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VISITS THE THEATER --SEES THINGS WITH HER NAKED EYE MIDLAND SUN AUGUST 15, 1902

Mr. Editor:

My dauter Sara Jane cum home last weak and we was amazin glad to see her, for she has ben workin for a hi tone lady hoo only lets her cum home wonst in two months and its very interestin to hav her tell us all the nuse.

Sez I to myself, this is jist the time for me to go to Detroit and take Sara Jane with me fur she's got smarter ways then her ma, bein as she's lived with hi tone peeple. Gotham sed we must hunt up his relashuns in the big city. You see its this way: Gothams ants first husbans sisters sun married Hiram Sweets wifes cousins step dauter.

Hiram Sweet lives in fine stile on Jefferson avenoo. His name is writ on the front dore, with a big brass lion in the front yard and a lovely black dog to tie the hosses on.

Well, we found the place but my hart went thumptytethump when we rung the dore bel and a colord darky opend the dore. Sez I, dont mister Sweet live here? Then he grinnd very perlite and took a silver platter off the hall table and stuck in under my nose, sayin, card pleese. I reecht in my poekit for my card whicht I hed made out of a purty blue paste board box and rit my name on. Well, you'd orter seen that darky rush up stairs grinnin all over his face.

It was then about haf past seven oclock and thare we sot in that hall til ait oclock then mister and missue Sweet cum sailin down in flyin colors sayin we must skuse them as tha wus goin to the theatur. Du tel, sez I, we air just in time fur ime hankerin to go to the theater for I red in the Midland Sun what a preecher sed about theaters not bein the place for kristsnuns and ive ben propos for to jine the meetin house and I want to see jist wunst afore I jine if he is rite.

Missus Sweet tost her hed and sed she cood belong to the church and attend theaters too. Well, tha let us ride in thaire nise karridge but when we got to the opera house mister Sweet whisperd to the man and he took us up in the garret but tha went up into a cute leetle recess with purty curtins.

Well, we got a good seet whare we cood look down an see all the purty drest lady's with luvly posys on thair chests. The music was playin jist as weet as if we hed found the new jerusalum. All to wonst a little bell rung as a big curtin went up and thare stood a lot of yung wimmen that hedent hed time to get drest. O my but I was so shamed for em I jumped up and skreemed rite out, but Sara Jane grabd hold of my dress and sed kepe stil, fokes 'll think we air from the country. The never rolled the curtin down to giv em time to put on more close. I lookt to see what the peeple was goin to do bout it, but there sot white haired men and wimmen, yung fellers with there best gurls settin there gazing throo there specktickles stuck on the end of a stick, jist as plassid as the bablin brook in the brite sunshine.

Just think all them poor girls hed on was a shiny corset with lace ruffle round the top a leetle flounse round the bottom, not even a pair of pantelets on. I took my bandanner haunkercher and wiped the sweat from my classick brow and meditated. What if all the kristshuns in that big kumpany shood drop ded with hart ake at setch a site (for angels to weep over) encurridgin by there pressens those beautiful gurls in sellin thair modesty for gold that glitters? When Crist cums to make up his jewels will he look for them in the theater?

Well, mister Editor, we hev bot the webbin for our new factry and hope that the commity of 25 you told bout last week will send in sum orders as a starter.

Ures truly,

Mrs. Kesiah Stum

(Editorial Note: Told in Mrs. Stum's own unique style!)

FAMILY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED -

A family newsletter, "GLENN GLENNINGS" covering all branches of the GLENN surname and its allied lineages is published quarterly. Cost: \$15.00/year. Unlimited, free query column. For more information/subscription contact: Ms. Bette Brengle Poole, Editor, 2203 Aquila's Delight, Fallston, MD 21047.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year usually means all kinds of new resolutions, beginnings and commitments. As I've mentioned before, there are lots of projects within our society that can be included in your list of things to do in '88 . . . the on-going newspaper obliuary abstraction at the library, the marriage records abstraction (presently being done at the courthouse, but later at the library), the newsletter and various other society jobs. The MIchigan Council death record transcription project is delayed until March. That means those of you committed to this particular job can look at the above projects that need your help. It's not too soon to give some thought to serving the society in an official capacity in '88 - '89. My personal wish for you all is that you find at least one new ancestor in '88.

Marion Berry

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1988 SPRING PROGRAMS:

The Midland Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m., in the G.A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge.

February 10th - RESEARCHING RECORDS - WAR OF 1812 - Les Berry (NOTE: Date Change - 2nd Wednesday)

March 16th - ONTARIO, CANADA, RESEARCH - Marilyn Watkins

April 20th - MICHIGAN PIONEER EXPERIENCES - Betty Bellows

May 18th - RESEARCHING IN THE LDS LIBRARY - SALT LAKE - Panel Discussion ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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MGS NEW MEMBER:

BRETERNITZ, Florence, 9875 Elmwood Dr., Freeland, MI 48623 Phone: 695-5224

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Following is an outline of a new microfiche series housed at the Library of Michigan - Genealogy Section. For further information on how to use this series see the booklet, "Genealogy and Local History Project Information" - a copy is available in the Michigan aid to genealogy collection on the self at the GADow Library.

The Genealogy and Local History Collection is an ongoing microfiche series, being released at a rate of two sets per year. The Library of Michigan has all available sets. The guides to the Collection are located at the Genealogy Desk CS 69 .645

The Genealogy and Local History collection is a vital tool for tracing family lineage and American cultural history. It gives researchers access to documents on durable microfiche, which would otherwise be unaccessible to them.

The Collection consists of:

GENEALOGIES

2,424 of the most consulted American genealogies, representing family surnames from A to Z.

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North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register
The "Old Northwest" Genealogical Quarterly
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LOCAL HISTORY

3,613 local histories covering New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania as well as German and Scots-Irish migration down the Shenandoah Valley into Southwest Virginia and North Carolina.

PRIMARY SOURCES

281 primary sources covering pre-1850 Massachusetts vital records as well as the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania Archives, the vital records of Rhode Island and colonial North Carolina records.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

- Muskegon Genealogical Society will host the 1988 Council Seminar: "Ancestors - Where in the West Did They Go?"
- Projects being considered: Survey of funeral homes in the state; indexing 1860-1880 mortality schedules of Michigan; church survey - county by county; survey of small libraries of Michigan and their holdings.
- Sesquicentennial: 3,200+ applications have been received. 67,000 names on 3x5 index cards will be available at the State Library, Lansing.
- Public Records will meet with Wayne County Genealogical societies to explore the access problem of Wayne County vital records.
- Indexing of 1860 Michigan census has started with the Upper Peninsula. This will be an every name index.

Submitted by Nancy Lackie

FAMILY REUNION:

TRIENNIAL REUNION CAVENS/CAVINS Families June 18, 1988 Harmonie State Park Posey County, New Harmony, Indiana

For information on this reunion, contact: Mrs. Stella Mayes, 42 Trailridge Lane, Springfield, IL 62704, or Mr. Sidney Milliner, Route #1, POB 393, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864, or Mrs. Wilma Diesen, 5802 Flaxmoor, Midland, MI 48640

Posey County is important in the history of the Cavens/Cavins Families who came from the south to settle there. The reunion presents a good opportunity to explore the family locale as well as the historic New Harmony area. Many of the family members stayed in Indiana, primarily in Posey and Vanderburgh Counties, while others moved on to Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Illinois. Our 1985 reunion was held in Salem, Illinois.

SHELFSIDE

(recent additions to the Genealogy Collection at GADow Library)

4-H COUNCIL PLAT MAP BOOKS for the following Michigan counties:

Tuscola (1973), Wayne (1970), Emmet (1973), Charlevoix (1973), Mason (1972), Hillsdale (1971), Huron (1973), St. Clair (1971), Sanllac (1974), Isabella (1972), Kalkaska (1972), Crawford (1973), Roscommon (1971), Oakland (1973), Cheboygan (1970), Calhoun (1973), Arenac (1971), Antrim (1973), Alpena (1973), Genesee (1972), Jackson (1973), Ogemaw (1972), Gladwin (1972), Leelanau (1973), Saginaw (1971), Clare (1971), Oceana (1971), Oscoda (1971 and 1972), Otsego (1972), Macomb (1972), Newaygo (1971), Muskegon (1970), Montmorency (1973), Monroe (1973), Lapeer (1972), Presque Isle (1973), Mecosta (1972)

- "The Coen or Kuhn Family" -- by Wm. S. Coons, Part II Donated by Sid Babcock
- "First Land Purchasers of Saginaw County, Michigan" by Lenard S. Zorn
- "Decipher Germanic Records" -- by Edna M. Bentz
- "A Patch-Amsbury Family Chronicle" -- By Doris M. Amsbury Donated by the author
- "Berks County, Pennsylvania Marriages, 1730-1800" by Frederic G. Paul
- "Genealogy of the French Families of the Detroit River Regions 1701-1936" Vol. I and Vol. II by Christian Denissen
- Census Indexes:

1840 Virginia, 1810 New Hampshire, 1820 and 1850 Rhode Island, 1830 Kentucky

- Turbo Genealogy -- The Computer Enhanced -- "How to Find your Roots" Handbook by J. & C. Cosgriff (1987 - 1988)
 - 1985-86 AUTHOR GUIDE TO OUT OF PRINT BOOKS microfiche. located in the microfiche file under "G" - Genealogy.

HAVE YOU LOOKED IN MONTANA???

THOS. GORMAN OF JAM will sell on the premises six miles north and one mile west of Merrill on January 20 all of his stock, farm utensils and household furniture. Mr. Gorman will join the Midland colony in Montana settling at Red Lodge. His many friends wish him success in his new undertaking. (Midland Sun, January 1902)

NOSIN' THRU THE NEWSLETTERS by Maxine McCullen

ELLIS ISLAND: "Ellis Island Gateway to America" a 30 page book with tips on family research and how to determine if your ancestor came through Ellis Island is available for \$1 from Ancestry, Inc., P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 (Gen Soc Cen MO)

NEW ENGLAND MARRIAGES: In New England newly married men were often elected 'Haywards'. There were men married in the previous year. Sometimes the job was called 'Hog Reeve'. This can be an indication of when your ancestors were married. Check town records, if your ancestor was elected 'hayward' subtract one year for the marriage. (Rivertown Roots, CCGS)

IF YOUR ANCESTOR HAD A MASONIC degree, it is possible to obtain information about him and his birthplace by writing the Office of the Grand Secretary, Box 4147, Springfield, IL 62708. Enclose a SASE and name of the lodge, if known. (St. Louis G.S. News 'N Notes; Newsletter G.S. of So. Illinois)

THE ORIGINAL "GRETNA GREEN" was near Carlisle, Scotland, site of a famous blacksmith shop, which was the scene of thousands of runaway marriages during the past 150 years. Here couples were married with their hands joined across the blacksmith anvil. Under the laws of Scotland there was not a requirement for either God or the Church to enter into the ceremony so anxious couples (frequently one or both parties being a minor who had been refused parental consent) were united simply by declaring before witnesses their desire to be united in wedlock. Carved in the wooden walls of this old blacksmith shop are many initials. The last official ceremony was performed in 1940. The last official "priest-blacksmith" stated that hundreds of thousands of marriages had been performed there through the years. The anvil was supposed to bring good luck, and all wishes made while putting the hands upon the anvil were supposed to be granted. If you are unable to find a record of a marriage in Scotland, this could be the reason. ("Roots & Shoots", Vol. 6 #3)

LOOKING FOR ELUSIVE ANCESTORS in the 1850 censuses? Check the California 1850 census. Over 50,000 people traveled overland to the gold fields while another 50,000 came by ship. By 1855, 23,000 people had left there. ("Kinship Tales", Vol. 5, #3)

SOCIETY OF LOYALISTS DESCENDANTS -- this society is a new organization for bringing together descendants of those who actively engaged in military service on behalf of the British during the American Revolution. Address: P.O. Box 848, Rockingham, NC 28379 (Jackson Co. Gen. Society, Nov. 1987)

ANDERSONVILLE: National Society of Andersonville, City Hall, Andersonville, GA 31711 holdings include an extensive collection of material on Andersonville. (Gen. Friends of Pasadena Lib V 15#1)

SWEDISH ANCESTORS & RELATIVES -- Swedish descent may be interested in the National Association for Swedish. Write: Riksforeningen Sverigerontart, Teatergarten 4, S-411 35 Goteborg, Sweden. ("The Pastfinder", Summer 1987, Volume 16, No.4)

THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES MUSEUM, Agency Hill, Honor Heights Drive, Muskogee, OK, 74401 has the only reference library in the world devoted to: Creeks, Choctaws, Cherokees, Chickasaws and Seminoles. ("The Pastfinder", Summer 1987, Volume 16, No.4)

RELATIVES searching for clues to Civil War kin may want to consider the records of Confederate soldiers at Fort Delaware prison at PEA Patch Island, Delaware. ("Tree Climber", April, 1987)

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION oversees 38 cemeteries and monuments in foreign countries that include, from both World Wars, and graves of more than 123,000 dead. It can tell you where a loved one is buried and will send a pamphlet with more info. Write to the commission at 5127 Pulaski Building, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C., 20314 or call (202) 272-0536. ("Tree Climber" April 1987)

QUAKERS -- we usually think of the Quakers as non-military but there were some that were disowned for their participation in the Revolutionary War. In 1778 East Nottingham Meeting House, Maryland was taken over by Gen. Smallwood's soldiers from Valley Forge. The Quakers tended the disabled for several months. Twenty-eight soldiers died in the meeting house and were buried in the southwest corner of the burying ground. There is a stone in memory of the dead soldiers. (Paradise (CA) Genealogical Society Newsletter, December 1986)

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QUERIES

Need death date of Walter BUNKER born NY 1860, son Walter b. circa 1892. Possibly living in Isabella Co. Died before 1900 census. William KINDEL, Box 228 C Rt 2, Forest Grove, OR 97116

Need information on Phillip PIERCE born NY 1850, last found living with parents Jeramiah and Mary PIERCE in 1870 census 117 Arcada Township, Alma. William KINDEL

Need info on John W. BURT, b. circa 1808, NY, moved with wife Hetta and family to Michigan circa 1840, Hillsdale/Lenawee area. The 1880 census shows John in Gratiot Co. One of John's sons was Clark E. W. BURT, his son, Fred E., was my grandfather. Will exchange info. Joyce BURT DERRINGER, P. O. Box 2595, Carefree, AZ 85377.

Can anyone tell me where the DANIEL'S BAND CHURCH was prior to the building of the church in 1967 on Gordonville Road? There is one in the CRUMP area. Is this the root of the present one or was there one in town, Midland that is? Esme GEHOSKI, 4964 S. Carter Road, Auburn MI 48611

I wish to correspond with anyone who knows anything about the family of William Henry COON who m. first Mary Ann CAMPBELL, second Jerusha MESSENGER. William and Mary Ann were married and lived in S.E. Ohio. When they came to Michigan, they lived in Coleman and environs. When Mary Ann died William went to Flint area and m. 2nd Jerusha who had been married to George W. HOOSE. Don't know what happened to HOOSE -- presume he died. Also have heard there is a COON-KOON-KOAN Family reunion in Coleman. Can anyone write me and tell me who organizes the get-together. Esme GEHOSKI

OLD CHECKS FOUND

Eleven Civil War Soldier's Checks that Were Never Delivered Found In Treasury Vault in Lansing

SOME WERE FOR MIDLAND MEN

Lansing, Mich., June 11 -- Yellow with age, but otherwise in a good state of preservation, eleven checks, for amounts varying from \$12 to \$50 and totaling \$250, sent from the paymaster of the United States army, Sept. 2, 1862, to members of the Tenth Michigan cavalry, then in action before Memphis, Tenn., were found this morning in a tin can on a top shelf in the vault of the state treasury. Their story, as found in several letters with them, is an interesting one.

They were part of a consignment of pay checks sent out by J. A. Lowry, then U.S.A. paymaster, to the Tenth cavalry. On their arrival at Memphis the eleven men whose names they bear were not to be found. It is not known whether they were dead or sick, but, at any rate, were missing, and for three years the checks lay in the possession of the Adams Express Co. which had delivered the consignment. Oct. 1, 1865, the express company returned the unclaimed checks to the state treasury for distribution to the soldiers or their relatives.

They have reposed in the big vault ever since and might have stayed there for years more had not John Haarer, deputy state treasurer, taken the notion of giving the vault a house cleaning. The checks are declared to be still good and if the men whose names they bear, or their relatives can prove the right to them they will be delivered and paid.

The names of the men, the amounts coming to them, their company and the place of enlistment are as follows: George Turner, \$40, Co. B, Midland; Allen E. Wisner, \$20, Co. B, Genesee county; Charles Truax, \$20, Co. B, Spaulding, Saginaw county; William Newton, \$16, Co. B, Saginaw county; Francis J. Bugrow, \$20, Co. B, Midland; Herman Keeler, \$20, Co. D, Flint; Isaac Hanson, \$20, Co. B, Saginaw; Ira N. Niles, \$12, Co. D, Gore or Cove, Huron county; Thomas Strickland, \$16, Co. E, Birchville, St. Clair county; Marshall J. Bartlett, \$16, Co. K, Adams, Hillsdale county; John R. Thompson, \$50, Co. K. A notation on the margin of the latter check states that it was believed the latter was Lieut. Thompson, son of E. H. Thompson of Flint -- Detroit News (taken from the Midland Sun, June 17, 1910)

HISTORICAL RECORDS WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP, BAY COUNTY MICHIGAN

The following article has been excerpt from the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BAY COUNTY MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER, Fall and Winter 1987-88 issue. Submitted by Esme Gehoski with permission of Michael Gray, Township Clerk:

The Township has recently completed microfilming records from 1856 when Williams Township was first established, through 1964. Records filmed include minutes and proceedings, birth, death and cemetery records, Justice of the Peace proceedings, Highway Commission records, account books and assessment records.

Copies of the films are available at the Auburn and Bay City Libraries. The library system was a co-sponsor of the project, paying half the cost. Actual filming was done by Clarke Historical Library of Central Michigan University, who provided the labor at no cost to the Township.

A display of the original records is planned for the Auburn Library's display case with assistance from Clarke Historical Library.

MIDLAND MAN'S ANCESTRY

Herbert H. Dow is a Direct Descendant of John Alden

In these days of genealogical research it is many times hard to trace the line with any degree of accuracy, this is so concise it is well worthy of note:

John Alden and Priscilla Mullens Ruth Alden and John Bass Sarah Bass and Ephriam Thayer Esther Thaver and Moses French Johnathan French and Abagail Richards Johnathan French and Rebecca Farrar Abagail French and Joseph Dow Joseph Henry Dow and Sarah J. Bunnell

Herbert H. Dow and Grace Ball

Herbert H. Dow is the general manager of the Dow Chemical Co. of Midland, and is, as can readily be seen, the eighth direct descendant of historic John Alden, whose good wife Priscilla had to remind him to speak for himself instead of wooing so persistently for Miles Standish. (taken from Midland Sun. 18 January 1901)



NORTH BRADLEY PIONEER PASSES AWAY DEC. 10

Family Was Second White Family to Settle There

Mrs. Nancy Carpenter died at the home of her son George Michaels, 500 E. Thomas Street, Bay City, December 10, 1913, aged 73 years and one month. Death was caused by paralysis. Nancy Tripp Carpenter was born in Wordsworth, Ontario, Canada. She was the daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Tripp. came to Michigan with her parents, one sister and six brothers all of whom have preceded her in death except one brother, Jacob Tripp of Midland. located in North Bradley being the second white family to locate there on a farm which remained their home until death came. She was married to James K. Michaels in 1870 and George P. was their only child. Mr. Michaels died in 1879. Mrs. Michaels remained a widow until 30 years ago last May when she was united in marriage with Wm. D. Carpenter of North Bradley. Mr. Carpenter died three years ago last October with paralysis at North Bradley. Since that time Mrs. Carpenter resided with her brother, Jacob of Midland, and her son, George of Bay City. She was a devoted mother. Mrs. Carpenter was a member of the W.R.C., No. 2 of Midland. The funeral was held at the M.E. Church at North Bradley where she was taken Dec. 12, and laid beside her husband, Wm. D. Carpenter.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town were: George P. Michaels, wife and two daughters; Jacob Tripp, wife and two sons; Benjamin Tripp; Russell Tripp, and wife; Mrs. Alfred Tripp, her sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sanford and daughter, Mrs. Amos Cronk. Rev. Hoard of the Fourth M.E. Church of Bay City conducted the services. (taken from Midland Sun, 26 Dec. 1918)

WILLIAM A. GREENLEAF MIDLAND COUNTY PIONEER

According to an account in the "Midland Sun" 14 December 1894, William Greenleaf this week received from his sister in Munson, Maine, a box seven inches square and eighteen inches long that was made by his great uncle while a prisoner on a British man of war in 1730. It is all manufactured from cedar, and is handsomely carved, the only instrument used being a jack knife. Mr. Greenleaf also received a number of other relics that have been in the family from 50 to 100 years.

The Portrait and Biographical of Midland County states that William A. Greenleaf, farmer, section 33, Midland Township, is a son of Thomas and Mary (Young) Greenleaf, natives of Maine. was born in Mercer, that State, June 9, 1835, attended school until 18 years of age, and then learned the trade of carriage He then worked at his trade five years in South making. Carolina. Returning to his native State, he enlisted, April 18, 1861, in the Sixth Main Volunteers, and served until the close of During the first three years of his service he was in the war. 23 general engagements.

After the war he returned to Maine, and two months afterward he came to Michigan. The first winter he worked in the woods, and in May, 1866, he came to Midland City, where he was employed two summers in carpentry, but continued in the lumber woods during the intervening winters. About 1868 he purchased 80 acres of land where he now resides; but from 1870 to 1881 he lived in Midland City, continuing at carpentry and lumbering, according to the season as above mentioned. He now has 25 acres under cultivation.

Mr. G. was married in Oakland Co., Mich., In September, 1866, to Mrs. Julia, daughter of Lambson and Roxy Livermore and widow of Amos Witter, who died in the army. She had by her first marriage one child, Alice by name and by her present marriage one child, Roxy M., born Aug. 21, 1868.

In general politics, Mr. Greenleaf votes with the Republicans.

Greenleafs are buried in Midland City Cemetery, Mrs. Greenleaf having died in 1901 (Midland County Cemetery Book)

Be kind to your relatives and friends, because without them, you would be a stranger - - - old proverb

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