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## MGS MEETING \*\* APRIL 17

The seventh **Midland Genealogical Society meeting** of the fiscal 2001-02 year or the fourth of 2002 will be held Wednesday, **April 17**, at the **Carriage House Meeting Room** at the **Bradley Home, 3200 Cook Road** starting at **7:00 pm**. **Instructions** on how to get to the **Bradley House** are found on Page 2.

**Carol Callard, Specialist** from the **Library of Michigan**, will speak on "**Immigration Records & Ship Passenger Lists**". She will explain how to research the details of your ancestor's arrival in the U.S. **Carol** is well qualified to speak on this subject as she has worked at the **Library** for many years and assisted many genealogists in their research.

**Please** come and enjoy a very interesting and informative presentation.

The normal business of the society will be conducted after the presentation. Special reports will also be made. Refreshments will also be served.

## MGS TRIP -- FAMILY HISTORY CENTER, SLC

Ten **MGS members** will be taking off on a plane on Tuesday, **April 23** to visit the **LDS Family History Center** in **Salt Lake City**. Hopefully, as per **Ralph Hillman**, they have been **preparing** for an exciting, productive, successful **research** into the massive genealogical records located at the LDS center. Past participants have indicated that this intense searching period with a group of like-minded participants can also be very **enjoyable**.

The group will be returning to Midland on Wednesday, May 1.

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**From the President**

**Election season** is upon us again. The good news is that most of the officers have consented to serve another year. The bad news is that soft money is now outlawed. The most critical need is a **candidate for Program Chair**. Good suggestions have been collected for meeting programs and the current committee has sent out a survey of program wants. The use of a **Program Committee** headed by a **Program Chair** worked extremely well this past year. One member of the committee, **Ken Schweitzer**, will serve so only one or two more committee members are needed. We also need a replacement for one member to represent us at the **Michigan Genealogical Council** in Lansing. **Kathy Bohl** will continue as a one of the **Delegates**. I am trying to set up a nominating committee to work in the first few weeks of April.

Several of our **MGS** board members will be meeting with the **Bay City** and **Saginaw Genealogical Societies**. The Bay City Society has invited us over to discuss joint activities or joint projects at a breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 20. We would be happy to present any input from our membership.

The computerized **index** to the book "**Portrait and Biographical Album of Midland County Michigan, 1884**" will soon appear on our **MGS web page**. This every name index was added in 1971 when the Saginaw Genealogical Society and Midland Genealogical Unit of Sanford had the book reprinted. We expect this to be very useful to out-of-towners with ties to Midland.

Two **Guides** to the **genealogical references** in the Midland Room are now available. The objective is to have paper handouts so patrons can find **all** of the references in our library collection on the selected topics. **Doug Applegath** completed his on **Canadian** genealogy and I have completed one on **German** genealogical sources. I will start the next one on Midland County. I would encourage other members with special interests and knowledge to assemble Guides for other topics, states, or countries.

The **LDS** index and transcription of the entire **1880 U.S. Census** on CD disks have been donated by **Ken Schweitzer**. The index came with a special reader and will not function as a "load and go" disk. The special reader has been installed and hopefully the library staff will have added a "special reader" button so all the patrons can use it by the time you read this. I have found it easy to use and helpful on my family especially the "neighbors" option, which lets you browse down the census taker's route.

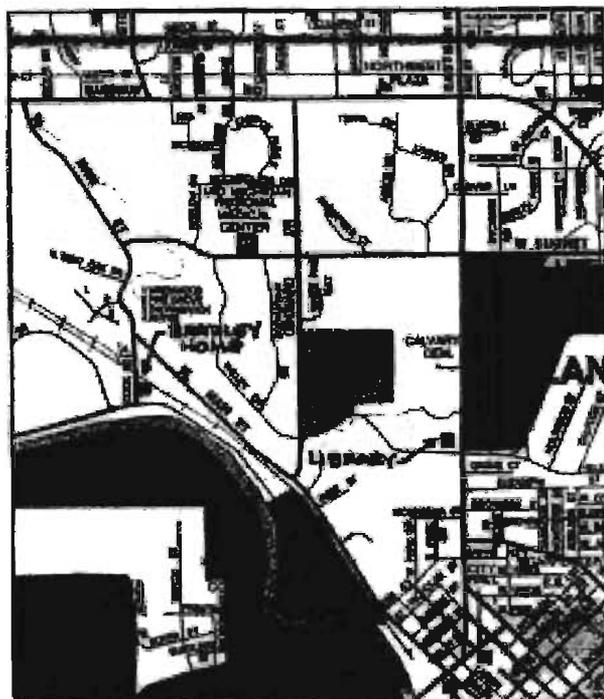
We were snowbirds in Arizona this December, January and February so the only snowstorm we had was within 50 miles of Mexico (it was the first there since 1991). The Saguaro cacti bravely keep their arms up. You can read about my research in Kansas in the article "**Granddad's Gold Pocket Watch**".

*Bob Mass*

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**LOCATION of APRIL 17 MGS MEETING CHANGED**

Because we cannot hold our **April MGS meeting** at our normal location, we will be meeting at the **Carriage House Meeting Room** at the **Bradley Home** at **3200 Cook Road**. The map on the right should help those who are not sure of the exact location of the Bradley Home. Note that the City of Midland has relocated the west end of Main Street requiring a turn onto Cook Road, which is now quite short. The former Cook Road, which extended to Saginaw Road, has been renamed West Main Street.

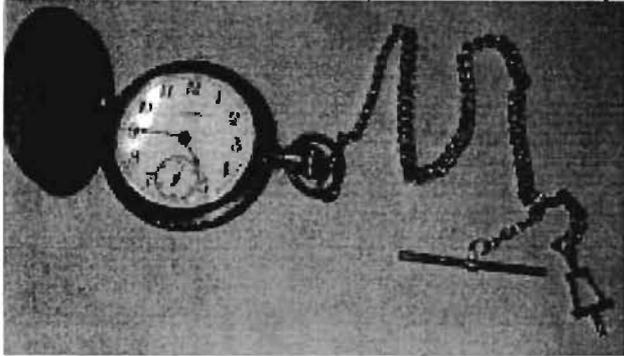


**LOCATION MAP  
Bradley Home, 3200 Cook Road**

## Granddad's Gold Pocket Watch

by Robert Mass

As I grew up my mother would tell me stories about her parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. Among the stories were the fractions of nationalities of each ancestor; like my great grandfather was half Irish and half Scottish. In my heavily Scandinavian home town it was important to know your ancestry since it was shortly after World War II and everybody knows that the neutral Swedes sold steel and ball bearings to the Germans while the Norwegians suffered. More important was the story of the ancestral **gold pocket watch** which was given to me.



It is large - it has a cover over the front and one over the back. Each cover is engraved with a picture of a hunting dog. It was gold filled but has been worn down to mostly brass now. It still runs and keeps excellent time. I proudly used it during my wedding to Kate in 1994. For a long time I felt that I should honor the original owner by visiting his last home.

My mother gave the **gold pocket watch** to me because I had shown interest in her family history, had found additional ancestors on her side, and had taken her on a 200 mile trip to introduce her to her mother's kin folk in Wisconsin. Before my work she knew only the first names of her maternal aunt and uncles. A year prior to the trip I was sad to report to her that she had no "**BROCKET**" first cousins. But on the trip we found a valley full of second cousins and their descendants. Cousin **Evelyn WHORLEY** became a good pen pal to my mother. The **gold pocket watch** however, had come from her dad's side of the family.

My grandfather, **Robert William ADAIR**, had used the **gold pocket watch** in his retirement cabin when I was a youngster. He cared for the four of us kids when my mother had business in town. I mostly remember all the music he would play on one of his many violins. He had a retirement project of repairing and rebuilding violins. He would especially modify them with metal parts so they would make special sounds. On one violin he had attached a loop of sheet metal near the bridge that vibrated when it was played. He died when I was only eight, so I never had a chance to talk to him about ancestors or the **gold pocket watch**.

**Grandmother ADAIR (Annie BROCKET)** died in childbirth. My mother was raised by her aunt as an infant, then by her grandparents, **George W. and Lillian ADAIR (Lillian E. GEORGE)**. Mom said that **George W. ADAIR** used the watch daily until he passed away in 1932. As a young man he served in the Civil War in two regiments. **George W. ADAIR** and his brother, **William ADAIR**, both joined the 159th Ohio Infantry Regiment that fought in Tennessee during 1863 and 1864. **George W ADAIR's** second term was with the 42nd Indiana Volunteer Regiment in 1864 and 1865, which fought in Sherman's March to the Sea. He farmed and was a neighborhood self-taught veterinarian especially for horses.

Mom's father, **Robert William Adair**, lived on a farm only a quarter mile away so she had frequent contact during her youth. In the early days he had a truck garden with strawberries and watermelons. One time he built a merry-go-round from a farm wagon wheel for her and her cousins. As an only child, mom was told the old stories many times by her grandparents and father. On many of these I have confirmed the bones of the stores even though some details were not accurate.

According to my mother the **gold pocket watch** was handed down to **George W. ADAIR** from his father **Robert ADAIR**. Mom said that I was the **fifth Robert** in the last seven generations in the **ADAI**R line. In my genealogy research in the last 20 years, I have added this **great great grandfather's** birth in 1824 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. I found that his father **Robert ADAIR** (my **g g g gf**) was born in York County in 1789 and died in 1865 in Belmont County, Ohio. His probate information lists a thousand wooden shingles that his other son William, a carpenter, bought. The first **Robert ADAIR** of the seven (my **g g g g gf**) served as an Associate (national guard) in York County, Pennsylvania. He served in the Sixth Battalion organized in 1776. Our national government, The Continental Congress, was forced by the British inland to York in 1777. Based on taxes, land transactions, and children's birthdays, I estimate he was born about 1750 in York County, Pennsylvania and died after 1820 in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Some eight years ago my mother gave me the **gold pocket watch**. I had it cleaned and a new crystal installed. The jeweler at Wall and Webb looked it up in a book of antique clocks and watches. It was manufactured by the "**NY Standard Watch Co**" (serial #1500338). This model was only produced between the years of **1896 and 1908**. This would indicate that my **great great grandfather (Robert ADAIR)** was still living in 1896 at the age of 72. This is a reasonable age since everybody in the **ADAI**R line lived to a ripe old age - 76,86,74,82.

**Granddad's Gold Pocket Watch**

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It was possible to follow **Robert ADAIR's** progression across America with various military, census and property records. He lived in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, then in Neosho County, Kansas (as per the 1870 Census). I spent considerable time trying to find him in the Western States in 1880 and 1900. This included writing to a genealogist in Neosho County who I find did not do a thorough job. You get what you specifically request and pay for.

While on winter vacation I took the opportunity to visit a Family History Center and search the new 1880 U S Census. Still, I had no luck. On our return trip my wife wanted to visit Santa Fe and go to a cooking school. From there a beeline course to Michigan takes you through **Kansas**. Most of a day was enough to see the land records, visit the family farm and check out other records at the library. The key records were the probate records that a genealogist brought to the library. These paper originals were discarded by the county after microfilming and saved by her in an adjacent old house. I found that **Robert ADAIR** (my **g g gf**) had **died** in 1872 in Neosho County. He was a widower, so had lost his second wife Sarah Elizabeth earlier. I found out more about his sons but still do not know his daughters' names. His son Marion ADAIR was appointed Administrator. In the probate sale, son **George W. ADAIR** (my **g gf**) bought three horses, a colt, seven pigs, a two-horse harness, and 250 bushels of corn. Son **L. James ADAIR** bought three colts and a lumber wagon. Son **Robert F. ADAIR** bought only a Bay colt. L. H. Cole bought a one-horse plow.



The history of the **gold pocket watch** must be modified since **Robert ADAIR** (my **g g gf**) died two decades before the pocket watch was manufactured. Any answer leads to more questions. Were funds from **Robert's** estate used to buy the watch? Did great grandfather **George W. ADAIR** get the pocket watch from his father-in-law who was my great great grandfather **William C. GEORGE**? **William C. GEORGE** was 42 years old in my last record, the 1880 US Census in Illinois. Another question – Why was the farm divided into twelfths when I count 5 sons and two daughters and my Mom said there were only four sons and one daughter?

Rosella (Clark) Jessie (Johnson) Robert Adair ((gf) George Adair Anne (Fox) George "Wash" Adair (g-gf) Lillian Ermina Adair (g-gm)

For now, "**Granddad's**" **gold pocket watch** is happy to return to its bell jar display case to wait for the next generation - either **Philip Robert MASS** or **Andrew Paul MASS**.

- Robert Adair ~ 1750 ~1825 PA-PA (g g g g gf)
- Robert Adair 1789-1865 PA-OH (g g g gf)
- Robert Adair 1824 -1872 PA-KS (great great grandfather)
- George "Wash" Adair 1846-1932 OH-MN (great grandfather)
- Robert William Adair 1874-1948 IL-MN (grandfather)
- Ethel Annie Adair 1916-1998 MN-MN (mother)
- Robert Otto Mass 1940- MN-

**QUERY**

**WANTED:** translator of handwritten Polish on a passport. Please reply to Sheldon Levy 989-631-1229 or [samlevy@aol.com](mailto:samlevy@aol.com)

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

The **Midland Genealogical Society** now has **107** memberships. The **three new** members are: **Dale Hochstettler** of Midland, **Max Schneider** of Midland and **MaryGrace Lenz of Midland**. **Welcome Dale and Max and welcome back MaryGrace!**

**Thirty-one members** attended the **February 20, 2002** General Meeting. We had three guests: (1) **Max Schneider** of Midland, (2) **Linda Theaker** and (3) **Lou Ann Phillips**. Linda and Lou Ann are the **President** and **Secretary**, respectively, of the **Bay County Genealogy Society** of Michigan. They came to initiate exploration of mutual interests along with the Saginaw Genealogy Society.

**Thirty-three members** attended the **March 20, 2002** General Meeting.

A **reminder** — the membership list published in the November 2001 issue of the Pioneer Record has been updated and will be e-mailed to any member sending an e-mail request to us at [samlevy@aol.com](mailto:samlevy@aol.com). It will be sent as an attached Microsoft Excel document. Once again, please advise us of any changes to your information.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave Russell, Treasurer

**Income** for the **MGS 2001-2002** fiscal year to date (**28 March 2002**) is **\$2494**, made up primarily of dues (\$1524), sale of society books (\$490), research (\$224) and interest (\$114), versus an approved annual budgeted income of **\$2,744**. **Expenses** to date are **\$1153**, made up primarily of Pioneer Record (\$795), meeting space rental (\$175), and MGC mileage (\$40), versus an approved annual budgeted expense of **\$2,744**. It is projected that expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 will not exceed income.

The account balances (as of **28 March 2002**) are: Operating Checking: **\$2267.87**, Money Market: **\$3728.41**, and Certificate of Deposit: **\$2500.00**. The total **MGS** assets are **\$8496.28**.

## GENEALOGY CALLING CARD

by Mary & Sheldon Levy

Here is a nifty idea! Ask **Dale**

**Hochstettler** for his **calling card** and he will hand you a green 2 inch by 3-1/2 inch card designed with the **genealogist** in mind. It has all his basic information ready for instant distribution: how to contact Dale six ways from Sunday on the front and a list of a dozen family names on the back. His card has a tree motif, most appropriate for the avid family history hunter. We understand that Mrs. Hochstettler designed and printed the cards — **what a great idea**.

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## WORTHWHILE WEB sites

by Mary & Sheldon Levy

1. Go to:

<http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/ellis/ellis.html>

for "**Searching the Ellis Island Database in One Step**"

2. Go to:

<http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/census/>

for "**Obtaining CDs for the 1930 Census in One Step (Large Cities)**"

## SEARCHING THE SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX

Searching the **Social Security Death Index** is an important step in locating 20<sup>th</sup> century American family history information.

With the **Social Security Death Index** you can get details on an individual's birth date, death date, Social Security number, state/country code of residence, last residence zip code, and the zip code where the death benefit lump sum payment was sent.

In addition, with a name, the Social Security number that you get from the Social Security Death Index, and \$27, you can obtain a copy of the individual's **original application** for a Social Security card. This document often contains a wealth of information of genealogical interest.

**Write to:** Freedom of Information Officer  
4-H-8 Annex Bldg.  
6401 Security Blvd  
Baltimore, MD 21235

Source: GenealogyResearch.com

**Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library  
During Period - August, 2001 - March, 2002**

<i>Genealogical Research at the National Archives</i> United 929.1	<i>The Irish &amp; Anglo-Irish Landed Gentry - A Supplement to Irish Pedigrees</i> O'Hart, J. 929.72
<i>Pioneer Folks, Medina Co., OH</i> 977.135	<i>Early Records of the Methodist Church of Midland, MI 1875-1930</i> 929.377448
<i>Years From Now, Medina Co., OH</i> 977.377135	<i>Official Souvenir of the Gladwin Co. Centennial</i> First. 977.472
<i>A Pioneer Perspective of Early Medina Co., OH</i> 977.135	<i>Genealogical Dictionary of the Early Sawyer Families of New England</i> Sawyer, F.E. 929.2
<i>Fowlerville Goes to War 1861-1865</i> 977.436	<i>Bauer History</i> Bauer 929.2
<i>Index to St. Louis, MO Marriages (4 vols.)</i> Mochel 929.3778	<i>The Yerian-Yaryan Families</i> Weaver, J. 929.2
<i>Churches in Green Co., NY</i> J. Worden (Memorial Book for Bill Worden) 929.37473	
<i>The Tincher Tribe</i> Dorsey, T. 929.2	
<i>The Peter Mills Story</i> Mills, M. 929.2	

**UP-COMING WORKSHOPS AND/OR SEMINARS**

- Sat., **April 13** – Dr. George K. Schweitzer, speaking on 3 subjects, Monroe, MI  
Sponsored by **Monroe Genealogical Society** \$30 / person (includes lunch)
- Sat., **April 13** – “**Ontario Immigration and Land Registry Office Records**” with Fawne Stratford-Devai (from the Ontario Archives); sponsored by Kent County Branch O. G. S.; Chatham, Ontario;  
contact [www.angelfire.com/on/kentogs/](http://www.angelfire.com/on/kentogs/)
- Thu.-Sun, **April 18-21** – “**Uncovering Our Ethnic Past**” with Tony Burroughs, Cyndi Howells & Paul Minor;  
Sponsored by **Ohio Genealogical Society**, Toledo, OH; contact [www.ogs.org](http://www.ogs.org)
- Sat., **April 27** - 7:30 A – 3:30 P, Curt B. Witcher, Topics: Doing Effective Research, Passenger and Immigration, Church Records, & Use of the Allen County Library - Sponsored by **Livingston County Genealogical Society**, Howell, MI., \$30 per person (\$40 after 4/15) includes lunch.  
Contact 517-545-1000 / 517-546-7423
- Wed.-Sat., **May 15-18** – **National Genealogical Society Conference** in the States 2002 “An American Sampler”, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Hosted by **Wisconsin State Genealogical Society**,  
contact [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org)
- Fri.-Sun., **May 31-June 2** – “**Roots 2002**”; sponsored by **Quebec Family History Society**, McGill Univ., Montreal; contact [www.cam.org/~qfhs/index.html](http://www.cam.org/~qfhs/index.html)
- Sat., **June 1** – Jean McRae White, presents Workshop on Problem Solving, Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church, Charlotte, MI, Sponsored by **Eaton County Genealogical Society**. Contact 517-543-8792 or [www.rootsweb.com/~miecgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~miecgs/index.htm)
- Sat., **June 22** – “**Find Your Place In History**” with Cyndi Howells & Barbara Vines Little, sponsored by **St. Louis Genealogical Society**, St. Louis, MO; contact: [www.rootsweb.org/~mostlogs](http://www.rootsweb.org/~mostlogs)
- Sun.-Fr., **July 14-19** – “**International Roots Conference**” Dearborn, MI; contact [www.rootconference.com](http://www.rootconference.com)
- Wed.-Sat., **August 7-10** – “**Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference**”; Ontario, CA
- Sat., **October 26** – Conference sponsored by **Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County**, Ann Arbor, MI;  
contact Sandra Luebking [www.hvcn.org/info/gswc/](http://www.hvcn.org/info/gswc/)

Flyers are available at the Desk or on the Bulletin Board in the Midland Room.

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**A BENEFIT OF GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH -- DAUGHTERS OF THE UNION**

By Wilma Diesen

One of the side benefits that many of us find through doing **genealogy** is eligibility for one or more of the various patriotic and lineage societies. I would like to tell you a bit in this issue about an organization to which several of the women in the **Midland Genealogical Society** belong and to invite others who might not be aware of it to visit a meeting or look into the possibility of applying for membership. The organization is the **National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865**. Our local chapter named **W.T. Lanphierd Chapter**, consists of about 60 women who meet four times yearly.

Membership is open to any woman aged 18 or over who can establish that she is a direct lineal or collateral **descendant** of a man or woman who rendered military or civil service to the Union cause during the **Civil War years 1861-1865**. Legal adoption does not qualify in this respect. Females under the age of 18 can qualify for junior membership.

The local chapter was organized in April 1972 and is named in honor of **Pvt. Wilbur Thomas Lanphierd**, great-grandfather of Barbara Williams Johnson who was one of the founding members of the chapter.

Chapter meetings are held on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of September, October, April and May** at 12:30 p.m. We gather for lunch, conduct any necessary business of the organization and then have a program which usually concerns either some particular bit of Civil War history or come other aspect of the life of people of that time. Our fall meetings this year had presentations on Civil War facts and fantasies, and Civil War women authors. The April meeting will have a spinning demonstration and the May meeting will include the annual memorial service.

The women of the chapter share an interest in the **Civil War** period and in the specific activities of the patriots among their ancestry. In 1990 we compiled a booklet of narratives about our **Civil War ancestors**. Plans are now under consideration to publish a new booklet to cover the ancestors of members who have joined since that time.

**Maxine McCullen** serves currently as the **Registrar** for the **W.T. Lanphierd Chapter**. If you are interested in membership either stop by the Midland Room in the library on Monday afternoons when she's usually volunteering there or phone her at 989-832-8749. She is very good at helping to find the information to prove lineage. We welcome visitors at our meetings. If you are interested in attending one, contact **Nancy Lackie, Vice-Regent**, at 989-687-5327. Among her other responsibilities, she coordinates the hospitality arrangements and knows who is handling the reservations for the meeting.

We do have a number of out-of-town members. If a qualified reader of the **Pioneer Record** is interested in joining the organization we would be happy to welcome her to our chapter or to assist in locating a chapter that might be closer to her. Contact me, **Wilma Diesen, Chapter Regent**, for further information at 989-832-8485.

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**PINING FOR A PORKER**

Rootsweb Review -- Thanks to Nancy Lambert [nlambert@pdnt.com](mailto:nlambert@pdnt.com)

I've been reading a local history about Eugene Township (Indiana) by Harold L. O'Donnell, which was published in 1963. In one chapter he mentions the Chicago and Eastern Illinois (C&EI) Railroad coming to town, and he discusses the danger it was to livestock.

"**Livestock** in the early day were a constant source of trouble between the **railroads** and the **farmers**. Stock would be killed and it was, of course, always the fault of the railroads. In one case a farmer had a hog killed by a train and since he believed himself to have some ability as a poet, wrote the railroad claim agent as follows:

My razorback strolled down your track, A week ago today.  
Your #29 came down the line, And snuffed his life away.  
You can't blame me; the hog you see, Slipped through a cattle gate;  
So kindly pen a check for ten, The debt to liquidate.

He was surprised a few days later to receive the following:

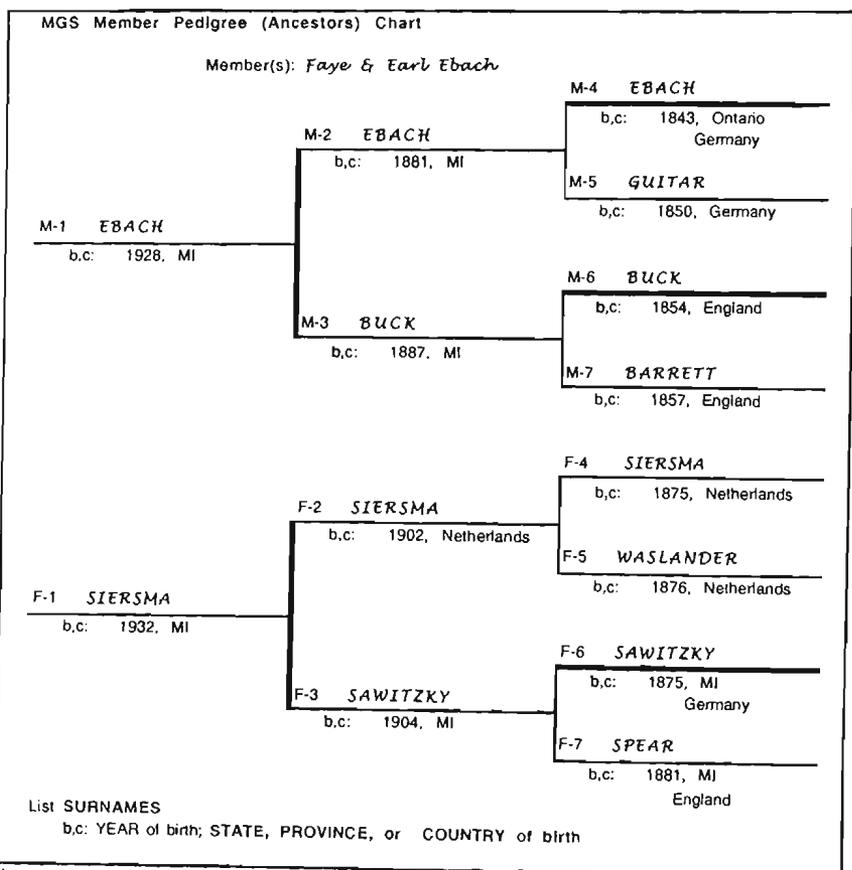
Old #29 came down the line, And killed your hog, we know;  
But razorbacks on railroad tracks, Quite often meet with woe.  
Therefore, my friend, we cannot send, The check for which you pine,  
Just plant the dead; place o'er his head; '**Here lies a foolish swine.**' "

MGS MEMBERS' SURNAME LISTS & RESEARCH AREAS

During the past year, Membership Chairs **Mary and Sheldon Levy**, requested **MGS** members to include on their annual membership application a list of the **SURNAMES** and **LOCALES** they were researching. They compiled a list of information and wondered what to do with it. It was suggested and discussed at the last Board meeting that the information be published in the *Pioneer Record*. Thus readers will find a table summarizing the available data in this issue.

The Editors believe that we should attempt to obtain data from additional members and try to present it in an organized format. Therefore, at the March **MGS** meeting we requested members fill out a 3 generation pedigree (ancestors) chart containing **SURNAMES** and **LOCALES** being researched. We also spent some time in the library obtaining data from the "*MGS Pedigree Book*" which contains information previously submitted by **MGS** members.

The following tables (pages 9, 10 & 11) contain in the 1<sup>st</sup> column the name of the **MGS member(s)**; in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> columns the **SURNAMES** being researched; and in the 7<sup>th</sup> column the **LOCALES** being researched for the corresponding **SURNAMES**. The **SURNAME** columns are organized to correspond to the following Pedigree chart.



Comparing the Pedigree Chart to the Table, **NORMALLY** the **SURNAMES** appearing in M-1, M-2 and M-4 and in F-1, F-2 and F-4 in the Pedigree Chart are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> column in the Table; the **SURNAMES** appearing in M-3 and M-6 and in F-3 and F-6 in the Pedigree Chart are in the 4<sup>th</sup> column in the Table; the **SURNAMES** appearing in M-5 and in F-5 in the Pedigree chart are in the 5<sup>th</sup> column in the Table; the **SURNAMES** appearing in M-7 and in F-7 in the Pedigree Chart are in the 6<sup>th</sup> column in the Table. Another way to interpret the Table would be that the 3<sup>rd</sup> column represents the **SURNAMES** of the fathers of the member and their spouse. The 4<sup>th</sup> column would be the **SURNAMES** of the mothers of the member and their spouse. The 5<sup>th</sup> column would be the **SURNAMES** of the paternal grandmothers of the member and their spouse. The 6<sup>th</sup> column would be the **SURNAMES** of the maternal grandmothers of the member and their spouse. Confused? Read on.

Note we said **NORMALLY**. For most of the original information obtained on the membership forms, the ancestral relationship was not clear. In addition, some members indicated they are researching more **SURNAMES** than the 8 indicated in the Pedigree Chart, so we have tried to include them in the Table. These **SURNAMES**, which do **not** fit the normal pattern, are indicated by the "asterisk" (\*) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> column.

We do not guarantee the accuracy of the Table. However, it is an attempt at sharing information about our **MGS** members with other members of the society and other readers of the *Pioneer Record*. Perhaps someone is researching the same **SURNAME**. Also, readers will have some knowledge of the **LOCALES** members are researching (or have researched) and can share techniques and experiences.

MGS Member(s)	M - 1, - 2, - 4	M - 3, - 6	M - 5	M - 7	Research Locales
	F - 1, - 2, - 4	F - 3, - 6	F - 5	F - 7	
Andrick, Floyd	ANDRICK	SCHLEGEL	BOROFF	MANN	OH, Switzerland, England
Anger, Margery	ANGER SINCLAIR	ALLSPAUGH SPECHT	DEMMON MAC RAE	JEWELL RAY	MI, OH, Ontario MI, ME, IL, Quebec, England
Applegath, Anne & Doug	APPLEGATH BARTHEL	LIGHTLE BROOKS	LANCLEY MOYER	LANDER DORR	MI, CN, Ontario, England MI, IA, TX, PA, NY, ME, Germany
Baker, Lois	BAKER FRANKLIN	HOEPPNER SLY	DUPRAW JOHNSTON	KOEPPER TOWN	MI, Germany MI, Ontario, Canada
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Eichhorn, Mary & Jacob	EICHHORN WINN * BLOOM	STRAUCH FEED SEVERY	GLOVER	HORTEN	Russia, Germany, CO, MI MI, NY, VT, OH MI, NY, VT, Canada, England

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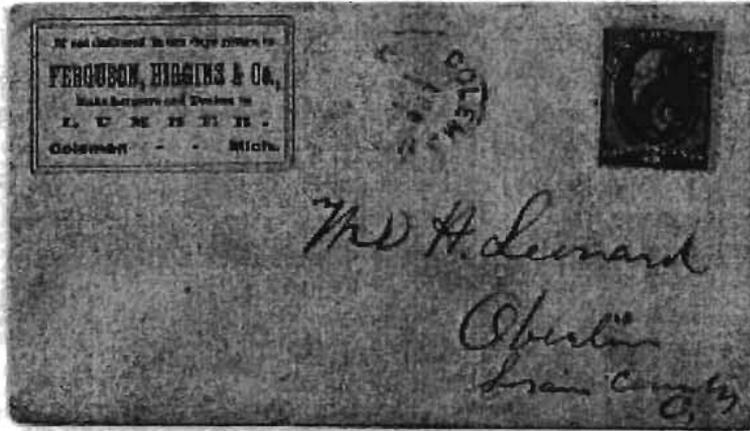
**COLEMAN**

In 1870 the **Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad** was extended through the forests of the northwest corner of **Midland County** and through the southwest corner of what was to become **Warren Township** and the village of **Coleman**. The first settler in the area, who initially worked on the railroad, was **Jonathon Pierce**. Most of the land was owned by **Ammi Wright**, a famous Saginaw lumberman of the company, Wright and Ketcham.

In 1871, **Wright** sold 1000 acres in the area to **Seymore Coleman**, who in an arrangement with the railroad to build and maintain a station, platted the village of **Coleman** with the railroad tracks running through. **Coleman**

began as a lumbering town with more than 20 mills in the period from 1870 to 1890. **Jonathon Pierce**, **N. S. Ferguson**, **L.H. Higgins**, **Harvey Deuel**, **Samuel W. Hubbell**, **Thomas B. Simons**, **Edwin Simons**, **Charles G. Clark**, **David Taylor**, and **John Taylor** were among the early and prominent settlers in the area.

**Warren Township**, which was originally part of **Jerome Township**, was officially organized in 1871. **Pierce**, **Ferguson** and **Higgins** supervised the first elections in 1872. **Hubbell**, sawmill owner, was the first **Supervisor** and **Justice of the Peace**. **Coleman** was incorporated as a Village in



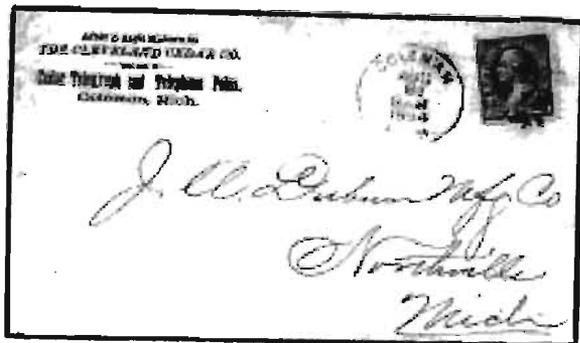
1887. **Pierce** built a sawmill and the first hotel, the "**Coleman Exchange**". Another early hotel was the "**Deuel House**". **Pierce** was **Coleman's** first **Postmaster** when the **Post Office** was established 15 May 1871.

Above is a very early rare **Coleman** postal history cover with a 3 cent National 1870 issue stamp with target cancel from the lumbering firm of **Ferguson, Higgins and Co.** as indicated by the corner card.

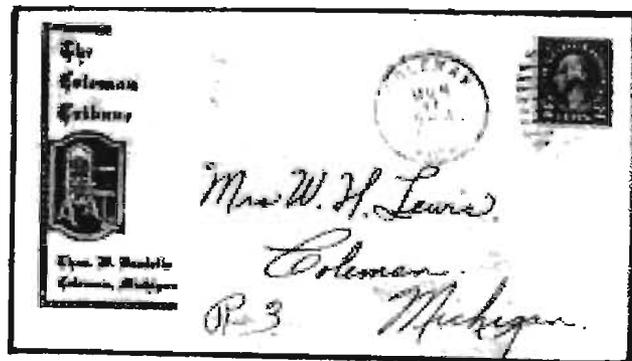
At the right is another early **Coleman** cover mailed in the 1880s from Midland to Saginaw with an advertisement for the "**Deuel House**".



**Thomas B. Simons** settled in **Coleman** in 1871; initially he built two shingle mills and later branched out into the grocery/mercantile business. In 1895 he founded the **Cleveland Cedar Company**, which made cedar paving blocks.



To the left is an 1894 **Coleman** cover with a 2 cent 1890 **George Washington** stamp from "**The Cleveland Cedar Company**".



**Coleman** has had several newspapers: the "**Coleman Advocate**" from 1883-1888 owned by **Henry L. Linton**; the "**Coleman Independent**" from 1888-1913 owned by **David B. Menery** and **Charles P. Smith** and the "**Coleman Tribune**" from 1925-1942 owned by **Thomas W. Daniells**. In 1942, following **Danielle's** death, the paper was sold to the **Rich Publishing Company** of **Midland** and subsequently to other owners. This 1920s cover (above) is from "**The Coleman Tribune**", **Thos. W. Daniells**, proprietor.

## 1930 Federal Census

The **1930 U.S. Federal Census** was taken on **1 April 1930**. The official census population was 123,202,624. On **April 1, 2002**, 72 years later, the **1930 U.S. Federal Census** will become available to the public.

In the **1930 Census** the form called for the following information:

**Address:** street, avenue, road, house number, number of dwelling house in order of visitation, number of family in order of visitation;  
**name** of each person whose place of abode on 1 April 1930 was in this family;  
**relationship** of this person to the head of the family;  
**person's sex;** color or race; **age** at last birthday;  
person's **marital** condition; age at first marriage;  
attended school or college at any time since 1 September 1929; whether able to read or write  
**place of birth— person,** place of birth—**father,** place of birth—**mother;**  
language spoken in home before coming to the United States; whether able to speak English;  
year of **immigration** into the United States; naturalization;  
**trade,** profession, or particular kind of work done, Industry of business, class of worker; whether actually at work yesterday, if not, line on unemployment schedule;  
whether a veteran of U.S. military or naval force—yes or no, what war or expedition  
**home** owned or rented, value of home, if owned or monthly rental, if rented;  
radio set;  
does this family live on a **farm?**;;; number of farm schedule (Note: The farm schedules have not survived.).

**Ancestry.com** has announced an aggressive plan to **publish digitized images** of the **1930 U.S. Federal Census** online within hours after the microfilm is released from the National Archives.

Since the census day in 1930 was 1 April, that is the day that two thousand six-hundred and sixty-seven microfilmed rolls of population schedules, including the names and statistics of over 137 million individuals, will be released for public access at the **National Archives in Washington, D.C.**

The 15<sup>th</sup> census of the United States, the 1930 census was taken just five months after the Wall Street crash on 29 October 1929, and will tell us about the preceding decade of the 1920s. Family historians anxious to have this invaluable resource at their fingertips will find a wealth of information as listed above. For the first time, digitized images of a portion of the census will be available online within hours of the official census release by the National Archives. Ancestry.com will publish additional images online every day and expects to have **all images available online within three months.**

In order to help family historians more easily locate individuals in this very valuable census, Ancestry.com has also announced an **aggressive plan** to create and release **census indexes.** These indexes should be available **online by the end of the year.**

"**Census records** are among the most coveted records available for family historians because of the wealth of information they contain," said Andre Brummer, senior vice president of products for Ancestry.com. "The **1930 census,** because of its **size and detail,** will reveal more about individuals and the country at large than the earlier censuses. These records will be an invaluable source of information for millions of genealogists and historians alike. An immense amount of time and resources will be devoted by Ancestry.com to this monumental project to ensure the images are quickly made available online."

Ancestry.com currently offers the most complete collection of U.S. Federal Census images available online, including records from each U.S. census between the years 1790 and 1920. Ancestry.com census subscribers are able to view original census images from the comfort of their own homes—twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The online collection saves subscribers time and money by allowing them to view and print documents that have traditionally been stored on microfilm or in a limited number of archives and libraries.

The census images are a fee-for service product. To subscribe to Ancestry.com's Census collection, go to:  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/census.htm>

Much of the information in this article has been submitted by Mary and Sheldon Levy. Sources include: "Rootsweb Review", "Ancestry Weekly Digest" and "Nu? What's New?".

## Access to Closed Federal Census Records

Submitted by the Levys -- From the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society in Akron OH

Individual records from the Federal population censuses are confidential for 72 years, by law. However, details from them can be released for a fee (and proof of death where applicable) in the form of an official transcript to the named person, their heirs or legal representatives. Census information is collected for statistical purposes only and therefore is exempt from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974.

The Census Bureau maintains files from 1900-1980 at its Pittsburg, Kansas facility for search and transcription only by its own employees. Application forms, and assistance in completing them, may be obtained from the following sources:

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| #1 Personal Services Branch<br>Bureau of the Census<br>Pittsburg, Kansas 66762<br>316-231-7100 | #2 Census History Staff, DUSD<br>Bureau of the Census<br>Washington, D.C. 20233<br>9301-763-7936 |
| #3 Census Bureau regional offices  |  |
| #4 Department of Commerce district offices   |  |
| #5 Many post offices also have blanks.   |  |

A transcript is an exact copy of the data as reported in the original schedule according to a particular census and may show the following: census year, county and state where taken, name, relationship to the named householder, age, place of birth (state or county only) and, if requested, citizenship, race, and occupation.

For the 1900, 1970 and 1980 censuses, month and year of birth are included with the age, and for the 1960 census the year and quarter of year are shown. A full schedule transcript, showing all of the information collected for one individual in a given census, can be ordered for an additional cost.

The records are organized geographically, rather than by name, so for those censuses that have indexes, addresses are necessary to find them. The Bureau's files cannot be used to locate missing persons, to furnish addresses (prohibited by law in any case), or even to indicate how many people have the same surname.

A useful reference manual, "Age Search Information" (Washington., D.C. 1981), describes the Bureau's service as well as other Federal individual record sources.

For additional information go to the Summit County Chapter's site at <<http://www.acorn.net/gen/census.html>>.

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### Finding Family Skeletons

From Rootsweb Review  
Thanks to: Karen Cobb  
[karenwhitecobb@hotmail.com](mailto:karenwhitecobb@hotmail.com)

**Researcher:** "Mom, I have good news and bad news."

**Mom:** "What's the good news?"

**Researcher:** "We're related to someone very famous."

**Mom:** "Oh my! What's the bad news?"

**Researcher:** "He's famous for doing something very, very bad."

**Mom:** "Oh, no! Is he a criminal?"

**Researcher:** "Worse. He's a **politician!**"

## MGS February 20, 2002 Meeting

The **program** was a panel discussion on the subject "**Securing Research Help From Remote Locations**". **Mary Eichhorn**, a **MGS** member, served as **Panel Moderator**. **Sub-Topics** and **Panel Speakers**, all **MGS** members, were as follows:

### **Floyd Andrick** – Accessing Oral Histories Here & In Other Locations

Floyd discussed his involvement in the Midland Historical Society program which to date has totaled 62 interviews with long time residents of Midland County. Most interviewees are eager to participate in sharing their memories. The process is: interview recorded on tape, the recording is transcribed, transcription reviewed and approved by interviewee, and then one transcription is given to interviewee and one placed in the MHS archives with the tapes. Anyone can read or listen to the interviews in the MHS office. An inventory of the interviews has been placed in the Midland Room of the Library.

### **Doug Applegath** – Finding "Local Helpers" in Far Away Places

Doug's approach is to locate someone who has already done research and build from there after verifying the data. He has posted queries in newspapers, journals and Rootsweb's site. The internet has been a good source. He has written personal letters and made phone calls to strangers – always being polite and non-demanding. After introducing himself, he asks if they know some relative who is interested in genealogy. Letters always contain a self addressed, stamped return envelope with perhaps a picture or a gift (money) to pay for costs. With the right approach most people are friendly and cooperative.

### **Jo Brines** – Utilizing Funeral Home Records

Jo has contacted several funeral homes while doing her research over the years. Some have been very cooperative providing family files, copies of obituaries and death certificates and funeral services. The Ware-Smith and Wilson (records start in 1908) funeral homes in Midland would respond to requests. The Case Funeral Home in Saginaw has extensive records. Most records are alphabetical by year so it is helpful to know the approximate date.

### **Dick Skochdopole** – Have You Tried the Town Clerks?

**Dick** describes his approach as "stumble & fumble". Much of his research has been in the small towns in the New England area where the "town clerks" are extremely friendly and helpful. They have copied history and genealogical records for him and often directed him to historians or old timers who are loaded with information. He has found that the small western towns do not have much data, almost none before 1905.

Members participated in a lively question and answer period following the presentations.

Two visitors from the **Bay County Genealogical Society** were present: **Linda Theaker**, President, and **Lou Ann Phillips**, Secretary. They discussed their meetings – every **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month at the **Fremont Methodist Church**, Bay City. They wondered if the three valley genealogical societies might share in a special program in the future.

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## MGS March 20, 2002 Meeting

**Jack Dickert** presented an interesting program about "**Publishing Genealogy**". **Jack**, the author of several genealogy books, shared his numerous experiences regarding preparation, printing, binding and marketing.

**Jack's** presentation focused on several specific points. First he stated one must "gather genealogical data from whatever sources are available including the verifiable work of others". Second, he stated the task of getting a manuscript published has specific requirements. You need to **obtain bids** from several area **printers**. Bids need to be very specific - quality of paper to be used (he recommends 60 pound weight), probably acid-free and whether printing is double or single sided. Books need to be bound, and a second company that specializes in **binding** may need to be contacted. **Pictures** in your book add to the expense of printing; you need to decide whether including pictures in your manuscript adds to the value of your book. You also need to decide **how many** copies of your book should be printed. No guidelines exist to help the writer decide. Will all family members be interested in buying your book?

**Jack** commented that computer **software** is readily available to assist a writer in the preparation of the genealogical data and text for a genealogy manuscript. How much should a writer charge for his/her book? When determining a **price** you need to include costs for printing, binding, shipping and handling.

**Jack** concluded his presentation by showing **several** of the **books** he has **published** along with copies of other genealogy texts that have been written and published by others.

Following **Jack Dickert's** program, **President Bob Mass** reminded members that the slate of candidates for the **2002-03 MGS** annual election of officers has **two vacant** positions, i.e., **Program Chair** and **MGC Delegate**. He asked that members give serious thought to **volunteering** to become a candidate for one of these important positions. **Please consider** how much you will gain through active involvement in the **MGS**.

## Granholm Opines On Freedom of Information Question

**Attorney General Jennifer Granholm** today (12/6/01) ruled that public bodies covered by the state's **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)** may not impose a more restrictive schedule for access to public records for certain persons than it does for the general public – based solely upon the purpose for which the records are sought.

That finding came in **Opinion #7095**, issued in response to a question posed by **Rep. Gretchen Whitmer** (D-East Lansing). Whitmer posed the question on the fact that **some county clerk offices** require that persons seeking to inspect public records first identify their purpose for doing so. If the purpose is for **genealogical research**, the clerk's office imposes a more restrictive schedule for access to the records than it does for other requestors.

In her opinion, **Granholm** noted that the **FOIA** statute requires access to all public records not specifically exempted by section 13 of the **FOIA**. In addition, the opinion notes that the statute contains no provision requiring a requester of information to disclose the purpose of the request.

"The initial or future uses of the information contained in the records to be inspected are irrelevant to the request to inspect the public record," **Granholm** wrote. "Accordingly a public body may not require a person to disclose his or her purpose for inspecting the records as a condition to obtaining access to the records. It follows that a public body may not restrict access to its records based solely on the requestor's purpose for inspecting the records."

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## CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S CRUISE TO ALASKA

For those **genealogists** interested in combining **adventure** with an **educational seminar**, the **California Genealogical Society** has extended an invitation to others to join them on the spectacular new **Star Princess** in its inaugural season in **Alaska**. The seven-day cruise begins on **May 25** in **Vancouver** and makes stops along the Inside Passage ending in **Seward, Alaska** on **June 1, 2002**. Nationally known genealogists **Patricia Law Hatcher**, CG, FASG and **Hank Z. Jones**, FASG will be the seminar presenters.

**Patricia Law Hatcher** is a professional genealogist specializing in problem solving. She is a popular lecturer at national conferences, and a writer whose articles have appeared in over a dozen publications including the "Ancestry Daily News", "Ancestry" Magazine, and "Genealogical Computing". She is Trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the author of "Producing a Quality Family History". Pat will present the following lectures:

1. "Documentation – More than Just a Source"
2. "Look Again! What Did You Miss"
3. "Along the Meanders of the Creek: Land Platting Made Simple"
4. "Producing a Quality Family History"
5. "They Just Showed Up!: Where to Look When You Don't Know Where to Look"

**Hank Z. Jones** is the author of several books including "The Palatine Families of New York", "Psychic Roots", and "More Psychic Roots". He has served as a director of the Genealogical speakers Guild and Trustee for the Association of Professional Genealogists. Hank recently received the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical society for distinguished work in genealogy. Hank's lectures will be:

1. "When Sources are Wrong!"
2. "Tracing the Origins of Early 18<sup>th</sup> Century Palatine Immigrants"
3. "Genealogy in the New Millennium"
4. "Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact From Fiction"
5. "Saints, Sinners and an Occasional Horse Thief"

The lectures have been chosen to be of interest to all **genealogists**. Further information is available on the Web site, including a complete outline of the cruise, <http://www.allcruise.com> or call Bill Knight at All Cruise Travel (800) 227-8473. Prices start at \$664 per person. As of this writing space is still available for this exciting adventure.

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**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:

**April 17, 2002 - NOTE: Meeting at Carriage House Meeting Room at Bradley Home, 3200 Cook Road**

Carol Callard, specialist from the Library of Michigan, will speak on "Immigration Records & Ship Passenger Lists". She will explain how to research the details of your ancestor's arrival in the U.S.

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

**May 15, 2002 - MGS Annual Meeting**  
Wilma Diesen and Ruth Ann Casadonte, MGS members, will speak on "Family Reunions - Our Experiences and Suggestions"

**Election of MGS Officers for Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

Refreshments & conversation will follow the program at all meetings

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You know your getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.  
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**WE NEED A PROGRAM CHAIR FOR NEXT 2002-2003 Year**

**UPCOMING SEMINARS**

**Michigan Genealogical Council  
2002 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. The first two meetings have been held and four remain.

- February 9 Genealogy Resources
- April 13 Using the Michigan Documents Collection for Research
- June 22 Genealogy & the Internet
- August 10 Military Records & Resources
- October 12 French Canadian Records
- December 7 Naturalization Records & Resources

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

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**Conferences, Workshops & Seminars**

- April 13, 2002 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Genealogy Sem Monroe Co. Gen. Soc.
- April 27, 2002 Livingston Cnty Gen. Soc.
- May 15-18, 2002 National Genealogical Society Conference, Wisc. State Gen. Soc.
- June 1, 2002 Eaton Cnty Gen. Soc.
- July 14-19, 2002 International Assn. Of Jewish Genealogical Societies - Dearborn, MI
- August 7-10, 2002 FGS Conference - Ontario, CA
- 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.

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**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. ( 110 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)

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**INFORMATION  
 ABOUT  
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