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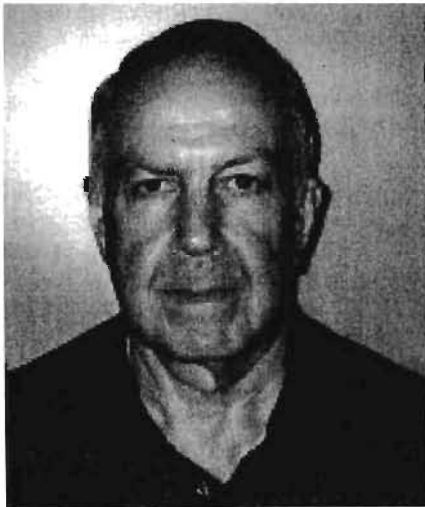


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MGS MEETING ** SEPTEMBER 18

The first **Midland Genealogical Society meeting** of the fiscal 2002-03 year will be held Wednesday, **September 18**, in the **Lounge** of the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library** starting at 7:00 pm.



Dave Russell, MGS member, will speak on "**It Started With Rootsweb.com**". Through a Rootsweb mailing group, Dave learned of an "**area**" **family reunion** in East Tennessee in July. So, he and his wife, Shirley, attended. They **connected** with two previously **unknown cousins** who supplied them with the history of Shirley's Bayless family from Knox County, Tennessee **back six generations to 1617** in England. That was their **first surprise**. There were **more surprises to come**.

Please come and enjoy a very interesting and informative presentation.

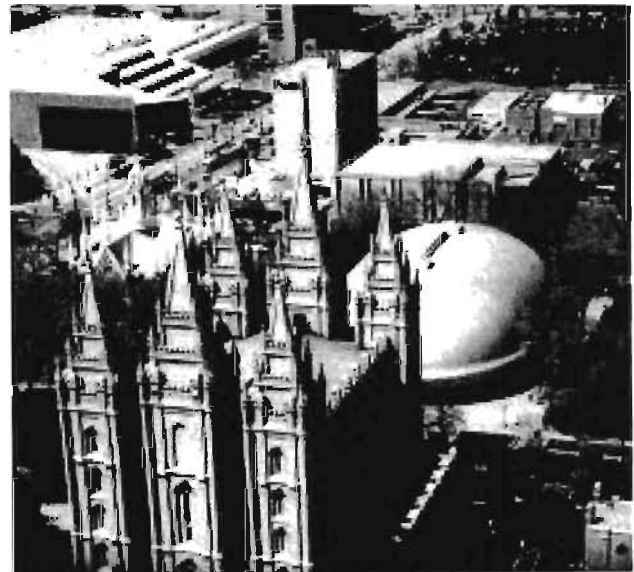
The normal business of the society will be conducted after the presentation as well as special reports. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

Please **RENEW** your **MEMBERSHIP** before, during or after the meeting.

MGS TRIP TO FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY SALT LAKE CITY

April 23-May 1, 2002

On April 23 six members of the **MGS** left Midland to fly to **Salt Lake City** to spend almost every waking minute for the next eight days digging through books, microfilms, microfiche, and computers, in search of genealogical data. A seventh member joined us from his "snowbird" location.



The above picture shows the Temple, the Tabernacle, across the street the LDS Family History Library, and the Plaza Hotel (where we stayed).

We were fortunate to be able to enjoy the splendor of **SLC** following the magnificent job that was done while hosting the 2002 Winter Olympics. The city was "**aglow**" with beautiful flowers, immaculate streets, wonderful Spring weather, and friendly, helpful people.

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From the President

Hi, my name is **Bob Mass** and I was re-elected **President** of our Society last May. I feel very good about the Society's accomplishments this last year. We had an enthusiastic set of officers and board members. Foremost we conducted all the meetings with informative and interesting presentations and published four editions of this **Pioneer Record** newsletter. We need to recognize and thank **Richard Schmelzer** and his committee for putting together many fine programs and **Bev Keicher** for extended duty as a MGC Delegate.

You have elected competent and willing officers for this year. The new Program Committee consists of **Mary Branson, Ken Schweitzer, Joan Sommerville and Mary Lou Pease**. Our new MGC Representative is **Colleen Bennett**. Most fortunately the rest of the officers decided to serve for an additional year. They are: Treasurer, **David Russell**; Secretary, **Wilma Diesen**; Membership, **Sheldon and Mary Levy**; continuing MGC Delegate, **Kathy Bohl**; Historian, **Joanne Rupprecht**; First Families, **Mary Lou Hayes**; Pioneer Record, **Earl and Faye Ebach**; and Advisor, **Jo Brines**.

The **Bay Area Genealogical Society** invited us to a joint meeting to discuss possible **joint activities**. The sponsorship of a full three-day Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar was discussed and appears to be beyond the current level of enthusiasm. More realistic is conducting a one-day special seminar. Please contact one of the officers if you would like to take on a leadership role for a seminar.

A bus trip to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne was also discussed. Proposed is an overnight trip with members of the Bay Area Society. At the September meeting we will determine the level of interest.

Ancestry Plus is online at the library. Only two computers are authorized to connect to it on the Web. The main attraction is the **1930 U.S. Census and its Index**. States are being posted as the data is prepared.

The information on **Midland County** in the **Midland Room** is somewhat scattered due to the various types of media, the split between RG and RM collections, and the methods in which the Dewey Decimal system was applied through the years. An eight-page **Guide** has been assembled which references all the books, special documents and media that contain genealogical information about our county. Free copies are available. They should be especially helpful to out-of-towners who characteristically have limited research time. Should this guide be posted on our Web site????

Many of us expect a higher level of accuracy in a document written by a person present at a past event and written at the time the event occurred. I am working on a future newsletter article about an erroneous emigration date in my Grandfather's diary.

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

Bob Mass

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MGS TRIP TO FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY SALT LAKE CITY

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Our "Fearless Leader" Jo Brines had made reservations for all of us at a downtown hotel not more than 50 yards from the entrance to the Family History Library. This was a phenomenal location and provided ready access to not only the Library but to Temple Square directly across the street. We typically found ourselves ready to enter the Library at exactly 7:30 AM every morning the Library was open. On many days, some of us also walked with the LDS volunteers when they exited the Library at closing time (10:00 PM).



The Family History Library proved to be all that proponents claim it to be. The reference material available to users is enormous. Material is organized and readily available. Staff and volunteers are ever present to answer questions and provide assistance. All is readily accessible and there is no admission fee. There are only minimal charges for photocopies of data one wishes to take home for further study and research.

MGS group at dinner: Earl Ebach, Faye Ebach, Ralph Hillman, Quita Shier, Marcia Brandle, Jo Brines and Ora Flaningam

We concur that in order to make the most productive use of our time, pre-planning prior to the trip was essential. Determining what information we wanted to gather, identifying the questions that needed answers (hopefully), and even listing the Soundex letters for the surnames to be researched were all beneficial and time saving strategies. However, the greatest benefit of doing research at the Family History Library was the fact that data was on site. Researching census data from 1870 to 1920, from all over the country, was as simple as walking from one end of a room to the other.



MGS gals: Marcia Brandle, Quita Shier, Faye Ebach & Jo Brines

I left Salt Lake City with a great deal of new information about both my mother's and father's families. It was exciting to actually locate my maternal great-grandmother's name on a ship's passenger list in 1864; and then to locate a picture of the ship. Steamships were in use at that time so the trip from Europe to North America was not as long or as harsh as those trips taken on sailing vessels which typically lasted 40 or more days. I have a greater appreciation for the hardiness of our immigrant ancestors, for they withstood many trials and tribulations in order to find a "better life" for themselves and their families.

A trip to the Family History Library in SLC is not something everyone can manage. But, if the opportunity is presented, it is highly recommended. To quote "Fearless Leader", "it's cheaper to travel to SLC for a week than to have lots of films sent to Midland on a rental basis".

By Faye Ebach

TERMINOLOGY OF RELATIONSHIPS

It is usually puzzling, particularly at family reunions, to fully understand the terms used to explain relationships between kin. Questions such as, "Is Aunt Mary my grandaunt or greataunt?" or, "What's the difference between "first cousin once removed" and "second cousin"?" Both of these questions were posed at a recent family reunion.

Sam Levy submitted the following information that helps to explain the "terminology of relationships". Hopefully you will find the information helpful. The explanations **use you**, the reader, as the base for the relationships.

Grand

Aunts and uncles follow the same pattern as grandfather and grandmother. The brother of a grandparent is a granduncle; the sister is grandaunt. From then on it follows the same pattern of "greats" that apply to grandparents.

Grandparents' siblings should be referred to as grandaunts and granduncles though you call them Aunt X and Uncle Y.

Uncle and aunt

Your parents' brothers and sisters, and their spouses. You do not need a blood connection to be a full-fledged aunt or uncle. Your mother's sister's husband is not your "uncle by marriage". He is your uncle, period.

Niece and Nephew

Sons and daughters of your siblings and siblings-in-law. As with uncles and aunts, they are not your "nieces and nephews by marriage", they are your nieces and nephews, plain and simple, even if they're your spouse's siblings' children and do not have a single drop of blood in common with you.

First Cousin, Full Cousin

Children of your parents' brothers and sisters. You and your first cousins share one set of grandparents.

Double First Cousins

If a pair of brothers marries a pair of sisters, their kids are not only first cousins, they're double first cousins: They have both sets of grandparents in common.

Second Cousins

You and the children of your parents' cousins are second cousins and share at least one great-grandparent. Your child and your cousin's child are second cousins.

Third Cousins

You and the children of your parents' second cousins are third cousins and share at least one great-great-grandparent. And so on with the fourth, fifth, and sixth cousins.

First Cousin Once Removed

A relationship that is removed is one that exists in two different genealogical generations. Generation refers to the order of birth, a genealogical level. Your aunt and your mother may have been born 20 years apart, but they are still of the same generation. Your parent's first cousin is your first cousin once removed. The child of your first cousin is also your first cousin once removed: your grandparent is that child's great-grandparent.

Grandaunt and Granduncle

We always called grandpa's sister "great-aunt." But the experts say that terminology is incorrect. These terms are. (Which doesn't mean we have any intention of using them.)

Great-Grandaunts, Great-Granduncles

Your great-grandparents' brothers and sisters.

In-Laws

Family by marriage: Your spouse's parents, spouses of your siblings, and spouses of your spouse's siblings. That is, your brother's wife is an in-law, but none of her siblings are. And your husband's sister's husband is your in-law, but none of his brothers are. And in-laws pretty much stop with your parents-in-law and your siblings-in-law. You are not in-laws with the parents of your sister-in-law's husband. And the two sets of parents of a couple are not in-laws to each other either; they are the competitive parents -- an entirely different category.

Affinity Relatives

Your husband or wife's blood relatives -- the in-laws that are biologically related to your spouse.

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

East Saginaw & Saginaw Directory 1879-80			History of Warden Chapel	Slocum	974.8
East		977.446	Emigrants From Scotland to America 1774-75	Cameron	R6 325.2
Ohio Valley Genealogies	Hanna	929.3771	The Lives & Times of Our English Ancestors	Smith	942.
Years Ago Now, Medina Co., OH			Master Index – Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution – Genealogical & Historical Records Vol 1		929.3771
Kray		977.377135	Index to Obituary Notices in the Richmond Enquirer (1804-1828) & Richmond Whig (1824-1838)		929.3755
Pioneer Folks Medina Co., OH	Kray	977.135	Abstracts of Wells, Loudin Co., VA - Inventories & Administration Accounts	King	929.375528
Index to Probate Court Records of Medina Co., OH			1787 Census of Loudoun Co., VA	Schre.	929.375528
Index		929.3771	1788 Personal Property Tax – Loudoun Co., VA	Schre.	929.375528
Mayflower Families - Part 3		929.2	1789 Personal Property Tax – Loudoun Co., VA	Schre.	929.375528
The Nondiscript Jones Family History.			William Priston and the Allegheny Patriots	Johnson	975.58
O'Shel		929.2	Tell Me A Story – For One Hundred Years – Story of Grace A. Dow Library	Yates	RM 27.4
Pre-1841 Census & Population Listings in the British Isles	Chapman	929.1	200 Years of the Town of Phelps	Parmalee	R6 974.786
Ancestors of Rogers (Vol 5)	Johnson	929.2	Life of the Phelps Pioneers, Chemung Valley	Cheney	R6 974.786
Sharon Vignettes Vol II	Ensw..	977.135	Salem Township History & The Story of Leitonia	Warman	977.12
U.S. Migration Patterns	Elliott.	325.2	The Irish & Anglo-Irish Landed Gentry	O'Hart	929.72
Adams Co., Ohio – Index to Estate Inventories					
Adams		929.377448			
Our Worden Heritage	Worden.	977.472			
Records of the Mich. Dept. of the Grand Army Of the Republic		977.4			
Chester County History	Chester	974.813			
Clinton County, Ohio Obituaries 1867-75					
Mart		929.5771			
Oakland Co., Mich. – Abstracts of Probate Records 1822-40	Probate	929.3774			
Robert Carter of Nomini Hall, Virginia Tobacco Planter	Carter	R6 929.2			
Revolutionary War Genealogy	Schweitzer, G.K.	16.973			
Place Names of Lancashire England					
Mills, D.		914.276			

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2002-2003

The collection of **MGS membership dues for 2002-2003** will conclude at the **September 18th MGS meeting**. The **MGS Treasurer** and **Membership Chairs** have been collecting dues since last May, 2002, although there has been no specific request. If your dues are not paid by the end of September, this may be the last **Pioneer Record** you will receive. Dues may also 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**.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 26, 2002 1:00 – 3:00 PM
GRACE A. DOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY LOUNGE

By Kathy Bohl

A LINEAGE RESEARCH WORKSHOP sponsored by the **John Alden Chapter, NSDAR** will be held Saturday, October 26, 2002 in the Library Lounge. This workshop is **FREE** and open to prospective members and **ALL** others who wish to **research their genealogy**. Reservations are not necessary. Chapter members will be available to help with genealogy questions and provide information and assistance with research on a one-to-one basis.

Bring in any useful data about your family, such as birth, marriage and death certificates; Bible records; newspaper articles and obituaries; land, will and probate records; census and pension records.

The **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)** was chartered by act of Congress on May 5, 1896 creating a corporate body for patriotic, historical and educational purposes, perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence. **John Alden Chapter** of the NSDAR was organized April 3, 1922 with **Mrs. H.H. (Grace Ball) Dow** as the Organizing Regent. The name for John Alden Chapter was chosen to honor Dr. Herbert H. Dow who was a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins. Today the chapter numbers 48 members. The Regent for 2002 is **Martha Peirsall Matthews**. Additional information about the workshop can be obtained by contacting **Kathy Bohl** at 1 - 989-839-9016.

ANNUAL REPORT TO GRACE A. DOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

Jo Brines

Over **1700 people** used the Midland Room (**genealogy collection**) during the past year. **Visitors** were from **all over Michigan** (47 cities) plus Midland. They also came from **11 different states** and **Ontario**.

Genealogy volunteers provided over **900 hours** of service in the Midland Room. **Three volunteers** have now given more than **21 years** of service each, serving on a weekly basis. **Jo Brines** recently met someone from Colorado who produced a note that indicated she had assisted them in **1982**.

Editor's note: The **three volunteers** who have given so much of their time starting in **1981** are **Nancy Lackie, Maxine McCullen** and **Jo Brines**. Three others who also spend their afternoons on given days are **Mary Lou Hayes, Bob Mass** and **Marygrace Lenz**. **Mary Lou** also chairs the on-going **MGS First Families of Midland County** project. **Bob** supervises and promotes the use of the **computer** in the Midland Room. **Nancy** chairs the **MGS Library Books Committee** whose members include **Quita Shier** and **Lois Baker**. Another **MGS member** who has spent and still spends a great deal of time searching the archived microfilms is **Virginia Parsons**. We owe all of them a great deal of **THANKS**.

COST OF PHOTOCOPYING AT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICES

Faye Ebach

While doing some genealogical research in Traverse City in late June, Earl and I visited the Grand Traverse County Clerk's office seeking records of an ancestor's death. The staff were extremely cordial and helpful and we quickly located the document we were searching for. However, when we asked to have a photocopy made of the document, we were surprised to hear that a new policy (mandated by the State) has been implemented regarding photocopying documents. **Each** photocopy of a vital record **will now cost \$10** and will be **certified**. Genealogists usually do not need/or desire a certified copy of ancestor records. However, we were told that simple, non-certified photocopies are no longer available from county clerks – at least in TC. Needless to say, we used pen and paper to copy the data we located in the record book.

LIGHTENING STRIKES TWICE – OR PERHAPS MANY TIMES

By Earl A. Ebach

In the April 2001 *Pioneer Record* (Volume XXI, No. 4) the lead story was “1886 Love Letter - Does Mary Marry George?”. The article was based on letters in my Midland County postal history collection in an envelope addressed to **George W. Brewer** of **Leslie**, Michigan in

Ingham County. The first letter, dated **Aug. 8, 1886**, from **Miss Mary M. Sheldrake** of **Pleasant Valley**, Mich., discussed their marriage plans – or lack thereof. She was replying to a letter from **George** who apparently had recently informed her that he was thinking of **marrying another girl**. We know, from genealogical research, that **Mary did not marry George**, but married **Leroy D.**

Alspaugh, probably in 1887 in Jasper Township, Midland

County, Mich. **Mary and Leroy** raised a family and had a good life in Midland County.

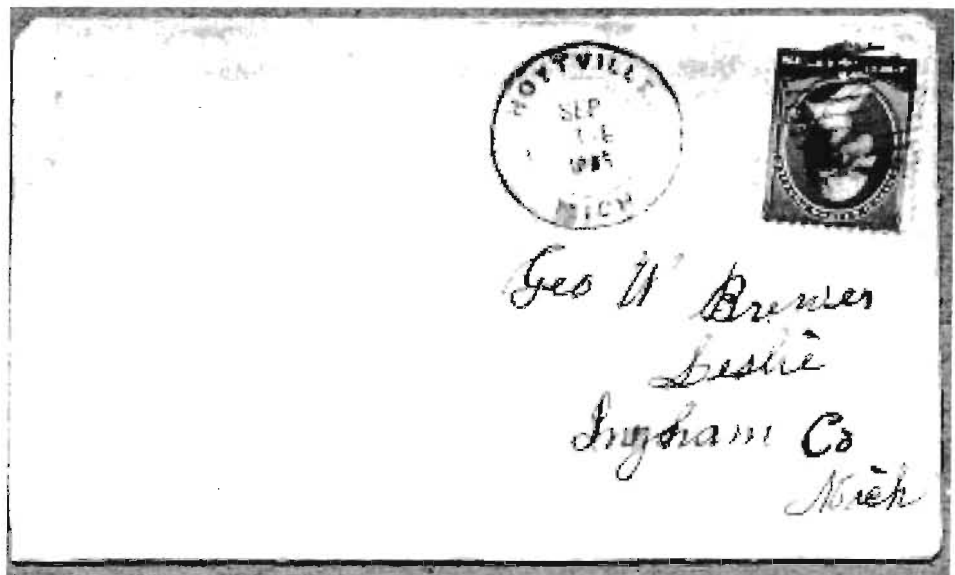
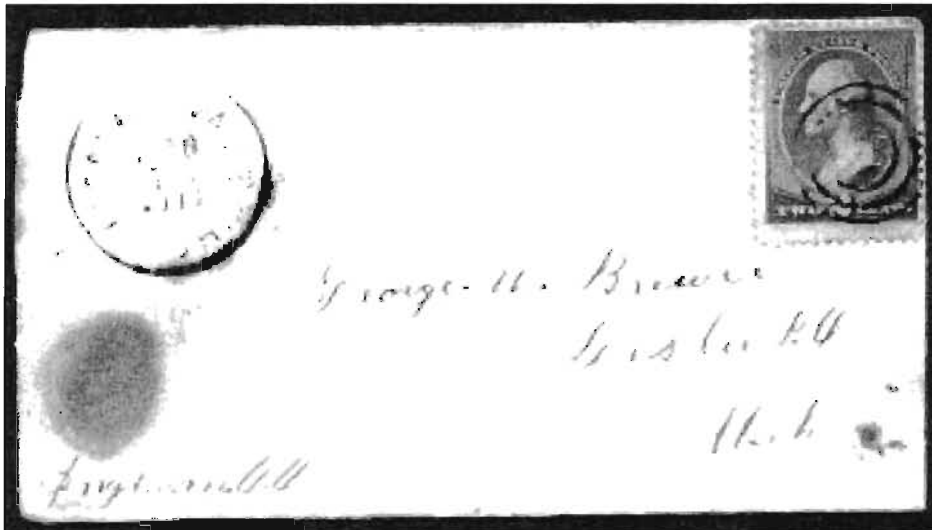
But what about **George W. Brewer**?

While organizing my deceased brother's Michigan postal history collections, I recently came across another old envelope – addressed to “**George W. Brewer, Leslie, Ingham Co., Mich.**” dated “**Sep 14, 1885**”.

**Coincidence?
Unlikely!**

The envelope was mailed from **Hoytville**, Michigan, a small village approximately 16 miles west of Lansing. **Leslie** is approximately 26 southeast of Lansing. It is backstamped at the receiving post office “**Charlotte, Mich., Sep 14**”, the same day it was mailed. This is better than the postal service of today. The back of the

envelope also contains the manuscript notations “**By reply to No. 4126 from Miss Ivey Farrand**” and “**To letter Sept – 28 – 1885**”. George probably replied to the letter on September 28. What “**No. 4126**” means is not known.



LIGHTENING STRIKES TWICE - OR PERHAPS MANY TIMES
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The Hoytville envelope also contained a **very personal** yet interesting and intriguing letter - which is reproduced here.


It was written a year earlier (1885) than the one from Mary (1886). It was from another lady, **Miss Ivey Farrand** of Hoytville, Mich. - who apparently has also just been **jilted** by **George**. She infers extenuating circumstances might exist. At one point she writes: "**but let me ask one question if things are not all right - what will I do**". Later she writes: "**I trusted you as you promis to see that I was all right**".

But read it your self and arrive at your own conclusions. It is very interesting.

Apparently **George** was quite a "**Lothario**" - a ladies man - a lover in every town - a "cad" - or whatever. Even so, both women appear to want to continue their relationship; both requested that he continue to write. It appears that **George** recorded the number on the back of the envelope for each letter written to and/or received from his numerous lovers. The **Pleasant Valley** envelope has the numbers "**4284**" & "**4285**" written on the back.

Does lightning strike twice? YES - perhaps even more often.

Mary Sheldrake was fortunate not to have married **George** - she found a much more stable and reliable husband.



Mich.
Hoytville Sep 13/85

Dear Friend

Your letter was quite a surprise and something of a disappointment but I will answer you as I know you wish to so I will not say stay but let me ask one question if things are not all right what will I do you know it is not time for me to tell anything about it yet - you know I trusted you

as you promis to see that I was all right - but I will be forced trouble I have had to take care of myself quite a number of years and I guess I can a little longer you will have to come this poor writing I had some little ailments yesterday and am so nervous from the affect of medicine that I took to quite the limit that I cant do anything very well but will be as well as ever tomorrow you didnt say when you was going but I hope you will write as soon as you get better if it is some more trouble I would like to hear from

you a little often in the future than I have in the past - bring in the new scenes and new society you will not forget me

I remain your own truly

I wish you success and lots of happiness I would like to see you if you know I can share the time

LCS

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

As we approach the first MGS meeting of the year, we have only 23 paid memberships (17 single & 6 household) for Fiscal Year 2002 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003). As we ended FY2001, **MGS** had 112 memberships (90 single and 22 household).

So we are looking forward to a flood of **membership renewals** at the first meeting of the year, **September 18th**. PLEASE renew - you won't be disappointed. A "Membership Application" is included in this issue of the PR for your convenience.

Since the last issue of the PR (April, 2002), eight new members have joined. We WELCOME them to the Midland Genealogical Society. They are:

Thomas R. Barrett	Westland, MI
Mary J. Bruce	Midland, MI
Sharon Cline	Hemlock, MI
Mary L. Duke	Temple, TX
Arleneth Sugnet Juneau	Midland, MI
Robert C. & Gwen A. Snyder	Midland, MI
Linda S. Theaker	Bay City, MI
	Grants Pass, OR

A complete **membership list** will be published in the **November 2002** issue of "*Pioneer Record*". At that time, please read your information carefully and notify us of any incorrect or missing information, especially your e-mail address.

We can be contacted at: <samlevy@aol.com>.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave Russell, Treasurer

The present **MGS** fiscal year begins 1 July 2002 and ends

As of **3 September 2002**, the account balances are: Operating Checking: **\$2034.06**; Money Market: **\$3778.85**; and CD: **\$2500.00**. Thus total **MGS** assets to date are **\$8312.91**.

Midland Family History Center
of **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

The **Family History Center** is located in the **LDS Church**, located at the corner of Sugnet and Eastman Roads. **Open hours** are as follows:

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

The **Midland FHC** has vital statistics on all **Michigan counties** except Wayne County. They have many worthwhile **data bases** available with a **volunteer** staff willing to assist researchers. We should all make more use of this wonderful research facility.

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

**GEOGRAPHIC TRANSFERS from the RECORDS OF THE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN**

Ken Schweitzer submitted the following information which has been extracted from the membership rolls of the **First United Methodist Church of Midland**, contained in the oldest three record books. All transfers (those into membership and removals from membership) where the dates and locations were outside Midland County have been incorporated. Some of these **names** along with their **transfer information** may have **genealogical significance** for some of our members.

ABBOTT, James E. -- Removed to Friend, NE, 31, Oct. 1912	GRAVES, Mary -- Transferred to Flint, 13 May 1913
BACON, Howard P. -- Removed to Portersville, NY, 1922	HARCOURT, Mrs. William -- Removed to Horrellsville, NY, 1 May 1907
BAIRD, Mildred -- Removed to Grand Rapids, 5 Oct. 1922	HUDSON, James H. and Alice E. -- Removed to Caro, 8 May 1909
BECK, Earlie and Verna -- Transferred to Vanlue, OH, 22 Oct. 1913	HUEL, Juanita -- Transferred to E. Germantown, PA, 24 Dec. 1921
CAMP, Cyrus T. -- Transferred to Ypsilanti, 27 Jan. 1922	KENAGA, Ira, Mrs. Ira and Howard -- Transferred to Royal Oak, 22 Oct 1919
CAMP, Marie -- Transferred to Saginaw, 29, Jan. 1922	KIDD, Elmer, Mrs. Elmer and Russell -- Transferred to Bay City, 7 Oct. 1919
COLLINSON, Marion -- Transferred to Lansing, 1 Dec. 1920	LONSBERRY, Arilia -- Transferred to Flint, April 1925
COLLISON, William -- Transferred to Lansing, 1 Dec. 1920	LOSEE, Mildred -- Transferred to Detroit, 19 Dec. 1913
COMB, Fred -- Transferred to Flint, 18 Sept. 1918	MARSH, Lucy -- Removed to Mt. Pleasant, 6 Nov. 1908
COOK, Laura L. -- Transferred to Detroit, 16 Oct. 1919	MATHEWS, Elias and Mrs. -- Transferred to Jackson, 29 May 1916
CURRY, Mrs. John -- Removed 3 Jan. 1905 to California	MINER, Louise M. -- From Detroit, 19 Sept. 1921
DEHN, Emma -- Transferred to Detroit, 13 Jan. 1917	MOORE, W. A. and Mrs. -- Removed to Fillmore, CA, 1 Dec. 1921
DENNIS, Verna -- Transferred to Elwell, MI, 25 March 1920	PELTON, Ruth S. -- Transferred to Jackson, Feb. 1920
DENT, George and Katie -- Transferred to Albuquerque, NM, 11 April 1917	PERSALL, Mabel -- Removed to Lathrop, MI, March 1907
DOUGLAS, Harry -- Transferred to Detroit, 8 April 1923	PHETTYPLACE, Ida -- Removed to Topanabee, 6 Sept, 1906
DREISBACH, Robert R. and Mary -- Transferred to Philadelphia, PA, 24 Oct. 1921	RANNS, Catherine -- From Middleport, NY, died 3 May 1914
ETSON, Mrs. Max E. -- Removed to Lansing, 10 May 1908	RATLIFF, Minnie -- Removed to Detroit, 11 Sept. 1923
EVENS, Guy G. -- Removed to Alma, 1904	RIDER, Elias Fritz and Leona -- Removed to Cadillac, 27 July 1906
EVENS, Mable -- Removed to Saginaw, 14 June 1904	SECOR, Mary F. -- Received 8 Nov. 1885 from Three Rivers, MI
FOREMAN, Nellie -- Removed to Canada, 25 June 1904	SEE, Delilah -- Transferred to Pontiac, 18 Feb. 1921
GARDNER, William H. and Ellen -- Transferred to Pine Castle, FL, Sept. 1921	SHORE, Roy M. -- Transferred from Ashley, IN, 14 June 1908
GILMAN, Arthur and Mrs. -- Transferred to Bentley, 23 Oct. 1913	SHORE, Roy M. and Florence -- Removed to Sterling, MI, 7 Sept 1909
GILMAN, Viola -- Removed to Holly, 12 Nov. 1902	SIMONS, John P. and Bessie -- Transferred to East Glennville, OH, 9 July 1908
GLOVER, Hugh and Mrs. -- Transferred to Brown City, 1 Nov. 1921	SMITH, Jennie B. -- Removed to Flint, 12 Aug. 1905
GOWTHRUP, Thelma -- Transferred to Denver, CO, 10 Feb. 1922	SMITH, Laura -- Moved to Springfield, IL, 17 May 1922

GEOGRAPHIC TRANSFERS from the RECORDS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

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SMITH, Myrtle
-- Transferred to Ft. Wayne, IN, 22 Feb 1914
SPADE, F. G., Flora G., Margery, Elizabeth Louise
-- Transferred to Melton, WI, 10 Dec. 1921
SPAULDING, Marion -- Transferred to Swink, CO, 3 July 1916
SPEESE, Myrtle B.
-- Transferred to Flint, 20 Jan. 1921
STEPHENSON, Norton
-- Removed to Butte City, MT, 18 Feb. 1907
STEVENSON, Mrs. D. S.
-- To Butte, MT, 4 May 1908
SWANTON, Catherine
-- Removed to Lansing, 22 March 1909
SWANTON, Hazel P.
-- Transferred to Lansing, 22 March 1909
TERRYOH, Glen and Mrs.
-- Transferred to Tawas city, 26 Oct. 1921

THRAPP, Helen
-- Transferred to Bluffton, OH, 6 Sept 1906
WATTERS, C. Lee and Grace E.
-- Removed to Decatur, IN, 10 Sept. 1906
WEBBER, Mary
-- Transferred to Saginaw, 31 May 1917
WILSON, Charles L. and Mrs. C. L.
-- Removed to Flint, 6 Feb 1904
WINKLER, Gus and Clara
-- Removed to Lansing, 26 Aug. 1907
WINSLOW, Nellie
-- Transferred to Mt. Pleasant, 3 July 1915
YEOMAMN, Mrs. S. S.
-- Transferred to Detroit, 19 Sept. 1921
YEOMAN, Kay
-- Transferred to Detroit, 19 Sept. 1921

MGS PROGRAM COMMITTEE 2002-2003

Each year one of the most difficult tasks for the MGS Nominations Committee is to find a member willing to serve as Program Chair. This past May, Mary Branson stepped forward and volunteered to serve as Program Chair for the year 2002-03. Serving with her on the Program Committee are members Ken Schweitzer, Joan Somerville and Mary Lou Pease. Last year's Program Chair, Richard Smeltzer, will assist the committee as a resource person.

The Program Committee has been working since July assembling the programs for the monthly MGS meetings. The interest and enthusiasm of our membership is promoted by successful programs at our meetings, so this task is very important to the MGS. Past experience has shown that many of our own MGS members have valuable, interesting genealogical information and experiences to share. Each year the Committee arranges for one or more "outside" speakers who have genealogical expertise to share. The MGS budgets adequate funding to obtain qualified speakers. The present Committee has prepared an interesting variety of programs for the coming year. MGS members should enjoy and appreciate all their hard work.

Mary Branson has been a MGS member for about two years. She and her late husband moved to Midland from the Pontiac area in 1967. She previously taught special education in Highland Park and continued her career in special education with the Midland Public Schools, retiring in 1988. Mary has three children, seven grandchildren and one foreign exchange daughter. She recently returned from a visit to Finland with her foreign exchange daughter to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of her "daughter's" parents. She stated, "the trip was wonderful and I was very impressed with the Finnish cuisine". She is searching for a Finnish-American Cookbook that is written in English. Although she has been a MGS member for only two years, we are confident she will enjoy the experience of serving as Program Chair.



MGS April 17, 2002 MGS Meeting

The April **MGS** meeting was held at the **Carriage House** adjacent to the Bradley House. Following the business meeting, **Richard Schmeltzer** introduced our speaker, **Carole Callard**, Specialist from the **Library of Michigan in Lansing**. Carol discussed the Library's various resources which serve as outstanding research material for genealogists. An outline of the resources was passed out to **MGS** members. During her presentation she emphasized the immigration records and ship passenger lists available at the Library. Carole is particularly pleased with the increasing availability of the **1930 Census data** which was released at the beginning of April. After her presentation she answered many questions from members of the audience.

Following the program refreshments were served and members continued their discussions with Carole. Attendance was over 50 members and guests.



UP-COMING WORKSHOPS AND/OR SEMINARS

2002 Abrams Genealogy Series Schedule:

October 12 – French Canadian Resources
December 7 – Naturalization Records and Resources

All sessions are located at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. The cost is \$10 per session. For more Information contact Randy Riley or Carole Callard at 517 373-1300 or visit the website at www.libraryofmichigan.org

MIGRATION TO MICHIGAN SEMINAR – Saturday, September 28, 2002

Sponsored by **Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society (GTAGS)**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1050 Peninsula Dr., Traverse City

9:00 am to 3:45 pm. Registration begins at 8:00 am

Speakers: **Shirley Hodges** (two presentations) -

"Ethnic Migration to Michigan" & "Little Known Facts about the Census"

Jana Sloan Broglin -

"Migration and Settlement of the Old Northwest Territory"

Brenda K. Wolfram Moore -

"French-Canadian Research"

For more information:

Contact **Richard Hayes** at 231-995-9388, or via e-mail – RAHayes@chartermi.net

Or visit the **GTAGS** website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/>

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP WITH SANDRA LUEBKING – Saturday, October 26, 2002

Sponsored by **Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County**

Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, MI;

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Cost - \$25 (before Oct. 5, \$30 after) lunch - \$7.50

For more information -

Phone: 734-482-8029

E-mail: clgriffiny@aol.com

Flyers are available at the Desk or on the bulletin board in the **Midland Room**.

MAY 15, 2002 MGS MEETING

Program Chair **Richard Schmeltzer** conducted the meeting in the absence of Pres. Bob Maas. **Jo Brines** reported on the upcoming MGS tour of the new library at **Central Michigan University**. The focus will be a visit to the **Clarke Historical Collection** of Michigan records; i.e., census, newspapers and county. The date is Wednesday, May 29 at 8:30 AM. Meet in the parking lot of the Grace A. Dow Library.

Treasurer **Dave Russell** presented the proposed **MGS budget for 2002-2003** which was approved as presented.

Dick Scochdopole, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the following slate of **officers** for the 2002-2003 year:

President:	Bob Mass
Secretary:	Wilma Diesen
Treasurer:	David Russell
Program Comm:	Mary Branson, Chair
Membership Comm:	Mary & Sheldon Levy, Co-Chairs
Historian:	Joanne Rupprecht
MGC Delegates:	Kathy Bohl Colleen Bennett Ralph Hillman, Alternate

All nominees were **elected** by acclamation.

Other appointed positions for the 2002-2003 year are:

First Families:	Mary Lou Hayes
Pioneer Record:	Earl & Faye Ebach
Advisor:	Jo Brines
Hospitality:	Marcia Brandle and Janet Crozier

Dick Schmeltzer reported that the Program Committee has received only **29** completed copies of the **membership survey**. The committee will share the data collected with the 2002-2003 Program Committee.

The new **MGC Board** will continue pursuing opportunities for **joint** meetings/activities with the **Bay Area** and **Saginaw County Genealogical Societies**.

Two **MGS members**, **Ruth Ann Casadonte** and **Wilma Diesen**, presented a program about planning **Family Reunions**. Both have had extensive experience planning as well as attending numerous Family Reunions. Some of their suggestions for successful reunion planning and experiencing are as follows:

- Consistency -meet same time, same date
- Communicate -use postcards, letters, and/or e-mail to contact members
- Identify -use name tags, tee-shirts
- Activities -plan games for young & old, schedule enticing event/activity
- Budget -plan strategies to cover expenses, e.g., fees, auctions, etc.
- Records -document events, share family history/events, update data

Both speakers stated that family reunions can be **memorable** as well as a lot of **fun** when well planned. **Cyndislist.com** website is an excellent resource for information, ideas and guidance when planning and organizing a family reunion.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DISBANDS

Effective May 23, 2002 the **Cadillac Area Genealogical Society** officially dissolved, and will no longer be conducting any business or research. All assets were distributed to the **Wexford County Historical Society** and the **Wexford Genealogy Organization**.

CLARKE HISTORICAL LIBRARY at CMU

Jo Brines

Late in May about a dozen **MGS members** visited the new **Clarke Library** on the campus of **Central Michigan University (CMU)**. The intent was to see this huge, new, very expensive, state-of-the-art library funded by Michigan taxpayers.

The library is four floors high, very open, completely filled with computer stations on every floor. Considering the size of the building, I had great expectations for an enlarged **Clarke Historical Library** area, which includes the **Michigan history and genealogy collection**. I was greatly disappointed when we discovered the Clarke section that is open to genealogists is only a **very small** portion of the first floor.

All the books in the collection are accessible by **staff** only. **Everything** needs to be processed by staff. Staff must do all the photocopying. Only two or three computers are available to reference the card catalog.

The microfilm area is a small triangular area, about the size of an alcove, with approximately six computers. The area is less than the size of the Midland Room in the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Available microfilm located on a shelf is Michigan census data **only**.

An additional inconvenience is the **absence of adequate parking**. The most convenient place to park is directly across from the entrance. This is a metered lot, good for two hours at a cost of 25¢ per one half hour. Users must add additional coins to the meter every two hours when their research extends beyond two hours.

The library provides a pleasant eating/snacking area near the front entrance, either for sack lunches or for purchasing sandwiches, etc. from available vending machines.

The library frowns on the presence of briefcases in the Clarke Historical area, therefore users need to use available lockers.

In summary, the **Clarke Library** is **not user-friendly**. For most of the MGS members who visited these new facilities, we found that we needed reference material that extended beyond the state of Michigan. Considering the difference in time involved in driving to the **Library of Michigan** in Lansing versus driving to Mt. Pleasant, and the thousands of additional resources available at the Library of Michigan, **I would choose to drive to Lansing** rather than the Clarke Library to do genealogical research.



RUMORS ABOUT FT. WAYNE LIBRARY

Jo Brines

The **Friends of the Library** newsletter, **Summer 2002**, reports that the millage for improvement and expansion of all branches, including the main **Ft. Wayne Library**, was passed and work has already begun.

The **main library's collection** (almost all) will move in 2003 to **temporary quarters** at 200 E. Berry Street (Renaissance Square) in Fr. Wayne. This building is apparently close to the present library enabling ease of use by users during construction. Good parking will be available nearby in lots, garages, and along the street. **The genealogy collection will remain accessible**.

The staff of the Ft. Wayne Library is very pleased and grateful to the Lincoln Financial Group and Murphy and Associates for making it possible to remain downtown while construction of the addition is occurring.

Those **MGS members** planning to visit the **Allen County Library** in Ft. Wayne during the next year should find the temporary quarters readily accessible for **genealogy research**.

MGS PROGRAMS FOR 2002-2003

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:

Sept. 18, 2002 -

Dave Russell, MGS member, will speak on "Experiences Doing Genealogical Research in Tennessee". He will explain the frustrations and successes in dealing with the southern facilities.

Oct 16, 2002 -

Roselynn Ederer, Saginaw historian and author, will speak on "Saginaw's Interesting and Varied History".

Nov. 20, 2002 -

Toni Hayes, MGS member, will speak on "Genealogical Research in Romania". She will show her first attempt at making a video and explain how and why she hired professional genealogists.

No MGS Meeting in December

Jan. 15, 2003 -

"Learning From Our Mistakes". Panel discussion.

Feb. 19, 2003

"Preparations For Publishing". Panel discussion.

March 19, 2003 -Researching Land Records

April 16, 2003 -Helen Eichstaedt

May 21, 2003 -Mystery Night

Refreshments & conversation will follow the program at all meetings

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 four meetings have been held and two remain.

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

Conferences, Workshops & Seminars

September 28, 2002 Migration to Michigan Seminar
- Traverse City, MI

October 26, 2002 Washtenaw Co. Gen. Soc. Conf.
Ann Arbor, MI

October 26, 2002 DAR Genealogy Workshop-
Midland, MI

Patron Training Sessions - Library of Michigan -
Free Lansing, MI

Sept. 21 - Using the Census, Indexes & Soundex

Sept. 25 - Using the Census, Indexes & Soundex

Oct. 5 - Genealogy Research with 1930 Census

Oct. 9 - Genealogy Research with 1930 Census

Oct. 19 - Electronic Books

Oct. 23 - Electronic Books

Nov. 2 - Early Connecticut Vital Records

Nov. 6 - Early Connecticut Vital Records

Nov. 16 - US Government on the Internet

Nov. 20 - US Government on the Internet

BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books, published by the Midland Genealogical Society, are available for sale at any MGS meeting, at the Midland 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. (50 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 as a package for \$35.00. (90 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.
