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The 1999 Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar

October 28, 29 & 30

Over 400 eager genealogy researchers gathered at the **Grand Traverse Resort** to take part in the Michigan Genealogical Council's annual genealogy conference. The friendly and helpful folks of the Grand Traverse Genealogy Society were our hosts. It was a gorgeous weekend in Traverse and the staff and facilities at the Grand Traverse Resort were great.

The **MGS** was well represented at the conference with President Joan Brausch, MGC delegate Kathy Bohl, Bill Kocher, Bob Mass, Ruth Ann Casadonte and Virginia Parsons present.

Our two main speakers were **Henry (Hank) Z. Jones** and **Cyndi Howells**. Hank is best known for his 30 year research into the Palatine Germans who came to the USA in the early 1700's. He has written two books on their ancestry and migration. Hank has also written *Psychic Roots*, a book about using intuition in genealogy research. A very insightful and engrossing work!

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Joan Brausch and Hank Jones

MGS MEETING ** NOVEMBER 17

The third **Midland Genealogical Society meeting** of the fall will be held **Wednesday, November 17**, in the **lounge** of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library starting at **7:00 pm**.

The normal business of the society will be conducted. Special announcements and the continuing plea for active member participation will be made.

The **speaker** will be our own **Robert Mass** who titles his talk "**NORTH GERMAN GENEALOGY: Hertzogthem Schleswig**".

Refreshments and conversation will follow.

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Cyndi Howells is the famous Cyndi of "Cyndi's List" on the Internet, a link page of over 40,000 genealogical links. Cyndi's talks focussed on researching your ancestors on the "Net" - what works and what doesn't work - and how to build and maintain a great genealogical homepage.

Both of these people were engaging and interesting speakers. Other speakers focussed on Ohio research, oral histories, searching for female ancestors, German ship lists and so on.

There was a hall of vendors for us to discover as well. One of the booths belonged to the **Midland Genealogical Society** at which 11 of our "**Midland Pioneers**" books were sold!

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AWARDED

On October 21, **Shirley Renwick**, MGS member and **Joan Brausch**, President of the Society, awarded **Midland Genealogical Council Certificates of Appreciation** to both **Bev Thayer** and **Karen Holcomb**.



Cyndi Howells and Joan Brausch at 1999 MGC Seminar In Traverse City



Shirley Renwick presenting Certificate to Bev Thayer

Shirley Renwick, a former courthouse employee and long-time member of the **Midland Genealogical Society**, was instrumental in obtaining the **Certificates of Appreciation** from the **Michigan Genealogical Council** for both **Bev** and **Karen** for their wonderful support of genealogical research.

Bev and **Karen** were also given copies of the newest Society publication: "**Midland Pioneers**".

Bev, thank you for so many years of faithful service and for your enthusiastic support!
Karen, thank you also and we look forward to working with you for many years to come!

Bev Thayer, the **Midland County Register of Deeds**, is an long-time history buff and supporter of genealogical research. **Bev** will be retiring from her position with the County very soon. **Karen Holcomb**, **Midland County Clerk**, has also been extremely helpful to **Midland area geneology researchers**.



Shirley presenting Certificate to Karen Holcomb

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

From the President:

Autumn Greetings!! We are off to a great start this fall!! We had a wonderful September meeting with **Shirley Hodges**, a professional genealogist from Adrian. More about that further on in the newsletter. We also had a great meeting on October 20. **Doug Applegath**, one of our own members, shared his insights into researching in Canada. It was a very informative evening with several visitors who were new to the Society. I believe we had a couple of them sign up as new members!

I would like to introduce **Roland Crane** to all of you. Roland is our new **Program Chairperson** for the 1999-2000 year. He has been a member for several years and will do a great job.

All of us have been helped by other researchers who have given of their time and energy in assisting us in our search for ancestors. Some of these helpers have given us important and vital links in our family history. Well, the Society also needs your help to survive so we can serve those researching their ancestors in Midland County.

I don't have any relations in Midland County, but, because I've been the recipient of genealogical help in so many other places, I want to help people here in Midland so that their research can be made easier and more pleasant. Genealogists are some of the most generous and helpful people I have ever met. Won't you consider lending a hand so that the Society can do its work well?

We are still in **need** of a **secretary** for the Board meetings. If one of you would be willing to serve out the last 7 months of this term, we would be grateful. Shorthand is not necessary, simply summarizing the meeting is all that is needed. The Board meets the week before the monthly Society meeting. **Please**, do consider helping us out!

Jo Brines is looking for volunteers to help finish the **marriage records project** - we are **SO** close!! She has done a tremendous amount of work and has done a wonderful job, as she always does. But it's a big job and if we could get just a few more volunteers to come down to the courthouse for a few hours each, it could be completed. Won't you consider helping?

That's all for now! **Good luck** in your research!! May your way be smooth and without too many surprises!

Joan

EDITORIAL COMMENTS by Faye & Earl Ebach

This is our second issue of the **Pioneer Record**. We have found it to be a challenging as well as time consuming responsibility. However it has provided us with the opportunity to get to know more members, to become actively involved in the **MGS**, and to enhance our expanding involvement in family history research. As a result of this active participation, we will probably benefit far more than what we give.

As you can see, we have changed the contents of the **PR** to news and articles about the **MGS**, its members and programs. We are also asking **MGS** members to help us and to contribute articles. So far, we have had no difficulty filling the space. We plan to continue to include pictures in the **PR**. We hope you agree with this overall approach.

In our first issue we included a word puzzle contest with mixed results. Actually, no one entered the contest or solved the **BONUS** word puzzle or contacted us concerning it. The solution is presented on Page 11. We have received some "heat" from the **MGS** Board because of the difficulty of the "BONUS WORD". Earl apologizes for making it so tricky and difficult.

Actually the puzzle was the result of reading the **MGS's** newest book - "Midland Pioneers", edited by Ora Flaningam. There is a tremendous amount of fascinating information about Midland County history and its early settlers. We highly recommend it to all our members as excellent reading, especially for non-native Midlanders. It would make an excellent Christmas gift.

We apologize to the Library Committee for not including in this issue the article we planned and the list of books and references which have been placed on the library shelves in the Midland Room during the past year. Next issue -- we promise.

We would appreciate hearing from members about the **Pioneer Record** -- good, bad, suggestions about what should be included, articles, etc. **MGS** is providing us with the opportunity to serve - we hope the results are enjoyable as well as informative.

September 15, 1999 MGS Meeting
Speaker: Shirley J. Hodges "Ethnic Migration to Michigan"

"Michigan provided a handful of resources to provide a better life for immigrants" - so began **Shirley Hodges** very informative program on the migration of various ethnic groups to Michigan. The great majority of immigrant groups she discussed were from a variety of European countries - both eastern and western.

Immigrants came to **Michigan** for a variety of reasons - to seek adventure, to avoid military service, to seek opportunity, to escape oppression, to provide a better life for their families. People came in groups - some representing family groups, some representing communities and some representing specific religious groups. People immigrated to areas that provided opportunities that were familiar to them, for example British miners settled in the upper peninsula where they built and worked copper and iron ore mines; Dutch settled in western Michigan near Lake Michigan; Danish lumbermen migrated to mid-Michigan where timber was plentiful; German farmers settled in the fertile areas of Wayne and Saginaw Counties.

The first immigrants to Michigan in the early 1700's were French fur traders. Italian immigrants came in 1701 as coal miners.

During the 1800's and early 1900's immigrants settled in Michigan from Germany, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, the Netherlands, Hungary, Armenia, Poland, Belgium, the Holy Land, Italy, Russia, France, the British Isles, etc. In the mid-1800's the thumb area of Michigan had a large population of Canadians who freely moved across the U.S. border.

Of historical significance to genealogists was the great fire of 1871. The fire burned from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron leaving a swath of burned forest and destroyed property across central Michigan. Many records were destroyed along with the lives and occupations of many immigrants. The lumber industry virtually perished in the blaze resulting in new hardships and new challenges.

Immigrants to Michigan were brave, hardworking groups of people seeking a better life for themselves and their families. People who were willing to work found their lives to be rich and fruitful.

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October 20, 1999 MGS Meeting
Speaker: Doug Applegath "Researching in Canada"

At the October 20 meeting of the Midland Genealogy Society, **Doug Applegath**, one of our members, gave a presentation on how to best research in **Canada**, especially in **Ontario**. He began his talk by noting that many, many native Michiganders have roots in Canada - and those present agreed wholeheartedly. A majority of the people present had ancestors from Canada.

Doug told us about the migration paths into Canada and then discussed how to best research in Ontario, what records could be researched in which place, and gave some tips on Internet research in Ontario.

Doug, thank you for sharing the insights you have gleaned from your own research in Canada!

During the business portion of the meeting the **1999-2000 MGS Budget** was presented by **Treasurer Bill Worden**, discussed and approved by the members.

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MGS SEMINAR 2000 --- BEGINNING GENEALOGY

January 15, 2000 - January 29, 2000 - February 12, 2000

Saturday mornings -- 10 am to 12 noon -- Lounge of **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**

Three two hour workshops for beginning genealogists (does not exclude old timers who want to learn more) including tour of Midland Room. Jo Brines, chair will need help. Volunteer!!

MGS 1999 - 2000 Membership List

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE
Alsip	James B	1710 W St Andrews	Midland MI	48640	835-7151
Andrick	Floyd	4928 Artcrest	Midland MI	48640	835-1274
Anger	Marge	960 Noyes	Midland MI	48640	839-9545
Applegath	Anne & Douglas	4010 Woodlawn	Midland MI	48640	631-6074
Babcock	* Sid & Orene	1190 Stewart Rd	Midland MI	48640	835-5925
Baker	Lois	3273 Patterson	Freeland MI	48623	631-9549
Baker	Shirley	1100 Airfield Ln	Midland MI	48642	835-2818
Bartley	* Terri	39954 Lynn	Canton MI	48187	
Bebeau	Marie	821 Badour	Midland MI	48640	835-4035
Bennett	Walter G	4608 Wackerly	Midland MI	48640	631-5247
Bennett	Walter & Coleen	1555 S Sasse Rd	Midland MI	48640	
Blymer	Elva	515 E Ashman	Midland MI	48642	835-1368
Bohl	Kathy & Roger	5003 Barto	Midland MI	48640	839-9016
Boothman	* Rose	505 N State	Pioneer OH	43554	
Brandle	Marcia	3615 Lawndale Dr	Midland MI	48642	832-9530
Brausch	Joan	106 Coventry Ct	Midland MI	48642	631-6684
Bredeweg	Kay	5709 Leeway Dr	Midland MI	48640	
Brines	Joanne	4300 Castle Dr	Midland MI	48640	832-8312
Carr	* Betty J	133318 Dixie Hghwy Lot#27	Holly MI	48442	
Casadonte	Ruth Ann	5104 Nurmi Dr	Midland MI	48640	835-5115
Cochran	* Gordon	1141 E Sanford Rd	Midland MI	48640	687-7184
Collins	Mary & Dan	606 Linwood	Midland MI	48640	631-2566
Crane	Roland & Coleen	2828 Scarborough Ct	Midland MI	48640	631-8327
Cronkright	* Phyliss	1407 E Sugnet	Midland MI	48642	832-3196
Dennett	Robert & Janet	3262 Lakeside Dr	Sanford MI	48657	687-5360
DePew	Kim	2804 Whitewood Dr	Midland MI	48642	837-9509
Dickert	* Jack	611 Chatham Dr	Midland MI	48642	832-8768
Diesen	Wilma	5802 Flaxmoor	Midland MI	48640	832-8485
Dobson	Orv	5403 Campau	Midland MI	48640	631-1538
Dostal	Bob	4406 Orchard Dr	Midland MI	48640	835-8986
Ducommum	* Gilbert	2952 E Bombay Rd	Midland MI	48642	689-3688
Ebach	Faye & Earl	4610 Andre	Midland MI	48642	835-7518
Eichhorn	Mary	4501 Arbor Dr	Midland MI	48640	835-7823
Erratt	Marilyn	2152 Lynn Dr	Sanford MI	48657-9213	687-2932
Fagley	Evelyn	2700 Glendale	Midland MI	48642-4782	839-9658
Fike	Mary Ellen	1895 Mack Rd	Saginaw MI	48601-6873	
Finzel	Wm & Eileen	1809 Wilmington Dr	Midland MI	48642	631-1676
Flaningam	Ora	3227 E Stewart Rd	Midland MI	48640	835-3227
Fosgitt	Iris	1907 Eastlawn Apt F7	Midland MI	48642	832-8462
Fox	Barbara	5220 Hedgewood	Midland MI	48640	839-9349
Frick	Mary K	1844 Maty Rd	Ferndale WA	98248	
Fry	David L	3210 Boston	Midland MI	48642	631-9329
Geisert	* Bruce A	3706 Applewood Rd	Midland MI	48640	832-7037
Goodwin	* Rick	4714 Water Rd	Sanford MI	48657	689-4784
Hamlin	Marjotie	2205 E College Ave	Visalia CA	93292	
Havens	* Victory & Laura	1595 Oberlin Rd	Gladwin MI	48624	
Hayes	Mary Lou	PO Box 312	Midland MI	48640	835-1220
Hillman	* Ralph	600 Lakeside Circle	Midland MI	48640	839-9070
Hock	* Gale	7071 N Middle Rd	Hope MI	68628	689-3703
Hodges	* Rebecca & Robert	3211 Riggie	Midland MI	48640	631-5582
Holsbeke	Barbara & Fred	2172 N Lynn	Sanford MI	48657	687-7058
Hooker	* Thomas	2 Whippoorwill Ln	Palmyra VA	22963	
Houghtaling	* Tom	126 Townsend	Midland MI	48640	

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Hund	Sharon L	5733 Lyle Rd	Beaverton M	48612-8312	(219)478-6723
Huntington	* Sherry	1529 Austin	Lincoln Park M	48146	(313)382-3229
Hurley	* Mike	118 Vamer Ct	Midland M	48640	631-0928
Jackson	Lindy	1776 Peers Ln	Auburn M	48611	662-7950
Johnson	* Kyle	4542 Elkins Dr	Centerville TN	37033	(xxx)729-9953
Keicher	Beverly	4107 Swede	Midland M	48642	631-9455
Kennett	Bill & Bonnie	4209 Arbor Dr	Midland M	48640	835-9494
Kennedy	Marjorie & Robert	2325 Rockwell Dr #265	Midland M	48642-9327	832-3593
Kocher	Bill	907 Deerfield	Midland M	48640	631-4015
Kociba	* Dorothy	4412 Eleven Mile Rd	Auburn M	48611	662-4567
Kreger	* Joan	5870 S Garfield	Auburn M	48611	662-6243
Kremer, Jr	Albert	4603 Cruz Dr	Midland M	48642	835-7207
Kundinger	Gloria J	2201 W North Union Rd	Auburn M	48611	631-0969
Lackie	* Nancy	585 Peterson	Sanford M	48657	687-5327
Lafreniere	* Bryant	4765 N Eastman Rd	Midland M	48642	835-2234
Laur	Rose Mary	2589 Lakeview Dr	Sanford M	48657	687-5197
Lebeau	* Linda	1339 E Isabella Rd	Midland M	48640	835-5457
Lee	Helen	2410 Rodd	Midland M	48640	
Leigeb	Vicki	5107 Plainfield	Midland M	48642	631-2148
Lenz	Mary Grace	4512 N Saginaw Rd #321	Midland M	48640	835-4393
Levy	Sheldon & Mary	5507 Whitehall	Midland M	48642	631-1229
Longsdorf	Fran & Charlie	1515 Sandow Rd	Midland M	48640-8603	832-2838
Lund	Alice	4683 Monroe	Midland M	48642	835-9586
MacDonald	* Brett	469 Stephora	Covina CA	91724	(818)339-0871
Martin	Barbara	2325 Rockwell Dr #215	Midland M	48642	
Martin	* Clifford	4815 Swinson Neuman	Rhodes M	48652	879-5454
Mass	Robert	5205 Van Buren	Midland M	48642	835-8519
McCann	* Tom	PO Box 297	Sedan KS	67361	
McCollister	Ruth	4414 Washington	Midland M	48642	835-5209
McCrary	* Marcia	1679 Leforge	Ypsilanti M	48198	
McCullen	Maxine & Gerald	1755 Smith Crossing Rd	Midland M	48640	832-8749
Mead	Keith & Betty	117 Jones Ct	Midland M	48642	835-8832
Miller	Harriette	4610 Jefferson Ave	Midland M	48640	835-4866
Miller	Karen	17179 Stanton	West Olive M	49460	
Miller	* Richard	615 Riverview Dr	Ann Arbor M	48104	
Nold	Helen	307 Cherry View Dr	Midland M	48640-5913	832-2937
Oliver	Frances	1326 Brookness	Midland M	48640	835-5852
Parsons	* Virginia	3721 Isabella	Midland M	48640	835-5248
Pemberton	* Paul J	125 3rd St, PO Box 1	Beaverton M	48612	435-7786
Peters	Esther & Karl	3430 M-18	Coleman M	48618	
Renwick	Shirley	2154 E Price Rd	Midland M	48640	687-2290
Rice	Ginny		Midland M	48640	
Rockwell	* Lorelie Maison	1199 S Nanness	San Francisco CA	94110-3214	
Rooker	Shirley	301 E Haley	Midland M	48640	835-3290
Rupprecht	Walter & Joanne	6109 Thornberry Ct	Midland M	48640	631-8945
Russell	David & Shirley	4415 Kames Dr	Midland M	48642	631-0855
Schneider	Norma	1018 Willard	Midland M	48642	835-5484
Schweitzer	Ken	4813 Claremont #1	Midland M	48642	
Shangle	Jeri	165 Jupiter Ct	Midland M	48642	496-0031
Shier	Quita V	3322 Hubbard Rd	Midland M	48640	835-3278
Shrier	* Kenneth & Jayne	722 Shorefront Circle	Midland M	48640	835-6900
Siegmund	* Kari	405 Morningside	Midland M	48640	631-2051

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Skelton	Eugene	M-123 PO Box 21	Paradise MI	49768	
Skochdopole	* Dick	2525 Lambros	Midland MI	48642	835-6433
Snider	* Bob & Glenna	318 Mayfield Ln	Midland MI	48640	631-3121
Snyder	George	2605 Manor Dr	Midland MI	48640	832-8479
Snyder	Ronald	3 Robin Ct	Midland MI	48640	632-0765
Somerville	Joan & John	3217 W Wackerly	Midland MI	48640	631-6654
Sundquist	Sharon	2408 Longfellow Ln	Midland MI	48640	631-3972
Syverud	Alan	2612 Schade West Dr	Midland MI	48640-6942	631-2112
Tomlinson	Donald	26 Doncaster Dr	Brampton Onta	CAN L6T 1S7	
Tomlinson	Ruth	1111 E Chippewa River Rd	Midland MI	48640	835-1747
Vincent	Bird	2775 Smith's Crossing	Frøeland MI	48623	695-5290
Voelker	Elaine & Clarence	300 Sinclair	Midland MI	48640	835-5718
Ward	* Gilbert	2325 Rockwell Dr #214	Midland MI	48642-9325	835-6292
Weyenberg	* Barb & Dan	4601 Arbor Dr	Midland MI	48640	835-9976
Wilkerson	Ray	6108 Tittabawassee River Rd	Midland MI	48642-7331	
Wilson	* Debby	4408 W Wackerly	Midland MI	48640	631-1494
Winterbottom	* Juanita	1210 Diloway Dr	Midland MI	48640	835-2459
Wise	* Florence	4013 Lowell Ct	Midland MI	48642	832-8673
Worden	Bill & Pat	1201 Glendale	Midland MI	48642	631-7801
Yontz	Dorie J	4108 Stonegate	Midland MI	48640	

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EDITOR'S Comments with respect to MGS membership

The above membership list compiled by our Membership Chairs, Fran and Charles Longsdorf, represents **MGS** members as of 29 Oct, 1999. It lists 125 membership units plus 28 spouses for a total of 153 members. The "*" by many names indicates those members who have yet to pay their membership dues through 30 June, 2000. Most have been members for many years.

The following Table summarizes the **MGS** membership during the past three years.

	(Nov 97) 1997-98 List	Lost Not On 98-99 List	New On 98-99 List	(Nov 98) 1998-99 List	(Nov 99) 1999-2000 List	Potential Losses
Units	87	23	34	98	125	41
Spouses	15	3	10	22	28	6
Total	<u>102</u>			<u>120</u>	<u>153</u>	

This information indicates the **MGS** gained 44 new members between 1997-98 and 1998-99, but lost 26 for a net gain of 18. An unanswered question is, why did we lose 26 members?

We face the same situation this year with potential losses of 41 membership units plus 6 spouses. Some members may be just forgetful until reminded personally. Some have not been at our September and October meetings when membership fees have been collected. Many of the unpaid members are friends of paid members who just need a little reminding. Let's all get together and help our Membership Chairs by contacting those we know and asking them to continue as members of the **MGS**. We and they have much to gain by their continued participation.

We would like to **welcome** these new members to **MGS**: **Walter G. Bennett, Robert & Janet Dennett, Kim DePew, Mary Eichhorn, Evelyn Fagley, William & Eileen Finzel, Lindy Jackson, Gloria J. Kunding, Barbara Martin, Ginny Rice, Norma Schneider, Jerl Shangle, Alan Syverud, Elaine & Clarence Voelker, Dorie J Yontz, Sid & Orene Babcock, Victory & Laura Havens, and Tom McCann.** These are members who were not on the 97-98 or 98-99 members lists published in the PR, but are on the present list. Some may have joined after the 98-99 list was published, but we welcome them as new members. Again, **WELCOME !!**

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MGS 1999-2000 Budget

A summary table of the approved budget of the **Midland Genealogical Society** for the fiscal year 1999-2000 follows. **MGS Treasurer** is **Bill Worden**.

MGS Budget * July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000**

	INCOME		EXPENSE		COMMENTS
	Actual 1998-99 *****	Budget 1999- 2000 *****	Actual 1998-99 *****	Budget 1999- 2000 *****	
Membership					Most items are self explanatory.
Dues	998.25	1000.00			
Brochures			5.83	25.00	
Memorial			0.00	50.00	
Misc Committee			57.71	50.00	The annual budget 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 cost \$1509.58 to publish 200 copies in 98-99 and zero in 1999-2000. Sales may continue for several years.
Library					
Purchase Books			600.00	600.00	
Research	298.34	200.00			
Microfilm			0.00	5.00	Another difference from one year to the next is the cost of seminars and workshops. Last years included outside speakers and therefore expenses were higher. This year's workshop will be presented by local MGS members volunteering their time and expertise.
MGS Meetings					
Room Rental			200.00	225.00	
Program			75.00	300.00	
Hospitality			19.48	20.00	This year our budget is not only less than last year, but our income should exceed our expenses.
Officer Expenses			27.56	35.00	
MGS Seminar-Workshops					
Seminar99/Seminar2000	570.00	150.00	575.60	150.00	
MGS Books					The donations put in the glass jar by MGS members at each meeting are forwarded to NARA, which is the National Archive & Records Administration. NARA utilizes the donations to compile and archive genealogical and historical data.
Census Book	173.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Naturalization	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Obituary Books	261.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	
Book "Midland Pioneers"	723.00	700.00	1509.58	0.00	This year our budget is not only less than last year, but our income should exceed our expenses.
Adv/Postage/Misc			76.40	80.00	
Pioneer Record					The donations put in the glass jar by MGS members at each meeting are forwarded to NARA, which is the National Archive & Records Administration. NARA utilizes the donations to compile and archive genealogical and historical data.
Subscriptions	4.50	9.00			
PR Printing			418.74	420.00	
PR Postage			180.62	180.00	
Interest					
Interest-CD	118.23	120.00			
Interest-Chk	27.11	30.00			
Interest-MM	55.96	60.00			
NARA	58.54	50.00	58.54	50.00	
Mich Genealogy Council					
Dues			27.60	28.00	
Delegate Mileage			24.00	48.00	
Mich NonProfit Filing Fee			11.00	11.00	
TOTAL	3294.93	2569.00	3867.66	2277.00	

Balances July 1, 1999

Checking Account	2332.15
Money Market Acct	1347.00
Certificate of Deposit	2500.00
TOTAL	6179.15

**BY-LAWS
MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN**

Revised 21 March 1990

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be "The Midland Genealogical Society" hereinafter called "the Society."

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society shall be to serve as a focal point for genealogical activities in the Midland County area. The Society shall do this through such activities as collecting and preserving local genealogical and historical records, accumulating genealogical materials from other places, and making these materials accessible to the public. Further, the Society shall stimulate interest in genealogy in the community and shall educate the membership and the general public in methods of genealogical research and give mutual assistance to the members in their research efforts.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Any person interested in any phase of the purpose may become a member by requesting membership and paying the annual dues. Only members whose dues have been paid shall have the privilege of voting.

Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any person whom the membership deems worthy, but such Honorary Membership shall not be conferred upon more than two members in any fiscal year, and shall require a majority vote at any regular meeting. Honorary members shall have all the privileges of regular members including voting but shall not be required to pay dues.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and two delegates to the Michigan Genealogical Council.

A nominating committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of officers at the April meeting to be voted upon at the annual meeting. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by the membership and shall take office at the close of said meeting. The term of office shall be for one year with privilege of re-election.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The duties of the officers shall be such as are indicated by their respective titles and such as are specified in the By-Laws.
2. The President shall appoint committees as required and shall be a member ex officio of all committees, without right to vote. The President's signature shall be recorded as an alternate on the bank account.
3. The First Vice-President shall be Program Chairman and perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve.
4. The Second Vice-President shall be Membership Chairman and maintain a current membership list with addresses, and shall actively promote new members. The Second Vice-President shall also work with the Program Chairman in the selection of the Society's programs.
5. The Recording Secretary shall take minutes and maintain a permanent file of said minutes. He/she shall submit a copy of the minutes to the presiding officer within two weeks of the recording.
6. The Corresponding Secretary shall write thank-you notes to the speakers and deal with such other correspondence as designated by the President.
7. The Treasurer shall chair the Budget Committee, collect all dues, attend to all disbursements and have charge of all funds. He/she shall keep all the accounts and report in full the receipts and disbursements to date upon the request of the presiding officer.
In the absence of the Treasurer, the President may make disbursements for the Society for budgeted items.
8. The Historian shall be the custodian of all historical information concerning the Society.
9. The two Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates shall attend all Council meetings deemed necessary by the membership and shall report back to the Society.

MGS BYLAWS (continued from p 9)

10. All officers, upon retiring from office, shall deliver to their successors all monies, accounts, records, books, papers, or other property which belongs to the organization.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers (9) and the immediate past President. The Board shall meet at the call of the President or any two other Board members.

The Board may conduct routine business on behalf of the Society in periods between meetings and may make recommendations at the monthly meetings of the Society.

The Board may consider and advise on matters of policy and take whatever actions are necessary or expedient in the control of the affairs of the Society.

Five Directors shall constitute a quorum at a Board meeting.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of June, July, August and December. The date of such meetings may be changed as agreed upon by the membership.

The annual meeting shall be held in May. The election of officers and the adoption of the yearly budget shall be conducted at the annual meeting.

Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

Annual dues shall be \$10.00 for individual memberships and \$12.50 for family memberships (with only one copy of the Pioneer Record, per family.

Annual dues become due for the ensuing year on July 1. Members who have not paid their dues by September 30 shall be dropped.

After January 1, dues for new members shall be half the above amount. Those new members joining after April 1 shall pay full dues which shall also apply to the ensuing year.

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin July 1 and extend through the following June 30.

ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, will be followed.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

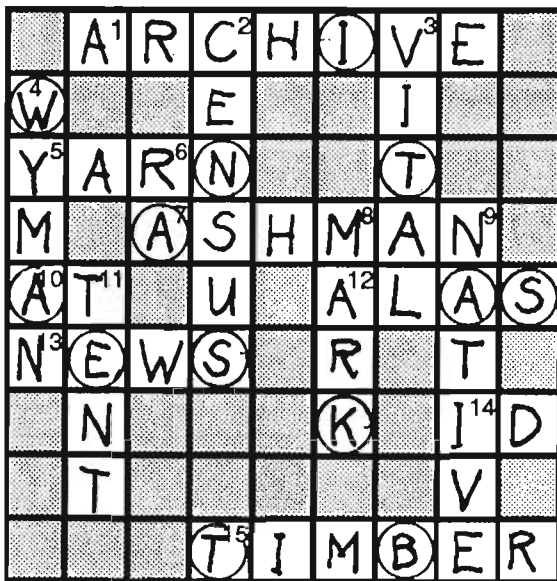
These By-laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that proposed amendments shall have been presented in writing to the membership and discussed at the previous regular meeting. Members not present at such previous meeting shall be notified that amendments to the By-laws will be voted upon at the next regular meeting.

NOTE (7/24/95): The Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary have been the same person for the last several years.

NOTE : Minutes used to be taken at all monthly meetings but more recently have been taken only at the Board Meetings. [pcw]

EDITORIAL NOTE

The **MGS BY-LAWS** have been reproduced in the **PR** so members are aware of the content. We often do not follow them. President Brausch, at the request of some members, has appointed a By-Laws Committee to study, evaluate and recommend potential changes. Members are: Pat Worden, Faye Ebach and Sheldon Levy.



MGS WORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

The completed puzzle is shown on the left.

The circled letters are: **I W N T A A A S E S K T B**

The clue to the bonus word was: **Created Utensils**

The PR article on p5, vXX, No.1 referred to the INDIAN NAME of the area at the intersection of the Chippewa and Tittabawassee Rivers as **THE FORKS**, which are the **utensils** in the clue. The INDIAN NAME for the Tittabawassee River was: **Te-ta-ba-was-sink** as found on page 159 of the MGS book **MIDLAND PIONEERS**

The book **Salt of the Earth** contains the early map of Midland County created by the Molfs which gives the Indian name, although spelled with only one "s". The

1875 government map of Midland County also has the Indian name. Hence the Indian name for the River which **created** "The Forks" was the answer to the puzzle:

TE-TA-BA-WAS-SINK

MGS PROGRAMS FOR 1999-2000

MGS 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/winter will be as follows:

November 17, 1999

Bob Mass will speak on "NORTH GERMAN GENEALOGY: Hertzogtherm Schleswig"

January 19, 2000

Subject: How To Organize Your Material
Speaker: TBA

February 16, 2000

Subject: Preserving Cloth Materials
Speaker: TBA

March 15, 2000 .. TBA

UPCOMING SEMINARS

November 13, 1999

"A Genealogical Seminar" \$15 fee
Ingham Cnty GS, Mason City Community Hall
201 W. Ash St @ Park St, Mason, MI
"Using Vital Records to Their Full Advantage"
"What's In A Name?"
"Hookers, Crooks & Kooks - Finding the Black Sheep"
"Newspaper Research"

Jan 15, Jan 29 & Feb 12, 2000

"Seminar 2000 - Beginning Genealogy"
Midland Genealogical Society
Grace A Dow Memorial Library, Midland, MI

May 6, 2000

"Workshop 2000"
Eaton County Genealogical Society
Charlotte, MI
Speaker: Dr. George K. Schweitzer

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 4 COPIES LEFT).

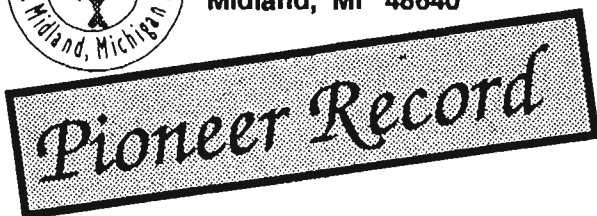
MIDLAND PIONEERS, edited by Ora Flaningam. This book is a compilation of the most interesting genealogical, historical and humorous reprints from newspapers published in the Pioneer Record. The book is 6 by 9 inches, softbound, 259 pages. The price is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling.

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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 **MGS** meeting or may be sent to the Membership Chair, Midland Genealogical Society at the **MGS Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640.