Did It", Meridian HS Students talk about their genealogy project. St. John's Episcopal Church, Williams Hall.

Oct 15—"Preserving Family Memories", presented by various society members. St. John's Episcopal Church, Williams Hall.

For a complete list of our meetings, check the meetings page of our website at mimgs.org.

By The Search for Utopia: Migrations from the North to Florida

By Yvonne L Ashworth

In a country founded upon the right of religious freedoms, certain segments of the population found it necessary to migrate due to religious intolerance and discrimination.

These groups or individuals, between 1865 to the early 2000s, sought refuge in the State of Florida, with several founding towns which remain to this day.

In 1875, George P. Colby and his followers settled in Volusia County, Florida after séances in New York and Iowa led to George's visions of a utopian settlement. Having previous settlements in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, this band of Spiritualists were in need of a friendlier environment. With encouragement from a Native American known as "Seneca", the group departed from several encampments in the north to populate an area which would become Cassadaga, named after a New York town adjacent to a previous settlement of Colby's Spiritualists. According to Colby, the site near Orange City, Florida was clearly seen in multiple séances so he deemed the move to be wise and sound in nature.

Spiritualists beliefs within this community included God and Jesus,

mostly in the same context as Christians, however, there was no belief in a devil or heaven and hell. Spiritualists adhered to the belief that each individual is responsible for the benefits or consequences of their actions and that the result is within their "spirit lives."

By 1894, with the success of Spiritualism, the Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association was granted a charter. This Camp provided structured meetings which were based upon the religion and the instruction of "Mediums", individuals versed in delivering and receiving messages from a 'Higher Spirit Plane.'

There had been advances since the beginning of the Spiritualist movement, which initially used "Spirit Trumpets" and Seances for religious services. Now, added to the mix were teachings in religious science, sacred music, philosophy and healings. Colby's séances were still in such demand that he had to turn away many for lack of room and time. He embarked on a seventeen state tour and would perform in front of packed houses most nights. He

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The President's Letter

September has arrived and Society activity is accelerating. Program co-chairs Betty Bellous and Marion Berry have arranged an exciting series of programs beginning with the September 17 meeting at St. John's Episcopal Church. Three Meridian High School students will be presenting the results of their "Where Did They Come From and Why" research project into respective ancestors history. What a terrific way to actively involve student in learning about the history and culture of ancestors native countries, what caused them to leave, and why they immigrated to America.

Several interesting events happened during the past few months. MGS received a generous donation for research results following a request from an out of state resident with Midland County ances-

tors. The recipients of the research were so pleased with the results they arranged for a matching grant donation from the husband's employer. One of the benefits of MGS's 501 (c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt status. Second, MGS received a request from the Midland LDS Church to co-sponsor a genealogy seminar at the LDS church on October 25. Several members will be presenting programs on various genealogy related topics at this Seminar. Within the past week two requests for services have occurred. A representative from a Midland educational retirement group requested the possibility for a MGS member to present a program about genealogy, i.e. how to get involved, how to do research, where to obtain data, etc to this group. Secondly, a request was received from Family Search in Salt Lake City to purchase copies of our Midland County Marriage Records and Obituary Index publications.

Could it be that more people are becoming interested in learning about themselves and

their ancestors after watching the TLC series "Who Do You Think You Are?"

If you think about it, consider inviting a friend, a family member or a neighbor to join you at our September 17 meeting. Lets give the three Meridian H. S. students an enthusiastic reception when they share their experiences about when, where, and why their ancestors immigrated.

Faye Ebach

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Warning! Freshly dug graves can be hazardous to your body.

From The Editor ● ● ●

Welcome to another year of Pioneer Record.. Lets see if we can make the newsletter even more better this year. Send me your articles at wgbennett@gmail.com..

I have seen that the PBS Show genealogy roadshow has been taping. I have not yet seen any announcement as to when they will be aired.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr will be back for season 2 of Finding Your Roots. The show airs Tuesdays at 8pm. EST on PBS from Sept 23 thru Nov 25. See www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/.

Season 5 of Who Do You Think You Are has completed. There were only 6 episodes. I really en-

joy watching that show and was hoping for more. No word yet if there will be a season 6.

I have been working on Find a grave this summer. I went to the Midland Memorial Gardens Cemetery and photographed the entire cemetery. I then began going thru each and adding all that were missing and uploading the photos. I am hoping to photograph another cemetery or two this fall to work on over the winter. This is a time consuming project but will benefit those that use the site.

Walter Bennett, Editor

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2014-2015

Statements for the 2014-2015 dues were sent out in mid August 2014 and will be due by the first meeting in September 2014. Dues are shown below and can be sent to the following address:

Midland Genealogical Society,
P.O. Box 2421, Midland, MI
48641-2421.

Dues for an individual are \$20.00;
for a family they are \$25.00.

Sept. 17th Program

The Meridian High School's sophomore class of 2014 researched their family roots this past year and displayed their family trees at the Midland Mall in May. The Midland Genealogical Society was impressed and contacted their teacher, Ms. Susan Sampson to inquire if several students would showcase their projects at a meeting of the Society. Consequently, Sept. 17th is the date these talented students will present "This Is How We Did It", which will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, William's Hall, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy the students' impressive handiwork.

Oct.15th Program

"Preserving Family Memories" is the program being presented by the Midland Genealogical Society Oct. 15th at St. John's Episcopal Church, William's Hall, at 7 p.m. Members of the Society will 'show and tell' articles that either they or their ancestors have preserved for future generations: diaries, woodwork, needlework, bibles, etc.

The public is invited to attend this interesting presentation.

Membership Report

Dear MGS friends,

As membership chair for the coming year, I wish to thank those who have already renewed their memberships for 2014-

2015. Your prompt replies to my letter have allowed me to get the paper work done, and your checks to the treasurer in quick order.

The count now stands at 37 individual and 15 family memberships for a total of 67 MGS participants.

For those who have yet to re-up there is still plenty of time before our meeting on September 17th and I will be at St. John's Episcopal Church early that evening if you wish to renew at that time.

Remember that Individual membership is \$20.00 and Family membership is \$25.00.

I look forward to greeting each and every one of you at our first meeting of the year.

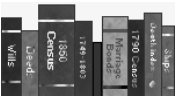
Sincerely,

Ruth Ann Casadonte, Membership Chair

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Midland, MI 48640

P.S. Advertise your interest in genealogy...buy a Midland Genealogical Society pin...only \$5.00.



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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did not remain at the Florida Spiritualist Camp he founded, but traveled to promote his religion.

Early in the Nineteenth Century,

sadaga is known as the “Psychic Capital of the World”, due to the availability of Mediums, Seances, Readings and other services in great numbers within the community.

Korishaniti became a religion of sorts



Spiritualism and Cassadaga, Florida

Colby would find himself with a home which had burned due to wildfires, then, most of the property in the area of the camp burned in subsequent fires. By 1933 he was nearly destitute, living in a small apartment while being financially supported by his followers until his death the same year.

Healings, message demonstrations and the development of the art of mediumship are currently taught to those participating in Spiritualism within the community. The healing services closely resemble “laying on of hands” practiced in certain Christian religions, another advancement from earlier days. Cas-

under Cyrus Teed, an Upstate New York Physician who developed a combination of religion with science, using the “hollow Earth” belief as a theory and basis for forming a group which would later find themselves in search of a utopian settlement.

With previous settlements in Chicago and San Francisco, Teed sought to find a place where a communal living arrangement would not be scrutinized to the extent encountered in previous areas and where experiments could be conducted to prove his theories, specifically, whether or not the Earth and sky existed under the inner surface of a sphere. When his New York Korishan Unity group decided to relocate, they settled in a small undeveloped area of Florida, where they could

form their “New Jerusalem”. They would go on to incorporate that area which is now known as Estero, Florida.

Long before Women’s Suffrage, Teed put women into power via the Council which ruled the community, known as the “7 Sisters Governing Council.” These seven women were housed together in a home known as the “Planetary Council.” Other women would be appointed to positions of responsibility as the community grew to a maximum population of around two hundred and fifty.

Residents of the community believed not only in communal life but in reincarnation and immortality, celibacy, collectivism and alchemy. The celibacy belief is one that turned out to be a fatal one for this group, since older members would pass and leave no offspring to carry on in spite of very successful endeavors which were undertaken at the height of the commune.

A bakery, printing house for newspapers, general store and a power plant which predated other areas in Florida were among the successes in the community.

Outsiders were often allowed in the communal area to partake in entertainment ranging from musical concerts to festivals, uncommon in the area where culture and the arts were not readily available due to geographical isolation.

With a desire to have more political voice in the Estero area, the Korishan’s formed a new political party

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called the "Progressive Liberal Party" for the purpose of running several candidates in county government against Democratic candidates. This new party included Koreshan's, Republicans, Socialists and dissatisfied Democrats. After all was said and done, this political party had no success versus the Democrats and quietly faded away.

Koreshanity and Cyrus Teed

Teed would become a victim of a physical altercation where he stated he did not reciprocate, but suffered a severe pistol whipping at the hands of Marshal Sanchez. These internal injuries would ultimately lead to his death. According to initial accounts of several Fort Myers men, Teed was accused of

ing that he would be reincarnated, stood vigil over his body, even when it reached the state of decomposition, necessitating an order from the county health officer to bury Teed. His followers then constructed a tomb for the coffin of their leader, from the cement made from the community plant. Two years later, a hurricane decimated the tomb and Cyrus Teed's coffin was washed out into the Gulf of Mexico, never to be recovered.

Presently the original tracts of land owned by the Koreshan's is owned by the State of Florida, having been deeded by the last surviving member of the group, Hedwig Michel, a refugee from Nazi Germany who joined the group in 1940. The deed was signed in 1962 and since, the State

Looking to find and purchase old out of date books?

You can search for old books at either

Abebooks.com or

Biblio.com

WANTED

Old Cemetery Readings

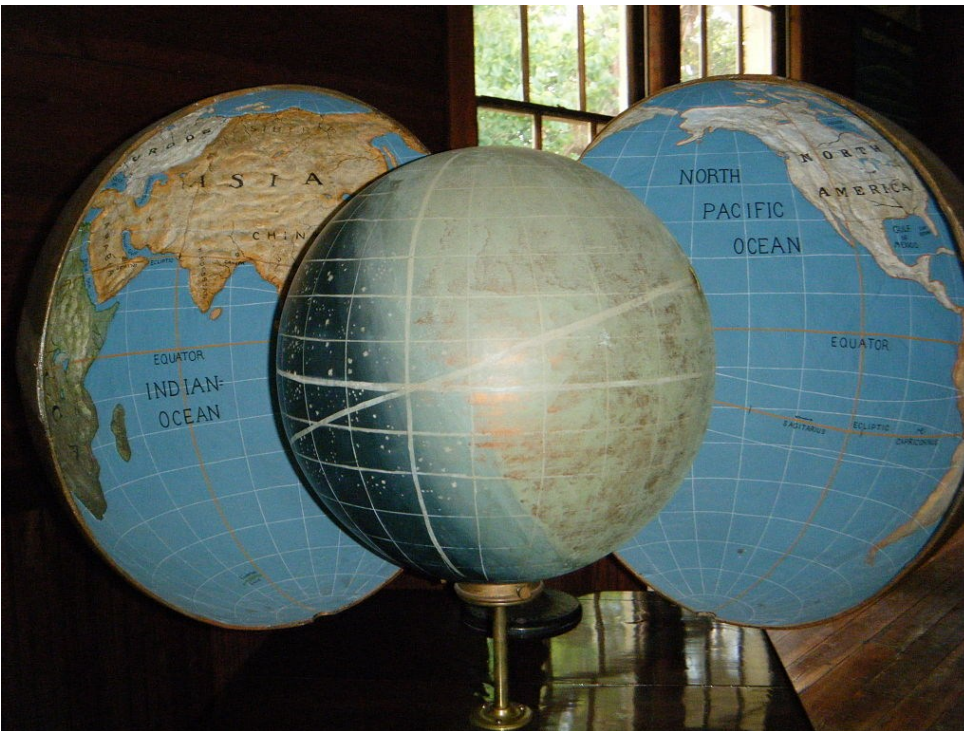
How many of your ancestor's monument readings are on Find-A-Grave? In going through our files, we became aware of the many cemeteries we have visited and the hundreds of readings we have gathered. Few are on Find-A-Grave, so we have started adding them to this site. Realizing that your readings are probably a century old and of great value to future researchers, we would like to offer our services to input your collection of readings. Pictures of any stones will be added also. All your documents will be returned after input. No job is too big or too small.

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A model of Cyrus Teed's version of a "Hollow Earth."

multiple acts which were not supported by sworn statements of witnesses. No one was convicted in the incident.

Upon his death, his followers, believ-

has turned the area into the Koreshan State Historic Site. Estero is now an unincorporated town in Lee County, Florida. Nearby are two cemeteries where there are ninety three original Koreshian residents interred. (1894-1974)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Man Versus the Fuehrer

By Yvonne Ashworth

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was one of the first church leaders to oppose Adolph Hitler and his Third Reich when it came into power. In 1933, Bonhoeffer published the first of many works, titled "The Church and the Jewish Question," which addressed the plight of the Jewish but also challenged the German Evangelical Church, the main Protestant church in Germany, to combat the injustices of the Nazi government and its many discriminatory and violent acts against the Jewish community.

Two years later the Nazis would have a worthy adversary in Bonhoeffer as he continued his mission, establishing an anti-Nazi underground seminary while promoting the "Barmen Declaration". * The Barmen Declaration of 1934, written primarily by Karl Barth, rejected the subordination of the Church to the State, and denounced practices of the "Deutsche Christen" which had gained control of many Protestant churches via Nazi implants who demanded control of the Church in the name of the Fatherland, and banned non-Aryans from serving in the ministry.*

In his writings and messages, Bonhoeffer took the Nazis "to task" over their use of false doctrines to control the masses and shape the minds of the impressionable or disillusioned.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Hitler, for his part, was inserting pro Nazi followers in high numbers to promote the Third Reich and its anti-God views. In turn, Dietrich Bonhoeffer felt it was his responsibility to notify religious leaders in Europe of the events as they unfolded, knowing that there was a distinct possibility that the interference with religion would spread beyond the borders of Germany. This back and forth "positioning" would continue.

Hitler would become so incensed he finally issued an order forbidding

Bonhoeffer from lecturing at the University of Berlin and then Dietrich, not to be outmaneuvered, participated in "Operation 7" which was a Jewish rescue action taken by members of the Abwehr and Bonhoeffer, to smuggle fourteen individuals to safety in Switzerland using false papers.

After Bonhoeffer was implicated, he was forbidden to print or publish any of his works. It was discovered he had infiltrated the Abwehr and used his position as a courier, to become a double agent. Using his position had allowed the travel out of Germany and the opportunity to communicate with and advise Protestant leaders of the upcoming conspiracy to assassinate Hitler hoping that with such a coup, Allied countries would become involved, planting a qualified person into power in Germany upon Hitler's death.

When this plan failed, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was arrested, imprisoned and transferred between military prisons and concentration camps. (Most notably, the Gestapo prison in Berlin, Buchenwald and Flossenbürg) He would continue to write anti Nazi articles which would be smuggled out by guards until "crackdowns" made

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer

the secret removal of such materials virtually impossible. His efforts then turned to ministering to the masses of prisoners at each location, delivering sermons and providing comfort to those suffering at the hands of the Nazis.

Two weeks before his camp would be liberated by the Allies, and three weeks before Hitler's suicide, Bonhoeffer was executed by hanging at Flossenbürg. Upon the entry of two guards within his cramped cell, he grabbed a fellow prisoner and stated that his mortal life was about to end but his REAL life was just beginning. His story and ultimate sacrifice would be recounted by liberated prisoners as they told of his many un-

selfish acts. His contributions to resistance efforts were innumerable. (Initially during the investigation of Bonhoeffer, the Gestapo was ignorant to his participation in many anti Hitler activities and also for his participation in keeping Confessing Church pastors out of Hitler's military.)

Today, memorials to Dietrich Bonhoeffer are numerous in Germany and among multiple Holocaust Memorials. Online, there is an organization in his honor which has much information on the man that dared to go up against Hitler and the Third Reich.

Sources: www.ushmm.org

www.dbonhoeffer.org

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Rasmussen, Larry L.-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Minneapolis MN, Augsburg Fortress 1989

“My ancestors wandered lost in the wilderness for forty years because even in biblical times, men would not stop to ask for directions.”

Elayne Boosler

New Hours at the Hoyt

Library, Saginaw

New hours began Sept. 2.

Monday and Thursday noon to 8 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am to 6 pm

Friday and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

Closed Sunday

News from Dick Eastman

“Finding Your Roots” to Air on PBS Beginning September 23

In two weeks, the latest genealogy-related television series will be broadcast on most PBS stations. “Finding Your Roots” is a series that focuses on race, identity and heritage, hosted by Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr.

In the first episode we meet horror novelist Stephen King, actor Courtney B. Vance and Canadian actress-singer Gloria Reuben.

King’s father walked out on his family when Stephen was two and never returned. Courtney Vance’s father committed suicide and Courtney was brought up in a foster home. Gloria Reuben’s father was 78 years old when she was born. When he died he took the secret of his ancestry with him, but not for good. Using genealogy and in some cases DNA, Gates helps each of them to discover family history they never knew. The program airs on PBS at 8 PM Eastern time. Check your local listings for the time and channel near you.

In the second episode (September 30), Gates features three highly successful athletes: tennis great Billie Jean King, New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter and women’s basketball hall of famer Rebecca Lobo. Jeter, who is the son of an African-American father and Irish mother, is astonished to learn that his ancestors included slaves who were “owned” by a white man named James Jeter.

You can learn more about this television series on the PBS web site at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots>.

What’s Your Tartan?

If you have Scottish ancestry, do you know the tartan worn by your clan?

no official rules. According to the Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms:

“There are no strict rules on who has the right to wear a particular tartan... Wearing a particular clan tartan indicates that the wearer bears an allegiance to the chief of that clan... There is no official register of tartan. Records of designs are maintained by the Scottish Tartans Authority, Fraser House, 25 Commissioner Street, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 3A Y. The Lord Lyon has no jurisdiction over tartan...”

Official or not, many customs have been developed over the centuries about the wearing of various tartans.

I have Stewart ancestry, so I thought I would look up that tartan. I was surprised to find that there are different ones for Stewart of Appin, Stewart of Galloway, Stewart of Rothesay, Stewart of Bute, Stewart of Bute Hunting, Castle Stewart, Stewart Royal Family Tartan, and many more. I’ll ignore the livery tartan for Jacky Stewart’s Formula One motor racing team as I doubt that I can claim that one anyway.

Eventually I did find a tartan for just “Stewart,” but I still am not sure if that is the appropriate one for me or not. I guess I need to spend some more time in the genealogy records to see just where my Stewarts originated in Scotland. (I am in Scotland right now, having arrived only a few minutes ago.)

The fact that there are so many tartans listed makes for a fascinating study. Luckily, you can find a lot of information about tartans online. You may even find the one worn by your ancestors.

Probably the best place to find your clan’s tartan is at the Scottish Register of Tartans, a web site run by the Scottish government and undoubtedly the best reference authority. It can be found at <http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk>.

Scottish culture, visit Electric Scotland at <http://www.electricscotland.com>. This is an enormous site with thousands of pages about a wide variety of topics.

By the way, National Tartan Day is celebrated on April 6 in the United States, so you have plenty of time to order your kilt.

Hmmm, I wonder how I would look in a kilt? Oh, never mind.

700+ Hours of Moving Film Footage from the Great War Now Online

More than 700 hours of moving film footage from the great war has been newly released online for the first time, in a joint European project involving the UK’s Imperial War Museum. The footage, available on the Imperial War Museum website, has been released online for the first time. You can learn more at <http://www.iwm.org.uk/exhibitions/iwm-london/first-world-war-galleries> and in a video at <http://bcove.me/hfedsjvf>.

New FamilySearch Mobile Apps for iOS and Android

Viewing Family Tree and adding digital files has recently gone mobile! Two new apps, FamilySearch Tree and FamilySearch Memories, now make it easy to connect with your ancestors wherever you are. You can swipe, pinch, and tap to view your ancestors who are in Family Tree and to add photos, stories, documents, and something new—audio files. Best of all, these apps for handheld devices are available free of charge.

Details may be found in an article by Jesh Barlow in the FamilySearch Blog at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-mobile-apps-ios-android>.

Coming Events

Sept 27, 2014 "Family History Festival at Detroit Public Library",

Two sessions each by noted genealogy speakers Kimberly T. Powell and Dr. Deborah A. Abbott. Kimberly T Powell will present: DNA Testing for Family Historians.

Digging Deeper into Local Land Records. Dr. Deborah A. Abbott will present: The Gift of Legacy: Who's Writing Your Story? Vital Records: The Cornerstone of Genealogical Research. All presentations are free. An optional box lunch is available. see detroit-publiclibrary.org/featuredcollection/burton-historical-collection.

Oct 4, 2014 Ohio Genealogical Society 2014 Fall Seminar. held at the Quality Inn & Suites Conference Center, 1000 Comfort Plaza Dr, Bellville, Ohio 44813 . Further info and registration at www.ogs.org/fallseminar2014.php.

Oct 10-11, 2014 Got Ancestors? Western Michigan Genealogical Society. 60 years! Are We There Yet? With Dick Eastman.. <http://gotancestors.com/> Oct 18, 2014 "2014 Annual Polish Research Seminar", American Polish Cultural Center, Troy Michigan. Robert Sliwinski, MS, biologist and genetic genealogist will speak about DNA. He is a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogists and spoke to the PGSM group in April, 2013. He is a volunteer administrator for three Family Tree DNA projects and started his own company called DNA EXPLORERS. See <http://pgsm.org/>

Apr 25, 2015 "Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Conference" , Held on campus of Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Featured speaker is Judy G Russell of the Legal Genealogist. For further info go to www.indgensoc.org/conference.php.

Genealogical Education

The **Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research** offers courses on a wide variety of genealogical subjects, providing "Vigorous" year-round education for the genealogical community using a virtual platform.

VIGR provides the perfect opportunity for in-depth genealogical education without the expense of travel and lodging associated with other institutes.

Each institute course consists of:

- six hours of instruction from a nationally recognized expert
- extensive syllabus material
- practical exercises

Courses will be presented in the form of four 90-minute lectures, two each on consecutive Saturday mornings. All paid registrants will receive a complimentary course recording, just in case you have to miss a lecture.

Limited class sizes of only 100 registrants per course allows for a higher level of class participation and instructor feedback than typically offered by genealogy webinars.

The website is located at vigrgenealogy.com/.

Mark Your Calendars!

Save the Date!

28 May - 1 June 2015

From 28 May through 1 June 2015 the Carl Sandburg Institute of Genealogy (CSIG) will be held on the campus of Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois. We are excited to bring intensive, prolonged genealogical instruction to the Midwest. Coordinators have been announced.

Four tracks of lectures over 4.5 days will be given by nationally-known genealogical-research experts. Track topics are:

- Refining Internet and Digital Skills for Genealogy (coordinator **Cyndi Ingle** of *Cyndislist*)
- Advanced methodology and analysis (coordinator **Michael John Neill** of *Genealogy Tip of the Day*),
- Intermediate sources and research (coordinator **Debbie Mieszala**, CG),
- Germanic research sources and methods (coordinator **Teresa McMillin**, CG), and

Getting to Galesburg is not difficult. Galesburg is:

- Located on Interstate 74
- Has four daily Amtrak trains from Chicago (and direct no-layover routes from Denver, Omaha, and Kansas City)
- One hour from Moline or Peoria airports
- Two hours from state capital of Springfield

Dates are 28 May through 1 June 2015.

Details are being finalized and will be announced on this website and on other social media, including our Facebook page. Email Michael John Neill at mneill@sandburg.edu to be added to mailing list for future announcements.

Website at sandburggenealogy.com.

New Books on Shelf

"Index to Seaman's Protection Certificate Application" by Dixon

"Guide to Published Genealogies in the NEHGS Library" (New England Historical Genealogical Society)

"Passenger Arrivals 1819-1820, Those who arrived in the US from Oct. 1, 1819 to Sept. 30, 1820"

"Vincennes, Indiana District French and British Land Grants 1750-1784" by Clifford Smith

"Baltimore Co., Maryland 1804 Tax Assessment" by Michael A Ports

"Baltimore Co., Maryland Marriage Licenses, May 1798 to February 11, 1815" by Michael A Ports

"Baltimore Co., Maryland Marriage Licenses, February 11, 1815 to April 30, 1823" by Michael A Ports

"Finding Your Irish Ancestors in New York City" by Joseph Buggy

"Index of Awards on Claims of the Soldiers of the War of 1812" by Francis Higgins

"Index and Digest to Hathaway's North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register b" by W. S. Ray

"2400 Tennessee Pensioners in

the Revolutionary War and 1812 War" by Zella Armstrong

"Indiana Land Entries, Vol. 1, Cincinnati District" by Margaret Walters

"Contents and Addresses of Hungarian Archives" by Edward Brandt

"Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada, vol. II" by Terrence M Punch

"Livingston South Goes to War 1861-1865" by Richard Hutchins

Memorial Books given by MGS

"Record of Service of MI Volunteers in the Civil War 1861-1865, Vol 17", *in memory of Virginia Parsons*

"Record of Service of MI Volunteers in the Civil War 1861-1865, Vol 18", *in memory of Harriette Miller*

"Record of Service of MI Volunteers in the Civil War 1861-1865, Vol 19", *in memory of Dotty Allen*

"New York in the American Revolution, A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians" by Eric Grundset

"South Carolina in the American Revolution, A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians" by Eric Grundset

Both books donated by the John Alden chapter of the DAR in memory of Mary Jean Bobalek and Frances Duncan Mieske.

"Finding Family -- My Search for Roots and the Secrets in my DNA" by Richard Hill

"Tracing Ancestors among the Five Civilized Tribes" by Rachel M Lennon

"A Gazateer of Indian Territory" by Henry Gannett

Genealogy Room Statistics

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Room count (only at 2:00 pm & 4 p.m.)
527

(Does not include mornings, evenings and weekends)

People signing the attendance sheet
1055

Hours worked by volunteers 650

Take into consideration the terrible weather many days plus one week when the room being carpeted, etc. As usual, we were missing two volunteers who were in Florida for seven months each.

We helped at least 20 Meridian high school students in April/May for their special project and about six volunteers were present when they exhibited the project at the Mall.

Visitors from at least a dozen area cities in addition to Midland

Also: Allegan, Alma, Ann Arbor, Beverly Hills, Bloomingdale, Capac, Grand Rapids, Greenville, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Madison Heights, Manistee, Roscommon, Sears, Sterling, White Lake, West Branch, Weidman, Clarkston.

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Looking Back in Midland County

From Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Midland County, Michigan

Benjamin G Beden, farmer, section 25, Ingersoll Township, is a son of Smithfield and Rebecca (Melvin) Beden, the former a native of the Green Mountain State and the latter of the old Granite State. Their residence was first in Wyoming Co., N.Y., then to Wayne County, same state, and finally in 1836, they emigrated to Lapeer Co., Mich., where he died Feb. 26, 1853. She afterward lived with her daughter in Genesee Co., Mich., and died Feb. 10, 1874. In their family were ten children: Walter M., Calista, Diana, Benjamin G., William, Seth N., Amanda, Laura, William (2d) and Susan.

The subject of this sketch was born in Wayne Co., N.Y., Feb. 18, 1822; was 14 years old when his parents came to Lapeer Co., Mich., and lived at home with them until 20 years of age, assisting on the farm and attending school. At the age mentioned he started out in the world for himself, at first working by the month for a few years. He then learned the cooper's trade, which he followed about two years; then for about 16 months he worked at farming and as clerk in a store. Then he purchased a farm in Hadley, Lapeer Co., Mich., where he lived from 1848 to 1858; he then sold out, and in the following February he came to Midland County and settled on 120 acres of land in Ingersoll Township, which he had bought the previous year. He has since added 40 acres by purchase, and he now has about 60 acres in good state of cultivation.

Mr. Beden has been Justice of the Peace six years, Deputy Clerk several years and Township Treasurer one year. He was once elected Coroner, but did not accept the office. In his political views he is a Republican. In 1873 he

joined the "Patrons of Husbandry".

At the time of the Revolutionary war, his grandmother was met by some American soldiers who desired some flannel for making cartridges. She gave them her petticoat, which they hung on a pole, and around this they cheered and vowed they would die rather than suffer defeat.

Mr. Beden was married in Oakland Co., Mich., March 16, 1853, to Harriet P., daughter of Harvey C. and Melinda (Compton) Mills. (See sketch of David A. Mills.) Mrs. Beden was born in Rose, Wayne Co., N.Y., Oct. 12, 1836. They have one child, Rodney A., born April 24, 1858.

Thomas Moore, farmer and proprietor of Moore's Hotel at Edenville, was born Aug., 18, 1839, in Dundas Co., Can., and is the son of Michael and Alice (O'Connor) Moore. The parent were natives of Ireland, and are deceased. They emigrated to Canada respectively in 1828 and in 1830.

Mr. Moore spent the first 14 years of his life on a farm and at school. He had a natural taste and aptitude for books, and at the age of 14 years he began teaching in the Dominion. At the age of 17 years he went to Syracuse, N. Y., and spent some time as a farm laborer. He then entered a drug store, in which he operated four years, when he returned to Canada and engaged in rafting one season on the river Trent. The season following he spent on assisting his father on the farm, when he returned to his former employment as a raftsmen. In the fall of that year (1862) he came to Ann Arbor, and after working there three months as a farm assistant, he went to East Saginaw with the intention of engaging in lumbering; but happening to meet his former employer from Syracuse he entered his store at Saginaw as a salesman. He served that capacity three years. On

terminating that connection he engaged in handling dairy products, and in six months netted \$1,000. Associated with two partners, he purchased, a mercantile establishment at Chesaning, Saginaw Co., Mich., and four months later sold his interest to his partners. He then engaged in hotel life at Chesaning, and conducted the Chesaning House one year. At the expiration of that time he came to Edenville, and engaged in the same business in which he has since continued, with the exception of six months. Eight years after establishing himself in the business, his hotel was destroyed by fire. At that time he had \$3,200 in cash and a well-stocked farm of 200 acres. After the fire he felt disposed to try fortune in a more extended sphere, and went to Saginaw, where he bought the Franklin House. Six months later he had tested the abiding qualities of all his ready money and \$400 besides, and found the climate not adapted to his abilities. He swallowed his losses and experience, and returned to his farm at Edenville. In one year he made \$800, and built a part of the hotel he is now managing. He has continued in the same business ever since, with various degrees of success.

He was married at Saginaw June 21, 1864, to Caroline E., daughter of Alexander and Harriet N. (Babcock) Ladow. Her parents were natives of the state of New York, and are residing in Tama Co., Iowa. Her father is a minister of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Moore was born Aug. 19, 1838, in Camden, Lorain Co., Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had one daughter, Georgiana, born Jan. 16, 1866, and died March 16, 1872.

Mr. Moore is a Democrat, and is serving his third term as Supervisor of Edenville Township.

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