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Pledging Their Allegiance

By Gloria Kundinger

Our ancestors gave up many things familiar to them when they traveled to this country to begin a new life. They left behind their homes, villages, family, and friends—their life in the “Old Country.” They also left behind allegiance to a ruler and “Old Country” citizenship when they began the naturalization process here in the United States.

There were two naturalization acts passed in the 1700s. The first enacted on March 26, 1790, allowed for any free, alien, adult, white man or woman who was a resident of the U.S. for two years to become a citizen. After residing in a state or territory for a year, the individual could apply to any court of law for citizenship. An oath of allegiance was administered if the applicant was 21 or over and of good moral character. Children under the age of 21 were also granted citizenship along with the applicant.

The second act passed January 29, 1795, required a five year residency period. Applicants had to publicly declare their desire to become a citizen and to disavow their allegiance to former rulers and countries. Any court of law in a state or territory could grant citizenship requests.

Another act was passed on April 14, 1802, that allowed information such as the name, age, birth date and place, country of emigration, country of citizenship, and place of intended settlement to be collected on aliens arriving in the U. S. A certificate was issued to them to be used in a court of law as proof of the beginning of their residency. The act also clarified the fact that anyone naturalized in any state or territory district or circuit court was considered a citizen like anyone naturalized by a federal court.

The “first papers,” or declaration of intention, was the renouncing of allegiance to the former ruler and country along with any title of nobility the individual might have. Within a two year period (seven years after 1906), the individual could petition the court for acceptance as a U.

S. citizen. This petition was called the “second papers.” They consisted of an oath of allegiance to the United States, the applicant’s petition, and the signed statement of two witnesses vouching for the length of residency and good moral standing of the applicant.

An act passed on June 27, 1906, brought changes to the petition forms in use. It asked for the applicant’s name, occupation, residence, date and place of birth, name of ship, port and date of arrival, and date and place of emigration, marital status, spouse and children’s names, birth dates and places of birth, and residences of children. Later in 1929, the place and date of marriage of the applicant and occupation and place of residence of the two witnesses were added. The court allowed the applicant to change his name if he wished. This was also recorded in the court records.

The “third papers” were the naturalization certificates issued to those petitioners who met all of the requirements. Before 1907 there were different forms in use for certificates, and courts did not keep copies of them. A second copy went to the Immigration and Naturalization Service after 1906.

Naturalization laws did not treat women different from men in the naturalization process until 1804. From 1804 to 1934 a wife and her minor children could gain citizenship if her husband died after filing a declaration of intention. All she had to do was take the oath of allegiance in court. In 1855, a revision to the 1802 act allowed wives of men who had naturalized or were already citizens to become citizens automatically. Single women or widows were usually the only ones who might naturalize through the court system. Blacks were able to naturalize after 1870.

Midland Genealogical Society Programs for 2007 - 2008

Meetings are scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted..

Programs for the meetings are as follows.

November 28, 2007 meeting 7:00 Lounge

Bob Snyder will coordinate a program on computers, with help from several other members. Note date change.

January 16, 2008 meeting 7:00 Lounge

Case Studies. Looking for 2 or 3 persons to present their case studies.

February 20, 2008 meeting 7:00 Lounge

A panel will be assembled to answer your questions.

March 19, 2008 meeting 7:00 Lounge

Ancestors of Illegitimate Royalty by Wilma Diesen.

The Presidents Letter

The MGS Board and officers have been working to create an active year for the Society. We have had two successful general meetings with the third quickly approaching.

On Wednesday, 28 November, Bob Snyder will present a program demonstrating how he uses his computer in genealogical research. Most Thursday afternoons, Bob is a volunteer in the Midland room with his laptop computer helping many patrons with their research. This should be an interesting and informative program.

Program Chair, Jo Brines, needs suggestions and recommendations for programs for the March, April and May MGS general meetings. The joint Library-MGS meeting in April has been a challenge to arrange.

On August 4 2007 I sent a letter to all the Library staff with a request to allow the MGS to purchase a computer system to be used and stored in the Midland room. Its specific use would be, with volunteer supervision, to allow patrons access to the more than 250 genealogical CDs in the Midland room. These CDs have been accumulated by the MGS during the past several years. The original MGS genealogical computer, donated by Ken Schweitzer, was used to access the CDs. It has been inoperative for several years based on misuse and lack of maintenance. The Library staff's initial response, without notice to the MGS, was to remove the CDs from the Midland room. I met with the Library staff on September 14 to discuss the proposal. During the meeting, the Library staff said they gave serious consideration to the request – BUT denied it on the basis that the computer would only be available during the periods when the volunteers were present. The staff indicated they would install software on the genealogical internet computer, provided and supported by the Library, which would allow the use of selected CDs. They also indicated that they planned

on allowing patrons to check out the World Family Tree CDs in the same manner patrons check out books.

The Library staff also recommended that the MGS purchase a laptop computer, which could be stored in the Midland room closet, for use by MGS members for Society business and projects. The Board is exploring what our next step should be. It has been suggested that the MGS should recommend a member be appointed to the Library Board so that genealogist's views would be represented at a that level – any volunteers?

The Board still would like to have a Beginner/Intermediate Genealogy Workshop on 3 successive Saturday mornings in February-March but we need a volunteer to organize it.

The MGS will be sponsoring a trip to Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana on April 21-23, 2008. Please check the details in the Pioneer Record article on Page xx.

The Midland First Families Project is being placed on temporary hold until a qualified MGS member steps forward to lead it. Mary Lou Hayes, who has done all the work for the last 7 years, is unable to continue.

The MGS planning committee for the Michigan Genealogical Council 2009 Seminar is moving forward. A contract with Valley Plaza Resort for October 15-18, 2009 has been signed. At the next committee meeting we hope to set the Theme and Topics for the seminar so that we can proceed with arranging speakers and vendors.

MGS President, Earl Ebach

From The Editor...

I am looking for stories on Midland Pioneers. If you have an interesting story to contribute please send it to me for publication. I have several ancestors that were Midland pioneers and would like to know more about their reasons for choosing Midland as a place to settle. I am also interested in hearing about what life was like in the 1800's here. You can find a lot of details from old letters.

Please remember that the November meet-

ing will be held on the last Wednesday of the month. This was due to Thanksgiving. Jo is looking for volunteers to participate in the coming general meeting presentations. Be sure to see her article on the next page. I hope all of you have happy holidays. You will be hearing from me again in February. Please send those articles.

Walt Bennett
Editor

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to new member Patricia Clore who has already volunteered for library coverage in the Gene room.

Thanks to those of you who returned the Member Profile and responded to the question of future program ideas. Your suggestions have been compiled, reviewed and summarized. Most of these subjects will be covered in the following ways: guest speakers; regular monthly meetings; Saturday workshops; 2009 conference. So watch for future posting by the program chair.

About 20 members have not paid their dues for this year and they have been contacted. Hopefully by the time of this printing, most will have renewed their membership.

Remember to support the NARA project with your monthly donation to the NARA jar.

Betty Bellous



MEMBERSHIP DUES 2007-2008

The collection of MGS membership dues for 2007-2008 will conclude at the September 19th MGS meeting. The MGS treasurer and Membership chairs have been collecting dues since last May 2007, 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

Programs

In August, dues paying members were asked to fill out a member profile sheet, indicating suggestions for programs or problem areas in their research. Betty Belous, our membership chairperson compiled the results and we both thank you for your ideas. Accordingly, yet this year, I am going to try to implement several suggestions into programs, but I need YOUR HELP.

MY WANTED LIST:

1. 4 or 5 well-rounded (genealogically speaking) members who would be part of a panel to answer questions about "dead-ends". This would be for a meeting in late winter or May.

2. Questions from members concerning their "dead-ends" or stumbling blocks. It would help the panel be somewhat prepared if some of their questions were submitted ahead of the meeting.

Several people to share an interesting success story (or as the professional genealogist call them "a case study") including avenues of research used. Many techniques in genealogy are universal and can be /should be used by anyone. The problem on objective needs to be identified, then an outline of steps to be followed which hopefully will lead to the accomplished goal. This program would also take place in 2008.

THANK YOU for considering and being a part of several interesting programs for next year. Please call me at 832-8312 or you will be hearing from me.

Jo Brines Program Chairperson

MGS Trip to Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN

MGS will be sponsoring a 3 day trip to the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN on April 21-23, 2008. The proposed trip will be as follows:

21 April – Monday – leave parking lot at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library at 8:00 AM - drive 215 miles (3 1/2 hours) to Library in Fort Wayne

- Afternoon – one hour meeting with Library Staff including introduction to new genealogy facilities

- research the balance of the afternoon

- Evening – research – open until 9:00 PM

- Night – Stay at LaSalle Inn (B&B)

22 April – Tuesday - Morning – research – opens at 9:00 AM

- Afternoon – research

- Evening – research – open until 9:00 PM

- Night – Stay at LaSalle Inn (B&B)

23 April – Wednesday- Morning – research – opens at 9:00 AM

- Afternoon – return to Midland arriving at Grace A Dow Library about 5:30 PM

We will drive in several personal cars/vans sharing the cost of gas. The number of vehicles will depend on the number of participants. Total estimated cost for transportation should be about \$15 per person.

Arrangements have been made to stay at the renovated LaSalle Inn located at 517 West Washington Blvd, approximately 1 block from the Library. This is an economical bed-and-breakfast facility. Estimated cost for a room, with 2 beds (non-smoking) & breakfast should be less than \$60 per night. If two persons share a room, total hotel cost should be about \$60 per person for two nights.

Participants will be responsible for their own lunches (3) and dinners (2).

The genealogical section of the Allen County Public Library contains the most complete collection of records second only to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The Library completed it's move back to the newly renovated Main Library and reopened in January, 2007. There are many trained librarians and/or genealogists to assist with one's research.

This trip should result in approximately 2 full days of research at a very economical cost. For those who have never visited this exceptional genealogical facility it will be a wonderful experience. For those who have visited it in the past it will be an opportunity to see the improvements as well as do research.

MGS members interested should sign the sign-up sheet on the desk in the Genealogy Room at the Library or contact Earl Ebach at (989) 835-7518 or e-mail <faeae@charter.net>



B O O K S F O R S A L E

The following books, published by the Midland Genealogical Society, are available for sale at any 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 ½ by 11 inches.

Midland County Obituary Index (#2) – 1928-1950. The book consists of about 8,000 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 ½ by 11 inches. Note: Both Obituary Books (#1 & #2) are available as a package of \$35.00.

Midland County Obituary Index (#3)-1951-1982 This book consists of 30,900 entries including about 4000 maiden names covering 22 years extracted from Midland Daily News. The 387 page, 8½ by 11, soft bound book consists of two volumes A through L and M through Z. The set costs \$40 plus \$5 postage and handling.

Midland Pioneers, edited by Ora Flaningham. 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. (Out of print, but orders being compiled at Genealogy desk.)

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

Alien veterans of the U. S. military could apply for naturalization after three years instead of five. This law went into effect after WWI. Aliens who fought in that war were also not required to file a declaration of intention

The main reasons aliens became citizens was to vote and to be able to homestead land since proof of citizenship or the beginning of the naturalization process was required before a homestead claim could be filed. Of the many aliens who came to this country, about 25% did not naturalize or only filed "first papers." In some states, that is all they needed to be able to vote.

Naturalization records can be found locally at county clerk's offices or in court records. Some may be found in state archives, with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, or at a regional NARA location. It depends on the time period searched as to where they may be located. Records on microfilm exist for some areas and can be ordered through the LDS Library.

Sometimes "first papers" and "second papers" can be found for naturalizations occurring in the 1800s. Occasionally only the name of the applicant can be found within a group of others being granted citizenship at the same time. These may be available in court records or in an announcement in a local newspaper. Records from the 1900s contain more information than the earlier ones and some information may not be correct. However, the find is worth the search even though it may not yield much new information about an ancestor. It shows that he was no longer an alien in a foreign land but a citizen of his new country.

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Check Out This !

The October 2007 issue of Family Chronicles Magazine of the reading shelf in the genealogy room has some great articles worth your time. One in particular caught my eye "[Learn How the Salvation Army, the Catholic Church Records and religious Newspapers can help your genealogy](#)". Did you know that the Salvation Army was once the world's largest emigration agency? Approximately 250,000 people migrated during the first third of the 20th century from the United Kingdom to Canada and other UK countries. The Army has the sailing sheets from the ships, which transported these people to Canada, and they contained detailed information. The Army will provide searches from the sailing sheets or for missing people.

Read the article on page 20 to find out how to take advantage of their free services.

Worth Watching

Starting 11 October 2007 at 7:30 on CBC channel, a 13 part series begins which will interest all genealogists. Each week a different celebrity, working with genealogists all over the world, attempt to trace their roots using a variety of resources. The program is called "[Who Do You Think You Are](#)" The American major networks are competing for the opportunity to sponsor this program. Mark your calendars!

NARA fees to go up on Oct. 1.

NARA will charge \$75 for a Civil War pension file of up to 100 pages, plus .65 per additional page. They will charge \$50 for pre-Civil-War pension files.

This increase is lower than the originally proposed fees. NARA lacks funding for digitizing all the Civil War pension files.

New Additions to the Gene Room

- * U.S. The American Census Handbook
- * Passenger & Immigration Lists Index
- * Yoder Newsletter Issues 1 to 25
- * Beaverton, A Century In The Making

Hubbard Murder

Following our recent presentation on Hubbard, these two articles were found in the Midland Newspapers. We would like to know if anyone has any information to add. Please send an email or snail mail to the Pioneer record editor at the address on the back of this newsletter.

WAS IT MURDER?

AT OR NEAR HUBBARD

Report of the Finding of a Dead Mutilated Body.

From Hubbard comes the report that about two weeks ago a lad, Leo Runo, stated that he and a man from Auburn had found in the woods near Hubbard, the body of a girl perhaps twelve years old, with head cut off, and otherwise mutilated. It is said the boy's father was too busy to look the matter up. As rumors continued to circulate a Mr. Westfall went with the boy to the spot Wednesday, Aug. 16, and found a bloody spot of ground, but no body. No girl of the vicinity is known to be missing. The matter has caused great excitement and a feeling of indignation that such a report should go so long uninvestigated. Was there a murder, is the question now of importance to be answered.

Source: Midland Republican, Friday, Aug. 18, 1899, pg. 5

About two weeks ago, while picking huckleberries near Hubbard, the 12 year old son of Joseph Runo and a stranger from Auburn discovered the body of a 10-year old girl lying near a log with the head severed from the body, and the body mutilated. Nothing was said of the discovery at the time, but Wednesday a rumor had become current of the facts and an investigation was made. No trace of the body could be found, but blood stains were noticeable on the log and ground. The county officials were notified yesterday morning and the matter will be thoroughly sifted. No child has been missed in that vicinity so far as known.

Source: Midland Sun, Friday, Aug. 18, 1899, pg. 5

MGC DELEGATE REPORT -

November 8, 2007

Faye Ebach

As a result of delayed budget actions on the part of the state legislature, current public services provided by the Library of Michigan as well as the State Archives are in a state of flux. These difficulties are compounded by the need to do extensive repairs to the roof of the entire Michigan Historical Center which houses both the Library and Archives. The entire top (fifth) floor of the building has been emptied and many functions, collections, etc have been moved to other areas of the building. Meeting space is essentially unavailable, impacting many organizations, including the Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC). Delegate meetings are being held in private churches, when available.

This change has one advantage. The Council can host a MARKET for delegates and societies, where publications, etc, can be displayed and sold. Several societies and delegates displayed numerous publications, obituary books, craft items, etc. and made them available for sale. It was announced that the next scheduled Council meeting in March, 2008 will also be held at a local church, and a MARKET opportunity will again be available to delegates and member societies.

The October MGC sponsored workshop at the Library of Michigan was well attended. Approximately 106 participants enjoyed a day of listening to various presentations as well as touring the Library facilities.

The web site committee proposed the MGC change their web site provider from Rootsweb.com to Yahoo where improved security will be available. The new web address will be: mimgc.org. This address will become effective in early December, 2007.

Joanne Harvey, MGC President, announced that Generations Network, Inc., the parent company of Ancestry.com and RootsWeb.com, has been acquired by Spectrum Equity Investors. Spectrum Equity is a private equity firm with a primary focus on investing in profitable, growing service businesses. What impact this acquisition will have on services provided by both Ancestry.com and RootsWeb.com are yet to be determined.

Pet Cemetery Stone

In his article, *After the Brick Wall Falls*, George Morgan mentions, "Brisco never had a grave marker. I ordered a gravestone for him, and some of my first cousins have contributed to its cost."

We faced a similar problem for one of my ancestors. My great-grandfather died young, leaving a large--and young--family with no money. He never had a gravestone. My mom and I wished to do something, but the cost of gravestones was far more than we wanted to spend. We ordered a gravestone for him from a pet supply catalog. It is a beautiful granite headstone with his name and life dates engraved quite professionally. At a cost of less than \$100, the marker is about one-third of the size of a traditional gravestone (much like the smaller tombstones you might see for children or infants). Except for the size, it is as beautiful and as professionally done as a more traditional and more costly grave marker.

He was buried in an old cemetery now closed to new burials so there were no cemetery rules that we had to deal with. That might be a concern for some cemeteries. Nonetheless, we thought this was an excellent way to remember and honor one of our family without breaking the family budget.

Debbie

(from Ancestry Quick Tips)

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Several members interested in becoming substitute volunteers in the genealogy room. Hours are 1-4pm on a weekday. The greatest need is for all the winter months on Thursday. This day could be filled by the same person for a month or two, or by several people alternating. The second need is for "on call" subs for the regulars who are unable to work for a specific day. Usually there would be at least several days advance notice.

It is not hard work ! Just a knowledge of how to help/advise people and some-familiarity with our collection and the computer. Staffing the genealogy room Monday through Friday has been a long standing commitment by the Midland Genealogical Society. Please consider helping us maintain that commitment. Call Jo Brines, 832-8312, with any questions or offers to help.

Many of you are not aware of another free resource. Through our library, you have access to America's Genealogy Bank. You have access to :

- Historical Newspapers, 1690 - 1977
- Historical Books 1801 - 1900
- Historical Documents, 1789 - 1980
- America's Obituaries, 1977 - present
- Social Security Death Index, 1937 - current

You can access this wonderful resource from home using your library card. Access through the library's web site.

The Generations Network, Parent Company of Ancestry.com, to be Acquired by Spectrum Equity Investors

PROVO, Utah, Oct. 17 /PRNewswire/ -- The Generations Network, Inc., today announced that Spectrum Equity Investors will lead an investment of \$300 million to purchase a majority interest in the company. Spectrum, a private equity firm based in Menlo Park and Boston, has been a shareholder in The Generations Network since 2003. Following the transaction, Vic Parker and Ben Spero from Spectrum will serve on the company's new board of directors, along with Tim Sullivan, President and CEO of The Generations Network. Additional terms of the transaction were not disclosed. The acquisition is subject to customary regulatory and closing conditions and is expected to close in 2007.

The Generations Network's portfolio of sites and products includes Ancestry.com and seven international Ancestry sites, myfamily.com, Rootsweb.com, Genealogy.com, Family Tree Maker® and Ancestry Magazine. The company's current management team will continue to lead the company.

"As an investor in The Generations Network for the past four years, we have watched the company revolutionize the family history category by leveraging the power of the Internet to make it more accessible and easy for anyone," said Vic Parker, Managing Partner, Spectrum Equity Investors. "Ancestry.com and myfamily.com are clear category leaders in the growing and rapidly evolving family history and family networking markets. We are excited to partner with The Generations Network management team to continue growing this truly unique company that has the power to impact users at a very personal and emotional level."

Looking Back in Midland County

Taken From *The Midland Sun* October 20, 1899
p. 1

Coleman

A new house is being built on the lot north of the McCulloch property.

The ladies' literary society will meet with Mrs. Frank Gibbs next Saturday afternoon, when an interesting program will be rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bliss will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage next Friday evening at their home in this village.

A much needed rain fell Monday night, as fires were raging about town doing considerable damage. S. Horton lost most of his fence and with difficulty saved his hay stacks.

A farmer toward Edenville lost all his property by fire Monday and carried his wife and child out on his back to save their lives, the wife being so overcome by the smoke that she was unable to walk.

Olson

J. H. Moore is moving his residence nearer the store.

Mrs. A. Moore has gone to Mt. Haley on a business trip.

The mail route from Olson to Sanford has been let to Carl Thom.

The friends of George England visiting him from Canada have returned home.

Hiram Starks had a large attendance at his dance Friday night, the swell people of Olson being present.

Chas. White made a very profitable horse trade lately. He now has both horses, the one he let go having got away from its owner and returned.

Laporte

Mrs. Elliott is visiting at Carson City.

Will Elliott is visiting friends in Carson City.

Miss Maud Morris has been visiting in Hemlock.

George Pierce and Edwin Winslow have gone to Vanderbilt.

The dance given in Hutchins' Hall Friday eve-

ning was well attended.

The ladies aid society meets with Mrs. Manson Morris next week Friday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cron of Poseyville was interred in the Laporte cemetery Sunday.

Grace Vincent resigned her duties as teacher at Redstone Monday, after a short vacation, on account of illness.

Miss Ethel Beckley returned to her school in Porter, Monday after a week's vacation on account of the illness of her brother, Willie Beckley.

Jam

Peter Haley is on the sick list.

Mrs. Wilson is on the sick list.

Mr. Chaplin spent Sunday in Laporte.

Mrs. Moore of Sanford spent last week here.

Miss Andrea has returned to Saginaw.

Kate Fitmorris spent Sunday at home.

Miss Maggie Dute intends going to Duluth.

Little Artie Madden has returned home.

Miss Teresa Madden spent the week with Anna Murphy.

There was a logging bee at Mr. Dean's, well attended.

Fred Cataract and Miss Viola Rose were united in marriage at Merrill Monday, Oct. 16, and came to this place where a wedding dinner was served. The bride was attired in a blue broadcloth dress, trimmed with white satin. She carried no roses, but the bride's maid, Miss Selena Rose, carried the roses in her place. They left Tuesday for their home in Saginaw.

North Wheeler

Charles Hynes has returned from Alma.

Orren Bryan has gone to Detroit for the winter.

Nelson Hill and family called on St. Louis friends Saturday.

Roy Gifford of Alma visited North Williams friends Sunday.

John Duffy and wife made a business trip to St. Louis Saturday.

Mrs. Patrick Hynes has returned to St. Louis, where she will remain for the winter. Her children will also reside there and attend school.

War In early America

PEQUOT WAR—This war began with the murder of a colonist by the Pequot Indians of New England. It lasted from 30 July 1630 to 28 July 1637.

KING PHILLIP'S WAR—Named for King Phillip (or Matacomet), this war was fought from July 1675 to August 1675. The larger cause of the war was due to the English settlers expanding onto Native American hunting and fishing grounds. The war ended with King Phillip's death.

KING WILLIAM'S WAR —An all volunteer inter-colonial war, fought from 1689 to 1697. The war was generally small scale raids, with the burning of forts and towns. It was ended with the Treaty of Rusewick.

QUEEN ANNE'S WAR —Fought from 1701 to 1714, it was the American counterpart of the war of the Spanish Succession. The main war was fought in Europe, but also took place in the West Indies, the Carolina Coast, and in New England. The New York border did not come under attack, due to an alliance with the French and Iroquois Indians. Peace negotiations began in 1711, in Europe, resulting in an armistice in America in October 1712.

KING GEORGE' WAR — From 1744 to 1748, New Englanders assembled troops and ships, at Boston, and captured Louisburg on Cape Breton Island. The war was a result of the struggle for control of the St. Lawrence and Mississippi basins. It began when France and England declared war against each other, in the war of the Austrian Succession.

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