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Midland Genealogical Society Programs for 2015 - 2016

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

Programs for the meetings are as follows.

****PLEASE NOTE LOCATIONS****

Feb 17 "Hillman Homes", presented by Ralph Hillman, St. John's Episcopal, 7pm.

March 16 "German Prisoners of War in Mid-Michigan 1944-1945.", presented by James Goodspeed., Grace A Dow Library/

April 20 "Civil War Veteran, John Loyer", Presented by Kyle Bagnall. St. John's.

Society of Friends

By Walter Bennett

PART 2

Researching Friends

It is estimated that half of all Americans with Colonial roots will find at least one friend in the family. There are a few things that you need to know when researching Friends.

The word "Church" is not used. The word "Meeting" has the same purpose. A meeting is the body of people who make up the congregation. Here are the different types of meetings:

Meeting for Worship – where the Friends community gathers for a religious event.

Meeting for Business – is really a meeting for worship with a concern for business. In business meeting, decisions are made together through worshipful attention to the spirit and deep listening to one another.

Monthly Meeting – Monthly meetings generally hold meeting for worship on a weekly basis but have meeting for business once a month.

Quarterly Meeting – Association of monthly meetings within a region or district. They gather for business meeting, shared worship, and other activities four times a year.

Yearly Meeting – refers to a larger body of Friends in a general geo-

graphic area. This body holds decision making sessions annually. This is the highest branch of the Quaker structure.

Local Meeting – also known as preparative meeting.

Meeting house – where the Friends meet for prayer and business.

Dates

The calendar change was instituted in different countries at different times.

Days of the week are called First through the Seventh. Our dates, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, etc. are considered Pagan Gods names and are not used.

Months of the year are also numerical and are called the First through the Twelfth.

Years are used but prior to 1752, March was the first month of the year.

Researching

Quakers do not keep records in one big archive and are scarce on the internet. Ancestry does have some records available. There are some books also available that I will explain later. The FHL also has some film rolls with Quaker records.

The Quakers recorded their histori-

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The President's Letter

The past five years have been rather tumultuous at the Library of Michigan (LOM). Budget cuts, staff reductions, removal of the Michigan Genealogical Collection, changes in access to MeL, have all created an unfriendly environment for genealogy researchers. Now, with the appointment of a new Director, Randy Riley, the LOM is "opening it[s] doors" to the genealogical community. The Welcome Mat is out and exciting things are happening.

The LOM is now open every Saturday, 10am-4pm with free parking available. Michigan Collection Resources, e.g. U.S Census – 1790-1940, print and microfilm indexes, etc, are available via MeL (<http://mel.org>). New computer and microfilm equipment allows research finds to be e-mailed to a personal computer (no more copying/or printing). Resource materials have been relocated, and most of interest to geneal-

ogists can be found on both the second and fourth floors. Staff are available and eager to assist. The atmosphere is exciting. Please take advantage of the opportunities now available at both LOM and Michigan Archives.

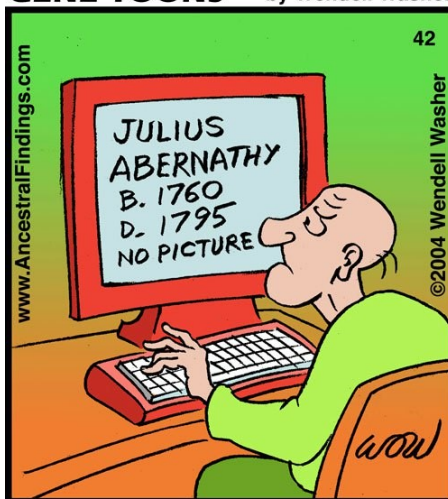
Elsewhere in this issue is the slate of candidates for the annual meeting and election of officers on May 20. Thank you for all who have agreed to serve. Due to family health problems, current treasurer Fran Longsdorf has resigned from her position and the candidate for the treasurer position has agreed to step in and complete the final few months of Fran's term. Thank you Ora for agreeing to serve as Interim Treasurer. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

Hopefully by the time this issue is distributed, Spring will have arrived and we can enjoy the flowers that bloom, the trees as they leafout, and the beautiful carpets of grass that cover the landscape.

Please enjoy the final two MGS programs on April 18, Kyle Bagnall's presentation of Civil War Veteran – John Loyer, and May 20, Barbara Snow, Professional Genealogist, program about 19th Century Marriage Customs.

Faye Ebach,
President

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Fred couldn't understand why Julius didn't even have a snapshot.



MEMBERSHIP DUES 2015-2016

Collection of dues for the current year has ceased. Collection of dues for the 2016-2017 year will begin in August.

Dues are shown below and can be sent to the following address:

Midland Genealogical Society,
P.O. Box 2421, Midland, MI
48641-2421.

Dues for an individual are \$20.00;
for a family they are \$25.00.

From The Editor ● ● ●

Looking for your articles to publish. Did you have an interesting research trip? Is there a brick wall that maybe someone may be able to help with? Do you use a genealogy program and would like to write a review of it? Email your article submissions to newsletter@mimg.org. This newsletter can't be produced without articles.

I hope you enjoyed part 1 of the Quaker article. Part 2 delves into the researching aspects and what you need to know. If I find my ancestors within the Quaker records, you can expect a follow up article.

Thanks for being patient while I

am catching up on the newsletters. Producing the newsletters is something that I have fun doing. Where I need help is with writing articles. I believe that this newsletter should contain at least one original article and not just be a compilation of other articles. Although I had an intention to write these articles, I don't always have the time for the research and writing.

I am also looking to make some changes to the webpage this year. Hopefully, I will be able to get to that this summer. That includes changes to the online database.

*Happy Hunting
Walter G Bennett*

Editor

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2016

The February meeting of the Midland Genealogical Society will be held in Williams Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Saginaw Road and St. Andrews. All our meetings begin at 7:00 pm, and the public is welcome.

If your genealogical roots go back into early New England History, you'll want to hear our February program presented by our own Ralph Hillman, who will talk about "Pre-Revolutionary Hillman Homes on Martha's Vineyard". The history of 'The Vineyard' is fascinating, and you won't want to miss this presentation.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 16, 2016

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and the Midland Genealogical Society are pleased to announce that they will be collaborating on a program of historical interest to the community on Wednesday evening, March 16, 2016, in the Community Room of the Library. The program for the evening will feature Mr. James Goodspeed, an English and history teacher at Fulton High School in Gratiot County. His topic for the evening: GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN MID-MICHIGAN, 1944-1945.

Mr. Goodspeed has taught at Fulton for 29 years. For the past 17 years

he has been part of an Exchange Program with students and teachers in Meckenburg-Vorpommern, in Germany. He is a Teaching Fellow with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He is currently working on a book on German Prisoners of War in Mid-Michigan – our subject for the evening.

Genealogy Society Meetings are always open to the public.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 20, 2016

The April meeting of the Midland Genealogical Society will be held at the St. John's Episcopal Church at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 20.

Kyle Bagnall of the Chippewa Nature Center will be doing a first person presentation of Civil War Veteran, John Loyer.



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.)

Midland County, Michigan Marriage Records 1855-1910 including Groom & Bride Indexes. The book is 8.5 by 11, soft bound, 320 pages. \$30.

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". The cost of this CD is \$25 shipping included in US.

cal events at the business meetings. The monthly meeting records is where you will find most of your info. The meeting minutes were originally kept by both the Mens group and the womens group. For years they met separately. Meeting minutes contain a record of all business conducted at the meeting.

Here is what was recorded.

Quakers did not perform baptisms, so if you are looking for those records, you will be disappointed. Births were recorded. These were recorded in ledger style across the page. Births are sometimes listed by date and sometimes by family groups. If the births were recorded at a later date, then all family members may be listed separately. The register may contain names of children, birth dates, residence and parents' names. Notes may also appear on the line about marriages or deaths of the children and might also include information on the mothers family.

When a couple decides to marry, an intention to marry is recorded in the minutes. The bride and groom are requesting that the meeting oversee the wedding. This generates entries in the monthly meeting minutes for three consecutive months. The overseers committee go visit the bride and groom in their homes and report back in what is called the overseers report. The minutes may show that the couple is cleared for marriage. This may show a date of Liberation, which is the date they were cleared to marry. The last entry would be the date that the wedding took place. Be sure to look at the

certificate if available that was created. It contains signatures of the bride and groom as well as witnesses. The witnesses could be family members.

Death registers lists deaths among members of a Quaker meeting. The record is also written in ledger form and contains the name of the deceased, death date and place of residence. The parents are sometimes listed. There may be a note in the meeting minutes that note the passing of the individual and may include the cause of death.

In the early days, Quaker meetings could only oversee marriages if both members were of that meeting. A Quaker marriage certificate takes the place of a civil document and provides proof that the wedding took place. Details from the certificate were entered into the meeting minutes. Entries may also provide the name of the bride and grooms parents. Sometimes all attendees signed the certificate as witnesses. The certificate itself is poster sized and becomes the property of the bride and groom.

Sometimes minutes may reveal that a couple were disowned for "marrying out of unity". This could mean marrying outside the faith, marrying cousins or marrying without parental consent. The date and location of the marriage will not be listed, but the name will be noted when disciplinary action is taken. When a non- member spouse wants to join the meeting, the couple need to submit a request to the meeting.

The wedding ceremony is about as basic as the meeting for prayer. There are no clergy leading the service. The pair exchange vows before God and gathered witnesses. This is followed by open worship. The couple sign the Wedding Certificate and then all wit-

nesses including children sign. The Quaker wedding certificate is poster sized and is given to the couple who display it in their home.

Burials were recorded when members were buried in cemeteries owned by the meeting. This is important because most Quakers either have no tombstone or have markers bearing little information.

A certificate of removal is a document letter of transit for a member or family that is moving and seeking to join another meeting. This lets the new meeting know that the members are in good standing.

Sometimes meetings took disciplinary action to reinforce the basic tenants of the faith. A disownment note was created to affirm that the meeting did not own the offender and denied responsibility for his or her actions. When the offending Friend repented, they wrote a letter of apology to the meeting acknowledging that their actions were offensive to Friends principles and discipline.

As I stated earlier, some Quaker meeting minutes can be found on Ancestry.com. If you are looking there, use the Quaker landing page at <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/us/quakers>.

There are a set of books called the Hinshaw Records. William Wade Hinshaw was a famous opera singer who began researching his Quaker roots in the 1920's. He compiled Quaker monthly meeting minutes into a six volume set known as Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy.

Hinshaw also left behind a card file with names and details from some 300 meetings up to about 1930 that were never published. Ancestry has

this database named as U.S. Hinshaw Index to selected Quaker records, 1680-1940. These cards list abstracted details.

A good book to help with Quaker research, is Lisa Arnolds book, "Thee & Me: A beginners guide to early Quaker records. Although there is a kindle version available, I am told that it does not contain pictures that are in the printed edition.

There are some Quaker universities that have resources in their libraries as well as museums that may be helpful. Swarthmore College located in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania maintains a Friends Historical Library.

A list of meetings and finding aids for the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Society of Friends can be found at

<http://trilogy.brynmawr.edu/speccoll/pymmm.htm>.

I am still in the process of researching records. After googling Quakers near Lancaster, PA, I have found there were several meeting houses in the area. I am working at narrowing down which one my ancestor might have attended and which of the Quarterly meetings he might be record in. I will be looking at the history of each of these possible meeting houses.

I hope that I have enlightened you on Quaker beliefs, structure and records. I have had fun with this topic and hope to find my family soon.

Sources:

<http://c.mfcreative.com/mars/landing/quaker/quaker-guide.pdf>

"Researching Quaker Ancestors", by James M. Beidler, Family Tree Magazine, Oct-Nov 2012.

WHAT KIND OF GENEALOGIST ARE YOU?

*Article from November, 2015 article in Kalamazoo Valley Heritage Newsletter, Vol. 40 No. 3 Page 2.
KVGS Website: www.mikvgs.org*

My husband and I are very different genealogists. I love research. I love the challenge of the hunt, the mystery waiting to be solved. I just love solving the puzzle. Of course I also love finding my own ancestors!

My husband however dislikes research. He finds it tedious and a lot of work. He loves finding an ancestor, or better yet, having someone else find that ancestor for him. He's passionate about his ancestry, but avoids the actual research whenever possible. Family lore is enough for him and he feels no need to find sources to verify that lore. If it's important enough to him, he'll force himself to push through the research but he'd rather I did it for him. He always says that if he were rich, he'd hire someone to do all the research for him.

I'd hate that, and in fact I often feel bad that I'm doing so much that I'm not leaving my grandchildren the fun of the hunt!

It seems to me that there are several types of genealogists -

***The Hunter or Detective:** This genealogist loves the research. While they want to find their own ancestors, they'll research anyone's ancestry just for the thrill of the hunt. They are easily sidetracked from their own ancestral research by the challenge of solving a stranger's brick wall.

***The Gatherer or Ancestor Collector:** This genealogist loves to know about their ancestors but doesn't really enjoy the hunt. He/she is happy to have others share what they have found.

*** The Ancestor Finder:** This genealogist loves it all – doing the actual research and finding that elusive ancestor but they only enjoy researching their own family tree, not the ancestry of strangers.

*** The Hoarder:** This genealogist does

lots of research, finds new things about their ancestors but refuses to share any of the information.

*** The Junkyard Collector:** This genealogist gets excited over online Family Trees and merges them with his/her own. He/she never verifies anything or checks their facts. Before long they have a mess of unsourced information, conflicting data and facts that don't make sense. They'll have female ancestors having children at the age of 100, or men born 50 years after their spouse or children born before their parents.

***The Scholar:** This genealogist lives and breathes source citations. Accuracy is everything to this research. You'll often find this person submitting articles to scholarly journals as the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*. Page after page of red edit marks from the editors don't intimidate them. They'll plow through their article drafts, refining and revising and making each more accurate than the last.

***The Analyzer:** This genealogist finds a new fact, then studies it and analyzes it carefully before moving on to the next bit of research. They use each fact as a stepping stone to more research. They verify every piece of information they find and they view it critically, thinking about what it actually means and what other clues might be gleaned from it.

*** The Planner:** This genealogist is a faithful keeper of research logs. He/she creates research plans and follows them. They are extremely organized in their research and meticulous about planning before they go on a research trip.

*** The Writer:** This is the genealogist who is driven to write the stories of the ancestors. Some publish the books they write and offer them for sale, others write only for their family.

*Author Lorine McGinnis Schulze is a Canadian genealogist who has been involved with genealogy and history for more than thirty years. In 1996 Lorine created the **Olive Tree Genealogy website** and its companion blog. Lorine is the author of many published genealogical and historical articles and books.*

December 14, 2015

LANSING – The Library of Michigan will expand its hours and services to better serve Michigan citi-zens and state gov-ernment.

Beginning **January 9, 2016**, the main library will be open every Saturday (excluding certain state holi-days) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During open hours, li-brary users can access the largest collection of Michi-gan newspapers anywhere, as well as an in-depth col-lection of Michigan specific periodicals, books, gov-ernment documents, maps and audiovisual materials.

In addition, public internet access will be available, offering online subscription databases related to edu-cation, public health, newspa-pers and family history. Staff will be available on the second floor to assist with research questions and locating materials.

“We are expanding services and upgrading equip-ment to answer an increased demand for access to the library’s unique collections and the knowledge and expertise our staff has to offer to anyone needing in-formation,” said State Librarian Randy Riley.

The increase in open hours accom-panies the acquisi-tion of a suite of versatile digital microfilm scan-ners, new public computers with added features, and a cen-tralized printing system that will enhance the visitor’s experience.

The State Law Library will contin-ue to be available only during the Library’s weekday schedule, Mon-day through Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

After a hiatus of five years, the library also will resume circulating materials to the public at large in January 2016.

*****A last minute update:**

The Library of Michigan has installed new reader printers in the newspaper room. You can print, save to a thumb drive, or email the image to yourself or another researcher.

For more information about these new services and a complete listing of the library’s open hours for 2016, visit:

www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan

email librarian@michigan.gov

call 517-373-1300

Facebook for Canadian Genealogy

Facebook has become a place where genealogists come together in an enormous virtual genealogy society to share, learn, and discuss brick walls.

Here you will find a list of Canadian genealogy and histor-ical pages and groups on Facebook, in English and French, that may help with our re-search. The list also includes archival centres and museums that offer genealogical and historical resources.

I encourage you to share this list with others, but please credit me, Gail Dever. Suggestions for additions to this list or broken links should be sent to: gaildever@genealogyalacarte.ca. Every few months, I will publish an updated list.

http://genealogyalacarte.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Facebook-for-Canadian-Genealogy_February-2015.pdf

HEADSTONE READINGS

We got a tip about using shaving cream to read headstones and went online and saw many people promot-ing and using it. We also got really good re-sults from using it. But then we got a message from Barb Curtin-dale of the Gladwin Co. Gen. Socie-ty, and she said it can cause damage to the head-stones. We then did more investigation and accord-ing to the manufacturer there is 8.2 % of stearic ac-id in the shaving cream. Which over time can lead to stone deteriora-tion. I then spoke to a person at the McComb Monument company and he said that if you have used the shaving cream method it may be harmful to soft stones like limestone or marble, but much less if at all to granite. He said that all you would need to do is to use a neutralizer on the stone. This can be done by using a mild solution of baking soda and water. Baking soda will not harm the stone at all and it immediately neu-tralizes the acid in the shaving cream. Jim also suggested that we try using a flashlight to shine ACROSS the stone to cause shadows in order to read it. We will experi-ment with this method in the future. PS: They also say using chalk and flour is equally as damaging as the particles get into the stone, swell with water, and can cause cracking of the stone. They also say doing rubbings is harmful to the stone causing possible erosion of the softer stones. They tell us that the only good method is to use tin foil and gently press over the stone to get a reading or to use a light or mirrors.

Safe Solutions for hard to read tombstones

<http://www.ncgenweb.us/newhanover/cem1.html>

Copyright & the Family History Researcher

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With origins back to the Constitution in 1787, copy-right is designed to protect the original creator of a work of art, literature, or work that conveys information or ideas, and give them the right to control how that work is used.

Copyright law is incredibly complex, but in general terms, “original” materials are all protected. This includes books, photographs, diaries, electronic databases, maps, movies & music, even architectural drawings. Many things, particularly items of interest to genealogists, are not typically protected. This includes titles now in the public domain, ideas & concepts, facts (including genealogical facts – birth and death dates, etc.), federal government publications, and recips.

For a genealogist, the duration of copyright is particularly important. Any item published before 1923 is in the public domain and therefore not covered by copyright. Items published between 1923-1963 may be in the public domain, but only if the title renewed its copyright in the year it was expiring. Titles published between 1964-1977 were given an initial copyright term of 28 years plus an automatic renewal of 67 years. Titles published on or after 1 January 1978 are covered for the life of the author plus 70 years. Exceptions abound for each time period, so further research is encouraged.

There are several ways that a genealogist can protect him/herself from copyright infringement. First, automatically assume that everything you find is protected and go from there. Until you can prove otherwise, assume the item or resource is copyright protected! Second,

cite your sources! Don't we all do that anyway as genealogists? Finally, research! If you are unclear if something is protected by copy-right or not, look into it further. Again, isn't that what we do every day as genealogists?

Here are a few print sources that explore copyright law and its application towards family history research:

Carmack, Sharon D. *Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts: A Primer for Genealogists, Writers, and Researchers*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2005.

Fishman, Stephen. *The Copyright Handbook: What Every Writer Needs to Know*. 11th ed. Berkeley, CA: Nolo, 2011.

Hay, Daniel J. *The Copyright Reference Guide for Genealogists*. 3rd ed., rev. Centerville, UT: Advanced Resources, Inc., 1993

Online Tools:

Association of Professional Genealogists: Copyright & Genealogy

<https://www.apgen.org/resources/copyright.html>

An informational landing page with links and online resources, provided by APG.

Family Tree Magazine: Copyright for Genealogists

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/copyright-for-genealogists> A brief article on copyright and genealogy written by Sharon Carmack.

The Legal Genealogist

<http://legalgenealogist.com> Judy Russell's outstanding blog explores legal subjects and issues in genealogy.

United States Copyright Office

<http://www.copyright.gov>

The entry point to learning about copyright law in the United States, with an outstanding FAQ page and additional information on searching registrations.

What You Should Know About Copyright and Genealogy

<http://www.archives.com/experts/>

macentee-thomas/copyright-and-genealogy.html

An outstanding article on copyright and its application to genealogical research written by Thomas MacEn-tee.

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Coming Events

Apr. 16, 2016 “Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Conference”, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

<http://www.indgensoc.org/conference.php>

Apr. 28-30, 2016 “Ohio Genealogical Society Annual Conference”, held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. <http://www.ogs.org/conference2016/>

May 4-7, 2016 “NGS Family History Conference”, “Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time”. Fort Lauderdale, Florida

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

June 3-5, 2016 “Ontario Genealogical Society Annual Conference”, “Genealogy on the Cutting Edge”, International Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. <http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference/>

July 8-9, 2016 “Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar”, Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing, MI. Amy Johnson Crow presents “How to Keep Your Volunteers Happy, Helpful and Engaged”.

Aug. 6, 2016 “Kentucky Genealogical Society Seminar”, featuring Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL. [Www.kygs.org/](http://www.kygs.org/)

Aug. 31-Sep. 3, 2016 “FGS National Conference”, Springfield, Ill. <https://www.fgsconference.org/>

Oct 14-15 2016 “Got Ancestors?! 2016 with Cindi Ingle of Cindi's List”, Prince Conference Center at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. <http://gotancestors.com>

Update on the 1812 Preserve the Pensions Project

Dear Fellow Contributor, I want to personally **thank you** for contributing to the Federation of Genealogical Societies Preserve the Pensions program. Your **generous donation** has helped the Federation digitize and place online just over half of the War of 1812 pension records. You should be very proud of *the contribution you made* to this groundbreaking endeavor! Never before has a genealogical organization endeavored to raise funds to digitize such extremely consequential records. We all know that raising three and a half million dollars is no trivial matter, and we need your continued **generous help** to complete the fund raising effort in the next twelve months. I know firsthand of your interest in **preserving valuable historical records** by your commitment of resources to this project. I enjoin you to accept one of the challenges below. If you can take on more than one of the challenges, I strongly encourage you to do so. **The Engagement Challenge?** Match what you have given to date with another gift of equal size. I know that is a stretch, and I appreciate it deeply. Remember that helping us complete this project will make 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 era records and documents available to countless genealogists and historical researchers. **The Battlefield Challenge?** Make a recur-

ring donation of \$18.12 per month for one year. It truly is a painless way to give, one you will hardly notice. My first recurring gift was so transparent for me that I didn't notice it was finished, so easy that I just started another recurring gift. **The Veterans Challenge?** Ensure that you are a member of the Society of Preservation Patriots by attaining a giving level of at least \$250 by 31 December 2015. Not only is your generous support helping family historians, it is putting millions of pages of historical records in every classroom in America. Yes, you can say you did that! Each contributor taking up one challenge would see this project through to completion. And I would be honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with you in accepting two, or all, of the challenges. Please let me know you will take-up one of the challenges. **Thank you** so very much for your generosity in supporting this project. With sincere gratitude,

Curt B. Witcher Federation of Genealogical Societies Director
Preserve the Pensions Advocate and Supporter

"I'm Not always
researching
Genealogy....
Sometimes I am
sleeping."

Library of Michigan Update

I want to give you a brief update on a few things at the Library of Michigan. Regarding our collections, we should receive the following newspapers on microfilm by early next year: Morning Sun, Homer Index, Isabella Senior News, Clarkston News, and the Belleville Area Independent. Please refer to our web-site to locate our newspaper holdings which also lists the inclusive dates for the above titles.

Two events early next year may be of interest. On February 13, Fred Reif, will be at the Library of Michigan giving a presentation on the history of musicians from Saginaw 1850s – 1950s. John Clor, auto-motive journalist, will be presenting on his new book: Mustang 2015 on January 9.

Our new microfilm readers continue to get a lot of use. The open house training session in November was a success and we hope to schedule more of those workshops in the future. Please visit our website to view upcoming events. As a side note, the microfilm readers now have the functionality to email in addition to printing and saving to a flash drive. Lastly, the big news is: "Beginning January 9, 2016, the main library will be open every Saturday (excluding certain state holidays) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..." Library staff are pleased with this development and happy to help you with your research. If you have any questions, please contact us at 517-373-1300 or email us at librarian@michigan.gov.

Matthew Pacer

Reference Librarian

Huge Free Collection of Digitized Books

Now Available on MyHeritage

This is a huge release. MyHeritage has just released a collection of about 37,000 digital books, roughly 250 million pages, that are useful for genealogy research. The books are available as both images of the original pages plus as OCR (Optical Character Recognition) text. You can also print as many pages as you wish. Mac users and anyone using one of the later versions of

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Library of Michigan News

There are many interesting events occurring at the Library of Michigan in the next several months. On April 2, the Library of Michigan will be celebrating the Night for Notables. Each year the Library of Michigan selects up to 20 notable books that are written by a Michigan author or about Michigan or the Great Lakes. The current list of notables can be found on our website: Michigan Notable Books.

If you are interested in the concept of book design, please stop by the Library of Michigan on May 14th from 1-2pm. Spencer Charles, independent designer specializing in typographic and hand-lettering, will talk about logos, packaging, and book design. Come hear about the process of bringing beautiful books

to the market.

The Library of Michigan continually processes new items for our collections. Most of these new items are single donations or purchases. It is always a challenge to get the word out on all the new to us resources that are available to researchers. The best way to see what we have to is search our catalog. Go to answercat.org and scroll to the bottom of the page. You will see a button called "Check for New Books." There are several options to choose from such as Michigan, Law, or documents. Click on your choice and browse the new items. Some of the items that may be of interest are:

*Early deaths, 1845-1870, in the Grand Traverse region: Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties, Michigan /

compiled by J. Homer Thiel

*The 11th Michigan Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War: a history and roster / Eric R. Faust

*Lawless Mackinac / Jennifer S. McGraw. Imprint St. Ignace, Michigan: Pine Stump Publications, 2011.

Please remember that the Library of Michigan is now open on Saturdays from 10-4! When you visit, please pardon our dust as we shift collections to better accommodate microfilm research. If you have any questions, please email us at librarian@michigan.gov or call us at 517-373-1300.

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Information about Midland Genealogical Society

The MGS meets on the 3rd Wednesday of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr. & May at 7:00 PM in the lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640 or at the St. John's Episcopal Church on the corner of Saginaw and St. Andrews Streets in Midland. Visitors are always welcome. Watch the Midland Daily News or local Midland MCTV channel 189 for upcoming speakers, dates and times as well as location.

Membership dues are \$20.00 for single and \$25.00 for a couple and can be paid after July 1, but must be paid by Nov. 25, to continue receiving the Pioneer Record. Dues may be paid at any MGS meeting or may be sent to the Membership Chair, Midland Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2421, Midland, MI 48641-2421.