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Businesses and Businessmen Midland, May 5, 1904 (To be concluded in the next issue.)

ANDERSON BROTHERS *Pioneer Druggists*

This old and reliable drug firm has been in business in Midland about thirty-seven years, and all the time on the same ground site. They erected the brick building they at present occupy about twenty years ago. In 1897 the firm was incorporated.

They carry a full line of drugs, medicines, herbs, patent medicines, toilet articles, paints, oils, cigars, etc. and have been in business so long that their name is known favorably all through Midland county and beyond. They also give particular attention to the careful compounding of physician's prescriptions.

Probably few merchants, if any, have done more toward the success of Midland than the Anderson Brothers, and today they are just as ready and willing to aid in benefiting the city as they ever were. It is such merchants as these, broad, yet conservative, generous yet careful, that will make Midland the peer of any city in Michigan.

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C. C. ANDERSON *Hardware, Harness etc.*

C.C.Anderson was born in Midland

and attended the schools here. In 1899 he began his present business and carries a fine stock of shelf and heavy hardware, harness, buggies, wagons, agricultural implements, twine, paint, oils, doors, sash, glass and dressed lumber, etc.

While C.C.Anderson is one of our younger merchants, he has proven by his ability, and fairness in his business methods, that he is entitled to the confidence of Midland people, and in consequence is today enjoying a large and successful trade.

He is the business manager of the Midland Cornet Band, one of the best bands of the state, and has done much toward making it the fine organization it is today. Mr. Anderson has the welfare of Midland at heart, and may be relied upon at all times to do what he can to aid in

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M. ANDERSON & CO *Real Estate and Insurance*

The names of Maxson Anderson and Milton P. Anderson, the members of this old established firm, are too well known to require more than passing mention. They came to Midland in 1868 and 1871 respectively, and in 1876 the present business was started.

M. Anderson & Co. do a large real estate, loan and insurance business and make a specialty of real estate mortgages, school and other bonds, also buying, selling and renting city and farm properties. They are agents for some the best and largest insurance companies in

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try, and are men well known and highly respected by Midland and the surrounding country.

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T. W. ATKINSON
Livery & Undertaking

T.W. Atkinson was born in Middleport, Ohio and came to Midland in 1881. At first he was employed as a clerk in a bromine factory and in 1892 opened a retail meat market which he operated successfully until 1899 when he sold out and entered the livery and undertaking business. He is also a member of the school board with which body he carries on at the present time.

He was mayor of the city, the term ending April, 1904, and by his ability and interest in the welfare of Midland gained the general confidence of serving his second term.

A few words should be added about his livery business, for he has a fine line of carriages of all descriptions and good horses for hire at all times, at reasonable rates. He has resumed the profession of undertaking which he for a time discontinued.

WILLIAM L. BAKER
Beans, Wheat, Oats, Hay, etc.

William L. Baker is one of the largest dealers of beans in this section of the country, and has the distinction of being the first man to start bean picking as a business in Midland county.

He was born in Flint and came to Midland fifteen years ago. At first he conducted a grocery store in connection with his other business, and introduced to people the first cash grocery store in the city, a store where everything was purchased for cash and everything sold for cash.

He buys, sells and ships wheat, beans, oats, hay etc. extensively but beans are the main feature of his business, and his elevator is a model of neatness and is equipped with all the latest improved machinery. In his employ are a large number of girls who pick and sort the beans as they are fed to the machines, the poor ones being thrown aside and the good or perfect ones allowed to run into barrels ready for shipment. So perfect is this system, each operator having a numbered machine, that Mr. Baker is enabled at any time to know exactly who "picked" a particular barrel of beans, and thus keep up the standard of quality.

Mr. Baker has done much for the appearance of Midland, having erected several handsome build-

ings on Main Street, and having this spring begun work on another large store building on the Larkin property which he contemplates having finished by October. This building will be of brick and cement, 48 feet front, 120 feet deep and two stories in height, and may be expected to be one of the model buildings of the city.

The Baker elevator is on P.M. railroad, near depot.

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G. WILL BALL
Pioneer Hardware Dealer

G. Will Ball was born in Lapeer county, Mich., and when a child went with his parents to Saginaw in 1850. In 1861 they came to Midland. He attended the schools of the city, and in 1887 started the hardware business which he still conducts. In 1892 he purchased the fine corner brick store building he now occupies.

G. W. Ball does exclusively a hardware business and carries only what pertains to that particular line, viz.: Shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, ranges, wire fence, nails, glass, sash and doors etc., but of these he carries a large and complete line. Mr. Ball has been here so long that he can remember Midland when it was a handful of buildings in the midst of the pine forests, and naturally looks with pride upon Midland as it is today and as it was when he came here over forty years ago, but being a progressive man is still anxious to see more improvements and a larger growth. He is a well known Mason and above all, a successful merchant, a kind neighbor and a good friend.

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WILL G. BARBOUR
The Bald-Headed Druggist

Our bald-headed druggist was born in Fenton, Mich., and came to Midland in 1886. He has one of the finest drug stores in Midland county and carries a fine and complete line of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, druggists' sundries, perfumery, stationery, patent medicines and in fact all that pertains to a well-stocked and conducted store.

Mr. Barbour is a progressive business man who has the interests of Midland always at heart and is ever ready to aid in showing the good points of his city to the outside world. He is alderman of the third ward and a member of the K.P.'s Maccabees Woodmen and a good citizen and neighbor.

The cut faithfully represents the bald-headed

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druggist and his first assistant, his son Harold, who, though not bald-headed, is a promising successor.

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WILLIAM BOLTON
Carriage and Wagon Maker

William Bolton was born in Canada and came here thirty-six years ago. He began his present business thirty-two years ago, and during that time has been identified with all the interests of Midland. He was deputy sheriff for four years, city marshal for five years, constable for several terms, and alderman of his ward for two years.

He makes all kinds of carriages and wagons to order, does all manner of repairing along these lines and as well does all kinds of woodwork.

Mr. Bolton is one of our representative citizens, and nothing that will benefit Midland is proposed but what he is willing to lend his aid in

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W. H. BROCK
Midland City Physician

W.H.Brock was born in Ontario, attended schools there, and in 1889 graduated from the literary department of the Toronto University. He later entered the Saginaw Medical College, from which he graduated in 1900, coming to Midland soon after. He does a general practice in medicine and surgery and by conscientious work has built up a large practice. He is now serving his second term as city physician, to which position he was elected by the council in 1902. The doctor is also city health officer, and secretary and treasurer of the Midland County Medical society, in each of which positions he is serving his second term.

He was recently elected alternate delegate to the State Medical society, which convenes in May at Grand Rapids.

Dr. Brock is a believer in Midland and is ever ready to do all in his power to benefit the city he takes pride in calling home. Office in Savings Bank block.

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BROWN'S BAZAAR
China, Glassware, Notions, etc.

D. and J. W. Brown comprise this successful firm. They organized their present business in October, 1902.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the

numerous things they carry, but among them can be found china ware, glass ware, notions, tin ware, toys, games, stationery, ribbons, confectionery, etc. In fact, everything carried by a first class modern bazaar store, and it is one of the aims of this firm to continually purchase new and useful goods which they can retail at right prices and thus have not only an up-to-date metropolitan store, but keep in touch with their customers. That they are successful is proven by the large trade which is constantly increasing.

Brown's bazaar is managed by people who understand their business and Midland's careful buyers appreciate the fact, and go there in

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CHARLES BROWN
Lumber, Tile, Brick, etc.

Charles Brown was born in England and came to this country when eight years of age with his parents who settled in Lapeer county, this state.

After attending schools of the place he came to Midland and has been in business here over thirty years. He is an extensive wholesale and retail dealer in lumber, tile, brick, lime and cement, and having a large planing mill in connection does all kinds of finishing lumber, siding, ceiling, flooring, moulding, planing and dressing of all kinds to order.

Mr. Brown is one of Midland's representative citizens, and is ready at all times to do all in his power to advance its interest.

His handsomely equipped office and yards are on Main street and the planing mill on the Pere Marquette R.R.

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B. H. CARTER & CO.
The Red Front Store

B.H.Carter is a native of this state, having been born in Allegan. He came to Midland in 1888, and opened business in the bazaar line, which was continued until eight years ago when a stock of dry goods, carpets, shoes and groceries were added and this is the line they carry today.

Mr. Carter has been honored by his fellow townsmen who elected him supervisor and he is today president of the board of public works which position he has held for four years.

He is one of Midland's representative citizens and has done much to forward the interests of the city. The business methods of B.H.Carter & Co. are such that they enjoy the confidence not only of the people of Midland, but the surrounding country as well and in consequence have a large patronage.

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D. W. CHASE
Insurance and Real Estate

This business was originally conducted by Byron Burch, who built up a large insurance business. Last October D.W.Chase purchased the business and has since carried it on.

It is unnecessary to say too much about Mr. Chase, as he is too well known to need recommendations.

For over thirty-five years he has lived in Midland and his friends are legion. During that time, by his uniform courtesy and trustworthiness he has established himself as a representative citizen, ready at all times to forward the interests of Midland, and as a consequence those who desire fire insurance naturally go to him. He represents eleven of the best companies of the world as follows: The Insurance Company of North America; Philadelphia Underwriters of Penn.; Orient Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.; New York Underwriters of New York; Citizens of St.Louis, Mo.; Sun of London, England; Westchester Insurance Co. of New York; Assurance Co. of America; Northern Assurance Co. of London, England and Home Farmers' Mutual Fire Association of Midland, which does business in Midland, Gratiot and Isabella counties, certainly a list complete enough

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FRED COMMERFORD
Barber Shop with Greenhouse Window

It's a good place to get a good shave, and you'll know it by the forest in the window. The cut is historic, being from a photograph taken some years ago when the grounds of the John Larkin homestead were full of trees and shrubbery. These reflected in the window, and apparently mingling with the plants, etc. that were there, make a most remarkable picture, which is reproduced for the rare beauty of it, and for the fact that it is a souvenir of the past.

J. H. COMERFORD
Harness and Harness Supplies

The subject of this article was born in Canada and in 1880 came to Midland with his parents. After attending the schools here, he learned the harness and saddlery trade and in August, 1902, started in business for himself at his present stand. He manufactures and deals in all kinds of harness and harness supplies and everything in the horse clothing line, whips, etc. and makes a specialty of harness repairing in all its branches.

J.H.Comerford is a young man who, by hard work and

perseverance, has pushed himself to the front, so that today he is well known throughout Midland county as a capable workman who understands his business, and by courteous treatment of his customers and a desire to please has built up a nice business. He is one of our younger merchants who is a believer in his home city and who can be relied upon at all times to put his shoulder to the wheel and help all in his power to advance Midland to the front ranks among the good live cities of Michigan.

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JOHN DENT
Midland Iron Works

John Dent is another old time resident of Midland, having come here from Port Huron and opened his present business about twenty years ago. Some ten years ago he was alderman of his ward, but his business has assumed such proportions that he finds but little time to give to anything else, although he is deeply interested in Midland and would like it to be the best city in Michigan.

He does all kinds of iron works and makes all descriptions of iron castings as well as doing other work along these lines.

John Dent is a well-known member of the Masonic order, a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Amalgamated Society of Engineer-Machinists and Pattern Makers. He is an above average representative citizen a kind and good friend.

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HON. PETER F. DODDS
Judge of the Twenty-first Judicial Circuit

Hon. P. F. Dodds is a native of the Empire state having been born in St. Lawrence county, New York. He came to Michigan in 1865 and to Mt. Pleasant in 1875. After graduating from the normal school, he was superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant schools for about three years. In 1875 he was admitted to the bar. He was prosecuting attorney for two terms, viz. 1880-1882, and spent one year at Olivet College perfecting or rounding out his education. He practiced his profession here until 1893 when he was elected circuit court judge, which official position he has since held, having been once re-elected.

Judge Dodds has the reputation of being one of Michigan's most able jurists, a man whose decisions are seldom questioned, and while he believes fully in the punishment of the crime, for the welfare of society, he is ever ready to allow for extenuating circumstances and to temper judgment with mercy.

Judge Dodds is very popular in his adopted city of Mt. Pleasant, but not less so in Midland city and county, where his

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carefulness and promptness on the bench are highly appreciated. His " Proceed Gentlemen " is almost a household word suggesting of his purpose advancing business without unnecessary delay off the bench.

The Republican county convention is contemplating with dread the possibility of losing him from the judgeship, unanimously endorsed Judge Dodds for the nomination for the Supreme court of Michigan, and by resolution instructed its delegates to the state judicial convention to do all in their power to secure his nomination. The unanimous feeling here is in support of this expression.

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DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY
Midland's Largest Industry

The Dow Chemical Company is Midland's largest industrial organization. In fact, it is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world. They manufacture bleaches, bromides, etc. and their products are shipped to all parts of the world. The plant consisting of many buildings, covers a large area along the river, and the institution is one the Midland is justly proud of.

A large number of hands are employed and the money received by these employees in wages is expended right here, so that the benefits can be readily appreciated. The Dow Chemical Co., through its officers, are at all times ready to advance the interests

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WILLIAM DUNNING
Sheriff of Midland County

William Dunning was born in Saginaw, Michigan and came to Midland in 1880, locating on a farm in Hope Twp. He served two terms as township treasurer, four terms as highway commissioner, one term as pathmaster and one term as school moderator. In 1900 he was elected to the office of sheriff and is now serving his second term. His political career has been a very successful one, and Sheriff Dunning has made a host of friends. In his case it was the office seeking the man, and not the man seeking the office.

Mr. Dunning owns a fine farm of 140 acres in Hope township, to which he can retire when his political duties are over and feel that he is entitled to a well earned rest.

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WILLIAM E ELLSWORTH
Register of Deeds

William E Ellsworth was born in the state of Illinois and came to Midland with his parents when very young. After attending Midland schools he entered mercantile business and later was employed in the office of register of deeds, and in 1893 was elected to his present office, which position he has held since with the exception of nine months, surely a marked proof of the confidence the citizens of Midland county repose in him. Mr. Ellsworth is prepared to furnish promptly and at reasonable rates, typewritten abstracts and tax histories, and from his long service in the register's office is fully qualified in this line of work.

For the past five years he has had with him as deputy register of deeds, his son Will M. Ellsworth, and the agreeable manner in which one is treated, who has business at the office, makes it a good place to go.

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IRA FALES
Midland City Clerk

The city clerk, who was city treasurer last year, was born in the Keystone state and came to Michigan in the spring of 1869, and to Midland in 1870. After attending the schools here he read law with D. W. Hitchcock, an old and able practitioner of Midland at that time, and was admitted to the bar in 1880, when he began the practice of his profession here. For four years and a half he was also agent of the American Express Co. at this point.

Midland's citizens have every confidence in Ira Fales, as is proven by their twice electing him town clerk, supervisor, justice of the peace four years, and in 1902 and again in 1903, city treasurer. He is now serving as city clerk, having been elected in April, 1904.

In addition to the practice of law, Mr. Fales makes a specialty of real estate collections and insurance.

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W. H. FANNING
Groceries and Provisions

W. H. Fanning was born in Shepherd, Michigan where he attended the public schools. Two years ago he came to Midland and purchased his present business. He carries a finely assorted line of staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, fresh and dried fruits, vegetables, confectionery, cigars, tobaccos, hay feed and flour, and also a line of stylish medium and high priced shoes from the best manufacturers.

W. H. Fanning, while a comparably new merchant in Midland, is a man who takes an interest

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in business and leaves no stone unturned to give entire satisfaction with each and every purchase. His business is fair and open and the result is that he is daily building up a list of customers who have every confidence in himself and in his goods.

W. H. Fanning is a believer in Midland and is always ready and glad to do all in his power to advance Midland interest until it has not a peer in Michigan.

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H. FOSTER
Livery and Undertaking

Horatio Foster was born in Springfield, Oakland county, Mich. and came to Midland January 1, 1882. He had a general store and was engaged in other business until 1889, when the present business was started under the firm name of Haley & Co. In 1894 H. Foster assumed the entire business himself and has made a great success of it. In 1893 he erected his handsome brick double store and livery building on Main street which is undoubtedly one of the finest business buildings in Midland county. In the livery department can always be found a fine assortment of carriages of every description for hire and only good horses are kept. The undertaking department is modern in every respect and Mr. Foster is a licensed embalmer.

For two years he served as city treasurer. He is a well known Mason, K.P., I.O.O.F., Maccabee, Forester and Modern Woodman and as well, a good citizen who is glad at any time to do all within his power to advance the interest of the city he has so long made his home.

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R. E. GLADSTONE
Photography

R. E. Gladstone, Midland's progressive and artistic photographer, was born in North Star, Mich. and came to Midland in 1901, taking charge of his present gallery. He does artistic photography in all its branches, and the work from his place always gives entire satisfaction, for every attention is given to the smallest details. He also does all kinds of picture framing and carries a full line of frame mouldings. The enlargement of pictures is also a branch of his business.

R. E. Gladstone is a young man of push and energy and by courteous treatment and a desire and willingness to please, and above all by his ability to turn out good work, has built up a most excellent business, which is daily increasing. Most of the portraits in this paper are from photographs taken by him.

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HON. WM. DONALD GORDON
United States District Attorney

William Donald Gordon was born in Bayfield, Ontario June 7, 1858. He was educated in the common schools and graduated later from the law department of the University of Michigan, in the class of 1879. In June, 1879, he opened a law office here and has made Midland his home since. In addition to his law business he has bought and sold farms and farming lands extensively, and has been largely interested in lumbering operations.

He has been very successful in all his undertakings, and his legal business has extended far beyond Midland county, for he has been retained in many important suits in this and other counties.

That the citizens of Midland county fully realize his worth is evidenced by the many honors her has received. He was chairman of the Midland County Republican committee from 1884 to 1894 and has been elected to the following offices by his fellow citizens. Circuit court commissioner, prosecuting attorney, city attorney, judge of probate and representative in state legislature in 1895 and 1897, being speaker of the house during that time. In 1898 he was appointed United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, by the late President McKinley and was re-appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902.

Mr. Gordon is a member of the F.&A.M., R.A.M., K.P., Uniformed Rank K.P., K.O.T.M.M., B.O.O.F., and Modern Woodmen and is a member of the Michigan Club. He is a man who it is a pleasure to meet and upon whom the honors of political preference rest easily, and above all, he has the future of Midland at heart.

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GORDON & MAXWELL
Extensive Dealers in Midland County Farms & Farming Lands

Perhaps no man in Midland has bought and sold more farm lands in the county than Wm. D. Gordon, who began the business about a quarter century ago. David N. Maxwell, a land expert, is now associated with him, and they hold about 5,000 acres in this county, including some improved farms.

There is much inquiry nowadays for the excellent and available lands in this county and Gordon & Maxwell are the right kind of people to inquire of.

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GORDON & McCANN
General Merchandise

These enterprising and successful merchants came here from Canada about twenty-two years ago

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and entered the employ of Wm. Kelly, and later of Reardon Brothers, as clerks. In 1889 they began business on their own account in a comparatively small store, next to the present post office site, where they carried a line of clothing and gents' furnishing goods. For eleven years they remained in that store, and by industry, perseverance and business ability so largely increased their trade that four years ago they were compelled to look for larger quarters to take proper care of their many customers, and so moved into the large double store which they at present occupy.

They carry a fine and complete stock of men's, boy's and children's clothing and furnishings, dry goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, in fact everything that goes to make a modern up-to-date, metropolitan department store.

Stewart B. Gordon and Thomas E. McCann are men who have proven conclusively what can be done when two young men start out with enterprise, push and energy, determined to succeed, for from a small beginning they have in fifteen years built up one of the finest businesses in this section of Michigan and have not only a large number of customers but, what is better, a large number of friends who have every confidence in Gordon & McCann.

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MYRON J. GUE
Attorney-at-law

M. J. Gue was born in Eastmanville, Mich., where he attended the district schools until his family moved to Midland in 1872. He then attended the high school here and later entered the University of Michigan, graduating from the law department in the class of 1882. Upon receiving his diploma he returned to Midland and has practiced his profession here since, building up a successful practice. He also deals in real estate and writes fire insurance.

Mr. Gue is a member of the Masonic order, and has been honored by the citizens of Midland city and county upon more than one occasion, he having been alderman, city attorney, member board of public works, prosecuting attorney and mayor of Midland. He is a representative citizen and deeply interested in the city he takes pride in calling home.

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RAY HART
The County's Prosecuting Attorney

Midland's prosecutor was born in this city and attended the schools here, later entering the

University of Michigan. He graduated in the literary class of 1894 and the law class of 1895, when he returned to Midland and began the practice of his chosen profession. The people in Midland were not slow in seeing his worth, and in 1896 elected him to the office of city treasurer, which office he held two terms. In 1898 he was elected prosecuting attorney which office he has since held. In 1900-1901 he served the city as mayor, in conjunction with his office as prosecuting attorney, and during that time the taxes were very low.

Ray Hart also deals in real estate and writes fire insurance. He is a progressive citizen and deeply

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J. P. HICKEY
Modern Dentistry

Dentist Hickey was born in Ontario and graduated from the dental department of the Detroit College of Medicine in the class of 1902.

Immediately after receiving his diploma he came to Midland and has been in active practice since and while the doctor is a comparatively a new practitioner here, has by his courteous treatment of patients, built up a lucrative practice and can be relied upon as one who believes in doing his work well and thus keeping the many people who come to him not only as patients, but as friends. His office is in W. L. Baker's new block.

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GEORGE W. HINDS
Architect and Building Contractor

George W. Hinds was born in Belleville, Ont., and came to Midland in 1887. He knows how to plan and build houses and other structures. Midland is full of evidences of his good work in this line. Among the examples of his building capacity are the residence of H. H. Dow and Mayor George Rockwell, the Methodist church, H. Foster's block, O'Brien's, the Patrick block and others. By good and faithful work he has gained an excellent standing as an architect and builder. Mr. Hinds has been four years secretary of the McKinley Republican Club of this county. He is a Maccabee and a Woodman.

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THE HOOSIER SHOE COMPANY
Midland's Exclusive Shoe Store

The Hoosier Shoe Co., while one of Midland's youngest business concerns, have proven that they are made of the right stuff and know how a shoe store should be conducted.

The members of the firm are John Kern and Lee Walters, and they formerly operated a large department store in Decatur, Ind.

They opened their present store in October last and their success has been assured from the start. The Hoosier Shoe Co. has the distinction of being the only exclusive shoe house in Midland county.

In this large corner store in the opera house block, can be found a complete assortment of men's, women's and children's shoes, boots and rubbers in every style, variety and price, and such well known makes as Walkovers for men, Reed's cushion shoes for men and women and the celebrated Rochester shoes for women are carried along with their other lines.

Courteous treatment and a desire to please, have placed this firm in the front position among Midland's merchants, and as both partners are expert shoe men their success is not to be wondered at.

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HORNE AND JOHNSON
Cattle Buyers and Shippers

Thomas Horne and J. W. Johnson are the individual members of this large firm of stock dealers, the former having been in business for over seventeen years in Lansing. A little over one year ago the firm started business here and their success has been very pronounced as can readily be seen from the fact that in 1902 they shipped more livestock than has ever been shipped before from Midland county by one firm. They buy and sell live stock of all kinds in large quantities and in addition do a wholesale butchering business, supplying local and near by dealers. They also deal extensively in wool and hay, shipping these articles in car load lots.

Both are shrewd business men who understand their particular line thoroughly, and as they are enterprising, industrious and trustworthy their success is not to be wondered at.

In addition to their local business success they are believers in Midland and can be relied upon at all times to do their share toward pushing our interest to the front.

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KERN & WALTERS
Large Dealers in Farms

Probably no one firm in Midland county has done more to forward and benefit Midland than have this firm.

Coming here only last October from Indiana, they immediately saw the advantages of this locality with its unsurpassed farming lands, and at once started in to interest their old neighbors in Indiana and Ohio and bring them here. They have already brought and located on farms a large number of good responsible farmers and are confident in the very near future they can arrange to have seventy-five or more come from Indiana and Ohio and make this their home.

They deal extensively in improved and partly improved farms and have a large assortment from \$10.00 an acre upward. These men are leaving no stone unturned to prove to the outside world the benefits of our county, and are in consequence meeting with marked success. They know what a farm should be, and their business methods and dealings are such that every confidence can be placed in them.

To anyone desiring to change location or purchase a farm, either fully or partly improved, no better firm can be found to deal with than Kern & Walters, and any information that may be desired regarding farming property in this section will be freely and cheerfully given, if you will write to Messrs. Kern & Walters, Midland, Michigan.

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GEORGE KLEINE & CO.
Dry Goods and Lady's Furnishings

George Kleine was born in Eastmanville, Mich., and came to Midland in 1869. After attending the district schools he engaged in the dry goods business in Chicago and sold goods on the road. On December 10, 1901, he, with M. J. Gue opened the present business and today they carry a fine assortment of dry goods and ladies' ready-made clothing and furnishings, and have the distinction of being the only house in Midland county dealing exclusively in these lines. When the business was begun, a little over two years ago, the firm occupied only a portion of a store, but their business has so increased that now they use one large store and part of another: in other words, in two years so successful have they been that their store room has been enlarged three-fold in order to accommodate their growing business.

George Kleine & Co. are progressive merchants and are entitled to all the success they are enjoying.

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Shelfside



New books on the shelves of the G.A. Dow Memorial Library.



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 hand written 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 following are from the 1870-1880's.

MGS PROGRAMS FOR 1996 - 1997

Programs will be held as usual, at 7:30 P.M. on the third Wednesday of the month in the lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Be sure to mark your calendars. The schedule for the coming year is as follows:

April 16, 1997 - Barbara Myers - "Dating Costumes and Photos."

April 26, 1997 - MGS Seminar at Northwood University.

May 21, 1997 - Panel, "Answering All Genealogical Questions by the Experts."

June 18, 1997 - Annual Meeting

UPCOMING SEMINARS

SATURDAY April 26, 1997 - Genealogy Seminar sponsored by Midland Genealogical Soc. Four lectures by John Hanson. 8:00 to 5:00 at the Northwood Institute, Griswold Center, Midland, MI. Cost \$30 (Includes buffet lunch).

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY - May 7-10, 1997 "Pennsylvania, Cradle of a Nation" Sponsored by National Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania; at Valley Forge; cost unknown, but we will get a brochure.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY - June 11-13, 1997 "National Conference of Palatines to America," Fort Wayne, Indiana.

MONDAY-THURSDAY - July 7-10, 1997 4th Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid-America - Springfield, Illinois; sponsored by Illinois State Genealogical Society and the Univ. of Illinois; four intensive courses taught by experienced, nationally recognized genealogists; cost \$310 plus housing.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY - September 25-27, 1997 - Annual seminar sponsored by the Michigan Genealogical Council and Western Michigan Genealogical Society, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids; also 25th anniversary of the council.

See bulletin board in the Michigan/Genealogical room at the G.A. Dow Memorial Library for more information.

WEB SITE ADDRESS OF THE MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HOME PAGE:

<http://members.mdn.net/billword/mgs.htm>



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Membership dues are \$10.00 for single and \$12.50 for a couple and can be paid after July 1, but must be paid by Sep. 30 to continue receiving the Pioneer Record. Dues may be paid at any meeting or may be sent to the Membership Chairman, Midland Genealogical Soc. at G.A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr. Midland, MI 48640.