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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully, you are all winding up a successful summer of searching and researching. The upcoming year promises to be an active one for the Society.

The "Cemeteries" book is now making a profit which will help in two planned publications. Thanks to Marion Berry and the many other members who made it a success.

The naturalization records are now ready for local use. The publication is being worked on. Audrey Pomranky and a number of volunteers have handled this project.

On the census project -- Jo Brines, Chairman -- the 1870 census has been done, but the project has been enlarged to include 1850, 1860, 1880 and 1894 (state) censuses.

We are also planning a workshop in the spring and the state seminar in October 1983. For all of these activities we need the help of many members.

The September meeting is a chance to share successes and problems. Come and have your enthusiasm recharged, and help and encourage others.

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DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOUR SOCIETY . . .
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Friday & Saturday, September 10 & 11, 1982 -- The Flint Genealogical Society's
25th Anniversary Seminar, Sheraton Inn, I-75 & Pierson Road, Flint

Wednesday, September 15, 1982 - 7:15 p. m. -- General Meeting, Grace A. Dow
Library Lounge

Friday & Saturday, October 1 & 2, 1982 -- Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar
on New York State in Grand Rapids

Wednesday, October 20, 1982 - 7:15 p. m. -- General Meeting, Grace A. Dow
Library Lounge

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NEWS 'N NOTES

Our genealogical librarians report that census tapes are available from Illinois, Wisconsin and Canada, however, census tapes are not available from Pennsylvania, New Jersey or North Carolina. If you know of a State Historical Society or Library that has census tapes for interlibrary loan, please let the library reference section know. Also, if you know a state that will not loan tapes, let the library know.

You may be able to help get census tapes again by writing to your congressman and letting him know you think it is unfair for the government to cut funds for this widely used service.

The Cemetery Book Committee reported on July 28 that 116 copies had been sold.

The first genealogical/computing get-together was held June 23 and attended by 13 persons. The next meeting will be October 27, time and place to be announced. If interested, please call Pat Worden, 631-7801.

A committee has been formed to create a logo for the Midland Genealogical Society. If you would like to be a part of this committee or have any ideas for the logo, please contact Nancy Lackie, 687-5327.

NEW ACQUISITIONS FOR OUR GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

"The Marcy Family", by D. L. Chamberlain, presented by Don Chamberlain.

"Conn. Sources for Family Historians & Genealogists by Kip Sperry, presented by Esther Savage.

1894 Midland County Census Microfilm, presented by Virginia Parsons

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN??

Indi-Ohio

by Norma Furlo

My recent trip to Indiana and Ohio was a pleasant experience, topped off by meeting a great number of terrific people, a few of them new relatives. They don't consider themselves new, of course, but until this trip they have just been names in my book.

I visited the usual number of libraries, health departments and court houses, and this is my report on what you will find and where.

Madison, Indiana's library is on the West end of the Main Street, on the North side. The Genealogy Department is on the balcony and is quite extensive. There is an elevator for those in need of one. It is manned by the local genealogy club's members and we were told there was at least one member there to help at all times. This of course also keeps track of who is doing what with which book. They have local county census tapes and a machine. Also newspapers. Their books cover many states and they have a lot of them about the Irish. The copy machine is on the ground floor and you will need change for it. I think it was 15¢ per copy, but it may have been more. Good copier. They like it if you return the books back upstairs.

Vevay, Indiana library is very small, but it does have a Genealogy Department. The librarian there was very helpful and nice. This is the Switzerland County Library. I visited it last year, so I don't remember too much about it. The Health Department in Vevay is a very small room, peopled by 4 persons who all smoke. I thought this very strange in a health department. They will look names up for you if you have the date of death. One of the ladies does "professional genealogy". I put quotes in this because I don't know if she does the whole thing or just what's in their records.

Indiana Health Departments will give you information only if you have the date of birth or death. It costs you \$5.00 for a search of 5 or 10 years (I can't remember which) and then it costs an additional 50¢ for each item of information they give you after they find your name, i. e. , date of death, place of death, name of father, place of father's birth, name of mother, place of mother's birth. I can understand keeping the records secret for the past 70 or so years, but it seems a little ridiculous for any longer than that and I think the state should turn them over to the local genealogy clubs to copy for use of the people. However, this is a report and not a resume on what I feel the Government should do, so ---

Rising Sun, Indiana, Ohio County has a small, friendly library and the oldest Court House in the State. The Court House is composed of two rooms. You can't get lost. Wills cost \$1.00 per page (it will probably take 2 or 3), in the one room and in the other room copies of the land records cost 25¢ per copy -- Strange! Again in the Health Department, which is up a steep flight of stairs, over the Fire House, you must have the date of birth or death.

I have found that if you go in these places with a large smile and the manner of one of the locals, they will go to great lengths to help you. If, on the other hand, you go in like a big city person, and act efficiently and even confident of what you want, you can get the quick freeze. They are small town people and most of them will give their all to help, but not if it's expected of them.

Lawrenceburg, Indiana has a large courthouse. Probate records are on the second floor. There is an elevator. We had to stand to do our search, because the tables were being used for the upcoming election. I don't know if this is common practice. Many records are kept in the basement and they sent someone downstairs with us to unlock the door. They left us there to search and as a matter of fact, I spent some dusty hours down there a few days later, trying to find an original will. I never found it, but it wasn't because of lack of help. They had had a flood many years ago and the records in the basement had all been moved from another building. They are in absolutely no order, except for the big books. We did get a copy of the will (\$1.00 per page) because it was in the books upstairs. By the way, if you have time, ask if you can see the beautiful court room. A lady showed me, because they are very proud of it. It has stained glass windows.

Lawrenceburg, Indiana's library is down the street one block from the Court House. Small genealogy department, but manned by very nice ladies. One of the ladies is into genealogy and is very helpful. They have a file that is worth looking into, besides the books they have. They also have census tapes and machines to run them.

Lawrenceburg, Indiana's Health Department is on the same street as the library, and right across the street from the Court House. It is around the corner and is the usual little room I found in all of Indiana's Health Departments. Same story about having the date of birth or death to get information. This is where we were quoted the aforementioned rates for information.

Batavia, Ohio has everything in the Court House, births, deaths, probate stuff, and you can have access to it all. There is a room lined with books, a desk and chairs and a copy machine. Also a tall ladder on wheels.

Batavia's library has a nice genealogy department with a member of the Clermont County Genealogy Society on duty. They are really helpful and very nice.

Brown County Library has a very small genealogy department, but one block away. The Brown County Genealogical Society has a large room in the basement of an apartment house. They have loads of information, including some that Clermont County doesn't have. The ladies are really super and when they found out the names I was looking for, they even called a lady there who is researching the same family. We haven't found our relationship yet.

The Court House in Brown County was burned interiorly. The contents were moved to the Fair Grounds where buildings had been erected. I visited there last year, but haven't been there this year. They let me go through all the books, and they include birth and death records.

Sidney, Ohio is the home of the largest small town genealogy library I have seen anywhere. Last year it was a large corner -- this year they have moved it and it is nearly one half of the entire first floor. I expect by next year they will have moved the library to the basement and the genealogy department will have the first floor to itself.

Sidney also has a Court House that has births and deaths that are open to the public. Last year the ladies there were very helpful to me. You can also find Probate records there.

Sidney has some beautiful old homes that are worth a few minutes drive up the hill to see. There is a castle up there among them.

I joined the Shelby County, Ohio Genealogical Society and the Brown County, Ohio Genealogical Society and get newsletters from both. If you are interested in either of these organizations' newsletters, please let me know.

QUERIES

- #202 - Amelia B. Castle, 26662 Corwin St., Dowagiac, MI 49047
BIRDSALL, GOEBEL. Seeking info on parents of Wellington Birdsall b. 25 Mar., 1854 Hamburg, NY, Erie Co., d. 23 Sept., 1921, Lansing, MI., bur. Mt. Hope Cem., Lansing. Parents, Charles Birdsall b. 1824 NY and Elizabeth Goebel b. c.1824 NY.
- #111 - Diana Butcher, 660 E.Olson, R#9, Midland, MI 48640
Parents of Priscilla Gray OLIVER b. 1781 Boston, MA., mar. (1) 1799 Francis INGRAHAM JR., (2) 1819 George BRADFORD. She d. 1869, Boston.
- #131 - Nancy Lackie, 565 Peterson Dr., Sanford, MI 48657
Seeking info on Elijah GARZEE b. 1788 VT, d. 23 Feb. 1867 Fayette Co., IA, wed Hannah PRATT b. 1793 VT, d. IA. Children Nancy b. 1808, wed Joshua Weeks WOODARD; Mary Elizabeth b. 1812; Henry P. b. 1817; Julia b. 1820; J. Pratt b. 1821; George b. 1829; Hannah Jane b. ?; Elizabeth Woodard b. 1829, wed 1844 Charles Peter FITCH b. 1824.

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October 1900 SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. WILCOX Hope, MI.

"D. M. Wilcox was struck by a train in Gladwin Oct. 11 and lived about one hour. He was brought to his home Oct. 13 and buried Oct. 14. Rev. Day preaching his funeral sermon. Deceased was 55 years and one week old. He leaves four daughters and one son to mourn his loss. They wish to express their heartfelt thanks to those who so kindly assisted them in their late bereavement."

MGS ANCESTOR CHARTS (continued)

SURNAME	MEMBERS
GALLION	BUTCHER; HILLMAN
GALLOP	HILLMAN
GALPIN	HILLMAN
GANNETT	BUTCHER
GARDINER	BUTCHER; MC KELLAR
GARDNER	BUTCHER; MC KELLAR; WATKINS
GARNET	BUTCHER; MC KELLAR
GASCOLGNE	WILSON
GATCHELL	BUTCHER
GATES	HILLMAN
GAVET (T)	BRINES
GAYLORD	NUECHTERLEIN
GEHOSKI	GEHOSKI
GEHR	VIRGIL
GEISTER	PHILLIPS
GENTRY	NUECHTERLEIN
GEOVANNA	WATKINS
GERSTER	HOFFMAN
GERWECK	ANDERSON
GIBBONS	BUTCHER; CASSIDAY; NUECHTERLEIN
GIBBS	BUTCHER; JOHNSON
GIBSON	BERRY
GIFFORD	OWEN
GILBERT	HOFFMAN
GILES	JOHNSON
GILMAN	HILLMAN
GILMORE	PANKEY; WORDEN
GLASS	BIRKHIMER
GLASSER	FURLO
GLEIM	RUNYON
GOAD	NUECHTERLEIN
GODFREY	BUTCHER
CODREY	BUTCHER
GOES	HILLMAN
GOFF	BRINES
GOFFE	BUTCHER
GOFFEE	ANDERSON
GOLDHATCH	NUECHTERLEIN
GOLDSTEIN	BUTCHER
GOLDSTONE	BUTCHER; HILLMAN
GOOCH	VIRGIL
GOODALE	WILSON
GOODFELLOW	GRISWOLD
GOODING	NELSON
GOODSELL	THORNTON
GOODWIN	ANDERSON
GORDER	BAKER
GOSS	WILSON
GOSSAGE	MC KELLAR
GOSZWEILER	K SCHWEITZER
GOULD	DAVIS; CASADONTE; HILLMAN
GOWING	WATKINS
GRAHAM	WALKER
GRANDY	HILLMAN
GRASDEN	HILLMAN
GRAVE	DIESEN
GRAWE	DIESEN
GREEN	HILLMAN; E JOHNSON; TOMLINSON
GREEN	ANDERSON; B BIRKHIMER; BUTCHER
GREENE	WATKINS
GREENELL	HILLMAN
GREENFIELD	ANDERSON
GREER	MC KELLAR
GREGG	BRINES
GRESHAM	POMRANKY
GRIFFETH (ITH)	BUTCHER; GEHOSKI; TOMLINSON
GRIFFIN	BUTCHER; GEHOSKI; TOMLINSON
GRIGGS	RUNYON

GRISHAW	RUNYON
GRISSELL	BUTCHER; GRISWOLD
GRISWOLD	BUTCHER; GRISWOLD
GROEM	HILLMAN
GROOM	HILLMAN
GROSVENOR	BUTCHER
GUILFORD	BRINES
GUINThER	NELSON
GUIRE	POMRANKY
GUMLY	LEWIS
GUNN	NUECHTERLEIN
HACKETT	BRINES
HADDEN	WATKINS
HAIGHEN	WATKINS
HAIGHT	FREER; VIRGIL
HAINES	CRUMMETT
HALBLIN (LIN)	HILLMAN
HALE	BUTCHER
HALL	PANKEY; FREER; HILLMAN; MC KELLAR
HALLADAY	OWEN
HALLMAN	E BIRKHIMER
HALSEY	BUTCHER
HALVERSTADT	K SCHWEITZER
HAM	CASSIDAY
HAMILTON	K SCHWEITZER
HAMMOND	BUTCHER; HILLMAN; WATKINS
HANARD	CASSIDAY
HANDSCHIN	HOFFMAN
HANEY	WALING
HANSON	BUTCHER; POMRANKY
HAPGOOD	BUTCHER
HARBITTLE	FREER
HARCOURT	MC KELLAR
HARDIER	HILLMAN
HARDIN	BUTCHER; S SCHWEITZER; WATKINS
HARDING	BUTCHER
HARKER	WILSON
HARLOCK	MC CULLEN
HARLOW	BUTCHER
HARNARD	CASSIDAY
HARPER	ANDERSON
HARRAN	WILSON
HARRELL	PANKY; CAMPBELL
HARRINGTON	B BIRKHIMER
HARRIS	B BIRKHIMER; HILLMAN; WILLIAMS
HARSBALL	HILLMAN
HARTER	MC KELLAR
HARTY	BUTCHER
HARVEY	BRINES; BUTCHER; S SCHWEITZER
HARWOOD	BUTCHER; GEHOSKI
HASKINS	OWEN
HATCH	HILLMAN

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Two printed records, donated by Norma Schneider, and in our library, are on families who settled in Michigan. One, a Swedish family named Gunneson, settled in the Sparta area near Grand Rapids. The Pemberton family were pioneers in the Howard City area.

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Please send your news items directly to Pat Worden, 1201 Glendale, Midland, MI 48640

It seems a little odd when the local cemetery raised the prices of its burial lots, and blamed it on the cost of living.

