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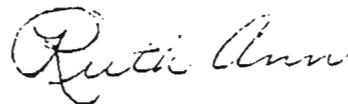
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As of October 26, fifty-eight of our book publication, Midland County, Michigan Cemetery Records have been sold. Many have gone to local individuals but some libraries ordering at this time are: Coleman Library, Jackson Library, Battle Creek Willard Library, Cincinnati Library, Indiana State Library, Flint Library (3), White Pine Library Association (3) and the California State Library. The ad in the Sept.-Oct. Genealogical Helper ought to bring in more orders. Remember, it's not too early to be thinking about Christmas.

Have you ever written to a genealogical society in the area you are researching in hopes of getting a helping hand? If you have an occasion to do so, be brief, be specific about what you wish them to look for, and don't forget to include a SASE!! (Remember, make it a 20¢ stamp!). Also offer to pay for any photocopies and do so!!

Our society has received numerous queries about ancestors in Midland County. These queries have been directed not only to the society, but to the Historical Society, the Library and even the Midland Daily News. The researchers have been from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, California, Pennsylvania, Washington, Colorado, South Dakota, Minnesota and elsewhere. Some of the surnames being researched are: LITCH, CAMERON, KORTGE, ERWAY, ELMORE, CAMP, CRALL, STEBBINS, SLAGH, KIME, GILMAN, HORNING and CARLEY. I have kept these letters of inquiry and if anyone wishes to know who is researching any of these surnames, I shall oblige them.

Good Hunting!



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On November 18, 1981, Jeff Porter, Midland County Clerk, will tell us about public records and their availability to genealogists. The meeting, which is open to anyone, will be held in the Children's Story Hour Room at 7:00 p.m.

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On MARCH 13, 1982, Midland Genealogical Society's WORKSHOP at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library will be held. Watch for details.

NEW MEMBERS

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QUERY

- #111 - Diana Butcher, 660 E. Olson, Rte. 9, Midland, Mi. 48640, 835-4528
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Wanted - parents of PRISCILLA GRAY OLIVER born 1781 Boston, Ma., m. (1) 1799 FRANCIS INGRAHAM JR., (2) 1819 GEORGE BRADFORD, d. 1869 Boston, Ma.

NEWS 'n NOTES

On Nov. 17, 1981, fifteen LDS librarians will be visiting Grace A. Dow Memorial Library's genealogical collection to update their knowledge of Midland resources.

Please turn your surname cards in to Pat Worden, 1201 Glendale, or Jan Erratt, 108 Hunters' Ridge by Nov. 10. They will be attending the Council meeting in Lansing on Nov. 12.

Have you registered your name in the "County Location Book" which is currently on the shelf of our genealogical collection? This book lists counties and those members working in them. Perhaps YOU are researching the same county as another member. Check it out.

Good News! We are nearly 90 members strong! Continue to invite your friends and relatives who are interested in learning more about their ancestors.

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Originally, there were two Jerseys: West Jersey and East Jersey. The line was Providence Line Road.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN/WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Morrow County, Ohio, An OGS Mini-Convention

The first speaker, Dr. James N. Holm, Kent Co., Ohio, enthusiastically and ably supported by his wife, told us about researching in Pennsylvania, especially at the State Land Office in Harrisburg. The talk was fairly general but he sprinkled in comments like where to stay in Harrisburg, suggesting we "stay in a motel west of the river to avoid downtown traffic." Highlighting the presentation was a narrative dramatizing the naturalization of his first U.S. ancestor.

The second speaker entirely missed his audience. His subject was the use of home computers in genealogy. He quickly lost most people with technical jargon and a disconnected presentation. Many attendees were more helpful in their remarks than the speaker. We managed to learn more at lunch than during the program. The main point that he missed was that the home computer is not something everyone will want to invest in but it can be very helpful in the filing and sorting of names, dates and places.

After we enjoyed a lunch of Amish style cooking, the third speaker, Ferne Reedy Lubbers, discussed Colonial land records, specifically those of New Jersey. She emphasized that she was speaking about the period of time up to the Revolutionary War. Land records are very important in genealogical researching because they help to locate relationships and should always be searched. She talked about people moving between New York and Philadelphia via New Jersey pointing out the difference between East Jersey and West Jersey. During the Colonial period when the Crown was still in charge, many of the records were taken back to the Mother country. One amusing comment she made was that "Scotch comes in bottles while Scots come in kilts."

The fourth speaker, a local authority in Morrow County, told us that the county had been formed by four other counties prior to 1848. Also, the local society is working on cemetery readings.

Following the Seminar, we tramped through various cemeteries, several of which we found to be overgrown with weeds, brush and trees. We also learned that we should keep our "cemetery kit" in the car at all times since we were forced to purchase blue carpenter's chalk at a local hardware store and therefore, left a trail of "blue" stones all over the county to mark our work!

Bill and Pat Worden

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"BLACK NOW BELIEVED AMONG FIRST PILGRIMS

"Plymouth, Mass.

August 20, 1981

"Historians said yesterday they have enough evidence to suggest one of the first settlers of the Plymouth colony in New England was a black man.

"We have decided...and we are about as definite on this as we can be...that he came to Plymouth in 1623," said Robert Marten, director of programs at Plimoth Plantation, a village recreating the early settlement.

"'He was not there as a slave or that sort of thing' Marten said, adding that the black...Abraham Pearce...apparently owned land, voted and had equal standing in the community, which was spelled 'Plimoth' at the time.

"Some historians have thought for years there was a black Pilgrim, but Marten said only recently have researchers compiled enough documentation to substantiate the claim.

"'The presence of a black man in early Plymouth shatters the popular stereotype of the strictly European Pilgrim' Marten said.

"In June, plantation officials installed a black modern-day Pilgrim to take part in the village's activities for tourists, said Richard Ehrlich, director of education.

"The decision to place a black Pilgrim in the village was made after the 'body of information' was re-evaluated, he said, noting historians in the past have disagreed over the issue.

"By combing through the colony's records, researchers believe the black Pilgrim arrived at Plymouth...about 40 miles south of Boston... three years after the first 100 settlers on the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock.

"The only reference to Pearce's color is a colony record dated 1643, listing the names of men available to serve in the Plymouth militia. The list said: 'Abraham Pearce, blackamore.'

"But records indicate Abraham Pearce...or variations in the spelling ...came to the colony on the wind-swept coast of Massachusetts as an indentured servant aboard the Anne, a ship that sailed from England.

"Although researchers have no proof, they suspect Pearce was born in the West Indies and was brought to Jamestown, Va. as a slave in 1619. He apparently crossed the Atlantic before returning to the New World.

"When Plymouth was incorporated in 1633, Pearce was listed as a freeholder and a voting member of the community. Between 1633 and 1637, Pearce received cattle under a community division system, bought land and then sold his house and garden, records show.

"'He was also one of the leading figures in the community.' Marten said.

"Marten said Pearce died in 1673, around the time racial attitudes began to change in New England with the advent of slavery.

"United Press"

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"The Mayflower Pilgrims had one thing in common...all were lower class, 'from the cottages and not the castles of England.'"

"Slaves were rare during the early colonial days in New England."

"The Mayflower Pilgrims searched the coast for more than six weeks before settling on the high ground just behind Plymouth Rock."

Beginning with this issue, we will be listing the surnames and searching members which are located in the Midland Genealogical Society's Ancestor Book. We realize this list is not up-to-date; indeed, we are hoping this will encourage you to help us make it more complete. It is also realized that printing lists in "serial" form is frowned upon, but sometimes it is the only way. This listing is an excellent application for computer use since to add, sort, correct or delete names is easily done.

MGS ANCESTOR CHARTS AS OF OCTOBER 1981

REPORT FOR SURNAME = A SURNAME MEMBERS

1	ABBOT/ABBOTT	S SCHWEITZER; CRUMMETT; HILLMAN
2	ACKLEY	CRUMMETT
3	ACORN	HILLMAN
4	ADAMS	M BERRY; VIRGIL; BUTCHER; B BIRKHIMER
5	ADEN	B BIRKHIMER
6	ADFORD	HILLMAN
7	AGAR	NUECHTERLEIN
8	AGER	S SCHWEITZER
9	AIRES	HILLMAN
10	ALBEE	FREER; ALBEE
11	ALBIN	E BIRKHIMER
12	ALCOCK	FREER ; BUTCHER
13	ALDEN	BUTCHER; B BIRKHIMER
14	ALDIS	HILLMAN
15	ALDRICH	HILLMAN
16	ALJER	HILLMAN; BRINES
17	ALLEN	HILLMAN; OWEN; CASSIDAY
18	ALLERTON	BUTCHER
19	ALLEYANDER	VIRGIL
20	ALLIS	NUECHTERLEIN
21	AMAND	CASSIDAY
22	AMES	HILLMAN; BRINES
23	ANDERSON	WILSON; CASADONTE; ANDERSON; GRISWOLD; THORNTON; MARSHALL
24	ANDREWS	BUTCHER; WALKER; HILLMAN; ANDERSON; BRINES
25	ANDRIESEN	WILSON
26	ANGER	PHILLIPS
27	ANNE OF BRITTANY	CASSIDAY
28	ARENTSE	HILLMAN
29	AREY	HILLMAN
30	ASHURST	NUECHTERLEIN
31	ASLETT/ASLEBE	S SCHWEITZER
32	ASPINWALL	HILLMAN
33	ATKINS	GEHOSKI
34	ATBATT	MC CULLEN
35	ATWELL	ANDERSON
36	AUSTIN	BUTCHER; HILLMAN; GRISWOLD
37	AVERY	HILLMAN
38	AYERS	B BIRKHIMER; VIRGIL; GEHOSKI

REPORT FOR SURNAME = B

SURNAME MEMBERS

1	BACHELDER(ELLER)	BUTCHER
2	BACON	HILLMAN
3	BAILEY	HILLMAN; GRISWOLD
4	BAIRON	POMRANKY
5	BAKER	WILSON; ANDERSON
6	BALCH	ENGDAHL
7	BALDES	VIRGIL
8	BALDWIN	ANDERSON; WALKER; HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER
9	BALLIOU	BUTCHER; MC CULLEN
10	BALLOUGH	ANDERSON
11	BALTZLY	ENGDAHL
12	PANCROFT	POMRANKY
13	BANGS	BUTCHER; FREER; HILLMAN
14	BARBER	PANKEY; HILLMAN
15	BARION	POMRANKY

16	BARKER	VIRGIL; S SCHWEITZER; HILLMAN; S JOHNSON; POMRANKY
17	BARNARD	S SCHWEITZER; BUTCHER; TOMLINSON; BRINES
18	BARNES	HILLMAN
19	BARNETT	TOMLINSON
20	BARRET	POMRANKY
21	BARRON	BUTCHER
22	BARSTOW	B BIRKHIMER
23	BARTER	WILSON
24	BARTHOLOMEW	WALKER; GRISWOLD
25	BARTLETT	BUTCHER; HILLMAN
26	BARTOW	TOMLINSON
27	BASHORE	WORDEN
28	BASS	BUTCHER; B BIRKHIMER
29	BASSETT	WILLIAMS; BUTCHER
30	BATE	B BIRKHIMER
31	BATES	BUTCHER
32	BATTLE	HILLMAN
33	BAUER	K SCHWEITZER; ANDERSON
34	BAUGHT	ENGDahl
35	BAVER	K SCHWEITZER
36	BAKTER	BUTCHER; B BIRKHIMER
37	BAYES	HILLMAN
38	BEACH	NUECHTERLEIN
39	BEAL	BUTCHER
40	BEAMSLEY	S SCHWEITZER
41	BEARDSLEY	BUTCHER
42	BEARSE	HILLMAN
43	BEATY	VIRGIL
44	BECHTOL	ANDERSON
45	BECKETT	OWEN; HILLMAN
46	BEHRENS	CASSIDAY
47	BEELDEN(ING)	NUECHTERLEIN
48	BELL	PANKEY; HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER
49	BELLE	NUECHTERLEIN; CASSIDAY
50	BENEDICT	VIRGIL; HILLMAN
51	BENJAMIN	HILLMAN; GRISWOLD
52	BENSON	BUTCHER
53	BENSYL	E BIRKHIMER
54	BENTLEY	LEE
55	BERK	WORDEN
56	BERRY	BUTCHER; HILLMAN
57	BEST	BUTCHER; HILLMAN; BRINES
58	BILLINGTON	B BIRKHIMER
59	BILLS	BUTCHER
60	BIRCHARD	WALKER
61	BIRD	BUTCHER
62	BIRKHIMER	E BIRKHIMER
63	BIRTHS	HILLMAN
64	BISHOP	HILLMAN; ANDERSON; NUECHTERLEIN; CASSIDAY
65	BLACHSOLL	BRINES
66	BLACKSTONE	HILLMAN
67	BLAKE	HILLMAN
68	BLANCHAN	MC KELLAR
69	BLANKENSHIP	S SCHWEITZER
70	BLANTON	NUECHTERLEIN
71	BLISS	NUECHTERLEIN; GRISWOLD
72	BLODGETT	ANDERSON; NUECHTERLEIN
73	BLOOD	S SCHWEITZER; ANDERSON
74	BLOSSOM	WILSON
75	BLUM	WORDEN
76	BODFISH	WILSON
77	BODLEY	WILSON
78	BODWELL	S SCHWEITZER
79	BOESHORE	WORDEN
80	BOGART	B BIRKHIMER
81	BOLTON	VIRGIL; TOMLINSON
82	BONNEL	HILLMAN
83	BOOS	CASSIDAY
84	BORIST	TOMLINSON
85	BOSWELL	TOMLINSON
86	BOSWORTH	HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER
87	BOURNE	HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER; NUECHTERLEIN
88	BOURNER	HILLMAN
89	BOUSE	HOFFMAN

90	BOWEN	NUECHTERLEIN
91	BOWER	K SCHWEITZER
92	BOWMAN	HOFFMAN
93	BOWNE	FREER
94	BOYD	WILLIAMS; CASADONTE
95	BRACKET	HILLMAN
96	BRADFORD	POMRANKY
97	BRADLEY	E JOHNSON
98	BRAGDON	HILLMAN
99	BRAGG	HILLMAN
100	BREAM	S SCHWEITZER
101	BRECK	BUTCHER
102	BREED	HILLMAN
103	BRENNER	TOMLINSON
104	BRENTNELL	WILSON
105	BREON	MC KELLAR
106	BREWAV	WORDEN
107	BREWER	WILSON; S SCHWEITZER
108	BREWSTER	BUTCHER; WILSON
109	BRIDGHAM	HILLMAN
110	BRIDMORE	WILSON
111	BRIGGS	WALKER; CASSIDAY
112	BRIGHAM	HILLMAN
113	BRINE(S)	BRINES
114	BROCKWAY	CASSIDAY
115	BRODERSON	CASSIDAY
116	BRODZEK	M BERRY
117	BROMLEY	MC CULLEN
118	BRONSON	NUECHTERLEIN
119	BROOKE	NUECHTERLEIN
120	BROOKS	BUTCHER; POMRANKY; HILLMAN; ANDERSON
121	BROOM	PANKEY
122	BROWN	LEE; HILLMAN; BUTCHER; NUECHTERLEIN; BRINES; THORNTON
123	BROWNE	HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER; BUTCHER
124	BRUCE	DAVIS; ANDERSON
125	BRUNDAGE	BRINES
126	BRUNDISH	E BIRKHIMER
127	BRYANDT	HILLMAN
128	BRYANT	BUTCHER; HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER; GEHOSKI
129	BUCHANNAN	GRISWOLD; THORNTON
130	BUFFINGTON	MC KELLAR
131	BULKELEY	BUTCHER
132	BULLARD	HILLMAN
133	BULLOCK	HILLMAN
134	BUNKER	BUTCHER
135	BURBANK	BUTCHER
136	BURD	BUTCHER
137	BURGESS	BUTCHER
138	EURK	WORDEN
139	BUPNS	PANKEY
140	EURR	POMRANKY
141	BURTON	DIESEN
142	EUSBIE(Y)	BUTCHER
143	BUSHRE	POMRANKY
144	BUSK	CASSIDAY
145	BUTCHER	BUTCHER; FREER
146	BUTLER	WILSON; HILLMAN; MC CULLEN
147	BUTTERFIELD	WILSON; ANDERSON
148	BUXTON	B BIRKHIMER
149	BYRAM	HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER; BRINES

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The man that stole the car parked in the cemetery said he had a good excuse. He thought the owner was dead...

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 \$5.00/year or \$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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Amount Paid: _____ \$5.00 _____ \$8.00

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