

PIONEER RECORD



MIDLAND'S PIONEER FAMILIES

This month we continue printing some of the series of articles with interviews of Midland pioneers which appeared in the Midland Sun newspaper February through May, 1924.

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April 3, 1924 - DAVID W. DICE. David Dice came to Midland from Romeo, Michigan in 1872. There wasn't much of Midland at that time. He recalls the Reardon store, James Davidson drug store, two hotels, hardware store, and M.E. church. Mr. Beardsley was the undertaker, Charles Brown and Alfred Avery kept livery stable and they owned Midland's first Hearse. Mr. Dice worked for them and drove the hearse.

There was lots of pine in those days and Mr. Dice worked in the woods a good many winters, he drove tote team several winters for George Starks and also for Ed Avery and he says there wa just as much snow those days, if not more than there is now and lots colder - he very seldom could ride - had to walk to keep warm.

In 1921 a swarm of bees built a home over the porch between the siding and sheeting of Mr. Dice's house and he thought he would like the fun of robbing them and secure some honey. He no more than reached the bees nest - when he slipped and came down to the ground a lot quicker than he went up. The bees are still living over the porch and enjoying there own honey.

Mr. Dice has been a resident of Homer 47 years. In 1875 he bought 40 acres of land and had to clear brush before he could build a house. He has cleared his farm and worked it himself all these years. Mr. Dice is 76 years old and is still hale and hearty and doing his own farming.

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April 3. 1924. MR. AND MRS. WM. MONROE - Mrs. William Monroe 81 and William Monroe 84 came to Midland county in 1872.

Mr. Monroe remembers that the old "Red Keg" saloon was burned soon after he came to the farm north of Averill. He tells many amusing stories of the early days. He hunted a great deal when he first came to Midland County. Bears, deer and other game being very plentiful.

Many bears came to the oak thickets near his home to feed on acorns, and at one time he killed three in one tree. Once when Mrs. Monroe went to bring up the cows, two bears appeared and accompanied her for some distance but did not offer to molest her, finally disappearing into the woods again.

Once he and his sons captured three tiny cubs, after killing the mother, one had been hurt and Mrs. Monroe, endeavoring to save its life, wrapped it in flannel and took it into her bed. They kept two of them until they were full grown, and they were as tame as dogs - very lovable pets. Mr. Monroe tells many interesting hunting stories.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another ACTIVE year with the Midland Genealogical Society! Hope your Summer was as enjoyable as ours has been. We spent two weeks in New York State doing genealogical research and related activities. Most of our interest was in Ulster, Dutchess and Westchester counties, but we also spent a day at the New York State Library in Albany. Not a lot of new information, but it is fun to spend time where your ancestors lived.

A few of you were with us in Ft. Wayne, IN, in August for the "All-American Conference" which was sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the Allen County Library. It was GREAT! The Grand Wayne Center is an excellent facility and the program was broad and informative. Among the 45 speakers were: Arlene Eakle, Elizabeth Shown Mills, Helen F.M. Leary, Henry Z. (Hank) Jones Jr., Kathleen W. Hinckley, Robert Charles Anderson, Marsha Hoffman Rising and Dr. George K. Schweltzer. There were ninety lectures on a wide variety of subjects including how to research several kinds of records in several states and countries. Dr. Schweltzer gave three entertaining (as well as informative) lectures while dressed in the uniform of the time. The first was on Civil War Genealogy (half wearing a Confederate uniform and half wearing a Union uniform); next was Revolutionary War Genealogy (wearing a uniform of the Continental Army); and last, Massachusetts Genealogical Research (wearing a Puritan outfit). In addition, there were about 100 exhibitors offering books, supplies, computer software, and much more. I understand that the attendance was around 1500. I learned a lot and even Pat learned some things. If you haven't been to a conference like this, you really should try it sometime.

Getting back to our society, let me tell you about some of the projects we have going. The status of the FIRST FAMILIES OF MIDLAND COUNTY is described elsewhere in this issue by my wife, Pat. (We had lunch in Ft. Wayne with a fellow from the Detroit area who has written for his application.) The OBITUARY PROJECT is making good progress, thanks to Ora Flaningam and his wife, Donna Lee. Pat and I have keyed in the rest of the Midland Republican data from 1924-1927. We are using a program called CROSSWORKS to transfer the file from our Apple IIc+ to Ora's IBM-compatible. Rose Mary Laur is also doing some keying. Donna Lee is editing all the files in preparation for publishing the results of a LOT of people's efforts over the last five years! The MIDLAND MARRIAGE project under Jo Brines is "marking time" due to other priorities ... if you would like to help, talk to Jo. A new project ... MIDLAND CHURCH RECORDS ... will be starting sometime in early 1992 under the leadership of Bev Kelcher. She will be looking for help after the holidays, so give it some thought. The PROBATE PROJECT will be getting started again and Florence Wise will be taking over the leadership from Ralph Hillman. I have been working with Ralph to design a form for abstracting the desired information and he has agreed to brief anyone interested in helping sometime this Fall. Another possible project is the inventorying of TOWNSHIP RECORDS of Midland County. Diana Butcher has already done this for Homer Township. She will explain more at the September meeting. Also, we were going to try to get the COLEMAN TRIBUNE micro-filmed, but it was before my time ... anyone interested in following up on that? Now, do you see anything you would like to get involved in? If you have an interest, contact any of those mentioned above ... or ME. It's FUN to be INVOLVED!

BILL WORDEN

Midland Pioneer Families. (continued from page 1.)

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April 3, 1924. L.G. MINER - L.G. Miner, aged 77, had lived in Midland county for 54 years, coming here in 1878, when the railroad was built only as far as Averill and provisions were poled up the river on flat boats. No farms were cleared, and the only industry was lumbering. Mr. Miner bought a piece of land near Sanford, and did a little clearing the first year. The following year he built a house on the place, cutting timber from his own land, taking it to North Bradley, to have it sawed, and to Midland, for planing - doing most of the hauling with an ox team. He lived on the same farm until a few years ago, when he moved to the village of Sanford, where he still resides.

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April 10, 1924. LEONARD REED - Sixty years ago one of Midland county's pioneer citizens was known from Saginaw to Ludington as a fiddler of no mean ability. And 'tis said that he was oftentimes referred to as "the fiddler of the pines."

But unlike Jep Bisbee, the Paris fiddler, who was recently brought into national fame by Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison, this fiddler of ye old times is unable to listen in on his own stringed music. He has been deprived of this comfort for the past several years. In fact, he donated his beloved instrument to his son when that young man was married a few years ago at the age of 55. While he knew Jep in the early days he never became very well acquainted with him.

It was a pleasure to this clear minded and keen eyed pioneer to review the past in retrospect as he called to memory the many camp dances for which he played his old fiddle. He recalls playing almost continuously on a boat trip from Detroit to Saginaw, also of playing for a big oldtime woodsmen dance at "16." He started working the bow at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of a certain July 4, and worked continuously until 5 a.m. of July 5. But, the dancers were not satisfied and he continued to play until 2:30 in the afternoon at \$1.00 per hour.

He remembers playing the fiddle in company with John Eastman, Lew Eastman and Nick Fosdick. He also played his fiddle at a dance celebrating the wedding of Alex Findlatter, pioneer hotel man. At this dance he played with Bill Fish, who was nicknamed "White Fish."

Playing a fiddle, however, was not this man's only accomplishment. he could beat any woodsman he ever raced in cutting his side of a tree into the heart. he has felled many giants of the pine forest once covering Midland county. He could cut as many cord of wood in a day as the next man and tells of a record cut for Joseph "Dad" King of Freeland, 62 years ago. He received 50 cent a cord and "found."

He recalls cutting three pine logs in Midland county 16 feet long that scaled 1396 feet each. One of the logs he cut on Bullock Creek. The first winter he came to Midland he spent in cutting timber for Timothy Jerome on Bullock Creek. In those days all trees were felled with the ax, the saw not having yet come into common use. He hired out at \$26 a month, but his work was so satisfactory that he was paid off at the rate of \$40 a month.

(This article on Leonard Reed will be continued in the next Pioneer Record.)

A CIVIL WAR PENSION RECORD, by Ora L. Flaningam

What can be learned from a Civil War Pension record? The answer is something between "nothing" and "a very large amount." The "nothing" answer would apply if the soldier or his widow never applied for a pension. If they did apply, the "very large amount" could be true depending on the family circumstances. As a case in point, I thought it might be interesting to examine the records of one of my great great Grandfathers.

First let's see what we knew of him in the absence of the Civil War Pension record. From records kept by my great aunt, we know that John Talbot was born Aug, 1834 in Tipperary and married Mary Anne Josephine Wyse Feb. 22, 1854 in Manchester, England. He came to the United States about 1855 and enlisted in the army at Governor's Is., N.Y. He died about 1911 in Cheyenne, WY. He served in the Civil and Indian wars and was stationed at Ft. Kearney, NE. Mary Anne died Mar. 6, 1916 at Kearney, NE. They had three daughters, Lucy, Pauline, and Josephine. Pauline was my great Grandmother. We have two photographs of him both taken in Cheyenne. Both are labeled with his name, a date, and his age. The first date and age is Aug. 8, 1881 age 51. The second is Aug. 8, 1899, age 67. From these dates it appears his correct year of birth was 1832 and from the month/day dates I assumed that Aug. 8 was probably his birthday. He was called "Major" Talbot both in the family and in some mentions of him in Nebraska Historical Soc. publications.

John Talbot's War Dept. Pension Record consists of 21 pages of various forms. Most of it has little to do with his army record, but most is of great genealogical interest. We will look at them in chronological order.

(1) June 10, 1891. A form requesting the military record. "It is alleged that John Talbot was enlisted Sep. 24, 1862 and served as a Lieut. in Co. A, 1 Reg't, Battn. Nebr. also as a Sgt. in Co. K, 2 Reg't Dragoons and was discharged July 1, 1866. (He was also) in the dragoons from Sep. 27, 1854 to 1859." Answer: "John Talbot was enrolled Sep. 24, 1864 and (mis?) July 1, 1866."

(2) June 18, 1891. Affidavit by Wm Mase stating that he knew Major John Talbot at his house near Ft. Kearney in 1867 when John was recovering from a gunshot wound and that John was again wounded in 1868. Both these wounds were accidental & occurred while hunting near Ft. Kearney.

(3) July 3, 1891. Affidavit by John Talbot repeating the facts in Items (1) and (2) above, and that his service 1854-1859 was "on the plains against Indians."

(4) Sep. 4, 1891. Another form requesting the military record "requesting the proper designation of the company and regiment from which this soldier was discharged July 1, 1860 and his rank on that date." Answer: "John Talbot was in(rolled?) as a Pvt of Co. J, 1 Neb. Cav." Apparently on basis of these facts John Talbot was granted a pension of \$15/mo.

(5) June 14, 1898. Form requesting marital information. 1st. Are you married - state wife's full name & maiden name: Elizabeth Talbot, Elizabeth Knaggs. 2nd. Where, when & by whom married: A Pincerton(?) justice of the peace, Weld Co. Colorado, 1873. 3rd. What record of marriage exists: Destroyed by fire on the 30 day of March 1897. 4th. Were you previously married - state name of former wife & date & place of divorce: NO ANSWER GIVEN. 5th. Have you any children living - state names & dates of birth: NO ANSWER GIVEN. (WHY didn't John acknowledge his first wife & children?)

(6) February 21, 1907. Declaration for Pension Form. "John Talbot declares that he is 74 years & 6 mo. old. Resident of Cheyenne. He enrolled at City of New York on the 27th of Oct. 1854 as a private in 2nd Dragoons in the Civil & Indian wars. He was discharged at Ft. Kearney Neb. 27th Oct. 1859. He also served in "J" Co., 1st Nebraska Cavalry volunteers from Sep.

24, 1864 to July 1866. His description: Height: 5 ft 8 in.; Complexion: fair, Eye color: blue; Hair color: brown; Occupation: Plasterer; he was born Aug. 8, 1832 at Kings County, Ireland. His residences: Ft. Kearney from 1867 to 1870 and since 1870 to the present at Cheyenne."

(7) August 16, 1907. Pension Office request for military service. Answer: "enrolled Sept. 24, 1864 and M.U.(?) with Co. July 1 1866 as 1 Lieut. Co. "J" 1 Neb. Cav. to which transferred by Cavalry(?) July 1 of '65." (Also a summary of the data in item 6) above.)

(8) January 14, 1908. Resubmission for adjustment of pension. Submission "rejected on the ground that the evidence does not show and claimant has declared his inability to furnish proof that he was 75 years of age at the date of execution."

(9) June 1, 1908. Certificate of Baptism. Obtained from Church of Dunkerrin, Kings Co. Ireland that "John Talbot son of John Talbot and Julie Meara Talbot was born on the 8th day of Aug.. 1832 and baptized on the 9th Aug. The godfather was John Shay, the godmother was Jane Wheatley."

(10) June 4, 1908. Increase of pension to \$20/mo. accepted, commencing Aug. 12, 1907. "Age shown by evidence to be 75."

(11) April 12, 1910. Application for a New (Pension) Certificate. (Residence given as 27th Street, Cheyenne.)

(12) September 29, 1910. Drop Order and Report. John Talbot deceased July 13, 1910, dropped from the roll.

(13) July 7, 1911. Declaration for Widow's Pension. Mary A.J. Talbot applies for a soldier's widow's pension. Her granddaughter Violet Saltzgaber is a witness.

(14) July 22, 1911. Affidavit by W.D. Oldham, attorney of Kearney, Neb. After John Talbot's death he appeared in probate of his estate for Mary Talbot. He states that he has "examined her marriage cert. and John Talbot's letters to her recognizing her as John's wife and ascertained and established the fact that John was never divorced from her."

(15) July 22, 1911. Affidavit by Mary A.J. Talbot. "Her husband, Major John Talbot left her about the year 1877 and removed to Cheyenne, Wyoming on account of the town at Fort Kearney Nebraska breaking up and wishing to continue in business he moved to the town first above designated. That he continued to support me and sent me money at sufficient intervals for my support and also came down to visit me occasionally and continued to send me money at intervals until about seven years ago. I have not heard from him since about seven years ago when he sent me the last funds and that I was never divorced from my husband and that no divorce has ever been applied for either by myself or by my deceased husband."

(16) July 22, 1911. Affidavit by Anselme Michel of Kearney Neb. "I have known Mrs. Mary A.J. Talbot since the year 1860 and have known her continuously ever since. That Mary A.J. Talbot and John Talbot were married when I first became acquainted with them in 1860 and that they lived together as man and wife until about 1877 when John Talbot left for the west and that to my knowledge and belief they have never been divorced."

(17) October 16, 1911. Declaration for Widow's Pension. By Mrs. Elizabeth F. Talbot of Cheyenne. "She was married under the name of Elizabeth F. Knaggs to John Talbot at Evans, Weld Co., Colorado on the 21st of July 1873 by I.H. Pinkerton. There was no legal barrier to the marriage and she had not been previously married. The soldier had been previously married and divorced in August, 1867 at Chicago, Illinois."

(18) February 28, 1912. Affidavit by Dr. J.D. Shingle of Cheyenne certifying the date and cause of death of John Talbot as "contusion and bruise of the ascending colon caused by a fall from a street car four or five days before his death. The contusion and bruise resulted in a

hemorrhage of the colon which resulted in his death."

(19) April 6, 1912. Affidavit by Mary A.J. Talbot "that on account of her having been married in England in the year 1854 and the clergyman and witnesses now being deceased it is impossible for her to give any further evidence of her marriage to the soldier John Talbot except the certified copy of the marriage certificate ..."

(20 & 21) April 11, 1912. Certified copy of the marriage license in possession of Mary A.J. Talbot. "Marriage solemnized at St. Wilfred's Chapel, Hulm in the district of Carlton in the county of Lancaster. When married: Feb. 21, 1854; Name & surname: John Talbot, Mary Wyse; Ages: 21 & 22 Years; Condition: Bachelor, Spinster; Rank or profession: Plasterer, Dressmaker; Residence at the time: (both) Ribston St, Hulm; Father's names: John Talbot, John Wyse; Rank or Profession of fathers: Farmer, Plasterer. Married in the Catholic Chapel according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church ..."

The Pension record showed more than I had ever hoped for and perhaps more than I wanted to know. In comparing it with the family traditions, almost all points of the family's beliefs in John and Mary's record were somewhat in error.

We have several other articles in books and newspapers about John. Most of them repeat the above facts and give more details of his "colorful life." In "Fort Kearney on the Platte", and in "Collections of the Nebraska State Historical Soc." he is mentioned as being "a crack shot who could ride his horse along a line of telephone poles as fast as it could run and put six bullets out of each of his two Colt's revolvers into successive poles." He was a sutler to the Army and was the owner and/or operator of a saloon. He bought land in Cheyenne when it was still being formed and he and his two brothers became well-to-do from land transactions.

Because Mary could prove her marriage and Elizabeth could not, Mary was awarded the pension. I do not know what disposition was made of his estate in Cheyenne. In about 1930, Elizabeth was still living, but near old Fort Kearney.

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GARGETT. Need information on Gargett family in Midland or Gratiot Counties. Jeri P. Kemmer, 962 "U" St., Cottage Grove OR 97424.

FALLS-MCDERMOTT. Need information on John Falls, born May 19, 1876 at Mt. Forest MI. Married Agnes O'Connell. Children Basil, born June 1, 1902; and Sarah, born June 11, 1915 in Midland Co., MI. Other Fall names: Clare, Charles, Oren, Oscar, Willard Henry Fall married Margaret McDermott, Frank & Ellen McDermott. Carol Lambert, 385 W. County Rd 4, Barnum MN 55707.

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 C O M I N G M E E T I N G S

September 18. Bonnie Hafer, a local physician will talk on "Tracking Causes of Death". The interpretation of death certificates for genealogical purposes.

October 16. Jean White will speak on "French-Canadian Research."

November 20. The subject will be the Burton Historical Collection.

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FIRST FAMILIES OF MIDLAND COUNTY PROJECT

Did you see us at the Memorial Day Parade? If not, you missed seeing a great float! Judy Anderson and her "helpers" (Jerry McCullen and Larry Skym) did a terrific job decorating McCullen's pony cart on which Larry, Bob Mass and Bill Worden rode. Jerry tended the ponies with help from his daughter, and Judy, Ruth Ann Casadonte, Rose Mary Laur, Arlene Hecht, Maxine McCullen, Florence Carter and Pat Worden, wearing their FFMC sweat shirts (even though it was too hot for them!) walked alongside the ponies and cart. We had a great time and received lots of compliments.

Maxine has mailed about 240 applications and approximately 30 have been returned for checking. We are planning workshops to help people fill out their charts. The first will be held in the Grace A. Dow Library Lounge of Saturday, September 21, 1991. 1 to 5 p.m. If you can help us out on that afternoon or any of the following dates, please let Maxine (832-8749 or Pat (631-7801) know. The other dates are October 19, and November 16, 1991, January 18, February 15, March 21 and April 18, 1992, all in Conference Room D, 10:00 a.m. till noon.

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SWEAT SHIRTS

First Families of Midland County. Sweat Shirts \$15.00, T-Shirts \$9.00. S-M-L. XXL are \$1.00 extra. See Nancy Lackie Ph. 687-5327 or for mail order use the Society Address (\$4.00 for postage and handling).

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RESEARCH IN NORTHERN GERMANY

The following letter was received by the society:

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I do research work in a part of the northern region of Germany, especially in the area around Bremerhaven extending as far as Cuxhaven, and Stade and Bremen as a radius. Since this area is very much near the coast and the main migration ports of Germany, from which almost one third of the early United States was populated, I think I am "drinking at the well".

With this letter you will find a detailed list of all records I have or know about: Marriage, Birth, Death.

I am 39 years old and work at the Courthouse in Bremerhaven as a secretary. I promise you that I'm fair (sincere). I do all the researching in my spare time. In the past 10 years I collected a lot of information from the churchbooks.

If necessary or by request I can give photostats of the churchbooks, but only about the following years: 1715-1726, 1746, 1751, 1752, 1759-1852. About some villages I also have data after 1900 to nearly the present time or before the beginning of the churchbooks.

I would be glad to hear from you and please publish my name with my search work in the publication of your organization and furthermore give my

name and address to people who want to know more about their ancestors from the villages I am working on.

By request I will go searching in other villages in Northern Germany. I am very interested in helping other people in return for a little remuneration (10 Dollars per hour of work plus mileage and postage).

For the village Misselwarden I have put together an Ortssippenbuch (village lineage book). The volume is 334 pages and contents all families between 1680-1900. Its cost is 40 dollars incl. postage (surface mail). Air mail 10 dollar extra.

If anyone sends me money for research, please send it as cash because the German banks exact a large service fee for handling of foreign checks. If you send a check I have to charge 10 dollars extra. Thank you for your attention.

Parish List: Parish and year church books begin:

Imsum 1694	Midlum 1682	Misselwarden 1704
Mulsum 1697	Padingbuttel 1715	Spieke 1715
Wremen 1667	Cappel 1681	Dorum 1672
Selsingen 1715	Neuenwalde 1681	Loxstedt 1715
Bramstedt 1715	Bederkess 1715	Geestendorf(?) 1688
Wulsdorf 1687	Bremervorde 1689	Altenwalde 1715
Debstedt 1691	Bramel 1698	Holszel 1691
Lehe 1680	Rhade 1715	Schiffdord 1686
Scheeszel 1709	Zeven 1652	Trupe/Lilienthal 1715
Brockel 1715	Visselhovade 1715	Schneverdingen 1715
Neuenkirchen 1715	Worpswede 1759	Rotenburg 1682
Daverden 1715	Kuhstedt 1680	Wolterdingen 1715
Neuenfelde 1716	Ahausen 1698	Achin 1715
Kirchwalsede 1715	Gnarrenburg 1791	Flogeln 1700
Wersabe 1625	Beverstedt 1665	Baxhovede 1651
Altluneberg 1673	Kirchwistedt 1668	Stotel 1678
Oese 1669	Buttel 1683	Elsdorf 1658
Uthlede 1715	Hambergen 1637	Horneburg 1632
Gyhum 1716	Sittensen 1668	Bargstedt 1653
Ahlerstedt 1667	Kirchtimke 1691	Bulkau 1651
Nordleda 1654	Heeslingen 1663	Harsefeld 1715
Ringstedt 1678	Apensen 1715	Fischerhude-Wilstedt 1715
Otterstedt 1715	St.-Jurgen 1715	Osterholz 1715
Ritterhude 1715	Scharmbeck 1675	Wulsbuttel 1715
Sandstedt 1715	Arbergen 1715	Mulsum/Stade 1667
Krautsand/Elbe 1715	Schwanewede 1715	Bruch 1715

(The society has no further information on Mr. Hinners and does not endorse him)

Obituary - Hiram Bates - Midland Sun - April 3, 1924

Hiram Bates, veterinary surgeon passed away Sunday at the house of Mrs. Ida Shoup, corner of Ellsworth and Cronkright streets, at the age of 72 years. Deceased was born June 22, 1851, at Mt. Clemens.

The funeral was held Wednesday at ten O'clock from the Black & Bradley rooms, Rev. T.E.Hoakley officiating. Interment was made in the Midland cemetery.

Dr. Bates lived in this city for about 35 years and in his earlier life practiced here as a veterinary surgeon.

1920 CENSUS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM AGLL

The opening of the 1920 U.S. Federal Census in March 1992 will be a hallmark date for local historians and genealogists coast to coast. This will be the first census encompassing the time of a major world war and will be one more giant stepping-stone for research. Its opening is an event anticipated and earnestly looked forward to for nearly ten years. Don W. Wilson, Archivist of the United States, comments. "The opening of a new census is a major event in the life of the National Archives. When we unlock the cabinets, we unlock information about a generation of family life in the United States. We are as eager as all of you for that day."

"The National Archives has chosen March 2, 1992 as the release date."

AGLL is pleased to announce that it has arranged to purchase the 1920 census in its entirety, and as such, will be one of the first non-government entities to receive it. The 1920 census will be available for rental and purchase shortly after the release date.

Advanced orders for purchases are being received now. They will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The National Archives catalog for this census has not yet been released. Therefore, we do not have the roll numbers yet for any given locality. Orders can be based on the number of rolls in the 1910 Census for the same locality. Adjustments for the total number of rolls will be made when the catalog is finally produced. The sales price will be \$12.50 per roll for diazo copy and \$17.50 per roll for silver copy. (The National Archives price is \$23.00 per roll.)

Along with purchase capability, may we remind you that you may also rent these films. Though we expect the volume to be great, we are prepared to meet your demands for both purchased film and rentals. As with our regular program, there will be no waiting list for rental of film. We adjust our on-hand inventory of films according to your needs, thus

maintaining our pledge to you to provide you with the utmost in quality and service.

The 1920 Census exists only on microfilm and consists of 2,076 rolls of Population Census Schedules and 8,590 rolls of the Soundex Index. Every state in the 1920 Census is indexed, which will simplify access for genealogists and family historians. Information provided in the 1920 Census includes: place of abode, name of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in the family, relationship, personal description, citizenship, education, nativity, and mother tongue of each person, and occupation. Making this census available is a monumental task.

The first obstacle was the long-term controversy regarding opening of the census records to the public. This problem was finally solved in 1978 with Public Law 95-416 signed on October 5th of that year. This law allowed census records to be made public after 72 years. Since January 1st was the official enumeration date of the 1920 Census, it then could be made available on that date in 1992. The National Archives has chosen March 2, 1992 as the release date.

Second, the work involved in making the census itself available has been a truly monumental task. According to Dr. Wilson, the simple act of unlocking the microfilm cabinets housing the 1920 Census microfilm on March 2nd will be the culmination of four years of work by more than 40 staff members of the National Archives at a cost, not including salaries, of over \$1,000,000.00. In preparation for the opening of the 1920 Census, the National Archives will have produced 17 complete duplicate sets of the materials for use at the National Archives and in its branches. This is more than 3,400 miles of film, roughly the distance from Washington, D.C.,

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to San Francisco. This means that the National Archives' laboratories will be producing at least 127,922 rolls of film in preparation for the opening. This is an unprecedented volume. The cost of film stock, related supplies and preservation work alone is expected to be about \$620,000.00. As of this writing, all of the Population Schedules and the Soundex Index have now been examined and production work is well under way.

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Quality of this set of films is expected to be superior to that of the 1910 Census. However, as with the 1910 Census, the 1920 Census only exists in microfilm format. The original records have been destroyed. Thus, should there be problems with readability, they cannot be corrected. Nevertheless, the National Archives is doing all within their power to provide "the highest quality copy possible, given the quality of the original film."

The Special Media Preservation Branch of the National Archives was responsible for the frame-by-frame review of each roll of microfilm. The rolls were examined for density, scratches, focus, film curl, fungus, gases, and fog. During the inspection, the staff also noted the beginning and ending information on each roll from which notes the catalog itself will soon be produced. Finally, the staff noted for each roll of film the location of any physical problems that could not be corrected. Information about legibility problems on individual roll listings will be included in the 1920 Census Catalog. A new appendix outlining the data elements included in the 1920 Census and a reproduction of an original schedule form will also be included in that catalog.

OBITUARIES FROM THE MIDLAND SUN 1890 THROUGH 1920

Last Name	First Name	Birth	Mon/D	Death	Mon/D	Paper	Year	Mo/Day/Pg	Comments
Grinnell	William W	1852	May/19	1905	Oct/13	Sun	1905	10/20/01	Bur Yale
Grise	Mrs T I			1919		Sun	1919	01/23/02	
Griswold	Carrie			1898		Sun	1898	01/14/08	
Griswold	Helen Josephine			1918	Apr/19	Sun	1918	04/25/01	Ne: Dow
Grodtkoski	Peter			1919	May/01	Sun	1919	05/08/07	Ae 9 mos s/o Leo
Grogan	John			1917		Sun	1917	05/17/08	
Gross	(child)			1904		Sun	1904	09/16/08	Father: Charles
Gross	Peter			1914		Sun	1914	10/10/08	D. in Chesaning
Grover	Kate			1920		Sun	1920	06/03/01	
Grubbe	Joseph			1909	Jun/10	Sun	1909	06/18/01	
Gruber	Mrs Peter			1918		Sun	1918	02/28/03	
Gue	Myron	1852	Jul/27	1912		Sun	1912	04/18/01	Midland prosecutor
Guillott	Esther			1892	Aug/20	Sun	1892	08/25/07	Mother of Adolph
Guillotte	Claude	1875	Dec/24	1913		Sun	1913	06/12/01	
Guinitz	Christine			1917		Sun	1917	09/27/02	
Gummor	Mrs James			1899		Sun	1899	11/17/05	Resident of Larkin
Gunn				1891	Apr	Sun	1891	04/09/04	Sis Chas Gunn
Gunn	Jacob	1815	Jan/14	1904		Sun	1904	09/23/08	Bur Tuacola Cty
Gunn	Melville			1915		Sun	1915	03/11/01	Gaon/o Charles
Gunn	Ora S	1845	May/27	1907		Sun	1907	06/28/04	
Guthrie	Mrs Roy			1901		Sun	1901	09/06/08	Killed by lightning
Guyton	Winona A	1890	Dec/07	1918	Dec/18	Sun	1918	12/19/01	
Hackel	John			1918		Sun	1918	10/10/01	Killed by train
Hackel	Matilda			1918	Oct/29	Sun	1918	10/31/05	
Hackel	Matilda			1918		Sun	1918	11/07/06	
Hackett	Alva			1918		Sun	1918	12/05/01	D. fr battle wounds
Hackett	Charles			1911		Sun	1911	06/08/01	Killed by train
Hackett	Moses			1902		Sun	1902	03/07/08	Buried in Homer
Hackle	John			1918		Sun	1918	10/17/03	
Haefka	Charles			1917		Sun	1917	11/01/01	
Haefka	Henrietta			1908		Sun	1908	03/27/05	Ae 62 years
Haefke	Mr			1908		Sun	1908	04/10/05	Bro: William
Hafer	John H	1838	May/10	1915	Nov/21	Sun	1915	11/25/01	
Haffner	Joseph			1917		Sun	1917	03/01/01	Killed by train
Haffner	Joseph			1917		Sun	1917	03/08/08	Killed by train
Hager	Jacob	1820	Feb/29	1892		Sun	1892	04/17/04	Long obituary
Hager	Mrs Albert			1893	Nov	Sun	1893	11/10/05	Bur in Sanford
Hager	Mrs Albert			1893		Sun	1893	11/03/04	Drowned in well
Hagle	Charles			1920		Sun	1920	11/11/01	
Hahn	Jacob			1903		Sun	1903	06/26/04	Killed wagon accident
Haight	(child)			1898		Sun	1898	12/02/04	
Haight	(girl child)			1893	May	Sun	1893	05/19/04	Gdau W.S. Haight
Haight	Luanna			1916		Sun	1916	08/24/04	Sis/o A J Cole
Hake	Albert			1898	Nov/25	Sun	1898	12/09/08	Ae 1 yr s/o Albert
Hake	Mrs Albert			1902	Nov/06	Sun	1902	11/14/05	Died in Detroit
Hale	Frank			1895		Sun	1895	05/17/01	Burned to death
Hale	Hannah P	1847	Feb/04	1915		Sun	1915	06/24/01	
Hale	Helen			1918		Sun	1918	10/24/01	Ne: Dow
Hale	Helen	1894	Mar/16	1918		Sun	1918	10/17/01	Ne: Dow
Hale	Louisa Eaaterma			1895		Sun	1895	05/17/01	Burned to death
Hale	S A J			1916		Sun	1916	08/17/01	
Haley	Albert			1919		Sun	1919	11/06/01	
Haley	Alice Howley	1842	Feb/18	1913	Dec/13	Sun	1914	01/01/01	Long obit
Haley	Ann			1906	Sep/25	Sun	1906	09/28/01	
Haley	Elizabeth			1918	Nov/12	Sun	1918	11/14/01	
Haley	John	1845	Oct/24	1911	Mar/16	Sun	1911	03/24/01	
Haley	John			1901	Jan	Sun	1901	01/25/05	Father - Patrick
Haley	John	1842	Jan/15	1901		Sun	1901	04/05/08	
Haley	John P	1884	Aug/20	1901	Jan/22	Sun	1901	02/01/01	Father - Patrick
Haley	Michael	1833		1906		Sun	1906	03/23/05	
Haley	Mrs			1917		Sun	1917	05/31/02	
Haley	Mrs James			1917		Sun	1917	05/31/08	
Haley	Mrs Peter			1896	Feb	Sun	1896	02/14/08	
Haley	Robert			1920		Sun	1920	02/12/05	Father: Peter
Haley	William Patrick	1875	Jan/04	1916	Sep/21	Sun	1916	09/28/01	
Hall	Charles Nelson			1906		Sun	1906	11/09/01	Ae 6 wks s/o Frank
Hall	Devere			1913		Sun	1913	12/11/01	D. in Detroit
Hall	Frances			1909		Sun	1909	04/30/01	Resolutions
Hall	Frances	1837	Jan/23	1909	Apr/18	Sun	1909	04/23/01	Ne: Horton
Hall	Jim			1896	Jul/30	Sun	1896	08/11/08	Resolution G.A.R
Hall	John			1920	Mar/09	Sun	1920	03/11/01	
Hall	John M			1896	Jul/30	Sun	1896	08/07/05	Veteran
Hall	Marian	1859	Sep/22	1912	Oct/22	Sun	1912	10/24/01	Husband: Nathan
Hall	Minnie C			1909	Dec/01	Sun	1909	12/10/01	D. in Chicago
Hall	Mrs Aaron			1901		Sun	1901	08/30/08	Mother of James
Hall	Mrs Burt			1891	May	Sun	1891	06/04/04	Bur Sanford
Hall	Mrs Burt			1891		Sun	1891	06/18/04	Funeral 6/21
Hall	Mrs Neil			1917		Sun	1917	06/21/05	
Hall	Rosy			1918	Dec/11	Sun	1918	12/12/05	
Hall	Sam			1919		Sun	1919	09/25/01	
Hall	William			1905	Feb/21	Sun	1905	03/03/08	Born: England
Hallock	Sarah			1901		Sun	1901	02/01/01	Husband - H.D.
Hamilton	Dr Charles R			1910		Sun	1910	12/30/01	
Hamilton	Elizabeth Blake	1851		1914		Sun	1914	08/06/01	

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Last Name	First Name	Birth	Mon/D	Death	Mon/D	Paper	Year	Mo/Day/Pg	Comments
Hamilton	Mrs C R			1907		Sun	1907	09/20/05	
Hamilton	Mrs C R			1907		Sun	1907	09/13/01	
Hamilton	Mrs John			1898	Jan/19	Sun	1898	01/28/08	Lvs hus & 7 children
Hammond	Joseph H	1832	Apr/14	1904	May/26	Sun	1904	05/27/05	Son: George
Hammond	Julia			1895	Feb/26	Sun	1895	03/08/08	Bur Eaton Rapide
Hammond	Lillie			1901	Jan	Sun	1901	01/11/04	Wife of George
Hammond	Mary Etta			1913	Feb/18	Sun	1913	02/20/01	
Hammond	Mrs G B			1901		Sun	1901	01/11/04	Sis-Mrs J Beamish
Hampshire	Danniel	1855	Dec/23	1915	Oct/15	Sun	1915	10/21/01	
Hancock	William			1896	Jan	Sun	1896	01/17/04	
Hands	(twin boys)	1894	Feb/08	1894	Feb/08	Sun	1894	02/16/08	Sons of Oney
Hands	Mrs Oney			1894	Feb/08	Sun	1894	02/16/05	
Hands	Tressa	1836	Dec/02	1908	Nov/11	Sun	1908	11/13/01	Born Ireland
Haney	John William	1857	Mar/21	1916	Feb/25	Sun	1916	03/02/01	
Hankins	Richard			1919	Apr/10	Sun	1919	04/17/02	
Hanke	Lawrence			1919		Sun	1919	06/26/01	
Hanke	Seth	1894	Feb/05	1910		Sun	1910	11/25/01	
Hanley	Margaret			1919	Apr/25	Sun	1919	05/01/05	Dau/o Patrick
Hanna	Mr			1917		Sun	1917	02/08/04	
Hansen	Ellen			1910	Jun/25	Sun	1910	07/01/01	
Hantler	Mattie			1918	Jun/27	Sun	1918	07/04/05	
Harcourt	Guy			1909		Sun	1909	01/15/01	Ae 27 dys d/o Jacob
Harcourt	Guy Lamon	1879	Jul/04	1909	Jan/15	Sun	1909	01/22/01	D. fighting fire
Harder	Reckie			1905	Jan/08	Sun	1905	01/13/04	
Harding	(infant)			1918		Sun	1918	01/24/04	Ae 68 yrs
Harding	Mrs			1904		Sun	1904	04/29/08	Dau of John
Hare	D. A			1898		Sun	1898	07/15/08	Res: Hope
Hare	Mrs D A			1897		Sun	1897	12/17/08	Father of William
Harmon	Ida			1918	Nov/17	Sun	1918	11/21/01	
Harmon	Mrs			1911		Sun	1911	05/11/08	D. in Coleman
Barms	Mrs Peter			1917	Mar/04	Sun	1917	03/08/01	
Harper	Charles A	1840	Jul/19	1907		Sun	1907	04/19/01	
Harper	Julia A	1836	Oct/05	1916	Aug/04	Sun	1916	08/10/01	
Harper	Thomas			1920	Sep/26	Sun	1920	09/30/01	
Harper	William			1894	Mar/02	Sun	1894	03/02/05	Ae 71 yrs
Harrington	Henry			1894	Jan	Sun	1894	02/02/05	Born in England
Harrington	John			1919		Sun	1919	06/12/01	
Harrie	(infant)			1898		Sun	1898	10/21/08	Son of Oscar
Harris	George	1919		1919	Nov/11	Sun	1919	11/13/01	Mother: Minnie
Harris	George W			1916		Sun	1916	11/23/05	D. in Findlay OH
Harris	Margaret			1911	Nov/10	Sun	1911	11/06/01	Nee Maxwell
Harris	Martha			1913	Mar/07	Sun	1913	03/13/01	
Harris	Patrick F			1918		Sun	1918	10/31/05	
Harris	Vincent G	1826	Feb/26	1905	Nov/14	Sun	1905	12/08/01	Qtd/f Akron O Beac
Harris	Watsen			1906		Sun	1906	08/24/01	
Harrison	Elizabeth Imoge			1918	Jun/06	Sun	1918	06/13/01	
Harrison	Emma	1837	Aug/07	1919		Sun	1919	02/13/04	
Harrison	Mrs			1901		Sun	1901	05/31/08	Husband: L A
Harrison	W H			1912		Sun	1912	01/18/05	Neph: J Archer
Harrison	William H	1843	Nov/07	1912	Jan/17	Sun	1912	01/18/01	
Harshman	Grace			1919		Sun	1919	11/06/05	Nee: Windover
Hart	Clara	1910	Jun/27	1912	Mar/01	Sun	1912	03/07/01	Father: Ray
Hart	David			1891	Oct	Sun	1891	10/29/04	
Hart	Dr. G.A.			1890	Oct	Sun	1890	10/30/04	Ae 27 yrs
Hart	Henry	1840	May/13	1899		Sun	1899	02/03/01	Long obit
Hart	Henry			1899		Sun	1899	01/27/07	Ae 58 yrs
Hart	James			1920	Feb/13	Sun	1920	02/19/01	Ae 38 yrs
Hart	John			1901		Sun	1901	08/23/05	Bro:True
Hart	Lucy			1920	Jul/24	Sun	1920	07/29/01	Ae 80 yrs
Hart	Oscar			1914	Apr/05	Sun	1914	04/09/01	Bro/o True
Hart	True	1843	Sep/23	1920	Jan/02	Sun	1920	01/08/01	
Hartman	Edith & Samuel			1917		Sun	1917	11/01/01	Children/o Edith
Harwood	Mrs William			1913		Sun	1913	10/23/01	Mother: Mrs F Week
Haskell	Mrs Agnes			1898		Sun	1898	08/19/05	D. in Pt Huron
Haskins	Charles	1883	Nov/02	1909	Jan/19	Sun	1909	01/29/01	D. in Onaway
Haskins	Charles			1909		Sun	1909	01/22/01	Father: George
Haskins	Harriett	1832	Jun/07	1914		Sun	1914	02/05/08	Nee: Thurlow
Haskins	Marjorie			1920	Oct/27	Sun	1920	10/28/01	
Haskins	Martha Hicks			1914	Aug/14	Sun	1914	08/20/01	
Haskins	Mrs George			1918		Sun	1918	06/20/08	
Hatfield	Charles A	1815		1899		Sun	1899	09/01/05	Ae 84 yrs
Hatfield	Clyde			1911		Sun	1911	03/24/01	
Hatfield	George			1918		Sun	1918	07/25/01	
Hatfield	Mary P			1917		Sun	1917	10/18/01	
Hatfield	Mercy			1895		Sun	1895	06/07/05	
Hatfield	Mrs Amos	1842	Mar/19	1913	Jun/29	Sun	1913	07/03/01	
Hatfield	Mrs George			1898		Sun	1898	07/15/05	D. RR accident
Bavens	Aaron	1826	Jun/01	1891	Mar/16	Sun	1891	03/26/01	Long obituary
Havens	Aaron			1891	Mar/16	Sun	1891	04/02/04	
Havens	Ella M	1863	Oct/18	1916	Oct/03	Sun	1916	10/19/01	
Havens	Lawrence			1918		Sun	1918	02/14/04	D. in New Jersey
Hawley	Grandma			1899	Jan/15	Sun	1899	01/20/08	Ae 78 yrs

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