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MGS MEETING ** SEPTEMBER 15

The first Midland Genealogical Society **meeting** of the fall will be held **Wednesday, September 15**, in the **auditorium** of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library starting at **7:30 pm**.

The normal business of the society will be conducted including presentation, discussion and adoption of the **1999-2000 budget**. Special announcements and a plea for active member participation will be made.

The **speaker** will be Shirley Hodges, a professional genealogist from Adrian. She brings to us her expertise about Michigan history and why immigrants and other settlers from various ethnic backgrounds came to Michigan.

Refreshments and conversation will follow.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

From the **President**:

Hello! My name is **Joan Brausch** and I was elected president of the Society last May. I've been a member of the Midland Genealogical Society for three years. I am very much a newcomer in genealogy compared to many of our members. I've been researching my family roots for four years now and am thoroughly hooked! None of my ancestors are from this area, but Dave and I have been here for 27 years and it's become home for us.



President Joan Brausch

A lot of my time during the course of a week is taken up with genealogy, but not my own research much, darn it! As well as being president of the Society, I'm also State Coordinator for MIGenWeb, the Michigan

Editor's note: **Please enjoy** this, our first issue of **Pioneer Record**; like a good wine, we hope it will improve with age.

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division of the USGenWeb Project, which provides genealogical information on the Internet. I also host the Clare County site for MIGenWeb. I used to host Midland County and by working with people researching in Midland county came to appreciate the rich history of this area of the state: full of turmoil, movement of peoples, growth, and lots of interesting and colorful people.

We have a great year of programs lined up! Our **first meeting**, on **September 15**, is a special event. We have invited **Shirley Hodges**, a professional genealogist who lives in Adrian, to come and talk with us about the reasons people moved to Michigan and why different ethnic groups were drawn to this state. Shirley is an engaging and interesting speaker. She has great enthusiasm for history and genealogy and I think we are in for a treat. We have invited members of other area genealogy societies to join us, **SO** we'll be meeting in the **Auditorium** at the Library that night - at **7:30pm**. (please note the change in time from our normal 7:00pm meeting time)

Check out the other programs and also the workshop on other pages of the newsletter

As we look towards our first meeting of the year on September 15, we are **still in need** of Board members: **Program Chairperson**, **Secretary** and one more **Hospitality** person. As you'll see, most of the programs are planned, but PR and notices need to be taken care of as well as finalizing the plans. The Secretary takes notes at the board meeting and also notes any business discussed at the monthly meeting. The Hospitality people make sure there is coffee, tea and cookies for us to share at the end of our meetings - and this conversation time is important sharing time.

Please DO consider helping us continue to grow as an organization. We need each other to make this all work. As a Society, we have done a lot of good for those who are members and also have been of great help to those researching their family history here in Midland. There's always more we can do. We have been given much by those who have shared information with us. Hopefully, over the next several years, we can return the favor by sharing the richness of Midland's genealogical heritage with others. And we need **EVERYONE** to make that possible. Please do consider where you might be of help this year. To make this organization great, we need everyone to give of themselves. I know we'll be all the richer for it.

See you on September 15!

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MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL
by Kathy Bohl

Founded in 1972, The **Michigan Genealogical Council** is an organization composed of two delegates from each member society. Its **objectives** are to locate, preserve, publish and deposit in suitable repositories records of value to genealogists and to initiate activities which encourage and assist those who are involved in genealogical research. Meetings are held at the Library of Michigan in Lansing on the second Thursday of September, November, January, March, May, and July. Membership is open to any Michigan genealogical or family history society, amateur or professional, with a primary interest in genealogy.

Materials relating to the council are preserved and periodically turned over to the State Archives which is located adjacent to the Library of Michigan. Publications of the council include a Directory containing information regarding member societies dues, brochures, flyers, websites and publication lists. A sampling of other council publications includes A Guide to the Michigan Genealogical and Historical Collections at the Library of Michigan and the State Archive, Family Trails (five volumes), and Surname Index (Vol. I & II).

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MIDLAND PIONEERS BOOK

Although the book is published by the **Midland Genealogical Society** and there is a fair amount of genealogy in it, it is a collection of stories BY and ABOUT the **PIONEERS** of the Saginaw Valley region of Michigan and especially of **Midland County**, Michigan. These stories are taken from the "**Pioneer Record**" newsletter of the **Midland Genealogical Society** (Volumes I through XIV, 1980-1994) and many have appeared before in old newspapers and books of the county.

The stories are presented essentially as they first appeared and the reader should so note since they are many times presented in the first person as they happened, or were told to the person who wrote them down. The reader will see many places where the story will note that persons, now long gone, are living when the story was written. There will also be many instances where a location will be given as being where some well-known landmark of long ago once stood, but which few now-a-days would be able to place. The dates and places of their appearance will be noted with each article. This is the best we can do at giving the reader a sense of the time and place.

There are two sections to the "**Midland Pioneers**" book. The first, consisting of 5 short articles written between 1911 and 1923, gives some early history of the Midland county area. The second section contains about 160 short stories and articles written over the period 1850 to 1980. Most were written before 1925. The stories are presented in the order they were published and publication dates are included in the *Table of Contents* and with each story. These articles include information about the Indians of the area and the pioneers who first settled in "the Forks" in the 1830's. They follow the growth and establishment of what is now known as the city and county of Midland prior to 1900. There is a mix of history, genealogy, obituaries, humor, etc. There are weddings and anniversaries, Civil War stories, murders, fires, floods... Most people who have read it have commented

that they read it through for the pure enjoyment of it.

Since these are collected from many sources and from many times, there is some repetition in them. It may also be noted that because many were written from memory alone, that there are some discrepancies in time, place, or fact. The editor begs forgiveness and hopes that they will all be found to be interesting and paint a colorful picture of the diversity of life as it occurred here so many years ago.



Ora and Donalee Flaningam

The "**Midland Pioneers**" book is 6x9 inches, 259 pages, with soft cover. It should be noted that the 38 page index includes ALL proper names -- people, places and things and is ideal for those who want to "look something up."

Only 100 copies were printed in March, 1999. The "**Midland Pioneers**" book may turn out to be a "best seller" since more than 40 have already been sold without being publically advertised. The book was printed by Graphics Plus, Bay City, Michigan. Copies have been given to the Editor, Judge Henry Hart (who wrote the preface) and to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Costs to publish the book were such that more than 75 copies will have to be sold for the **Midland Genealogical Society** to realize a profit.

Ora L. Flaningam, Editor "Midland Pioneers"

HISTORY of MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

by Joanne Rupprecht, Historian

Twenty Eight years ago on **June 17, 1971**, the **Midland Genealogical Society** was born as a **unit** of the **Midland County Historical Society**. **Judith Wiley** became acting president of the small group. In 1972 there were twelve members: Kathryn Cummins, Jan Erratt, Bernice Freer, Bonnie Kennett, Ruth Klump, Kaye Lorton, Karen McKellar, Dorothy VanArsdale, Dorothy Virgil, Harry Walker, Dorothy Wilson and Pat Worden. **Jan Erratt** became the first elected president.

The fledgling unit met for six and one half years in Studio 7 at The Midland Center for the Arts where they maintained a small genealogical library for research. As the number of members and the library continued to grow, there was a need for more space and to have the library available to members and the public for longer time periods. In **1978**, the MGS unit left the MCHS and became the **Midland Genealogical Society**. Their library was added to genealogical materials available at the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**. In addition, the MGS began to hold meetings at the Library.

The **unit** of the MCHS and subsequently the **MGS** have been ably led by the following officers.

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	PR Editor
1971	Judith Wiley			
1972	Jan Erratt	Dorothy Wilson	Pat Worden	-----
1973	Jan Erratt	Ruth D. Owen	Pat Worden	-----
1974	Pat Worden	Helen D. Lee	Ralph Hillman	-----
1975	Pat Worden	Helen D. Lee	Ralph Hillman	-----
1976	Karen D. McKellar			-----
1977	John D. Moyer	Diana D. Butcher	Shirley D. Schweitzer	-----
1978	John D. Moyer	Audrey D. Pomranky	Shirley D. Schweitzer	-----
1979	Ken D. Schweitzer	Ruth Ann Casadonte	Audrey Nuechterlein	-----
1980	Ruth Ann Casadonte	Harriette Miller	Audrey Nuechterlein	Pat Worden
1981	Ruth Ann Casadonte	Harriette Miller	Audrey Nuechterlein	Pat Worden
1982	Ed Birkheimer	Sandra Cassidy	Jo Brines	Pat Worden
1983	Les Berry	Dolores Rouse	Jo Brines	Pat Worden
1984	Les Berry	Nancy Humphrey	Jo Brines	Norma Furlo
1985	Wilma Diesen	Evelyn Fagley	Jo Brines	Norma Furlo
1986	Wilma Diesen	Evelyn Fagley	Jo Brines	Pat Worden
1987	Marian Berry	Evelyn Fagley	Jo Brines	Nancy Humphrey
1988	Beverly Keicher	Esme Gehoski	Jo Brines	Merilyn McGinnis
1989	Florence Wise	Barbara Fox	Jo Brines	Ora Flaningam
1990	Bill Worden	Barbara Fox	Jo Brines	Ora Flaningam
1991	Bill Worden	Barbara Fox	Jo Brines	Ora Flaningam
1992	Ralph Hillman	Betty Bellous	Jo Brines	Ora Flaningam
1993	Ralph Hillman	Marcia Brandle	Gale Hoch	Ora Flaningam
1994	Jack Dickert	Marcia Brandle	Gale Hoch	Ora Flaningam
1995	Jo Brines	Marcia Brandle	Gale Hoch	Ora Flaningam
1996	Jo Brines	Marcia Brandle	Bill Worden	Ora Flaningam
1997	Jo Brines	Marcia Brandle	Bill Worden	Ora Flaningam
1998	Bill Kocher	Beverly Keicher	Bill Worden	Ora Flaningam
1999	Joanne Brausch		Bill Worden	Faye & Earl Ebach

The **MGS** has been and is an active, innovative organization of enthusiastic and dedicated members. The programs at each meeting cover a wide variety of genealogical topics

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THE MANY BOUNDARIES OF EARLY MIDLAND COUNTY

The junction of the Pine, Chippewa and Tittabawassee Rivers has always been a natural focal point for inhabitants. The Sauk Indians initially dominated the area, followed by the Chippewa Indians and then by white men.

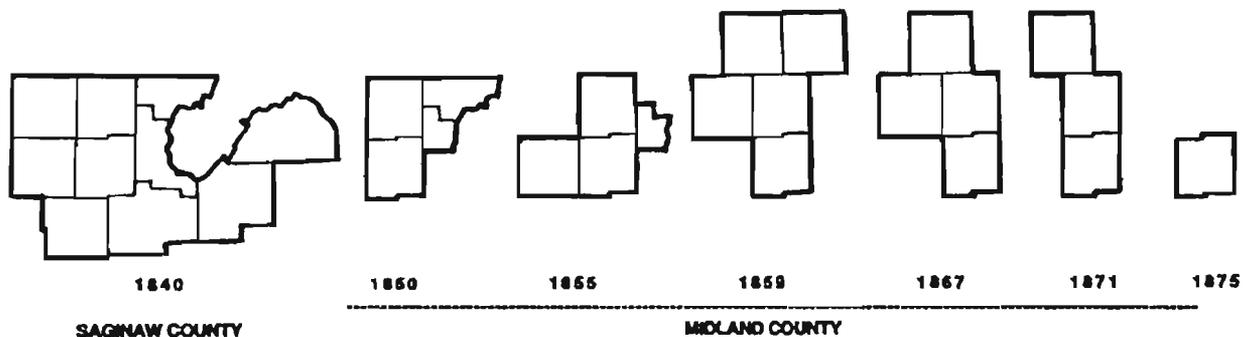
The Chippewas lived peacefully in the area and were spared the intrusion of the white man's civilization until after the **Treaty of Saginaw** in 1819. The pact ceded to the United States practically all of the northern portion of the lower peninsula and thus opened the whole Saginaw valley area (except for one or two small reservations) to settlers. Saginaw village had been the end of the post road in 1835, but venturesome settlers began to work their way up the Tittabawassee and occupy the lands around "**the Forks**", presently known as **Midland**.

The first permanent settler is recorded as **John A. Whitman** in 1836. **Charles Fitzhugh** of New York purchased land in 1837 and rented a parcel to **John Wyman** who cleared the land and built a home.

Michigan became a state in 1837 and what was to become **Midland County** was then a part of the organized Saginaw County. Gradually settlers moved into the area, the population increased and in **1850** the area was organized as a county by act of the Michigan State legislature over the objection of Saginaw County. The boundaries included the counties now known as **Midland**, Gladwin, Arenac and upper Bay.

But the legislature had omitted provisions for an election of county officers and it was not until **1855** that the original act was amended to provide for such an election. At this time the boundaries were redefined to include **Midland**, Gladwin, Isabella and upper Bay.

The boundaries of **Midland County** continued to be changed by the Michigan legislature several more times during the early history as shown below. It was not until **1875** that the boundaries of **Midland County** were set as we know them today.



- 1840 - Midland was included in Saginaw County when Michigan became a state in 1837
- 1850 - Midland, Gladwin, Arenac and upper Bay were part of Midland County when initially established
- 1855 - Midland, Gladwin, Isabella and upper Bay formed Midland County when the original act was amended to provide for the election of officers
- 1858 - Upper Bay detached
- 1859 - Isabella detached; Clare, Ogemaw and Roscommon added
- 1867 - Ogemaw detached
- 1871 - Clare detached (16 March, 1871)
- 1875 - Roscommon detached (20 March, 1875); Gladwin detached (29 April, 1875)

FIRST FAMILIES OF MIDLAND COUNTY

by Mary Lou Hayes

The "**First Families of Midland County**" project began in 1991. Its purpose was to gain a substantial amount of local genealogy by offering recognition certificates to anyone proving lineage to an ancestor who lived in Midland County prior to December 31, 1894. It was extremely successful in that it collected and recorded much data of Midland County residents and their descendants. This information resulted in records for genealogical searchers in the future and provided an extended source of history. The resultant records are available (microfilmed copies) in the Midland Room of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

This important **MGS** project, which closed 31 December, 1994, will be known as "**First Families of Midland County - Phase I**". Pat Worden (Chair), Maxine McCullen (Registrar), Nancy Lackie, Ruth Ann Casadonte, Gayle Hanna, Arlene Hecht, Barbara Fox, Judy Anderson and Jo Brines were the prime movers for this four year project. Additional help was given by Lois Baker, Mary Lou Hayes, Alice Lund, Virginia Parsons and Diana Butcher. A "First Family" sweatshirt was produced. The MGS had a "First Family" float in the 1991 Memorial Day parade. Advertisements and articles appeared in area newspapers. The collection, reviewing and certification of the enormous amount of data was almost overwhelming.

Certificates were awarded to **descendants** for two classifications: "**Pioneer**" and "**Settler**". A "**Pioneer**" ancestor lived in Midland County **from 1850-1874** and a "**Settler**" ancestor from **1875 to 1894**. By the end of the project in December, 1994, there were **171** "Pioneer" ancestors and **234** "Settler" ancestors identified. Descendants were honored each year - a total of **1310 certificates** were issued to approximately 614 different persons. One descendent could have multiple ancestors (or certificates). Individuals paid to the MGS \$5.00 per certificate (maximum per person was \$20.00).

Phase II of the **First Families of Midland County** project will begin **1 January, 2000** with **certificates** being issued to **descendants** for **ancestors** identified through **1900**, with no classifications. There will not be a "closing date" but an on going effort to include all persons who prove by official records that they are directly descended from an **ancestor** who settled in **Midland County from 1850 -1900**.

Primary records are considered **proof**: dated copies of birth, marriage, death, census, land, tax, court, military, cemetery, church, mortuary/cemetery/sexton and military records.

Secondary records are encouraged to be included: dated copies of Bible records, obituaries, directories, letters, newspaper clippings, family histories and photographs.

A committee of the Midland Genealogical Society will determine eligibility and all material will be the property of the society. No material will be returned and decision of the committee will be final.

One may ask "Why open **Phase II**?" We have had requests from families to include their histories in our records. In doing "Queries" I have found many "founding families" were not included in Phase I. We have more people searching their families than ever before and a renewal of this project can provide histories we do not have. While working with other societies in the county, I have found they have open "First Family" designations and have had them for years. To start the year 2000, the **MGS**, as a society, should **continue** the work, "**First Families of Midland County**", that ended 31 December, 1994.

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MGS Financial Status

A summary table of the financial status of the **Midland Genealogical Society** for the past year presented by **Treasurer Bill Worden** follows.

MGS Financial Records * July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999**

INCOME				EXPENSES			
	Actual *****	Budget *****	Difference *****		Actual *****	Budget *****	Differenc *****
Dues	998.25	1100.00	-101.75	Book Purchases/Libr	600.00	600.00	0.00
Interest				Misc. Expenses			
Interest-CD	118.23	120.00	-1.77	Brochures	5.83	25.00	-19.17
Interest-Chk	27.11	30.00	-2.89	Cemetary Project	0.00	3.00	-3.00
Interest-MM	55.96	60.00	-4.04	Member Memorial	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total Interest	201.30	210.00	-8.70	Membership Committ	57.71	50.00	7.71
Misc. Income				Officers Expenses	27.56	35.00	-7.44
NARA	58.54	50.00	8.54	NARA	58.54	50.00	8.54
Research	298.34	200.00	98.34	State Fees	11.00	11.00	0.00
Total Misc. Inc	356.88	250.00	106.88	Microfilm	0.00	5.00	-5.00
				Total Misc Exp	160.64	229.00	-68.36
				Mich. Gen. Council			
				Council Dues	27.60	28.00	-0.40
				Council Mileage	24.00	48.00	-24.00
				Total MGC	51.60	76.00	-24.40
				Seminar 99			
Seminar 99				Facility Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00
Fees	570.00	0.00	570.00	Speaker Fees	325.00	0.00	325.00
Total Seminar 99	570.00	0.00	570.00	Speaker Travel	150.60	0.00	150.60
MGS Book Sales				Total Seminar 99	575.60	0.00	575.60
Census Book	173.00	150.00	23.00	MGS Book Expenses			
Naturalization	7.00	0.00	7.00	Census Book			0.00
Obituary Books	261.00	200.00	61.00	Naturalization			0.00
Book "Midl Pioneers"	723.00	0.00	723.00	Obit Book- Adv&Post	31.59	100.00	-68.41
Total MGS Books	1164.00	350.00	814.00	Book "Midl Pioneers"	1509.58	0.00	1509.58
Pioneer Record				MGS Book Exp&Post	44.81	55.00	-10.19
Subcriptions	4.50	9.00	-4.50	Total MGS Books	1585.98	155.00	1430.98
Total "PR"	4.50	9.00	-4.50	Pioneer Record			
				PR Postage	180.62	180.00	0.62
				PR Printing	418.74	420.00	-1.26
				Total "PR"	599.36	600.00	-0.64
				MGS Meeting Expenses			
				Room Rent	200.00	200.00	0.00
				Program Expenses	75.00	150.00	-75.00
				Hospitality	19.48	30.00	-10.52
				Total MGS Mtg.	294.48	380.00	-85.52
TOTAL INCOME	3294.93	1919.00	1375.93	TOTAL EXPENSES	3867.66	2040.00	1827.66
				INCOME less EXP	-572.73	-121.00	

Difference = Actual less Budget

	Balances July 1, 1998
Checking Account	1577.84
Money Market Acct	2674.04
Certificate of Deposit	2500.00
TOTAL	6751.88

	Balances June 30, 1999
Checking Account	2332.15
Money Market Acct	1347.00
Certificate of Deposit	2500.00
TOTAL	6179.15

Most items are self explanatory. The budgeting process is complicated by the MGS book sales process. Publication costs are absorbed in one year while sales may occur for several years. Typical of this is the book "Midland Pioneers" which was not included in the original budget approved in Sept., 1998; the decision to publish the book was not made until fiscal mid-year. Thus the budget is skewed and almost impossible to balance. Questions concerning the finances will be answered at the Sept. 15, 1999 meeting.

MGS GENEALOGY WORKSHOP 2000

by Jo Brines

The **MGS** Board has decided to again sponsor beginning/basic **Genealogy Workshops** early in the year **2000**. This project will be organized and coordinated by **Jo Brines**. The last time we provided this opportunity was in winter 1996. The response from the community, including several members of our Society, was very encouraging. The average attendance was over 35, and the results of the evaluation were for the most part positive.

The format of the workshops will be the same as used four years ago. There will be **three two-hour sessions** on **Saturday** mornings in the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library lounge** from 10:00 am to noon. The sessions are tentatively scheduled for **January 15, January 29 and February 12**. **Video tapes** produced by two genealogy professionals from Utah will be used as instruction and as a basis for discussion. Each video is separate in itself but totally the three cover a wide range of subjects. Instruction with a computer is not covered.

Some of the subjects covered are:

Video 1: home sources, family and county histories, record keeping, use of LDS Library resources

Video 2: census, probate records

Video 3: land, military and vital records

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL (continued from p 2)

The **MGC** through it's member societies has worked with the MDCH to transcribe the microfilmed death records for the years 1867-1882. These are now contained in a five-volume set, **Michigan Death Index, 1867-1882**.

The **1999 MGC seminar** will be held at the **Grand Traverse Resort** in Traverse City on **October 28,29 & 30** and hosted by the Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society. Featured speakers are **Henry Z. (Hank) Jones Jr.**, **Cyndi Howells** of "Cyndi's List" and 14 others. Titled **TIMELINE TO THE MILLENNIUM**, the seminar includes four tracks - Beginners, Search, Computers & Locations. **DEADLINE FOR MAILING SEMINAR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 10, 1999**. To participate in the **MGC Surname Exchange**, names will be accepted only with early registration (Sept. 15, 1999).

The **Midland Genealogical Society** has two voting delegates who attend council meetings and report back to our society. The Midland delegates have been members of both the Public Information and Internet/Gen Web Committees. At the July Council meeting it was reported that the Library of Michigan has received another \$100,000 grant from the Abrams Foundation to enhance its genealogy collection. Of special interest to genealogists was an announcement that the entire Index to the 1870 Census is on the internet at the Library of Michigan Website.

For more information on the **Michigan Genealogical Council** contact your delegates - **Kathy Bohl** and **Beverly Kelcher** .



Jo Brines

Several Society members will act as resource people at each session. Handouts will be provided. Source books from our own genealogy collection will be reviewed. Since we are charged \$25 for usage of the lounge by the Library, donations toward that amount will be accepted.

The workshops will be advertised in area newspapers, on area TV, in the Midland Room of the Library and in the **Pioneer Record**. Signup sheets for attendees will be posted in the Midland Room.

HISTORY of the MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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presented by members and outside speakers. Many genealogy workshops have been sponsored, beginning as early as 1972. The **MGS** joined the **Michigan Genealogical Council** in 1980. Shortly thereafter, in September, 1983, the **MGS** hosted the annual **MGC Seminar** entitled "Canadian Research". Throughout the years the **MGS** has held many workshops, seminars and book exchange days, all geared to help each other in genealogical research.

In 1980 the "**Pioneer Record**" was started as the **MGS** newsletter. Pat Worden was the first editor. There have only been 4 other editors. Ora Flaningam served as editor for ten years from 1989-1999.

The **MGS** has published five books: "**Midland County Cemetery**" in 1981, "**Midland County Census**" in 1983, "**Midland County Naturalizations**" in 1983; "**Midland County Obituary Index: 1872-1927**" in 1994, and "**Midland Pioneers**" in 1999. Each of these publications have involved thousands of hours of work by many society members, but the completed results offer invaluable data to Midland County researchers.

In 1988 Pat Worden organized the first **MGS** group trip to the **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City, Utah. Since then, eight more groups have followed.

One of the more successful **MGS** projects was the "**First Families of Midland County**" which lasted four years, being completed in 1994.

The **MGS** has from the beginning donated books to the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library genealogy section. It was a happy day when the genealogy section was moved from its cramped location downstairs to the **Midland Room** in 1994. A few **MGS** volunteers spend each afternoon helping novice and experienced genealogists locate information in the library.

From little acorns great oaks grow. From the 12 original members in 1972 the **MGS** has grown to 138 members in 1999; but more importantly, the **MGS** has provided for its members and Midland County an atmosphere rich in genealogy and history.

MIDLAND COUNTY MARRIAGES

by Jo Brines

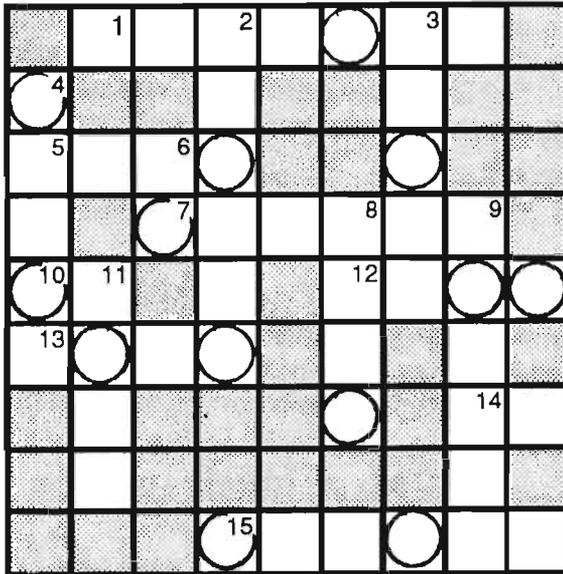
A number of years ago a few members of the Society began working on the **Midland County Marriages** project. The intent was to abstract marriages beginning in 1867 (when first required by the State) and to continue until at least the year 1900. These records would then be printed in book form, which is a very saleable item to libraries, genealogical societies, and individuals. We had the cooperation of the Midland County clerk and were actually able to work in a room in the court house and later the county building. The project came to a virtual standstill when several of those involved also became very involved in the First Families of Midland County project, which consumed 3 1/2 years of our lives.

Currently, over 1100 entries have been abstracted which cover the years 1867 through 1892, with the exception of the year 1890. Thus, nine years still remain to be abstracted. In addition, much work needs to be done before a published book results. I really believe these records should be available to the public in book form rather than via a computer data system, as evidenced by the many catalogs of "books for sale" we receive at the library. Books are still being printed and are still being purchased by many genealogists.

To restart the project we need abstractors (work at the library using microfilm copy of ledger sheets), a computer layout specialist, computer typists, proof readers and someone to finalize/edit the publication. I already have a short list of volunteers; if you are **interested** in this project, please **contact Jo Brines**, 517-832-8312.

CONTEST: Solve the puzzle below and win a free MGS one year membership.

MGS WORD PUZZLE



How to play:

Complete the puzzle by looking at each clue. Unscramble each answer. When the puzzle is finished, unscramble the circled letters to solve the **BONUS**.

ACROSS		DOWN	
CLUE	ANSWER	CLUE	ANSWER
1 -storage	CVIHREA	2 -data	SECSNU
5 -tale	NARY	3 -needed	TALVI
7 -halfbreed	MHASAN	4 -firstborn	MAYNW
10 -place to be	TA	6 -sun god	AR
12 -regret	SLAA	8 -boundary	KRAM
13 -information	WSNE	9 -belonging	TAVNEI
14 -identification	DI	11-indian home	NTTE
15-resource	BMIRTE		

BONUS (one word - five syllables)

Clue: created utensils



CONTEST RULES:

- 1- Correctly complete the above **MGS Word Puzzle** including the unscrambled **BONUS word**.
- 2- **Mail a photocopy** of the completed puzzle to: **Pioneer Record Editors**; Faye and Earl Ebach; 4610 Andre: Midland, MI 48642
- 3- Contest ends on **Sept. 12, 1999**; envelope with puzzle must be postmarked before **11:59 pm** on 9/12/99.
- 4- Only **one puzzle entry per member**.
- 5- **Winner** will be selected based upon the earliest postmark received with the **CORRECT solution of the Puzzle and BONUS word**. In the event of two or more correct puzzles received with the same dated postmark, a random drawing will be held at the Sept. 15, 1999, MGS meeting to determine the winner.
- 6-The **free years MGS membership** will be awarded at the **Sept. 15, 1999 MGS meeting**.

Please print: Name:
 Address: Phone:
 City,etc.

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MGS PROGRAMS FOR 1999-2000

Meetings will be scheduled at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month in the lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Programs for the fall will be as follows:

September 15

Shirley Hodges, Adrian professional genealogist, will speak on "Why Different Ethnic Groups Came to Michigan". Open to Bay, Isabella and Saginaw Genealogical Societies.

Meeting will be at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium.

October 20

Doug Applegate will speak on "Searching for your Ancestors in Canada"

November 17

Bob Maas will speak on "How to Organize your Material"

UPCOMING SEMINARS

**1999 Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar
October 28, 29 & 30**

Hosted by the Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society. Site will be the beautiful **Grand Traverse Resort** in Acme. The two outstanding speakers for this event will be:

Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., professional genealogist and
Cyndi Howells, creator of "Cyndi's List".

Seminar will have four tracks available each with a specific focus on the following topics: Beginners, Searches, Computers and Locations.

Program and reservation information can be obtained from Gayle Grice, Registration Chairman, 3188 N. Three Mile Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books, published by the **Midland Genealogical Society**, are available for sale at any MGS meeting or by mail.

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. The price is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling

MIDLAND COUNTY CENSUSES - 1850-1894. 450 PAGES, SOFTBOUND. The price is \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. (ONLY 20 COPIES LEFT).

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