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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

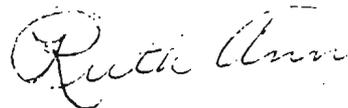
Bravo to our January speakers, Mary Klesney, Shirley Schweitzer, Audrey Nuechterlein and Bari Birkhimer who each shared stories about the lives of, and research for, a particular ancestor. (Rosemary Anderson and Esme Gehoski were also on the docket for the program, but the icy conditions kept them away.) I was sorry to have to miss the fun, also!

Sunday, February 14th, the Chippewa Nature Center holds a Winter Fest from 1 - 5 with programs throughout the afternoon aimed at family oriented projects and experiences. Representing our Society will be Ed and Bari Birkhimer discussing "How To Start a Family Tree."

Continuing in February will be the abstraction of Naturalization Records at the Midland County Court House under Chairman Audrey Pomranky, and the recording of the Midland County 1870 Federal Census from the microfilms at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. The census work is being headed by Jo Brines.

Our February meeting on Wednesday the 17th, will be on German Research with speaker George Rock. The March 13th Workshop is shaping up nicely. (See enclosed flyer). Save the date and let Pat Worden or Ralph Hillman know that you are ready to help. And the end of March and the first of April sales promotion of our Midland County Michigan Cemetery Records will get a shot in the arm!! More later.

Happy Hunting!



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NEWS 'n NOTES

The LDS Stake Library has advised us that they have recently received 6000 additional microfische sheets, updating the Surname file for the years 1976-1980.

"Early New York Naturalizations, Abstracts of Naturalization Records From Federal, State & Local Courts, 1792-1840" Compiled by Kenneth Scott, 1981, is now in our library and you can ask for it at the reference desk.

The Illinois State Historical Library has compiled a listing of all the newspapers they hold on microfilm. These are available through inter-library loan. Check at the reference desk for this list.

New member, Norma Furlow (689-3498) is willing to loan the following two books:

"Shelby County, Ohio Cemetery Record Book"
"Ohio County, Indiana Cemetery Record Book"

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The following is shared by Esme Gehoski (#119) regarding her Midland ancestors:

"Date Line September 28th, 1840: KEILCE, Province of KEILCE formerly Poland now under Prussian rule. Born to Mr. & Mrs. Martin (?) Cichocki a son, Michael, destined to live a better life than his parents had known.

"At age 19 (it's not at present known if he came with his parents), he left his homeland and came to America, landing in New York. Here he found work as a mason/bricklayer. The city of Detroit and its Polish Quarter beckoned. Moving to Detroit, he found work here too as a mason/bricklayer. He often told his children (there were fourteen of them), that when he came to Detroit, Woodward Avenue was nothing better than a sandy track. In 1868/69, the young lady he was to marry, came to the area and after a somewhat short courtship, they were married. She was Mary Lubercik, daughter of Steven and Mary Lubercik. Sometime later, in 1887, they moved up to Larkin Twp., Midland County, having bought considerable acreage. Here they built a home and other out-buildings on what was known then as the old State Road (Jefferson Ave.). When Midland was yet young, he cut logs and hauled them down to the Salt Block in town. He told that at that time there were only 3 or 4 stores in town, the Reardon Bros. and A. H. Reinhart included. Later, the farm was sold or deeded to someone else and they moved into town on Collins St. Their daughter, Sulia and her husband Edmond Nogaski, had built a small home next to 110 E. Collins for them to live in. In late 1981, both homes were still in good condition and occupied by families.

"Michael died in 1937 at the venerable age of 97. His wife, Mary, died in 1945 almost 95 years old. Of their fourteen children, only four survived their father; Sulia, Josephine m. Peter Demski, Benjamin m. Martha Szczygiel and Rosalia m. Jacob Salva. One other, Michael Jr. died in the influenza/pneumonia epidemic of 1919-20. He m. Frances Latocki, daughter of Matthias Frederick & Scholastica (nee Leppek) Latocki. Names of the other children discovered during research are Annie, Mary, Anthony (he lived only a year) and Lola. The other five, as yet, remain anonymous.

"The name spellings here are as accurate as Polish records can supply. If anyone has similar names or ancestors, I would like to hear from you. s/Esme Gehoski"

SURNAME INDEX

The surname index card file being compiled by the Michigan Genealogical Council at the State Library in Lansing, will be prepared for publication early next year. Only those cards which are in place before January 1, 1982 will be included in the publication. If you have not yet contributed to this file, please consider doing it now so that your surnames can be referenced. Cards which are received after January 1 will be filed but not published at this time. Call Wilma Diesen, 832-8485, for instructions and supplies.

MIDLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN CEMETERY RECORDS is hot off the press!!!

Over 23,000 names
Master surname index
475 pages, 8½" x 11"

We are offering this book in a hard bound library edition for \$24.50 and in a soft cover edition at \$19.50. This is a limited printing, so we advise that you place your order now. Please make checks payable to The Midland Genealogical Society and mail to 5813 Woodbridge, Midland, Mi. 48640.

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ORGANIZATION OF MIDLAND COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

Fifteen townships are located in Midland County, Mi. Midland Township was the first to be organized, followed by Ingersoll and others:

Midland Township.....	1855
Ingersoll Township.....	October 1, 1855
Jerome Township.....	1856
Lincoln Township.....	March 20, 1861
Jasper Township.....	March 20, 1861
Homer Township.....	January 13, 1862
Porter Township.....	January 6, 1868
Mount Haley Township.....	June 19, 1871
Hope Township.....	November 20, 1871
Warren Township.....	February, 1872
Geneva Township.....	June 24, 1873
Edenville Township.....	June 24, 1873
Larkin Township.....	January 24, 1879
Greendale Township.....	January 5, 1882
Lee Township.....	October 13, 1880

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

We've Been To Philadelphia

"The Philadelphia Historical & Genealogical Society has squirreled away in its vaults untold treasures it has acquired over the years." So says the travel book on Pennsylvania.

With this Alladin's cave to explore, why go anywhere else to research Pennsylvania ancestors? That's what we thought when we planned our first venture into that beautiful state. Of course, we stopped off at a couple court houses along the way, but our end of the rainbow was to be in Philadelphia.

After missing our exit and having to wind our way down through city streets to the downtown area, we found that the simple task of parking was a major accomplishment...but we could put up with that. After all, we were going to have in our reach untold sources of research material.

We entered this impressive building, registered, paid our fee, and received a badge to wear and a locker for our purses and such. We walked up the marble stairway with a feeling of awe of this wonderful place we were to work.

Quietly entering the room, we looked about us: a large room with card catalogues at one end and plenty of tables to work at...not to mention the shelves of books circling the room. A small room to the back housed about a dozen microfilm readers. To one side of the main room was an elevated area where the director and his assistants worked...and a director he was, overseeing and guarding his domain, not hesitating to tell you to remove a jacket from one of his tables which you were using.

We were fortunate to arrive at a 'slow' period, and an efficient woman answered our questions on how to use the library...(she even suggested a possible lodging place for the night and a map on how to get there.) We were told that there were county histories, census indices, and family histories along the walls. Anything else would be closed stacks and needed to have a slip filled out and handed to a page...no more than three books at a time.

There were lots of things we wanted to see, so we filled out our slips, waited for a page to appear, and then waited for her to return with our books. There were just two pages...the efficient woman we first met and a senior citizen. When we finished our books, we had to wait and hand them back to the woman, which meant wasted time. But the worst part was that by now there were several more people wanting books and she couldn't take more slips when we handed books back "because there are others waiting to be helped."

We tried to beat the system by looking at some of the many things that are on film instead of book form. Here again, you had to wait for one of the two ladies to help by getting film and putting it on the machine.

By late afternoon our frustration was such that we decided that indeed the treasures were so squirreled away that the pages were lucky to find them and that we mortals weren't really meant to see them. So, "like the Arabs, we folded our tents silently and stole

away"...back to county court houses and libraries where people were enthused about sharing their treasures.

A final note: if you know that this library has a particular book you want checked, don't ask them to do it. They suggest you hire a local genealogical member to do the work.

Betty Bellous & Marion Berry

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"April 17, 1919

Midland Republican

"James, Flora Glynn

"Flu Takes Both Parents at Once

"Mr. and Mrs. James Glynn of Homer Twp. both die Sunday morning.

"Sunday morning at 4:30 James Glynn died of Influenza, twenty-five minutes later his wife succumbed to the same disease.

"On Monday of last week, Mr. Glynn, although not feeling well, sat on the election board in Homer Twp., and on Tuesday tramped all day in search of some cattle that had wandered away. The same day, Mrs. Glynn did a large washing, and Wednesday, they both became seriously ill and grew gradually worse until Sunday when the end came. Five little children, the oldest only eleven years, are now orphans. Three of them have influenza and are being cared for at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, neighbors, the other two are at the home of Mr. Glynn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glynn. They and their two sons Charles and Roy also have influenza. Mrs. Paul Meisner, a daughter is caring for them.

"Flora Emery was born thirty-two years ago in Gratiot Co. and when a small child moved to Midland Co. with her parents. She was married to James Glynn in 1906. They moved to Homer Twp. where they made their home.

"Besidesthe children, she leaves her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Emery of Mt. Haley Twp., two brothers Henry and Theodore Emery, four sisters, Mrs. John Swarthout, of this city, Mrs. Lloyd Fletcher of Saginaw, Mrs. Alva Kirby of Owosso and Edith Buck of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Glynn was a devoted member and an earnest worker in the Daniels Band Church.

"James D. Glynn was born in Bay City September 11, 1882. When but three weeks old, he came with his parents to Midland Co. and for the past twenty years in Homer Twp. following the occupation of a farmer. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glynn, also of Homer Twp., a sister Mrs. Paul Meisner of Bay City, three brothers, Charles and Roy at home and Leslie of Flint survives.

"Mr. and Mrs. Glynn were both members of the Gleaner Lodge.

"The funeral was held Tuesday at the home. Rev. J. A. Yoemans assisted by Rev. R. E. Simms. The burial took place in Homer Cemetery, both bodies being placed in the same grave."

Submitted by Audrey Pomranky

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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 couple}\$~~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.

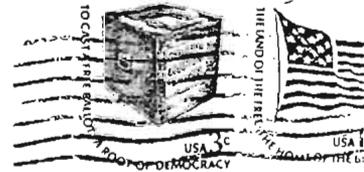
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