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Crossing Over

By Gloria Kunding

During the 1800s and the first half of the 1900s, the country that has enhanced Michigan's population the most has been its neighbor, Canada. Michigan boasted 20% of the total Canadian immigrant population of the United States near the mid 1900s. Although Canadian immigrants came from both Ontario and Quebec, the ones from Ontario made the biggest impact on Michigan's population growth. These people were predominantly of Scottish, Irish, German, and English origins.

There were several reasons people left Canada for the United States. As the best farmland of Quebec and Ontario became settled, people began to spread westward in search of cheap, available farmland. Those who lived in Ontario found its northern wilderness too rugged for farming. The states of New York and Ohio southward were already quite populated. However, Michigan had an abundance of inexpensive land. In Ontario in the mid 1830s, land cost \$5.00 an acre compared to \$1.00 an acre in Michigan.

The Canadian rebellions in 1837 caused those on the losing end to leave for political reasons. For others leaving Ontario, Michigan's robust economy was a big draw. Villages in Sanilac and Ionia counties attracted Canadian settlers of Scotch and Irish origins. More Canadian settlements were to be found in St. Clair, Huron, Lapeer, and Tuscola counties before the Civil War. The growth of lumbering brought many Canadians to Saginaw County and jobs in Detroit's industries lured others to settle there. Later Canadians settled along the northern areas of Lake Huron and in the eastern side of the Upper Peninsula.

French Canadian emigration also occurred because of economic reasons. Quebec's population quadrupled during the first half of the 1800s. Its farmland became scarce and unaffordable to its mostly rural inhabitants. The land that was available was not as fertile, had a short growing season, or lacked adequate market availability. Also credit wasn't easy to obtain. Many farmers had to work in lumber camps to make ends meet—only to be paid in company script.

Often farmers were forced off their land by foreclosure and moved to big cities to find work. Others went so they could earn money pay off debts. Even though by 1890 Quebec's economy was more industrialized than Ontario's, the United States attracted these French Canadians to the large textile mills of New England.

Wages there were higher than in Quebec and jobs were plentiful. Because of job availability, French Canadian city dwellers also left for work in the U.S. factories. Others found work as farm hands, in lumber camps, and in brick-making and other industries. Many had intended the move to be short term—just long enough to save for a farm or buy machinery or pay off debts. However once here and earning a steady pay check, these laborers did not return to Canada.

Most of the French Canadian migration was to the New England states

“Genealogists never die, they just loose their roots. “

Midland Genealogical Society Programs for 2008 - 2009

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

Programs for the meetings are as follows.

April 15, 2009 meeting 7:00 Historical Society

Discussion regarding genealogy databases

May 20, 2009 meeting 6:00 Historical Society

Potluck—Please bring a dish to pass
Annual Meeting—Alice Sias—Civil War Ancestors

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The Presidents Letter

The very good news is that all of your elected officers have consented to run for an additional year. Always, additional candidates are welcome. I have appointed a nominating committee of Mary Eichhorn, Joanne Rupprecht, and Mary Branson. They have been charged with finding volunteers for hospitality and a web master for our society's web site. We need a dedicated member to update meeting notices, books, posted indexes, etc. I am told that HTML is fairly easy to learn; in fact our Irish grandson, Ewan (8), has his own web site.

The marriage project is proceeding well with the bulk of the entries received from our data entry volunteers. Most have been combined on a sheet and put into a consistent format. Significant work is still needed to get consistent footnotes and to settle on the layout and style of the book. We are considering pre-selling soft bound copies then generating CDs for future sales.

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From The Editor...

This concludes another year of the Pioneer Record. I hope that we have provided many interesting articles for your enjoyment.

I will be looking for your articles over the summer months. Please send them to the address published on the back of this newsletter. I would like to see articles about your trips abroad while searching for an elusive ancestor and share what you have learned about the experience.

I would like to remind our members that the society is always looking for volunteers to help in many different capacities. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one

I am writing this in Dublin while watching the Irish team sweep the Six Nation Rugby Championship. Our Irish families originated in County Roscommon and County Sligo. Their Counties are divided into Civil Parishes then into Townlands versus our townships and sections. Recent birth and marriage records are at the Joyce House on Lombard St., the census records are at the National Archives on Bishop St., and genealogy books and older church records are at the National Library on Kildare St. (within a mile). The library also has a special genealogy office with friendly and helpful workers.

I hope to share the pot luck (6:00) with you at the annual meeting in May at the Midland County Historical Society's Carriage House.

MGS President, Bob Mass

of the MGS officers listed on the back of this newsletter.

I would like to thank the volunteers that have contributed their time this year. We have had some good programs this year and we will also soon have new offerings that are being published due to several volunteers transcribing marriage records and also a new CD from Ora Flaningam.

Have a great summer. Hope to see many of you in the fall.

Walt Bennett
Editor

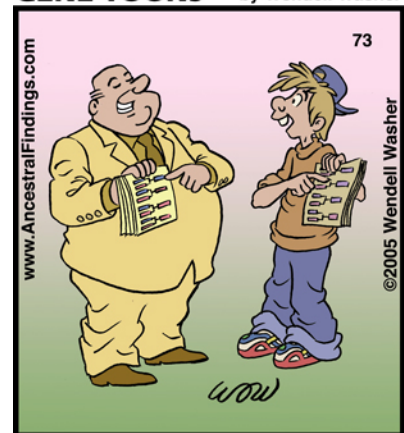
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership activities have slowed down as we reach the end of this year. In August you will be receiving the dues renewal letter the same as last fall. This system works well and we appreciate your participation. A special reminder note will go out to those of you have paid 2009-2010 dues in advance so that you don't pay again.

If you have any ideas about how to recruit new members, please let me know, also if you have any ideas on getting more of our members to come to the meeting, I would appreciate it.

Linda Fisher, Membership Chair

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Genealogy - Not just for the rich and famous anymore.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2009-2010

Statements for the 2009-2010 dues will be sent out in early August 2009 and will be due by the first meeting in September 2009.

Linda Fisher, Membership Chair, Midland Genealogical Society, 2772 N Meridian Road, Sanford, MI 48657. 989-687-9131. Dues for an individual are \$14.00: for a family they are \$17.50

It's About Time

Many heartfelt thanks to all of you who took time out of your busy lives, and devoted yourselves to the Midland County Marriage Records of 1855-1910. We're not talking just a few spare moments here, but hours and hours of concentrated effort.

Doing what, you ask? Xeroxing the marriage records; transcribing them; (Sounds easy enough, but try it for a total year of records. Oh, would I like to get my hands on some of those county clerks.); proofing each line, perhaps by trips to the county building to see if the original was more legible; by checking census, cemetery, obituary books (all published previously by our society) and a number of other sources to confirm a first or last name, or locate a place;

making abbreviations for place names, occupations, and officials' titles; typing each record in the format provided by the editor, Bob Mass; proofing for typos; and submitting final copies; and let us not forget the editing, and the arranging into the final format.

Although those results are yet to be on a CD or in book form, it is just a matter of time before this occurs. I'm happy to announce that all of the marriage records for those years have been submitted to Bob Mass. Now it's about time you got your names in print for your dedication shown on this society project.

Contributors are listed alphabetically. Categorizing them as typists, proofers, etc. was impossible...too many crossovers. You all know

what your contributions were, and how eternally grateful I am to you:

Jim Anderson, Linda Fisher, Betty Belous, Nancy Humphrey, Marion Berry, Bev Keicher, Kathy Bohl, Gloria Kundinger, Jo Brines, Mary Grace Lenz, Earl Ebach, Bob Mass, Mary Eichorn, Ron Snyder

When this work is published, you can take pride in a job well done!

Thank you, too, to those who took records to work on and then, because life happens, were unable to contribute. Also to those who offered to type, but were not called upon, because the timing wasn't right. Thank you for offering.

Ruth Ann Casadonte

Marriage Records Committee Chairman



BOOKS FOR SALE

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.)

A collection of "Some Midland Michigan County Records" have been compiled and extensively indexed by Ora L. Flaningham. It is available in PDF format on a compact disc from the Midland Genealogical Society. The collection is mainly out of print books from our society, Harold Moll, and Ora Flaningham. Included are: "Midland County Cemetery Records" 1981, "Midland County Michigan Census 1850-1894 (1983)", "Midland County Michigan Obituary Index 1872-1927 (1994)", "Midland Pioneers", vol 1 (1999) & vol 2, "Midland County Michigan Probate Index 1850-1900", "Early Saginaw Valley History", "Bethany Indian Mission 1843-1855", "Bethany Indian Mission 1851-1868", "In the Wilderness With the Red Indians", "Account Book of Charles H. Rodd", "Indian Build a Birch Bark Canoe", and Index to First Families of Midland County".

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close to Quebec. Other French Canadians living in Ontario came to Illinois or Michigan while some went to Wisconsin or Minnesota. The railroad also played a part in the spread of Canadians to different parts of the United States.

During the Civil War, some 40,000 Canadians enlisted in the Union Army for various reasons. The bounty money paid by the federal government, as well as the bounties

Some Canadians already living here returned to Canada during this time. However the 1920s post war prosperity increased immigration from Canada again until it dropped during the depression.

In the mid to late 1800s, anyone could cross the border without difficulty. That changed when our government noticed immigrants from other countries coming to Canada then crossing the border into the United States to avoid U. S. inspectors. In 1894, our government convinced Canada to help by documenting aliens crossing the border.

These manifests were called the St. Albans Lists after the INS records were moved to its new office in St. Albans, Vermont, from its office in Montreal. The St Albans Lists includes **ALL** border crossings into the United States from Canada at places in Michigan, North Dakota, Washington, Montana, New York, and other areas along the Canadian border. After 1917, the Seattle, Washington, office housed the manifest cards for crossings west of the Montana-North Dakota state line.

The St. Albans Lists are on 639 rolls of microfilm for Canadian Pacific and Atlantic ports from 1895 to 1954. Also another 25 rolls of film for Canadian Pacific ports from 1929 to 1949 are available. There is a soundex index by surname for the 1895-1924 St. Albans, VT., district on 401 rolls of film. And a set of 98 rolls of soundex films for the Canadian Pacific and Atlantic ports 1924 – 1952.

The St Albans Lists also contain four groups of microfilmed records for Michigan ports on 189 rolls of film. The films are arranged alphabetically. Two groups are of the Port of Detroit (140 rolls). while the other two are of Algonac, Marine City, Saint Clair, Sault Saint Marie, Robert's Landing, (8 rolls) and Port Huron (41 rolls).

No trace of the original records can be found. They were probably destroyed after microfilming. These records are available from NARA or the LDS.

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MANIFEST		Part of	Date	Serial No.
Family name		From name	Accompanied	
Age	Sex	M. S.	Occupation	Place of birth
Yrs.	Mon.	W. D.		
Nationality	Race	Head	Language or exemption	Money shown
		Write		
Last permanent residence		Destination		
Country	Town	Town	State	
Passage paid by	Enter in U. S.	Free	To	Where
Going to join		Complete address		
Relative or friend				
Purpose in coming and		Head tax status	Height	Complexion
Time remaining in U. S.			ft. in.	Hair
Name		Address		
Name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came		C. L. V. No.	Place of issue	Section and subdivision of Act of 1924, under which issued
Support of landing		Date of landing	Name of S. S.	
Records by	Previously examined at	Date	Previous disposition	Present disposition, P. I.

U.S. Border Crossing Manifest Card

paid by state and local governments, was probably the biggest incentive for enlistment. Other Canadians flocked to Michigan to fill the job vacancies in lumbering and manufacturing left by departing soldiers.

In the late 1800s, Canadians made up 33% of the immigrant population in Michigan's Thumb. About 152,000 English-speaking Canadians were living in Michigan in 1900 and about 32,400 French-speaking Canadians. Those living in Michigan in 1888 could earn \$46.00 a month compared to \$21.85 a month for the same work in Canada. Approximately 75% of the Canadians who came over worked in Michigan lumber camps.

World War I put a damper on Canadian immigration in the early 1900s.

The St. Albans Lists are microfilmed manifest cards which documented the information of immigrants crossing to the U.S. from Canada between 1895 and 1954. Those born in Canada were not listed until 1906. Also our citizens leaving the United States for Canada were not documented until 1906. These records are not part of the St. Albans Lists and can be found in Canada.

Passenger manifest forms for steamships and rail roads that crossed the border were to be kept for legal immigrants. The manifests were collected by U.S. border inspectors. Information found on the manifest cards included the immigrant's name, age, date and place of birth, residence, occupation, country of origin, destination, physical description, the name of a relative or friend in Canada, as well as the port, date, and ship that originally brought them to Canada.



MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE ON CD-ROM

The following books on Midland history and genealogy, some previously published by the Midland Genealogical Society, and some new are now available on CD-ROM. Send order to: Midland Genealogical Society CD-Rom, c/o Dave Russell, Treasurer, 4415 James Drive, Midland, MI 48642-3785. The cost of the CD-ROM is \$25 including postage & handling.

Midland County Michigan Cemetery Records [out of print]. Previously published 1981. Now with EVERY NAME Index. 752 pages.

Midland County Michigan Census 1850-1894 [out of print]. Previously published 1983. Now with EVERY NAME Index. [Index in Progress] about 800 pages. The EVERY NAME Index does also include most of the data of the original Census compilation.

Midland County Michigan Obituary Index 1872-1927. Previously published 1994. 244 pages.

Midland Pioneers, Volume 1. [out of print]. Previously published 1999. Extensive Index. 264 pages.

Midland Pioneers, Volume 2. Compiled 2004. Extensive Index. 264 pages.

Midland County Michigan Probate Index

1850-1900. Compiled 2005. 34 pages.

Early Saginaw Valley History. Articles by Harold Moll. Compiled by Ora Flanigan 2006. Extensive Index. 407 pages. With permission of Mr. Moll.

Bethany Indian Mission 1843-1855, St. Louis, MI Volume 1 Letters and Articles of Edward J.R. Baierlein. Translated from German. Compiled by Harold Moll & with his permission. 1989. 298 pages.

Bethany Indian Mission 1851-1868, St. Louis, MI Volume 2 Letters and Articles of Ernest G. H. Meissler. Translated from German. Compiled by Harold Moll & with his permission. 1989. 285 pages.

Bethany Indian Mission 1893 St. Louis, MI Volume 3 "In the Wilderness With the Red Indians", by E.R. Baierlein, Translated from the German. Compiled by Harold Moll & with his permission. 1989. 136 pages.

Account Book of Charles H. Rodd, Trader to the Indians and Early Midland County, 1854-1856. Typed & Indexed by Scott Beld, 1988. 451 pages.

Indian Build a Birch Bark Canoe. By Harold H. Moll & with his permission. 1976. 35 pages and 120 photographs.

Index to First Families of Midland County.

Urgent Fight For the Library of Michigan

Fellow Michigan Genealogists,

The economic situation in Michigan and America continues declining. Michigan's state departments are attempting to restructure, and legislators are working on new budget proposals with huge cuts.

The rumor mill is lethal! As researchers we need to remember that a rumor is not primary or even secondary source information, but based on, like so much of our family information, probably a grain of fact which can be misinterpreted.

At this time, there is a rather public rumor that one group is considering closing the Library of Michigan entirely, and emptying the west side of the History, Arts and Libraries building. The Library's collection might be offered to a "local university," obviously Michigan State University, which has never had a genealogy collection and is itself facing large cuts. Some form of legal and archival support for the Michigan government must be maintained by law, but its format is debatable.

Now is the hour! All genealogists need to get into immediate contact with their local Senators and Representatives, emphasizing forcefully that the Library, even downsized severely, needs to be preserved. Make it plain to your legislator that you understand our state's fiscal situation, and that you are amenable to severe cuts, but that the statewide internet, inter-library loan, electronic support, are crucial to Michigan citizens and that you as a taxpayer feel they must be maintained in at least some format.

Do it now! Do it often! Get several other society members to contact their legislators and keep track of which legislators have been contacted and their response, forwarding this information to MGC at harveyfti@webtv.net. Your on-site research team is providing speakers for legislative committees and will be a presence there.

On Thursday, March 12 there will be a Senate Appropriation Committee meeting and the subject is libraries. Please contact Senator Thomas George immediately at 517-373-2768 and show support for the Library.

Fight for the Library of Michigan!

Joanne Harvey, Research Access Chair

Michigan Genealogical Council

Pioneer Families

The Goolds and Thurlows In Midland County

This is a story of two families and how they came to settle in SW Midland County and northern Saginaw County.

The story for both families starts in Leeds County, Ontario which is located along the St. Lawrence River, across from northern New York State. One family, the Goolds and Haws were from Front of Yonge Township at the southern part of the county, near the present village of Mallorytown. The other family, the Thurlows, was from Westport in North Crosby Township in the very northwest part of the same county.

George Edward Thurlow was probably in Westport because of the construction of the Rideau Canal which was being built right through the heart of the township. He was a learned man and was the first township clerk of North Crosby Township from 1828 to 1840. He was born in England and his wife, Mary Ballantyne was born in Scotland. In the 1848 Upper Canada census, they are found in Westport with their children, Jane, Hugh, Margaret, John, Mary, George and Peter. By 1851, George and Mary, the parents, could no longer be found and the elder children had separated and married. Jane to Lester Bagg, Hugh to Ann Christilaw, John to Harriett Christilaw, Margaret to Joseph Haskins, and Mary to Hugh Garrett. The two other sons, George and Peter, were living with Margaret and Joseph Haskins.

Hugh settled in Lanark County, Ontario. His first wife, Ann, died in 1872 after having 12 children. Hugh remarried to Jane McInnes and they had four more children. Jane died in 1883. Hugh then married Caroline Bolton Voice and they had two more children. Seventeen of Hugh's eighteen children survived to adulthood. Hugh continued to live in Lanark County, Ontario until his death in 1892. John and Harriett settled near Goderich in

Huron County, Ontario. They had 12 children before John's death in 1874. Nine of those children survived to adulthood. From about 1854 to about 1866, Hugh and Mary Garrett also lived near Goderich. Margaret and Joseph Haskins stayed in Leeds County during this time.

Sometime before 1865, Jane and Lester Bagg moved to Ingersoll Township, Midland County. About 1866 or early 1867, Hugh and Mary Garrett and six children also moved to the area, settling just east of Laporte. They had three more children between 1867 and 1872. By the 1870 census, Jane and Lester Bagg also had living with them Mary Jane Thurlow, the 20 year old daughter of Jane's brother, Hugh Thurlow. Mary Jane married Charles Smith in 1870. A son, Harmon Lester Smith was born in 1872. Mary Jane died a year and a half later and Harmon was raised by his adopted grandparents, Jane and Lester Bagg, who had no children of their own. Over the next 20 years, 10 more of Hugh Thurlow's children also left Canada to live with their aunts, uncles and cousins in Midland and Saginaw Counties.



Jane (Thurlow) Bagg

In January 1883, Margaret and Joseph Haskins left Leeds County, Ontario and settled in Ingersoll Township. Seven of their nine children came with them. By 1900, 101 Thurlow descendants lived in Ingersoll and Tittabawassee Townships (32 Garretts, 34 Haskins, 35 Thurlows). One of them was my grandfather.... and that starts the second part of this story.

Edward Haws Sr. obtained a land grant in Grenville County, Ontario in 1794. He

brought his wife and two children there shortly after. By Feb 1798 he was dead and his wife was left to raise four children. One of these was Edward Haws. By 1815, Edward and one of his brothers, Peter, had moved to neighboring Leeds County and were working land near Lyn in Elizabethtown Township.

In Leeds County, a small settlement of United Empire Loyalists had grown up around the little crossroads of Mallorytown. John Gardiner and his wife, Luzina Lamb, had married sometime before May 1793. A daughter, Anna Jane Gardiner, was born in November 1794. In June 1815, Edward Haws and Anna Jane Gardiner married. He was 19 years of age. She was 18. Over the next 25 years, they were blessed with ten children who survived to adulthood. The fifth child, born in 1825, was Elizabeth Ann Haws.

In February 1824, Elizabeth Anna Mallory married Israel Goold in Mallorytown. Very little is known of this couple except that there was a son, Cruth, born of this marriage in October 1826. In January 1847, Eliza Haws married Cruth Goold in Mallorytown. They lived for a short while in that area but they soon moved west. A son, Henry Wilson Goold, was born in Melancton Township, Wellington County, Ontario in April 1849. A daughter, Elizabeth, was also born in Melancton Township and then three children, Thomas, Jane, and William Gibbard Goold were born near Collingwood in Simcoe County, Ontario. William Gibbard Goold was named after the man who surveyed and platted the town of Collingwood, William Gibbard. By 1862, the lumber boom had left Collingwood and the family moved back to the Mallorytown area for several years. Three more sons, Cruth, John, and Charles were born between Mallorytown and Toronto. About 1866, the family, comprising of between ten and twelve children, journeyed to Sarnia to head for land in Michigan. Two family stories pop up here. The first was that they stayed in Sarnia just long enough to participate in the Orangemen's parade. The second was that they, along with all of their possessions took the ferry across the St. Clair River. On the return trip, the ferry caught fire and sank.

In 1869, Cruth bought land in Richfield Township (later part of Jonesfield Township) in northern Saginaw County. An 1877 plat map shows this to be 160 acres of Section 2 in Jonesfield Township. Besides farming, Cruth and a couple of the older boys also worked at a lumber mill. In April 1871, Cruth voted in a township school board election in Richfield Township. A record of this, along with his only known signature, is recorded in a book at the Hoyt Library in Saginaw. Later in 1871, Cruth went into Saginaw to either get the payroll for the lumber mill or to buy supplies for the mill. In either account, at some point in his trip, he had a substantial amount of money on his person. He never returned. A search was launched but it was assumed that he was waylaid and the money stolen. In 1877, Eliza Goold sold the land in Jonesfield Township and moved to near Laporte, next to the farm of Hugh Garrett. By 1900 she had 21 descendants living in Ingersoll, Thomas, and Tittabawassee Townships. Her son, William Gibbard Goold, married Margaret Ann Garrett. They are my great grandparents. Another of Eliza's sons,

Charles, married Cora Garrett, another link in the Goold and Garrett/Thurlow lines.

There are many Goold/ Thurlow/Garrett/Haskins descendants still living in the area. Walter Bennett is the great, great grandson of Harriett Thurlow and William Henry Sly and the 3g-grandson of Hugh Thurlow. Let's see, that would make him my fourth cousin, once removed.....

A 1914 plat map of Ingersoll Township shows 38 pieces of property, mostly in the southwest quarter, owned by Goold/Thurlow/Garrett/ Haskins descendants

And the rest of the story..... For nearly 130 years the story of Cruth Goold's demise was passed down through our family. My line, through William Gibbard Goold and my grandfather, Casius Goold, told the story that he was robbed and probably killed during the deed. Wilson Goold's family told that he had died in the great fires of 1871. About 2001, I was looking online at some of the early Ontario records, some of the first posted on the web. I found a record of an 1877 marriage of a Cruth Goold and Phebe Gregg in Muskoka, Ontario. Could this be my 2g-grandfather? It turns out that it was. Additional census and death records confirmed that Cruth "took the money and ran",

fleeing to Canada but far away enough from areas where there might be people who could recognize him. His second wife left him shortly after the birth of a daughter, Alice, who was born in 1878. By the 1881 census, he was living as a boarder with another family. He died Jan 14 1884 in Nipissing, Algoma District, Ontario. His Ontario death record reads:

Death: Algoma Nipissing
Cruth D Gould,
Monday, Jan 14 1884
male

57
farmer
born: Mallorytown, Ont, Leeds County
cause: colis on the lungs, sick 10 days, he was much subject to colis inflammations
Methodist
Remarks: He resides here Nippising , settles on land away from all his family who were grown up. He had traveled much in the States for some years. I saw him before he died. I had difficulty to get above information.
Signed: Rev Wm Hartley

By Brad Gougeon
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Proposed 2009-2010 Budget			
Income		Expenses	
Dues	\$ 1,500.00	Membership	
		Rent	\$ 230.00
Interest	\$ 70.00	Program	\$ 400.00
		Hospitality	\$ 25.00
Projects		Committees	\$ 60.00
Research	\$ 200.00	Officer Expenses	\$ 25.00
First Family	\$ 20.00	Books for the Library	\$ 600.00
Obit Books	\$ 40.00	Memorials	\$ 50.00
Mail & Handling	\$ -	FGS & MGC Dues	\$ 82.20
NARA	\$ 100.00	State Fees	\$ 20.00
Misc Donations	\$ -	MGC Meeting Mileage	\$ 265.00
Pins	\$ 10.00	Projects	
Marriage Records	\$ 1,150.00	Research	\$ 20.00
Midland Co. Rec's CD	\$ 250.00	Shipping	\$ 10.00
		NARA	\$ 100.00
PR Subscriptions	\$ 14.00	New Book & CD	\$ 1,570.00
Stamp Donations	\$ 380.00	Pioneer Record	
		Printing	\$ 500.00
		Postage	\$ 100.00
		Other	\$ 50.00
Totals	\$ 3,734.00		\$ 4,107.20

Coming Events

April 25, 2009 "Honoring Our Warriors: Military Genealogy". Sponsored by the Indiana Genealogical Society and is being held at the Marriot Center East in Indianapolis, Indiana. See www.indgensoc.org/conference.html.

May 9, 2009 "2009 Family History Seminar". TO be held at the Lansing Family History Center, 421 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI. There is no charge for this seminar. <http://mimgc.org/pdf/200905LansingFHC.pdf>.

May 13-16, 2009 "The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West". The 2009 National Genealogical Society Family History Conference. To be held at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. For further info see www.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2009/ConferenceRegistration.htm

May 16, 2009 "Eaton County Genealogical Workshop. Featured speakers will be Rick Roberts and Shirley Hodges. <http://www.miegs.org/Files/Workshop2008.pdf>

May 29-31, 2009 "From the Printed Page to the Digital Age". The Ontario Genealogical Society is sponsoring this event to be held in Oakville, Ontario, Canada. See www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.html.

May 30, 2009 The Marion Public Library in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College, Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, Howard County Genealogical Society, Indiana Genealogy Society and many others will present a one day workshop. Megan Smolenyak will present 5 sessions on

Using DNA in Genealogy Research at the Ivy Tech Community College campus in Marion, Indiana. The cost for the one day seminar is only \$65 if you register by April 1, and includes all sessions, lunch and evening banquet. For more information or to obtain a registration form visit our website at: www.marion.lib.in.us/departments/indianahistory/dna/dna_workshop.htm, email rstoffer@marion.lib.in.us or call 765-668-2900 ext 153.

July 17-18, 2009 "Library of Michigan Abrams Genealogy Seminar". This will be held at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Schedule not yet complete.

Sept 2-5, 2009 "Passages Through Time". This is the 2009 Annual Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and will be held at the Little Rock Statehouse Convention Center, in Little Rock, Arkansas. 2009 Annual Conference will feature Special Conference Events including Story Corps, the First Annual Heritage Film Festival, and the Home Movie Day Handheld History Program. <http://fgs.org/2009conference/>.

Sept 6, 2009 "Military, Concentration Camp, and Displaced Persons records". To be held at Polonica Americana Research Institute on the Campus of Orchard Lake Schools Activities Building, 3535 Indian Trail Rd., Orchard Lake, Michigan 48324.

Oct 10, 2009 "Bloomfield Hills Family History Genealogical Seminar" to be held at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day - Saints, 425 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI. (north of Big Beaver, south of Lone Pine) A day-long program, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with hourly classes with the last class at 4:00 p.m. There will be several parallel sessions offering a wide variety of historical and genealogical information. We will be offering a selection of over 70 lectures.

MARCH, 2009 MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL REPORT by Bev Keicher, MGS delegate

Randy Riley – The rumors haven't paralyzed the working of the library. \$100,000 was extra left from last years budget & got to purchase a lot of records. Death records are almost ready to go online. They will be a series of releases starting with 250,000 -300,000 records up to the total of about one million. By releasing in groups the records will be available earlier than waiting for the total to be ready.

They are thinking about what to add to the collection next.

Abrams Seminar is July 16 – 17. Stephen Morris and Curt Witcher are speakers.

As for the long range plans for the disposition of the library nothing is known and there are rumors floating about. A proposal has been written to the effect that the Dept. of His., Culture & Libraries will go away as we know it. The Library would go under the Dept. of Ed.

Senator George held a hearing on Thursday, March 12 and we were urged to let our representatives know our feelings. Google Michigan Senate Bill 247.

There will be a BIG Announcement when the 1. New Seeker Michigan Website and 2. Digital Death Records are ready to launch.

Mark Harvey – Records coming to the library. Wexford Co. Nat. records Index is onsite and ready. 11,000 boxes have been acquired from Records Ct, Criminal Ct. Records from Detroit and they have been indexed. 18?? to 1944 This month they are working on Washtenaw Co. Probate Records.

The library is working to get the Naturalization Records indexed – Wayne Co. will be first. The library wants to use the same system that FamilySearch.org is using for indexing.

Meeting dates for the summer are being rescheduled since the Forum is being closed for work to be done on the sprinkler system.

Lucy Mary Kellogg Award – Nominations are due May 13. Cover letter needed if a resubmission is filed with recent information.

Major Michigan on-line databases www.michlist.com –see List of pensioners 1883

Brown Books – Index was incomplete for all names

Pilot Program – General Series on DVD "The Legend Seekers". It was very interesting. You can get a view of the programs at www.legendseekers.org. It will be on some independent TV stations in the future.

Looking Back in Midland County

From The Midland Sun October 28, 1898
p. 1

William English
Union-Silver Candidate for Coroner

William English, the farmer candidate for coroner on the Union-Silver ticket, was born in Lapeer county November 26, 1853. He came to Midland in February, 1871, working in the woods in the winter and on the drive in the spring until 1880, when he commenced clearing the farm on Bullock Creek where he now lives. In 1881 he was elected assessor of fractional school district No. 5, Midland township, and has performed the duties of this office so satisfactorily that he has been continued in the office ever since. Was elected treasurer of Midland township in 1889 and 90, and again in 1897 and 1898, and highway commissioner in 1893. Mr. English is not an office seeker, but willing at all times to assist in the work of his township. His people, knowing a good thing, have insisted in keeping him in harness, and the township has reaped the results which are bound to follow such a choice. All that Mr. English has was obtained through his own economy and hard work, and he would be well qualified to see that the most rigid economy accompanied the transaction of the business of his office. The office of coroner is one that requires integrity and good judgment, as opportunities arise where a large and oftentimes needless expense is incurred which the taxpayer has to settle. Wm. English can be depended upon to look after the people's interests in this respect, and would be a safe honest and economical official.

From The Midland Sun June 16, 1899 p. 8

Homer

Mr. Preston's sister is visiting him.

E Newman has purchased a new buggy.

Farmers are hustling to get their crops planted.

Cattle buyers were through here the first of the week.

There is to be a dance at Barnes' store Friday night.

There was a dance at Morris Kelly's last Thursday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McDermott June 12, a girl.

Miss Blanche Sinclair, who had been quite ill, is some better.

Mr. Eddy and family visited at George Loyers, Sunday.

The body of Mrs. Cradit of Clare was brought here for burial Monday.

Elmer Dice is the possessor of a wheel; also Miss Maggie Horden.

Mrs. Laura Walsh, who has been very sick, is gaining slowly now.

Will Miller and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Miller's parents, near Jam.

The Maccabee dance of the 9th was well attended, 51 numbers being sold.

Mrs. Barnes' children have the whooping cough; also her sister's little girl.

Windover School commenced again Monday with Miss Zimmerman as teacher.

A number from here attended the dance in Lee for the benefit of H. Starks; \$7.00 was raised.

There will be an ice cream and strawberry social at Charles Cronkright's Friday night, June 16.

J. Tolman and grandson, George Horten of Midland township, left Monday for Detroit and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Conkling spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Eddy, returning Monday.

John Windover, who has been sick for

some time, died June 13. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

W. T. Ross and daughter, Mary, of Isabella county, and son W. W., of Midland, passed through here Tuesday morning on their way to Midland.

Misses Hawley and Carroll went to Mt. Pleasant last Saturday. Their graduation takes place this week at the normal. We understand Miss Windover will also graduate.

Lew Marsh of Midland township has a yearling calf that must suffer terribly. During the recent long cold winter it froze its ears and right hind foot completely off, and the left front leg in such a manner that it can scarcely hobble around.

Mrs. Eunice Fowler and daughter, Lula, spent the forepart of the week with Mrs. Fowler's brother, W. G. Eddy and family, and with relatives at Midland. They were called from home by the illness and death of Mrs. Fowler's niece, Mrs. George Ross of Midland.

Ye correspondent will gladly send in Gleaner news if notice is handed in. Some time ago we sent in a notice of a speech at the church but for some reason the speaker could not come, when one of the A. O. O. G. said that such things should not be published until a certainty. Perhaps this will answer the friend who wrote a few weeks ago and announced their social.



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