

PIONEER RECORD

MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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FLASH!!!! The Midland Genealogical Society receives a nomination for Pulitzer Prize for best collaboration of society members working on a non-fiction book dealing with deceased persons. (They object to being termed "dead".)

A copy of the book, Midland County, Michigan Cemetery Records, is being forwarded to the Committee after choosing a cover from the Midland Office Supply and the Flint Book Bindery.

Heading the Judging Committee is Mr. I. M. Curious, assisted by Mrs. Ima Genealogist and U. R. Too. Final decision will be made by Mr. John Q. Public (who had better choose this book to win).

Winning authors will receive an all-expense trip to their choice of New or Old Hope Cemeteries. To receive your copy of this book, which has been ranked somewhere between the Bible & Roots in terms of usefulness, contact Ruth Ann Casadonte.

P. S. Should we be called upon to autograph special copies, there will be a gathering of the tombstone rubbers, snake routers, and the mosquito swat team at Marion Berry's...date to be announced.

Submitted by Madame duBarry
(alias Rachel)

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The first meeting of the new year will be held in the lounge at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library on September 16, 1981. A "Help!" session will start at 7:00 with the business meeting to start at 7:15. Be prepared to tell of your summer trials and tribulations, genealogically speaking, visuals welcomed.

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Anyone for chairing publication No. 2??? With our first publication under our belts, what next, you ask?!? This will be decided at the September meeting, so bring your suggestions and be ready to volunteer!

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NEWBERRY LIBRARY CLOSED TO READERS FEBRUARY-APRIL 1982

The Newberry Library will temporarily suspend its services to readers reference service by telephone and mail, photo-duplication services, and interlibrary loans February 1 through April 30, 1982.

By January 1982, the Newberry's new bookstack building, linked to the existing building, will be completed. It will safely house all the Newberry's priceless collections in history and the humanities. Renovation of the existing building will then begin to improve facilities for readers, staff and the public.

During the 3 months when the Library will be closed, the collections will be moved from the present building to the bookstack building. All library materials on reserve will be recalled prior to moving.

The Newberry realizes that certain cases require exceptions. Library fellows and readers with urgent research or publication deadlines may apply to the Library's Review Committee for special limited service during the closing. The deadline for applications is December 1, 1981. Requests made after this date will take at least 3 weeks to process.

The Library thanks you in advance for your cooperation and patience. Most services to readers will resume in May, 1982, however, readers are advised to call or write before going to the Library.

(The above released from
The Newberry Library
June 15, 1981)

JACKSON COUNTY OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

The Jackson County Genealogical Society has recently advised us of the new requirements for genealogy in the office of the Jackson County Clerk.

Searching will be by appointment only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Since their office space is limited, only one or two persons at a time will be allowed. When clerks are not busy with their own work, they will be able to give assistance, however, they will be unable to answer any requests by telephone. Mail requests will be honored and a fee will be charged based on their labor or any other actual costs. If they receive a mail request inquiring about a particular record on file, a charge will not be made if the exact year is known. Otherwise, a charge will be made for the time spent if they are asked to search several years.

GENEALOGICAL DECEPTION

The Flint Genealogical Society informs us of the following: "Besides Beatrice Bayley there is another firm, Jenny's Inc., which is selling books on Your surname. What you receive from Jenny's is a book of family charts on your surname with no relationship shown between the charts."

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The following was received in a letter dated November 11, 1981 from Walter W. Ellsworth, 1516 Fern Place, Lakeland, FL 33801:

"Members of the Ellsworth family were pioneers in Midland County. Hasten M. Ellsworth was in Midland in 1850, and with others selected the Court House site, was the first Marshall, served as Sheriff 1859-60, was Township Treasurer for several years, had Ellsworth Street named after him, and died in Midland September 14, 1882. His sister, Martha Ellsworth, was wife of Bradford Larkin and mother of John Larkin. She died in Midland March 12, 1893. John Larkin came to Midland in 1850 but believe his parents did not arrive until sometime in the 1860's. A sister, Rebecca Ellsworth, wife of Henry D. Rogers, was in Saginaw County in 1850, moving to Midland in 1861. She died in Midland April 7, 1902. They are the G-G-Grandparents of Rosemary Madill Baker. A brother Samuel Ellsworth died in Midland November 21, 1869 and probably arrived in Midland about 1862. A brother, Harrison Ellsworth, died in Midland April 2, 1858, probably the year of his arrival. A brother, Homer Ellsworth, my G-Grandfather, arrived in Midland in 1862 by way of Illinois and with him was his mother, Sarah Ellsworth, widow of Joseph Ellsworth. She died in Midland April 15, 1867. Homer lived in Midland until about 1879 then went to Kansas and returned in 1899 but moved to Harrison where he died in 1912. He built the 2nd hotel in Midland named 'Ellsworth Hotel' located in the vicinity of the old Rhinehart Building, which was later sold to Rod Russell."

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When I look over my family tree,
The strangest assortment of titles I see.
Names such as Hartford, Irving, Ceola,
Aubrey and Cleo, Gersham, Etola.

And I can't help having my doubts and my "maybes"
(Didn't my ancestors like little babies?)
Why burden a newborn, so sweet and so tiny,
With a name like Myrtle, Minnie or Miny?

Can you just imagine burping an Emer,
Or cuddling a Wilbur when he was a screamer?
What did it do to their ego, their id,
To grow up with a handle like Cleburn or Thid?

And what of my Grandma, who was called Lilly Bruce.
Did a name such as that become common with use?
Or her sisters, who were Fannie, Sadie and Hattie -
Had Great Grandma not heard of Debbie or Patty?

But I s'pose as time goes marching on,
And in the year two thousand fifty one,
Names we like now will then sound odd...
Such as Mike and Jack and Craig and Todd.

Can't you just picture a wrinkled Aunt Vicki,
Or tottering and feeble, old Uncle Ricky -
A Grandma named Tammy, Jody or Sandy,
A rocking-chair Grandad whose first name is Randy,
Surrounded by babies, chubby and fat
Named Archibald, Zora and Je-hosh-a-phat!!

MGS ANCESTOR CHARTS CONTINUED

| SURNAME | MEMBERS |
|---------------------|---|
| CABLE | POMRANKY |
| CAHOON | BUTCHER |
| CALDWELL | RUNYON |
| CALLOWAY | S SCHWEITZER |
| CAMPBELL | POMRANKY; ENGDahl |
| CANNON | ALBEE; GRISWOLD |
| CAREY | BUTCHER |
| CARPENTER | VIRGIL; BUTCHER; B BIRKHIMER; MC CULLEN; POMRANKY |
| CARSON | NELSON |
| CARTER | WORDEN |
| CASADONTE | CASADONTE |
| CASSIDAY | CASSIDAY |
| CASTO | CRUMMETT |
| CASWELL | CASADONTE |
| CATLA | WILLIAMS |
| CAVALIER | POMRANKY |
| CAVINS | DIESEN |
| CHALKER | HILLMAN |
| CHAMBERLAIN | HILLMAN |
| CHAMBERS | WILSON |
| CHANDLER | FREER; S SCHWEITZER; HILLMAN |
| CHAPIN | FREER; NUECHTERLEIN |
| CHAPPEL | ANDERSON |
| CHARD | NUECHTERLEIN |
| CHARLTON | BUTCHER |
| CHARTRAND | POMRANKY |
| CHATFIELD | HILLMAN |
| CHENEY | HILLMAN |
| CHILDS | HILLMAN |
| CHILES | SCHWEITZER |
| CHILTON | B BIRKHIMER; BRINES |
| CHIPMAN | BUTCHER |
| CHRISTIANSEN | BAKER |
| CHURCH | DIESEN; HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER; GEHOSKI |
| CHURCHILL | BUTCHER; HILLMAN |
| CHURCHMAN | HILLMAN |
| CICHOCKI (CHEHOSKI) | GEHOSKI |
| CIRCULAR | POMRANKY |
| CLAPP (CLAPE) | BUTCHER |
| CLARK | DAVIS; FREER; VIRGIL; HILLMAN; BUTCHER |
| CLARKE | HILLMAN; BUTCHER |
| CLAYES | BUTCHER |
| CLEMENT | GRISWOLD |
| CLERC | CASSIDAY |
| CLINGAMAN | WALKER |
| CLODFELTER | E BIRKHIMER |
| CLOISTER | WORDEN |
| CLOPTON | HOFFMAN |
| CLUGSTON | E BIRKHIMER |
| CLUXTON | E BIRKHIMER |
| COFFIN | BUTCHER |
| COFFLEY | BRINES |
| COGANS | ANDERSON |
| COGGESHALL | HILLMAN |
| COGSWELL | WILLIAMS |
| COHOON | MC CULLEN |
| COLBATH | THORNTON |
| COLBURN | BUTCHER |
| COLE(S) | PANKEY; BUTCHER |
| COLEMAN | BUTCHER |
| COLLIER | BUTCHER |
| COLLINS | FREER; NUECHTERLEIN |
| COLMAN | BUTCHER |

COLMAR (COLEMAR)
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COMSTOCK
COMYNGS
CONANT
CONDE
CONKLIN
CONVERSE
COOK
COOKE
COOLEY
COOMBS
COON(S)
COOPER
COPE
COPELAND
COPSON
CORBISON
CORBYN
CORLISS
CORRAY
CORRELL
COTTLE
COTTON
COUCH
COVELL
COX
COY
CRAIG
CRAM
CRAMMER
CRANE
CRANTON
CRAWFORD
CROCKER
CROMPTON
CRONKHITE
CROOKS
CROSBY
CROSSMAN
CROSTIC
CRUMMETT
CUDWORTH
CULP
CUMMINGS
CUNNABELL
CUNNINGHAM
CURRIE
CURTIS(S)
CUSHMAN
CUTHBERTSON
CUTTING
DABY
DAGGETT
DAGLE
DALE
DAMON
DANFORTH
DANIEL(S)
DART
DAVIS
DAY
DEBORSKI
DE-ATH
DEAN(E)
DOANE
DE COLIGNY
DEERING
DEMING
DENTON
DE PEW

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MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:

The Midland Genealogical Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge unless otherwise announced.

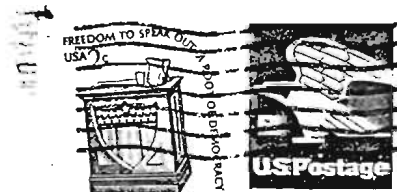
Dues are ^{7.00}~~\$5.00~~/year or ^{10.50}~~\$8.00~~/family. Members will receive the Midland Genealogical Society's newsletter, PIONEER RECORD, at no additional cost. Non-members may subscribe to the newsletter at a cost of \$3.50/year or \$1.00/copy. The newsletter will be printed quarterly, September, November, February and April.

Membership Application

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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Amount Paid: _____ \$5.00 _____ \$8.00

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