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Businesses and Businessmen

Midland, May 5, 1904

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JAMES LAMAY Livery and Sale Stable

Mr Lamay was born in New York state in the city of Oswego, and came to Midland some years ago, working in the shingle mills. Later he started to livery business and has been very successful. He has some of the best turnouts in town, and prides himself on the horses and carriages he has for hire. His success is attributed to his courteous treatment and a desire to please all his patrons and anybody who patronizes him once is sure to come again

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E J LEE & CO. General Dealers in Farm Produce

Mr. Lee came here from Saginaw fifteen years ago. He has been in the produce business seven or eight years, buying for cash and shipping all kinds of farm produce. The warehouse is near the court house, and the firm is a good one to do business with. Mr. Lee was supervisor of the fourth ward three years, and then moved into the third ward.

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F L LEHNER The Imperial Cafe

Mr. Lehner was born in Gratiot Co. in 1877 and came to Midland in 1902, when he opened his present business.

He has one of the finest appointed bakeries in Midland county, making fresh daily a superior line of baked goods of all descriptions, which he supplies to the best families of Midland.

His business is daily increasing and his methods in business are such that success is assured him.

In connection with the bakery is conducted one of the finest short order restaurants in Midland county and when you are hungry if you will try the Imperial Cafe you will be satisfied, not only inwardly but outwardly, but feel that life is worth living. Ice cream and confectioneries, best in the city, are found there too.

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JOHN MADILL County Treasurer

Our county treasurer was born in Canada, and came to this country with his parents when a small boy. After attending the village schools he engaged in business of several kinds until the people, realizing his worth, elected him sheriff, which office he held for four years. He also served as county game warden eight years, and in 1900 was elected to his present office, and upon the expiration of his first term was re-

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

WHERE HAS THE SUMMER GONE??

It's hard to believe that we as a group have not seen each other for over three months. I hope you all have had some opportunity to do "on-site" research somewhere these past few months. I think it is such a thrill to be at the special location where your ancestors lived, to be walking the cemeteries, and to uncover some brand-new information. I personally have tried to work several hours each week at the Hoyt Library trying to place several families together and finding a birthplace location in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, but no positive success as yet.

Our new program cochairmen, Doug Applegath and Ron Snyder, at last May's meeting asked each member to fill out a "member profile," which is to be used for future programming and also as a beginning point directed toward a way for our member to help one another. Doug and Ron will have the form at the September meeting for those who have not filled it out yet. They have so far compiled some interesting facts! Please note in their article about programs for this fall that we are going to **BEGIN MEETINGS at 7:00 P.M.** This will be a trial run to see if we can get people gathered at the earlier time. It was suggested that this would allow more time at the end of the evening for members to socialize and, of course, to exchange genealogy ideas.

Last May our treasurer sent \$41 to the NARA Gift Fund as our individually-donated contribution for 1996-1997. We will continue to have the collection jar on the table for this coming year. \$1 per person multiplied by how many genealogists all over the USA adds up to a tidy little sum of money to be used for microfilming of some difficult-to-access material housed at the National Archives. Once micro-

filmed, the information is available at the National Archives branches and through LDS. This project is endorsed by the Federation of Genealogical Societies (a national umbrella group) and a number of state genealogical groups. Our Michigan Genealogical Council is a member of FGS.

An updated membership list of paid members 1997-1998 will be published in the November issue of the Pioneer Record. Will your name be on it?

Mary Lou Hayes has become a Thursday afternoon volunteer in the Midland Room, and we have four other members who will fill in as needed or as regular part-timers. We could use a few more persons willing to donate a three-hour block of time perhaps on Monday afternoons or Saturdays. We will train! Please call Jo Brines if interested.

As per a suggestion of last year's nominating committee, I will be asking for a committee later this fall, so that they will have ample time to look at the membership and find at least a new president for 1998-1999.

I am still looking for one or two people to coordinate a trip to Salt Lake City. We need to get started on this if we are to travel next spring.

This coming year promises to be another busy and interesting one, and hopefully every member will become involved in some way other than just attending meetings. The Board is open to suggestions, comments, criticisms, new projects (with leadership), so we would like to hear from you. This is YOUR society, not just the Board's.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, September 17, **7:00 P.M.** in the Library Lounge.

Jo Brines

FHC ANCESTRAL FILE

Some of the patrons of the Family History Center (Mormon Church) were asked if they would be willing to submit their family group records to the Ancestral File so that others could take advantage of their research. Because the feedback was positive, two people have been asked to enter any information received to update the File. This information will be available in future releases of the Ancestral File from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

What is needed are the standard family

group sheets OR GEDCOM files from your computer records. If you have a personal computer and need assistance in creating a GEDCOM file, contact a member of the FHC staff. Standard family group sheets are available from the staff at no cost to the patron. These are to be submitted to any staff member on duty at the FHC. They will be copied and the originals returned to the patron.

**Stu and Pat Gudmundsen,
new FHC directors**

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elected. At the present time Mr. Madill is also chairman of the city and county Republican committees.

He has associated with him as deputy treasurer, Leslie D Madill and the uniform courtesy received at the hands of these popular officials, makes it a pleasure to have business at the county treasurer's office.

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THOMAS B. MAIN
Midland County Abstracts

Thomas B. Main was born in Canada and came to this country when a child of three years of age. In 1861-65 he went to the front and carried an old Springfield rifle in Co E 23d Michigan Infantry.

He came to Midland in 1877 and was for some years in the dry goods department of Reardon Brothers store. He was elected register of deeds in 1883 and served continuously for ten years or until 1893. During this term of office he had also done an abstract business and in 1892 opened his present business, so that now for over twenty years he has been making Midland county abstracts and tax histories, and this long experience has made him thoroughly familiar with the business in every detail. He has a full and complete set of abstract books of the county, and the abstracts from this office are noted for their accuracy, neatness and completeness. T. B. Main also deals extensively in city and country real estate, and farms and farming lands, and loans money on real estate.

For the past five years his son T. Wilbur Main has been associated with his father in the business, and has proven a most efficient helper in the affairs of the office.

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JOSEPH MARIENTHAL
Dry Goods, Clothing, Etc.

Joseph Marienthal was for a number of years in business in Au Sable, this state, but learning of the superior advantages of Midland, he moved his business and stock here in 1897, and so successful has the move proven that a little over a year ago, he was compelled to seek larger quarters and moved into his present large and handsome store next to the Republican office on Main street.

He carries a complete stock of dry goods, carpets, ladies' jackets, ladies' and gents' furnishings, clothing, boots and shoes, hats, caps, gloves, trunks, valises, etc., and is prepared at all times to meet the demands of his largely increasing trade.

Mr. Marienthal is an enterprising business man who believes in Midland and its future, and is always glad to do his part toward anything that will benefit the place.

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K. McKAY
A Successful Dentist

Dr. McKay was born in Midland and naturally feels proud of his birth place. He attended the public schools here and later attended the University of Michigan, graduating in the class of 1897. His faith in Midland and the opportunities it offers led him to open an office here, and he has been successful from the start. He is a young man who makes no great pretensions, but that he has been a good dentist is proven by his large practice today.

Dr. McKay can always be relied upon to do all in his power to forward the interests of Midland, and is one of our citizens in whom we rely. His well appointed office is in the Johnson block.

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MIDLAND CO. SAVINGS BANK
A Sound Financial Institution

The soundness of any city is usually demonstrated by the soundness of its financial institutions, and in this respect, Midland is indeed fortunate.

The Midland County Savings Bank has a capital of \$ 25,000, and was organized Sept. 10, 1886. It does a general banking business and solicits and cares for deposits of no matter how small a sum.

The policy of the officers and directors is to keep the bank's business entirely within its control, and its resources available for any emergency.

The officers are Stewart B. Gordon, president; Charles Brown, vice-president; D. W. Chase, treasurer, and the directors, George Peck, Charles Brown, Stewart B Gordon, William D. Gordon and Daniel W. Chase.

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J. H. MUSTARD
County School Commissioner

"Harry" Mustard is one of Midland's active young men, a graduate of the public schools, and a progressive student who in April, 1901 was elected to the honorable office of school commissioner. In 1903 he was elected for two years, with but one vote being cast for any other candidate. He is doing good work.

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JOHN NEHIL
Stave Manufacturer, Etc.

John Nehil is a native of the Keystone state. He came to Midland in 1886 and began work in the pail and woodenware business. About five years ago he opened he opened his present business and has been very successful.

His business is increasing to such an extent that he proposes installing two new boilers in his plant this spring.

He is also a manufacturer of "Dimension stock", which means all manner of stock for barrows, crates, barrels, etc. His products are shipped to all parts of the country in large lots.

Mr. Nehil is a good citizen, ever ready to push in the right direction for Midland and its interests. His plant and grounds are on the M.C. tracks.

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H. D. NORTHWAY
Midland's Post Master

Postmaster Northway is a native of the Buckeye state, having been born in Ashtabula county, Ohio. He came to Michigan in 1866 and to Midland in 1869, engaging in the lumber and mill business.

He was appointed postmaster in 1898 and under his conservative methods the business of the office has increased over twenty-five percent in all departments.

Three rural routes start from Midland post office and a fourth one in now pending.

He has associated with him in the office Lynn I. Northway, as assistant postmaster and Mrs. N.J. Northway as clerk.

H. D. Northway is a well known Mason, an Odd Fellow and a K.P.

The office is conveniently located on Main street, and by courteous treatment and a desire to please. Postmaster Northway and his assistants have made the Midland post office one of the most popular in this section of Michigan.

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OLMSTEAD & SOMERVILLE
Dry Goods, Groceries, Etc.

C. G. Olmstead and O. C. Somerville, under the firm name of Olmstead and Somerville, began business in 1901, succeeding W. L. Baker. Mr. Olmstead was born in Midland, and Mr. Somerville in West Virginia, he coming to this city in 1883. They are among the largest merchants in the Midland county and carry a very complete stock of dry goods, groceries, canned

goods, vegetables, cigars, tobaccos, etc. etc. They are also dealers in hard and soft coals, blacksmith's coal, hay, feed, flour, lime, cement, salt etc. They are both young men of push and energy, who by hard work and a determination to succeed have, in a few years, placed themselves among the front ranks of Midland's merchants and are doing a successful business which they have just reason to feel proud of.

Olmstead & Somerville believe in Midland and consequently Midland believes in them.

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FLOYD L. POST
Judge of Probate

Judge Post was born in Allegheny County, New York, and came to Midland when a child with his parents.

His early education was obtained in the schools of the vicinity, after which he read law with Judge Wheaton and C. W. Perry, of Clare and was admitted to the bar in March, 1882. He has been shown marked preferment by the people of Midland county and in 1885 served as state representative, and in 1887 as state senator. In 1888, he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney, holding this position two terms, and in 1892, was elected judge of probate, and has been twice re-elected since.

Certainly this record is sufficient to prove the high esteem in which Judge Post is held and the confidence the citizens of Midland county have in him.

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E. H. POWERS & CO.
General Machinists

E. H. Powers came here five years ago from Kenosha, Wisconsin and three years ago the firm of McDonald and Powers was started. A little over one year ago Mr. Powers bought out the interest of Mr. McDonald and the firm became E. H. Powers & Co. This firm are expert machinists and are prepared to do all manner of work in their special line. They makes tools, dies, special machinery and sheet metal stampings of every description, and do their work as only experienced men can.

Any orders they accept, whether large or small, are finished in a manner that gives entire satisfaction, and under these circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that their business is very successful.

Aside from their business, Messrs. E. H. Powers & Co. can be relied upon in doing all possible to forward Midland, for they are deeply interested in the city where they have their business and their homes.

REARDON BROS. MERCANTILE CO.
The Largest in Northern Michigan

Messrs. Reardon Brothers began this business in a very small way in 1873. and so large has it grown that in 1892 it was incorporated under the name of Reardon Brothers Mercantile Co.. and today lays claim to being the largest wholesale and retail department store in northern Michigan. In reality it is three large stores in one, besides the outside buildings used for related purposes.

The company carry dry goods, groceries, provisions, crockery. clothing, boot and shoes, furniture, carpets, hardware, glassware, produce of all kinds, coal, shingles, salt, etc. and in addition control the Midland flour mills, one of the largest in this section of the country, as well as an elevator where a large number of girls are employed in bean picking and, in fact, about everything one can imagine.

They are also large buyers and shippers of wool, hay, grain and produce.

This is truly a mammoth institution, employing a large number of hands and heads of departments, and is one of Midland's greatest business enterprises. The growth of this concern is proof of what business ability in such an excellent business place will lead to.

Reardon Brothers Mercantile Co. are progressive and untiring in their endeavors to make Midland a city among cities, second to none in this section of the country

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A. REINHART
A Prosperous Merchant

Probably few men in this section of the country have been more successful, from a business standpoint, than has A. Reinhart.

He not only owns the two large stores he occupies but the two blocks known as the Opera house and Crum blocks, as well--brick store buildings which are among the largest in Midland.

He was born in Midland and has been in business for fifteen years. In his two large stores can be found an immense stock of furniture, hardware, stoves, bicycles, cutlery, clocks, robes, whips, harness, sewing machines, etc. and in the large repository in the rear is carried a varied assortment of wagons, carriages, implements etc. He also deals largely in real estate and makes loans.

A. Reinhart is a well known Mason and Odd Fellow, and is a citizen of Midland who believes in doing everything possible to advance the interests of the city in which he was born and has spent all his life.

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GEORGE ROCKWELL
Real Estate and Loans

George Rockwell was born in Cambridge Springs, Penn., and came to Midland in 1867. For some years he was engaged in the lumbering business, and for a long time past has given his attention to the real estate business. He also loans money on real estate and farming property.

He was supervisor for ten years and served one term as mayor of Midland, and during his administration the city underwent great improvements in the paving of streets and in many other ways.

Geo. Rockwell has built more houses in Midland than any one man and is ever ready to erect a home for anyone who may need--either to purchase or to rent.

He is an old time representative citizen who has the interests of Midland at heart and may be relied upon at all times to do his share in forwarding the interests of the city. He is member of the F.& A.M.; I.O.O.F. and G.A.R. having carried a musket in the second Pennsylvania Cavalry in the war for the union. Since the above was written Mr Rockwell has again been elected to the office of mayor, and has entered with energy upon duties of that office.

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MICHAEL W. RYAN
A Leading Furniture, Implement & Vehicle Dealer

M. W. Ryan was born some years ago in New York state. About thirty years ago he came to Midland, where he has been a good and honored Citizen. He was four time elected sheriff of the county, for eight years service. Six years he was compelled to handle Uncle Sam's mail for the people of this city and vicinity, and he did it well.

In 1899 he built the handsome brick block where he deals in fine furniture in large variety, agricultural implements, carriages, wagons etc.

He does a large amount of this business, and he has been lengthening out the store to accommodate himself and his customers who are numerous.

Mr. Ryan is a public spirited, agreeable man whose friends are counted by hundreds all over the county.

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JAS. J. SAVAGE
Progressive Real Estate Dealer

Jas. J. Savage was born in Greenville, Mich.,

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and came to Midland in Sept. 1890 when he became editor and publisher of "The Midland Sun" which he conducted until 1899. when he sold out the business and began dealing in real estate. and particularly in improved and partly improved farm lands in Midland county, and while. as he says, "he sells the earth in parcels to suit the purchaser from a city lot to a thousand acre farm". he makes a specialty of wild and partly improved lands.

Midland county farms are lower in price than in the surrounding counties or states and are equally as fertile, in fact, no better farming lands can be found anywhere than right here, and a crop of any kind can be raised. Mr. Savage is glad at all times to show, free of charge, his lands and prove beyond a matter of doubt the many good qualities they possess.

To any one seeking a good farm, unimproved, partly improved or improved, a letter addressed to James J. Savage, Midland, Mich., will be cheerfully answered and every facility given the purchaser in the way of easy terms, etc.

Mr. Savage is deeply interested in Midland and Midland county, and is very enthusiastic over the good lands with which the county abounds.

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SHERWOOD HOUSE
Midland's Leading Hotel

Horace M Ellsworth was born in New York state and came to Midland in 1865. He worked in the woods for years and is one of our pioneers. Eleven years ago he purchased the Sherwood House and has since conducted the same. Midland is noted for its hospitality, but nowhere can it be more generally found than at this hotel.

The house is steam heated, lighted by electricity, abounds with comfortable beds and pleasant rooms, and the treatment one receives at the hands of Landlord Ellsworth, his son "Will" and his corps of assistants is such that we forget the troubles of life and enjoy the comforts of a home within a hotel. To anyone coming to Midland, no better place can be found to make a home than the Sherwood House

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W. H. SHORT
Butcher
Dealer in Fresh and Salt Meats

W.H.Short was born in Port Huron and came to Midland fifteen years ago, where he has long been buying, butchering, selling and shipping in this line.

He at the present time conducts one of the finest meat markets in Midland. and in his place can always be found a full line of fresh and salt meats. sausages. etc.

Mr. Short is one of our leading merchants. and can always be found ready to aid Midland in anything which may lead to her future welfare.

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SMITH & HUBBARD
Popular Druggists

On Apr. 10, 1900. E. C. Smith and W. A. Hubbard began business under the firm name above. The first named gentleman had been a traveling salesman and came here in the winter of 1900. while W. A. Hubbard, who was born in Tuscola county, came to Midland thirteen years ago, and after attending the high school here later entered the employ of W. G. Barbour, where he remained for seven and a half years.

The firm carry a very complete stock of drugs, medicines, druggists' sundries, patent medicines, toilet articles, stationery, perfumes, paints, oils, cigars. tobaccos, etc., and in fact everything that goes to make up a well appointed drug store. They also make a specialty of the careful and scientific compounding of physician's prescriptions.

Messrs. Smith and Hubbard are trustworthy, up-to-date merchants and are doing an excellent business.

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GEORGE R. STANFORD
Attorney

Mr. Stanford was a native of Fenton, Mich., where he was educated in the high school. In 1884 he came to Midland, where in 1899 he was admitted to the bar. He has been practicing law here ever since, except about two years when he drew his salary from Uncle Sam on a postal car. He has done a good law business, besides handling real estate, etc.

He has been supervisor of the third ward "goin' on" six years, and chairman of the board of supervisors for one year. He owns a comfortable home and has accumulated a fair proportion of wealth and avoirdupois. He believes in Midland.

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W.E.THAYER
Flowers and Flowering Plants

This is one of Midland's newest industries and one in which the city should take much pride and do

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everything possible to support.

W. E. Thayer came here from Ithaca seven years ago, so is not unknown to our citizens. Early in March he opened his present business and already has erected two good sized hot houses. In fact, he will put up just as many and carry and grow as many plants and flowers as Midland will support. There is no need now of sending away for anything in the floral line, for W.E.Thayer is prepared to furnish cut flowers, flowering and potted plants, etc., and will make to order wedding and funeral designs of any description on short notice. While he is carrying flowers of all kinds, he will make a specialty of carnations. The hot houses are located on Larkin street.

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F. A. TOWSLEY, M.D.
Physician and Surgeon

Dr. Towsley was born in Kalamazoo county this state and graduated in the class of 1880 from the University of Michigan. He came here in 1884, a young man, and has practiced his profession here since, having identified himself fully with the interests of the city, of which he has been mayor two terms by practically unanimous election.

Dr. Towsley is one of our leading established physicians, and has built up a large and successful practice. He is awake to the interests of the city of Midland, a keen observer of events, and remarkably well versed in current history. His office is in the Reardon block.

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RESEARCH IN BELGIUM

Paul Van Hecke
Boulevard des Invalides 49
B-1160 Brussel, Belgium

Offers to do research in Belgium. Cost of documents same as he pays. You may want to check and see if the prices are the same as with other researchers. 300 Belgian Francs* for each certificate found. 30 Belgian Francs* for each photocopy., Payment of postal expenses.

* approx. 34 Belgian Francs = \$1.00

(EDITORS NOTE: We do not endorse or promote any particular researcher. You should contact the researcher and decide for yourself whether to use them.)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Midland Genealogical Society exchanges quarterlies/newsletters with about 25 other Michigan societies. The two latest ones on the shelves are the reinstatement of exchange with the Flint Genealogical Society, and an exchange with a new society composed of Ford Motor Company employees and retirees. The group is based in Dearborn and has chosen "The Rear View Mirror" as the name of their publication. If you are researching other locations in Michigan, check out the plastic boxes on the library shelves. Our Pioneer Record also gets mailed to Ft. Wayne, making it accessible to many mid-west researchers.

The former Genealogical Association of South-western Michigan located at St. Joseph is now known as the Berrien County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 8808, Benton Harbor 49023-8808. They have 11 individual township cemetery books for sale – see flyer on bulletin board.

Offers have been made recently by two local groups to help Midland genealogists. Mrs. Rose Cohoon will open the Shepherd, Michigan museum for anyone doing research on Shepherd families. Her phone is (517) 828-5881. Mrs. Georgianna Peet Miller, chairman of the small genealogy group of the Gratiot Co. Historical Society, says her group meets/works every Tuesday afternoon at her home, 228 W. Center in Ithaca, and Midland people are always welcome. Her phone is (517) 875-4240.

In the year ending June 30, 1997 (the city's operating year), about 1300 people actually signed the register book when using the Midland Room. (There are undoubtedly a few more people who didn't sign.) These included visitors from 14 states, Ontario, Germany, and many other Michigan cities. The volunteers also "guesstimated" we helped others for about 600 hours. (Incidentally, these figures plus others are reported to the library administrators for inclusion in their annual report.)

Several letters and family info have been received over the summer that mention our society name found on the Internet (HOME page entered by Bill Worden). One pamphlet involves the names of MacDonald, Barton, and Swarthout in Midland County. Another has information on the surnames of Trew, Wuelpern, Winiecke, Schmidt, Morrison, and Siminski in Saginaw. These files have been placed in the plastic boxes (on the shelves) containing other family histories.

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FORMS FOR SALE AT THE NEXT MEETING

As a convenience for members, there will be for sale at the September meeting, census forms for all the years, a census summary sheet, family group sheets, five-generation, eight-generation, twelve-generation, and fifteen-generation charts. Prices range from 50¢ to \$1.10. A new chairman is needed to handle these forms. It is a useful service, yet doesn't take much time. However, with so many computer users who generate their own forms, maybe this service is not needed anymore. Comments?

Irish Research More Difficult

Irish research is more difficult than that in the rest of the British Isles. Civil registration commenced in 1864 but many Irish records were destroyed in the "Unrest" of 1922. Records from 1864 to 1922, for all Ireland, and from 1922 for the Republic, are held at the office of the Registrar General, Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Northern Irish records since 1922 are held at the GRO, Oxford House, Chichester Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1, 4HL. Virtually all 19th century census returns have been destroyed but the Irish censuses for 1901 and 1911 may be examined at the National Archives in Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland. (Researchers should note that the 100 Year Rule prohibits disclosure of the 1901 and 1911 returns for the six Northern Ireland counties of Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone – but they may be scrutinized in Dublin.)

If you wish to use a researcher in Ireland the

Hibernian Research Company, Ltd., claims that they are Ireland's oldest and largest research company. They also say they proved the ancestries of former President Reagan and former Prime Minister Mulroney. HRCL is at P. O. Box 3097, Dublin, 6, Ireland. Their fax: 353-1-497-3011.

Irish Roots is a quarterly genealogical publication from Belgrave Avenue, Cork, Ireland. Annual subscription is \$US \$15, Canadian \$18, Australian \$20, or New Zealand \$25.

North of the border is the Association of Ulster Genealogists and Record Agents. Write for a list to the Glenmachan Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT4 2NP.

With thanks to *The Thistle Press* of the Scottish Society of Southwest Michigan, P. O. Box 1676, Battle Creek, MI 49016.

BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books, published by the society, are still available.

MIDLAND COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX - 1872-1927. The book consists of abstractions from the *Midland Times* (1872-1875), the *Midland Sun* (1892-1924) and the *Midland Republican* (1881-1927). From the 55 years covered, we have about 16,000 records of deaths from those publications. The book is 8 1/2 by 11 inches, softbound, and is 238 pages in length.

The Price is \$20.00 at any MGS meeting or by mail plus \$3.00 postage & handling.

MIDLAND COUNTY NATURALIZATIONS - 1855-1907. 37 Pages, softbound. \$6 plus \$1 postage. (ONLY 20 COPIES LEFT).

MIDLAND COUNTY CENSUSES - 1850-1894. 450 PAGES, SOFTBOUND. \$20 plus \$2 postage. (ONLY 40 COPIES LEFT).

To ORDER A BOOK write:

Midland Genealogical Society BOOK
G.A. Dow Memorial Library
1710 W. St. Andrews Dr.
Midland, MI 48640



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.

1) Warranty deed, 29th December 1881, from Lafayette Shanahan and Sarah, his wife of Midland to Andrew J. Fosdick of Midland for \$500, a parcel of land in Midland Twp. starting at SW corner of NE quarter of the NE quarter of section 16 town 14N R2E north along the boundary of the NE quarter and the NW quarter of section 16. 19 chains to the line of a ditch, thence south 31 deg. east along the said ditch 6 chains and 53 links to

angle in said ditch. Thence south 45 deg. and 15 minutes east 81 chains and 9 links to center line of **Ashman Street**. Thence south 45 deg west along said road 10 chains and 84 links to intersection of said road with the south line of the NE of the NE 1/4 of said sec 16. Thence west along said eighth line 1 chain and 39 links to point of beginning containing 9 and 21/100 acres.

2) Quit claim deed 21st June 1881, from Thurston Skinner Widower of Midland to Charles Feathers of the same place for \$100, E 1/2 NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 sec. 14N R1E Homer(?) Twp., Midland.

3) Satisfaction of Mortgage, 10h Oct. 1881, between Olive C. Selleck of Flint and John Forbes. Mortgage recorded in liber E of mortgages, page 492 on the 29th of May 1878.

4) Warranty deed, 13th October, 1881, from John R. Evans & Lucinda, his wife of Midland to John R. Evans, Cornelius F. Smith & James B. Burtless of the same place, composing the firm of J.R. Evans & Co., for \$800, in the village of Midland, Lot 16 Block 10 being 54 feet on **Main St.** by 90 feet on **Benson St.** Also the northwesterly 30 feet of lot 15 of said block (10).

The IRS as a Locator? It's true.

When we think of the IRS, we automatically think of the Internal Revenue Service – federal and state income taxes, our responsibility in meeting the terms and deadlines for reporting our earnings, and then sending in our payment to the correct government office. Are you aware that same Internal Revenue Service, through its Disclosure Office, could assist you in locating someone? The District's Disclosure Office can give you assistance per IRM 1272 (11) (14), the Internal Revenue Service's policy that allows its personnel to forward certain letters for "humane purposes."

Two examples of this type of service are 1) a person seeking to find a missing person to convey a message of an urgent nature such as serious illness, imminent death or the death of a close relative, or 2) a person seeking to find a missing relative.

Write for the forms: Internal Revenue Service, Disclosure Room 5202, 300 North Los Angeles Street, CA 90012.

If your research trail includes a missing relative, and you have tried every idea you can think in locating your relative, consider using the IRS Disclosure Office. The IRS will provide the date of the last return of an individual, which includes the address to which the return was sent. You will need the subject's full name and Social Security number. We do have the privilege of using the Freedom of Information Act to aid us in opening records of importance to us.

With thanks to the Sequoia Genealogical Society, Inc., Newsletter, Tulare City Library Genealogical Dept., 113 North "F" Street, Tulare, CA 93274-3803.

Is This Good Enough For You?

A defense plant corporation making a routine investigation of the title to a proposed site in Louisiana, received a title proof as far back as 1803. However, their legal advisor was not satisfied with this and wrote for evidence of title prior to 1803.

He received the following reply from a Louisiana attorney:

"Gentlemen: I note your comment upon the fact that the records of title sent to you as applying to the land under consideration dates only from the year 1803, and your request for an extension of the records prior to that date. Please be advised:

The Government of the United States acquired the territory from the Government of France in the year 1803;

The Government of France acquired title by conquest from the Government of Spain;

The Government of Spain acquired title by discovery of one Christopher Columbus, a resident of Genoa, Italy, traveler and explorer, under the sponsorship of Her Majesty the Queen of Spain;

The Queen of Spain received sanction of her title by consent of the Pope, a resident of Rome, Italy, and a representative of Jesus Christ, the Son and heir apparent of the Almighty God;

And the Almighty God made Louisiana.

I trust this complies with your request."

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Shelfside

- New books on the shelves of the G.A. Dow Memorial Library.
- 929.37482 - Pennsylvania births. Bucks Co. 1682-1800
- 929.3748 - Pennsylvania births. Chester Co. 1682-1800
- 929.3748 - Pennsylvania births. Delaware Co. 1682-1800
- 974.815 - Pennsylvania births. Lancaster Co. 1723-1777
- 929.3748 - Pennsylvania births. Lebanon Co. 1714-1800
- 929.3748 - Pennsylvania births. Lehigh Co. 1734-1800
- 929.3748 - Pennsylvania births. Northampton Co. 1733-1800
- 974.811 - Pennsylvania births. Philadelphia Co. 1644-1765
- 974.811 - Pennsylvania births. Philadelphia Co. 1766-1780
- 929.1 - Guide to Genealogy Software - by D. Przicha & J Lowery (oversized book)
- 929.1 - Genealogical & family history of the State of New Hampshire. by Stearns, Whitaker & Parker.
- 929.3769 - Early Kentucky Households 1787-1811 - J.F. Sutherland
- 929.37471 - Children's Aid Society of New York. C. Inskeep
- 929.37471 - New York Foundling Hospital. C. Inskeep
- 929.3STE - History of Virginia's Navy of the Revolution. R.A. Stewart
- 973.4KAM - Mariners of the American Revolution. M. & J. Kaminkow
- 929.3741 - Names of Soldiers of the American Revolution (from Maine) who applied for state bounty.
- 973.34MUS - Muster & pay rolls of the War of the Revolution
- 973.3455BRUM - Revolutionary War Records: Virginia. G. M. Brumbaugh
- 973.3447ROB - N. Y. in the revolution. J. A. Roberts & F.G. Mather
- 973.34BOC - Revolutionary war bounty land grants. L.D. Bockstruck
- 9974.7 - Poukeepsie, Dutchess Co., NY. The records of Christ Church Vol. II. 1766-1916
- 929.2 - Kentucky families. D. M. Hehir
- 292.2 - Thomas Disbrow Descendants. 2 parts. M. S. Disbrow
- 929.2 - The Oliver family by D. Butcher.
- 929.3774 - Index to standard atlas of Gladwin Co. MI, 1906
- 929.3774 - Guide to the Michigan genealogical & historical collections at the library of Michigan & the State Archives of Michigan
- 929.2 - Winick/Weiner. David & Ida Winick of Vilna Gabornia, Russia & their children who migrated to Mass. D. Butcher
- 970.00 - How to enroll in an Indian tribe. Heather Morningstar
- 929.3 - Scandinavian immigrants in NY. 1630-1674. John O. Evjen
- 929.3 - The Mayflower Descendants Vol. 4-5-6.
- 369.15 List of the Grand Army of the Republic Posts in Michigan 1872-1948.
- 929.5 - St. Michael's Cemetery & Oak Grove Cemetery - Oakley MI. Palaszkeski
- 970.1 - Native Americans in Michigan

MEMBERSHIP DUES 1998 - 1998

Collection of membership dues for 1997 - 1998 began at the May meeting and will conclude at the September meeting. If your dues are not paid by the end of September, this will be the last Pioneer Record you will receive. Dues may be paid by mail to: Membership Chairman, Midland Genealogical Society, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640. Dues for an individual are \$10; for a family they are \$12.50.

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MGS PROGRAMS FOR 1997 - 1998

Programs will be held as usual, at **7:00 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:

September 17, 1997 - SHOW & TELL. Case Histories of recent research by our members.

October 15, 1997 - Ralph Hillman will speak on a professional's recent historical research.

November 19, 1997 - The topic will be "Reproduction and Improvement of Old Photos and Documents."

December, 1997. No Meeting.

January, 1998. "Case Histories of Research in Central Europe."

February 18, 1998 - Workshop on the Internet.

March 19, 1998 - Genealogical Case Histories from the British Isles.

April, 1998 - To Be announced

May, 1998 - To Be Announced

June, 1998. Annual Meeting

UPCOMING SEMINARS

SUNDAY-FRIDAY - Sept. 21-26, 1997 - Orange County, NY, Genealogy ElderHostel held at the Warwick Conference Center. Topic: "Orange County Genealogy and History."

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY - Sept. 25-27, 1997 - Michigan Genealogical Council's 1997 Seminar held at the Four-Star Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids. "They Came from the Old World - Europe," sponsored by the Western Michigan Genealogical Society. This is the 25th anniversary of the Council, so there will be a special celebration. You should have received a brochure in the mail several months ago. There is also one on the bulletin board in the Midland Room.

SATURDAY - October 25, 1997 - Ontario Genealogical Society, Region 1. Four subjects to be covered. Sponsored by the Kent Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, held in Chatham, Ontario.

SATURDAY - November 1, 1997 - Western Wayne County Genealogical Society's 5th Annual Seminar: "From the Battlefield to the Courthouse."

SATURDAY - November 8, 1997 - 1-4 P. M. - The 3rd nation-wide genealogical teleconference hosted by the Michigan Genealogical Council and the Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society (sites at Library of Michigan and in Alpena). Topic: "American Land Records," presented by Sandra H. Luebking, nationally known lecturer. Preregistration cost: \$5.

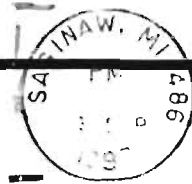
WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY - August 19-22, 1998 - The National Federation of Genealogical Societies Seminar held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Many well-known speakers from all over the USA.

Picture Donated to MGS

A picture of children of French Town School, Bay County has been donated to the Midland Genealogical Society. If anyone is interested in a picture from around the turn of the 20th century, contact Nancy Lackie, C/O Midland Genealogical Society.



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Our society meets on the 3rd Wed. of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May at 7:00 P. M. in the lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640. Visitors are always welcome. Watch the Midland Daily News for upcoming speakers, dates, and times.

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 the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr. Midland, MI 48640.