

MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The Midland Sun

<u>August 29, 1912</u>

DEATH OF RALPH R. PRICE

Passed Away At Home on Larkin Street Thursday Morning After Long Illness.

"Ralph Rumrill, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Price of the second ward, passed away last Thursday morning at the home of his parents, after an illness of about a year.

"Ralph R. Price was born July 18, 1889, at the home where he died and attended the public schools of this city until fourteen years of age. He then entered the employ of the Electric light company where he remained until his seventeenth birthday, when he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He served on the flagship Connecticut under Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans and accompanied the fleet of sixteen battleships on their cruise from New York around Cape Horn to San Francisco. He sustained an injury to his hip and, in 1908, was given a medical discharge from the service. Since returning to Midland, he had been engaged in automobile repair work, until his health compelled him to discontinue all work.

"Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Bessie.

"The funeral was held from the home on Larkin street Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. N. Zydeman officiating.

"The pallbearers were Dr. R. J. St. Louis, Dexter Fales, Will Baker, Leo Nehil, Gair Atkinson and Seligman Lewinstein and the city band escorted the body to the Midland cemetery, where interment was made."

[For an additional article on Mr. Price, which was found on an inside page of <u>The Midland Sun</u>, see page 14.]

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

German Research via Form Letter

About a year ago, I copied a German-language form letter and sent it off to "the Catholic priest" in the village of Hebelermeer, Hanover, asking for information from the parish register on my husband's ancestors. I was disappointed when months went by with no response and had considered writing in English to a church archive.

Last week, though, a letter came from the new priest there. Although he explained that the parish did not have a churchbook for the time I needed records, he secured the information from the church at Wesuwe including two additional generations of the family plus information on where they lived . before Hebelermeer. In addition, he noted another surname on my chart and sent the address of a woman in Illinois whose husband's family was from Hebelermeer and is probably related.

It's a wonderful feeling to run across such a helpful person. I speak no German at all and had put my faith in a form letter I couldn't read. The response was in German, so now I'm confronted with the task of figuring out how to express my appreciation --- "Danke schon!" doesn't seem sufficient.

/s/ Wilma Diesen

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 05, 1986 - MGS Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Wilma Diesen, 5802 Flaxmoor, Midland Nov. 19. 1986 - MGS Meeting, 7:15 pm Library Lounge, John Cumming, retired director. Clarke Historical Library, "Michigan 49ers - Goldrush Immigrants" December 1986 - NO MEETING Jan. 21, 1987 - MGS Meeting, 7:15 pm Library Lounge, Maris Vinovskis, Professor, History Dept.. University of Michigan, "Old Wives Tales in Social History" Feb. 18. 1987 - MGS Meeting, 7:15 pm Library Lounge, Panel, "How to do it"

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LAST MEETING: Dr. Rhonda Davis, a Medical Doctor in her second year residency at the Family Practice Center. Midland Hospital, gave an informative introduction to genetics and genetic disorders during our October meeting. Using slides furnished by the National Foundation/March of Dimes. "From Generation to Generation: Genetic Counseling," and several other references, she told us about genes and chromosomes and their dominant and recessive qualities. If you've ever wondered why your child had brown eyes when you expected a blue-eyed baby, Dr. Davis would have helped you to better understand the process. She also reviewed selected genetic disorders, impressing on us the importance of knowing our family history and detailed diagnostic information to clarify patterns of inheritance.

SEMINAR

Over 500 persons attended the 13th annual MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL SEMINAR, hosted by the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society in Lansing, MI. on Oct 16-18. At least half attended the computer track, which would indicate genealogical computing is here to stay. The theme, "Canoes to Computers" included subjects. "Why Computers," "Tracing our 20th Century Ancestors," the "How to" aspects of genealogy, organizing files to publish your family history, plus many others. Door prizes. vendors, and family/spouse activities, totaling 19 separate programs, were held at the beautiful Clarion Hotel & Convention Center. An "Early-bird" session was held on Thursday evening; dinner and entertainment Friday evening including the presentation of Susquecentennial certificates . I'm sure it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Death and Burial of Ralph R. Price of This City

"Ralph Price, who has been suffering with tuberculosis for nearly a year, passed quietly away last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the family home on Larkin Street.

"No one had had hopes of his recovery since the verdict of the examining specialist several months ago, who said that Ralph was suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs, stomach and bowels.

"Born in the same house and room in which he died, Ralph Rumrill Price spent nearly all of his 23 years of life in this city. He was born July 18, 1889. He attended the Midland VOLUME VII, No. 2 -14-

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public schools until he was about 15 years of age, when he worked for the electric light company, in whose employ he remained until he was 17 years of age.

"At the age of 17 he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. making the trip around South America in the flagship, Connecticut, under Admiral 'Bob' Evans. During the latter part of his service he received an injury to his hip while assisting in coaling ship, and received his discharge at San Francisco, after serving a little over two years.

"After working in the Buick auto works at Flint, and machine shops at Detroit, he had gained enough experience in the automobile business so that he opened up a garage and repair shop in Midland, where he conducted a successful business for two years. The last and third year he was unable to do but very little.

"Ralph was a young man who was generally liked by everyone who knew him, as was shown by the kindnesses he received all during his illness.

"He leaves a father, mother, and sister, Bessie.

"The funeral was held Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Price, and was very largely attended, not only by his more intimate friends, but by the members of the Lincoln Camp of the National League of Veterans and Sons, and the Midland Concert Band. Rev. Zydeman officiated.

"Those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Arthur Vallender and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin of Bay City.

"The pall bearers were: Dr. R. J. St. Louis, Seligman Lewinstein, Dexter Fales, Leo Nehil. Will Baker and Gair Atkinson.

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Nov. 09, 1911

"Deer licenses have been issued to the following Midland County Nimrods:

Will H. Snow, Dell Valentine, George Venner, Eber F. Beck, John Haskell, H. E. Peterson, Wm. Tuttle, Fred Lehr, John T. Pomeroy, Wm. Zegelien, Wm. J. Smith, P. R. Pierce, Alba Thomas, Phillip Rabeshaw, Chas. Estabrook, Fred Bartel, M.

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Petersen, R. H. Peters, Ben Cook Jr., Fred Zegelien, Henry Gates, Jacob Sorg, Grant Stolz, H. Brockway, D. P. Burke, Sam Dunlap. Geo. Buck, C. H. Keyworth, John Walker, Stephen O. David, Edward Simons, A. J. Green, Ralph J. Hyde, Thomas Bowland. Irvin Bowland, Wm. Gould, Frank Fenton & Charles Barber. (The last 14 are Coleman residents.)"

Midland Republican

Dec. 07, 1911

17 Children & Grandchildren

Make Wilford Family Reunion a Glorious Thanksgiving Affair

"After 9 years of separation, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilford sat down to Thanksgiving dinner with their children, 17 in all, gathered around them.

"The table, decorated with carnations and smilax, was loaded with many good things to eat.

"It was truly a day of Thanksgiving to them, one which every member of the family can look back upon with many pleasant recollections.

"Those present: Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Bishop (nee Mary Wilford) and son Claude, of Eau Claire; Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Wilford and daughter Gladys of Lansing; Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Nash (nee Lucy Wilford) and sons Wilford and Merlin, of Traverse City; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller (nee Valla Wilford) of St. Joseph; Misses Eliza and Gertrude Wilford of this city; and Mr. Lee Wilford of Lansing. Also, Mr. Clarke Gibbs of Bay City."

Midland Republican

May 23, 1912

Greatest Flood Ever Known in the History of Midland

"Inundates thousands of acres, destroying buildings and personal property. A Horse, Cow, sheep and other live stock carried with the flood. Exceeds by two feet record-breaking flood of 36 years ago, in May 1876.

"Unprecedented rains, continuing nearly 72 hours almost without stop has brought on this city and community an almost unheard-of occurrence. First time in city's history, so far as there is any record, that rains alone with no snow & ice stored around the headwaters, has brought this City to a flood tide." VOLUME VII, No. 2 -16-

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Midland Republican

March 30, 1916

Almost Equals Greatest Midland Flood, One of 1912

"Flood waters at greatest height Tuesday and Wednesday lack but a few inches of reaching the highest mark ever known here.

"The 1912 mark was 2 feet higher than the greatest previous flood of the year 1876 - 40 years ago."

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DO YOU KNOW

Nephew can mean <u>Grandchild</u>?:

"Mr. & Mrs." titles are reserved for the Upper Class?:

In Colonial days, "Mrs." could be married or unmarried?:

Sr. & Jr. could mean Uncle & Nephew as well as Father & Son?

[From Dr. Strycker-Rodda]

OUERIES

Looking for parents and info on MINNIE DEACON, born 1 Jan. 1870, place unknown, marr. 25 Dec. 1887 to EDWARD LITTLE born 27 Apr. 1863, son of JOHN EDWARD LITTLE & MARY MURPHY. John was born in "French Canada" ca.1830. Minnie was raised by a GIBBS family in Midland County. Edward & Minnie had children: EMMET, CASIE, ARCHIE, BERNARD, ORRIN, FLORENCE & LYLE. Family lived in Jasper & Greendale Twps. Researching both families. (JOYCE B. DERRINGER, P.O.BOX 2595, CAREFREE, AZ. 85377)

NOTE: Joyce has indicated a willingness to research either Arizona or Ohio in exchange for research on above families.

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NOTICE: Prior to the October 15 meeting, a yellow sheet of paper containing information on Governor Thomas Welles was found on the floor in the downstairs genealogical section. The information was taken from "History of the Welles Family in England and Normandy" by Albert Welles, 1876. If this VOLUME VII. No. 2 -17-

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paper belonds to you. It can be picked up from Pat Worden, 1201 Glendale St., Midland.

Midland Newspaper Abstracts - continued

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTH YR	HON/DAY	DEATH YR	MON/DAY	PAPER	YEAR	MO/DAY/PG	COMMENT:
•	ROSS	INFANT	0000	00700	1874	09/16	TIMES	1874	09/16-01	
	WHITNEY	CHAUNCEY S.	0000	00/00	1874	09/04	TIMES	1874	09/30-01	
	KLOXIN	LOUISA	1810	00/00	1874	00/00	TIMES	1874	11/18-01	
	HOSNER	a.v.	0400	00/00	1874	00/00	TIMES	1874	12/05-01	
	SHAW	STILLMAN	1789	00/00	1874	11/18	TIMES	1874	12/05-01	
	BOUPLies	THOMAS	0000	00/00	1874	11/24	TIMES	1874	12/05-01	
	סספי	MRS.	0000	00/00	1874	12/00	TIMES	1874	12/12-01	
	HOLDEN	HRS.B.	0 000	00/00	1874	12/13	TIMRS	1874	12/13-01	
	¥ARD	E.B.	0000	00/00	1875	01/02	TIMES	1875	01/00-01	
	GRIFFEN	JAMES	1851	00/00	1874	12/28	TIMES	1875	01/02-01	
	LEWIS	T.J.	1805	00/00	1875	01/02	TIMES	1875	01/09-01	
	ROGERS	HENRY D.	1816	00/00	1875	03/07	TIMES	1875	03/13-01	
	MAXWELL	MARY	0000	00/00	1875	04/04	T1HES	1875	04/10-01	
	DOYLE	JIMMY	0000	00/00	1875	05/00	TIMES	1875	08/05-01	
	TITTSWORTH	UNKNOWN	1872	00/00	1875	05/09	TIMES	1875	06/12-01	
	BLAIR	FRANK P. HON.	0000	00/00	1875	07/08	TIMES	1875	07/17-01	
	GYDE	JAMES	0000	00/00	1875	07/00	TIMES	1875	07/31-01	
	MAXWELL	CHILD	0000	00/00	1875	07/00	TIMES	1875	07/31-01	
	WILKINS	CHILD	0000	00/00	1875	07/00	TIMES	1875	07/31-01	
	ANDERSON	JOHN WESLEY	1840	00/00	1875	07/25	TIMES	1875	08/07-01	
	MC CRARY	INFANT CHILD	1875	00/00	1875	08/00	TIMES	1875	08/21-08	
	WELLMAN	CHILD	1871	00/00	1875	08/00	TIMES	1875	08/21-08	
	ROBINSON	THOMAS A.	1817	00/00	1881	10/03	SUN	1881	01/06-05	
	PRATT	BYRON	0000	00/00	1881	02/24	SUN	1881	02/24-07	
	WALSH	OMEN	0000	00/00	1881	03/03	SUN	1881	03/03-05	
	MADILL	INFANT	1880	08/00	1881	03.10	SUN	1881	03/10-01	
	ESQUENERSQUEST	SAHUEL	1863	00/00	1881	03/13	SUN	1881	03/17 06	
	HUNT	SYLVESTER	0000	00/00	1881	03/15	SUN	1881	03/17-04	
	WYLIE	WILLIAM	0000	00/00	1881	03/17	SUK	1881	03/17-05	
	CURRY	GILBERT	1857	00/00	1881	04/08	SUN	1881	04/14-01	
	UPRIGHT	MRS.	0000	00/00	1891		SUN	1881	04/14-06	
	SPROUL	WILLIAM W.	0000	00/00	1881	04/14	SUN	1861	04/14-06	
	WINCHELL	CHILD	1881	00/00	1881	04/21	SUN	1881	04/21-01	
	PETOSKY	MARY ANN	1795	00/00	1881	04/14	SUN	1881	04/21-05	
	BURTON	EMELINE	1815	08/14	1881	04/20	SUN	1881	04/28-04	
	GREELEY	SEREPTA	1853	00/00	1891	05/01	SUN	1881	05/05-04	
	FRANCIS	MAJOR	0000	00/00	1881	04/31	SUN	1881	05/05-05	
	WILSEY	MARSENUS	1844	00/00	1881	05/00	SUN	1881	05/19-05	
	WILSEY	SON OF	1874	Ú0/00	1881	Ú5/19	SUN	1851	05/19-05	
	BAKER	WILLIAM	1841	00/00	1881	05/14	SUN	1881	05/21-01	
	MAXWELL	MADELINE	0000	00/00	1881	06/00	SUN	1881	06/02-01	
	DYER	MRS.	0000	00/00	1891	06/00	SUN	1881	06/02-02	
	BRUSEAU	MARIA	0000	00/00	1881	00/00	SUN	1881	06/02-05	
	LESSE	LEON	0000	00/00	1881	06709	SUN	1881	06/15-01	
	WARNER	WILLIAM	0000	00/00	1881	06/09	SUN	1881	06/16-01	

VITAL STATISTICS FEES - COUNTIES

(First Copy Price/Additional Copy Price)

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Eaton	\$5/\$2	Manistee	\$51\$2	Tuscola	\$5×\$2

Vital Statistics Fees - Cities

Allen Park	\$5. \$2	Hamtramck	\$10.483	St. Clair Sh	\$10/\$3
Deerborn	\$5/\$	Kalamazoo	\$5/\$2	Sterling Hts	\$10/\$3
Dearborn Hts	\$10′\$3	Lansing	\$5/\$2	Southfield	\$5/\$2
Detro:t	\$10×\$3	Lincoln Park	\$5/\$2	Tavlor	\$ <u></u> ?/\$1
East Detroit	\$10.33	Livonia	\$\$5/\$1	Trenton	\$5/\$2
East Lansing	\$51\$2	Madison Hts	\$5/\$2	Trov	\$5/ \$?
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Grosse Pte	\$5 \$2	Poseville	\$10/\$3	Westland	\$5.1\$2
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215 W. St. Andrews, Midland	48640	835-3278
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300 Sinclair, Midland	48640	835 - 5718
3716 Blarney, Midland	48640	631-5337
3312 Kentwood, Midland	48640	835-2814
4013 Lowell Ct., Midland	48640	832-8673
1201 Glendale, Midland	48640	631-7801
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