

MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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MIDLAND PIONEERS

Who inhabited the shores of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers at the area of their junction before 1835? Indians of many tribes lived or passed through the area -- Frenchmen, Jesuit priests, fur traders and surveyers -- many of their names unknown to us, traveled through or stayed for a while at Bamosey, The Forks, or The Bluffs -- early names of the junction of these two well-traveled rivers. For a detailed report on just what tribes canoed these waters and some tales of individual missionaries and traders read "Stories of Men Who Traveled Through Midland Before 1835" by Harold W. Moll and Norman G. Moll and "An Indian Mission Near Midland" and "The First White People in Midland" by the former.

In 1835 Dr. Daniel Fitzhugh became one of the first landowners of the county of Midland. Although Dr. Fitzhugh returned to New York State never making Midland his home, his purchase of some 700 acres was responsible for a number of the early pioneers settling here.

John Wyman was one of the men hired by Fitzhugh to clear his acreage and sell the lumber. For doing so he was given a portion of land on which to live. Coming up the river from Saginaw in the Spring of 1837, Wyman built a cabin so his wife and young family could join him. It was here that Wyman's wife Sarah (Snyder) Wyman gave birth to Julia Ann on July 6, 1837. Julia Ann was the first white child known to have been born in Midland County. She must have been known by her middle name of Ann, however, for it was under this name that she was married to John McLane on August 19, 1856. Much later Ann Street behind the present Midland County Court House was named to commemorate her birth. Also, between Ann Street and the Tittabawassee River is Wyman Street (there is no sign at present indicating "Wyman Street").

The acreage belonging to Dr. Fitzhugh was described in a paper by Grace A. (Ball) Dow presented to the Monday Club sometime prior to March 1911:"part of the old Ball farm,

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the 1983/84 "rooting" season is fast approaching, plans are underway to make it a great one for our Society. Numerous members have been busy throughout these hot months working on two publications and the seminar. The Midland County Naturalizations has been received from the printers and the compendium of Midland County census is nearing completion.

The work necessary to host the Michigan Seminar this fall has been conducted by various chairpeople with enthusiastic efforts. There is more effort needed for an undertaking of this type than meets the eye. A great number of people will be needed to perform a wide range of tasks for the actual seminar. I hope you will give of your time and talents when asked.

This summer proved an excellent searching one for me. Marion and I went to the State Archives of Georgia, South & North Carolina. We worked with original records with not one speck of dust. If all record centers were as well operated as these, the enjoyment we researchers received would be multiplied many fold.

REMEMBER, the first meeting in September will be on the $\frac{4\,\text{th}}{1}$ Thursday September 22 rather than the Wednesday due to a prior commitment last March by the library.

Les Berry, President

FALL MGS MEETING PROGRAMS

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September 22 -- "SHOW 'N TELL" -- What have you discovered in your summer travels?

Come to share your summer experiences -- bring pictures,
antiques, ancestors -- whatever to show.

October 19 -- "ON THE TRAIL OF THE FRANCONIANS" -- Carl Hansen and Marv Engle of Frankenmuth will share their experiences of traveling to Germany this year in search of Frankenmuth's founding ancestors.

November 16 -- "EDDY COLLECTION -- WHAT'S NEW?" -- Fred Pike, Saginaw Genealogical Society will bring us up-to-date on the new additions in the Eddy Collection of genealogy materials at the Hoyt Library in Saginaw.

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all the land down to the old waterworks back through where the Baptist Church used to stand, the point across the Tittabawassee River, the Herbert Sias farm and the Dow property back through East and West Park Drive down through Midland Park."

Streets were also named after two other men who arrived by mid-1837. Samuel Gordon and Charles Cronkright walked the entire distance from Saginaw. Cronkright's wife was Lydia Snyder, sister to Sarah Wyman. Their father, Joseph Snyder, also arrived late in 1837. (The Midland Historic District Report, October 1978, suggests that Gordon Street was named after W. D. Gordon, attorney and Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives or perhaps S. B. Gordon, a clothier with T. E. McCann.)

On June 25, 1839, William A. Cronkright became the first white male child born in the county. According to the 1860 Federal Census of Midland County, he appears to be the fourth child of Charles and Lydia Cronkright; Daniel, Gilbert and Charles Jr. having been born in New York.

Although Michigan became a state on January 26, 1837, with the capital in Detroit, it is apparent that Midland was just beginning to have the white man put down roots.

By 1838, Dr. Daniel Fitzhugh's son Charles came to help settle some of the land bought three years earlier by his father. Records also show that the Fitzhughs purchased land in Saginaw and Bay Counties.

Four or five years seem to have elapsed before another settler called "The Forks" home. Joseph C. Townsend, his wife Mary and son Joseph C. Jr. are all listed on the 1850 Census of the county. It is also reported that Mr. Townsend Sr. was the first white man to die in the county although there is a discrepancy as to his death date. The Thomas and Eli Townsend families are also included on this 1850 Census.

At this point we reach the first controversial stage in a resume of early settlement. Most recorded writings upon Midland County in the past have set forth John A. Whitman either as the first white settler to arrive, or as the first white settler to permanently remain here. Further research, however, definitely disproves such references. Mr. Whitman did play a vastly important part in the formative days of this county, was a real pioneer in every sense, our first county treasurer and one of our most respected citizens. However, he was not the first white settler to either arrive or remain. Mr. Whitman was born January 18, 1814 in Rutland County, Vermont, In 1835 he lived at Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1838 in New York State, and reached Saginaw County in 1839. The Wymans, Cronkrights, Gordons, Snyders and Fitzhughs were all established here when Mr. Whitman reached Saginaw in 1839. And all of them remained permanently, the only possible exception being that Mr. Wyman in 1842 went back to Saginaw, temporarily, in order that his daughter could attend school. Upon opening of a school here, he hurriedly returned to the site upon which his daughter, Julia Ann, was born. Mr. Whitman, however, was not yet in Midland County when the Wymans came back. This fact is attested to by reason that Saginaw County records show he held office there, as Treasurer from 1839 - 1844. Further the records show that his first two sons, John A. Whitman, Jr. and James Whitman were both born at Saginaw, while parents resided there. The John A. Whitman of our history came to Midland County, settling upon the East 1/2 of Section 1, Ingersoll Township, near present day Mapleton, in 1844. *

The 1850 Census shows John A. Whitman, age 34, farmer, born in Vermont living with five children ages 8 to 1, all born in Michigan. The children are John A., James, Lucinda, Mary and William. No wife is listed in this household. There are also two other Whitman families residing in Midland on this Census -- the Robert and Nathan Whitman families.

to be continued

-- Ruth Ann Casadonte

* Paragraph is a quote from Midland County Centennial 1950

1983 MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL SEMINAR CANADIAN RESEARCH

WHEN --September 30 - October 1 - plus an early bird lecture Thursday, September 29

WHERE -- Great Hall, Valley Plaza (Thursday's talk at Library Auditorium)

for those of you with Canadian ancestry this is a must with talks concerning: WHY --

> Specific Migration Patterns United Empire Loyalists Canadian Source Material Public Archives in Ottawa Ontario Archives in Toronto Resources in Southwestern Ontario

Land Records and Wills

General Topics to help us dig deeper:

Dusting Off the Family Skeletons Oral History Tracing Your "Lost" Maternal Ancestor Researching Common Surnames

Other bonuses are -- bulging packets, exhibits galore, many vendors, door prizes, freebie table, surname board and the chance to mingle with fellow genealogists across the state!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION

QUERIES

BALCH DAVIS CAMPBELL HART CRONKRIGHT WARNE MC NERNEY SAVAGE HUFF

Seeking early information on JOHN PHILLIP BALCH JR. b.1858 Trumbull Co. Ohio, d. 14 March 1931 Midland Co. Mich. Married THERESSA MARIE DAVIS 7 Sept. 1881 (b. 1858 Frontenac Co. Ontario.) They had four daughters: MABEL, d. young; CARRIE (CAMPBELL); MAUDE (HART) & MACY (CRONKRIGHT, WARNE, MCNERNEY). John were JOHN PHILLIP BALCH SR. & ELIZABETH (SAVAGE). Par/of Theressa were EBENEZER ROGERS DAVIS & MATILDA ANN (HUFF). All early settlers of Midland Co. (Pauline Campbell Engdahl, 3724 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend, IN. 46614)

OLD & NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Ohio Genealogical Guide by Bell, 3rd printing 1981, 169pp...a "must" if you're doing research in Ohio. A wide range of information is included from a list of reference books to specifics such as where the Quadrennial Enumerations for various counties are housed. (Call #RG 929.377)

Ohio Wills & Estates to 1850: An Index by Bell, 1981, 400pp...a surname/given name index followed by letters/numbers telling what type of record it is, the county it takes place...using only the primary entry; i.e., the will book or case file number. Other sources (court records) may be available such as a case file packet. Not infallible. N.B.: Ohio Probate Court was formed in 1852, taking over those functions of Common Pleas Court. While most counties turned over the original probate matters, a few have kept these in the Common Pleas Court. Check county office. (Call #RG 929.3771 Be)

Gratiot County, Michigan by Tucker, 1913, 1355pp...recently rebound by the Tibrary...contains historical, statistical and biographical material. There is an index to the latter. (Call #RM 977.449 tu)

This Fabulous Century by Time Life, 1970, 6 vols... "Prelude: 1870-1900" covers Law & Order, Holidays, The Frontier, Cycling, Occupations, Education, The Press, The Victorians, The City, Entertainment & Family Portraits... excellent photographs show life across America. Besides giving insights to our ancestors' way of life, we are given tid-bits such as the fact that emigrant, railroad tickets to Omaha from San Francisco were \$60; that railroad agents peddled land-grant property at \$14 an acre; and that 15,000 people from 32 states swarmed to stake claims on the day the Indian Territory of Oklahoma was opened (1889). The "exhilerating conditions" in America at this time were attributed to the opening of the direct coast to coast rail service (1870) and the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the nation's founding. (Call #R 917.3039)

Marion Berry

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MIDLAND COUNTY CENSUS PROJECT

From small beginnings do large projects grow! Jo Brines originally said in the fall of 1981 she would be chairman of a new project, recording and then publishing the 1870 Midland county census. Work was begun in earnest in January 1982 but somewhere along the line, the project grew like topsy. The Society's board of directors thought (and rightfully so) that a "better seller" would be a publication of all the Midland county census. So..., if all goes as planned, the Midland Genealogical Society's second best seller (the Cemetery Records book being the best so far) will be hot off the press in time for the seminar we are sponsoring later this month. Estimated number of pages are 450 and the price is to be announced. The book will be a great addition to any library's collection or a private collection for persons having ancestors in Midland county, as it will include the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890 Civil War veterans schedule and the 1894 Michigan state census. A Christmas gift item?? Also to be sold at the seminar will be the recently printed Midland county naturalizations records.

MGS ANCESTOR CHARTS (continued)

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MERCER	WILSON	MICHOL(L)S	B BIRKHIMER, BUTCHER, HILLMAN
MIRRELL	ERINES	NICHOLSON	
MERRIAM	BUTCHER, CASSIDAY: HILLMAN, NUECHTERLEIN	MICKERSON	BUTCHER
MERRILL	WILSON	MICGLLE	HITTHEN
KERRITT	WILEON BRINES BUTCHER, CASSIBAY; HILLMAN, NUECHTERLEIN WILSON ANDERSON BEIRKHIMER HILLMAN; NUECHTERLEIN WATKINS WILSON FREER: NUECHTERLEIN WATKINS E BIRKHIMER, HILLMAN, MC KELLAR, NELSON, FOMRANKY, K SCHWEITZER, WILSON; WORDEN DIESEN FREER, HILLMAN, HOFFMAN; NUECHTERLEIN WIRGIL E BIRKHIMER BEIRKHIMER BEIRKHIMER BEIRKHIMER HILLMAN DIESEN	MILEE	OVEN
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MONKEN	HILLMAN DIESEN	C. KILLEA	BUTCHER
MONNAT	CASSIDAY	G. RODAKE	BUTCHER, PHILLIPS
HONTAGUE	CASSIDAY	OBER	DAVIS
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MORE	HILLMAN, HOFFMAN: NUECHTERLEIN, FARKEY	CLLYVER	BRINEE, BUTCHER
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MORRIS	BUTCHER, VIRGIL	ORCUTT	HILLMAN
MORSE	BRINES. BUTCHER	OREWAY ORMSEY	WATKINS
MORTIMER	BUTCHER	OSBORN	BRINES
MORTON MOSES	B BIRKHIMER BUTCHER	OWEN	OVEN
MOSKER	OVEN	PACHGLKA	ALSEE
HOULTON	FURLG	PACKARD	BRINES. HILLMAN
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MUHLITNER	CASACONTE	PALTREY	HILLMAN
MULLINS	BUTCHER	FALMER	HILLMAN: NELSON, TOMLINSON
AMUK	WATKINS	PALEGRAVE	EUTCHER
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MUNROE	ANDERSON	PANKCSK!	CEBORSK:
MURFORD	BRINES	PAGUETTE	LEVIS
MUSCOTT	MC KELLAR	22849	HILMAN
MAHAM	EUTCHER	PARKER	BUTCHER, HILLMAN, MUECHTERLEIN,
MYERS	ANDERSGN	PARKER PARKHURET	WALKER, WILSON HILLMAN: ANDERSON
MYLES	HILLMAN	TARROUNEL	MILLIAM, AMOUNDON

TRAILS THAT WON'T QUIT

Following is a list of some of the principal trails in the east followed by pioneers . You can mark them quite easily on a relief map of the U.S. which shows mountains and rivers.

- 1. The Warrior's Path (also called the Wilderness Trail, the Great Indian Warpath and the Tennessee Trail.) This led from Philadelphia, PA, crossing the Susquehanna River, then to Lancaster, York and Gettysburg, PA. Then, to Hagerstown, MD, Winchester, down the Shenandoah Valley to Staunton, VA, along the great trough between the main mountain ranges of the Appalachian Mtns. into the valleys of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. It ended at Chattanooga, TN. A branch of this trail turned north into Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap ending up at Portsmouth, OH and Louisville, KY.
- 2. The Gallipolis Trail left the Warrior's Path near Staunton, VA in the Shenandoah Valley, followed the valleys of the New and Kanawha Rivers to the junction with the Ohio River near Gallipolis, OH.
- 3. $\frac{\text{Braddock's Road}}{\text{#40 West.}}$ led from Maryland to Pittsburg, PA along what is now High-
- 4. The Old Trading Path of PA ran from Philadelphia, west through Lancaster, Carlisle, Bedford and Greenburg, ending at Pittsburg. More or less, the route of the present Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- 5. The Occaneechi Path led from Burmuda Hundred on the James River in VA thru Petersburg to a town of the Occaneechi Indians on the Roanoke River about where it crosses over into North Carolina, then down across North Carolina and South Carolina to the site of Augusta, GA where it connected with other trails from the southwest and gulf areas.
- 6. The Netchez Trace leads from Nashville, TN south to Natchez, MS where it connected with other trails.
- 7. The Lower Creek Trading Path ran from Greenville, MS eastward through Birmingham, AL, Macon, GA to Augusta, GA with important branches to Savannah, GA and Augustine, FL. This trail connected directly with the Warrior's Path and the Occaneechi Path.
- 8. The National Road ran from Philadelphia, PA down through Baltimore, MD, Frederick, MD, Wheeling, W.VA, Columbus, OH, Richmond, Indianapolis and Terre Haute, IN to St.Louis, MO. It was one of the most extensively used trails.
- 9. The Buffalo Trace connected with the Warrior's Path at Louisville, KY, came up through Indiana passing through New Albany, Paoli, Greenwich, Washington and from there to Vincennes, IN on the Wabash River. Sixty percent of all settlers coming to Indiana used this trail.
- 10. The Chicago Road led from Indianapolis to Chicago passing through Crawfordsville, Covington and Williamsport on the Wabash River. It was intersected south of Williamsport by the <u>LaFayette</u> Road which ran north from Vincennes passing through Sullivan, Terre Haute, Gallatin and Covington.
- 11. Old Connecticut Path ran from Boston through Worcester, Springfield to Albany, NY where it joined the Mohawk Trail to Lake Erie.
- 12. <u>The Mohawk Trail</u> led from Albany, NY to the western end of Lake Erie passing through Utica, Syracuse, Auburn and Batavia, NY.

- 13. The Great Trail led from Pittsburg, PA to Detroit, MI by way of Wooster, Fremont and the Raisin River. This was an extension of Braddock's Road.
- 14. <u>The Catawba Trail</u> started at Charleston, SC and led westward to Eastern TN. It connected with the Occaneechi Path at Columbia, SC and with the Warrior's Path of Kentucky at its termination.

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MIDLAND CENTENNIAL FARMS*

1873 - Reeves Farm 1855 - Winslow Farm 1880 - Valliere Farm Ingersoll Township Mt. Haley Township Ingersoll Township Owner: Arleene Aaron Owner: Helena W. Reeves Owner: Kathryn & Cyrille Valliere 1873 - Randall Farm 1855 - Ostrander Farm Ingersoll Township Ingersoll Township 1881 - Burns Farm Owner: Elsie Ostrander Owner: Curtis R. Thayer Warren/Geneva Townships Owner: Hazel I. Sayers 1876 - Oswald Farm 1857 - Beden Farm Ingersoll Township Jasper Township 1881 - Fillmore Farm Owner: Donald Oswald Owner: Ted R. Beden Hope Township Owner: Phyllis Fillmore 1876 - LaMee Farm 1861 - McCrary Farm 1883 - Franklin Farm Hope Township Mt. Haley Township Owner: Cecil B. Jr. and Ingersoll Township Owner: Clara McCrary Hazel LaMee Owners: Carolyn Grambau Barbara Williams & 1861 - Marsh Farm Edenville Township 1876 - Shepherd Farm Margaret Yates Owner: Preston Marsh Edenville Township Owner: Claude L. Shepherd 1883 - Shaffner Farm 1864 - Barton Farm Ingersoll Township Owner: Clyde A. Shaffner Mt. Haley Township 1878 - Coleman Farm Owner: Joseph & Fleda Ingersoll Township Owner: Lina G. Coleman, Jr. Neuenfeldt 1883 - Hoyt Farm Porter Township Owner: Ronald A. Hoyt 1878 - Brooks Farm 1869 - McMillan Farm Ingersoll Township Mt. Haley Township Owner: Leo F. McMillan Owner: Charlett Brooks * Midland Daily News

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The Veterans Administration is still paying pensions to about 50 Civil War widows. Most of the widows are in their 80's & 90's, survivors of the "Deathbed Romances" of old men and teen-aged girls when the attempt to carry forward Civil War pensions by last-minute marriage was prevalent early in the century.

The costs of Spanish-American War pensions, also still being paid, have been estimated at 20 times the cost of fighting that war...SPEAKING RELATIVELY, East Cuyahoga, Oh., OGS Newsletter, Vol. XIII No.11, pg.156.

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Free from the Inventories of the National Archives, Publications Sales Branch, Washington, DC 20408:

P-17 Records of the Adjutants Office (R694) PI-22 Land Entry Papers of the General Land Office (RC49) PI-101 War Dept. Collection of Confederate Records (RG109) PI-103 Cartographic Records of the Bureau of Census (RG28) PI-161 Records of the Bureau of Census (RG29) PI-163 Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2 Vol. (RG75) SL-26 Pre Federal Maps in the National Archives: an annotated list SL-29 List of Selected Maps of States and Territories

Following is information on inter-library loans at those libraries/ societies from which members have requested genealogical data:

Arizona State Library - Newspapers from 1978 Colorado State Library - Does not loan Illinois State Library - County Histories, State Census, Federal Census, Federal Soundex, Newspapers, etc. Indiana State Library - Newspapers (3 reels/Library) Kansas State Library - Does not loan Minnesota Hist. Society - State Census, newspapers State Hist.Society/MO - Newspapers (2 reels/Library) Nebraska State Hist. Society Library - Does not loan New Jersey State Lib. - Federal Census New York State Library - Newspapers Ohio Hist. Society - Newspapers (charge \$8 for 12 rolls) - Information on Military History - published in Carlisle Barracks any type of book - write first Pennsylvania State Lib. - 1850, 70, 80 Mortality Schedules Virginia Hist. Society of Wis - Census, county histories, etc. (list in library) Michigan State Library - Newspapers Washington State Lib. - Census, newspapers Iowa State Library - Does not loan. Write to County Hist. Society California State Lib. - Does not loan census Vermont Hist. Society - Does not loan Kentucky Hist. Society - Does not loan New Hampshire State Library/New Hampshire Historical Society -Does not loan Rhode Island State Archives/Rhode Island Historical Society -Does not loan Connecticut State Library - Loans duplicate materials Maine State Library - Does not loan Maine Hist.Society Lib.- Some materials are loaned

The OWSLEY Family Historical Society held their 5th annual meeting at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, VA 13 May 1983. Carl J. Owsley of Orlando, FL was chosen president for the next 2 years. Mrs. William H. Martin of Seattle, WA is secretary. (Albert W. L. Moore, Membership Chairman, 1420 N. Spring, Independence MO 64050)

WHEN GREAT GRANDMOTHER WAS YOUNG

Great Grandmother, on a winter's day, Milked the cows and fed them hay, Slopped the hogs, saddled the mule, And got the children off to school. Did a washing, mopped the floors, Washed the windows and did the chores, Cooked a dish of home dried fruit, Pressed her husband's Sunday suit. Swept the parlor, made the beds, Baked a dozen loaves of bread, Split some firewood and lugged it in, Enough to fill the kitchen bin. Cleaned the lamps and put in oil, Stewed some apples she thought would spoil, Cooked a supper that was delicious, And afterwards washed up all the dishes. Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes, Mended a basketful of hose, Then opened the organ and began to play "When you come to the end of a perfect day."

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