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MGS MEETING ** SEPTEMBER 19

The first Midland Genealogical Society meeting of the fall will be held Wednesday, **September 19**, in the lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library starting at **7:00 pm**.

The normal business of the society will be conducted including the introduction of the 2001-02 officers. Special reports will also be made.

The **program** will be presented by **Bob Mass** and **Nancy Lackie**. Initially, **Bob** will take half the attendees to the **Midland Room** of the Library and **demonstrate** the use of the new **computer** while **Nancy** will discuss with those remaining in the lounge the use of the genealogical materials emphasizing the **new additions**. Then the two groups will **exchange** for the second half of the program.

Refreshments and conversation will follow in the lounge.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

From the **President**:

Hello, my name is **Bob Mass** and I was re-elected **President** of our Society last May. I feel very good about the society's accomplishments this last year. We had an enthusiastic set of officers and board members. Foremost we conducted all the meetings with informative and interesting presentations and published four editions of this **Pioneer Record** newsletter. We revised the **MGS Bylaws** to conform to the evolving operations of the Society. We published the



President Bob Mass in Szczecin, Poland

book "**Midland County Michigan Obituary Index 1928-1950**". Nearly a fourth of the 200 copies have been sold, but we still have plenty of inventory of both obituary books. We sold out the book "**Midland Pioneers**", all 200 copies. We helped select and set up a **computer system** in the **Midland Room** for exclusive genealogical

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use. Most of the disks that we selected for purchase have arrived. Please see a separate article on the computer in this issue.

You have elected competent and willing **officers** for this year. The program committee consists of **Richard Smeltzer, Robert Dostal, Ken Schweitzer**, and **Mary Eichhorn**. Our new treasurer, is **David Russell**; Secretary, **Wilma Diesen**; Membership, **Sheldon and Mary Levy**. The continuing members are: Historian **Joanne Rupprecht**; MGC Representatives, **Bev Keicher** and **Kathy Bohl**; First Families, **Mary Lou Hayes**; Pioneer Record, **Earl and Faye Ebach**; and Advisor **Jo Brines**.

Some of us find the **cataloging** of the books on genealogy in the Midland room **awkward**. The library's computer catalog system suffers from the limited notes in the computer list used by the subject searches and it is unable to restrict searches to just RG books. **Guide papers** for selected subjects are being assembled to help our patrons find all the references to a selected subject. The Hoyt Library has assembled many similar guide papers through the years. Proposed guides are: **German Genealogical Sources** in the Midland Room (nearly complete), **Midland County Genealogical Sources** in the Midland Room (an outdated scratch copy exists), **Canadian Passenger and Immigration Sources**, etc..

My wife, **Kate**, and I took a marvelous four week **trip to Europe** this May and June. The first part was a **guided tour** of southern and eastern **Germany**. This sight seeing and cultural tour covered Munich, castles of Neuschwanstein and Chiemsee, Bamberg, Leipzig, Weimar, Dresden, Potsdam, and Berlin. In the second part of the trip, we struck off on our own through Poland; first, to Boleslawiec where Kate bought a tea set and then north to the ancestral home of my paternal grandmother's parents. Here, I was surprised to find a small, ancient church in the little village of Barnamie (Fuestenau). My second cousin had visited the larger village of Drawno (Neuwedel) about 15 years ago and said that the church had been destroyed in WWII and no records were available. This discovery may be a crack in my genealogical brick wall.



We next visited many Baltic coast cities on the way to the Schleswig area, where my paternal grandfather was born. I had gathered many records earlier on my ancestors so had the goal of visiting "live" cousins and seeing home villages and churches. We met with the family I had written to earlier but our conversation was limited by my inadequate spoken German. After visiting a war memorial in my grand uncles' town, I was shooting video of the small village and its farms when an elderly resident struck up a conversation with me (all in German). He was Ernst-Karl Martensen and he understood my desires easily since he was an accomplished genealogist. He showed me his family book, a professionally printed large family tree and even a 2 meter long granite boulder in his back yard that was carved with the names of his ancestors who owned the farm since 1753. After consulting his "Chronic" books, he telephoned another branch of my relatives in Grundhof, and then we went to visit them. A great time was had sharing information and I obtained copies of photos of many members of that family branch. Conversation was easier when the granddaughter, Janett Mass, came with her very good English.

We are all hoping for an informative and enjoyable **MGS** year and I look forward to greeting all the new and continuing members at the **September** meeting. **Bring a friend!**

Dave Russell -- MGS Treasurer

Dave was elected **Treasurer** at the May 16th meeting of the **Midland Genealogical Society**, succeeding Jeri Shangle who had served as Treasurer for a year and a half. Dave joined **MGS** after retiring from the Dow Chemical Company.

His interest in genealogy existed before he retired, but active research of his family lines needed to wait until retirement gave him time to enjoy it. Now both **Dave** and his wife, **Shirley**, are researching their respective families.

Dave's families were among the settlers coming to this country in the 1600s and 1700s. His Booth line has been traced back to Southold, Long Island about 1640. He was interested to learn that his great, great, great grandfather, Benjamin Russell, owned slaves in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in the 1700s. After Benjamin died in 1789, his wife, Keziah, went to court and gave the slaves their freedom.



He particularly enjoys contacting relatives through the internet, and exchanging files with them. Dave's goal is to put together as complete as possible a family history for his 8 year old granddaughter, Libby.

Dave is serving as Chaplain for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan, General Phil Kearny Camp No. 67 in Bay City. Dave had a great grandfather and a great, great grandfather who both served in the 16th Iowa Infantry during the Civil War.

Wilma Diesen -- MGS Secretary

I am a native of Illinois who has been in Midland so long that it is home. My husband and I came here in 1958 when he was fresh from graduate school. Our infant son was our most valuable cargo. Our two daughters were born in Midland. None of them live in Midland now.

My interest in genealogy began in 1976 when my siblings and I looked for some special way to celebrate our parents' 50th wedding anniversary. None of us knew anything about the process except that we couldn't afford to hire it done. I was the only one with the combination of interest and available time so I volunteered to do it. After all, how hard could it be? Much help came from Garth Beaver, a longtime friend and member at that time of the Midland Genealogical Society who encouraged me to join. I soon was hooked and the rest is history.

Ron and I are celebrating our own 50th wedding anniversary this September but so far I haven't managed to interest any of my offspring in taking on the task of continuing the family genealogy research.

Besides genealogy, I have an interest in dolls, both collecting and creating. One very special doll, "Pomp" the son of Sacajawea, was made for our annual Sargent Family Reunion last year.



**Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
During Period - September, 2000 - August, 2001**

- | | |
|---|---|
| Passenger & Immigration Lists Index –
2001 Supplement – Part 2
Filby & Nemeah 929.373 | Death Entries in Alpena, MI Newspapers
Years from 1871-1969 - 7 vols
(Vols 5,6 & 7 given by Society in
Memory of Florence Wise) 929.3774 |
| Abstracts Probate Court Records for
Oakland Co, MI 1822-1840
929.3774 | International Vital Records Handbook
4th Edition Kemp, B.T.J. 929.3774 |
| Midland Cemetery Deceased File
4 vols 929.3 | Vermont – Soldiers, Sailors & Patriots of
the Revolutionary War
Fisher, C.E. 929.3743 |
| Midland Pioneer
Ora Flaningham 929.377448 | Vermont Warnings Out - Vol I & II
Rollins, A.M. 929.3743 |
| Midland County Michigan – Obituary Index
1928-1950 929.377448 | |
| Index to Pension Applications for Indian
Wars Service Between 1817 & 1898
White, V.D. 929.373 | Michigan Census Tapes
1850-1860-1870-1880-1900-1910-1920
for |
| Early New Englanders and Kin: A
Genealogical Tree of More Than
12,000 Inter-related Individuals with
Roots in Early New England
Beugess 929.374 | Clinton Co |
| 1880 Cherokee Nation Census
Benge, B. 929.3 | Genessee Co |
| Land Atlas & Plat Book – 1972
Isabella Co, MI 912.77451 | Lapeer Co |
| Paper Trees – Genealogical Clip Art
Matthews, T. 929.1 | Macomb Co |
| | Oakland Co |
| | St. Clair Co |
| | Shiawassee Co |
| | Tuscola Co |

Above reels are in MI Microfilm Drawer

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2000-2001

The collection of **MGS membership dues for 2001-2002** will conclude at the **September MGS meeting**. The **MGS Treasurer and Membership Chairs** have been collecting dues since last May, 2001, although there has been no specific request. If your dues are not paid by the end of September, this may be the last ***Pioneer Record*** you will receive. Dues may be paid by mail to: Membership Chair, **Midland Genealogical Society**, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640. Dues for an **individual** are **\$14.00** ; for a **family** they are **\$17.50** .

MGS ByLaws

So that all members can be knowledgeable about the operations of the **MGS**, the **MGS ByLaws** which were **approved** by the membership in the **April, 2001** meeting are attached to this issue of the "***Pioneer Record***".

MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS

Our new membership team is Sheldon and Mary Levy. They have been researching family history for only about 8 years which means that they still feel much like novices in the field.

Sheldon's family came to America during the early part of the 1890's up through the 1920's via New York, eventually settling in the Cleveland, Ohio area. Both of his parent's families came from eastern Europe.



Mary's family found their way to the eastern shore of Massachusetts beginning in 1634 on her maternal side and the mid 1850's on her paternal side. They, too, eventually settled in Ohio. For the most part, these families were British Isles folks.

Research on her early ancestors has been easier than expected. It's the records that date from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War that are difficult to find. Mary is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Union.

Both Sheldon and Mary are eager to gain access to the 1930 Federal Census records as well as to plan a trip to the east coast to view some pertinent county records.

MGS TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY - Jo Brines

This fall's scheduled October 16-24 trip to Salt Lake City has been **cancelled** due to an insufficient number of participants. **SO.....** I will start again with the intention to plan a trip for **next April/or early May**. This will allow members sufficient time to block off their calendars eight months in advance. **SO...** when you get your tax refund check from George W., put it in your sock or under the mattress since that will help pay for the hotel.

Those of us who have traveled to **SLC** before will all attest to how **fulfilling a week** of concentrated research can be. You will be looking at, for the most part, copies of the original records that you would find only on actual site. There are millions and millions of film reels to choose from, and we at one time calculated that it was cheaper to travel to SLC for a week than it was to have lots of films sent to Midland on a rental basis. Also it's a lot of fun!

Remember, you are looking at microfilm copies of the actual records found in the court houses, etc.; NOT what someone else has interpreted the record to be and entered into the computer. Let your own eyes and mind do the interpreting.

It is a great week to be with genealogical friends – to share your successes, your failures and dead-ends, and also gain new ideas on how to approach a problem. So rev up the enthusiasm, start saving your money, reserve several weeks in April and May, 2002, and we'll fly away to **Salt Lake City**.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact me, **Jo Brines**, at **989-832-8312**.

The Midland Room Gets Computerizedby **Bob Mass**

(modified somewhat by the Editors)

Most of the **computer** capabilities we requested are now operational on a Gateway Model EV910 computer in the **Midland Room** of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. The computer is for genealogical use only. The computer contains three disc drives: 1) a high speed CD drive (labeled "D"); 2) a slower Recordable/Rewritable CD drive (labeled "E"); and 3) a floppy disc drive (labeled "A"). The system also includes a HP DeskJet 970 Cse Professional printer and a HP ScanJet 5370C scanner. **Ken Schweitzer** made this system, plus many CDs, possible in memory of his deceased wife, **Shirley Schweitzer**.

There are **NO INTERNET** capabilities, so internet genealogical searches still need to be done using computers in the reference room of the Library. Currently the computer crashes frequently. It can be rebooted by holding down the front power button for 5 seconds to turn it off, then pressing the power button again to turn the computer back on. Do not pull the power plug in back to shut it off (this will damage the computer).



Patrons can now use three functions on the computer: 1) the Library's Computerized Card Catalog (the same as the reference room computers); 2) the "**Family Tree Maker**" genealogical software, including Broderbund disks; and 3) alternate special disk readers. The **PRIMARY** purpose of the "**Family Tree Maker**" is to access the numerous CDs which we presently have (and hope to have more). No multiple CD changer is available on the market that can automatically handle dozens of CD's, therefore each CD must be loaded manually.

We presently have three groups of CDs:

- 1) **FTMs World Family Tree** discs
There have been 60 CD discs or volumes produced so far by FTM. We have only Vol. 1 to 6, Vol. 8 to 17 and Vol. 43 to 49 of World Family Tree discs available at this time.
- 2) **Broderbund CDs**
There have been several hundred CDs produced by Broderbund so far. We have approximately 100 either on hand or ordered.
- 3) **Non-Broderbund CDs**
We have fifteen of the 1870 Census CDs produced by **Heritage Quest** and eleven other non-Broderbund CDs from various sources (labeled with numbers greater than 100000).

The CDs are all numbered and stored in the CD shelf near the computer system. **Donations of genealogy CD's by members will be appreciated.** You may note that some of the CD's are backup copies with the originals locked away. We plan to make backups of all of the important disks since accidents will surely happen. A list will be kept for recommended future CD purchases.

A **red folder**, either on the CD shelf or Volunteer's desk, contains **listings** of all our CDs. The CD numbers, titles, and decimals representing geographical location were loaded into a computer database for our CD's. Three sorted lists (number, title & location) were printed and are kept in the red folder.

Activating Family Tree Maker is the means to rapidly search most of our CD's. **An instruction sheet is located in a plastic holder by the computer.** Insert the CD being

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searched only in the “D” disk drive (the top one).

To access “**Family Tree Maker**” (hereafter referred to as **FTM**) CD data, two methods are available: A) the “Manual Method” and B) the “Automated Method”.

A) The **Manual Method** -- This method must be used to find all references to a surname and for non-Broderbund CDs. No printing is possible.

1) Open **FTM**. The family surname that was last accessed will automatically appear. This can be disregarded.

2) Load the Family Finder Index CD with your range of surnames in drive “D”:

3) At the top of the screen choose “**View—Family Finder**”; then “**View CD**”.

4) Type the **name** you want to search in the indicated space and click on “**Search**”.

5) A **list** of references will probably appear containing the name you have indicated. Depending on the name, this list could be very long since **all** the Broderbund discs produced to date are in the Index. We may not have all the discs listed. **Handwrite** the useful references to other CDs.

6) Remove the Family Finder Index CD and return it to its proper place. Find and load the indicated CDs and search for the data.

B) The **Automated Method** -- to search the CDs with Family Tree Maker: results in a **printed list** of all Broderbund CDs with your chosen **first name and surname**.

1) Open **FTM**. The family surname that was last accessed will automatically appear. This can be disregarded.

2) Create a new file for your family member by using “**File**”; then select “**New Family File**”. You should choose a file name containing your name (file name example: **BobMass04**). Do not change the name on an old search because the computer thinks it is just a new spelling and will not do a new search. Midland Room volunteers will delete files not used for many months periodically. After entering your file name a blank family tree screen will appear with the question “Do you want to leave this family tree screen?” Click “**YES**” and a yellow family group sheet screen will appear.

3) You can make a brief family tree of those individuals you wish in your search on the yellow family group sheet on the screen. It **must contain a first name and a surname** or you will get no matches. Additional vital data on your ancestors will result in a better search.

4) At the top of the screen choose “**View—Family Finder**”; then select “**Family Finder Search/Report**”. All of the hundreds of Broderbund CDs have a super index called **Family Finder Index**. The index is contained on four CD’s so these must be sequentially loaded in the “D” drive as requested. The computer will create a **Family Finder Report**.

5) The next task is to print out the **Family Finder Report**. This report lists the names of all the CDs made by Broderbund that have your family name listed. This report can be printed on the HP LaserJet printer. **Colored ink** will note the disks that **we now have**. Our 100 plus CDs are kept in numerical order so finding the ones printed on your report should be easy.

6) **Load** the indicated CDs and click on the ancestor line on the Report page to get the full references. These must be **hand copied** at this time.

Some of our CDs need special “**search**” programs (readers). The **1870 Census** CDs by

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Heritage Quest run automatically when they are loaded in drive "D" (it has a powerful search method) Other CDs (non-Broderbund CDs), with numbers over 10000 must be viewed by using one of the special readers such as **Qwest**. First, quit FTM by clicking on "X" in upper left corner. Load the CD in drive "D", click on "Special Reader", and the click on the "Reader" designated for that disk number. Each reader will instruct you on its search methods.

Patrons can also use the **Family Tree Maker** program to enter, organize and print their family histories and charts. If you create an extensive family tree, you should save it to your personal floppy disk.

The Gateway computer utilizes the Windows ME operating system and other software, such as Microsoft Office, is installed. However, only MGS Library volunteers working on projects or answering requests are allowed to access the software for word processing, database work, scanning, copying CDs, etc.

We again wish to thank **Ken Schweitzer** for donating the funds for the computer system.

The **titles** of genealogical CD's on hand or on order are:

Heritage Quest CDs

- ACD0013** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Illinois
- ACD0014** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes Ohio
- ACD0015** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Virginia and West Virginia
- ACD0016** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes DC
Maryland
- ACD0018** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes New
York
- ACD0022** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Michigan
- ACD0023** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Connecticut and Rhode Island
- ACD0028** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Pennsylvania
- ACD0033** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Delaware and New Jersey
- ACD0035** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Kentucky
- ACD0038** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Indiana
- ACD0039** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Wisconsin
- ACD0040** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes Upper
Planes Upper Midwest States
- ACD0041** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes Maine
and NH and VT
- ACD0042** 1870 US Federal Census Indexes
Massachusetts

**FFI Family Finder Index 900 to present (four
CDs)**

- WFT1-6** World Family Tree 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- WFT 8-17** World Family Tree 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
14, 15, 16, 17
- WFT 43-49** World Family Tree 43, 44, 45, 46, 47,
48, 49

Broderbund CDs

- 2** Marriage Index IL IN KY OH TN: 1720-1926
- 4** Marriage Index MD NC VA: 1642-1916
- 5** Marriage Index AR MS MO TX: 1766-1981
- 15** Family Pedigrees: Evertons Publishers 1500-
1990
- 18** Family Queries: Everton's Roots Cellar 1640-
1990
- 23** Pilgrim Genealogies and Histories 1600s-
1900s
- 56** Mid-Atlantic Genealogies
- 110** Social Security Death Index 1937-1997
- 115** Genealogist's All in One Address Book
- 118** Canadian Genealogy Index: 1600s-1900s
- 119** Military Records: Confederate Soldiers 1861-
1865
- 134** Massachusetts Civil War Soldiers and Sailors
1861-1865
- 143** New York in the Revolution and the War of
1812
- 144** Loyalist in the American Revolution
- 146** Military Records: US Soldiers 1784-1811
- 156** Family History: Mid-Atlantic Genealogies 1340-
1940
- 157** Family History: Early New York Families
1600s-1900s
- 164** Mortality Index: United States 1850-1880
- 172** Pennsylvania Vital Records 1700s-1800s
- 179** Family History: CT Genealogies #1 1600s-
1800s
- 180** Family History: RI Genealogies #1 1600s-
1800s
- 182** Family History: NJ Genealogists #1 1600s-
1800s
- 185** Family History: KY Genealogies #1 1700s-
1800s

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- 188** Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1848-1864
193 County and Family Histories: Pennsylvania 1740-1900
199 German Genealogy Guide
225 Marriage Index AZ CA ID NV : 1850-1951
229 Marriage Index: KY NC TN VA WV : 1728-1850
255 Land Records AL AR FL LA MI MN OH WI : 1790-1907
256 Passenger and Immigration Lists: Boston : 1821-1850
258 Naturalization Records: Philadelphia 1789-1880
262 International Land Records: Tithe Applotment Books : 1823-1838
267 German and Swiss Settlers in America 1700s-1800s
270 Lewis's Gazetteers of England Ireland and Scotland
271 International Land Records: Irish Flax Growers 1796
273 Passenger and Immigration Lists: New York : 1820-1850
274 Ontario and Nova Scotia Settlers 1790-1860
301 Census Microfilm Records: Illinois 1850 (4 discs)
302 Census Microfilm Records: Indiana 1850 (5 discs)
303 Census Microfilm Records: Kentucky 1850 (3 discs)
304 Census Records: Indiana 1860
309 Census Microfilm Records: Virginia 1850 (6 discs)
351 Roll of Honor: Civil War Union Soldiers
355 Germans to America 1850-1874
356 Germans to America 1875-1888
364 American Source Records in England 1600s-1800s
403 Select U.S. / International Marriage Records 1560-1900
449 Local and Family histories of New England
450 County and Family Histories: Ohio 1780-1970 (6 discs)
500 Family History: Southern Biog. And Gen. 1500s-1940s
501 Immigrants to Pennsylvania 1600s-1800s
502 Massachusetts Town Probate and Vital Records
504 Early New England Settlers 1600s-1800s
506 Lineages of Hereditary Society Members 1600s-1900s
508 Genealogical Records: Midwest Pioneers 1600s-1800s
512 Pennsylvania Colonial Records 1600s-1800s
513 Gen. Rec.: VA Land Marriage & Probate 1639-1850
515 Local and Family Histories: Connecticut 1600-1800s
521 Maryland Settlers and Soldiers 1700-1800s
600 Huguenot Settlers in North America and Europe : 1600s-1900s
651 Land and Tax Records: Ohio 1787-1840
7023 Pilgrim Genealogies and Histories
7115 The Genealogist's All-in-one Address Book
7143 New York in the Colonial Wars Rev. & the War of 1812
7144 Loyalists in the American Revolution
7157 Early New York Families
7172 Pennsylvania Vital Records
7188 An Index to Griffith's Valuation
7262 Tithe Applotment Books 1823-1838
7267 German and Swiss Settlers in America 1700s-1800s
7270 Lewis's Gazetteers of England Ireland and Scotland
7271 Irish Flax Growers List 1796
7274 Ontario and Nova Scotia Settlers 1796-1860
7351 Roll of Honor: Civil War Union Soldiers
7364 American Source Records in England
7501 Immigrants to Pennsylvania
7502 Massachusetts Probate Town and Vital Records
7504 Early New England Settlers 1600s-1800s
7506 Lineages of Hereditary Society Members
7508 Midwest Pioneers
7512 Pennsylvania Colonial Records
7515 Connecticut Local and Family Histories
7521 Maryland Settlers and Soldiers
7600 Huguenot Settlers in America 1600s-1900s
7651 Ohio Land and Tax Records
100001 Virginia Land Marriage and Probate Records
100002 Southern Biographies and Genealogies
100003 World Family Trees
100004 Passenger and Immigration Lists: New York
100005 Naturalization Records: Philadelphia
100006 World Family Tree European Origins
100007 Canadian Genealogy Index
100008 Histories and Genealogies of Essex County MA
100009 Berks County (PA) Church Records 1752-1825
100010 Mackinac Register: 1695-1888
100011 The Settlers of the Beekman Patent – Doherty

MGS 2001-02 Budget & 2000-01 Financial Status

A summary table of the **2001-02 BUDGET** and the financial status of the **Midland Genealogical Society** for the past year (2000-2001), presented by **Treasurer Dave Russel**, follows. The MGS fiscal year is from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

INCOME				EXPENSES			
	Actual 00-01 *****	Budget 00-01 *****	<i>BUDGET</i> 01-02 *****		Actual 00-01 *****	Budget 00-01 *****	<i>BUDGET</i> 01-02 *****
Dues	1174.50	1200.00	1700.00	Book Purchases/Libr	600.00	600.00	600.00
Interest				Misc. Expenses			
Interest-CD	119.22	100.00	100.00	Brochures	55.00	0.00	0.00
Interest-Chk	19.89	30.00	25.00	Miscellaneous	9.50	5.00	5.00
Interest-MM	77.37	30.00	45.00	Member Memorial	25.00	50.00	50.00
Total Interest	216.48	160.00	170.00	Membership Committ	12.71	25.00	25.00
Misc. Income				Officers Expenses	11.64	35.00	35.00
NARA	60.00	150.00	120.00	NARA	60.00	150.00	120.00
Research	573.57	150.00	175.00	State Fees	11.00	11.00	11.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	30.00	0.00	Research Expenses	59.69	30.00	45.00
Memorials, Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Misc Exp	244.54	306.00	291.00
Total Misc. Income	633.57	330.00	295.00	Mich. Gen. Council			
Seminars, Programs				Council Dues	23.40	24.00	28.00
Seminar Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	Council Mileage	36.50	40.00	100.00
First Family Income	105.00	0.00	65.00	Total MGC	59.90	64.00	128.00
Total Sem, Prog	105.00	0.00	65.00	Seminars, Programs			
MGS Book Sales				Facility Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Obituary Books #1	178.00	100.00	75.00	Speaker Fees/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Obituary Books #2	355.00	0.00	430.00	First Family Expence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book "Midl Pioneers"	640.00	150.00	0.00	Total Sem, Prog	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total MGS Books	1173.00	250.00	505.00	MGS Book Expenses			
Pioneer Record				Adv/Postage/Misc	0.00	0.00	30.00
Subscriptions	4.50	10.00	9.00	Obituary Books #1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total "PR"	4.50	10.00	9.00	Obituary Books #2	924.00	0.00	0.00
				Book "Midl Pioneers"	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Total MGS Books	924.00	0.00	30.00
				Pioneer Record			
				PR Postage	200.14	240.00	365.00
				PR Printing	470.49	500.00	650.00
				PR Other			135.00
				Total "PR"	670.63	740.00	1150.00
				MGS Meeting Expenses			
				Room Rent	200.00	225.00	225.00
				Program Expenses	100.00	300.00	300.00
				Hospitality	0.00	20.00	20.00
				Total MGS Mtg.	300.00	545.00	545.00
TOTAL INCOME	3307.05	1950.00	2744.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	2799.07	2255.00	2744.00
				INCOME less EXP	507.98	-305.00	0.00
Balances July 1, 2000				Balances June 30, 2001			
Checking Account	1165.01			Checking Account	1000.90		
Money Market Acct	2954.00			Money Market Acct	3626.12		
Certificate of Deposit	2500.00			Certificate of Deposit	2500.00		
TOTAL	6619.04			TOTAL	7127.02		

The actual and budgeted amounts are based on income and expenses for both operating and money-market accounts of the **MGS**. Most items are self explanatory. The budgeting process is complicated by the **MGS** book sales since publication costs are absorbed in one year while sales may occur for several years. The 2001-02 Budget was approved by the MGS membership at the May, 2001 annual meeting. Questions concerning the finances will be answered at the Sept. 19, 2001 meeting.

MGS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Mary & Sheldon Levy, Co-Chairs

As we write this article, **MGS** has seven paid memberships for Fiscal Year 2001 (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002). Last year, FY2000, **MGS** had 117 memberships (individual and households).

We anticipate a flood of **membership renewals** at the **September** meeting... don't let us down.

<u>New Members:</u>	<u>Located</u>	<u>Researching</u>
Mary DUKE	Temple, TX	
Marcia McCRARY	Ypsilanti, MI	
Judy ROOT	Breckenridge, MI	ROOT, SAWVEL, VELIE, WRIGHT, KEHL, BUCHHOLZ, MORROW, CRITTENDEN & THAYER

A complete **membership list** will be published in the **November 2001** issue of "*Pioneer Record*". Carefully read your information. Then, help us correct any incorrect information and fill in missing information.

We are missing many **e-mail addresses**. Whether you think we have it or not, please e-mail your address to us at <samlevy@aol.com>.

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TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave Russell, Treasurer

The present **MGS** fiscal year begins 1 July 2001 and ends 30 June 2002. **Income** for the **MGS** fiscal year to date (**8 August 2001**) is **\$184.25**, made up primarily of dues, sale of First Family certificates, interest, research and sale of society books, versus an approved annual budgeted amount of \$2744.00. **Expenses** to date have been minimal totaling only **\$59.04** against an approved annual budgeted amount of \$2744.00.

As of **8 August 2001**, the account balances are: Operating Checking: **\$1110.47**; Money Market: **\$3641.76**; and CD: **\$2500.00**. Thus total **MGS** assets to date are **\$7262.23**.

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Midland Family History Center

of **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

The **LDS Church**, located at the corner of Sugnet and Eastman Roads, underwent modifications and additions during 2000-2001. Included in this work was the **Family History Center** rooms, which were reopened in July, 2001. The research room has new cabinets, chairs and desks. The equipment has been rearranged for easier access. A **new microfilm copier** has been added. **Open hours** have been increased as follows:

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

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

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IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES

MGS WEB SITE ADDRESS	http://users.tm.net/brausch/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

MGC DELEGATES REPORT - Kathy Bohl

The **Michigan Genealogical Council** has a project to assemble the data of persons who died on or before 1900 for which there are **no official Michigan records**. Forms are available in the Midland room at the genealogy desk. If you have ancestors who have no official Michigan record of their death, please complete one of these forms and return to the Lansing address contained on the form. The **Council** also requests that any contributor include their name and address on the completed form since there is no place on the form for that information.

It was announced that the **Flint Genealogical Society** is co-sponsoring a free genealogical workshop with the Flint Public Library on **Saturday October 6, 2001** from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Flint Public Library. George Schweitzer will discuss New York and Military Research. Reservations can be made by contacting Sarah Brooks via e-mail at < sbrooks@flint.li.mi.us >.

Grand Traverse Genealogical Society is presenting a seminar on **October 9, 2001** covering New York Records.

The **Council** also reported that the price of a Michigan Vital Record has increased to \$15 for the first record and \$ 5 for a second copy.

The **MGC** annual workshop “**INKWELLS TO THE INTERNET**” is scheduled for **Oct. 18-20, 2001** at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. The printed brochure has an incorrect phone number – it should read 248-879-2100.

May 16, 2001 - MGS ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The **Nominations Committee**, consisting of **Doug Applegath**, Chair, **Pat Worden**, **Quita Shier** and **Wilma Dieson**, presented the slate of officers for the **2001-2002 MGS** year. Elected were:

President	Bob Mass
Program Chair	Richard Smeltzer , Assistants – Bob Dostal , Mary Eichhorn , and Ken Schweitzer
Secretary	Wilma Dieson
Treasurer	Dave Russell
Membership Co-Chairs	Mary & Sheldon Levy
Historian	Joanne Rupprecht
MGC Delegates	Kathy Bohl and Bev Keicher

The following were appointed to serve:

Pioneer Record	Faye & Earl Ebach
Hospitality Co-Chairs	Janet Crozier and Marcia Brandle
Past-President	Joanne Brausch
Advisor	Jo Brines

The **2001-2002 Budget** as recommended by the **Budget Committee** and approved by the **MGS Board** was presented and **approved** by the members present. Total budgeted expenses, equal to the total budgeted income, was \$2744.00. The complete budget is printed on page 10 of this issue.

NOTE: The **October 17, 2001 MGS Meeting** will be held in the **CARRIAGE HOUSE MEETING ROOM** at the **BRADLEY HOME, 3200 Cook Road**.

MGS PROGRAMS FOR 2001-2002

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 19

Dual Program – "MGS Computer Hardware and Software" by Bob Mass and "Library Acquisitions – Past & Future" by Nancy Lackie, both MGS members.

October 17 *** Carriage House, Bradley Home
"MGS Members' Research Experiences – Good & Bad", 10 minute presentations by members, conducted by Ken Schweitzer.

November 28 * (4th Wednesday)**

Susan Clark, FHC Director, will speak on "How To Use the Family History Center Facilities, Services & Materials"

January 16, 2002

Ralph Hillman, MGS member, will speak on "Preparing for a Library Visit for Genealogical Research"

February 20, 2002**March 20, 2002****April 17, 2002****May 15, 2002 – MGS Annual Meeting**

Please pay MGS membership dues for 2001-2002
at September 19 MGS Meeting
\$14.00 for Individuals
\$17.50 for Families

UPCOMING SEMINARS

**Michigan Genealogical Council
2000 ABRAMS Genealogical Series**

The MGC has sponsored a series of 6 **Saturday workshops**, each with a special subject, that focus on genealogical resources available at the **Library of Michigan in Lansing**. Four meetings have been held and two remain.

October 27 African American Research
December 1 Military Records

Cost is \$10 per workshop. The 90-minute sessions begin at 9:15 am. For more details refer to www.rootsweb.org/~mimgc

**Michigan Genealogical Council
ANNUAL MGC SEMINAR - Oct 18-20, 2001
Thursday-Saturday
INKWELLS TO THE INTERNET
"A Genealogical Conference of the Old
Northwest Territory"**

Eighteen Speakers including: **Curt B. Witcher ,
John P. Colletta & Paul Milner**

Sponsored by
**Farmington, Oakland County & Western Wayne
County Genealogical Societies**
at
Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy, MI

For more information refer to

www.rootsweb.org/~mimgc

Sept 12-15, 2001 FGS Conference Davenport, IA
Oct 6, 2001 Flint GS - George Schweitzer
Oct 6, 2001 Grand Traverse GS – 21st Century
Resources
Oct 6, 2001 Roscommon Co GS – Gouldys
Nov 3, 2001 Kalkaska GS –Publishing your Family
History

BOOKS FOR SALE

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

MIDLAND COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX (#1) -- 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 soft bound 238 page book is 8 1/2 by 11 inches. (84 copies remaining)

MIDLAND COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX (#2) -- 1928-1950. The book consists of 16,000 abstractions covering 22 years from the Midland Republican (1928-1937) and the Midland Daily News (1937-1950). The soft bound 238 page book is 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Note: Both Obituary Books (#1 & #2) are available in a package deal for \$35.00. (150 copies remaining)

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, soft bound, 259 pages. (0 copies 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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INFORMATION ABOUT MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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 \$14.00 for single and \$17.50 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.