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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A busy fall season is in full swing with a busier Christmas season in the near future. Several members have been to the seminars in Flint and Grand Rapids in the past few weeks, and I hope all of you have had some successful researching since the last newsletter.

There is continuing activity regarding access to vital records held in the various county court houses in Michigan. At the moment, the emphasis is on the promulgation of rules by the State of Michigan Board of Health to direct the county clerks regarding access to these records. It appears that the rules being considered will allow reasonable access for genealogical research purposes, but nothing has been finalized yet.

Our major continuing activity is the preparation for hosting the Michigan State Genealogical Council Seminar in October of next year. The topic will be Canadian research. Under Ruth Ann Casadonte's chairmanship, much has already been done. As preparations continue, more and more of you will be helping, and I look forward to a great seminar with the work spread around so that no one has to be overburdened.

Good searching!

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COMING EVENTS

Wed., November 17, 1982, 7:15 p.m., General Meeting, Grace A. Dow Library Lounge, "Preserving & Dating Old Photographs" with Gary Skory, Chippewa Nature Center.

Wed., January 26, 1983, 7:30 p.m., Midland Genealogical/Computer Meeting, to be announced.

Sat., February 26, 1983, Saginaw Genealogical Society Workshop I.

Sat., March 12, 1983, Library Lounge, reserved for FUN.

Sat., March 26, 1983, Saginaw Genealogical Society Workshop II.

Sat., April 30, 1983, Saginaw Spring Seminar.

Fri., September 30 & Sat., October 1, Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar, Great Hall, Midland.

MIDLAND PIONEERS

"ONLY 12 CIVIL WAR VETS ARE STILL IN THE RANKS"
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GEORGE W. FROST

George W. Frost was born in Alabin township, Oswego County, New York on April 17, 1846. He enlisted in Company A, 184th New York infantry. Mr. Frost fought in the battle of Winchester under Phil Sheridan, served his country in the siege of Petersburg and was in many of the important battles fought in the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Frost was mustered out of service at Syracuse, New York, at the close of the war. He came to Midland County in 1872 and resides on East Ellsworth Street.

THOMAS B. MAIN

Thomas Briggs Main was born in the county of Norfolk, Ontario on December 31, 1847. He enlisted in the service of the United States, his adopted country, in Detroit on October 11, 1864, as a member of Company E, 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Among the important battles of the Civil War in which he fought was Franklin, 20 miles south of Nashville, November 30, 1864 and the battle of Nashville on December 15 and 16, 1864. He was mustered out of the service at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war. Mr. Main came to this county in January 1877 and resides on West Main Street. He served his county as register of deeds for ten years from 1883 until 1893. Mr. Main has always taken a keen interest in city, county, state and national affairs. He has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Masonic lodge for a number of years and has filled the principal offices of the local G. A. R. post of which he is a charter member.

WALTER A. SCRIBNER

Walter A. Scribner was born in Queens-town, New York, on October 14, 1846, enlisted in Company H, 28th New York Cavalry in 1863, and served 29 months before being mustered out. He fought in several important battles including Clover Hill, Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Gold Harbor, where he was wounded by a bullet in the left knee. He was taken to the Grosvenor hospital, Washington, D. C., where he was mustered out in January 1865. Mr. Scribner came to Midland county from New York state about 20 years ago and resides in Coleman.

DANIEL GEISTER

Daniel Geister, 84 years, enlisted in Co. E 161 New York Infantry, when only 15 years of age. Large for his age, he was accepted without question, as were 800,000 other boys in the Union army, according to reports, which add that 100,000 were not over 15. Mr. Geister had his first taste of war with Gen. Philip Henry Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley. Perhaps his deepest impression of the conflict was of a collision of troop ships on the Mississippi, when 38 Union soldiers were killed. He was present at the capture of Mobile, Alabama, which came about the time of Lee's surrender. This veteran was born in Markham, Ont. For some years he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. John McCarter, here. For the past month, however, he has been at the home of his niece, Mrs. William Cook, in Bay City, where he is reported to be in rather poor health.

CIVIL WAR VETS (continued)

DAVID WEST

David West, now a resident of Edenville, although approaching his 90th birthday the 20th of next October, is still hale and hardy and has lately purchased a sheep ranch. This veteran of Gettysburg, Bull Run, and other conflicts of the Civil War, was born at Utica, New York. He enlisted in '61 and again in '63 serving four and a half years in all. Mr. West has been a resident of Midland County for about 45 years. His home now is located about one and three-quarters miles south of Edenville.

GEORGE O. ROCKWELL

George O. Rockwell was born at Cambridge Springs in Crawford county, Pa., on August 29, 1848. Mr. Rockwell became a soldier with the Union forces in his sixteenth year, enlisting in Company E, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry on February 25, 1864. He was engaged in the battles of Ashland Station, Hanover Ferry, Old Church Tavern, Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, Stony Creek and the final fight before Petersburg. He was mustered out of the service in Philadelphia on July 26, 1865. Mr. Rockwell came to Midland county in 1867 with a cousin, Charles Herrick, making an overland trip from Ashtabula county, Ohio, with a two-horse team. He served this city twice as mayor and is a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow. He resides at the corner of Ellsworth and Rodd Streets.

CHARLES GUNN

Charles Gunn was born in Arcadia, Wayne county, New York on August 21, 1845. He enlisted in Company I, 30th Michigan Infantry in Tuscola county, Michigan in 1864. Mr. Gunn says that he put in a considerable

amount of time drilling, but was not engaged in any battles. He was mustered out at Detroit in June 1865. He came to Midland county in 1870 and lives on Ashmun Street.

DAVID MUTTON

David Mutton was born in England and enlisted for service in the Civil War at Mason, Michigan on February 15, 1865, in Company A, 9th Michigan Infantry. While in a number of skirmishes Mr. Mutton says that he was not engaged in any of the major battles of the war. He was mustered out at Detroit in August, 1865. He came to Midland County about 39 years ago and following a residence of several years in this county moved to Beaverton. About eight years ago he returned to this county and is now living in Coleman.

LEVI KLINGER

Levi Klinger was born in Luzerne county, Pa., on July 11, 1844, and enlisted in that county in Company E., 95th Pennsylvania Infantry in the winter of 1864. Mr. Klinger has the distinction of having fought in 17 battles and skirmishes of the Civil War, including the battles of the Wilderness and Petersburg, where he suffered two wounds. He was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., in the fall of 1865. Mr. Klinger has been a resident of Midland County for 30 years and lives in Coleman.

WILLIAM GILLMAN

William Gillman was born in Genesee County, Michigan, on August 20, 1839. He served in Company C, 29th Michigan Infantry and enlisted at Saginaw on September 15, 1864. He fought in the battles

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NEWS 'N NOTES

Civil War Mini-Series, "The Blue & The Gray" is a 3-part, 8 hour mini-series to be aired on CBS-TV beginning Sunday, Nov. 14, 1982, continuing Tuesday, Nov. 16 and concluding Wednesday, Nov. 17.

The Saginaw Genealogical Society announced in their November 1982 newsletter that the Ohio 1850 Census microfilm will NOT be complete by the end of December as previously announced.

The Cemetery Book Committee reported that 126 copies have been sold.

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NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

"Passenger & Immigration Lists Index", Filby & Meyers.
"Genealogy of the Bliss Family in America", A. T. Bliss,
3 Volumes.

Esme Gehoski, Volunteer, will be in our genealogical library Friday evenings.

CONSIDER THIS . . .

Monongalia Historical Society of W. Virginia, in their June 1982 newsletter makes the following suggestion:

"Maiden name" - Future generations wishing to trace their family origins will be appreciative if women, especially, use their parental name as the middle name...example: Doris (Bright) Doe - Mrs. John (Jones) Doe or Mrs. John (Jones) Doe - (Doris Bright). The list becomes important genealogically. For men, their mother's family name might be written John (Jones) Doe.

The following has been given much emphasis: When researching family names, it is important to realize that recorders of vital statistics, census, etc. could, often, not write well, spell well, or necessarily hear well. Language barriers were often a cause for misspelling or misunderstanding. So watch for names where "T" may be substituted for "D" or "P" or "B". Names like Holmes may be spelled Homes, Holms or Hulmes. "K" may be substituted for "C" or even "G". There are books in the library on this.

(Above shared by Esme Gehoski).

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LIBRARY HOURS

LDS LIBRARY

Wed. 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Thurs. 10 - 4 & 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Sat. 10 - 1 p.m.

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

Pennsylvania

by Daniel R. Stull

As I listened to Kenneth Schweitzer describe Hoenstine's Genealogical Library in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania last spring, I decided to visit it some day. My great-grandfather Stull's diary says that he was born 25 Nov., 1825 in Morrisons Cove, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and in April 1832, the whole family moved to central Ohio. I have always wanted to see Morrisons Cove, so when I learned about a reunion of my mother's family in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, I decided the time was ripe for a trip.

Arriving at the Hoenstine Library, 8 AM one sunny June morning, I noted across the street a funeral home where a man was washing the porch with a brush and bucket of suds. He noted my quandry and my Michigan plates, and asked if he could help. I inquired about a place to park and he indicated the funeral parking lot. As I got out of my car and introduced myself, he said the library opened at 9, and asked if I would like to read yesterday's Wall Street Journal in their office while I waited. In the office I asked about the roads to Morrisons Cove some 20 miles to the south. I said I wanted to look at a local telephone book that evening after my day at the library to see if there were any Stulls presently living in the Cove. He promptly said that he had a better idea. An undertaker friend of his was in the central town of the Cove. He telephoned his friend and made an appointment for me late that afternoon.

After a day in the library, I drove to Woodbury and found the funeral parlor as described, and the undertaker expecting me. I mentioned my historical family studies and he suggested that we step across the street and talk to some genealogical friends of his. Thus, I met a man and wife who had spent their lives in the Cove, and I told them of my ancestors. They said that they knew of no one by that name in the Cove now. The undertaker excused himself and returned to his office while we talked of genealogy. They said they frequently went to the Martinsburg, Pennsylvania Community Library some 20 miles away to use the Liebegott Genealogical Collection which they said was very good for the information and history of early Pennsylvania. They said they would be glad to look up my family if I would send them details of what I wanted. I remarked that they probably had many other items to look up, and I could not expect them to look for me too. They replied that many people had helped them in the past, and they wanted to repay that debt by helping me.

Just then there was a knock at the door. The undertaker had returned with two of his burial ledgers. I had never seen these ponderous volumes with a printed page for each funeral, complete with address, birth and death dates, names of parents, spouse, cause of death, cemetery where buried, and indexed by surname! His parlor (under the former owner) had buried Catherine Stull in 1913, her husband William Stull in 1916, and their son, Frank Stull in 1943. The genealogists said that they thought these were the last of the Stulls in the Cove. After thanking each one, I returned to my motel. As I drove back I thought to myself that this event had happened far better than if I had planned it. On second thought I gave thanks to The Almighty for guiding my actions so wonderfully.

MGS ANCESTOR CHARTS (continued)

HATCH	HILLMAN
HAUSER	WATKINS
HAVILAND	BUTCHER
HAWES	HILLMAN
HAWKINS	NUECHTERLEIN
HAWLEY	GRISWOLD; THORNTON
HAWTHORN(E)	RUNYON
HAYES	CRUMMETT
HAYWARD	FREER; HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER; BRINES
HEARD	B BIRKHIMER
HEARLE	CASSIDAY
HEATH	HILLMAN
HEBNES	NELSON
HEDDEN	HILLMAN
HEHNLI IN	GRISWOLD
HENDERSON	GRISWOLD; THORNTON
HENDRICKS	HILLMAN
HENKLE	WILSON
HEPINSTALL	WATKINS
HEPNER	CASSIDAY
HERGERT	GRISWOLD
HERNE	NUECHTERLEIN
HERNS	LEWIS
HERVIE	BUTCHER
HESTER	DIESEN; HOFFMAN
HEWES	HILLMAN
HIBBS	POMRANKY
HICKS	FREER; DIESEN; BUTCHER; HILLMAN
HIDDEN	HILLMAN
HIGGINBOTHAM	ANDERSON
HIGGINS	FREER; HILLMAN; HOFFMAN; VIRGIL; WATKINS
HIGH	MOYER
HIGLEY	NUECHTERLEIN
HILDRETH	HILLMAN; CASSIDAY
HILEGAS	HILLMAN
HILL	CRUMMETT; NELSON; ANDERSON
HILLIARD	HILLMAN
HILLIKER	GEHOSKI
HILLMAN	HILLMAN
HILLS	HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER
HINCKLEY	WILSON
HINCHAM	ANDERSON
HINKLE	THORNTON
HIRST	TOMLINSON
HITCHCOCK	HOFFMAN
HIXON	HOFFMAN
HOAG	MC CULLEN
HOAR	HILLMAN
HOBART	BUTCHER; POMRANKY
HOBBY	FREER
HOCKING	RUNYON
HODGES	HILLMAN
HODGESON	BUTCHER
HODGKIN	HILLMAN
HODGKINS	BRINES
HODSOL	BUTCHER
HODSON	BUTCHER
HOFFMAN	POMRANKY; E BIRKHIMER; HOFFMAN
HOKE	K SCHWEITZER
HOLBROOK	BUTCHER; HILLMAN
HOLCOMB	NUECHTERLEIN
HOLIDAY	ALBEE
HOLLAND	BUTCHER; NUECHTERLEIN
HOLLINGER	WORDEN
HOLLY	B BIRKHIMER
HOLMAN	HILLMAN; RUNYON
HOLMES	WATKINS
HOLTSBERRY	MC KELLAR
HONSBERGER	MOYER
HOOPINGARNER	ENGDAHL
HOOVER	CASSIDAY
HOPCOT	BUTCHER
HOPKINS	HILLMAN; B BIRKHIMER; BUTCHER
HORNEY	WATKINS

HORNING
 HORTON
 HOSKINS
 HOSLEY
 HOTCHKISS
 HOUSER
 HOUSTIN
 HOWARD
 HOWE
 HOWELL
 HOWLAND
 HOYT
 HUBBARD
 HUCKER
 HUCKINS
 HUCKSTEP
 HUDNALL
 HUDSON
 HUFF
 HUGGARD
 HULL
 HUMPHREY
 HUNT
 HUNTINGTON
 HURST
 HUSTED
 HUTCHINS
 HUTCHINSON
 HUTSON
 HUXFORD
 HYLLIER

ANDERSON; LEWIS
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 MC CULLEN
 BUTCHER

CIVIL WAR VETS (continued)

of Nashville, Decatur, Alabama, and other engagements. Mr. Gillman first visited Midland county in 1854, and came to this county to reside in 1872. He lives on Sayre Street.

GEORGE BRADSHAW

George Bradshaw, who was born in Hilton, Derbyshire, England, in 1835, fought for his adopted country in the battles of the Wilderness, Gettysburg and a number of other conflicts of the Civil War. He was mustered out of the service at Buffalo, N. Y. in 1865 and recently celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday. He came to Midland county about 22 years ago and is a resident of Geneva township.

S. D. SHAFFNER

S. D. Shaffner, who resides on West Ellsworth Street, has the honor of being one of four brothers to serve in the Civil War. He was born in Jefferson county, P. A., on December 19, 1846, and enlisted in Company F, 1st Battalion Pennsylvania infantry at Pittsburg, Pa., on July 1864 and served until December of the same year. Mr. Shaffner came to Midland county in 1880 and resided in Ingersoll township for a number of years. He has been school director and drain commissioner.

_____ This article included pictures of each gentleman.

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