

# PIONEER RECORD



## Mrs. William Cook Recalls Much Early Midland History

Midland Sun, Nov. 8, 1923 - In the spring of 1860, William Mixer came to Midland County with his wife and two little girls, Hattie aged 10 and Addie not yet 5 - this was about one year ahead of G. Will Ball's coming. Mr. Mixer had worked in the shipyard at Sackett's harbor and later in St. Clair county. On the trip to Midland he traveled by boat to Saginaw and then drove a team the remaining distance - rather Mrs. Mixer drove the team while he drove the cattle. They went up the Old Eastman Road - a corduroy road over the vast swamp or bog that then extended from Larkin street up to the present 4th ave - in fact sections of Jerome and Fitzhugh streets were included in this swamp and even Ashman could not be driven on except in winter while the ground was frozen. The wet season of 1863 was the worst and Mr. Mixer brought great slabs and logs from the mill to put on Eastman as far as Snake Creek bridge (ED Note: In 1993 near present site of G.A. Dow Memorial Library), to make it more passable. Shingle shavings were likewise used, as on the old main street.

The name of this old much-traveled "Eastman" road came from an early settler who bought a piece of land and built a home where H.A. Crane now lives - James Eastman. This original name is doubtless recorded in all early histories of Midland and all records on file at the court house - so why have we allowed it to be changed recently to the meaningless one of Midland avenue?

The Mixers found two big sand hills to climb - one on front of the present Dr. High and Norman Best residences - the other farther along beyond the Catholic cemetery. The bridge across the Snake Creek must have been built in '60 or '61 and a road

went in somewhere near the upper end of the cemetery to the Harvey Lyon place.

Finally the Mixer family reached what was to be their home - a farm with a big log house owned by a man named Wilcox about 1 1/2 miles north of the village. This farm was later known as the Milton Boise farm as they came to the end of their long hard journey. Mrs. Mixer began singing the hymn "Homeward Bound" - this later became a favorite of Mr. Mixer's. They spent the first night at a neighbor's. Mr. George's across the road on what has since been known as the John Haley farm - the barn still stands bearing the figures "1857" cut in the peak at the front.

During the first winter of the Mixer's stay in Midland, Mrs. Mixer taught school in a district somewhere up beyond the Sugnet school but Mrs. Cook has never been able to locate the section. Of the 10 or 12 pupils who attended this early seat of learning, Mrs. Cook mentions the three McCartneys: Mary, Sim and Belle-Mary being the late Mrs. J.V. Lownsbury.

The next fall ('61) the Mixers met their first disaster. The whole family was down to the Court House (Yes, a part of the present building! the old part was built in 1857 or '58) to a M.E. meeting to hear the new minister, Rev. Mr. Leete preach his first sermon in Midland, he was father of present Bishop Leete. During the meeting, Mrs. George saw smoke coming from the new home, and ran all the way to the Court House to notify the Mixers - when she arrived she was so out of breath she could only whisper "Your house is on fire." A few of the men left with Mr. Mixer - soon others began to leave as

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We all need to compliment our Program Chair, Bev Keicher, for the excellent programs we have had this year. Jean Tshiggfrey was the speaker at the February meeting on the subject of German research. Although I could not be there, I heard many good comments about her depth of knowledge on the subject and her suggestions for further research. Our March program, a joint meeting with the Midland County Historical Society covered a very interesting subject "The Care and Preservation of Family Photographs" with Doug Elbinger, a professional photographer with a national reputation. I hope you will heed his suggestions to copy your important family photos and store them correctly in a safe place.

The April meeting will offer Dick Doherty, an outstanding authority in the field of Irish Research. If you have Irish ancestors you will not want to miss the meeting, which will again be held at Carpenter Street School. Also at the April meeting our nominating committee, which has been hard at work, will present a slate of nominees for the several offices of our society for the ensuing year. We have a great deal of talent among our members, and we should all be willing to share these talents for the advancement of our society.

Some of us are preparing for the trip to Salt Lake City in early May. This trip offers the opportunity to spend a week in intense research. This will be my sixth or seventh trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and each time I have been able to come away with reams of information. I have always felt that one week in SLC was equivalent to a year or more of correspondence and research from my home. If you are not included in this trip, you might wish to consider it another year..

In the meantime we will look for you at our April meeting!

Ralph Hillman

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### **SALT LAKE TRIP - EXTRA TICKET**

Jo Brines has an extra airline ticket for the trip to Salt Lake City on May 5-12. If you are interested, please call her at 832-8312.

## Mrs. Cook Recalls (Continued from P. 1)

they heard the news. The minister, remembering he had been warned that Midland was a wild, rough settlement, feared some unpleasant disturbance. But when he learned the cause of the scattered leave-takings, he dismissed the meeting, and all-including the women - went to the fire. Too late however - nothing was saved except the clothes the Mixers had on - and one chair they had taken down to use in good Templar Lodge! All lost - after the summer's hard work to get the crops in - potatoes all stored - a barrel of flour just bought in the village the day previous.

After the fire Mr. Mixer built a plain board house - it was a home for his family and here they received all their friends from the village. One incident Mrs. Cook recalls vividly and with much pleasure. She says Mr. G. Will Ball's grandmother lived with her son in the tavern down in the village and as the Mixer girls dropped in occasionally, Addie (Mrs. Cook) always delighted in visiting the grandmother's room. Here she sat in her easy chair, rocking and knitting, and she loved to visit with the girls. She wished to spend a day with the Mixers, but never went out much, being afraid to ride in any sort of vehicle, One day Mr. Mixer met the girls after school and it was a pleasant day for Addie. She had a little friend who was not strong but occasionally rode to school with her - and this same day she was invited like grandma Ball. With the big wagon drawn up in front of the hotel - grandma's rocker was out on the back and then grandma herself in it! What a good trip they had. Mrs. Ball talked of the horses and how big they were, strong enough to carry her - and of Mr. Mixer's capable driving!

In those days many ladies of the village bought butter of Mrs. Mixer at 60 cents a pound - civil war prices. The stores only kept "firkin butter" - so called because it was packed in little wooden tubs (these consequently gave it a vigorous taste!)

All this time Mr. Mixer was teaming bringing goods from Saginaw to supply the camps in the woods and the stores in the little village. One memorable trip in 1862 he brought three kerosene lamps and these were the first of such articles to be(?) in Midland unless possibly the Ball's had some.

The Mixers bought a lot down in the village on Larkin street in the summer of '65 - it still stands and is now owned by Edward Pomranky, Mrs. Cook remembers many incidents of those days when the Mixes came to the village to live. She says

the big John Larkin house was already built on E. Main street, the site of the present Thompson-Winkler store, - because she and her sister often stayed all night there. She recalls that the Larkin mill was also built before '65 as she was going to school and became frightened when a man got killed in the mill. She remembers the Larkin store with postoffice where the present Larkin block now stands. There were two dreadful years of the cholera mentioned recently, in Mr. Johnson's article. A Dr. Whitehouse was here at that time and had a drug store down where the Orr Bean and Grain office new stands. Mrs. Cook recalls that she sold him muskrat skins and old bottles. Dr. Whitehouse lost his wife and four children with cholera. (To be continued in the next issue.)

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**EARLY HISTORY OF MIDLAND**

Midland Sun, Feb. 1, 1912 - A Story Read at the Monday Club. by Mrs. E.H. Lyon. -- In the year 1852 when my father, Charles S. Blodgett, came with his family from Brownhelm, Lorraine county, Ohio, and built a home in Midland county there were five or six other log houses in or near what is now Midland city but which was then known as "The Forks," so called by the Indians to designate this certain point where the one river flows into the other. The "Oxbow" was also named by them, it being a favorite camping ground for them.

The only church service in this county at that time was held in an Indian mission house on the southside of the river about opposite the Dow Chemical plant. This service was in charge of a Rev. Bradley of South Saginaw, then called Salina. My father with his family attended these services and we were welcomed by Pastor and Indians. I have a hymn book in my possession with the hymns printed in English on one page and in the language of the Chippewa Indians on the opposite page. This book was used at these meetings and was presented to my father by P.O. Johnson, a missionary whom he was instrumental in having sent here by the Detroit conference, in 1855. Mr. Johnson travelled from Isabella county to Saginaw holding services for the Indians and, where a home was open to him, a service for the few families that could be reached. I think I am right in saying that the first church service held in the county was in my father's home. Father also organized Sunday schools, taking charge of the service in the absence of a pastor or missionary.

Settlers were coming in rapidly at this time and in 1857 Midland circuit was organized at the Detroit annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held at Port Huron and Rufus H. Crane was appointed Pastor or Circuit Rider. The charges in his circuit were Midland, Bluffs, Cronks, Shields and Kings in Saginaw county. He lived in my father's home during his work here and they worked zealously together for the upbuilding of the church and good citizenship. Many times the meetings were disturbed and broken up by a class of men who were not in sympathy with Christian civilization and it was necessary to have a guard outside to warn and protect them from violence. Although entirely blind, Rufus Crane is still living in Saginaw.

Samuel Clement, presiding elder of Flint, held the first quarterly conference in September 1857. The court house was built that year and the services were held in the court room until the building of their church, the frame of which was built and enclosed in 1866. It was completed and dedicated Oct. 29, 1869, by John Reed, editor of the N.W. Christian Advocate, under the pastorate of John Hamilton.

The Indians were not hostile in 1852, in fact they were more friendly that was, at times, either pleasant or convenient, opening the door and slipping into out living room, seating themselves by the fireplace with a friendly "Ba Shoo," it might be one, two, or six in number, without so much as a "by your permission."

They were irrepressible beggars and were sure to ask for flour or pork or such and, when they received it, go away smiling or perhaps frowning as if they would have liked more but they were never quarrelsome if treated kindly. I cannot say however that they were welcome visitors as we always had a certain fear and distrust of them and were glad when they had disappeared.

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**COMING MEETINGS**

APRIL 21 - Dick Doherty will speak on Irish research at 7:30 at Carpenter School Library.

MAY 19 - First Families of Midland Awards II at G.A. Dow Library Auditorium, 7:30.

SEPTEMBER 15 - At Carpenter Street School. Topic to be announced.

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## LIVED 69 YEARS IN THIS COUNTY

Midland Republican, Feb. 14, 1918 - Sixty-nine years ago a lad of 13 years came to "The Forks", the place where the Tittabawassee and Chippewa rivers meet. This lad was Billy Vance. There was no town here then, but William Vance anchored himself here and has remained here all these years and seen the growth of the place, the development of farms, churches, schools, etc., having himself reached the advanced age of 82 years when death called him at 7:40 P.M. Thursday evening, Feb. 7, he being at the home of his daughter Mrs. F.H. Cunningham, where he had been cared for during some weeks of illness.

William Vance was born in Rochester, New York, Jan 22, 1836. When he was ten years old his family came to Saginaw and about three years later William arrived here when there were but two or three white families in the county. One of these families was that of John Wyman, the first white settler, and in 1855, march 21st, William was married to Lucy Wyman, a daughter of John Wyman. She died June 21 1905. Their children were: Charles H., John B., Emma L. (Mrs. Thomas Beamish of North Bradley), Lillie M. (Mrs. Ben Hammond, deceased), Margaret E. (Mrs. Cunningham). He leaves also 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Russell Beamish, a grandchild is "overseas" in the great war.

The funeral was held Saturday after noon at the Baptist parsonage, conducted by Rev. H.E. Simms, assisted by Rev. Mr. Phillips, the Methodist pastor at Smith Crossing and Crane.

This statement was made at the funeral. For the last five weeks Mr. Vance has been gradually growing more feeble. He suffered only when moved in bed. On his birthday, the 22nd of January he said, "I have lived 82 years, a good long life, and I don't want to live any longer." His peace was made with God and those at his bedside said, "Surely God's hand is in such a beautiful closing of a busy life. Truly God giveth His beloved sleep." Those he left can not mourn as those that have no hope.

At the same hour the funeral rites of his last sister, Mrs. Robert M. McLain, were held at Saginaw. They being the last two of their generation, neither knowing of the others death.

In a little book found among his possessions, Mr. Vance had written that he came to do chores on the Fitzhugh farm, now owned by Herbert Sias, and that without doubt John Wyman's was the first white family to settle here, Feb. 1837, that Charles Cronkright came soon after, that the oldest

building in the county was a barn built in 1837 by Rile Cunningham and standing when he wrote on the Herb Sias farm. Lumbering had not begun. The first of importance was done by Timothy Jerome and Ripley, whose camp was near the site of Judge Hart's house. Mr. Vance and John McLain in '51 or '52 cut the pine on the present site of Midland. John McLain's wife was Ann Wyman, the first white child born in the county.

### **CARD OF THANKS**

We tender our sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sympathized with us and helped us in many ways during the illness and death and burial of our beloved father, William Vance.

Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Cunningham.

John Vance and family.

Thomas Beamish and family.

Charles Vance and sons.

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An article from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine. August 1989, by Martha Parkhurst.

## THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER

Stored in the vast five-story building are the records of men like Douglas MacArthur and Omar Bradley, Jimmy Carter and the Kennedys, George Bush, Reagan, and Lee Harvey Oswald. The great, the near great, the infamous, and the average Johnnie Q. Veteran.

"We've got them all," said Paul Gray, assistant director of the center's military section.

But they don't have Vice President Dan Quayle's. He was in the Indiana National Guard, so his records most likely would be filed in his home state.

Of course, the files on 8,000 notables like Presidents, actors, famous generals, baseball players and so forth are kept in a special VIP vault off limits to all but a few employees. Their records are kept their too.

Privacy laws require the signature of the veteran, next of kin or authorized representative before information or records can be released.

## THE FIRE OF 1973.

The center had six floors until July 12, 1973. That was when perhaps 18 million records stored on the sixth floor were destroyed in a fire that took 4 1/2 days and 26 fire departments using five miles of hose to extinguish.

Later, such records as could be salvaged were placed on the center's grounds in tents in hopes that they would dry out, but it rained for several days afterwards, Then approximately 5 million were restored by using a freeze-dry process at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corp., in St. Louis. A chamber that had been employed to simulated the pressure and temperature of the Mercury and Gemini space missions was utilized by the company. Some were dried at a NASA facility in Ohio.

Destroyed were 80% of the Army personnel records from 1912 to 1959 and 75% of the Air Force records from 1947 to 1963 of persons with surnames from Hubbard through ones beginning with 'Z'.

Establishment of a computer index for all recovered and reconstructed records was an important part of the restoration effort. Dried and ready to be refiled, the records were punched into a 'B' registry system and then sorted in a special temperature-controlled area set up to protect the damaged records.

Alternate sources were important in reconstructing records. Important ones are VA claims files, individual state files, Selective Service classification records, Government Accounting Office pay records, military hospital records, organization records and x-rays.

In a center factsheet, it is explained that when a record is not in its file at present, and it would have been in the area that suffered the most damage in the 1973 fire, employees cannot determine for certain whether it was burned.

Reason is that there were no indexes to the blocks of records involved. They were filed merely in alphabetical order within each major block: World War I, Nov. 1, 1912 to Sept. 7, 1939; World War II, Sept. 9, 1939, to Dec. 31, 1946, and post WWII, Jan 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1959 for the Army and Sept. 25, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1963 for the Air Force.

If veterans who ask about their records are told they probably were lost in the fire, they may send to the center any documents they may have, especially separation records, and these will be added to the computerized index and filed for permanent retention.

At the May conference of Department Senior Vice Commanders and Adjutants/Quartermasters, Gray explained that the center can often reconstruct a veteran's records sufficiently to issue NA Form 13038, considered equivalent to the DD Form 214 separation report to establish eligibility for veterans' benefits.

Again, using alternate sources is the solution. If veterans do not have their service data, the VA, for instance has records of veterans whose material was destroyed by the 1973 fire if they filed a claim before July 1973. Then there are morning reports, sick call lists, payrolls, and military orders at the center.

State adjutants general offices also have much information, as do state veterans' service offices.

Center employees can reconstruct a veteran's beginning and ending dates of active duty, character of the service, time lost while on active duty and periods of hospitalization.

To get the investigation started, the information usually needed is the veteran's full name used during service, branch of service, approximate dates, service number, place of discharge, last unit assigned to, and place of entry into the service.

One thing for the veteran to remember, however, is that the Army and Air Force changed from serial numbers to Social Security numbers on July, 1969 while the Navy and Marine Corps followed on Jan. 1, 1972 and the Coast Guard on Oct. 1, 1974.

Records of past National guard service are not kept at the center, but they are maintained in the appropriate state adjutant general's department.

Your Department service officer should be able to assist you in obtaining the Standard Form 180, from which the NA Form 13038 can be prepared. He can also assist in filling it out.

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### QUERY

Mrs. Judith A. Ancell, 1810 Edgecliff Terrace, Boise, ID 83702, is seeking information on the families of CORNELL, SEARIGHT, GREENMAN, HARVEY, AND DAVIDSON. They lived in Midland, Ingham, Lapeer and Sanilac counties. Edna Searight died in Coleman 20 Dec 1906 and William Searight died in Coleman in 1924. Edna was married to Frank Cornell. William was married to Elsa Harvey.

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### HOMER TOWNSHIP, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

Proceedings of Township Board Meetings - Primary Election. Meeting held on the 13th day of Sept. A.D. 1932.

Election Board called to order by John Smith. Supervisor.

Motion made and supported that Alex Lavier act as gatekeeper- carried.

- Herbert Larsen - gatekeeper
- Ben Phillips - inspector
- John Smith - inspector
- Charles Mudd - inspector
- John Naugle - Clerk
- John Glasgow - Clerk

Officers sworn in by Charles Mudd. Motion made and supported that Ballot boxes be opened and contents destroyed. - Carried.

Polls declared open, proceed to vote.

Polls declared closed for one hour, for dinner.

Polls declared open at one O'clock and proceed to vote.

Polls declared closed at six O'clock for supper. Election board called to order at six thirty and proceeded to count ballots.

About seven O'clock Charles Mudd died at the table while sorting out ballots. Tom Sirrine took his place as inspector.

- Alex Lavier - gatekeeper - \$4.00
- Herbert Larsen - gatekeeper - \$4.00
- Ben Phillips - inspector - \$7.20
- John Smith - inspector - \$7.20

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** With the new hotel and conference center now nearing completion at the corner of Main and Gordon streets in Midland, I thought it interesting to find the following article about the start of the former Post Office building at that site.

**WORK STARTS ON NEW POST OFFICE**

Midland Sun. May 22, 1924 - William Cook, superintendent of Construction for contractor A. Landberg, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived in Midland last Friday from Georgia to start work on Midland's new Post Office.

Mr. Cook did not lose any time in getting busy. He hired a local man(?), contracted steel wheelbarrows, lumber and other necessary equipment and ground

was broken last Monday for the foundation of the new federal building at the corner of Main and Gordon streets. It is expected that the basement will be completed in about two weeks. Building materials have been arriving for the past several days and this will soon be moved(?) from the depot to the building site.

Mr. Cook motored through from Georgia with his family having just completed a post office job in that state.

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**LARGE VOLUME OF MAIL HANDLED**

Midland Sun. May 24, 1924 - Postmaster Thompson states that May 20, 21 and 22 were red letter days in the history of the local post office in the volumes of first class mail dispatched. The total number of pieces handled was over 15,000. On May 21, a total of 8,910 were dispatched. This represented the largest volume of first class mail ever dispatched in a single day from the local post office.

This unprecedented heavy consignment of mail through the local office is due to the fact that local concerns are going after business despite the fact that this is a presidential election year and the wail of a few calamity howlers. It shows that Midland still possesses a few optimists.

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**MOTHER OF SEVEN SMALL CHILDREN PASSES AWAY**

Midland Sun. May 22, 1924 - Mrs. Bessie Smith, wife of James Smith of Homer Township, died yesterday at Mercy hospital at Bay City. Deceased was born in this county January 20, 1886 and was 38 years of age.

The funeral was held Tuesday from the Nazarene church, Rev. Charles Hare officiating, and interment made in Midland cemetery.

Besides the husband, James Smith, she is survived by seven small children, the youngest being only three weeks old; her mother Mrs. Jacob Tripp; and three brothers, Benjamin of this city, William and Russell of Lansing.

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**FIRST TO GO OVER - FIRST WOUNDED**

Midland Republican December 27, 1917 - Sergt. Howard Stark wounded while in service in France with Engineering Corps. "Already three weeks in the hospital from a shrapnel wound, but expects to be out in another three weeks, as good as ever." That is part of the letter received from Cleveland by Mrs. Julius Stark of this city on Christmas Day. giving her the first intimation she had that her son, Sergt. Howard Stark, had been injured.

The letter came from a young lady friend of Howard's and who also has a brother in the 16th U.S. Engineers with Howard. "We may be thankful that Howard was not terribly mutilated like the young fellow who was along side of him" the letter continues, though no other detail of the injury is given, as she supposed that Mrs. Stark knew all about the accident.

The 16th U.S. Engineers has been delegated for service with the French troops, and Sergt. Stark, who is a member of that corps, was the first Midland county boy to reach France and engage in active duty at the front.

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**AN OLD PIONEER - SAM'L D. GASKILL**

Midland Republican August 27, 1909 - Samuel D. Gaskill, who will be 83 years old September 30, and Mrs. Gaskill, who was 82 April 23rd last, drove out to the Ingersoll picnic Wednesday, and appeared quite vigorous, and good for many years yet.

Mr. Gaskill was Midland county's judge of probate twelve years from 1856 to 1868, but Ingersoll has been his home for fifty four years so that he has seen about all the development of the township and county.

He says he has voted at every election since he was 21, and he proposes to continue doing so as long as he can be carried to the polling place. He voted for Fremont in 1856, and had voted for Republican presidential electors every fourth year since, so that his man has been chosen every time with the two exceptions when Grover Cleveland was successful.

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**MIDLAND COUNTY DEEDS**

The Midland Genealogical Society has been given a box of several hundred ORIGINAL legal papers, mostly deeds, but also a few wills or mortgages. The deeds are to land transactions in the

county or by county residents. The time period covered is from 1857 to the 1930's. A number are completely handwritten and some are original land grants. Many of the papers are of more than passing interest. Here and in future newsletters we will summarize some of them.

The first six mentioned below are all that we have from the 1850's.

1) Warrant Deed - Amasa Rust and Marrietta Rust to Joseph A. Robinson. recorded in Deed Book A, pp. 369-370. June 22, 1857. \$100 for 80 acres of land. South 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 12 Township 16 North of Range 1 West.

2) Mortgage - A. Warner Thompson and Martha his wife to Myron(?) P. Pollack. Recorded in Mortgage book A pp. 128-130 Jan. 16, 1858. \$650 for 8 acres of land "commencing on the Tittabawassee river at the lower end of the recorded plat of Midland City". (Next follows a long survey of the parcel.) (Signed by Solon Rumrill as Reg. of deeds & H.O. Ashmun.)

3) Mortgage - Charles Simmons to William B. Fowler. Recorded in book A of Mortgages pp. 174-175 May 1, 1858. \$200 and interest for 114 acres. East frac. of SE frac. 1/4 of sec. 34 in Town 15 north of Range 1 East.

4) Quit Claim Deed - Charles Simmons to William B. Fowler. \$300 for 114 acres. Recorded in Book B of deeds p. 165 Dec. 27, 1858. East frac. of SE frac. 1/4 of sec. 34 Twp. 15 north of range 1 East. (Signed by Solon Rumrill as Reg. of deeds & John Larkin as J.P.)

5) Deed - State of Michigan to William D. Fitzhugh of Mt. Morris NY. Recorded in Deed book B pp. 390-391 Sep. 17, 1859. \$20.36 for 6 parcels of land totaling 304 acres in Township 16 north Range 1 west. (Signed by Whitney Jones, auditor general, State of Michigan.)

6) Warranty Deed - Lysander S. Will of Ionia to Geo. W. Pratt of New York City. No record notation. \$575 for 80 acres of land in Isabella Co. SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of sec no. 20 Town 14 north of Range 5 west and the SW 1/4 of sec. no. 25 Town 14 north of Range 5 west.

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**OCEAN LINER TITANIC SINKS; 1334 LOST**

Midland Republican April 18. 1912 - Only 866 persons of the 2,200 on board escape from the world's greatest of marine disasters. (There is much more coverage of the disaster following and also in the Republican of April. 25. Let the editor know if you would like to read more in a future issue)

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**New Genealogical Books at G.A. Dow Library.**

929.1 "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy", by W.W. Hinshaw, reprinted 1991. Vol. 1, North Carolina, Vol. 2, Pennsylvania & New Jersey, Vol. 3, New York.

929.3744 1890 Mass. Veterans Census Index.

929.3752 1890 Maryland Veterans Census Index.

929.3755 1890 Virginia Veterans Census Index.

929.3776 1890 Minnesota Veterans Census Index.

929.3778 1890 Missouri Veterans Census Index.

The above census books are shelved with other census books.

929.1 "Genealogies Cataloged by the Library of Congress since 1986", Printed 1992.

929.3415 "The Book of Irish Families Great & Small," By Irish Genealogical Foundation, 1992.

RM 977.4 "Pioneering Michigan," by Eric Freedman, 1992.

362.8298 "Search - A Handbook for Adoptees and Birthparents", 2nd Ed. by Jayne Askins & Molly Davis, 1992.

"We Remember Carroll - A Tribute to Carroll Frances McKay Seward - 1913-1991", Donated by George C. Seward, Scarsdale, N.Y.

929.1 "Genealogy is More Than Charts", by L.D. Smith.

917.49 "Geographic Dictionary of New Jersey", by H. Gannett.

929.3 "Palatine Families of Ireland", by Henry Z. Jones, Jr.

912.415 "New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland", by Brian Mitchell.

977.442 "1870 Federal Population Census of Lapeer County", by Lapeer County Genealogical Soc.

929.3755 "Virginia Vital Records from Virginia Magazine of History and Biography."

929.3973 "British Alien in the United States during the War of 1812", Compiled by Kenneth Scott.

929.3973 "State Census Records", Ann Slainhart.

973.0496 "Black History. A guide to Civilian Records in the National Archives", compiled by D. Newman.

929.3772 "Index to Indiana Sources Books", The Family History Section, Indiana Historical Soc., 1983.

929.3772 "Indiana Source Book I", "Indiana Source Book II", "Indiana Source Book III".

917.6 "Geographical Dictionary of Connecticut and Rhode Island. by H. Gannett.

917.44 "Geographical Dictionary of Massachusetts", by H. Gannett.

975.4 "A Gazeteer of Virginia and West Virginia", by H. Gannett.

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**FOR SALE**

At the April meeting we will have genealogical forms, charts and books for sale. The forms include ancestor, family group, census for all the years 1790-1910, census history, log sheets, data worksheets, etc. The charts include large sized 5, 8, 10, 12, and 15 generation charts. The books for sale will be: Midland county census records book, Midland county Naturalizations booklet, and the Genealogical Handy Book (\$24). The "Handy Book" is considered an "essential" by many genealogists.

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**DUCK LAY VISITS MIDLAND**

Midland Republican Aug. 12, 1920 - Duck Lay, a former resident of Midland but now living in Chicago, was last week greeting old Midland friends, of which he has a host. Duck while conducting a laundry here was at first the jest, but later the friend of the younger male set of that day. Many were the milder pranks played upon this apparently gullible Chinaman, but Duck took these matters philosophically, and his extreme good nature soon won him the respect of his mild persecutors. Duck's earlier acquirement of the English language included some of the cuss words, and their attempted use were a sure sign of bursts of laughter from his hearers. Duck says he has cut out the swear words. Like a child, he in those days knew not their meaning.



## OBITUARIES FROM THE MIDLAND SUN 1890 THROUGH 1920

| Last Name  | First Name      | Birth | Mon/D  | Death | Mon/D  | Paper | Year | Mo/Day/Pg | Comments              |
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| McGraw     | Annie           |       |        | 1907  | Jul/08 | Sun   | 1907 | 07/12/04  |                       |
| McGraw     | Dorothy         | 1910  |        | 1911  | Sep/26 | Sun   | 1911 | 09/28/01  | D. in Homer Twp       |
| McGraw     | Louie           |       |        | 1915  |        | Sun   | 1915 | 11/18/03  |                       |
| McGraw     | Thomas          |       |        | 1916  | Aug/11 | Sun   | 1916 | 08/17/01  |                       |
| McGreath   | Ransford        | 1881  | Dec/02 | 1902  | Jul/17 | Sun   | 1902 | 07/25/08  | Bur in Hope           |
| McGregor   | Annie           |       |        | 1910  |        | Sun   | 1910 | 09/30/08  | D. in Freeland        |
| McGregor   | Jane            |       |        | 1892  | Jan/13 | Sun   | 1892 | 01/14/04  |                       |
| McGregor   | John S          | 1830  | Feb/01 | 1913  | Jan/16 | Sun   | 1913 | 01/23/01  |                       |
| McGregor   | Mr              |       |        | 1907  | Apr/20 | Sun   | 1907 | 04/26/04  | D. in Averill         |
| McGregor   | Phillip         |       |        | 1906  |        | Sun   | 1906 | 07/27/01  | Age 7 yrs kd by horse |
| McHenry    | Joseph          | 1885  | Nov/02 | 1908  |        | Sun   | 1908 | 09/04/01  | Bur Bluffton OH       |
| McHenry    | Minnie          |       |        | 1902  | Dec/06 | Sun   | 1902 | 12/12/01  | Bur N Bradley         |
| McHenry    | Mrs Lewis       |       |        | 1911  | Oct/10 | Sun   | 1911 | 10/12/01  | Bro: Wm Braley        |
| McIntosh   | Mrs Anny        |       |        | 1894  | Feb/08 | Sun   | 1894 | 02/16/01  | Bur in Crosswell      |
| McIntosh   | Thomas N        |       |        | 1896  | Mar/20 | Sun   | 1896 | 04/03/05  | Father of India       |
| McIntyre   | Helen           |       |        | 1898  |        | Sun   | 1898 | 08/26/05  | Sis Mrs A Haskell     |
| McKay      | Donald          | 1876  | Jun/28 | 1912  | Jan/02 | Sun   | 1912 | 01/11/01  | D. in Detroit         |
| McKay      | Donald A        |       |        | 1912  |        | Sun   | 1912 | 01/04/01  | Bro: Neil C           |
| McKay      | John            |       |        | 1907  | Jun/29 | Sun   | 1907 | 07/05/04  | Long obit             |
| McKay      | Julia Ann       | 1850  | Apr/11 | 1905  | Jun/11 | Sun   | 1905 | 06/16/04  |                       |
| McKay      | Ruth Rea        | 1895  | Oct/20 | 1914  | Oct/16 | Sun   | 1914 | 10/22/01  |                       |
| McKeith    | James           | 1836  | Aug/22 | 1909  | Mar/29 | Sun   | 1909 | 04/09/01  | D. in Bay City        |
| McKeith    | James Sr        |       |        | 1919  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 06/26/01  |                       |
| McKenzie   | (child)         |       |        | 1898  |        | Sun   | 1898 | 11/11/08  | Dau of Aaron          |
| McKinley   | H A             |       |        | 1899  | Jul/11 | Sun   | 1899 | 07/21/05  | Wagon accident        |
| McKinnis   | Patrick         | 1855  |        | 1916  | May/19 | Sun   | 1916 | 05/25/01  | D. in buggy acciden   |
| McKinnon   | D. A            |       |        | 1901  |        | Sun   | 1901 | 02/22/08  | Res: Mt Haley         |
| McKinnon   | Dan             |       |        | 1907  | Feb/01 | Sun   | 1907 | 02/08/01  |                       |
| McKinnon   | George          |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 06/09/08  | Age 28 yrs            |
| McKisic    | Al              | 1853  | Dec/25 | 1916  | May/15 | Sun   | 1916 | 05/18/01  |                       |
| McKisic    | Madge Mathews   |       |        | 1906  |        | Sun   | 1906 | 10/19/01  | Long obit             |
| McLaren    | William         |       |        | 1913  |        | Sun   | 1913 | 12/04/01  | D. Winnipeg Man       |
| McLaren    | William         |       |        | 1913  |        | Sun   | 1913 | 11/27/01  | Father: Malcolm       |
| McLaughlin | Angeline        |       |        | 1917  | Sep/14 | Sun   | 1917 | 09/20/06  |                       |
| McLaughlin | Johanna         | 1884  | May/14 | 1907  | May/08 | Sun   | 1907 | 05/17/04  |                       |
| McLaughlin | Mrs Andy        |       |        | 1907  |        | Sun   | 1907 | 05/10/05  | D. in Bullock Creek   |
| McLead     | Mrs W M         |       |        | 1910  | Oct/25 | Sun   | 1910 | 10/28/01  |                       |
| McLean     | Catherine       |       |        | 1918  | Jan/07 | Sun   | 1918 | 02/14/01  | Sis of Wm Vance       |
| McLean     | Cora            |       |        | 1910  | Sep/13 | Sun   | 1910 | 09/16/01  |                       |
| McLean     | Daniel          |       |        | 1911  | Apr/03 | Sun   | 1911 | 04/07/01  |                       |
| McLean     | John            | 1830  | Dec/03 | 1908  | Oct/26 | Sun   | 1908 | 10/30/01  | Wife: Anna Vance      |
| McLean     | Leslie          |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 08/22/05  |                       |
| McLean     | Leslie          |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 02/20/01  | Lstd alive Wash DC    |
| McLean     | Leslie          |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 12/26/01  | (really dead)         |
| McLean     | Leslie          |       |        | 1919  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 01/23/01  | (now listed alive)    |
| McLean     | Leslie C        |       |        | 1918  | Jul/20 | Sun   | 1918 | 08/08/01  | Killed in action      |
| McLean     | Lester          |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 10/31/01  | Found alive           |
| McLean     | Mrs Charles     |       |        | 1910  |        | Sun   | 1910 | 02/25/01  | Mot/o Mrs C Almy      |
| McLean     | William         | 1862  | Mar/17 | 1917  |        | Sun   | 1917 | 05/17/01  |                       |
| McLean     | Wilma           |       |        | 1913  | Dec/13 | Sun   | 1913 | 12/18/01  | Father: William       |
| McLeese    | Sarah Catherine | 1844  | Aug/02 | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 05/14/01  | Nee: Cochrane         |
| McLeod     | Della           |       |        | 1891  | Apr/18 | Sun   | 1891 | 04/30/04  | Dau Chas Mountain     |
| McMahon    | (female)        |       |        | 1898  |        | Sun   | 1898 | 02/04/08  | Sis/of Simon          |
| McMillan   | A R             | 1832  | Sep/30 | 1917  | Jan/22 | Sun   | 1917 | 01/25/01  |                       |
| McMillan   | Thomas          |       |        | 1919  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 09/11/01  | Fathr: Hugh           |
| McMullen   | (child)         |       |        | 1900  |        | Sun   | 1900 | 10/05/08  | Grandson of Wm        |
| McMullen   | (infant)        |       |        | 1910  |        | Sun   | 1910 | 09/16/05  | Son/o George          |
| McMullen   | (infant)        |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 03/17/08  | Son of Jack           |
| McMullen   | Alex            |       |        | 1911  | May/24 | Sun   | 1911 | 05/25/06  |                       |
| McMullen   | Dr              |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 04/11/08  |                       |
| McMullen   | G W             |       |        | 1896  | Mar/10 | Sun   | 1896 | 03/13/04  |                       |
| McMullen   | George          |       |        | 1896  | Mar/10 | Sun   | 1896 | 03/20/08  | Art. in Sanford col   |
| McMullen   | George          |       |        | 1896  | Mar/10 | Sun   | 1896 | 03/13/05  | Long obituary         |
| McMullen   | Harriett        |       |        | 1907  | Nov/14 | Sun   | 1907 | 11/22/08  | D. in Imlay City      |
| McMullen   | James           | 1845  | 1907   | 1907  | Nov/22 | Sun   | 1907 | 11/29/01  | Bur Sanford           |
| McMullen   | Margaret        |       |        | 1908  |        | Sun   | 1908 | 04/17/08  | Father: George        |
| McMullen   | Mrs A           |       |        | 1899  | Jan/16 | Sun   | 1899 | 01/20/08  | D. in Averill         |
| McMullen   | Mrs B H         |       |        | 1916  |        | Sun   | 1916 | 02/10/03  | Sis: Mrs C V High     |
| McMullen   | William         |       |        | 1896  | Mar/?? | Sun   | 1896 | 03/14/04  | Age 87 yrs            |
| McNair     | Hugh            | 1838  |        | 1908  | Oct/21 | Sun   | 1908 | 10/30/01  | Wife: F Shannon       |
| McNally    | Mrs Wallace     |       |        | 1919  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 04/10/07  |                       |
| McNally    | Thomas          |       |        | 1920  |        | Sun   | 1920 | 12/16/07  |                       |
| McNamara   | Dornia L        |       |        | 1902  | Mar/02 | Sun   | 1902 | 03/07/08  | Age 21 years          |
| McNeal     | Samuel          |       |        | 1909  | Sep/21 | Sun   | 1909 | 09/24/08  | D. in Farwell         |
| McNeil     | Charles         | 1869  | May/15 | 1911  | Feb/28 | Sun   | 1911 | 03/10/01  |                       |
| McNett     | Marietta        | 1889  | May/13 | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 09/24/01  | Nee: Courier          |
| McNett     | Will            |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 09/26/06  | Killed in action      |
| McPherson  | Mrs             |       |        | 1915  |        | Sun   | 1915 | 04/01/01  | Mot/o Mrs P Michae    |
| McPhillips | Ellen           |       |        | 1912  | Oct/27 | Sun   | 1912 | 10/31/01  | Father: Patrick       |
| McQuire    | Mrs             |       |        | 1919  | Jul/12 | Sun   | 1919 | 07/17/01  | Dau: Mrs J Ransier    |
| McRae      | Duncan          |       |        | 1901  |        | Sun   | 1901 | 11/08/05  | Died in Coleman       |
| McReavy    | William         |       |        | 1894  | May/?? | Sun   | 1894 | 05/04/01  | Died in fire          |

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| Mead       | (infant)        | 1901  |        | 1901  | Apr/30 | Sun   | 1901 | 05/10/08  | Par: Wallace/Hanna  |
| Meagher    | Henry           |       |        | 1902  |        | Sun   | 1902 | 09/12/05  | Died at Bay City    |
| Meisner    | Caroline        |       |        | 1920  | Aug/08 | Sun   | 1920 | 08/12/01  |                     |
| Melchi     | (child)         |       |        | 1915  |        | Sun   | 1915 | 09/30/05  | Age 2               |
| Mellman    | Chriatian       |       |        | 1894  | Oct/?? | Sun   | 1895 | 03/29/05  | Lost in woods Oct   |
| Menery     | Mr              |       |        | 1919  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 05/08/06  | Fr/o Fred           |
| Menery     | Mrs             |       |        | 1903  |        | Sun   | 1903 | 03/06/08  | Mot: D B            |
| Merrell    | Elmira          | 1911  |        | 1911  | Nov/06 | Sun   | 1911 | 11/09/01  | Father: Otis        |
| Merrifield | Horatio         |       |        | 1911  | Apr/23 | Sun   | 1911 | 04/28/01  |                     |
| Merrill    | Frank           |       |        | 1912  |        | Sun   | 1912 | 11/14/05  | Dau: Mrs Quigley    |
| Merriman   | Barbara         |       |        | 1920  | Nov/13 | Sun   | 1920 | 11/18/01  |                     |
| Merritt    | Jane            |       |        | 1916  |        | Sun   | 1916 | 04/13/05  |                     |
| Merritt    | Leon R          |       |        | 1918  | Dec/28 | Sun   | 1919 | 01/02/01  |                     |
| Merritt    | Walter G        | 1856  | Aug/07 | 1902  |        | Sun   | 1902 | 03/07/08  | Buried in Bay City  |
| Mertz      | Mrs Clyde       |       |        | 1915  |        | Sun   | 1915 | 03/11/05  | Sis/o Mrs H Wood    |
| Methner    | Ferris          |       |        | 1919  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 10/09/08  |                     |
| Metz       | Cornelius       |       |        | 1911  | Jul/10 | Sun   | 1911 | 07/13/01  |                     |
| Metz       | Mary Ellen      |       |        | 1910  | Sep/25 | Sun   | 1910 | 09/30/01  |                     |
| Meyers     | Carrie          |       |        | 1895  |        | Sun   | 1895 | 10/18/05  |                     |
| Meyers     | George Edward   |       |        | 1916  | Sep/07 | Sun   | 1916 | 09/14/01  | Infant son/o George |
| Meyers     | Mrs John        |       |        | 1910  |        | Sun   | 1910 | 06/10/08  | D. in Pleasant Vall |
| Mickley    | George          |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 10/27/05  | Br/o Mrs Grear      |
| Mickley    | George P        | 1834  | Sep/07 | 1899  | Oct/19 | Sun   | 1899 | 10/27/04  | Long obit           |
| Mickley    | James           |       |        | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 11/26/01  |                     |
| Mickley    | Sarah A         |       |        | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 07/30/01  |                     |
| Middleton  | James W         | 1838  |        | 1911  | May/01 | Sun   | 1911 | 05/04/01  |                     |
| Millen     | Evagreen        |       |        | 1892  | Jan/29 | Sun   | 1892 | 02/25/01  | Wife of Chas H      |
| Miller     |                 |       |        | 1920  |        | Sun   | 1920 | 07/22/01  | Nee: Cook           |
| Miller     | Grandma         |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 08/25/08  | Buried in Homer     |
| Miller     | (child)         |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 02/28/03  | Son of Ollan        |
| Miller     | (infant)        |       |        | 1918  | Nov/17 | Sun   | 1918 | 11/21/08  |                     |
| Miller     | (infant)        |       |        | 1901  |        | Sun   | 1901 | 10/04/04  | Son of Lewis        |
| Miller     | (infant)        |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 03/03/08  | Child of Arthur     |
| Miller     | (male)          |       |        | 1897  |        | Sun   | 1897 | 03/05/08  | Son of Robert       |
| Miller     | Amanda          | 1899  | Aug/28 | 1917  |        | Sun   | 1917 | 03/22/01  |                     |
| Miller     | Charles         |       |        | 1920  |        | Sun   | 1920 | 03/18/03  |                     |
| Miller     | Daniel          | 1845  | Sep/07 | 1916  | Jun/22 | Sun   | 1916 | 06/29/01  |                     |
| Miller     | Emma            |       |        | 1892  | Oct/?? | Sun   | 1892 | 10/20/06  | Age 5 yrs dau/ John |
| Miller     | Freda H         | 1908  |        | 1908  | Jun/07 | Sun   | 1908 | 06/12/04  | Father: Louis       |
| Miller     | George          |       |        | 1910  | May/09 | Sun   | 1910 | 05/13/08  |                     |
| Miller     | Jacob           |       |        | 1916  | Mar/20 | Sun   | 1916 | 03/23/01  |                     |
| Miller     | Laura           |       |        | 1919  | Sep/26 | Sun   | 1919 | 10/02/01  |                     |
| Miller     | Martin          |       |        | 1920  | Jun/29 | Sun   | 1920 | 07/01/01  |                     |
| Miller     | Miss            |       |        | 1904  |        | Sun   | 1904 | 05/06/05  |                     |
| Miller     | Mr              |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 07/07/08  | Buried in Homer     |
| Miller     | Mr/Mrs Arthur   |       |        | 1920  |        | Sun   | 1920 | 02/19/03  |                     |
| Miller     | Mrs O H         |       |        | 1911  | Jul/06 | Sun   | 1911 | 07/13/08  | D. at Merrill       |
| Miller     | Rudolph         |       |        | 1917  |        | Sun   | 1917 | 07/12/01  |                     |
| Milligan   | (male)          |       |        | 1898  |        | Sun   | 1898 | 09/16/08  | Son of George       |
| Milligan   | Mrs             |       |        | 1912  |        | Sun   | 1912 | 05/30/02  |                     |
| Milligan   | Roy             |       |        | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 08/06/08  |                     |
| Milliman   | Alice           |       |        | 1909  |        | Sun   | 1909 | 04/02/04  | Father: G Veitch    |
| Milliman   | Mrs William     |       |        | 1909  | Mar/22 | Sun   | 1909 | 03/26/01  |                     |
| Mills      | Alva            | 1888  | Jul/27 | 1908  | Jul/28 | Sun   | 1908 | 07/31/01  | Res: Hope           |
| Mills      | Eliza           | 1838  | Jul/23 | 1907  |        | Sun   | 1907 | 05/24/08  | Long obit           |
| Mills      | Harding         | 1827  | Sep/17 | 1917  | Jan/05 | Sun   | 1917 | 02/08/01  |                     |
| Mills      | Harvey          |       |        | 1901  |        | Sun   | 1901 | 05/17/05  | Res: Ingersoll      |
| Mills      | Lavina E        | 1832  | May/04 | 1904  | Apr/21 | Sun   | 1904 | 04/29/01  | Nee: L E Allen      |
| Mills      | Sarah           | 1827  | Feb/26 | 1905  | Dec/31 | Sun   | 1906 | 01/19/08  |                     |
| Mills      | Sarah A         |       |        | 1898  | Aug/04 | Sun   | 1898 | 08/12/01  | Wife of Wm H        |
| Mills      | Wellington      | 1858  | Dec/20 | 1909  | Dec/25 | Sun   | 1909 | 12/31/01  |                     |
| Mills      | William H       | 1851  | Sep/29 | 1902  |        | Sun   | 1902 | 08/22/01  |                     |
| Mills      | William H       |       |        | 1902  | Aug/20 | Sun   | 1902 | 08/29/08  | Buried in Hope      |
| Milner     | John            |       |        | 1919  | May/08 | Sun   | 1919 | 05/15/03  |                     |
| Milner     | Johnson         |       |        | 1919  | May/09 | Sun   | 1919 | 05/15/01  |                     |
| Milner     | Maude           |       |        | 1892  | Jan/14 | Sun   | 1892 | 01/28/04  |                     |
| Milner     | Mrs John        |       |        | 1906  |        | Sun   | 1906 | 01/12/01  | D. in Canada        |
| Milner     | Richard H       |       |        | 1902  | Feb/06 | Sun   | 1902 | 02/14/04  | D. Smith's Crossing |
| Miner      | Orlin           | 1846  | Oct/22 | 1913  | Jul/19 | Sun   | 1913 | 07/24/01  | Dau: Effie Dingwel  |
| Mitchell   |                 | 1890  |        | 1890  | Sep/?? | Sun   | 1890 | 10/02/04  |                     |
| Mitchell   | Allen T         |       |        | 1918  | Nov/23 | Sun   | 1918 | 11/28/01  |                     |
| Mitchell   | Edward T.       |       |        | 1892  | Dec/?? | Sun   | 1892 | 12/22/06  | D. Sand Beach       |
| Mitchell   | George R.       |       |        | 1892  | Aug/27 | Sun   | 1892 | 09/08/09  | Lived in Coleman    |
| Mitchell   | Maude Eva       | 1868  | Jun/28 | 1911  | Jun/15 | Sun   | 1911 | 06/22/01  | Nee: Robinson       |
| Mitchell   | Mrs William F   |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 10/31/05  |                     |
| Mitchell   | Ozias           | 1845  | Nov/25 | 1913  |        | Sun   | 1913 | 02/20/01  | D. in outhouse      |
| Mitchell   | Ozias           |       |        | 1913  |        | Sun   | 1913 | 02/27/01  |                     |
| Mitchell   | Sylvester Lyman |       |        | 1918  | Dec/05 | Sun   | 1918 | 12/12/05  |                     |
| Mitchner   | Sherp           |       |        | 1904  |        | Sun   | 1904 | 04/08/04  | Bur Clare           |
| Mixer      | Mrs William     |       |        | 1913  |        | Sun   | 1913 | 05/29/04  | Dau: Mrs Wm Cook    |
| Mixer      | Mrs William     |       |        | 1913  | May/22 | Sun   | 1913 | 05/22/01  | Age 90              |
| Mixer      | William         | 1821  | Feb/22 | 1915  | Jul/04 | Sun   | 1915 | 07/08/01  | D. in Leoni MI      |

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| Moe        | B              |       |        | 1907  |        | Sun   | 1907 | 06/21/08  | Bur in Ohio        |
| Moe        | Bertha Henning | 1875  | Jan/13 | 1907  | May/13 | Sun   | 1907 | 05/24/08  | Bur in Ohio        |
| Moe        | Mr             |       |        | 1917  |        | Sun   | 1917 | 01/25/05  | D. in Fostoria Oh  |
| Moe        | Mrs J J        |       |        | 1907  |        | Sun   | 1907 | 05/17/04  | Bur Custer OH      |
| Moe        | Willard        |       |        | 1907  |        | Sun   | 1907 | 09/20/08  | Infant 1/o twins   |
| Moll       | Mrs            |       |        |       |        | Sun   | 1892 | 07/21/05  | Thank you note     |
| Mones      | Mrs Peter      |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 11/10/08  | Leaves 4 girls     |
| Monroe     | (child)        |       |        | 1896  |        | Sun   | 1898 | 01/14/08  | G/father Wm Monroe |
| Monroe     | (infant)       |       |        | 1901  |        | Sun   | 1901 | 09/20/08  | Dau of G W         |
| Monroe     | Hannah         |       |        | 1903  |        | Sun   | 1903 | 11/20/01  | Bur Harrieville    |
| Montgomery | Ida J          |       |        | 1906  | Mar/15 | Sun   | 1906 | 03/23/05  | Sis/o Mrs J Graves |
| Montroy    | Harry          |       |        | 1917  | Jun/09 | Sun   | 1917 | 06/21/05  |                    |
| Moon       | Charles        |       |        | 1908  | Jun/20 | Sun   | 1908 | 07/03/05  | Father: J C        |
| Moon       | Fred           |       |        | 1920  |        | Sun   | 1920 | 12/09/01  |                    |
| Moon       | Harriett       |       |        | 1919  | Aug/21 | Sun   | 1919 | 08/28/01  |                    |
| Moon       | John           |       |        | 1915  |        | Sun   | 1915 | 07/08/08  | Bur Logan UT       |
| Moon       | John S         | 1848  | Mar/30 | 1915  | Jun/27 | Sun   | 1915 | 07/01/01  | D. in Coleman      |
| Moon       | Rolland        |       |        | 1918  | Apr/15 | Sun   | 1918 | 04/18/01  |                    |
| Mooney     | Mr             |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 11/14/06  |                    |
| Mooney     | Mrs Dan        |       |        | 1917  |        | Sun   | 1917 | 08/30/07  |                    |
| Mooney     | Mrs Grover     |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 11/07/06  |                    |
| Mooney     | Nellie         |       |        | 1918  |        | Sun   | 1918 | 10/24/01  |                    |
| Moore      | Catherine E    | 1838  | Aug/19 | 1915  | Apr/10 | Sun   | 1915 | 04/15/01  | Nee:Caroline Ladow |
| Moore      | D. Wesley      | 1840  | Jun/01 | 1912  |        | Sun   | 1912 | 05/09/01  |                    |
| Moore      | George William | 1846  | Jun/02 | 1910  | Jan/24 | Sun   | 1910 | 01/28/01  |                    |
| Moore      | J Henry        |       |        | 1903  |        | Sun   | 1903 | 05/15/08  |                    |
| Moore      | James Henry    | 1903  | Jun/11 | 1919  |        | Sun   | 1919 | 01/09/08  |                    |
| Moore      | John           |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 04/28/08  | Age 36 yrs         |
| Moore      | John H         |       |        | 1903  |        | Sun   | 1903 | 05/15/01  | Killed w/club      |
| Moore      | Marie          |       |        | 1920  | Jun/15 | Sun   | 1920 | 06/17/01  |                    |
| Moore      | Sarah          |       |        | 1904  |        | Sun   | 1904 | 02/05/08  | Dau: Mrs J Currie  |
| Moore      | Wess           |       |        | 1912  |        | Sun   | 1912 | 05/09/05  | Pioneer mail carr  |
| Moran      | Charles        |       |        | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 02/19/05  |                    |
| Moran      | M J            |       |        | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 03/26/01  | Bur Lakefield MI   |
| Morehead   | (child)        |       |        | 1901  |        | Sun   | 1901 | 05/21/08  |                    |
| Morford    | Letha          |       |        | 1916  |        | Sun   | 1916 | 07/13/04  |                    |
| Morgan     | Elizabeth      |       |        | 1916  | Feb/18 | Sun   | 1916 | 02/24/01  | Sis: Mrs J Ervans  |
| Morgan     | W G            |       |        | 1916  |        | Sun   | 1916 | 12/21/05  | D. Owen Sound Ont  |
| Morgan     | William        |       |        | 1900  |        | Sun   | 1900 | 11/09/05  | An old soldier     |
| Morris     | Harry          |       |        | 1920  |        | Sun   | 1920 | 09/30/01  |                    |
| Morris     | Margaret       | 1863  |        | 1913  | Dec/14 | Sun   | 1913 | 12/18/01  |                    |
| Morris     | Mary           |       |        | 1894  | Sep/02 | Sun   | 1894 | 09/06/05  | Age 27 yrs         |
| Morris     | Mr             |       |        | 1917  | Dec/16 | Sun   | 1917 | 12/20/01  |                    |
| Morris     | Mrs Charles    | 1839  | Dec/19 | 1912  | Dec/06 | Sun   | 1912 | 12/12/01  | Nee: Ann Smith     |
| Morrison   | Frances B      | 1865  | Mar/28 | 1902  | Jul/26 | Sun   | 1902 | 08/01/08  | Husband: Dr W T    |
| Morrison   | Joseph         |       |        | 1910  |        | Sun   | 1910 | 08/05/01  |                    |
| Morrison   | Mrs            |       |        | 1903  | Oct/03 | Sun   | 1903 | 10/16/04  | Died in Oban Ont   |
| Morrison   | William        |       |        | 1906  | Jul/13 | Sun   | 1906 | 07/20/01  | D. in Twining      |
| Morrow     | (infant)       |       |        | 1900  |        | Sun   | 1900 | 10/05/05  | Father John        |
| Morse      | Roena          | 1857  | Sep/21 | 1912  |        | Sun   | 1912 | 06/27/01  | Nee: Bowen         |
| Mortzfeldt | Anna           | 1866  |        | 1906  | May/15 | Sun   | 1906 | 05/18/01  |                    |
| Mosher     | E.             |       |        | 1893  | May/?? | Sun   | 1893 | 05/26/05  | Bro Mrs M Anderson |
| Mosher     | Mrs L          |       |        | 1904  |        | Sun   | 1904 | 04/08/04  | Dau: Ms N C Karr   |
| Mosher     | Mrs T.R.       |       |        | 1896  | Jan/?? | Sun   | 1896 | 01/24/05  | Sis/Mrs G Mickley  |
| Mosher     | N L            |       |        | 1916  |        | Sun   | 1916 | 04/27/01  |                    |
| Mosher     | Sarah L        |       |        | 1919  | Apr/13 | Sun   | 1919 | 04/17/01  |                    |
| Moakrat    | J              |       |        | 1899  |        | Sun   | 1899 | 07/14/08  | Age 106 yrs        |
| Mott       | William J F    | 1847  | Oct/31 | 1914  |        | Sun   | 1914 | 11/05/01  |                    |
| Moulton    | Benjamin       |       |        | 1920  | Apr/04 | Sun   | 1920 | 04/08/08  |                    |
| Mountain   | George W       | 1848  | Mar/06 | 1911  | Feb/22 | Sun   | 1911 | 02/24/01  | Bur Lagrange Me    |
| Mountain   | Mrs George     |       |        | 1891  | Mar/?? | Sun   | 1891 | 03/19/04  | Died in Saginaw    |

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Collection of membership dues will begin at the April 21 meeting. Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30; however it really helps the Membership Chairman and the Treasurer to get a head start on the new year by collecting as many membership dues in the spring as possible.

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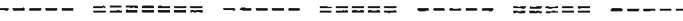
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