

PIONEER RECORD

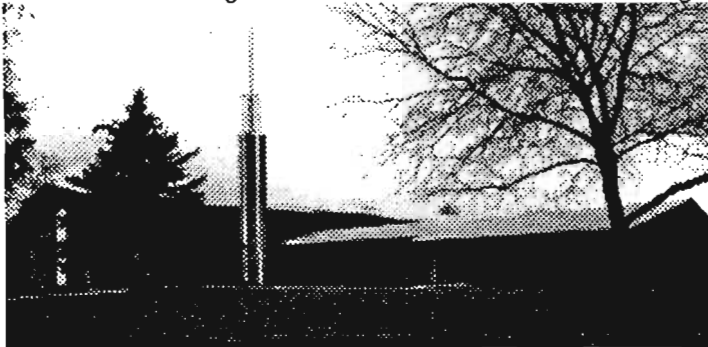


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FAMILY HISTORY CENTER - The Church of JESUS CHRIST OF Latter-Day Saints

The Midland Michigan Stake Family History Center is a branch of the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah. This facility is one of the primary sources of genealogical information in this area. The Family History Center is located in the LDS Church, at the corner of Sugnet and Eastman Roads. The buildings underwent modifications and additions during the past year. The FHC rooms were reopened in July. The equipment in the research room has been rearranged for easier access and new cabinets, chairs and countertops added. A new microfilm copier has also been added. The FHC has small permanent collections of materials and access to most of the materials in Salt Lake City through a loan program.



Volunteers from the LDS Church run the Family History Center. These volunteers assist patrons in using the materials at the

FHC. The Midland FHC volunteers are headed by Susan Clark, Director. The LDS Church teaches that its members should identify their ancestors and have essential ordinances performed for them. FHC's have been established to make genealogical records available to Church members in the area where they reside and to provide personal research assistance. Those who are not members of the LDS Church are also welcome at the FHC.

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MGS Meeting -- November 15, 2000

The third Midland Genealogical Society meeting of the fall will be held Wednesday, November 15, in the lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library starting at 7:00 pm.



The business of the Society will be conducted prior to the program. Refreshments and conversation will follow the program.

The speaker will be Karen Holcomb, Midland County Clerk, whose 31 years of experience makes her well

qualified to speak on "Birth, Marriage and Death Records Available in the County Clerk's Office".

Karen grew up in Midland graduating from Midland High School. She worked initially for the Dow Chemical Company (1963-69). Karen then switched to employment with Midland County serving as Secretary (1969-79), office manager (1979-96) and Chief Deputy County Clerk (1996-1997). She was appointed Midland County Clerk in October, 1997, by the Circuit Court and elected to the position since then.

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FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

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The FHC is not a "lending library". All materials must be kept and used within the FHC rooms during regularly scheduled hours and are not exchangeable with public libraries. There is **no charge** for using the FHC. There is a fee for microfilms (\$3.50 for 40 day loan) and microfiche (\$0.15 per sheet) ordered from the Salt Lake Library and for photocopies and computer printouts.

The FHC offers many miscellaneous services such as: 1) **photocopying** of items on microfilm or microfiche; 2) **printouts** of information from computers; 3) sale of **genealogical supplies** such as Family Group Sheets, Pedigree Charts and Census Forms; 4) **research outlines** for localities; 5) lists of other Family History Centers; and 6) lists of accredited genealogists who will do research for a fee.

A list of equipment, services, materials, records and indexes available at the FHC follows:

The **FAMILY SEARCH computer system** containing the following programs: a) Family History Library Catalog (FHLC); b) International Genealogical Index (IGI); c) Ancestral File; d) Social Security Index; and e) Military Index.

a) **Family History Library Catalog (FHLC)** -- The FHLC lists all the holdings of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It is also available in microfiche. The majority of the items listed are on microfilm or microfiche and can be ordered on a loan basis and seen at the Midland FHC. The catalog has the following sections: A) **LOCALITY** - Numerous types of records, arranged genealogically which contain genealogical information; i.e., census, births, wills, etc. B) **SURNAME** - Compiled family histories and genealogies arranged alphabetically. C) **SUBJECT** - Listing about broad subjects; i.e., Indians, Veterans, Quakers, etc. D) **AUTHOR / TITLE** - Cross-index arranged by author and/or title.

b) **INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (IGI)** -- The IGI lists the names of over 200 million deceased persons. Births and christenings are indexed giving both father and mother's names (when known). Marriages are indexed by both husband and wife's names. The IGI is also available on microfiche.

c) **ANCESTRAL FILE** -- This listing includes both pedigrees (family trees) and family groups submitted by individual patrons worldwide. The names and addresses of submitters are included. The accuracy of the data is sometimes questionable and should be verified further.

d) **SOCIAL SECURITY INDEX** -- This index contains the names of about 80 million Americans for whom death benefit claims were submitted between 1932 and 1994. Birth and death dates and place of last residence are given. No information about survivors is included.

e) **MILITARY DEATH INDEX** -- Contains the names of U.S. service men and women who died during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The **PEDIGREE RESOURCE FILE** on compact disk is a relatively new innovation due to the internet. This file contains the personal family history records submitted world-wide to the LDS Church through the on-line LDS web site. This data file currently contains more than 10 million names (40% outside the U.S.) and is growing at about 1 million names a month. New compact disks with additional names are added periodically.

Basic Reference Materials -- A small collection in paper form such as: a) 1790 U.S. Census; b) Midland County Censuses; c) dictionaries and word lists for foreign languages; d) how-to books; e) research outlines for geographical areas.

Basic Microfilm Collection -- Many atlases, indexes, and miscellaneous records frequently used by patrons have been copied on to microfilm and are permanently available.

MICHIGAN Vital Records Collection -- Many vital records (births, marriages, deaths) and their indexes for Michigan counties have been copied onto microfilm. All such microfilms for Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties are available at the FHC. Records of many other counties (but not Wayne County) are also included in this growing collection, which is not totally complete.

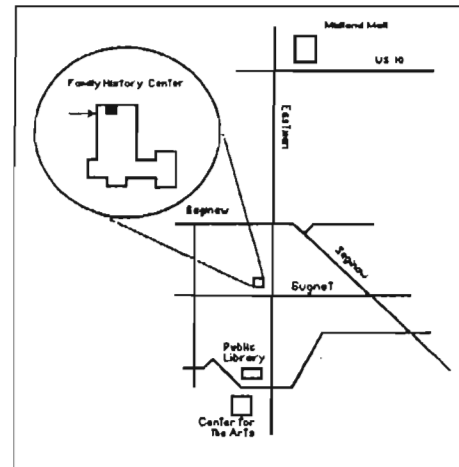
Bay County Probate Records -- Microfilms from 1858-1973 are available.

The FHC also has the following: Phonedisc; Personal Ancestral File (PAF) personal computer program; Temple Ready computer program; 200 books on microfiche; old Scottish parochial records (1535-1855); Periodical Source Index (PERSI); Accelerated Indexing System (AIS); 1881 British Census.

Open hours for the FHC have been increased as follows:

Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	

We should all make more use of this wonderful research facility.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

From the President:

Two very good programs were presented in our first two meetings. In September we had a very informative presentation by **Mary Lou Pease**, **Ruth Ann Casadonte**, and **Jan Crozier**. Their subject was the **Allen County Library** that was thoroughly explored during an Elderhostel program. **Scott Haines**, our **Midland County Register of Deeds**, gave a lively and informative talk on the function, contents, and access to the records in his department. We would like to thank the speakers again for their fine job.

I met with **Mr. Underhill**, a City of Midland information systems employee, about the **computer** being purchased for the Midland Room. We expanded the list of tasks to be handled by the computer system and therefore the shopping list of hardware and software. The equipment to make the computer convenient for a variety of tasks will include a large monitor, a scanner, CD writer /CD reader, and Microsoft professional software. The accessibility and security questions must still be worked out. I suggest that we organize a program for the donation and purchase of genealogical compact discs.

A December meeting with **Gary Skory** of the **Midland County Historical Society** will concern interactions between our two groups. In many locations, genealogy is a division of a local historical society. We should exploit our overlapping interests.

I have encouraged **Jo Brines** to reactivate the **Midland County Marriage Record Project**. A number of our members will have to volunteer their time and effort for the project to move ahead. We want to publish a book on all of the marriages recorded in Midland County between 1867 and 1900. More details and a sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

I have started to collect names for a possible **trip to Salt Lake City**. In past years, a number of our members have had a productive times using the **Family History Library** of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Later Day Saints. They have stayed in a hotel within walking distance of the library. The off-season for Salt Lake is after snow skiing and before summer. If you wish to be on a notification list please send to me
(massro@aol.com)

your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

On a personal note: I attended a German language camp run by Concordia College of Morehead, MN. I recovered some of my lost German but have a lot of work to do in order to have even a simple conversation with my German relatives on a June visit.

I hope to see you at the **November 15th** meeting.

Bob Mass

EDITORIAL COMMENTS by Faye & Earl Ebach

This is our sixth issue of the **Pioneer Record**, and probably the most frustrating. Publishing the PR is quite time consuming especially when other activities interfere.

We apologize for errors in the word puzzle in the September issue, particularly the lack of circles for the bonus word. One person called us immediately and we corrected the errors by sending a corrected version through the mail and also via e-mail. We were prepared to provide others with corrected copies, but no one else called or responded.

Hopefully you have seen the recent articles in the "**Midland Daily News**" concerning the **Midland First Family Project** and **Ora Flaningam's** book, "**Midland Pioneers**". Indirect responsibility goes to our MGS secretary, **Gloria Kundinger**, who initiated the contacts. She is doing a **tremendous job** as secretary of the MGS.

As always, we would appreciate hearing from members about the **Pioneer Record** -- good, bad, suggestions about what should be included, articles, etc. We have included in this issue a personal article concerning our genealogical adventures which we hope is of interest to others. Perhaps some of you have experiences which could be shared in future PR issues.

Although publishing the PR is a lot of work, we continue to enjoy it. We hope you do enjoy the results.



September 20, 2000 MGS Meeting
"Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana"
Speakers: Ruth Ann Casadonte, Mary Lou Pease & Jan Crozler

Elderhostel Programs provide varied and exciting opportunities for those who seek to learn and expand their horizons. At our September 20th meeting, three of our **MGS** members enthusiastically shared their recent experiences attending an Elderhostel Program which focused on exploring the **Historical Genealogy Department** within the **Allen County Public Library** in **Fort Wayne, Indiana**.

Ruth Ann Casadonte, Mary Lou Pease and **Jan Crozler** attended a six day workshop in Fort Wayne in late summer, 2000. The workshop included 5 days of classes which included orientation to the facility, census records, soundex system, maps and migration routes, military records, land records, immigration and naturalization records, computer programs, ancestral files, courthouse records, etc. The Allen County Library contains the largest collection of historical genealogy records east of the Mississippi River. It also contains international listings, passenger lists and various Canadian land records and census data.

This particular Elder Hostel Program had 37 participants. They were housed at a local **Holiday Inn** and attended classes at the **University of Saint Francis** as well as at the **Library**. They found the program extremely valuable, the handouts very informative and highly recommend it to fellow genealogists. The next scheduled Elderhostel Program covering genealogy at the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne is March 25-30, 2001.

October 18, 2000 MGS Meeting
Speaker: Scott Haines "Midland County Register of Deeds Office"

Members had the opportunity to meet **Midland County's** new **Register of Deeds, Scott Haines**. He is very enthusiastic about his role of "Keeper of Records". He discussed the purpose of the office which is to "record all deeds and land records in the county". He stated that all documents, once recorded, are legal.

The **office** has existed since **1855** with a total of 22 persons having served in the position of Register of Deeds. It is open to the public for the purposes of reading and/or photocopying documents. Michigan statute requires all documents to be microfilmed by each county Register of Deeds. Two filmed copies are made in Midland, with one copy stored locally and a second copy stored in a secure facility in Grand Rapids. Since 1995 every new document has been scanned into a computer data base.

Mr. Haines stated that the Register of Deeds is also chairman of the County Plat Board. During this past year the board has approved 6 new subdivisions.

The advent of the Internet presents new concerns regarding maintaining the security of a great deal of privileged information contained in various land records. Sending documents via fax, using e-commerce, etc. provide challenges for the future.

Haines concluded his presentation with a question and answer period with members of the audience. He also extended an invitation to members to visit his office.

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Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
During April - August, 2000

Index to Church Records - First
Reformed Church of Easton, Pa. 1760-
1852 Some 929.3748

Genealogical Abstracts of Orphans Court
Records - Northhampton Co., Pa 1752-
1795 Anderson 929.374822

A Pioneer History of the Township of
Grand Blanc, Genesee Co., MI
 Brain 977.437

Atlas for Germanic Genealogy
 E. Thode 912.43

Jordan-Lehigh Valley, PA
 Etlinger 974.827

History of Town of Galen, Wayne Co., NY
 Murray 974.7

Genesee County Cemetery Books
 (Vols 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
 17, 20, 21) Flint Gen Soc 929.577437

"FAMILY CHRONICLE" magazine
 published bi-monthly, subscription
 started **Jan. 2000** - **magazine shelves**

MGS 2000 - 2001 Membership List

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE
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
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
Brandle	Marcia	3615 Lawndale Dr	Midland	MI	48642	832-9530
Branson	Mary	5901 Sturgeon Ave	Midland	MI	48640-3224	
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
Brownell	Patty M	240 Burton St	Battle Creek	MI	49014	(616)962-9193
Burow	Dick	3811 Chestnut Hill Dr	Midland	MI	48642-6208	
Carr	Betty J	13318 Dixie Hghwy Lot#127	Holly	MI	48442	
Casadonte	Ruth Ann	5104 Nurmi Dr	Midland	MI	48640	835-5115
Collins	Mary & Dan	606 Linwood	Midland	MI	48640	631-2566
Crane	Roland & Coleen	2828 Scarborough Ct	Midland	MI	48640	631-8327
Cronkright	Phyllis	1407 E. Sugnet	Midland	MI	48642	832-3196
Crozier	Janet	30 Brown Crt	Midland	MI	48640	631-9653
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	201 Seminole Court	Midland	MI	48642-3559	832-8485
Dobson	Orv	5403 Campau	Midland	MI	48640	631-1538
Dorman	* Phae H.	2452 N. Deer Valley	Midland	MI	48642	
Dostal	Bob	4406 Orchard Dr	Midland	MI	48640	835-8986
Ducommun	Gilbert	2952 E Bombay Rd	Midland	MI	48642	689-3688
Eastin	* Cinda	897 N. 67th Place	Springfield	OR	97478-7118	
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
Flaningam	Ora	10045 Pennsylvania Ave	Bonita Springs	FL	34135	
Fogelsinger	Marie J.	301 E. Gary St	Bay City	MI	48706-3584	(517)686-1038
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
Grant	Chuck	5613 Tiffany Lane	Midland	MI	48642-3186	
Grove	Susan	2780 Creekside Ct	Aurora	IL	60504	
Hamlin	* Marjorie	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

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Helvey	* Judy	3324 Fairlane	Midland	MI	48642	835-8678
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
Hund	Sharon L	5733 Lyle Rd	Beaverton	MI	48612-8312	(219)478-6723
Huntington	Sherry	1529 Austin	Lincoln Park	MI	48146	(313)382-3229
Jackson	* Lindy	1776 Peers Ln	Auburn	MI	48611	662-7950
Keicher	Beverly	4107 Swede	Midland	MI	48642	631-9455
Kennedy	Robert	2325 Rockwell Dr #265	Midland	MI	48642-9327	832-3593
Kennett	Bill & Bonnie	4209 Arbor Dr	Midland	MI	48640	835-9494
Kocher	Bill	907 Deerfield	Midland	MI	48640	631-4015
Kociba	* Dorothy	4412 Eleven Mile Rd	Auburn	MI	48611	662-4567
Kremer, Jr	Albert	4603 Cruz Dr	Midland	MI	48642	835-7207
Kunding	Gloria J	2201 W North Union Rd	Auburn	MI	48611	631-0969
Lackie	Nancy	585 Peterson	Sanford	MI	48657	687-5327
Laur	Rose Mary	2589 Lakeview Dr	Sanford	MI	48657	687-5197
Leigeb	Vicki	5107 Plainfield	Midland	MI	48642	631-2148
Lenz	Mary Grace	4512 N Saginaw Rd #321	Midland	MI	48640	835-4393
Levy	Sheldon & Mary	5507 Whitehall	Midland	MI	48642	631-1229
Levy	Patricia	1336 Boulevard Way, Apt 208	Walnut Creek	CA	94595	
Longsdorf	Fran & Charlie	1515 Sandow Rd	Midland	MI	48640-8603	832-2838
Lund	Alice	4683 Monroe	Midland	MI	48642	835-9586
Martin	Barbara	2325 Rockwell Dr #215	Midland	MI	48642	
Martin	* Clifford	4815 Swinson Neuman	Rhodes	MI	48652	879-5454
Mass	Robert	5205 Van Buren	Midland	MI	48642	835-8519
McCann	Tom	PO Box 297	Sedan	KS	67361	
McCollister	* Ruth	4414 Washington	Midland	MI	48642	835-5209
McCrary	* Marcia	1679 Leforge	Ypsilanti	MI	48198	
McCullen	Maxine & Gerald	1755 Smith Crossing Rd	Midland	MI	48640	832-8749
McGee	Martha	1710 W St. Andrews	Midland	MI	48640	
Mead	Justin	400 E. Main St	Midland	MI	48640	
Mead	Keith & Betty	117 Jones Ct	Midland	MI	48642	835-8832
Miller	Harriette	4610 Jefferson Ave	Midland	MI	48640	835-4866
Miller	Janet M	2134 Fairway Acres	Argyle	TX	76226	(940)464-7468
Miller	Karen	17179 Stanton	West Olive	MI	49460	
Miller	Richard	615 Riverview Dr	Ann Arbor	MI	48104	
Nold	Helen	307 Cherry View Dr	Midland	MI	48640-5913	832-2937
Oliver	Frances	1326 Brookness	Midland	MI	48640	835-5852
Parsons	Virginia	3721 Isabella	Midland	MI	48640	835-5248
Pease	Mary Lou	2120 Hillgrove Pkw	Midland	MI	48642	631-8536
Peters	Esther & Karl	3430 M-18	Coleman	MI	48618	
Renwick	Shirley	2154 E Price Rd	Midland	MI	48640	687-2290
Rice	* Ginny	12 Laurel Brook Ct	Greensboro	NC	27407	
Rockwell	* Lorelie Maison	1199 S Nanness	San Francisco	CA	94110-3214	
Rooker	Shirley	301 E Haley	Midland	MI	48640	835-3290
Rupprecht	Walter & Joanne	6109 Thornberry Ct	Midland	MI	48640	631-8945
Russell	David & Shirley	4415 James Dr	Midland	MI	48642	631-0855
Sanderson	* Dave	1141 East	Harrison	MI	48625	
Schneider	Norma	1018 Willard	Midland	MI	48642	835-5484
Schweitzer	Ken	4813 Claremont #1	Midland	MI	48642	
Shangle	Jeri	165 Jupiter Ct	Midland	MI	48642	496-0031
Shier	Quita V	3322 Hubbard Rd	Midland	MI	48640	835-3278

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Jhrier	Kenneth & Jayne	722 Shorefront Circle	Midland	MI	48640	835-6900
Skelton	Eugene	M-123 PO Box 21	Paradise	MI	49768	
Skochdopole	Dick	2525 Lambros	Midland	MI	48642	835-6433
Smeltzer	Richard W.	6021 Swede Ave	Midland	MI	48642-7147	
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	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	Ontario CAN	L6T 1S7	
Tomlinson	Ruth	1111 E Chippewa River Rd	Midland	MI	48640	835-1747
Vincent	Bird	2775 Smith's Crossing	Freeland	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
Wilkerson	Ray	6108 Tittabawassee River Rd	Midland	MI	48642-7331	
Winterbottom	Juanita	1210 Dilloway Dr	Midland	MI	48640	835-2459
Woods	Jerry W	PO Box 1284	Maple Valley	WA	98038	(425)226-2625
Worden	Bill & Pat	1201 Glendale	Midland	MI	48642	631-7801
Yontz	Dorie J	4108 Stonegate	Midland	MI	48640	

EDITOR'S Comments with respect to MGS membership

The above membership list compiled by our Membership Chair, Bill Kocher, represents MGS members as of 8 Nov., 2000. It lists 126 membership units plus 25 spouses for a total of 151 members. The * * * by 21 names indicates those members who have yet to pay their membership dues through 30 June, 2001.

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

	(Nov 97) 1997-98 List	(Jan 99) 1998-99 List	(Jan 2000) 1999-2000 List	(Nov 2000) 2000-2001 List	(Nov 2000) 2000-2001 Paid List	Potential Losses
Units	87	98	110	126	105	21
Spouses	15	22	26	25	22	3
Total	102	120	136	151	127	

This information indicates the MGS membership has increased from 1997-98 through 1999-2000. However, as noted last year, we gained 44 new members between 1997-98 and 1998-99, but lost 26 for a net gain of 18. The same trend occurred in the 1999/2000 year and potentially will occur this year. An unanswered question is, why do we lose members?

We face a similar situation this year, although not as serious, with potential losses of 21 membership units plus 3 spouses. Some members may be just forgetful until reminded personally. Most have been members for many years. 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 Chair, Bill Kocher, 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 WELCOME the following new members who have joined the MGS since the last issue of the "Pioneer Record". They are:

- Janet Crozier Midland, MI (re-joining)
- Phyllis Cronkright Midland, MI
- Patricia Levy Walnut Creek, CA

We also note the recent passing of a long-time MGS member, Florence Wise, of Midland.

MGS 1999-2000 Budget

A summary table of the approved budget of the **Midland Genealogical Society** for the fiscal year 2000-2001 follows. **MGS Treasurer** is Jerl Shangle.

MGS Budget * July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001**

	INCOME		EXPENSE		COMMENTS
	Actual 1999- 2000 *****	Budget 2000- 2001 *****	Actual 1999- 2000 *****	Budget 2000- 2001 *****	
Membership					
Dues	1108.00	1200.00			
Brochures			18.82	0.00	
Member Memorial			29.98	50.00	
Membership Committee			7.41	25.00	
Officers Expenses			0.00	35.00	
State of Mich Non-Profit Fee			11.00	11.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	30.00	19.49	5.00	
Memorials, Donations	167.00	0.00			
Library / Book Purchases			750.00	600.00	
Library / Research	301.43	150.00	53.49	30.00	
MGS Meetings					
Room Rental			228.00	225.00	
Program			248.30	300.00	
Hospitality			0.00	20.00	
MGS Seminar-Workshops					
Workshop2000	159.50	0.00	117.65	0.00	
MGS Books					
Census Book	43.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Obituary Books	291.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	
Book "Midland Pioneers"	403.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	
Pioneer Record					
Subscriptions	4.50	10.00			
PR Printing			458.66	500.00	
PR Postage			213.18	240.00	
Interest					
Interest-CD	113.54	100.00			
Interest-Chk	31.31	30.00			
Interest-MM	47.99	30.00			
NARA	113.00	150.00	113.00	150.00	
Mich Genealogy Council					
Dues			50.40	24.00	
Delegate Mileage			24.00	40.00	
TOTAL	2783.27	1950.00	2343.38	2255.00	
INCOME less Expenses			433.89	(-305.00)	

Most items are self explanatory.

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 and 2000-2001. Sales may continue for several years

Another difference from one year to the next is the cost of seminars and workshops. There are none planned for 2000-2001.

The cost for publishing the **PR** have increased primarily due to increased **MGS** membership.

Last year income exceeded expenses by \$433.89. The approved 2000-2001 budget has a deficit of \$305.00.

The \$750.00 spent on library books in 1999-2000 include a \$150.00 memorial donation.

The total balance as of 11/1/00 primarily reflects the collection of 00/01 dues and sale of books. Expenses have been for room rental and **PR**.

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.

	Balances July 1, 1999
Checking Account	2332.15
Money Market Acct	1347.00
Certificate of Deposit	2500.00
TOTAL	6179.15

	Balances Nov 1, 2000
	1968.74
	3310.36
	2500.00
	7779.10

Kathy Bohl - MGS Delegate to the Michigan Genealogical Council

Eight years ago **Kathy Bohl** received a family genealogy from a cousin and immediately became interested in researching her ancestral roots. After retiring from both Delta College Counseling Center and substitute teaching in 1993, Kathy started tracing some of her family lines including Case (England, emigrated in 1635), McPhail (Scotland, emigrated in 1855), Farnsworth (England, emigrated 1677).



At this time she joined the **Midland Genealogical Society** and three years ago was elected a **MGS Delegate to the Michigan Genealogical Council**. As a representative of our local society she attends meetings in Lansing every other month and reports to us on council activities. Kathy notes that one important aspect of the council's work includes the ongoing death records project which relies on member societies to transcribe these records. The delegates have brought transcriptions through 1890 back to the Midland Society for re-checking. Kathy noted several members are currently working on this project, and that more volunteers are needed.

As a further extension of her genealogy interests, Kathy also became a member of the **John Alden Chapter, NSDAR**, currently serving as Registrar. She initiated and then chaired a public genealogy workshop for that group in 1999. In addition she does lookups in the DAR Patriot Index, answers questions about DAR and refers prospective members to chapters in Michigan through the Michigan DAR on-line website.

Recognizing the value of using a computer she joined the **Midland Computer Club** as a beginning computer user. She has since become co-chair of the club's Internet SIG and has presented a program on the use of the **Family Tree Maker** genealogy software.

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MGS WORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

The completed puzzle is shown on the left.

The circled letters are: **P E I I R S T E N D Y**

The clue to the bonus word was: **Genealogists are sometimes blessed with it**

ANSWER

S E R E N D I P I T Y

We apologize for the numerous errors in the original presentation. Only one person contacted the editors concerning the missing information and errors. The winner with the correct solution was **Barbara Holsbeke** who will receive a one year membership in the **MGS**.

Just do IT

While in Fort Wayne researching Cherokee Indian Rolls for 1835. I came upon this humorous family and I thought it would give members a laugh

the IT family

IT, he can do
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Submitted by **Betty Barnes**, former **MGS** member

A "WITCH" in our past?

by Faye & Earl Ebach

Sometimes, while researching old documents, you find an unexpected "tidbit" of information that provides insight into the culture of the time. Such an instance occurred during our recent trip to Germany.

We had visited Germany in 1998 and discovered a great deal of information about Earl's ancestors (dating back to the 1670's) in the archives of the Catholic churches in Hügelsheim, Weitenung and Steinbach - all small villages within 10 km of each other - located in the state of Baden near the Rhine River. Earl's great grandfather emigrated from Hügelsheim in 1836, with his brother and sister-in-law, initially settling in Canada and finally locating in the thumb area of Michigan. The surname Ebach, spelled Ibach in Germany, and sometimes interpreted as Ybach, is quite common in the village of Weitenung.

During our 1998 visit, while researching the archives in Weitenung, we had seen an entry by a priest written in red ink at the side of the page which intrigued us. It was about a Veronica Ybach, but since we determined she was not of our family line we ignored it. We did remember that the woman had been executed and the note in red ended with the words "May God have mercy on her soul". Needless to say, Earl and I were very curious about what type of crime a young woman could have committed which resulted in execution. Our first thought was she must have been a "witch", but the date seemed late for trials regarding witch craft.

This past summer we returned to Germany and the area of Earl's ancestors to continue some of our earlier research. We also hoped to meet, if possible, other descendants of his ancestors. To our delight we did meet many distant cousins in both Hügelsheim and Weitenung. The priest in Weitenung had passed our information on to the local historian and museum director, Charlie Burkart, and through him we met many Ibach descendants. While at a gathering in Weitenung, the subject of the "Witch of Weitenung" came up. Our distant cousins joked about this local woman. Her story was well known in local lore - a woman who did strange and unusual things. One of her strange behaviors for which she was convicted and executed was she would braid the hair of cows' tails. Charlie laughed and said she definitely was executed for being a "witch". In fact she was the last known "witch" executed in Germany. No one was aware that she was an Ibach and possibly related.

The next day, we and a couple cousins searched the Weitenung archives for the entry in red which we had seen in 1998. We spent several hours searching page by page the "Totenbuch" (death records) for the entry in red with no success. As we were about to give up, Faye started looking in the "Ehebuch" (marriage book) and discovered the marriage record for Veronica Ybach in the year 1813 with the side entry in red ink. Shortly after the marriage she was accused of witchcraft and tried in the nearby town of Steinbach, convicted and immediately put to death by hanging on March 24, 1814. We still do not know if she is related, but her maiden surname was Ybach and the possibility exists. Neither the present Weitenung parish priest or secretary, or local historian or any cousins were aware of this entry. When the 12 year old son of our cousin was told of this discovery his comment was "cool". We left the village of Weitenung (and Germany) that afternoon - our new found relatives are probably still discussing the "discovery".

The entry below was copied on 11 Sept., 2000, from the "Ehebuch" (p4, 1813) in the archives of Pfarrkirche "Heilig Blut", Weitenung. It has not been totally translated.

Martius
Agidius
Amibiel
Veronica
ybaef
 P. W. Mannsfeld
 Veronika ybaef
 1813. Veronika ybaef
 1813. Veronika ybaef
 1813. Veronika ybaef

Amibiel 10. Febr. 1813. Ant. Drey Offhanns
 Amibiel. Im Jahr des Herrn viertausend, achtundzwanzig und Dreizehn - dem zwanzigsten März, nach geführten zehnmaligen Anklagen, welche dieselbe in der Pfarrkirche zu Steinbach gelesen sind, wie da darüber gehalten worden, antwortete Veronika ybaef d. d. 1. März 1813. bekräftigen, und bitten ansehlich zu bitten, sich in der öffentlichen Verhandlung im römischen mit beiderseitiger Willigkeit freiwillig zu taufen, und alsdenn eingekerkert werden: Das Agidius ein Sohn des Johann Amibiel und der Elisabeth Weiler bürgerlichen Eheleute in Weitenungsfeld sind die Veronika eine Tochter des verstorbenen Georg ybaef und der Rufina Mannsfeld bürgerlichen Eheleute in Weitenungsfeld - Amal 26. Jahr alt - zeugen davon der Michael ybaef Abt von der und der Joseph Burkard Bürger in Weitenungsfeld - Amibiel 2. März 1813. Ant. Drey Offhanns
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 1813. Veronika ybaef

This information was rather insightful regarding the life and times in Germany during the early nineteenth century. It was during this period that unrest existed and many people decided to take their chances and emigrate to North America. As a genealogist you never know when you will stumble onto an interesting clue to what life was like for your ancestors. If you are lucky you may find answers that you never anticipated.

SPECIAL WEB SITE ADDRESSES

MGS WEB SITE ADDRESS	http://users.tm.net/brauschj/mgs
MIDLAND COUNTY GenWeb SITE ADDRESS	http://www.rootsweb.com~mimidlan/
MICHIGAN GenWeb SITE ADDRESS	http://www.rootsweb.com/~migenweb/
LDS Church Family History WEB SITE	http://www.familysearch.org

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 15, 2000

Karen Holcomb, Midland County Clerk, will speak on "Birth, Marriage & Death Records Available In the Midland County Clerk's Office"

January 17, 2001

Subject: "Civil War - Son's of the Union"
Speaker: TBA

February 21, 2001

Subject: Sources of GENEALOGY that help - books, vital records, internet, etc.
Speaker: Various MGS members

March 21, 2001

Subject: "Famous and Infamous"
Speaker: Stephen Keller, Lecturer, retired teacher, 5th generation Detrouer, professional genealogist, editor "French Families", secretary DSGR

April 18, 2001

Subject: "Why I chose FAMILY TREE MAKER"
Speaker: Lee Watrous, Saginaw Genealogical Society (organizer), former editor "Timbertown Log"

May 16, 2001 - Annual MGS Meeting

UPCOMING SEMINARS

**Michigan Genealogical Council
2000 ABRAMS Genealogical Series**

The MGC is sponsoring a series of 6 meetings, each with a special subject, that focus on genealogical resources available at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Five meetings have been held and one remains.

December 2 Native American Research

The free 90-minute sessions begin at 9:15 am in the Forum. For more information, contact Randy Riley or Carol Callard at (517) 373-1300.

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French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan

All-day Seminar -- **June 23, 2001**

**Three-Centuries, Two Nations,
One French-Canadian Heritage -
21st Century Explorations in Genealogy**
Speakers: D. Beauregard, J. DuLong, P. Halford
& S. Trembley

at the St. Simon & St. Jude Church Hall
Belle River, Ontario

Fore more information refer to

<http://habitant.org/fchsm>

or contact Gall Moreau (248) 625-4988
gfmoreau1@aol.com

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ELDERHOSTEL Genealogy Workshop
Allen County Historical Library
Fort Wayne, Indiana
March 25-30, 2001

BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books, published by the Midland Genealogical Society, are available for sale at any MGS meeting or by mail. Price of each book is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling.

MIDLAND COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX -- 1872-1927. The book consists of 16,000 abstractions covering 55 years from the Midland Times (1872-1875), the Midland Sun (1892-1924) and the Midland Republican (1881-1927). The softbound book is 8 1/2 by 11 inches.

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. (less than 17 remaining)

To ORDER A BOOK write: Midland Genealogical Society BOOK; Grace A. Dow Memorial Library;
1710 W. St. Andrews Dr.; Midland, MI 48640



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Pioneer Record

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The **MGS** meets on the **3rd Wednesday** of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr. & May at **7:00 P.M.** in the lounge of the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640. Visitors are always welcome. Watch the **Midland Daily News** or local **Midland MCTV, Channel 5** for upcoming speakers, dates and times.

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.
