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## MGS MEETING \*\* NOVEMBER 28

The third Midland Genealogical Society meeting of the fall will be held Wednesday, **November 28**, in the lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library starting at **7:00 pm**. **NOTE** that this is the **fourth Wednesday** in November rather than the third Wednesday in order to avoid conflict with **Thanksgiving Day**.

The normal business of the society will be conducted. Special reports will also be made.

The **program** will be presented by **Susan Clark, Director of the Family History Center** in Midland. She will speak on "**How to Use the Family History Center Facilities, Services and Materials**".

The **Midland Family History Center** is located in **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**, located at the corner of Sugnet and Eastman Roads. The FHC 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 use of this wonderful research facility.

Refreshments and conversation will follow the program in the lounge.



**UNITED WE STAND**

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**PLEASE PAY 2000-2001 MGS DUES**

**From the President**

Your board members are considering a second printing of our book "**Midland Pioneer**" edited by **Ora Flaningam**. You may recall that we sold out all our copies this spring. At the library a list is being kept of unfulfilled requests for copies. Members need to tell us of other potential sales.

The **Clarke Library** at **CMU** has scanned the book "**Portrait and Biographical Album of Midland County Michigan, 1884**" and it can be viewed at

<http://www.lib.cmich.edu/clarke/midland/midland1884.htm>

They used the original version so **missed** the 24 page **every name index** that was added when the Saginaw Genealogical Society and Midland Genealogical Unit of Sanford had the book reprinted in 1971. A project is underway to scan the full index, correct errors, reformat it, and then put it on our web site in a searchable form.

A guide to the genealogical references in the **Midland Room** of interest to patrons looking for **German ancestors** is at the proofreading stage. Doug Applegath is working on a similar guide for research of **Canadian** genealogy. He has also provided to the Midland Room a list of his private collection of material on Canadian genealogy. It is located in the vertical file under "Canada". I would encourage other members with special interests and knowledge to assemble Guides for other topics, states, or countries. The objective is to have paper handouts so patrons can find all of the references in our library collection on the selected topics.

All of the Midland Room **computer users** are requested to fill in a green trouble sheet when the computer crashes (freezes up) or gives an error message. Attention by the library staff will go only to frequent and documented problems. I plan to volunteer most **Thursday afternoons** in the **Midland Room** so stop by if you are having problems with using the computer.

My wife and I are planning on celebrating Christmas with my daughter in Arizona then staying on in Green Valley for January and February. Happy Holidays to all.

*Bob Mass*

**PS** - Hoping to see you at the **November 28th MGS** meeting. Remember – it is the **fourth Wednesday**. **Bring a friend!**

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**Free DAR Patriot Lookup Service**

The **Daughters of the American Revolution** records are among the most valuable genealogy resources available. Now the society is offering to look up information for members and non-members alike. Best of all, the service is free.

**Quoting from the DAR Web site:**

The **DAR Patriot Index** contains names of **Revolutionary patriots**, both men and women, whose service (**between 1775 and 1783**) has been established by the **National society, Daughters of The American Revolution**. Additional information available may include: dates and places of birth and death, name(s) of wife (wives) or husband(s), rank type of service, and the state where the patriot lived or served. If pension papers are known to exist, that fact will be included.

If you are interested in knowing if your ancestor is recognized by the **DAR as a Revolutionary Patriot**, fill out the request form at:

[http://www.dar.org/cgi-bin/natsociety/pi\\_lookup.cfm](http://www.dar.org/cgi-bin/natsociety/pi_lookup.cfm)

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**2002 MGS TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY - Jo Brines**

The **MGS** periodical trip to visit the **LDS Family History Center** in **Salt Lake City** has been **scheduled** for next spring from **Tuesday, April 23** to **Tuesday, May 1, 2002**.

Members will be staying at the **Best Western Motel**, which is approximately a two minute walk from the FHC Library. Cost, including taxes, is **\$90.00 per night per room** (not per individual). This motel is very nice, economical and very **CONVENIENT**. Ten rooms have been reserved for twenty persons.

**Travel** arrangements will be made as a **group** in cooperation with Circle Travel Agency. Jo Brines is coordinating the trip and is hoping those interested will sign up as soon as conveniently possible. Ten members have already committed.

The **FHC Library** has undergone many improvements since our last **MGS** visit. These include the addition of **more computers** and **improved access** to microfiche data. 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 at the actual site. There are millions and millions of film reels to choose from. 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 the week from April 23 through May 1, 2002, for genealogical research, companionship and fun 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**.

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**MGS October 17 General Meeting**

The October **MGS** meeting was held at the new Conference Room located on the property of the **Bradley House**. President **Bob Mass** opened this well attended meeting and introduced **Ken Schweitzer**, a member of the **MGS Program Committee**.

Schweitzer's title for this member participation program was "**Unexpected Sources When Doing Genealogy Research**". He shared two personal success stories where unexpected situations resulted in obtaining valuable genealogy information about his ancestors.

Many other members shared successful genealogical research experiences. Several members discussed interesting experiences where they discovered relatives, while visiting towns where their ancestors lived, because these individual bore a "**family resemblance**" and were recognized as probable relatives.

**Schweitzer** closed with the comments "Researching genealogy is fun, frustrating, rewarding, demanding and when one finds information that is unexpected – exhilarating. It takes a great deal of persistence, at times, maybe it's the nature of the hunt – but the successes make one feel it's all worth while."

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

<i>The Great Migration – Immigrants to New England 1634-35</i> 2 vol Anderson 929.374	<i>The Hidden Half of the Family - A Sourcebook for Women's Genealogy</i> Schaefer 929.1
<i>The German Element in the Shenandoah Valley</i> Wayland 975.59	<i>Index to Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy</i> Hinshaw 929.12
<i>Annals of Bath County, VA</i> Morton 975.587	<i>Annals &amp; Antiquities of Wales - Vol 1 &amp; 2</i> Nicholas 942.9
<i>Ohio Cemetery Records</i> 929.3771	<i>NY Colonial Muster Rolls - Vol 1 &amp; 2</i> New 929.3747
<i>Mercer Co., OH Cemetery Inscriptions</i> Vol VI 929.509771	<i>Genealogical Research in Englands Public Records Office</i> Reid & Fowler 929.1
<i>Mercer Co., OH Marriages 1823-1849</i> 929.3771	<i>Pre 1841 Census and Population Listings In the British Isles</i> Chapman 929.1
<i>History of Reje, NH 1623-1903</i> Parsons 974.2	<i>Meyers/Orts-und Verkehrs-Lexikon Des Deutschen Reich - 3 vol</i> Wright 910.3
<i>History of Newberry, Mass</i> Currier 974.4	<i>The Barbour Collection - Connecticut Town Vital Records - 18 vols #26-#43</i> Barbour 929.3746
<i>Mayflower Families – Vol 16 &amp; 17</i> <i>John Alden, Isaac Allerton</i> 929.2	
<i>Families of Counties Galway, Dublin &amp; Donegal, Ireland - Vol 6,7 &amp; 8</i> O'Laughlin 929.3415	
<i>Atlantic Bridge to Germany - Vol 9 &amp; 10</i> Hall & Schiesswohl 929.3	
<i>Mayflower Families - Vol 20</i> <i>Henry Samaon</i> 929.2	

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**NOTE FROM the MIDLAND ROOM**

The Midland Room has 6 books of **Ancestor Charts** of past and present members of **MGS**. To have **your chart** (or charts) **included** in this collection, please leave your charts at the **MGS desk** to the attention of **Diane Butcher**.

There will be a **2001 Midland First Family** report in the next **Pioneer Record**.

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES 2000-2001**

The collection of **MGS membership dues for 2001-2002** will conclude at the **November MGS meeting**. The **MGS Treasurer** and **Membership Chairs** have been collecting dues since last May, 2001. If your dues are not paid by the end of November, 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**

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Anger	Margery S. "Marge"	960 E. Noyes Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-8617	989-839-9545	manger2007@aol.com	2001
Applegath	Doug & Anne	4010 Woodlawn St.	Midland	MI	48640-0000	989-631-6074	applestems@aol.com	2001
Babcock	Sid & Orene	1190 W. Stewart Rd.	Midland	MI	48640-0000	989-835-5925		*2000
Baker	Lois	3273 Patterson	Freeland	MI	48623-0000	989-631-9549		2001
Baker	Shirley	1100 Airfield Ln.	Midland	MI	48642-5159	989-835-2818	sbaker9936@aol.com	2001
Barnard	Melissa	1710 W St. Andrews Rd.	Midland	MI	48640-0000	989-837-3430		COMP
Bebeau	Marie	821 Badour	Midland	MI	48640-0000	989-835-4035		*2000
Bennett	Walter L. & Colleen	1555 S. Sasse Rd.	Midland	MI	48640-8518	989-832-8644	bennett_wl@juno.com	2001
Bennett	Walter G.	4608 W. Wackerly St.	Midland	MI	48640-2148	989-631-5247	wgbennetts@home.com	2001
Blymyer	Elva	515 E. Ashman	Midland	MI	48642-0000	989-835-1368		2001
Bohl	Roger & Kathy	5003 Barto St.	Midland	MI	48640-0000	989-839-9016	kbohl30265@aol.com	2001
Brandle	Marcia	3615 Lawndale Dr.	Midland	MI	48642-0000	989-832-9430	mkbrandle@home.com	2001
Branson	Mary	5901 Sturgeon Ave.	Midland	MI	48640-3224	989-631-4737		2001
Brausch	Joan	106 Coventry Ct.	Midland	MI	48642-0000	989-631-6684		*2000
Bredeweg	Kay	5709 Leeway Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-0000	989-835-6404	mrckay@aol.com	*2000
Brines	Jo	4300 Castle Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-0000	989-832-8312	none	2001
Brownell	Patty	240 Burton St.	Battle Creek	MI	49014-0000	616-962-9193	jeffpattyb@yahoo.com	*2000
Burow	Dick	3811 Chestnut Hill Dr.	Midland	MI	48642-6208	989-835-8257	rfburow@aol.com	2001
Carr	Betty J.	13318 Dixie Hwy, Lot # 127	Holly	MI	48442-0000	248-634-4555		2001
Casadonte	Ruth Ann	5104 Nurmi Dr.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-5115	bobruth@tm.net	2001
Collins	Dan & Mary M.	606 Linwood	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-2566		2001
Crane	Roland E. & Colleen C.	2808 Scarborough Ct.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-8327	mobydeck@aol.com	2001
Cronkright	Phyllis M.	1407 E. Sugnet Rd.	Midland	MI	48642-3713	989-832-3196	cybermom2@prodigy.net	2001
Crozier	Janet E.	30 Brown Ct.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-9653	jwcrozier@juno.com	2001
D'Alessio	Darlene A.	8173 E. Marlin Dr.	Globe	AZ	85501	520-425-0910	dalesio@theriver.com	*2000
Dennett	Robert & Janet	3262 Lakeside Dr.	Sanford	MI	48657	989-687-5360	dennett@aol.com	*2000
Dickert	Yancey J. "Jack"	611 Chatham Dr.	Midland	MI	48642	989-832-8768	yanceyd@aol.com	2001
Diesen	Wilma	201 Seminole Ct.	Midland	MI	48642-3559	989-832-8485	diesens@centurytel.net	2001
Dobson	Orv	5403 Campau	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-1538	odobson@aol.com	*2000
Dorman	Phae H.	2452 N. Deer Valley	Midland	MI	48642-	989-631-0213	pdorman@aol.com	2001
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Ducommun	Gilbert	2952 E Bombay Rd.	Midland	MI	48642	989-689-3688		*2000
Duke	Mary L.	5296 Reef Ln.	Temple	TX	76502-6837	254-986-2398	marylouduke@cs.com	2002
Eastin	Cinda	897 N. 67th Pl.	Springfield	OR	97478-7118	541-726-5471		*2000
Ebach	Earl & Faye	4610 Andre	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-7518	faeae@tm.net	2001
Eichhorn	Jacob & Mary	4501 Arbor Dr.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-7823	jama9312@prodigy.net	2001
Erratt	Marilyn	2152 Lynn Dr.	Sanford	MI	48657-9213	989-687-2932		*2000
Fike	Mary Ellen	1895 Mack Rd.	Saginaw	MI	48601-6873	989-755-3210		2001
Flaningam	Ora	3227 E. Stewart Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-3227	oraflan@aol.com	2001
Fogelsinger	Marie J.	301 E. Gary St.	Bay City	MI	48706-3584	989-686-1038	fogelmjf@aol.com	2001
Fosgitt	Iris	1907 Eastlawn, Apt. # F7	Midland	MI	48642	989-832-8462	none	2001
Fox	Barbara	5220 Hedgewood, Apt. #614	Midland	MI	48640	989-839-9349		2001

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Hahn	James R. "Jim"	2988 Martin Ct.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-9227	jhahn1021@aol.com	2001
Hayes	Mary Lou	P. O. Box 312	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-1220	mhayes6731@aol.com	2001
Helvey	Judy	3324 Fairlane	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-8678	ghelvey@alpha.delta.edu	2001
Hennessey	Pamela	3080 Cumberland	Berkley	MI	48072	248-545-6551	momhenn13@aol.com	2001
Hillman	Ralph E.	600 Lakeside Circle	Midland	MI	48640	989-839-9070	riphedwd@aol.com	2001
Hock	Gale	7071 Middle Rd.	Hope	MI	48628	989-689-3703	hocksters@aol.com	2001
Hodges	Robert M. & Rebecca S.	3211 Riggie St.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-5582	none	2001
Holsbeke	Fred & Barbara	2172 N. Lynn St.	Sanford	MI	48657	989-687-7058	bholsbek@mail.tds.net	2001
Hund	Sharon L.	5733 Lyle Rd.	Beaverton	MI	48612-8312	989-465-6071		*2000
Huntington	Sherry	1529 Austin	Lincoln Park	MI	48146	313-382-3229		*2000
Kane	Ellamary	3403 McKeith Ct.	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-7012	paandyaya@aol.com	2001
Keicher	Beverly	4107 Swede	Midland	MI	48642-9327	989-631-9455	rfkeiche@alpha.delta.edu	2001
Kennedy	Robert N.	2325 Rockwell Dr., Apt. #265	Midland	MI	48642-9327	989-832-3953	kbob2@tm.net	2001
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Kremer	Albert E., Jr. "Al"	4603 Cruz Dr.	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-7207	krem4603@concentric.net	2001
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Lackie	Nancy	585 Peterson	Sanford	MI	48657	989-687-5327		2001
LaCroix	Suzanne	73 E. Meir Rd.	Sanford	MI	48657	989-687-5185		*2000
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LeBel	Lucinda M.	1115 Lasswade Dr.	Tallahassee	FL	32312-2843	850-383-1727	llebel1252@aol.com	2001
Leigeb	Vicki	5107 Plainfield St	Midland	MI	48642	989-631-2148	hvleigeb@aol.com	*2000
Lenz	Mary Grace	4512 N. Saginaw Rd, #321	Midland	MI	48640	989-		*2000
Levy	Pat	1336 Boulevard Way, Apt #208	Walnut Creek	CA	94595	925-938-3301	palev46@aol.com	2001
Levy	Sheldon G. & Mary A.	5507 Whitehall St.	Midland	MI	48642-3156	989-631-1229	samlevy@aol.com	2001
Longsdorf	Charles & Fran	1515 Sandow Rd.	Midland	MI	48640-8603	989-832-2838	longsdorf@cj@aol.com	2001
Lund	Alice S.	4683 E. Monroe Rd.	Midland	MI	48642-8845	989-835-9586	asl1938@aol.com	2001
Marion, Sr.	Jerry J.	225 Oldbury Rd.	Vidor	TX	77662-8143	409-786-1435		2001
Martin	Barbara	2325 N. Rockwell Dr., Apt #215	Midland	MI	48642-9325	989-835-5045		2001
Martin	Clifford D.	4815 Swinson-Neuman Rd.	Rhodes	MI	48652-9746	989-879-5454	cliffd@centurytel.net	2001
Mass	Robert "Bob"	5205 Van Buren St.	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-8519	massro@aol.com	2002
McArdle	Dona	3610 Valley Dr.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-7895	dmcardle1@home.com	2001
McCann	Thomas E. & Janet S.	P. O. Box 297	Sedan	KS	67361	620-725-3165	tmccann@hit.net	2001
McCollister	Ruth	4414 Washington	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-5209		*2000
McCrary	Marcia	1679 LeForge	Ypsilanti	MI	48198	734-483-2799	marciamccr@aol.com	2001
McCullen	Gerald E. & Maxine	1755 S. Smith Crossing Rd.	Midland	MI	48640-8519	989-832-8749	mccmaxjer@aol.com	2001
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Nold	Helen M.	307 Cherryview Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-5913	989-832-2937	none	2001
Oliver	Frances	1326 Bookness	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-5852		2001
Parsons	Virginia	3721 Isabella	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-5248		*2000
Pease	Mary Lou	1410 Glendale St.	Midland	MI	48642	989-631-8536		2001
Peters	Karl & Esther	3430 M-18	Coleman	MI	48618	989-465-6890	esther3430@aol.com	2001
Ratell	Sharon L. "Sherry"	1599 Renee Dr., Apt. 18	Midland	MI	48640-8395	989-		2001
Renwick	Shirley A.	2154 N. Price Rd., Apt. #3	Midland	MI	48642-9444	989-687-2290	none	2002
Rooker	Shirley	301 E. Haley St.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-3290		*2000
Root	Judy A.	4475 E. Tyler Rd.	Breckenridge	MI	48615	989-875-4463	ljroot@rural-net.com	2001
Rupprecht	Walter & Joanne	6109 Thornberry Ct.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-8945	wrupp@concentric.net	2001
Russell	Dave & Shirley	4415 James Dr.	Midland	MI	48642-3785	989-631-0855	sndruss@centurytel.net	2001
Schneider	Norma	1018 Willard St.	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-5484		*2000
Schweitzer	Ken	515 Crescent Dr.	Midland	MI	48640	989-832-9732	ruth2ken@aol.com	2001
Shangle	Jeri	165 Jupiter Ct.	Midland	MI	48642	989-496-0031	fantomess@aol.com	2001
Shier	Quita V.	3322 Hubbard Rd.	Midland	MI	48642	989-835-3278	vsgavia@aol.com	2001
Shrier	Eldon & Jayne	722 Shorefront Cir.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-6900	shrier72@qix.net	2001
Skelton	Eugene	P. O. Box 21, 5285 N. M123	Paradise	MI	49768	906-492-3571		2001
Skochdopole	Richard E. "Dick"	2525 Lambros	Midland	MI	48642-4034	989-835-6433	reskoch@aol.com	2001
Smeltzer	Richard W.	6021 Swede Ave.	Midland	MI	48642-7147	989-832-7887	richardsmeltzer@aol.com	2001
Snider	Robert M. "Bob"	318 Mayfield Ln.	Midland	MI	48640-2958	989-631-3121	bobglenna@aol.com	2001
Snyder	George	2605 Manor Dr.	Midland	MI	48640	989-832-8479		*2000
Snyder	Ronald "Ron"	3 Robin Ct.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-0765	resnyder1@home.com	2001
Somerville	Joan	3217 W. Wackerly	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-6654	none	2001
Sundquist	Sharon	2408 Longfellow Ln.	Midland	MI	48640	989-631-3972	djsmidland@home.com	*2000
Syverud	Alan	2612 Schade West Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-6942	989-631-2112		2001
Tomlinson	Donald	26 Doncaster Dr.	Brampton	ONT	L6T 1S7 CAN	905-793-2070	tomlins1@netcom.ca	2001
Tomlinson	Ruth M.	1111 E. Chippewa River Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-1747	rtomlinson@tm.net	2001
Vincent	Bird J.	2775 Smith's Crossing Rd.	Freeland	MI	48623	989-695-5290	bjvincent@home.com	2001
Voelker	Clarence & Elaine	300 Sinclair St.	Midland	MI	48640	989-835-5718		2001
Ward	Gilbert J.	2325 Rockwell Dr., Apt. #214	Midland	MI	48642-9325	989-835-6292		2001
Wilkerson	Ray	6108 Tittabawassee River Rd.	Midland	MI	48642-7331	989-832-8269	none	2001
Winterbottom	Juanita	1210 Dilloway Dr.	Midland	MI	48640-2705	989-835-2459	jbw24@aol.com	2001
Woods	Jerry W.	P. O. Box 1284	Maple Valley	WA	98038-0000	425-226-2625	jerryww@aa.net	*2000
Worden	Patricia C. "Pat"	1201 Glendale St.	Midland	MI	48642-5105	989-631-7801	wppat1@home.com	2001
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**MGS MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Mary & Sheldon Levy, Co-Chairs**

To-date, Fiscal Year 2001, the **Midland Genealogical Society** has **95** memberships, including seven new members. The mix is eighty percent single memberships and twenty households.

Ninety-five is three-quarters of the 125 potential memberships we have on the rolls. And... that means that **30 of last year's members** have not yet re-joined our happy ranks. To those 30 folks, it's not too late to sign up. Please remember that if your dues are not paid in full by the end of our November 21 General meeting you will be dropped from the membership rolls and will no longer receive the "**Pioneer Record**" newsletter.

We **WELCOME** the following new members who have joined the **MGS** since the last issue of the "**Pioneer Record**". They are:

<b>Jim Hahn</b>	Midland
<b>Ellamary Kane</b>	Midland
<b>Lucinda LeBel</b>	Florida
<b>Jerry Marion, Sr.</b>	Texas
<b>Sharon Ratell</b>	Midland

We also welcome our new complimentary member, **Melissa Barnard**, the new Director of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

**Editor's Comments:**

The complete MGS membership list is published in this issue of the "**Pioneer Record**" on pages 5,6 & 7. Those members who have not yet paid their 2001-2002 dues are indicated in the last column with "**\* 2000**". Most have been members for many years. Some may just be forgetful until reminded personally. Let's all get together and help our Membership Chairs, Mary and Sheldon Levy, 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.

The membership list is missing many **e-mail addresses**. If you have a new or changed address, please e-mail your address to [<samlevy@aol.com>](mailto:samlevy@aol.com).

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave Russell, Treasurer**

**Income** for the **MGS** 2001-2002 fiscal year to date (**5 November 2001**) is **\$1818**, made up primarily of dues (\$1335), interest (\$64), sale of First Family certificates (\$10), research (\$57) and sale of society books (\$296), versus an approved annual budgeted income of **\$2744**. **Expenses** to date are **\$576**, made up primarily of meeting rental space (\$175), Pioneer Record (\$258), memorials (\$25), MGC mileage (\$25) and miscellaneous operating expenses (\$76), versus an approved annual budgeted expense total of **\$2744**.

The account balances (as of **5 November 2001**) are: Operating Checking: **\$2208.69**; Money Market: **\$3685.37**; and CD: **\$2500.00**. The total **MGS** assets are **\$8394.06**.

**IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES**

**MGS WEB SITE** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mimgs/>

**MIDLAND COUNTY**  
GenWeb SITE <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/midland/>

**MICHIGAN GenWeb SITE** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~migenweb/>

**LDS Church Family History WEB SITE** <http://www.familysearch.org>



## FAMILY CHRONICLE REVIEW

Fledgling and experienced genealogists understand the value of research when seeking to gather hard data about ancestors and family history. The challenge is to locate where to find these valued resources. Much can be gained from digging into vital records, visiting old cemeteries, searching through archival records, visiting libraries, checking old newspaper files, searching the Internet, etc.

The genealogy room at the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library** has a relatively **new periodical** which provides a great deal of helpful information to genealogists, both old and new. This periodical, provided through the generosity of an anonymous MGS member, is called "**Family Chronicle – The Magazine for Families Researching their Roots**". It is published bi-monthly.

**Family Chronicle** contains feature articles as well as regular columns, such as **News & Letters, Research Resources, You Wanted to Know & Web Sites**. The articles are well written, not too technical or complicated, informative and interesting. Normally there is a balance between old fashioned genealogical research and computer/internet related research. The September/October 2001 issue was a **Special 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue** and listed all the feature articles of the past 5 years.

A review of the current issue, **November/December 2001**, contains an article that ties very closely to our October **MGS** program, which dealt with finding unexpected sources of family history information. The article concerns the use of the Internet to provide some "**Brickwall Solutions**" (pg 33) and contains helpful suggestions to genealogists who have

run into that proverbial "Brickwall" in their own research. An **example** provided was a researcher's attempt to locate a town in England, where her father was born, but no longer exists on current maps. The author, out of frustration, made an inquiry on an **Internet message board** and received a response which correctly located the town she was seeking. This new information enabled her to find the birthplace of her father as well as the nearby location of the church where her grandparents were married.

Another article in this issue provides a variety of **family history resources** available on the Internet (pg. 29). For example, the American Life Histories site: ([memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/wpahome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/wpahome.html)) provides a fascinating collection of American folklore collected by the US-WPA

(Work Project Administration). This collection "chronicles American remembrances of education, occupations, politics, religion, medical needs and everyday life. Stories were handed down from older generations" or resulted from face to face interviews with participants of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century history.

**British history** from 1750-1900 also lives on the web. (pg. 30) This collection can be accessed via ([spartacus.school/net.co.uk/Britain.html](http://spartacus.school/net.co.uk/Britain.html)). The site covers "all facets of British life and British history". As an example, in the mid-1800's "factory accidents were so

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**FAMILY CHRONICLE** REVIEW

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frequent that an 1842 German visitor to Manchester noted he had seen so many people in the streets without arms or legs that it was like living in the midst of the army just returned from a campaign". Is it any wonder that so many Brits emmigrated to North America seeking a better life.

One of the most valuable articles in the current issue is "**What is a GEDCOM File?**" (pg 17). The author (Jim Byram) explains what the name means (**GE**nealogical **Data COM**munication) and describes how data is filed and ordered. He discusses what the various **CODES** or tags mean and how individuals and families are linked. He further explains how an individual genealogist can import GEDCOM files into their own personal genealogy software.

If you have not taken the opportunity to explore this new periodical "**Family Chronicle**", the next time you visit the Midland Room in the Library please do so. You will find it an interesting, if not, invaluable resource. This review has only touched on a few examples of the usefulness of this resource.

Have fun reading and using this fascinating periodical resource.

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### **MGC DELEGATES REPORT - Kathy Bohl**

As reported in the last *Pioneer Record*, 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 death records**. When enough records are received, the **MGC** plans to publish them for distribution and use of genealogists.

**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 it 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.

At the request of the **MGC** and our **MGS delegates**, the forms and information for the **Death Without Official Michigan Record** project are reproduced in this issue of the *Pioneer Record* on Pages 11, 12 & 13.

Another **issue** being pursued by the **Council** is the length of time before the public has access to certified birth records. **Senate Bill 0794** has been approved in committee and will now go to the Senate floor to be voted on. It will allow any person to obtain a certified copy of birth records over **100 years old** from the state registrar or a local registrar. This **lowers** the present requirement from 110 years to 100 years for access to birth records. **Members** of the Midland Genealogical Society are urged to contact **State Senator Bill Schuette** and request him to **vote for passage**. His Lansing address is

Senator Bill Schuette  
605 Billy S. Farnum Bldg.  
PO Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

His toll-free telephone is: (800)393-5875

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**DEATH WITHOUT OFFICIAL MICHIGAN RECORD**

A Michigan Genealogical Council Project

DWR-MGC  
 P.O. BOX 80953  
 LANSING, MI 48908-0953

**CONTRIBUTOR:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM**

This Michigan Genealogical Council Project is accepting registrations for persons who died on or before 1900, and left no Michigan official record. Persons may be registered who lived in Michigan, had lived in Michigan and died elsewhere, died in Michigan and were not usual Michigan residents, or were children of lifetime Michigan residents.

**AFFIDAVIT:** To the best of my knowledge there is no official State or County of Michigan death record for the person I am registering. I release all rights to these materials to the Michigan Genealogical Council for archiving, creation of a data-base, and sale of copies (this in no way affects my personal use of said material.) I understand that depositing any number of "Proof of Death" records entitles me to receive an equal number of other "Proof of Death" records from the database free.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THERE IS AN OFFICIAL DEATH RECORD ELSEWHERE (outside of Michigan), SHOW THE PLACE IT IS REGISTERED AND IF POSSIBLE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RECORD (Please print or type)

NO RECORD: \_\_\_\_\_ RECORD AND LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

All events must have occurred on or before 1900. Use the format "9 September 1880" for all dates.

1. DECEDENT'S NAME, WITH MAIDEN NAME FOR MARRIED WOMEN,

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. BIRTH AND MARRIAGE DATES AND PLACES FOR DECEDENT IF AVAILABLE

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

3. DECEDENT'S DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH. Give location, city or township, county, state, country, or any appropriate geographical description.

Death date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

4. PLACE OF DECEDENT'S BURIAL. Give location, city or township, county, state, country, or any appropriate geographical description.

Burial date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

5. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (for above.) Refer to primary and secondary sources list. Copies of sources must be attached to this registration form.

6. PARENTAL FAMILY OF DECEDENT WITH SOURCES. A family group sheet may be attached if wished

7. DECEDENT'S FAMILY WITH SPOUSE AND CHILDREN WITH SOURCES. A family group sheet may be attached if wished.

ALL PROOFS MUST BE PHOTOCOPIES OF ORIGINAL RECORDS: NO TRANSCRIPTIONS OF RECORDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PHOTOGRAPHS OF TOMBSTONES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

**SEND TWO COPIES OF THIS COMPLETED FORM AND ALL PROOFS.  
 DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL RECORDS!**

**DEATH WITHOUT OFFICIAL MICHIGAN RECORD**

A Michigan Genealogical Council Project

DWR – MGC; P.O. BOX 80953; LANSING, MI 48908-0953

**Primary Sources** are defined as contemporary and/or government records made at the time of the event by the parties involved. These records are acceptable sources in proving relationship from one generation to another:

1. Census Records Federal Census Mortality schedules. Taken 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880. Prints from the film should accompany the registration form. Transcripts from films are not acceptable as proof.
2. Probate Records Wills/estates (testate-with will; intestate-without will); guardianship lists of heirs and relationship; name changes; and sometimes transfer of real estate. Records begin at the formation of the county and are found in the Probate Court where the event occurred.
3. Land Records and Plats Purchase and sale of property often shows residency and marital relationship. Available from the county where the land was owned, records may be maintained by the Register of Deeds. Some proofs of death may occur here.
4. Tax Records Taxes were paid on property owned on a yearly basis. Records are available from the time of the county's formation. Records may be located in the Register of Deeds and/or Treasurer's office in county where land was located or in township record repositories. Changes in ownership may determine time of death.
5. Military Records Records include muster-in and muster-out, pay vouchers, pension papers, and military bounty land warrants (before 1856)for:WWI (1914-1918), Spanish-American War (1898-1899); Civil War (1861-1865); Indian and other wars (1816-1898); Mexican War (1845-1849); War of 1812 (1812-1815); Revolutionary War (1775-1783). Records are available from the National Archives and Records Service, 8<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.Washington, DC, 20408; or Michigan History Division, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI, 48918. Indexes of Michigan Civil War soldiers are available. Pension applications, granted or refused, are acceptable as proofs.
6. Church Records Church records often contain birth, death, marriage, and funeral information on their membership.
7. Cemetery Records Actual records of church, city or township sextons. The Library of Michigan published the **Michigan Cemetery Atlas** and the **Michigan Cemetery Source Book**.
8. Mortuary Records Actual records of funeral home may include death date, burial date, location of interment, obituaries and miscellany.
9. Burial and Transport Found in village, city, and township halls or county health departments. Record Information varies from death date to personal comments.
10. Court Records Civil, criminal, divorce, and naturalization records begin from formation of the county and may be located in circuit court or superior court where the event occurred. Some proofs of death may be found in this group.

**See acceptable secondary sources on reverse side.**

**DEATH WITHOUT OFFICIAL MICHIGAN RECORD**  
A Michigan Genealogical Council Project

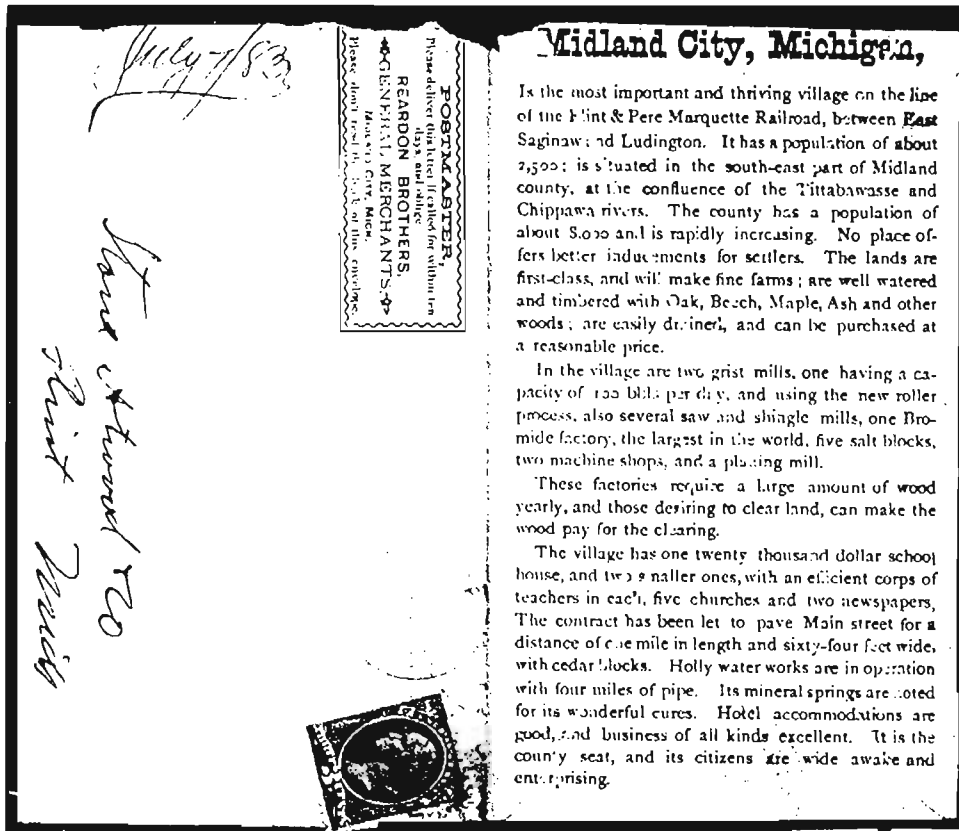
**Secondary Sources** are any sources in print that do not come from a contemporary or government. One of these records alone might not be acceptable as proof of a death without official Michigan record.

1. Bible Records                      Dated and/or undated. Include photocopies of the pages showing the publisher, date of publication, names, date, and events. Identify current owners of the Bible when known. This must be accompanied by a residence location.
2. Obituaries                              Dated with name of newspaper and location. Most libraries contain copies of local newspapers. The Library of Michigan has extensive holdings of micro-filmed Michigan newspapers available through interlibrary loan to Michigan libraries. Photocopies of original articles are requested. Prints from unidentified films or photocopies of unidentified obituaries do not serve as proof, but are accepted as supplemental material.
3. Newspaper Clippings              Dated with name of newspaper and location. Clippings may include anniversaries, biographical sketches, awards, marriage notices, reminiscences, etc. Prints from films or photocopies of actual clippings are requested.
4. Family Histories/                      When submitting this type of material include a copy of the title page, pages Genealogies, Published showing direct ancestral descent and state location of the book. The Library of Michigan has a large statewide collection. Local libraries may have some local genealogies.
5. County Histories/  
Portrait & Biographical  
Histories, Published                      Almost every county of Michigan has at least one county history with biographical sketches. The Library of Michigan published the **Guide to the Michigan Genealogical & Historical Collections** at the Library of Michigan and the State Archives of Michigan (published 1996 by the Michigan Genealogical Council, PO Box 80953, Lansing, 48908-0953) listing Michigan census, county histories and vital records, transcribed and original materials.
6. City/County Directories              The Library of Michigan has an extensive statewide collection of Michigan city directories with out-of-state directories prior to 1860 on microfiche and from 1861 forward on microfilm.
7. Personal Papers/  
Manuscripts                              Unpublished written data include letters, diaries, journals, reunion records, and manuscripts. For example, the Library of Michigan has 450 boxes of manuscripts.
8. Tombstone Inscriptions              Photographs or transcriptions of the stones. Locations of Michigan cemeteries are shown in the **Michigan Cemetery Atlas** and companion volume, the **Michigan Cemetery Source Book**, published by the Library of Michigan.
9. Atlas/Landowners                      The Library of Michigan has an extensive statewide collection of landowner plat books. Look also at local libraries.

**See acceptable primary sources on reverse side.**

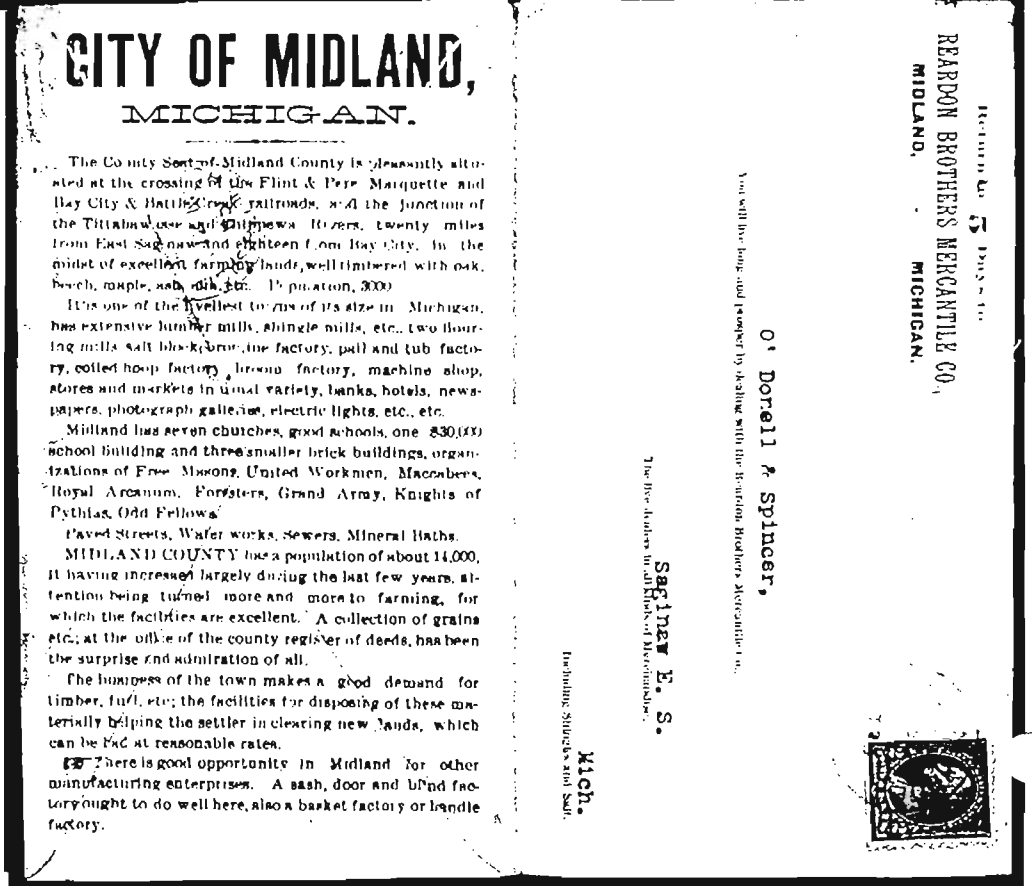
MIDLAND CITY, MICHIGAN 1883 & 1895

The old, open envelopes on this page reflect an image of early Midland history with a little genealogy attached.



This envelope, with a corner card of Reardon Brothers in upper left front, has on its reverse side a splendid, eloquent summary of the glories of Midland in 1883. This letter was mailed from Midland via the Ludington & Toledo R.P.O. as indicated by the cancel; it also has a manuscript "July 7/83" on its left front side. The cover was sent to Flint and arrived within 2 days as per the backstamp cancel dated "FLINT, 9 July 1883". R.P.O. is an abbreviation for Railway Post Office.

This 1895 open envelope, with an imprint of Reardon Brothers Mercantile Co. in upper left front, has also on its reverse side an excellent "Chamber of Commerce" description of Midland in its early days. This letter, mailed from Midland via the Ludington & Monroe R.P.O. was sent to Saginaw E. S. and received "12 May 1895" as per the backstamp. The description of the Midland area in 1895 is very interesting. The 1895 Michigan Gazetteer describes Midland with the following: 11 lawyers, 29 justices of the peace, 3 veterinarians, 7 doctors, 2 newspapers, 7 churches and 5 saloons.



## 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:

**November 28 \*\*\* (4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**April 23 – May 1, 2002 – MGS FHC/Salt Lake City Trip**

**May 15, 2002 – MGS Annual Meeting**

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Please pay MGS membership dues for 2001-2002 before **November 30, 2001**  
**\$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**. Five meetings have been held and one remains.

**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/~mimqc](http://www.rootsweb.org/~mimqc)

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**Conferences, Workshops & Seminars**

**March 16, 2002** Downriver Gen. Soc. Conference

**April 13, 2002- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Genealogy Seminar**

- Hosted by **Gen. Soc. Of Monroe Co. MI**
- Keynote Speaker – **Dr. George K. Sshweitzer**
- Subjects - **French-Canadian, German and Civil War Genealogy Research**
- Held at **Monroe Co Community College, Monroe, MI**

**May 15-18, 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States – "an American Sampler"**  
 Hosted by **Wisconsin State Gen. Soc.**  
 Held in **Milwaukee, WI**

**July 14-19, 2002 International Assn. Of Jewish Genealogical Societies – Dearborn, MI**

**August 7-10, 2002 FGS Conference - Ontario, California**

**October 26, 2002 Washtenaw Co. Gen. Soc. Conf.**

## BOOKS FOR SALE

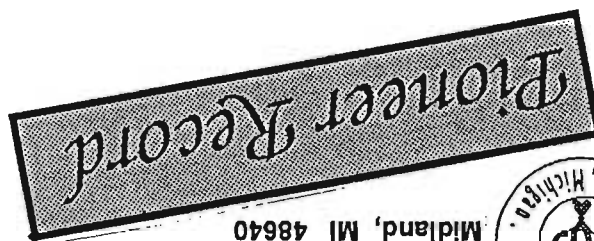
The following **books**, published by the **Midland Genealogical Society**, are available for sale at any **MGS** meeting, at the Genealogy Room, Grace A. Dow Public Library or by mail. Price of each book is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling.

**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. ( 75 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. ( 120 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, but orders being compiled at Genealogy desk)

To ORDER A BOOK write: Midland Genealogical Society BOOK; Grace A. Dow Memorial Library;  
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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 Nov. 25, 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.